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Topics in the news

- A fire at a pub in Bangkok, Thailand, kills at least 33 people.
- In tennis, **the Wimbledon Championships** conclude with Linda Nosková and Jannik Sinner (*pictured*) winning the women's and men's singles, respectively.
- Former emir of Qatar **Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani** dies at the age of 74.
- China's orbital rocket booster **Long March 10B** becomes the first recovered after launch using a net-based recovery system.
- A wildfire in Almería, Spain, kills 13 people.
- A series of coordinated attacks across Pakistan's Balochistan province leaves at least 42 people dead.

Ongoing: FIFA World Cup • Flamingo Revolution • Iran war (Lebanon war) • Russo-Ukrainian war (timeline)
Recent deaths: Guy Scott • Pedro Ignacio Calderón • Nansun Shi • Lindsey Graham • Jayden Adams • Little Gerhard



Jannik Sinner

July 18, 2026 (Saturday)

Armed conflicts and attacks

- 2026 Iran war
 - 2025–2026 Iran–United States negotiations
 - Iranian deputy foreign minister Kazem Gharibabadi says that the United States has violated the terms of the Islamabad Memorandum and that Iran is "no longer implementing them". (PBS) (https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/iran-says-it-is-suspending-commitments-to-interim-deal-with-u-s-as-they-exchange-attacks)
 - 2026 Iranian strikes on Arab countries
 - 2026 Iranian strikes on Bahrain
 - The Bahraini military intercepts projectiles fired from Iran. (Yahoo News) (https://www.yahoo.com/news/world/articles/iranian-attack-hits-kuwaiti-power-113332751.html)
 - 2026 Iranian strikes on Jordan
 - The U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) reports that two American troops have been "killed in action" in Jordan, bringing the total casualties for American troops to 16. (Reuters) (https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/two-us-service-members-jordan-killed-iranian-attack-us-says-2026-07-18/) (*The Wall Street Journal*) (https://www.wsj.com/world/middle-east/two-u-s-servicemembers-killed-one-missing-in-iran-missile-attack-on-jordan-a59f9699)
 - 2026 Iranian strikes on Kuwait
 - Kuwait says Iranian attacks have struck a second power and desalination plant in two days, causing a fire and shutting several generating units, while other attacks injure firefighters and a worker and temporarily disrupt flights from Kuwait International Airport. (AFP via *Vanguard*) (https://www.vanguardngr.com/2026/07/kuwait-says-iran-hit-second-power-water-plant/)
 - An oil facility is damaged, according to the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation. (PBS) (https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/iran-says-it-is-suspending-commitments-to-interim-deal-with-u-s-as-they-exchange-attacks)
 - 2026 Iranian strikes on Saudi Arabia
 - Axios* reports that Iran has launched a ballistic missile at a United States base in Saudi Arabia, making it the first direct attack by Iran on the country since targeting a petrochemical complex in Jubail. (*Financial Times*) (https://www.ft.com/content/e8e8adc5-7c56-45a8-99fc-bb5acfd263e?syn-25a6b1a6=1)
- 2026 Strait of Hormuz crisis
 - The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, in a statement published by IRNA, report that two oil tankers have exploded after hitting mines south in the Strait of Hormuz. However, the U.S. Central Command disputes the claims on X as "false". (AFP via *Arab News*) (https://www.arabnews.com/node/2651361/middle-east)

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Ongoing events

Disasters and humanitarian

- African Ebola epidemic
- Cuban crisis and blackouts
- Gaza genocide
- Sudanese famine

Economics

- Global memory supply shortage
- Strait of Hormuz crisis
 - Iran war fuel crisis
- United States tariff policy

Politics and diplomacy

- China–Japan diplomatic crisis
- Gaza peace plan
- Iran–United States peace negotiations
- Israel–Lebanon peace negotiations and ceasefire
- Russia–Ukraine peace negotiations
- United Kingdom government crisis
 - Labour Party leadership election

Protests and strikes

- Albanian anti-government protests

- The Filipino Department of Foreign Affairs reports that four vessels registered by the Philippines carrying 81 seafarers have safely transited through the Strait of Hormuz. (GMA Network) (<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/pinoyabroad/dispatch/995339/filipino-seafarers-strait-hormuz/story/>)
- US airstrikes on South Iran
 - In the seventh day of renewed US strikes, civilian infrastructure, including a desalination plant in Jask, are damaged, cutting off the access to water for 10,000 civilians. (BBC Persian) (<https://www.bbc.com/persian/articles/cd7lx02wjn8o>)
 - 116 radio towers in Hormozgan Province of Iran are reportedly out of order. (BBC Persian) (<https://www.bbc.com/persian/live/c8rnde80d86t>)

Mali War

- 2026 Mali offensives
 - The Al-Qaeda-linked Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin and Tuareg Azawad Liberation Front rebels ambush a Malian military convoy in the Gao Region of Mali. (Al Jazeera) (<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/7/18/armed-groups-attack-malian-military-convoy-in-gao-region>) (AP) (<https://apnews.com/article/mali-rebels-soldiers-killed-captured-d10c035668be0eaf9174db4c89eca90b>)

Business and economy

- Economic impact of the 2026 Iran war
 - Kuwait Airways reschedules most of its flights due to the country's airspace being closed amidst ongoing Iranian attacks. (*Middle East Eye*) (<https://www.middleeasteye.net/live-blog/live-blog-update/kuwait-airways-says-most-flights-rescheduled-airspace-closed>)
 - Iran's Hormozgan province water and wastewater company announces that United States airstrikes have damaged desalination equipment, cutting off water to about 10,000 people. (*Middle East Eye*) (<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/us-strikes-leave-10000-iranians-without-water-kuwait-desalination-plant-burns>)

Disasters and accidents

- Eight people are killed and nine others are injured after an unauthorized firecracker factory explodes in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. (NDTV) (<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/8-killed-9-injured-in-blast-inside-illegal-ahmedabad-firecracker-factory-11788790>)
- Five people, including three women, drown in the Godavari River whilst fishing near Polavaram district, India. (*The Hindu*) (<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/five-persons-including-three-women-drowned-in-godavari-river-while-fishing-in-polavaram-district/article71237484.ece>)
- Four people are killed, four more are missing, and seven others are injured after torrential rains and flash floods hit a mountainous village in Lai Châu province, Vietnam. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/torrential-rains-kill-4-in-vietnam-/4002084>)

Politics and elections

- Magyar Government
 - Hungarian president Tamás Sulyok signs the 17th amendment to the nation's constitution, which will end his term in office at midnight the following day. (BBC News) (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cpd7q7eev7po>)

Science and technology

- Space industry of India
 - Skyroot Aerospace successfully launches Vikram-1, India's first privately built orbital rocket, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh, carrying small satellite payloads into low Earth orbit on its maiden flight. (AFP via *Asharq Al-Awsat*) (<https://english.aawsat.com/varieties/5297323-india-successfully-launches-1st-private-orbital-rocket>)

July 17, 2026 (Friday)

Armed conflicts and attacks

- Middle Eastern crisis
 - 2026 Iran war
 - 2026 Iranian strikes on Arab countries
 - 2026 Iranian strikes on Bahrain

Weather

- Canadian wildfires
- European heatwaves
- North American heat wave

Elections and referendums

Recent

July

- 4: Slovakia, Referendum

Upcoming

- 19: São Tomé and Príncipe, President

Sports

Association football

- 2026 FIFA World Cup
- 2026 Copa Libertadores
- 2026 Major League Soccer season
- 2026 National Women's Soccer League season

Athletics

- 2026 Diamond League

Australian rules football

- 2026 AFL season

Baseball

- 2026 Major League Baseball season

Basketball

- 2026 WNBA season

Canadian football

- 2026 CFL season

International cricket

- 2025–27 ICC World Test Championship

Cycling

- 2026 UCI World Tour
- 2026 UCI Women's World Tour
- 2026 Tour de France

Golf

- 2026 PGA Tour
- 2026 European Tour
- 2026 LPGA Tour

Motorsport

- 2026 Formula One World Championship
- 2026 MotoGP World Championship
- 2026 NASCAR Cup Series
- 2026 IndyCar Series

