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British Army Gazelle
helicopter

[A British Army helicopter was destroyed in a friendly fire incident](#)

during the [Falklands War](#), killing its four occupants. In the early hours of 6 June 1982, the [Royal Navy](#) destroyer [HMS Cardiff](#) was looking for aircraft supplying the Argentine forces on the [Falkland Islands](#). A [Gazelle helicopter](#) (*example pictured*) of the [Army Air Corps](#) was making a delivery to British troops on [East Falkland](#). *Cardiff*'s crew assumed that it was hostile and fired two missiles, destroying it. Although *Cardiff* was suspected, scientific tests

on the wreckage were inconclusive. No formal inquiry was held until four years later. Defending their claim that the helicopter had been lost in action, the [Ministry of Defence](#) stated that they did not want to upset relatives until they had ascertained how it had been shot down. A board of inquiry identified factors including a lack of communication between the army and the navy, and the army's decision to turn off helicopters' [identification friend or foe](#) transmitters. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that although [Nora Helmer](#) was subject to extensive controversy upon her 1879 debut, she is now considered a focal point in analysis of gender roles?
- ... that US general [Tommy Franks](#) reportedly [did not have time to become an expert](#) on the Danish Air Force?
- ... that [Tribuna da Imprensa](#) was shut down in 2001 after losing a lawsuit over an article that referred to a judge as "PC Salomão"?
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Eurasian beaver with her
kit

- ... that basketball player [Barry Leibowitz](#), despite being drafted by the [New York Knicks](#) and playing in the [ABA](#), chose to play in Israel instead because of its sea, [hummus](#), and [tahini](#)?
- ... that the filmmakers of [100 Litres of Gold](#) brewed 20 litres of [sahti](#) at the Finnish embassy in Rome for its premiere?
- ... that after [being ousted by the Southern Transitional Council](#), the governor of the [Socotra Archipelago](#) fled to Oman and continued to govern through [WhatsApp](#)?

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- US president [Donald Trump](#) announces [trade tariffs](#) on most countries.
- [Marine Le Pen](#), the runner-up in [the 2017](#) and [2022 French presidential elections](#), [is convicted](#) of embezzlement and banned from standing in elections for five years.
- [A magnitude-7.7 earthquake](#) leaves more than 4,300 people dead in Myanmar and Thailand.



Yoon Suk Yeol

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On this day

April 4: [Hansik](#) in Korea (2024); [Qingming Festival](#) ([traditional Chinese](#), 2025)

- 503 BC – Roman consul [Agrippa Menenius Lanatus](#) celebrated a [triumph](#) for a military victory over the [Sabines](#).
- 1081 – The [Komnenos](#) dynasty [came to full power](#) with the coronation of [Alexios I Komnenos](#) (*pictured*) as [Byzantine](#) emperor.
- 1859 – [Bryant's Minstrels](#) premiered the [minstrel song](#) "[Dixie](#)" in New York City as part of their [blackface](#) show.
- 1949 – Twelve nations signed the [North Atlantic Treaty](#), establishing [NATO](#), an international [military alliance](#) whereby its member states agree to [mutual defense](#) in response to an attack by any external party.



Alexios I
Komnenos

A. [Thomas Bradbury](#) (b. 1902) · [Martin Rundkvist](#) (b. 1972) · [Xu Lai](#) (d. 1973) · [Inez Robb](#) (d. 1979)

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In 1920, the [University of Oxford](#) **admitted women to degrees for the first time** during the [Michaelmas term](#). The conferrals took place at the [Sheldonian Theatre](#) on 14 October, 26 October, 29 October, 30 October and 13 November. That same year, on 7 October, women also became eligible for admission as full members of the university. Before 1920, it is estimated that around 4,000 women studied at Oxford since the opening of the university's first women's colleges in 1879. One graduate was [Annie Rogers](#), who took undergraduate exams in 1875 and 1877 and was finally given a degree in 1920, when she was 64 years old. The last survivor of the first conferral ceremony was [Constance Savery](#), who died at the age of 101 in 1999. ([Full list...](#))



Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University

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The **red panda** is a [mammal](#) native to the [eastern Himalayas](#) and [southwestern China](#). It has dense reddish-brown fur with a black belly and legs, and a ringed tail. It has a head-to-body length of 51–63.5 cm (20–25 in) and a 28–48.5 cm (11–19 in) tail, and it weighs between 3.2 and 15 kg (7 and 33 lb). It is genetically close to [raccoons](#), [weasels](#) and [skunks](#). Solitary, largely [arboreal](#) and well adapted to climbing, it inhabits [coniferous](#), [temperate broadleaf and mixed forests](#), favouring steep slopes with dense [bamboo](#) cover close to water sources. It uses elongated wrist bones ("false thumbs") to grasp bamboo. It feeds mainly on [bamboo shoots](#) and leaves. Red pandas mate in early spring, giving birth to litters of up to four cubs in summer. On the [IUCN Red List](#) as [endangered](#) since 2015, the species is threatened by [poaching](#) and [deforestation](#)-based habitat [destruction](#) and [fragmentation](#).

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