

# Current Affairs

August 21

1. Egypt Skeptical on Gaza Ceasefire Plan *Source: Newsweek*  
<https://www.newsweek.com/israel-egypt-hamas-gaza-palestinian-conflict-middle-east-1942483>
2. Trump calls his supporters ‘basement dwellers’, says former press secretary *Source: The Guardian*  
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/article/2024/aug/20/republican-trump-dnc-speakers>
3. Biden Approved Secret Nuclear Strategy Refocusing on Chinese Threat *Source: The New York Times*  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/08/20/us/politics/biden-nuclear-china-russia.html>
4. Venezuela’s Maduro Dismisses Power Sharing, New Election Proposals *Source: Venezuelanalysis*  
<https://venezuelanalysis.com/news/venezuelas-maduro-dismisses-power-sharing-new-election-proposals/>
5. Humpbacks are among animals who manufacture and wield tools *Source: scientificinquirer*  
<https://scientificinquirer.com/2024/08/21/humpbacks-are-among-animals-who-manufacture-and-wield-tools/>
6. Mobile species are ‘glue’ which connect different habitats together, study finds *Source: University of Bristol*  
<https://bristol.ac.uk/news/2024/august/varied-habitats.html>
7. Next Time You Beat a Virus, Thank Your Microbial Ancestors *Source: The University of Texas at Austin*  
<https://cns.utexas.edu/news/research/next-time-you-beat-virus-thank-your-microbial-ancestors>
8. Failure in operation of services in Russia caused by DDoS attack — regulator *Source: TASS*  
<https://tass.com/society/1832041>
9. Study Finds Highest Prediction of Sea-Level Rise Unlikely *Source: Dartmouth*  
<https://home.dartmouth.edu/news/2024/08/study-finds-highest-prediction-sea-level-rise-unlikely>
10. China launches anti-subsidy probe into EU dairy products as trade spat escalates *Source: euro news*  
<https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/08/21/china-launches-anti-subsidy-probe-into-eu-dairy-products-as-trade-spat-escalates>

# Today In History

## *Find Out What happened On August 21*

### Important events of August 21

- 1689:** *The Battle of Dunkeld took place in Scotland. Source: [Historic Environment Scotland](#)*
- 1888:** *The first successful adding machine in the United States was patented by William Seward Burroughs. Source: [Center for Computing History- Cambridge](#)*
- 1712:** *In 1772, in Sweden, Gustav III ended the 50-year-old rule of parliament and established dictatorship. Source: [Opera Holland Park](#)*
- 1911:** *The Mona Lisa painting was stolen by Vincenzo Perugia, a Louvre employee. Source: [Samoa Global News](#)*
- 1959:** *Hawaii became the 50th state of America. Source: [Eisenhower Presidential Library](#)*
- 1963:** *Martial law was declared in South Vietnam in 1963 in response to raids on Buddhist temples and pagodas. Source: [Global Nonviolent Action Database](#)*
- 1965:** *The Constitution was adopted in the European country Romania in 1965. Source: [Constitution of Romania](#)*
- 1968:** *The Soviet-led attack on Paraguay in 1968 was announced by local radio in Czechoslovakia. Source: [Radio Prague International](#)*
- 1972:** *A law was passed for protecting wild animals, including lions and tigers, from extinction. Source: [Animal Legal & Historical Center](#)*
- 1983:** *Philippines opposition leader Benigno S. Aquino returned from voluntary exile in 1983; he was shot dead as soon as he set foot on the ground. Source: [BBC](#)*
- 1986:** *in Cameroon, about thousands of people died due to poisonous gas released from a volcanic eruption. Source: [History.com](#)*
- 1988:** *One thousand people died in the severe earthquake that struck the India-Nepal border. Source: [Scholars' Mine](#)*
- 1991:** *Latvia declares its independence from the Soviet Union. Source: [Republic of Latvia Supreme Court Latvia](#)*
- 1993:** *NASA lost contact with the Mars Observer Spacecraft. Source: [NASA](#)*
- 2006:** *Deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein refused to attend genocide trial. Source: [CNN](#)*