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July 1: [Canada Day](#) (1867)

- 1523 – **Jan van Essen and Hendrik Vos** were burnt at the stake in Brussels (*pictured*), becoming the first [Lutherans](#) executed by the [Council of Brabant](#).
 - 1841 – [Thomas Lempriere](#) and [James Clark Ross](#) carved a sandstone marker on Tasmania's [Isle of the Dead](#), one of the oldest benchmarks for measuring **sea level rise**.
 - 1916 – First World War: **The first day** of the **Battle of Albert**, the opening phase of the [Battle of the Somme](#), became the bloodiest day in the [British Army's](#) history, with 57,470 casualties, including 19,240 deaths.
 - 1959 – [B. Anthony Stewart](#) is credited with the first image on the **cover of *National Geographic*** featuring the 49-star [flag of the United States](#) after Alaska's admission to the Union as a U.S. state.
 - 1983 – A North Korean [Ilyushin Il-62M](#) jet **crashed** into the [Fouta Djallon](#) mountains in Guinea, killing all 23 people on board.
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- The burning of van Essen and Vos

[Erik Satie](#) (d. 1925) · [Diana, Princess of Wales](#) (b. 1961) · [Learie Constantine](#) (d. 1971) · [Lalu Muhammad Zohri](#) (b. 2000)

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[July 2](#)

- 626 – Li Shimin (*pictured*) led his forces to assassinate his rival brothers in **a coup for the imperial throne** of Tang China.
- 1816 – The French frigate *Méduse* ran aground off the coast of present-day Mauritania, with the survivors escaping on a makeshift raft, depicted in Théodore Géricault's painting *The Raft of the Medusa*.
- 1941 – A German SS unit arrived in Vilnius, Lithuania, and began **the systematic execution of up to 100,000 people** over the next three years.
- 1976 – More than a year after the end of the Vietnam War, North and South Vietnam officially merged under communist rule to form the **Socialist Republic of Vietnam**.
- 2013 – The International Astronomical Union announced that the fourth and fifth moons of Pluto to be discovered would be named **Kerberos** and **Styx**, respectively.



Li Shimin

Sihayo kaXongo (d. 1883) · **Omar Suleiman** (b. 1936) · **Philippa Mdluli** (d. 1983) · **Lindsay Lohan** (b. 1986)

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July 3

- 1810 – Mauritius campaign of 1809–1811: A French frigate squadron under Guy-Victor Duperré **defeated** a convoy of three British East Indiamen near the Comoro Islands.
- 1970 – The Troubles: The British Army began the **Falls Curfew** in Belfast, Northern Ireland, which resulted in greater Irish republican resistance.
- 1988 – The US Navy warship Vincennes shot down **Iran Air Flight 655** over the Persian Gulf, killing all 290 people aboard.
- 2005 – Same-sex marriage became **legal in Spain** under a law passed by the Cortes Generales.
- 2017 – In the U.S. state of Arizona, the **Boundary Fire** (*pictured*) burned out after 32 days, burning 17,788 acres (7,199 ha) of the Coconino and Kaibab National Forests.



The 2017 Boundary Fire

Li Shizhen (b. 1518) · **Jerónimo Saavedra** (b. 1936) · **Crystal Dunn** (b. 1992) · **Diogo Jota** and **André Silva** (d. 2025)

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July 4: Independence Day in the United States (1776); **Republic Day** in the Philippines (1946); **Liberation Day** in Rwanda (1994)

- 414 – Byzantine emperor Theodosius II proclaimed his elder sister **Aelia Pulcheria** as *Augusta*.
- 1776 – In Philadelphia, the Continental Congress adopted the **Declaration of Independence** (*signing pictured*), announcing that the thirteen American colonies were no longer a part of the British Empire.
- 1954 – In what is known as "**The Miracle of Bern**", West Germany defeated Hungary 3–2 to win the FIFA World Cup.
- 1988 – Kylie Minogue's first album, **Kylie**, was released, and went on to top the charts in the UK and New Zealand.
- 2024 – Keir Starmer led the Labour Party to a landslide victory in the **United Kingdom general election**, ending fourteen years of Conservative rule.