- Iran says that it has launched ballistic missile and drone strikes at targets in Bahrain, including a drone vessel depot, an artificial intelligence center used for targeting, and the Al-Sakhir Air Base, as part of the 11th phase of its Saegheh operation. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/us-israel-iran-war/iranian-army-says-it-targeted-us-military-base-in-bahrain-with-drone-strike/4000873>) (*Middle East Monitor*) (<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20260717-iran-says-it-destroyed-us-unmanned-depot-ai-center-in-bahrain/>)
- 2026 Iranian strikes on Jordan
 - Jordan reports having intercepted projectiles fired from Iran. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/us-israel-iran-war/iran-says-it-targeted-us-al-udeid-air-base-in-qatar/4001304>)
- 2026 Iranian strikes on Kuwait
 - Iranian strikes damage a desalination plant and a power plant in Kuwait, according to the Kuwaiti energy ministry. (AP) (<https://apnews.com/article/iran-strikes-kuwait-gulf-bahrain-desalination-25e6d5c8d8a027897b3fb80fad57b7d2>) (CNBC) (<https://www.cnbc.com/2026/07/17/oil-price-today-brent-wti.html>)
- 2026 Iranian strikes on Oman
 - The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy launches attacks on radar facilities in Oman. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/iran-s-irgc-says-it-targeted-radar-sites-in-oman/4000997>)
- 2026 Iranian strikes on Syria
 - Iranian state media reports that Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps have targeted a United States Special Operations Command in Al-Tanf in response to the killing of Iranian soldiers in Iranshahr, Sistan and Baluchestan province. (*Arab News*) (<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2651240/middle-east>)
- 2026 Iranian strikes on Qatar
 - The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Aerospace Force launches an attack at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, and claims to have caused damage to equipment there, while Qatar's armed forces claim to have intercepted Iranian attacks. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/us-israel-iran-war/iran-says-it-targeted-us-al-udeid-air-base-in-qatar/4001304>)
- 2026 Strait of Hormuz crisis
 - The U.S. military's Central Command (CENTCOM) confirms that they have destroyed the Chah Bahar Shahid Kalantari Port surveillance tower in Chabahar Port yesterday, which was allegedly used by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps for tracking commercial vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz. (*The Times of Israel*) (https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/us-military-says-it-destroyed-a-iranian-port-surveillance-tower/)
- 2026 Iranian strikes on the Kurdistan Region
 - Iranian drone strikes near Erbil, Kurdistan Region, Iraq, kill eight Kurdish rebels and injure several more. (AFP via *The Times of Israel*) (https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/iranian-strikes-kill-eight-kurdish-rebels-in-iraq-opposition-group-says/)
- CENTCOM launches strikes against Iran for a seventh consecutive night. (*The Guardian*) (<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/jul/17/us-launch-es-seventh-night-of-iran-strikes-as-hormuz-conflict-escalates>)
- Gaza war
 - Around eight Palestinians are reported to be killed in an airstrike on a funeral in central Gaza. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/israeli-drone-strike-on-funeral-gathering-in-central-gaza-kills-8-injures-20/4001564>)
 - The Israeli military and Shin Bet confirm that they have killed Hamas commander Anas Mahmoud Ahmad Hamdan, who served as a "right-hand man" of former Al-Qassam Brigades commander Mohammed Deif, in an airstrike in Khan Yunis, Gaza Strip. (*The Times of Israel*) (<https://www.timesofisrael.com/top-hamas-aide-who-held-hostages-during-war-killed-in-strike-on-khan-younis/>)

Business and economy

- Economic impact of the 2026 Iran war
 - 2026 Strait of Hormuz crisis, Iraq–Syria relations
 - Iraq and Syria sign a memorandum of understanding to rehabilitate the Kirkuk–Baniyas pipeline to bypass to the Strait of Hormuz. (*Middle East*

- Rugby league
 - 2026 NRL season
 - 2026 Super League season
- Rugby union
 - 2026 Nations Championship
- Softball
 - 2027 Women's Softball World Cup
- Tennis
 - 2026 ATP Tour
 - 2026 WTA Tour
- Volleyball
 - 2026 FIVB Men's Volleyball Nations League
 - 2026 FIVB Women's Volleyball Nations League

More details – [current sports events](#)

Recent deaths

July / June

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| ▪ 13: Sam Neill | ▪ 13: Pat Oliphant |
| ▪ 12: Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani | ▪ 12: Wai Ching Ho |
| ▪ 11: Jayden Adams | ▪ 11: Ken Bates |
| ▪ 11: Lindsey Graham | ▪ 11: S. Janaki |
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| ▪ 9: Randolph Mantooth | ▪ 8: Wally Funk |
| ▪ 8: Bonnie Tyler | ▪ 8: Ann Widdecombe |
| ▪ 7: Joanna Pettet | ▪ 7: Shapoor Zadran |
| ▪ 6: Louise Lasser | ▪ 5: Mike Wallace |
| ▪ 4: Slaine Kelly | ▪ 4: Sparky D |
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| ▪ 30: Victor Willis | ▪ 29: Penelope Keith |
| ▪ 29: Phyllis Kinney | ▪ 29: Les Mills |
| ▪ 27: K. Bhagyaraj | ▪ 27: Anna Dawson |
| ▪ 26: Likulia Bolongo | ▪ 26: Joe Doering |
| ▪ 26: Sergei Ivanov | ▪ 26: Martha Lillard |
| ▪ 25: Nicholas Alahverdian | ▪ 24: Ann Blyth |
| ▪ 24: David Clayton-Thomas | ▪ 22: Clive Davis |
| ▪ 22: Alan Greenspan | ▪ 21: Francisco Guterres |
| ▪ 20: Michael Byrne | ▪ 20: Akihiro Miwa |
| ▪ 19: Mona Khalil | ▪ 19: James Burrows |
| ▪ 18: Tay Keith | ▪ 17: Tom Dreesen |
| ▪ 17: Carlo Ginzburg | ▪ 17: Major Oak |
| ▪ 17: Walter Parazaider | ▪ 17: Éric Roy |
| ▪ 16: Daveigh Chase | ▪ 16: Bobby Prince |

Ongoing conflicts

Global

- War against the Islamic State

Disasters and accidents

- Wildfires in 2026
 - 2026 United States wildfires
 - 2026 Minnesota wildfires
 - The United States Forest Service reports that wildfires in northern Minnesota has reached over 77,000 acres, prompting evacuations in the area. (KARE TV) (<https://www.kare11.com/article/news/local/evacuations-ordered-across-st-louis-county-as-wildfires-continue-to-burn/89-ebf714c6-523f-4471-8618-123fb807dbc0>) (KAAL) (<https://www.kaaltv.com/news/wildfires-latest-conditions-unprecedented-for-minnesota-over-77000-acres-burned/>)
 - 2026 Canadian wildfires
 - Over 900 wildfires are reported across Canada, including 43 new active blazes, prompting evacuations across the country. (CTV News) (<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/article/more-wildfires-spark-across-canada-as-evacuations-ordered-buildings-destroyed/>) (BNN Bloomberg) (<https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/video/investing/2026/07/17/ctv-national-news-nearly-900-wildfires-burn-across-canada-forcing-evacuations/>)
 - The U.S. state of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection deploys firefighters to assist with wildfire efforts in Quebec, Canada. (CT.Gov) (<https://portal.ct.gov/deep/news-releases/news-release-s---2026/deep-deploys-wildland-fire-crew-to-support-canadian-wildfire-efforts>) (WVIT) (<https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/deep-sends-crew-to-help-canada-with-wildfires/3756296/?amp=1>)
- 2026 Venezuela earthquakes
 - The confirmed death toll from the doublet earthquakes that struck northern Venezuela rose to 5,069. (AP) (<https://apnews.com/article/venezuela-earthquakes-deaths-d32eacaceabe88b93670e27accabfea2>)
- 2026 Chiapas earthquake
 - A strong M_w 7.3 earthquake strikes near the coast of Chiapas, Mexico. Tsunami warnings were issued and damage is unknown. (BBC News) (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwyjv3815yxo>) (The Weather Network) (<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/en/news/weather/severe/breaking-strong-m7-3-earthquake-strikes-southern-mexico>)
 - Eight people are killed, ten others are rescued and 34 are reported missing when a landslide buries multiple houses and residential buildings in Pengshui, Chongqing, China. (ABC News) (<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-07-17/china-landslide-chongqing-municipality/106928370>) (India Today) (<https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/chongqing-landslide-eight-dead-34-missing-homes-buried-pengshui-county-ptag-2950296-2026-07-17>)
 - Four people are killed and nine others are injured after a head-on collision between two overspeeding cars along the N-25 National Highway, Wadh, Balochistan, Pakistan (Dawn) (<https://www.dawn.com/news/2016375/four-killed-nine-injured-as-two-cars-collide-in-wadh>)
 - Chilean authorities report that a storm system that began affecting the country on Thursday has killed three people, injured seven others, damaged more than 800 homes, displaced hundreds and left around 400,000 people without electricity across 10 regions. (Xinhua) (<https://english.news.cn/20260718/c9f7fd4821da42ab99efebb572e45fa4/c.html>) (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/chile-storms-kill-three-displace-hundreds-heaviest-rains-expected-2026-07-17/>)
 - A nine-storey building under construction near Conakry, Guinea, collapses due to heavy rainfall, killing three people and injuring several others. (Xinhua) (<https://english.news.cn/africa/20260718/7f14e6aebf27442c8c95f940ab83eb37/c.html>)
 - A large fire breaks out among terraced houses in Krokstadelva, Drammen, Norway, spreading rapidly between multiple housing blocks and prompting mass evacuations; the municipality declares a crisis and calls in fire crews from eight neighboring municipalities. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/more-than-50-homes-destroyed-norway-fire-2026-07-17/>) (VG) (<https://www.vg.no/nyheter/i/k0dn8X/brann-i-rekkehus-i-drammen-sprer-seg-videre>)

