

Current Affairs

July 31

1. Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh killed in Israeli airstrike in Tehran *Source: Anadolu Ajansi*
<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/hamas-leader-ismail-haniyeh-killed-in-israeli-airstrike-in-tehran/3290251>
2. Dubai set to welcome even more millionaires as wealthy individuals abandon the UK *Source: CNBC*
<https://www.cnbc.com/2024/dubai-set-to-welcome-even-more-millionaires-as-wealthy-individuals-abandon-the-uk/>
3. Bank of Japan raises interest rates, lays out bond taper plan *Source: The Business Times*
<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/banking-finance/bank-japan-raises-interest-rates-lays-out-bond-taper-plan>
4. Wayanad landslides updates: Highlights from July 30, 2024 *Source: The Hindu*
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/wayanad-landslides-live-updates-july-30/article68462900.ece>
5. Hungary blocks EU bid for unified statement on Venezuela election *Source: Politico*
<https://www.politico.eu/article/hungary-block-eu-statement-venezuela-election-results-foreign-policy-josep-borrell/>
6. NASA Data Shows July 22 Was Earth's Hottest Day on Record *Source: NASA*
<https://www.nasa.gov/earth/nasa-data-shows-july-22-was-earths-hottest-day-on-record/#:~:text=Goddard%20Digital%20Team&text=July%2022%2C%202024%2C%20was%20the,record%2C%20set%20in%20July%202023.>
7. What no one has seen before: new study simulates gravitational waves from failing warp drive *Source: MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR GRAVITATIONAL PHYSICS (Albert Einstein Institute)*
<https://www.aei.mpg.de/1171367/what-no-one-has-seen-before-new-study-simulates-gravitational-waves-from-failing-warp-drive>
8. UBC super-black wood can improve telescopes, optical devices and consumer goods *Source: The University of British Columbia*
<https://ubctoday.ubc.ca/news/july-07-2024/ubc-super-black-wood-can-improve-telescopes-optical-devices-and-consumer-goods>
9. Scientists discover entirely new wood type that could be highly efficient at carbon storage *Source: University of Cambridge*
<https://www.cam.ac.uk/news/scientists-discover-entirely-new-wood-type-that-could-be-highly-efficient-at-carbon-storage#:~:text=Liriodendron%20diverged%20from%20Magnolia%20Trees,highly%20effective%20at%20carbon%20storage.%E2%80%9D>
10. Independent rights experts urge States to comply with ICJ ruling on Israel *Source: United Nations*
<https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/07/1152651>

Today In History

Find Out What happened On July 31

Important events of July 31

- 1498:** Christopher Columbus became the first European to explore the islands of Trinidad during his third voyage in the Western Hemisphere. *Source:* [ThoughtCo](#)
- 1658:** Mughal emperor Aurangzeb proclaimed himself king of the Mughal empire. *Source:* [The Hindu](#)
- 1865:** The world's first narrow gauge railway line started on 31 July 1865 in the town of Grantchester in South East Queensland, Australia. *Source:* [State Library of Queensland](#)
- 1924:** The Madras Presidency Club took the initiative to operate radio broadcasting. *Source:* [Prasar Bharati](#)
- 1948:** The first state transport service in India was West Bengal (Calcutta) State Transport Corporation established on 31 July 1948. *Source:* [Transport Department, Government of West Bengal](#)
- 1950:** India and Nepal signed the Treaty of Peace and Friendship in 1950. *Source:* [Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India](#)
- 1956:** Jim Laker became the first bowler to take all 10 wickets in a Test inning. *Source:* [ESPNcricinfo](#)
- 1964:** The first clear photographs of the moon were taken by the Ranger 7 spacecraft. *Source:* [NASA](#)
- 1991:** US President George H.W. Bush and then Soviet Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in 1991. *Source:* [National Park Service.gov](#)
- 1992:** Georgia joined the United Nations. *Source:* [archive.gov.ge](#)
- 1998:** The tenth SAARC summit was held in Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka. *Source:* [SAARC Secretariat](#)
- 2004:** The name of the economic cooperation forum BIMSTEC was changed to 'Bangladeshi'. *Source:* [BIMST-EC](#)
- 2008:** A court in Thailand sentenced the wife of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra to three years in prison after finding her guilty of tax evasion. *Source:* [NBC News](#)
- 2009:** Pakistan's Supreme Court had declared the emergency imposed in 2007 by the former Pak President Pervez Musharraf was unconstitutional under Article 279 of the Constitution. *Source:* [NBC News](#)
- 2012:** Michael Phelps (19 medals in swimming) broke the record set in 1964 by Larisa Latynina for the most medals (18 medals) won at the Olympics. *Source:* [The Guardian](#)
- 2012:** Due to major failure in the power grid in India, 30 crore people had to live without electricity. *Source:* [Central Electricity Regulatory Commission](#)