Declaration of Independence by John Trumbull

Thomas Jefferson (d. 1826) · **Roland Ratzenberger** (b. 1960) · **Yvette Amice** (d. 1993) · **Rikako Ikee** (b. 2000)

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July 5: Fifth of July in New York

- **1830** – Algiers surrendered to French invaders, ending the **Regency of Algiers** (*coat of arms pictured*).
- **1922** – Brazilian Army rebels took over Fort Copacabana and **launched a rebellion** in Rio de Janeiro against President Epitácio Pessoa and President-elect Artur Bernardes.
- **1937** – The Hormel Foods Corporation introduced **Spam**, the canned precooked meat product that would eventually enter into pop culture, folklore, and urban legend.
- **1950** – Korean War: In the first encounter between North Korean and American forces, an unprepared and undisciplined U.S. Army task force was routed at the **Battle of Osan**.
- **1990** – **An explosion** at a petrochemical plant in Channelview, Texas, United States, killed 17 people and injured 5 others.



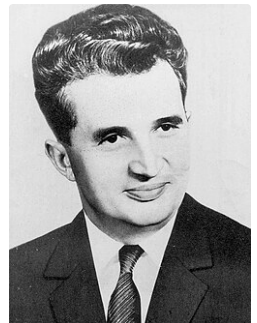
Coat of arms of the Regency of Algiers

Greta Arwidsson (b. 1906) · **Gerard 't Hooft** (b. 1946) · **Shohei Ohtani** (b. 1994) · **Jon Landau** (d. 2024)

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July 6

- **1483** – The last monarch of the House of York and the Plantagenet dynasty, **Richard III**, was crowned King of England.
- **1801** – French Revolutionary Wars: A Royal Navy squadron **failed to eliminate** a smaller French Navy squadron at Algeciras before they could join their Spanish allies.
- **1971** – After visiting several Asian communist countries, Romanian leader Nicolae Ceaușescu (*pictured*) gave a speech on a number of neo-Stalinist and socialist-realist ideals, which became known as the **July Theses**.
- **1989** – A Palestinian Islamic Jihad member carried out a suicide attack by **hijacking a bus** and forcing it into a ravine near Kiryat Ye'arim, Israel.
- **2006** – **A gunman** killed an 18-year-old man and injured six other people in a mass shooting on Cabildo Avenue in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Nicolae Ceaușescu

Maria Luisa, Duchess of Lucca (b. 1782) · **Maria Goretti** (d. 1902) · **George W. Bush** (b. 1946) · **Zhu De** (d. 1976)

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July 7

- **1777** – American Revolutionary War: British forces caught up with American troops withdrawing from Ticonderoga, capturing more than 200 men at the **Battle of Hubbardton**.
- **1898** – US president William McKinley signed the **Newlands Resolution**, annexing Hawaii as a territory of the United States.



- 1911 – Four countries signed the **North Pacific Fur Seal Convention**, which banned the hunting of seals in the pelagic zone. Memorial service for the shot Dallas police officers
- 1974 – West Germany won the **FIFA World Cup final** against the Netherlands at the Munich Olympiastadion.
- 2016 – A U.S. Army Reserve veteran **ambushed and shot at police officers** (*memorial service pictured*) in Dallas, killing five of them and injuring nine others, before being killed by a bomb attached to a police robot.

Fernande Sadler (b.. 1869) · **Henri Nestlé** (d.. 1890) · **Maks Levin** (b.. 1981)

More anniversaries: July 6 · **July 7** · July 8

July 8

- 1776 – The **United States Declaration of Independence** received its first formal public reading, in Philadelphia.
- 1874 – Members of the North-West Mounted Police at Fort Dufferin began their **March West**, their first journey to the Canadian Prairies.
- 1947 – Following reports of **the capture of a "flying disc"** by U.S. Army Air Forces personnel near Roswell, New Mexico, the military stated that the crashed object was a conventional weather balloon.
- 1990 – West Germany won **the FIFA World Cup final** against defending champions Argentina, with Andreas Brehme scoring the game's only goal.
- 2022 – Former Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe (*pictured*) **was assassinated** with an improvised firearm.