Health and environment

- 2026 Bangladesh measles outbreak
 - The death tolls from the measles outbreak in Bangladesh reaches 780 after one child is reported to have died from the disease by the Directorate General of Health Services. (Dhaka Tribune) (<https://www.dhakatribune.com/amp/bangladesh/health/415373/measles-outbreak-death-toll-reaches-780-as-one>)
- 2026 United States cyclosporiasis outbreak

Africa

- Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda
 - M23 campaign
- Cameroon
 - Anglophone Crisis
- Sahel
 - Burkina Faso
 - Chad Basin
 - Mali
 - Niger
- Somalia
 - Civil war
- Sudan
 - Blue Nile campaign

Americas

- Colombia
 - Domestic conflict
- Haiti
 - Gang war
- War on cartels
 - United States military intervention
 - Ecuador
 - Mexico

Asia-Pacific

- Afghanistan and Pakistan
 - Border war
- Myanmar
 - Civil war

Europe

- Russia and Ukraine
 - Russo-Ukrainian war

Middle East

- Israel-Palestine
 - Gaza war
- Middle Eastern crisis
 - Iran war
 - Lebanon war
- Syria
 - Post-Assad conflict
- Yemen
 - Civil war

See also – List of ongoing proxy wars

- Taylor Farms recalls their iceberg lettuce, traced through a farm in Mexico, amidst the ongoing cyclosporiasis outbreak in the United States, which is caused by *Cyclospora cayentanensis*. (*Forbes*) (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/antoniopequenoiv/2026/07/17/taylor-farms-recalls-iceberg-lettuce-traced-to-farm-in-mexico-amid-cyclosporiasis-outbreak/>)
- Michigan, U.S., surpasses 5,000 cases of cyclosporiasis. (*The Detroit News*) (<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2026/07/17/michigan-s-cyclosporiasis-case-total-surpasses-5000/90957125007/>)

Law and crime

- A civilian dies and a police officer and the suspected gunman are wounded in a shooting in Nørresundby, North Jutland, Denmark, after officers responding to a reported fire are met with gunfire. (AP) (<https://apnews.com/article/denmark-shooting-police-9731cefb15effd50a2055081703fba82>) (TV2) (https://nyheder.tv2.dk/liv_e/krimi/2026-07-17-skyderi-i-noerresundby/en-borger-er-doeed?entry=946fd544-fd-d1-46c4-b6d1-699ae1f196d7)
- The Ontario Court of Appeal finds Canadian far-right activist and Freedom Convoy organizer Pat King "guilty of intimidation" and orders a re-sentencing. (CBC) (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/convoy-leader-pat-king-loses-at-appeal-court-to-be-resentenced-9.7274254>) (*Toronto Star*) (https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/cp-newsalert-convoy-organizer-pat-king-guilty-of-intimidation-appeal-court-rules/article_75fa411d-fc7e-5fb1-a8a8-fbe7450a2631.html)
- Japan enacts a law criminalizing public damage, removal or defacement of the national flag, punishable by up to two years in prison or a ¥200,000 (US\$1,200) fine. (AFP via France 24) (<https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20260717-japan-outlaws-flag-desecration-despite-critics>)

International relations

- Hong Kong–United States relations
 - The United States allows its national emergency over Hong Kong's national security law to expire while retaining the underlying executive order and most related sanctions. (AFP via *New Straits Times*) (<https://www.nst.com.my/world/world/2026/07/1491356/us-ends-its-state-emergency-over-hong-kong-security-threat>)

Politics and elections

- 2026 Labour Party leadership election
 - Andy Burnham is elected as the new leader of the British Labour Party. He will formally succeed Keir Starmer as prime minister on Monday. (BBC News) (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c2lq12z1xdlo>) (CNN) (<https://edition.cnn.com/2026/07/17/uk/andy-burnham-labour-leader-uk-intl>) (*The Guardian*) (<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jul/17/andy-burnham-becomes-labour-leader-final-step-towards-uk-pm>)
- Dismissal of Mykhailo Fedorov
 - Protests continue for a second day in Kyiv near the Office of the President of Ukraine, demanding the return of Mykhailo Fedorov as Minister of Defence and the resignation of Oleksandr Syrskyi as the Commander-in-Chief. (*Reuters*) (<https://www.reuters.com/business/aerospace-defense/zelenskiy-shakes-up-national-security-post-protesters-rally-second-day-2026-07-17/>)
- Japanese imperial succession debate
 - Japan's National Diet amends the Imperial Household Law to allow unmarried male descendants of former imperial branches to rejoin the family and permit royal women to retain status after marrying commoners, while preserving male-only succession. (AFP via ABS-CBN News) (<https://www.abs-cbn.com/news/world/2026/7/17/japan-imperial-rules-tweaked-but-still-no-woman-emperor-1151>)

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Armed conflicts and attacks

- 2026 Iran war
 - 2025–2026 Iran–United States negotiations
 - 2026 Iran war ceasefire
 - White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt says that Iran is still interested in an agreement with the United States. (*Reuters*) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/iran-continues-talk-us-wants-make-deal-white-house-says-2026-07-16/>)
 - Kuwait in the 2026 Iran war

2026 events and developments by topic

Arts

Animation (Anime) · Architecture · Comics · Film (Horror, Science fiction) · Literature (Poetry) · Music (Classical, Country, Hip hop, Jazz, Latin, Metal, Rock, UK, US, Korea) · Radio · Television (Australia, Canada, Ireland, UK, Scotland, US) · Video games

Politics and government

Elections · International leaders · Sovereign states · Sovereign state leaders · Territorial governors

Science and technology

Archaeology · Biotechnology · Computing · Palaeontology · Quantum computing and communication · Senescence research · Space/Astronomy · Spaceflight · Sustainable energy research

Environment and environmental sciences

Climate change · Weather (Heat waves · Tornadoes · Wildfires)

Transportation

Aviation · Rail transport · Transportation technology

By place

Establishments and disestablishments categories

Establishments · Disestablishments

Works and introductions categories

Works · Introductions · Works entering the public domain

2026 at Wikipedia's sister projects

- Media from Commons
- Quotations from Wikiquote
- Texts from Wikisource
- Taxa from Wikispecies
- Discussions from Meta-Wiki

- The Kuwaiti defense ministry reports that the military intercepted and destroyed 32 drones entering the country's airspace. (*Arab Times Kuwait*) (<https://www.arabtimesonline.com/news/32-drones-shot-down-as-iran-targets-kuwait-vital-installations/>)
- The United States Central Command launches new strikes against Iran for a sixth consecutive night in an effort to degrade Iranian military capabilities. (*Middle East Eye*) (<https://www.middleeasteye.net/live-blog/live-blog-update/us-forces-launch-new-strikes-against-iran-us-military-says>)
- Explosions are reported in Iran's Qeshm Island, Bushehr, Ahvaz, and Bandar Abbas, including a bridge in Bandar Khamir. A truck on the bridge is reported to be targeted, killing the driver. (*Turkiye Today*) (<https://www.turkiyetoday.com/region/explosions-hit-qeshm-bushehr-bandar-abbas-as-us-opens-sixth-night-of-iran-strikes-3224049>)
- Tasnim News Agency reports that American fighter jets attacked the Iranshahr Airport in the Sistan and Baluchestan province. (Ynetnews) (<https://www.ynetnews.com/article/elho8dlz7>) (MTV) (<https://www.mtv.com.lb/en/news/International/1718298/tasnim-news-agency--three-powerful-explosions-were-heard-near-iranshahr-airport-in-iran-s-southeastern-sistan-and-baluchestan-province>)
- Sudanese civil war
 - Sudanese refugee crisis
 - Around 1,000 Sudanese returnees in Egypt are reported by a local committee to have returned to Sudan. (Middle East Monitor) (<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20260716-1000-more-sudanese-return-home-from-egypt-committee-says/?amp>)
 - The Sudanese Armed Forces says that they have destroyed around 205 combat vehicles, military supply trucks, and four strategic drones belonging to the Rapid Support Forces in the past two weeks. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/sudan-s-army-says-it-destroyed-205-rsf-combat-vehicles-downed-4-drones-this-month/4000839>) (*Sudan Tribune*) (<https://sudantribune.com/artic/e/316303>)

