

1939

Between 20,000 and 40,000 die in magnitude 8 earthquake in Erzincan, Turkey

1945

International Monetary Fund formally established by 29 member countries based on ideas of Harry Dexter White and John Maynard Keynes



Queen Juliana of the Netherlands grants independence to Indonesia

1949

1979

After invading Afghanistan two days earlier Soviet forces pull off a coup in Kabul, killing President Hafizullah Amin

# Anti-apartheid Tutu aged 90



Having officially retired from public life on his 79th birthday, Tutu continued to speak out on a range of moral issues, including accusing the West in 2008 of complicity in Palestinian suffering by remaining silent.

son of the Archbishop Desmond Tutu IP Trust and Co-ordinator of the Office of the Archbishop, said in a statement on behalf of the Tutu family.

A frail-looking Tutu was seen in October being wheeled into his former parish at St George's Cathedral in Cape Town, which used to be a safe haven for anti-apartheid activists, for a service marking his 90th birthday.

Dubbed "the moral compass of the nation", his courage in defending social justice, even at great cost to himself, always shone through. He often fell out with his erstwhile allies at the ruling African National Congress party over their failures to address the poverty and inequalities that they promised to eradicate.

Tutu, just five feet five inches (1.68 metres) tall and with an infectious giggle, travelled tirelessly throughout the 1980s, becoming the face of the anti-apartheid movement abroad while many of the leaders of the rebel ANC such

as Nelson Mandela were behind bars. Although he was born near Johannesburg, he spent most of his later life in Cape Town and led numerous marches and campaigns to end apartheid from St George's front steps, which became known as the "People's Cathedral" and a powerful symbol of democracy. Known for punchy quotes, Tutu once said: "I wish I could shut up, but I can't, and I won't".



Lama after their meeting, August 21. The Dalai Lama is in the country on a short

## Volcano eruption declared over months of destruction



emergency services. During the eruption, lava had poured down the mountainside, swallowing up houses, churches and many of the banana plantations that account for nearly half the island's economy. Although property was destroyed, no one was killed.

Maria Jose Blanco, director of the National Geographic Institute on the Canaries, said all indicators suggested the eruption had run out of energy but she did not rule out a future reactivation.

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Of the 7,000 people evacuated, most have returned home but many houses that remain standing are uninhabitable due to ash damage. With many roads blocked, some plantations are now only accessible by sea.

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## Online racist abuse offenders to be banned from soccer games: UK Home Secretary

Reuters

People found guilty of on-line racist abuse against footballers will be banned from attending games for up to 10 years under new laws, Britain's Home Secretary Priti Patel said.

Football Banning Orders, imposed to prevent violence or disorder at regulated matches, bar individuals from attending games for a minimum of three and a maximum of 10 years.

The existing legislation will be extended to cover online hate offences after Prime Minister Boris Johnson vowed to toughen measures in July in the wake of racist abuse aimed at England's Black players following defeat in the Euro 2020 final.

"This summer we saw the beautiful game marred by disgraceful racism from on-line trolls, who hid behind their keyboards and abused our footballers," Patel was quoted as saying by British media.

"Those responsible for appalling racist abuse on-line must be punished. The changes to the law I am announcing will make sure they are banned from attending football matches."

The new law will be brought forward early in the new year.

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Statistics say, there were 1,359 football banning orders in force across England and Wales as of Aug. 1.

## Houthis have fired 430 missiles, 851 drones at Saudi Arabia since 2015 - Saudi-led coalition

Reuters | Riyadh

The Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen said yesterday the Iran-aligned Houthi group had fired 430 ballistic missiles and 851 armed drones at Saudi Arabia since the war started in 2015, killing 59 Saudi civilians.

The spokesman of the Saudi alliance, General Turki al-Malki, said the Iran-aligned movement had been using Sanaa airport as a base to launch attacks on the kingdom.

Malki shared videos with reporters which he said showed military advisers from the Iran-Backed Lebanese group Hezbollah, helping the Houthis in Yemen.