Shinzo Abe

Etta Lemon (d.. 1953) · **Tzipi Livni** (b.. 1958) · **Virgil van Dijk** (b.. 1991) · **Kim Il Sung** (d.. 1994)

More anniversaries: July 7 · **July 8** · July 9

July 9

- 551 – An estimated 30,000 people died when **a massive earthquake** struck the Roman province of Phoenice.
- 1763 – The **Mozart family grand tour** began, presenting the child prodigies Maria Anna and Wolfgang Amadeus across Western Europe.
- 1981 – Nintendo released the arcade game **Donkey Kong**, which featured the debut of **Mario**, one of the most famous characters in video-game history.
- 2006 – Italy won their fourth FIFA World Cup title, defeating France **5–3 on penalties** following a 1–1 draw after extra time (*players pictured*).
- 2008 – Under the belief that Israel and the United States were planning to attack its nuclear program, Iran conducted the **Great Prophet III** missile test and war games.



Italian players celebrating their 2006 World Cup victory

Elizabeth of Austria (b.. 1526) · **Courtney Love** (b.. 1964) · **Shin Jae-chul** (d.. 2012) · **Fernando de la Rúa** (d.. 2019)

More anniversaries: July 8 · **July 9** · July 10

July 10: Independence Day in the Bahamas (1973)

- 1372 – The **Treaty of Tagilde** was signed between Ferdinand I of Portugal and representatives of John of Gaunt of England, marking the beginning of the Anglo-Portuguese Alliance, which remains in effect today.

- 1553 – **Lady Jane Grey** (*pictured*) was proclaimed the successor to King Edward VI of England, beginning her disputed reign as the "Nine Days' Queen".
- 1921 – Irish War of Independence: One day after a truce was agreed between the Irish Republican Army and British forces, **violence broke out** between Catholics and Protestants in Belfast.
- 1941 – The Holocaust: Ethnic Poles **murdered at least 300 Jewish residents** of Jedwabne in German-occupied Poland.
- 2011 – The Russian river cruise liner **Bulgaria** was caught in a storm in Tatarstan on the Volga and sank in several minutes, resulting in 122 deaths.



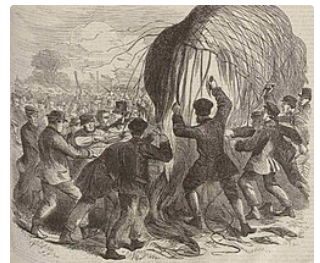
Lady Jane Grey

Humphrey Stafford, 1st Duke of Buckingham (d. 1460) · **Eleonora di Garzia di Toledo** (d. 1576) · **Mahathir Mohamad** (b. 1925) · **Gwendoline Yeo** (b. 1977)

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July 11: Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Genocide in Poland

- 1833 – **Yagan**, a Noongar warrior, was killed for leading attacks on British colonists in Western Australia.
- 1864 – **A riot** broke out in Leicester, England, at the failed launching of a gas balloon (*pictured*).
- 1960 – **To Kill a Mockingbird**, a novel by Harper Lee featuring themes of racial injustice and the loss of innocence in the Deep South of America, was published.
- 1991 – Shortly after taking off from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, **Nigeria Airways Flight 2120** caught fire and crashed, killing all 261 people on board.



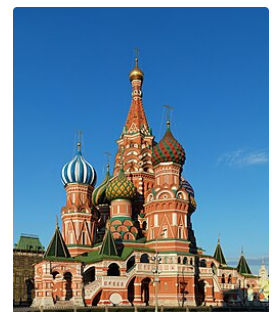
Leicester balloon riot, 1864

Iskaq Tjokrohadisurjo (b. 1896) · **Giorgio Armani** (b. 1934) · **Lady Bird Johnson** (d. 2007) · **Satoru Iwata** (d. 2015)

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July 12

- 1561 – **Saint Basil's Cathedral** (*pictured*), located in Red Square, Moscow, was consecrated.
- 1963 – Sixteen-year-old Pauline Reade, the first victim of serial killers **Ian Brady and Myra Hindley**, disappeared in Gorton, England.
- 1979 – Rowdy fans at Comiskey Park in Chicago stormed the field during a Major League Baseball promotional event at which a crate of disco records **was blown up**.
- 1998 – France defeated the defending champions Brazil **3–0** to win their first FIFA World Cup title.
- 2006 – Hezbollah forces crossed the Israel–Lebanon border and **attacked Israeli military positions** while firing rockets and mortars at Israeli towns, sparking a five-week war.