Disasters and accidents

- Twenty-one people are killed and several others are injured after a bus lost control and veered off the road in Kapchorwa, Uganda. (Xinhua) (<https://english.news.cn/20260717/ea79d169a6c9414e87d3bedc224a50ed/c.html>)
- Fourteen people are killed and several others are injured after a minibus plunged into a deep ravine in Cajamarca, Peru. (Xinhua) (<https://english.news.cn/20260717/9e2c7b7d78eb46e8a27c248195e9f220/c.html>)
- Eleven people are killed and 19 more injured in a fire at a care facility in Algiers, Algeria. (BBC News) (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cvgwd4nz344o>)
- Six members of a family are killed after a fire engulfed their house in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Pakistan. (Xinhua) (<https://english.news.cn/20260716/2c4920fc8aef4d869da5947b12d6eabd/c.html>)

Health and environment

- 2026 Ebola epidemic
 - The Ugandan health ministry reports that Uganda has discharged its last patient diagnosed with Ebola, triggering a 42-day countdown clock on when it can be declared free of the virus. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/uganda-discharge-last-ebola-patient-spokesperson-says-2026-07-16/>)
- 2026 United States cyclosporiasis outbreak
 - *The Washington Post* links the iceberg lettuce produced by Taylor Farms and supplied to American fast food chain Taco Bell as a source of the current cyclosporiasis outbreak in the United States, which is caused by *Cyclospora cayentanensis*. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/taco-bell-lettuce-supplied-by-taylor-farms-linked-us-cyclosporiasis-outbreak-2026-07-16/>) (*The Washington Post*) (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2026/07/16/lettuce-supplier-is-potential-source-cyclosporiasis-outbreak-investigators-say/>)
 - Taco Bell removes lettuce from some of their restaurants following reports that the Food and Drug Administration has opened an investigation into iceberg lettuce supplied to them. (*The Hill*) (<https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/597329-taco-bell-removes-lettuce-cyclosporiasis/>)
 - The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reports that the amount of hospitalizations in the state linked to the cyclosporiasis outbreak has surpassed 100 people. (ABC News) (<https://abcnews.com/Health/cyclosporiasis-cases-michigan-surpass-2600-health-officials/story?id=134709100>)
 - Zambia's health ministry declares an end to its cholera outbreak, which started in August of last year, after four weeks without a case. (*Lusaka Times*) (<https://www.lusakatimes.com/2026/07/16/government-puts-an-end-to-cholera-outbreak/>)

International relations

- Papua New Guinea–Taiwan relations
 - Taiwan says that its representative office in Port Moresby will continue operating and assisting Taiwanese nationals, rejecting Papua New Guinea's decision to close it and stating that the move was made without prior consultation. Papuan foreign minister Justin Tkatchenko says that his ministry informed Taiwan of the closure "weeks ago". (AFP via *The Straits Times*) (<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/china-says-papua-new-guinea-has-closed-taiwan-office-in-the-country>)
- Sudan–United Arab Emirates relations, War crimes during the Sudanese civil war
 - Sudanese justice minister Abdallah Dirif says that the government will launch lawsuits against the United Arab Emirates in international courts for its role in supporting war crimes by the Rapid Support Forces in the ongoing civil war. (*Sudan Tribune*) (<https://sudantribune.com/article/316320>)

Law and crime

- Corruption in Thailand
 - The Thai interior ministry identifies irregularities in the mandatory examination results of 5,814 civil servants and considers suspensions, while police arrest three suspected organizers following a joint investigation with the anti-corruption commission. (AFP via *The Straits Times*) (<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/thailand-considers-suspending-nearly-6000-officials-over-ex-am-scandal>)
- Huachicol fiscal, Organized crime in Mexico
 - Ernesto Ruffo Appel, former governor of Baja California, Mexico, is arrested on charges related to organized crime and fuel smuggling. (*Gringo Gazette*) (<https://ggnorth.com/2026/07/ex-governor-ernesto-ruffo-arrested-in-ensenada/>)
- Unification Church and politics
 - South Korea's Supreme Court upholds People Power Party lawmaker Kweon Seong-dong's two-year prison sentence for accepting ₩100 million (US\$67,400) in illegal political funds from the Unification Church, removing him from the National Assembly. (AFP via *The Straits Times*) (<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/south-korea-top-court-upholds-jail-term-for-mp-over-church-bribes>)
- Former Autostrade per l'Italia (ASPI) CEO Giovanni Castellucci is convicted and sentenced to 12 years in prison for his role in the 2018 collapse of the Ponte Morandi in Genoa, Liguria, Italy, which killed 43 people. (ANSA) (https://www.ansa.it/english/news/general_news/2026/07/16/ex-aspi-ceo-castellucci-gets-12-years-as-morandi-bridge-disaster-verdicts-handed_4e21ef9e-216e-4cbd-ac5c-d759d8611c5d.html) (TrasportoEuropa) (<https://www.trasporto.europa.it/english/conviction-s-at-first-instance-over-the-ponte-morandi-collapse/>)

Politics and elections

- Dismissal of Mykhailo Fedorov
 - Protests take place in Kyiv and other cities across Ukraine against president Volodymyr Zelenskyy's decision to replace defense minister Mykhailo Fedorov with major-general Yevhenii Khmara. (BBC News) (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cdx76069n3do>) (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/ukraines-parliament-elect-new-government-amid-outcry-over-defence-chief-2026-07-16/>)
 - Ukrainian Air Force deputy commander Pavlo Yelizarov resigns from his position in protest of Fedorov's removal as defense minister. (BBC News) (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cdx76069n3do>)

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Armed conflicts and attacks

- Middle Eastern crisis
 - 2026 Iran war
 - 2026 Strait of Hormuz crisis
 - 2026 Strait of Hormuz campaign
 - 2026 United States naval blockade of Iran
 - The United States Central Command (CENTCOM) says that American forces have redirected two commercial vessels since the blockade resumed. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/world/us-says-2-commercial-vessels-redirected-since-iran-naval-blockade-resumed/3999159>)

