

# Current Affairs

July 21

1. Nuclear weapons included in methods US will vow to use to defend Japan *Source: **Al Mayadeen English***  
<https://english.almayadeen.net/news/politics/nuclear-weapons-included-in-methods-us-will-vow-to-use-to-de>
2. Attack on Pakistan's Consulate in Frankfurt, Germany *Source: **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan***  
<https://mofa.gov.pk/press-releases/attack-on-pakistans-consulate-in-frankfurt-germany>
3. US Secret Service rejected previous Trump team requests for more resources – reports *Source: **The Guardian***  
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/article/2024/jul/21/us-secret-service-rejected-previous-trump-team-requests-for-more-resources-reports>
4. Bangladesh's Opposition Seeks US Support for Protests *Source: **Sputnik***  
<https://sputniknews.in/20240721/bangladeshs-opposition-seeks-us-support-for-protests-7876536.html>
5. Israel hits Houthi-held Yemeni port city, 5 killed, nearly 90 injured *Source: **EFE Communica***  
<https://efe.com/en/latest-news/2024-07-21/at-least-3-killed-87-injured-in-israeli-attack-on-yemen-port-houthis-retaliate/>
6. German spy agency battles recruitment and sickness crisis *Source: **The Times***  
<https://www.thetimes.com/world/europe/article/german-spy-agency-battles-recruitment-and-sickness-crisis-5xgm5k7xf>
7. Iran to Join Developing Eastern Route of North-South Corridor *Source: **Kayhan.ir***  
<https://kayhan.ir/en/news/129537/iran-to-join-developing-eastern-route-of-north-south-corridor>
8. Biden ends re-election bid, upending White House race *Source: **BBC***  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c1e5xpdzkd8o>
9. China raises Middle East diplomatic ambitions with talks between Hamas and rival Fatah *Source: **NBC news***  
<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/china-hamas-fatah-palestinian-unity-middle-east-diplomacy-rcna162825>
10. Catalysis of an SN2 pathway by geometric preorganization *Source: **Nature***  
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-024-07811-4>

# Today In *History*

## *Find Out What happened On July 21*

### Important events of July 21

- 1658:** Aurangzeb celebrated his first coronation. *Source:* [National Museum of Asian Art](#)
- 1831:** Belgium gained independence from the Netherlands, Leopold I became king. *Source:* [Britannica](#)
- 1883:** India's first public theater Hall Star Theater started in Kolkata. *Source:* [The Telegraph Online](#)
- 1884:** The first cricket test match was played at Lord's ground. *Source:* [Cricket Country](#)
- 1904:** After 13 years of construction work, Russia completed the 4607 km long Trans Siberian Railway. *Source:* [History Today](#)
- 1960:** Sirimavo Bandaranaike became the world's first woman prime minister in Sri Lanka (then Ceylon). *Source:* [Ministry of Foreign Affairs- Sri Lanka](#)
- 1983:** Vostok Station in Antarctica recorded the lowest temperature on Earth at  $-89.2^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-128.6^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). *Source:* [Arizona State University](#)
- 2004:** The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution with a huge majority to withdraw Israel from the Palestinian areas of the West Bank. *Source:* [United Nations \(UN Press\)](#)
- 2007:** Pratibha Patil became the first woman President of India. *Source:* [President of India](#)
- 2013:** King Albert II of Belgium abdicated the throne in 2013 to make way for the coronation of his son Philippe. *Source:* [BBC](#)