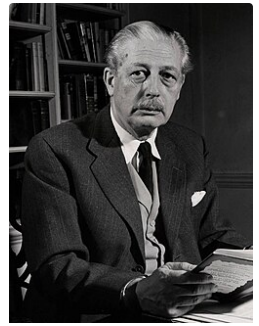
Saint Basil's Cathedral

Alexander Hamilton (d. 1804) · **Malala Yousafzai** (b. 1997) · **Shai Gilgeous-Alexander** (b. 1998) · **Mau Pailug** (d. 2010)

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July 13: Kashmir Martyrs' Day in Pakistan

- 1643 – English Civil War: Royalist forces defeated the Parliamentarians at the **Battle of Roundway Down** near Devizes, Wiltshire.
- 1794 – The **Battle of Trippstadt** between French forces and those of Prussia and Austria began.
- 1831 – Wallachian officials adopted the **Regulamentul Organic**, which engendered a period of reforms that provided for the westernization of the local society.
- 1962 – In an unprecedented reshuffle, British prime minister Harold Macmillan (pictured) **dismissed seven members of his cabinet**.



Harold Macmillan

Afonso, Hereditary Prince of Portugal (d. 1491) · **Kate Sheppard** (d. 1934) · **Ernő Rubik** (b. 1944) · **Ken Jeong** (b. 1969)

More anniversaries: July 12 · **July 13** · July 14

July 14: Bastille Day in France (1789); **Festino di Santa Rosalia** begins in Palermo, Italy

- 1223 – **Louis VIII** (seal pictured) began his three-year reign as King of France.
- 1798 – The **Sedition Act** became law, making it a federal crime to write, publish, or utter false or malicious statements about the U.S. federal government.
- 1865 – A seven-man mountaineering team made the **first ascent of the Matterhorn**, marking the end of the golden age of alpinism.
- 1960 – **Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 1-11** ditched off Polillo Island in the Philippines, killing one person and injuring 44 others.
- 2014 – Lightning strikes started four fires in the Methow Valley in the U.S. state of Washington, collectively known as the **Carlton Complex Fire**.



Seal of Louis VIII of France

Andreas Joseph Hofmann (b. 1752) · **Georgiana Hill** (b. 1825) · **Harry Atwood** (d. 1967) · **Ivana Trump** (d. 2022)

More anniversaries: July 13 · **July 14** · July 15

July 15: Statehood Day in Ukraine (2022)

- 1410 – The Kingdom of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania defeated the Teutonic Knights at the **Battle of Grunwald**, the decisive engagement of the Polish–Lithuanian–Teutonic War.
- 1815 – Aboard **HMS Bellerophon**, French emperor Napoleon surrendered to Royal Navy captain Frederick Lewis Maitland, concluding the Napoleonic Wars.
- 1983 – Sega's first home video game console, the **SG-1000** (pictured), was released in Japan.
- 2009 – A M_w 7.8 earthquake **struck** a remote region of Fiordland, New Zealand, the country's largest earthquake magnitude since the 1931 Hawke's Bay earthquake.
- 2018 – Croatian Mario Mandžukić scored the first own goal in a FIFA World Cup final in their **defeat** to France.



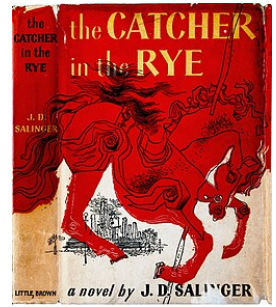
SG-1000

Rembrandt (b. 1606) · **Nina Bari** (d. 1961) · **Cherry** (b. 1975) · **Celeste Holm** (d. 2012)

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July 16

- 1232 – **Muhammad ibn Yusuf**, who later established the Emirate of Granada, the last Muslim state in Spain, was elected the ruler of Arjona.
- 1916 – Max Reger's ***Hebbel Requiem*** was first performed in a memorial concert for the composer, conducted by Philipp Wolfrum.
- 1950 – Uruguay won **the decisive match** of the fourth FIFA World Cup, defeating Brazil 2–1 at the Maracanã Stadium in Rio de Janeiro.
- 1951 – ***The Catcher in the Rye*** (cover pictured), an American coming-of-age novel by J. D. Salinger, was published by Little, Brown.
- 2007 – **A magnitude-6.6 earthquake** struck off the coast of Niigata Prefecture, Japan, causing a leak of radioactive gases from the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Plant.