- CENTCOM says that American forces disabled the Curaçao-flagged oil tanker *M/T Belma* as it was heading towards an Iranian port in the Persian Gulf amidst the blockade. An 18 second video confirms that a U.S. aircraft disabled the vessel. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/us-israel-iran-war/us-says-it-disabled-oil-tanker-trying-to-breach-iran-naval-blockade/3999657>) (*Stars and Stripes*) (<https://www.stripes.com/theaters/middle-east/2026-07-15/us-forces-disable-vessel-arabian-gulf-2227620.html>)
- India in the 2026 Iran war
 - Operation Urja Suraksha
 - India's Directorate General of Shipping warns companies not to deploy Indian sailors onto vessels transiting through the Strait of Hormuz after two Indian seafarers were killed in separate ship attacks in the waterway. (*The Indian Express*) (<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/dont-deploy-indian-sailors-on-ships-passing-through-hormuz-india-tells-shipping-firms-10788935/>) (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/india/new-delhi-tells-shipowners-not-deploy-indian-seafarers-hormuz-routes-2026-07-16/>)
 - Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps says the Strait of Hormuz will remain closed "until the United States ends its acts of aggression". (Euractiv) (<https://www.euractiv.com/news/iran-guards-hormuz-shut-until-us-ends-aggression/>)
- 2025–2026 Iran–United States negotiations
 - 2026 Iran war ceasefire
 - Iranian parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf says that ceasefire negotiations aimed at ending the war have not closed despite renewed fighting between Iran and the U.S. (*The New York Times*) (<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/07/15/world/middleeast/iran-ghalibaf-us-talks.html>)
- 2026 Iranian strikes on the Kurdistan Region
 - The Directorate General of Counter Terrorism of the Kurdistan Region Security Council reports that international coalition forces have intercepted seven drones in Erbil, Kurdistan Region, Iraq. (Kurdistan24) (<https://www.kurdistan24.net/en/story/926044>)
 - Three drones are reportedly shot down near the U.S. consulate in Erbil. (Shafaq) (<https://shafaq.com/en/Kurdistan/Three-drones-downed-near-US-Consulate-in-Erbil>)
- CENTCOM announces the U.S. has launched new strikes against Iran for a fifth consecutive day aimed at coastal defense systems, cruise missile storage, and launch sites in the Greater Tunb Island. (AFP via NDTV) (<https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/us-iran-war-strait-of-hormuz-us-army-says-completed-90-minute-wave-of-strikes-on-iran-11775279>) (*Politico*) (<https://www.politico.com/news/2026/07/15/us-launches-new-strikes-on-iran-hormuz-00998599>)
- Gaza war
 - Gaza peace plan
 - Morocco signs an agreement with the Board of Peace to join the International Stabilization Force for Gaza. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/morocco-signs-agreement-join-gaza-international-force-state-media-say-2026-07-15/>)
 - Nirim attack, Gaza war hostage crisis
 - Israel's military claims to have killed a militant from the Hamas branch Al-Qassam Brigades that participated in the abduction of soldiers Col. Asaf Hamami, St.-Sgt. Tomer Yaakov Ahimas, and Sgt. Kiril Brodski during the October 7 attacks on the Nirim kibbutz. (*The Jerusalem Post*) (<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/defense-news/article-902603>) (*Haaretz*) (<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/israel-security/2026-07-15/ty-article-live/trump-threatens-to-attack-iranian-power-plants-bridges/0000019f-6383-d0b9-ab9f-73fb65c70000?liveBlogItemId=1282988959#1282988959>)
- Yemeni civil war
 - Saudi Arabia–United States relations
 - The U.S. State Department approves a potential US\$1.96 billion deal in arms sales to Saudi Arabia amidst the current Iran war and potential re-escalation with the Houthis. (Al Jazeera) (<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/7/16/us-approves-nearly-2bn-in-weapons-sale-to-saudi-arabia>)

- Sudanese civil war
 - Darfur campaign
 - The Sudanese Armed Forces-allied Joint Forces announce that they have recaptured the Orshi Reservoir area in North Darfur, a month after the Rapid Support Forces seized the area. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/afrika/army-allied-groups-recapture-strategic-orshi-reservoir-area-in-sudan-s-darfur-from-rsf/3999340>)
 - A drone strike by the Rapid Support Forces hits a power station in the town of Al Dabbah in Sudan's Northern State. (*Sudan Tribune*) (<https://sudantribune.com/article/316269>)

Disasters and accidents

- Seven people are killed and one person is missing after a rubber dinghy explodes near Liaoning Province, China. (Xinhua) (<https://english.news.cn/20260716/51d01fe9636440558294d53d17cddf5b/c.html>)
- One person is killed and 24 others are missing after a passenger boat sank off the coast of Sulawesi, Indonesia. (Xinhua) (<https://english.news.cn/20260716/e9ecb1b80555408fb2e29ec30355292f/c.html>)

Health and environment

- 2026 Canadian wildfires
 - IQAir ranks Toronto, Ontario, Canada, as having the worst air quality among major cities worldwide as smoke from wildfires in northwestern Ontario reaches the city, prompting the Canadian environment ministry to advise residents to remain indoors. (AFP via ABS-CBN News) (<https://www.abs-cbn.com/news/world/2026/7/16/toronto-air-ranked-among-world-s-worst-as-wildfire-smoke-moves-south-0142>)
- 2026 Ebola epidemic
 - The total amount of cases of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo exceed 2,000. (*Medical Xpress*) (<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2026-07-ebola-outbreak-tops-cases-dr.html>)
- Sudanese cholera epidemic
 - Sudan's health ministry reports that the total amount of cholera cases in north and west Kordofan has increased to 1,547. (*Sudan Tribune*) (<https://sudantribune.com/article/316274>)

International relations

- United Kingdom–European Union relations
 - Effect of Brexit on Gibraltar
 - The United Kingdom and the European Union remove the land-border fence between Gibraltar and Spain under a post-Brexit treaty, allowing free movement while introducing joint British-Spanish checks at Gibraltar's airport and port. (AP) (<https://apnews.com/article/spain-gibraltar-uk-brexit-9113dd58dc8220826038022e84e3b662>)
- Afghanistan and the United Nations
 - United Nations secretary-general António Guterres appoints Bangladeshi diplomat Rabab Fatima as the next head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan. (AFP via *Arab News*) (<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2651083/amp>)
- Papua New Guinea–Taiwan relations
 - Papuan foreign minister Justin Tkatchenko announces the immediate closure of Taiwan's representative office in Port Moresby, citing Papua New Guinea's adherence to the One China policy, while saying the decision does not affect contracts between Taiwan's CPC Corporation and natural gas in Papua New Guinea. (AFP via *The Straits Times*) (<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/china-says-papua-new-guinea-has-closed-taiwans-office-in-the-country>)

Law and crime

- Bhutanese refugees scam
 - A district court in Kathmandu, Nepal, sentences former deputy prime minister Top Bahadur Rayamajhi to four years in prison and former home minister Bal Krishna Khand to two years for roles in forging documents for a fraudulent Bhutanese refugee resettlement scheme. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/nepal-court-jails-2-former-ministers-14-others-over-refugee-scam-2026-07-15/>)
- Cannabis in Kenya

- Kenya's High Court rejects a Rastafarian petition seeking a religious exemption from cannabis laws, ruling that the group does not show the laws violate religious freedom. (AFP via NDTV) (<https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/kenya-high-court-marijuana-legalisation-rastafarian-religious-rights-not-essential-kenyan-court-denies-rastafarians-right-to-smoke-weed-11775102>)
- Democratic Republic of the Congo–Rwanda conflict
 - The Democratic Republic of the Congo establishes a council composed of mostly international war crimes lawyers to advise state institutions seeking accountability and reparations for victims of violence in the country's east. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/congo-forms-new-council-push-war-crimes-justice-2026-07-15/>)
- Detention of Craig and Lindsay Foreman
 - The family of British national Craig Foreman says an Iranian court has added two years to his 10-year espionage prison sentence for speaking to the media, as he and his wife Lindsay continue a hunger strike. (CBS News) (<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/iran-uk-lindsay-craig-foreman-prison-sentence-hunger-strike-son-worried/>)
- Moroccan prosecutors release journalist Ali Lmrabet after questioning him over online posts allegedly defaming unnamed individuals and institutions, while the criminal investigation continues. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/morocco-releases-dissident-journalist-ali-lmrabet-2026-07-15/>)
- U.S. president Donald Trump announces that American citizen Dena Karari has been released from Iran after being detained on espionage charges since 2024. Her lawyer, Jared Genser, also confirmed her release. (*The Guardian*) (<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jul/15/trump-iran-detained-citizen-released>) (NBC News) (<https://www.nbcnews.com/world/iran/trump-announces-release-us-citizen-held-iran-2024-dena-karari-rcna587764>)

Politics and elections

- France's National Assembly gives final approval to a bill allowing eligible adults with incurable, life-threatening illnesses to obtain lethal medication under strict conditions. The measure awaits Constitutional Council review before taking effect. (AP) (<https://apnews.com/article/france-medically-assisted-dying-euthanasia-vote-628a8191b3756ae1fb2cc0e429526b67>)

Science and technology

- Discoveries of exoplanets
 - Astronomers directly image the exoplanet Beta Pictoris d next to its star, located 63 light-years away, using NASA's James Webb Space Telescope and European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope. It is also reported to be fainter than its sibling Beta Pictoris b. The discovery is published in the *The Astrophysical Journal*. (ABC News) (<https://abcnews.com/amp/Technology/wireStory/faint-new-planet-revealed-young-star-after-decade-134776523>) (Space.com) (<https://www.space.com/astronomy/exoplanets/found-you-astronomers-spot-faintest-exoplanet-ever-seen-from-earth-after-a-decade-of-hide-and-seek>)
- Internet in South Africa
 - American technology company Amazon partners with South African internet provider Herotel to launch Amazon Leo satellite internet service in 2027, marking its first such African agreement. (AFP via *The Manila Times*) (<https://www.manilatimes.net/2026/07/16/world/amazon-to-launch-south-africa-satellite-internet-as-starlink-awaits-license/2385395>)