Malki denied there was a blockade on Yemen, adding that Sanaa airport remains open for UN and humanitarian organisations' flights.

## Former Greek president Karolos Papoulias dies at 92



Outgoing Greek President Karolos Papoulias (R) shakes hands with newly elected President Prokopis Pavlopoulos during a handover ceremony at the Presidential Palace in Athens March 13, 2015

Reuters | Athens

Former Greek President Karolos Papoulias, who served two terms between 2005 and 2015, died on Sunday at the age of 92, the presidency said.

Papoulias, who was also foreign minister in 1985-89 and 1993-96, was a high-ranking member of socialist PASOK party and a close associate of its late leader and former prime minister Andreas Papandreou.

President Katerina Sakellariopoulou paid tribute to Papoulias for his role in the resistance against Nazi occupation during World War Two and against Greece's 1967-74 military junta.

"His participation in the national resistance and the anti-dictatorship struggle...reflected his continuous devotion to the ideals of freedom and justice, which he defended throughout his life," Sakellariopoulou said in a statement.

## Russian gas flows via Yamal-Europe pipeline reversed for 6th day



A worker checks pipes at a gas compressor station on the Yamal-Europe pipeline near Nesvizh, some 130 km (81 miles) southwest of Minsk

Reuters | Frankfurt/Prague

The Yamal-Europe pipeline that usually delivers Russian gas to Western Europe was sending the fuel back to Poland for a sixth straight day on Sunday, according to data from German network operator Gascade.

Data showed that flows at the Mallnow metering point on the German-Polish border were going east into Poland at an hourly volume of nearly 1.2 million kilowatt hours (kWh/h) on Sunday.

Auction results showed Russian gas exporter Gazprom had not booked gas transit capacity for exports via the Yamal-Europe pipeline for Monday.

Gascade, which gets Russian gas and transports it within Germany, is owned by WIGA, a joint venture of Gazprom and oil and gas company Wintershall DEA (WINT.UL). Wintershall DEA is co-owned by German chemicals group BASF (BASF.DE) and Russia's LetterOne.

Russia said this week the flow reversal was not a political move, though it coincides with rising tensions between Moscow and the West over Ukraine and has pushed gas prices to record highs. read more

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday Germany was reselling Russian gas to Poland and Ukraine rather than relieving an overheated market, putting blame for the reversal, and rocketing prices, on German gas importers.

The German Economy Ministry has declined comment on Putin's allegation. Gas importers have not responded to Reuters' requests for comment.

Data from Slovak pipeline operator Eustream showed capacity nominations for Sunday's Russian gas flows from Ukraine to Slovakia via the Velke Kapusany border point were at 739,826 megawatt hours (MWh), slightly down from Saturday's 747,031 MWh and below levels in recent weeks.

The recent drop was being balanced by higher nominations for flows from the Czech Republic to Slovakia, meaning that nominations for flows from Slovakia to Austrian hub Baumgarten were roughly stable compared with levels in past days and weeks.



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I am deeply saddened by the passing of Archbishop Desmond Tutu - a towering global figure for peace & justice, voice of the voiceless & inspiration to people everywhere. We will continue to draw strength from his humanity, passion & resolve to fight for a better world for all.

@antoniogeterres

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My condolences go to the many people in Flag of South Africa & worldwide whose lives have been touched by the late #DesmondTutu. Archbishop Tutu was a peacemaker, a champion of justice & health equity & a man whose great wisdom was matched only by his love devotion to helping others. Rest In Peace

@DrTedros

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I am deeply saddened to hear of the death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He was a critical figure in the fight against apartheid and in the struggle to create a new South Africa - and will be remembered for his spiritual leadership and irrepressible good humour

@BorisJohnson

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Sending warm wishes to all who are celebrating Kwanzaa this week. We hope these days of reflection on the seven principles bring light, happiness, and peace in the coming year.

@JoeBiden

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