First-edition cover of
The Catcher in the Rye

Yasuo Fukuda (b., 1936) · **Sergio Busquets** (b., 1988) · **Evelyn Ebsworth** (d., 2015) · **Connie Francis** (d., 2025)

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July 17: Constitution Day in South Korea (1948); **World Emoji Day**

- 1771 – Dene men who were acting as guides to Samuel Hearne on his exploration of the Coppermine River in present-day Nunavut, Canada, **massacred a group** of about twenty Copper Inuit.
- 1863 – The New Zealand Wars resumed as British forces led by General Duncan Cameron began the **invasion of the Waikato**.
- 1968 – Led by Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr (pictured), the Arab Socialist Ba'ath Party overthrew Iraqi president Abdul Rahman Arif in **a bloodless coup**.
- 1994 – Brazil won **the FIFA World Cup final** against Italy 3–2 on penalties, following a 0–0 draw after extra time.
- 2007 – **TAM Airlines Flight 3054** overran the runway at Congonhas Airport in São Paulo, Brazil, killing 199 people.



Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr

Eunice Newton Foote (b., 1819) · **Wong Kar-wai** (b., 1958) · **Jules Bianchi** (d., 2015) · **Felix Baumgartner** (d., 2025)

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July 18

- 1290 – King Edward I issued **an edict to expel** all Jews from England.
- 1723 – Johann Sebastian Bach directed the first performance of his cantata ***Erforsche mich, Gott, und erfahre mein Herz*** in Leipzig.
- 1976 – At the Olympic Games in Montreal, **Nadia Comăneci** (pictured) became the first gymnast to score a perfect 10 for her routine on the uneven bars.
- 1989 – American actress **Rebecca Schaeffer** was shot and killed by Robert John Bardo, eventually prompting the passage of anti-stalking laws in California.
- 1995 – Selena's album ***Dreaming of You***, instrumental in popularizing Tejano music, was posthumously released.



Nadia Comăneci on
the balance beam

Benito Juárez (d., 1872) · **Richard Branson** (b., 1950) · **M.I.A.** (b., 1975) · **Amy Gillett** (d., 2005)

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July 19

- 1845 – **A fire in Manhattan**, New York City, destroyed 345 buildings, killed 30 people, and caused at least \$5 million in damage.
- 1903 – French cyclist Maurice Garin won **the first edition** of the Tour de France.
- 1919 – Following Peace Day celebrations marking the end of the First World War, English ex-servicemen unhappy with unemployment and other grievances rioted and burned down **Luton Town Hall**.
- 1976 – Environmental activists **bombed the port facilities** in Bunbury, Western Australia, in an attempt to disrupt the woodchipping industry.
- 2013 – The NASA spacecraft *Cassini* took **a photograph** of Saturn with Earth in the distance (*detail pictured*), for which people were invited to "wave at Saturn".



Detail from *The Day the Earth Smiled*, with Earth as a pale dot between Saturn's rings

Marie Goldsmith (b. 1871) · **Chetana Nagavajara** (b. 1937) · **Karl Jacobs** (b. 1998) · **Denis Ten** (d. 2018)

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July 20

- 1807 – French brothers Claude and Nicéphore Niépce received a patent for their **Pyréolophore**, one of the world's first internal combustion engines.
- 1951 – Abdullah I of Jordan was **assassinated** while visiting the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.
- 1976 – The **Viking 1** lander became the first spacecraft to successfully land on Mars and perform its mission.
- 1997 – **USS Constitution**, one of the United States Navy's original six frigates, sailed for the first time in 116 years after a full restoration.
- 2015 – **A suicide attack** (*aftermath pictured*) in Süruç, Turkey, for which Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) claimed responsibility, killed 34 people and injured 104 others.