Sports

- 2026 ESPY Awards
 - The ESPY Awards is held at the David H. Koch Theater in New York City, U.S., with the 2025–26 New York Knicks winning five awards, including the Best Team award after winning their first NBA championship since 1973, while point guard Jalen Brunson wins the Best Male Athlete and Best Championship Performance awards. (NBC News) (<https://www.nbcnews.com/sports/basketball/jalen-brunson-wins-best-championship-performance-2026-espy-awards-rcna587782>) (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/sports/jalen-brunson-wins-best-championship-performance-2026-espy-awards-film-2026-07-16/>)

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Armed conflicts and attacks

- Middle Eastern crisis
 - 2026 Iran war

- 2026 Strait of Hormuz crisis

- 2026 Strait of Hormuz campaign

- The United States military reimposes the naval blockade of Iran that ended on June 17 last month in response to ship attacks. (AP) (<https://apnews.com/article/iran-us-hormuz-strait-war-july-14-2026-abd060c55feea216625689e57d8f76be>) (France 24) (<https://www.france24.com/en/middle-east/20260714-us-military-reimposes-naval-blockade-on-iranian-ports-launches-new-strikes>)
 - The United States Central Command launches a new round of strikes against Iran in an effort to degrade capabilities used to attack commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz ahead of the naval blockade. (CNBC) (<https://www.cnn.com/2026/07/14/iran-strikes-hormuz-strait-blockade-trump-tolls.html>)
 - Iran fires projectiles at two tankers in the Strait of Hormuz associated with the United Arab Emirates, killing two mariners and injuring 14 others. (Xinhua) (<https://english.news.cn/europe/20260715/d30044a67ef141559ad18822d01cbffa/c.html>)
 - U.S. president Donald Trump cancels a proposal to implement a 20% fee on cargo ships transiting through the strait. (AP) (<https://apnews.com/article/iran-us-hormuz-strait-war-july-14-2026-abd060c55feea216625689e57d8f76be>) (BBC News) (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c8d2vn38dy1o>)

- Kuwait in the 2026 Iran war

- Kuwait's military says that Iran struck a navy vessel, injuring four personnel, while its air defences intercept one ballistic missile, five cruise missiles, and 33 drones aimed at civilian facilities. (AFP via *Arab News Pakistan*) (<https://www.arabnews.pk/node/2650875/middle-east>)
 - Explosions are reported in the Iranian cities of Ahvaz and Bandar Abbas, and the islands of Kish and Qeshm. (*Middle East Eye*) (<https://www.middleeasteye.net/live-blog/live-blog-update/explosions-heard-irans-bandar-abbas>)

- 2026 Lebanon war

- 2026 Israel–Lebanon peace talks

- The first day of direct negotiations and the sixth round of peace talks between Israel and Lebanon begins at the U.S. embassy in Rome, Italy. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/lebanon-israel-conclude-1st-day-of-direct-talks-in-rome/3997967>) (*The Times of Israel*) (<https://www.timesofisrael.com/sixth-round-of-israel-lebanon-talks-begins-in-rome-with-focus-on-idf-pullout-pilot/>)

- Gaza war

- The Israeli military strikes a police station in Gaza, killing eight people, according to Gaza's civil defence agency and Al-Shifa Hospital, violating the ongoing ceasefire. (AFP via CNA) (<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/world/israel-strike-gaza-police-station-eight-killed-hamas-6254391>)

- Iraqi conflict

- Withdrawal of United States troops from Iraq

- Iraqi prime minister Ali al-Zaidi and the U.S. defense department says that all remaining American troops will withdraw from Iraq by September 30, ending a 23-year presence in the country that started with the 2003 U.S. invasion. (AP) (<https://apnews.com/article/iraq-trump-islamic-state-group-military-45e64c99d07939951c86308f95dd02ef>) (DW) (<https://www.dw.com/en/us-troop-withdrawal-from-iraq-set-for-september-30/a-77959648>)

- Sudanese civil war

- 2026 Blue Nile campaign

- The Sudanese Armed Forces say that the 4th Infantry Division's 13th Brigade have taken control of the Blue Nile town of Fashfoun following days of clashes with the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement–North. (TRT Afrika) (<https://www.trtafrika.com/english/article/88c42f10d943>) (*Yeni Şafak*) (<https://en.yenisafak.com/world/sudan-army-captures-fashfoun-area-from-rsf-3720818>)

- Colombian conflict

- Colombia's military says it has rescued 39 civilians kidnapped by the National Liberation Army on a highway in Chocó Department, with two soldiers killed during the operation. (AFP via *Vanguard*) (<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2026/07/colombian-military-frees-39-people-kidnapped-by-guerrillas/>)

Arts and culture

- A *Tyrannosaurus rex* skeleton nicknamed Gus sells for US\$50.1 million at Sotheby's in New York City, United States, setting an auction record for a dinosaur fossil. (AFP via CNA) (<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/world/trex-dinosaur-fossil-most-expensive-sold-gus-6254566>)

Disasters and accidents

- 2024–2026 Cuba blackouts, 2026 Cuban crisis
 - Cuba suffers its third nationwide blackout in less than 10 days and fifth of 2026, as the state utility reports a complete grid failure amid fuel shortages caused by the ongoing U.S. imposed blockade, that complicate power restoration. (AFP via RFI) (<https://www.rfi.fr/en/international-news/20260714-cuba-faces-third-nationwide-blackout-in-less-than-10-days>)
- Seven people are killed and three others are injured after two vehicles collided head-on just outside Ramadi, Iraq. (Xinhua) (<https://english.news.cn/20260715/46f073bb27d3492e9c4b24ee980e4cdf/c.html>)
- Six workers are killed in a fire at a building under construction in Brussels, Belgium. (BBC News) (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c9323knejyzo>)

Health and environment

- 2026 Bangladesh measles outbreak
 - The Directorate General of Health Services reports that seven more children have died from measles in Bangladesh in the past 24 hours, bringing the total death toll from the disease in the country to 766. (*The Business Standard*) (<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/health/measles-related-deaths-rise-766-seven-more-children-die-1488086>)
- 2026 Ebola epidemic
 - The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) announces that it will test the Gilead Sciences antiviral for the Bundibugyo strain of the Ebola virus. (CNBC Africa) (<https://www.cnbc.com/2026/congo-begins-trial-of-gileads-experimental-antiviral-for-ebola-bundibugyo>)
 - The World Health Organization reports that 80% of cases of Ebola in eastern DRC are from unknown chains of transmission. Additionally, the death toll from Ebola reaches 700. (AP) (<https://apnews.com/article/congo-ebola-outbreak-who-a9093ea39928bfa3f2f0e5aa13c506bb>)
- 2026 United States cyclosporiasis outbreak
 - The U.S. CDC reports 7,000 cases nationwide of cyclosporiasis, which is caused by *cyclospora cayetanensis*. (NBC News) (<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/cyclosporiasis-7000-cases-us-cdc-parasite-explosive-diarrhea-rcna587445>)
 - The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reports 3,300 cases in the state, up from 2,640 the previous day. (*The Detroit News*) (<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2026/07/14/michigan-cyclosporiasis-is-cases-surge-past-3000/90914347007/>)

Law and crime

- Shootings by U.S. immigration agents in the second Trump administration
 - The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement suspends vehicle stops related to immigration enforcement following the recent fatal shootings of Lorenzo Salgado Araujo in Houston, Texas, and Joan Sebastian Guerrero in Biddeford, Maine. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/ice-suspends-vehicle-stops-us-immigration-enforcement-sources-say-2026-07-14/>)
- International Criminal Court investigation in Darfur
 - A prosecutor at the International Criminal Court drop charges against former rebel leader Abdallah Banda over his role in a 2007 attack on African Union peacekeepers during Sudan's Darfur conflict. (AFP via Arab News) (<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2650922/amp>)

Politics and elections

- AI boom
 - Japan approves election rules requiring AI-generated images and videos on social media to be labeled and prohibiting false or distorted information about candidates, with the measures taking effect in March. (AFP via *The Straits Times*) (<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/japan-tightens-social-media-rules-for-elections>)

