

Current Affairs

August 19

1. Hamas rejects US hostage-ceasefire proposal as PM said to warn chance for deal 'not high' *Source: The Times of Israel*

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/hamas-rejects-us-hostage-ceasefire-proposal-as-pm-said-to-warn-chance-for-deal-not-high/>

2. No, Elon Musk did not give a Putin-backed warlord a Tesla CyberTruck *Source: Quartz*

<https://qz.com/elon-musk-tesla-cybertruck-ramzan-kadyrov-russia-1851625550>

3. Blinken Says Gaza Talks 'Maybe The Last' Chance For Truce *Source: Barron's*

<https://www.barrons.com/news/blinken-says-gaza-talks-maybe-the-last-chance-for-truce-af013f44>

4. Chinese companies have begun to refuse direct supplies to Russia - media *Source: unn.ua*

<https://unn.ua/en/news/chinese-companies-have-begun-to-refuse-direct-supplies-to-russia-media>

5. Official welcome ceremony was held for President of Russia Vladimir Putin *Source: President of the Republic of Azerbaijan* <https://president.az/en/articles/view/66703/images/3>

6. Kyrgyzstan's major bank suspends transfers via sanctioned Russian banks *Source: The Kyiv Independent*

<https://kyivindependent.com/kyrgyzstan-bank-suspends-transfers-through-russian-banks/>

7. Colombia officially halts coal exports to Israel over Gaza massacres *Source: Daily Sabah*

<https://www.dailysabah.com/world/americas/colombia-officially-halts-coal-exports-to-israel-over-gaza-massacres>

8. The arms and military equipment Germany is sending to Ukraine *Source: bundesregierung.de*

<https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/military-support-ukraine-2054992>

9. Lavrov says Armenia sabotages agreement on opening of communications *Source: Azer News*

<https://www.azernews.az/karabakh/230078.html>

10. Scottish government suspends meetings with Israel *Source: Sky news*

<https://news.sky.com/story/scottish-government-suspends-meetings-with-israel-13199776>

Today In *History*

Find Out What happened On August 19

Important events of August 19

- *World Photography Day*

● **295 BC:** The first temple to Venus built, the Roman goddess of love, beauty, and fertility. *Source:* World History Encyclopedia

● **1691:** Austria defeated the Turks in the Battle of Slankamen. *Source:* Royal Collection Trust

● **1812:** American warship defeated British warship Guerrier. *Source:* USS Constitution Museum

● **1839:** World Photography Day started when a report was presented on the discovery of photographic element. *Source:* The Indian Express

● **1897:** The first electric taxi was operated in London. *Source:* Science Museum

● **1909:** The first automobile race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. *Source:* SpeedTour

● **1919:** Afghanistan got independence from the United Kingdom. *Source:* Assumption University of Thailand

● **1955:** America increased import duty on bicycles by 50 percent. *Source:* The New York Times

● **1964:** Communication satellite Syncom 3 was launched. *Source:* NASA

● **1970:** In South Africa, people of Chinese community got the status of white. *Source:* Samoa Global News

● **2010:** Operation Iraqi Freedom ended in 2010 with the withdrawal of the last US Army brigade to Kuwait. *Source:* The Hindu