Forensic experts at the site of the Süruç bombing

Alexander the Great (b. 356 BC) · **Amanda Clement** (d. 1971) · **Bruce Lee** (d. 1973) · **Gisele Bündchen** (b. 1980)

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July 21: **Belgian National Day** (1831), **Marine Day** in Japan (2025)

- 905 – **Louis III**, Holy Roman Emperor, was captured and blinded during his attempt to restore Carolingian power over Italy by King Berengar I.
- 1877 – Much of central Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, **was burned and looted** during the Great Railroad Strike of 1877.
- 1960 – **Sirimavo Bandaranaike** (*pictured*) was sworn in as prime minister of Ceylon, becoming the world's first democratically elected female head of government.
- 1990 – The Taiwanese military ordered the deportation of dozens of illegal immigrants from mainland China **in sealed boat holds**, causing 25 deaths due to suffocation.
- 2007 – ***Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows***, the final book in the popular Harry Potter series by J. K. Rowling, was released and sold 15 million copies in its first 24 hours, making it the fastest-selling book in history.



Sirimavo Bandaranaike

Nelson Dewey (d. 1889) · **Fiammetta Wilson** (d. 1920) · **Johnny Peirson** (b. 1925) · **Erling Haaland** (b. 2000)

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July 22: [Feast day of Saint Mary Magdalene](#) (Christianity)

- [1209](#) – A crusader army captured [Béziers](#), France, and **massacred the city's inhabitants** in the first major military action of the [Albigensian Crusade](#).
- [1691](#) – Williamite forces defeated the Jacobites at the **Battle of Aughrim**, the decisive battle of the [Williamite War in Ireland](#).
- [1951](#) – Soviet space dogs: **Dezik and Tsygan** were launched into a sub-orbital spaceflight from [Kapustin Yar](#) and became the first dogs to fly in space and the first to safely return.
- [1963](#) – The United Kingdom granted self-government to [Sarawak](#) (*first flag pictured*), the day would be celebrated as **Sarawak Day**.
- [1976](#) – Japan completed its last reparation to the Philippines for war crimes committed during **imperial Japan's conquest of the country in the Second World War**.



First flag of Sarawak

Adam Malik (b. 1917) · **Nadja Stefanoff** (b. 1976) · **Ursula Franklin** (d. 2016) · **Ozzy Osbourne** (d. 2025)

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July 23: [Birthday of Haile Selassie](#) (Rastafari)

- [1921](#) – The first National Congress of the **Chinese Communist Party** opened in a house in Shanghai.
- [1940](#) – Sumner Welles, U.S. Under Secretary of State, issued a **declaration** that the U.S. government would not [recognize](#) the Soviet Union's [annexation of the Baltic states](#).
- [1982](#) – **A helicopter crashed** during the filming of *Twilight Zone: The Movie* in [Valencia, California](#), killing actor [Vic Morrow](#) and two child actors.
- [2001](#) – **Megawati Sukarnoputri** was [sworn in](#) (*pictured*) as the first female [president of Indonesia](#) following her predecessor's impeachment.
- [2010](#) – The English-Irish boy band **One Direction** were formed while auditioning for the [2010 series of the British singing competition The X Factor](#).



Megawati Sukarnoputri
reciting the oath of office

John Babcock (b. 1900) · **Sergio Mattarella** (b. 1941) · **Olivia Manning** (d. 1980) · **Amy Winehouse** (d. 2011)

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July 24: [Pioneer Day](#) in [Utah](#), United States (1847)

- [1411](#) – Scottish clansmen led by Donald of Islay, Lord of the Isles, and [Alexander Stewart](#), Earl of Mar, fought the **Battle of Harlaw** near [Inverurie](#), Scotland.
- [1910](#) – Ottoman forces captured the city of [Shkodër](#), ending the **Albanian revolt of 1910** (*depicted*).
- [1920](#) – Franco-Syrian War: At the **Battle of Maysalun** forces of the Arab Kingdom of Syria were defeated by a French army moving to occupy the territory allocated to them by the [San Remo conference](#).