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Armed conflicts and attacks

- Middle Eastern crisis

- 2026 Iran war
 - 2026 Iranian strikes on Arab countries
 - 2026 Iranian strikes on Kuwait
 - Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) says that they have hit Patriot air defense systems at the Ali Al Salem Air Base and the FPS radar system at Ahmad al-Jaber Air Base in Kuwait. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/irans-irgc-says-it-struck-military-bases-in-kuwait-warns-us-over-hormuz/3996032>) (Al Jazeera) (<https://aje.news/9m5azt?update=4765057>)
 - 2026 Iranian strikes on Bahrain, 2026 Iranian strikes on Jordan
 - The IRGC says that they have hit the Sheikh Isa Air Base in Bahrain and the Prince Hassan Air Base in Jordan as part of a second wave of retaliatory strikes against the United States. (Middle East Eye) (<https://www.middleeasteye.net/live-blog/live-blog-update/iran-claims-strikes-us-bases-jordan-bahrain>)
 - 2026 Strait of Hormuz crisis
 - 2026 Strait of Hormuz campaign
 - U.S. president Donald Trump announces that the naval blockade will resume beginning tomorrow and announces a 20% fee on ships transiting the Strait of Hormuz. (Khaleej Times) (<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/world/americas/trump-apply-20-fees-cargo-ships-hormuz-reimpose-iranian-blockade>) (CNN) (<https://edition.cnn.com/2026/07/13/economy/trump-hormuz-fee>)
 - The U.S. military says that they have launched a new round of strikes after Trump said the U.S. Navy would reinstate the blockade. (The Hill) (<https://thehill.com/policy/defense/5966550-us-military-strikes-iran/>)
 - 2026 Iran war ceasefire
 - Pakistan in the 2026 Iran war, Qatar as a mediator in conflict
 - Iranian foreign ministry spokesperson Esmaeil Baghaei says that Pakistan and Qatar will continue talks to prevent further escalation in the war. (Arab News PK) (<https://www.arabnews.pk/node/2650717/pakistan>)
 - Casualties of the 2026 Iran war
 - The United States Central Command reports that a navy pilot was killed during a helicopter crash on July 1 in the Arabian Sea, bringing the death toll of American soldiers killed in the Iran war to 14. Additionally, the total amount of wounded troops rise to above 400 including from traumatic brain injuries. (AP) (<https://apnews.com/article/iran-war-american-troops-casualties-9e0b417663ff93676edda1345f2905d2#>)
 - According to Mehr News Agency, Khuzestan deputy governor Valiollah Hayati says that a security guard was killed in a U.S. strike on a water pumping station in Bandar Mahshahr, Iran. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/1-killed-4-injured-in-us-strike-on-water-pumping-station-in-southwest-iran/3996005>)
 - Trump reportedly notifies U.S. Congress that the war has resumed, giving his administration another 60-day clock without congressional approval. (Politico) (<https://www.politico.com/news/2026/07/13/trump-notifies-congress-of-new-war-against-iran-00995170>) (The Hill) (<https://thehill.com/policy/defense/5966415-trump-congress-resumes-strikes-iran/>)
 - Yemeni civil war
 - The Houthi-led government accuses Saudi Arabia of an airstrike on a runway at Sanaa International Airport in Houthi-controlled Yemen, which Yemen's internationally recognized government says was to stop an Iranian Mahan Air flight that was returning the Houthi delegation from the funeral of Ali Khamenei. (AP via The Hill) (<https://thehill.com/homenews/ap/ap-international/ap-houthi-rebels-in-yemen-say-sanaa-international-airport-is-hit-by-saudi-strikes/>)
 - Yemen's internationally-recognized government orders all airports closed after striking Houthi-controlled Sanaa airport to prevent an Iranian plane from landing. The Houthis say the aircraft landed, while the Saudi-led coalition controls airspace clearances. (AFP via The Times of Israel) (https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/yemens-recognized-government-orders-airports-shut-after-attacking-sanaa-airport/)
 - Yemen's Houthis say they have targeted Abha International Airport in Asir, Saudi Arabia, with ballistic missiles and drones, calling the attack retaliation for strikes on Sanaa airport that they blame on Saudi Arabia, though Yemen's internationally-recognized government claims responsibility. (AFP via The Times of Israel) (<https://www.timesofisrael.co>)

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- Sudanese civil war
 - Kordofan campaign
 - The Sudanese Army says that it has downed another Chinese-made FH-95 drone near El-Obeid in North Kordofan, making it the fourth drone downed by the army. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/sudan-s-army-says-it-downed-another-fh-95-drone-amid-clashes-with-rsf/3997092>)

Arts and culture

- Archaeology of ancient Egypt
 - A Ramesside period tomb that belonged to Theban mayor Paser is discovered in the Theban Necropolis in Egypt. (Tech Times) (<https://www.techtimes.com/articles/320279/20260713/dutch-mission-unearths-3000-year-old-painted-tomb-luxor-necropolis.htm>)

Business and economy

- Red Sea crisis
 - Danish shipping company Maersk announces that they will resume services through the Red Sea for its WAF6 service. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/business/shipping-group-maersk-resumes-another-service-through-red-sea-2026-07-13/>)

Disasters and accidents

- 2026 Bangkok pub fire
 - A fire breaks out at a pub in Chatuchak, Bangkok, Thailand, killing 27 people and wounding 63 more. (AP) (<https://apnews.com/article/thailand-bangkok-fire-pub-0869e3d356d4be11c5633f9ceb3dc329>)
- South Korea's navy recovers the body of a sailor who disappeared during a patrol near the Northern Limit Line, after South Korea requested North Korean assistance and launched a search involving ships and aircraft. (AFP via *The Star*) (<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2026/07/13/south-korea-recovers-missing-sailor039s-body-off-east-coast>)

Health and environment

- 2026 Ebola epidemic
 - The University of Oxford begins the first human trial of its ChAdOx1 BDBV vaccine for the Bundibugyo strain of the ebolavirus. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/oxford-begins-first-human-trial-bundibugyo-ebola-vaccine-2026-07-13/>)
 - The United States says that they will block citizens of the Democratic Republic of the Congo from traveling to the country on commercial flights amidst the ongoing Ebola outbreak in the country. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/us-block-citizens-congo-immediate-travel-home-citing-ebola-2026-07-14/>)
- 2026 United States cyclosporiasis outbreak
 - A cyclosporiasis outbreak, caused by *cyclospora cayetanensis*, is reported in 31 U.S. states by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services reporting 2,640 cases in the state. (NBC News) (<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/michigan-cyclosporiasis-lettuce-salad-greens-rcna587395>)
- Sudan's Khartoum State government reports a shortage in drinking water in neighborhoods in the state including southern Omdurman after a sharp drop is reported in the water levels on the Nile River. (*Sudan Tribune*) (<https://sudantribune.com/article/316195>)

International relations

- Iran–United Kingdom relations
 - The United Kingdom announces that it will designate Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps as a terrorist organization, and will ban support for the militia group. (*The Guardian*) (<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2026/jul/13/uk-list-iran-islamic-revolutionary-guard-corps-irgc-terrorist-organisation>) (NBC News) (<https://www.nbcnews.com/world/united-kingdom/iran-irgc-islamic-revolutionary-guard-council-banned-uk-rcna587265>)
- Sudan–European Union relations
 - The European Union imposes sanctions against Sudan's gold trade, accusing them of financing the civil war in the country. (Mining.com) (<https://www.mining.com/web/eu-announces-restrictions-on-trading-sudanese-gold/>) (Reuters)

(<https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/eu-announces-restrictions-trading-sudanese-gold-2026-07-13/>)

Law and crime

- Protests against the Russo-Ukrainian war
 - Anti-war protests in Russia
 - Russian anti-war politician Boris Nadezhdin is detained over a video on his social media account featuring the late opposition leader Alexei Navalny, days after he was designated a "foreign agent". He is later released from a police station and will appear in court on July 17. (*Kyiv Independent*) (<https://kyivindependent.com/russian-opposition-politician-boris-nadezhdin-faces-extremism-charges/>) (*The Moscow Times*) (<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2026/07/13/police-briefly-detain-boris-nadezhdin-north-of-moscow-a93235>) (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/russian-anti-war-politician-says-kremlin-is-bent-stopping-his-election-run-2026-07-14/>)
- Regime change efforts in the 2026 Iran war
 - *The New York Times* reports that former Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is under house arrest after Iranian authorities reportedly uncovered a significant portion of his contacts with Israel. However, his office denies these reports, including reports that Israel recruited him for regime changing plans. (*Iran International*) (<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202607138279?source=share-link>) (*The Jerusalem Post*) (<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-902349>)

