

Current Affairs

August 18

1. Natalie A Baker appointed deputy chief of mission at US embassy in Islamabad *Source:* International The News

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/latest/1220150-natalie-a-baker-appointed-deputy-chief-of-mission-at-us-embassy-in-islamabad>

2. Kamala Harris shares blame for Afghanistan debacle *Source:* Washington Examiner

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/restoring-america/courage-strength-optimism/3121365/kamala-harris-shares-blame-afghanistan-debacle/>

3. Pakistan reports three mpox cases, health authorities say *Source:* The Hindu

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/mpox-virus-detected-in-pakistan-health-authorities-say/article68531606.ece>

4. U.S. official says Iran's militias threaten stability of Syria *Source:* North Press Agency

<https://npasyria.com/en/116110/>

5. Egypt urges Hezbollah to exercise restraint amid hostage-truce talks – report *Source:* The Times of Israel

https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/egypt-urges-hezbollah-to-exercise-restraint-amid-hostage-truce-talks-report/

6. Intelligence apparatuses of 53 states have Iran desk: Proposed min. *Source:* Islamic Republic News Agency

<https://en.irna.ir/news/85571506/Intelligence-apparatuses-of-53-states-have-Iran-desk-Proposed>

7. Iran's FM-designate pledges to uphold Khamenei's policies *Source:* Iran International

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202408189175>

8. 'Act of terror': North Korea condemns Ukraine's incursion into Russia's Kursk *Source:* First Post

<https://www.firstpost.com/world/act-of-terror-north-korea-condemns-ukraines-incursion-into-russias-kursk-13805793.html>

9. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh to inaugurate new state-of-the-art ICG Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre in Chennai *Source:* PIB

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=2046235#:~:text=Raksha%20Mantri%20Shri%20Rajnath%20Singh,Rescue%20Coordination%20Centre%20in%20Chennai&text=Raksha%20Mantri%20Shri%20Rajnath%20Singh%20is%20scheduled%20to%20inaugurate%20a,Chennai%20on%20Aug%2018%2C%202024>

10. Azerbaijan interested in joining BRICS — envoy to Moscow *Source:* TASS

<https://tass.com/world/1830581>

Today In *History*

Find Out What happened On August 18

Important events of August 18

- *Afghanistan Independence Day*
- **1841:** Britain established the world's first National Fire brigade. *Source:* **London Fire Brigade**
- **1868:** French astronomer Pierre Janssen discovered helium in 1868. *Source:* **American Physical Society**
- **1891:** 700 people died in a cyclone on the Caribbean island of Martinique. *Source:* **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**
- **1920:** The 19th amendment of the United States Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing woman suffrage. *Source:* **National Archives**
- **1924:** France began withdrawing its troops from Germany. *Source:* **Harford County Public Schools**
- **1940:** The first weather map was broadcast on television. *Source:* **The Retrospectors**
- **1951:** Indian Institute of Technology was opened in Kharagpur, West Bengal. *Source:* **IIT Kharagpur**
- **1963:** James Meredith became the first African American to graduate from the University of Mississippi. *Source:* **Civil Rights Digital Library**
- **2008:** Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf resigned in 2008 amid fears of impeachment. *Source:* **Library of Congress**