- 1923 – The **Treaty of Lausanne** was signed to settle part of the partition of the Ottoman Empire, establishing the boundaries of Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey.
- 2019 – **Boris Johnson** became Prime Minister of the United Kingdom after winning the Conservative Party leadership election.

Martin Van Buren (d. 1862) · **Zelda Fitzgerald** (b. 1900) · **Nayib Bukele** (b. 1981) · **Hamzah Haz** (d. 2024)

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Depiction of the Albanian revolt of 1910

July 25: National Day of Galicia; Saint James's Day; Tenjin Matsuri; Puerto Rico Constitution Day

- 1261 – **Alexios Strategopoulos** led Nicaean forces to recapture Constantinople, leading to the reestablishment of the Byzantine Empire and the end of the Latin Empire.
- 1893 – The **Corinth Canal** was formally opened, bisecting the narrow Isthmus of Corinth in Greece to connect the Ionian Sea's Gulf of Corinth with the Aegean Sea's Saronic Gulf.
- 1950 – Korean War: After American troops withdrew, North Korean forces **captured the village of Yongdong** in South Korea.
- 2000 – **Air France Flight 4590**, a Concorde en route from Paris to New York, crashed in Gonesse, France, killing all 109 passengers on board and four people on the ground.
- 2022 – The **Duffield Memorial** (*central medallion pictured*), an "unusual example of Art Nouveau design in metal work", is designated a listed building by Historic England



Central medallion of the Duffield Memorial

Sibylla, Queen of Jerusalem (d. 1190) · **Matt LeBlanc** (b. 1967) · **Meg Donnelly** (b. 2000) · **Azimzhan Askarov** (d. 2020)

More anniversaries: July 24 · **July 25** · July 26

July 26: Independence Day in the Maldives (1965), Kargil Vijay Diwas in India

- 1759 – French and Indian War: Troops led by French brigadier general François-Charles de Bourlamaque **attempted to blow up** Fort Carillon, near present-day Ticonderoga, New York, rather than defending it against approaching British forces.
- 1882 – Boer mercenaries established the **Republic of Stellaland** (*later flag pictured*) in land claimed by the United Kingdom as part of British Bechuanaland.
- 1953 – The **Battle of the Samichon River**, the last engagement of the Korean War, ended a few hours before the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement.
- 1968 – After coming second to Nguyễn Văn Thiệu in a rigged presidential election, **Trương Đình Dzu** was jailed by a South Vietnamese military court for illicit currency transactions.
- 2012 – The **New Irish Republican Army** was formed from a merger of a number of dissident republican militant groups.



Flag of Stellaland

George Bernard Shaw (b. 1856) · **Mike Enzi** (d. 2021) · **Bloeme Evers-Emden** (b. 1926) · **Robert Todd Lincoln** (d. 1926)

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- 1689 – First Jacobite rising: Scottish and Irish Jacobites **defeated** Williamite forces at Killiecrankie, Scotland.
- 1955 – The Austrian State Treaty came into effect, ending the **Allied occupation of Austria**, although the country was not free of Allied troops until October.
- 1965 – **Mattachine Midwest**, a gay rights organization in Chicago, held its first meeting.
- 2007 – While covering a police pursuit in Phoenix, Arizona, two news helicopters **collided in mid-air**, killing both crews.
- 2020 – **A major oil spill** from the Colonial Pipeline was discovered in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina (*system map pictured*).



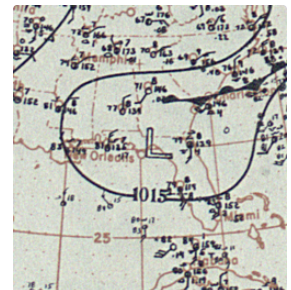
Colonial Pipeline system map in 2012

Joe Tinker (b., 1880; d., 1948) · **Carlos Vila Nova** (b., 1959) · **Piet de Jong** (d., 2016) · **Edna O'Brien** (d., 2024)

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- 1899 – **A Category 1 hurricane** (*map pictured*) made landfall in Azua Province, Dominican Republic, and destroyed three large schooners at Santo Domingo; only one crew member on the three vessels survived.
- 1915 – U.S. Marines landed at Port-au-Prince to begin **a nineteen-year occupation of Haiti**.
- 1940 – At the **Salzburg Conference**, Adolf Hitler demanded the replacement of much of Slovakia's cabinet.
- 2005 – Britain's costliest tornado **struck** Birmingham, injuring 39 people and causing £40 million of damage across the city.
- 2010 – In the deadliest air accident in Pakistan's history, **Airblue Flight 202** crashed into the Margalla Hills north of Islamabad, killing all 152 aboard.



