

# Current Affairs

August 13

1. Joint Statement from the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Italy on the Middle East

Source: [U.S. Embassy in Israel](#)

<https://il.usembassy.gov/joint-statement-from-the-united-states-united-kingdom-france-germany-and-italy-on-the-middle-east/#:~:text=We%2C%20the%20leaders%20of%20the,hostage%20release%20deal%20in%20Gaza.>

2. World Bank warns Iran attacking Israel will destroy economy Source: [Ynet news](#)

<https://www.ynetnews.com/business/article/hjci25v5c>

3. Two ships report blasts in the Red Sea off Yemen, maritime security agencies say Source: [Swissinfo.ch](#)

<https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/two-ships-report-blasts-in-the-red-sea-off-yemen%2c-maritime-security-agencies-say/86712881#:~:text=The%20UKMT%20also%20said%20a,that%20it%20was%20not%20hit.>

4. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov is invited to pay an official visit to Pakistan Source: [Turkmenportal](#)

<https://turkmenportal.com/en/blog/81350/gurbanguly-berdimuhamedov-is-invited-to-pay-an-official-visit-to-pakistan>

5. Iranian woman paralysed after being shot over hijab Source: [BBC](#)

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c303ddrlzd9o>

6. Kolkata doctor rape and murder case: Government hospitals in Delhi, other parts of country begin indefinite strike Source: [The Hindu](#)

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/kolkata-doctor-rape-and-murder-case-government-hospitals-in-delhi-begin-indefinite-strike/article68515059.ece>

7. The Megalomaniacal Mendacity of Myanmar Junta Boss Min Aung Hlaing Source: [The Irrawaddy](#)

<https://www.irrawaddy.com/opinion/guest-column/the-megalomaniacal-mendacity-of-myanmar-junta-boss-min-aung-hlaing.html>

8. SwRI-led team finds evidence of hydration on Psyche Source: [SouthWest Research Institute](#)

<https://www.swri.org/press-release/swri-led-team-finds-evidence-of-hydration-psyche#:~:text=August%2013%2C%202024%20%E2%80%94%20Using%20data,of%20the%20metallic%20asteroid%20Psyche.>

9. Creating Environmentally Friendly Nanoparticles Using Plant Waste Source: [AZO Nano](#)

<https://www azonano.com/news.aspx?newsID=41012>

10. Local solvation is decisive for fluorescence of biosensors Source: [Sciencemag](#)

<https://scienmag.com/local-solvation-is-decisive-for-fluorescence-of-biosensors/>

# Today In *History*

## *Find Out What happened On August 13*

### Important events of August 13

- International Left-handers Day
- organ donation day
- **1598:** French ruler Henry IV issued the famous Edict of Nantes. On the basis of this edict, Protestant Christians were given complete religious freedom. *Source:* [Britannica](#)
- **1642:** Dutch astronomer Christian Huygens discovered the peak of Mars' south pole. *Source:* [The Open University](#)
- **1898:** Carl Gustave Vit discovered 433 Eros Asteroids near Earth. *Source:* [Guinness World Records](#)
- **1913:** First production of Stainless Steel in the United Kingdom by Harry Brearley. *Source:* [British Stainless Steel Association](#)
- **1951:** The first aircraft manufactured in India, Hindustan Trainer 2, made its first flight. *Source:* [Hindustan Aeronautics Limited](#)
- **1954:** Radio Pakistan broadcasted the 'Qaumi Tarana', the national anthem of Pakistan for the first time. *Source:* [trulyPakistan.net](#)
- **1956:** The National Highway Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha. *Source:* [Parliament Digital Library](#)
- **1960:** the Central African Republic declared its independence from France. *Source:* [University of Central Arkansas](#)
- **1960:** Marmik' weekly magazine published. *Source:* [The Indian Express](#)
- **1961:** The Wall of Berlin started building. *Source:* [NATO](#)
- **1995:** Kashmiri separatists beheaded a kidnapped Norwegian tourist and threatened to kill other hostages unless India freed 15 militants at Srinagar. *Source:* [The Washington Post](#)
- **1998:** India signs two agreements with the World Bank for concessional credit through the International Development Association for \$100 million. *Source:* [World Bank](#)
- **2004:** The 28th Olympic Games began in 2004 in Athens, Greece. *Source:* [Olympics](#)
- **2005:** Assassination of Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar and subsequent imposition of emergency. *Source:* [The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation](#)
- **2008:** Tata Steel, the world's leading steel company, signed an agreement with two major companies of Vietnam to jointly construct a steel complex in Vietnam. *Source:* [Tata Steel](#)