

# 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](#)*