Surface weather analysis map

Johann Sebastian Bach (d., 1750) · **Maximilien Robespierre** (d., 1794) · **Clara Ng** (b., 1973) · **Huma Qureshi** (b., 1986)

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- 904 – Arab–Byzantine wars: Thessalonica, the Byzantine Empire's second-largest city, **was sacked** by Saracen raiders.
- 1567 – The infant James VI was **crowned King of Scotland** at Stirling.
- 1911 – In a case later termed a "legal lynching", **Will P. Brady** obtained a guilty verdict and death sentence against 15-year-old León Martínez Jr., five days after his arrest for killing a white woman.
- 1950 – Korean War: Over fears that North Korean soldiers were infiltrating refugee columns, U.S. forces concluded **a four-day massacre** of hundreds of civilians through shootings and air attacks near the village of Nogeun-ri.
- 1981 – An estimated worldwide television audience of 750 million watched the **wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer** (*combined coat of arms pictured*) at St Paul's Cathedral in London.



Combined coat of arms of Charles and Diana

Ladislaus I of Hungary (d., 1095) · **Dag Hammarskjöld** (b., 1905) · **Mikis Theodorakis** (b., 1925) · **Dorothy Hodgkin** (d., 1994)

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- 1916 – World War I: German agents **sabotaged U.S.-made munitions** in [New York Harbor](#) that were to be supplied to the [Allies](#).
- 1966 – In London, the England national football team won the [FIFA World Cup](#), winning the **final** against [West Germany](#) 4–2 after extra time.
- 1981 – Amid a widespread economic crisis and food shortages in Poland, up to 50,000 people, mostly women and children, took part in the largest of **nationwide hunger demonstrations** in [Łódź](#).
- 2012 – A **train fire** killed 32 passengers and injured 27 on the [Tamil Nadu Express](#) in [Andhra Pradesh](#), India.
- 2018 – Emmerson Mnangagwa (*pictured*) was **elected** to his first full term as president, having served as leader since the [2017 Zimbabwean coup d'état](#).



Emmerson
Mnangagwa

Michael Morris, 3rd Baron Killanin (b. 1914) · **Kate Bush** (b. 1958) · **Claudette Colbert** (d. 1996) · **Lee Teng-hui** (d. 2020)

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July 31: *Lā Hae Hawai‘i* (Flag Day) and ***Lā Ho‘iho‘i Ea* (Sovereignty Restoration Day)** in [Hawaii](#) (1843)

- 1009 – **Sergius IV** became the 142nd pope, succeeding [John XVIII](#).
- 1777 – The Second Continental Congress passed a resolution commissioning the **Marquis de Lafayette** (*pictured*) as a [major general](#) in the [American revolutionary forces](#).
- 1941 – The Holocaust: Under instructions from Adolf Hitler, Hermann Göring authorised SS officer [Reinhard Heydrich](#) to handle preparations for "the **Final Solution** of the [Jewish question](#)".
- 1975 – The Troubles: In a **botched paramilitary attack**, three members of the popular [Miami Showband](#) and two [Ulster Volunteer Force](#) gunmen were killed in [County Down](#), [Northern Ireland](#).
- 2002 – Hamas **detonated a bomb** at the [Mount Scopus](#) campus of the [Hebrew University of Jerusalem](#), killing nine students and injuring about 100 more.



Gilbert du Motier,
Marquis de Lafayette

Marion Talbot (b. 1858) · **Charles Inglis** (b. 1875) · **Lucy Mercer Rutherford** (d. 1948) · **Bảo Đại** (d. 1997)

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