Politics and elections

- 119th United States Congress
 - South Carolina governor Henry McMaster appoints Darline Graham Nordone to temporarily fill the U.S. Senate seat of her brother, Lindsey Graham, after his death last Saturday, with the term ending in 2027. (*Axios*) (<https://www.axios.com/2026/07/13/lindsey-graham-senate-replacement-darline-nordone>) (BBC News) (<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c05y3rlvp20o>)
- Magyar Government
 - The Hungarian parliament moves to remove president Tamás Sulyok through a constitutional amendment backed by prime minister Péter Magyar's majority government. (AP) (<https://apnews.com/article/hungary-constitutional-amendment-remove-president-59620a0313e402be3b2cb6db2668f2ee>) (Bloomberg via *The Japan Times*) (<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2026/07/13/world/hungary-president-rollback-orban/>)
 - Venezuelan acting president Delcy Rodríguez appoints U.S. envoy Félix Plasencia to a foreign relations and overseas trade post, replacing foreign minister Yván Gil, who becomes science and technology minister. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/venezuelas-rodriguez-taps-washington-envoy-new-foreign-ministry-post-2026-07-13/>)

Science and technology

- Astronomers announce that an erythrulose molecule was detected inside a cloud of gas and dust near the center of the Milky Way. It is the first evidence of sugar in interstellar space. (*Nature*) (<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-026-02173-5>)

July 12, 2026 (Sunday)

Armed conflicts and attacks

- Middle Eastern crisis
 - 2026 Iran war
 - 2026 Iranian strikes on Arab countries
 - 2026 Iranian strikes on Kuwait
 - Kuwait's defense ministry says that Iran has hit three land border posts and an offshore rig operated by the Kuwait Oil Company. (*Arab Times Kuwait*) (<https://www.arabtimesonline.com/news/drone-attack-targets-kuwaits-offshore-drilling-rig-three-border-posts/>)
 - The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) says it has hit HIMARS launchers in Kuwait. (*Yeni Şafak*) (<https://en.yenisafak.com/world/irgc-claims-destruction-of-us-himars-launchers-in-kuwait-3720744>) (*Türkiye Today*) (<https://www.turkiyetoday.com/region/iran-claims-destruction-of-us-himars-launchers-in-kuwait-as-regional-strikes-widen-3223773>)
 - 2026 Iranian strikes on Oman

- The IRGC claims that it has hit logistics support facilities and refueling platforms used by American aircraft in Oman's Duqm port. (Iran International) (<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202607128450?source=share-link>)
- 2026 Iranian strikes on Qatar
 - The Qatari interior ministry reports that three people, including a child, have been injured by falling debris from an interception following Iranian attacks on the country. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/qatar-says-3-injured-by-falling-debris-after-intercepting-iranian-attacks/3995428>)
- 2026 Iranian strikes on the United Arab Emirates
 - The United Arab Emirates's defence ministry alerts residents at 6:37 AM that air defence systems were engaging with fresh missile and drone threats along with interception operations. (*Khaleej Times*) (https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/uae-air-defences-respond-missile-drone-threats-july-12?_refresh=true)
- 2026 Strait of Hormuz crisis
 - The IRGC Navy declares the Strait of Hormuz to be closed until further notice and says that they have fired a shot at two vessels that used an unauthorized route. (France 24) (<https://www.france24.com/en/middle-east/20260712-live-us-attacks-iran-over-ship-being-hit-in-strait-of-hormuz>) (Shafaq) (<https://shafaq.com/en/Middle-East/IRGC-Closes-Strait-of-Hormuz-after-vessel-interception>)
 - The United States launches new strikes against Iran in response. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/iran-declares-strait-hormuz-closed-unauthorised-vessel-hit-2026-07-11/>)
 - The United States Central Command contradicts Iran's claim, stating that the strait is open. Additionally, the Joint Maritime Information Center states that the Iran route in the waterway is open despite Iran's claims. (Bloomberg) (<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-07-12/hormuz-route-open-despite-iran-declaration-maritime-group-says>) (NBC News) (<https://www.nbcnews.com/world/iran/trump-threatens-iran-attempt-assassinate-open-calls-killing-khamenei-rcna434515>)
 - Data from Kpler reports that six ships have passed the Strait of Hormuz amidst low traffic and resumed fighting. (Bloomberg) (<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-07-13/ships-pass-through-hormuz-in-secret-as-us-and-iran-trade-strikes>)
 - Qeshm governor Hossein Amir Teymouri reports that 10 of 11 projectiles hit Bandar Abbas and the Abu Musa and Qeshm islands. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/multiple-explosions-reported-in-southern-iran-amid-escalation-with-us/3995878>)
- Gaza war
 - At least six people are killed, including a nine-year old girl, from Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip. (Sky News) (<https://news.sky.com/story/girl-9-among-at-least-six-killed-in-israeli-gaza-attacks-say-palestinian-officials-13562832>)
- Russo-Ukrainian war
 - Zaporizhzhia strikes
 - Rosatom head Alexey Likhachev says a Ukrainian drone attack on Enerhodar, the Russian-controlled town hosting the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, has killed four people and injures four others. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/russia-says-four-killed-ukrainian-drone-attack-russian-controlled-enerhodar-2026-07-12/>)
- Sudanese civil war
 - Sudan's National Human Rights Commission reports 6,000 detention cases in prisons run by the Rapid Support Forces in El Fasher, North Darfur. (AA) (<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/sudan-rights-commission-says-6-000-held-in-rsf-run-prisons-in-el-fasher/3995940>)

Disasters and accidents

- Ten people are killed and several others are injured in a multiple-vehicle collision involving a pickup truck carrying 17 passengers and two other trucks in West Java, Indonesia. (Xinhua) (<https://english.news.cn/asiapacific/20260712/a4f4a70d286e4c5ea3ce858e1d91d17c/c.html>)
- Nine people are killed and about ten others are injured, including two National Guard members and four Americans in serious condition, after a tractor-trailer causes a multi-vehicle crash on a highway in Jalisco, Mexico. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/traffic-accident-mexico-leaves-9-dead-10-injured-four-them-americans-2026-07-12/>)

- Six people are killed and seven others are injured when a driver loses control near a street festival in Viña del Mar, Valparaíso, Chile. The driver is detained and will undergo alcohol testing. (AFP via *Asharq Al-Awsat*) (<https://english.aawsat.com/world/5295199-driver-chile-runs-over-and-kills-6-people-festival>)

Health and environment

- South Korea issues its first extreme heat warning under a new system, covering the North Gyeongsang cities of Gyeongsan and Pohang after temperatures meet severe criteria. (AFP via *Kuwait Times*) (<https://kuwaittimes.com/article/46335/world/south-korea-issues-first-emergency-heatwave-warning-under-new-rating-system/>)

Law and crime

- War crimes during the Sudanese civil war
 - A court in Port Sudan sentences Rapid Support Forces leader Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo and 15 other members to death in absentia for their roles in war crimes in the Darfur region during the ongoing civil war in the country including the assassination of former West Darfur governor Khamis Abbakar in 2023 during the Battle of Geneina. (*Asharq Al-Awsat*) (<https://english.aawsat.com/arab-world/5295179-sudan-court-sentences-rsf-leader-death-absentia>)

Politics and elections

- 2026 Israeli legislative election
 - Israel sets October 27 as the date for its legislative elections to elect the members of the Knesset. (Al Jazeera) (<https://www.aljazeera.com/amp/news/2026/7/12/israel-to-hold-national-elections-on-october-27-parliament-says>)
- 2027 Salvadoran presidential election
 - Salvadoran president Nayib Bukele is nominated by his political party, Nuevas Ideas, to run for a third presidential term. The Legislative Assembly previously approved amendments to abolish presidential term limits in 2025. (Reuters) (<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/el-salvador-presidents-party-nominate-s-bukele-seek-third-term-2026-07-13/>)
- Former emir of Qatar Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani dies at the age of 74. (AFP via *Arab News*) (<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2650598/middle-east>) (*Asharq Al-Awsat*) (<https://english.aawsat.com/features/5295114-sheikh-hamad-bin-khalifa-emir-who-transformed-qatar>)
- Ukrainian prime minister Yulia Svyrydenko steps down as president Volodymyr Zelenskyy announces a cabinet reshuffle and changes to law enforcement leadership, citing the need to implement an updated political strategy during Russia's invasion. (*The Hill*) (<https://thehill.com/policy/international/5964901-yulia-svyrydenko-resigns-ukraine/>)

Sports

- 2026 Wimbledon Championships
 - In tennis, Jannik Sinner of Italy successfully defends his gentlemen's singles title at the Wimbledon Championships after defeating Alexander Zverev of Germany in the final, 6–7^(7–9), 7–6^(7–2), 6–3, 6–4. (CNN) (<https://edition.cnn.com/2026/07/12/sport/wimbledon-mens-final-sinner-zverev>)

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