



7 people and 2 firms charged over massive Hong Kong fire that killed 168



GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thunderstorm • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Iran, US trade fire; Trump warns of more strikes

Bahrain said it intercepted aerial attacks, Jordan downs missiles as Don accused Iran of stalling talks for too long



Strikes disrupt water supply for 20,000 Iranians

TEHRAN: Around 20,000 residents of Sirik have lost access to drinking water after strikes damaged two reservoirs supplying the Bemani and Kouhestak areas, state media reported on Wednesday. Local water officials said temperatures of 45-50 degrees Celsius had made conditions "extremely difficult and critical". The destruction of the reservoirs has strained water supplies, with insufficient groundwater to replace them. The reservoirs were damaged during US strikes on southern Iran after Washington accused Tehran of downing a US Army Apache helicopter. Officials said efforts were under way to arrange alternative supplies for affected villages. Tehran condemned the strikes as having been carried out under a "false pretext".

TEHRAN

IRAN and the US once again traded fire following the downing of an American helicopter, further straining a ceasefire that took effect in April but has been marked by sporadic flare-ups of violence.

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump accused Iran of taking too long to negotiate a peace deal and warned it would "have to pay the price". Trump said he will renew attacks on Iran, saying Tehran's peace negotiators "keep playing us for suckers." "We're going to be attacking them — attacking them very hard," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office. "We were really close to a deal, but they keep tapping us along, they keep playing us for suckers." "Iran is all talk and no action," Trump said. "They've taken too long to negotiate a deal that would have been great for them, now they will have to pay the price!" Separately, he said he was getting closer to targeting Iran's power plants and bridges. "I may keep going. They had a chance to sign a deal and survive."



Donald Trump

Warning to Gulf neighbours

Iran said it attacked American bases in Jordan and Bahrain on Wednesday after US strikes in retaliation for the downing of a helicopter. Bahrain said it intercepted Iranian aerial attacks, while Jordan said it shot down five missiles.

Kuwait said its air defences were engaging hostile aerial targets. Tehran reiterated that neighbours should not allow the US or Israel to use their territory for attacks. Russia and China urged restraint.

IAEA seeks access to stockpile information

The UN nuclear watchdog's board approved a Western-backed resolution demanding that Iran immediately provide information on its uranium stockpile and production facilities and grant inspectors access. Iran has suspended cooperation with the IAEA after US-Israeli strikes on its nuclear sites and dismissed the resolution as a "provocative" move. *AFP*



Flames engulf vehicles following an Israeli airstrike that hit a car in the centre of the southern Lebanese city of Sidon | *AFP*

Israeli hits in South Lebanon kill 12 as fighting shows no sign of easing

BEIRUT

ISRAELI strikes on southern Lebanon killed at least 12 people on Wednesday, a Lebanese medical source said, as Israel carried out strikes across the south including the coastal city of Sidon. Earlier, Israeli forces seized a municipal councillor and a worker from the border town of Kfarshuba, according to Lebanon's state-run National News Agency, while Israel said it "apprehended" two people who approached its soldiers.

A ceasefire in Lebanon meant to have gone into force in April was never observed, and a new conditional truce announced after Lebanese-Israeli talks in

Washington last week was rejected by militant group Hezbollah and both sides have continued to trade fire. The agreement did not mention a halt to Israeli attacks. "The number of martyrs from the Israeli airstrikes in the town of Tayr Dibba is eight, and in Deir Qanun al-Nahr it is four," the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The NNA had reported at least four Israeli strikes on Tayr Dibba and two on Deir Qanun al-Nahr. It also reported an Israeli drone strike on a vehicle in Sidon, a city relatively spared from major Israeli attacks and which hosts a large number of displaced people.

An AFP correspondent heard

an explosion in the area before seeing a car burning as rescuers and firefighters headed to the scene. The correspondent saw rescuers pull two people from the targeted vehicle. Hezbollah drew Lebanon into the West Asia war on March 2 in support of Iran. Lebanese authorities say Israeli attacks since March have killed nearly 3,700 people and displaced more than one million others.

Neither side has respected a ceasefire first announced in mid-April. Iran insists that Lebanon must be part of any deal to end the wider West Asia war, whose prospects were questioned after Tehran launched attacks on US bases. *AFP*

Long-range Ukrainian attacks hit Russian military, energy infra

KYIV

A series of long-range Ukrainian attacks hit targets deep inside Russia on Wednesday, part of Kyiv's efforts to raise the costs of the war for the Kremlin by striking energy facilities and military industries.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said his country's forces struck several military and energy infrastructure sites, including a military factory that he said supplied components for Russian drones and missiles. In a post on social media, Zelenskyy said Ukrainian FP-5 Flamingo long-range missiles had hit the facility in Cheboksary, located in the Chuvashia region more than 900 kilometers from the front line.

Russia's Defense Ministry said that air defenses downed

326 Ukrainian drones overnight. Oleg Nikolayev, the head of Chuvashiya, confirmed the missile attack but didn't give details. The Astra online news outlet reported that the Ukrainian strike hit the VNIIR nuclear progress plant that produces antennas for drones.

Zelenskyy also said Ukrainian forces struck a refinery in Russia's Samara region, where Gov. Vyacheslav Fedorishchev said that several industrial plants were damaged by drone strikes and three people were injured.

Fedorishchev didn't name the facilities that were damaged, but Astra carried images of a large fire at the Samara refinery. Zelenskyy added that Ukraine's Security Service (SBU) had also targeted two oil infrastructure facilities in Russia's Vladimir region, about 700 kilometers from the front line. *AP*



Firefighters put out a fire after a Ukrainian drone attack hit the building of "Defense of Sevastopol 1854-1855" Panorama in Sevastopol, Crimea | *AP*

Belfast on alert as far-right unrest spreads beyond Northern Ireland

BELFAST

BELFAST steeled itself Wednesday for a second night of violence directed at immigrants in Northern Ireland, unrest that authorities say is being stoked by far-right activists on social media. Several schools closed and businesses shut early after a Sudanese man appeared in court over a brutal knife attack that triggered on Tuesday evening's unrest in the British province's capital. Police were bolstering their presence after masked rioters torched vehicles and buildings, forcing families to flee their homes, in scenes that UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer branded "shocking and completely unacceptable". The violence, which spread to Scotland,



Vehicles set on fire by protesters burn on Lendrick Street in east Belfast, Northern Ireland after the arrest of a Sudanese man accused of stabbing a man | *AP*

comes as tensions in the UK are already high. There were skirmishes in southern England last week over the police handling of the murder of a white student by a British Sikh man. Anselme Shima, originally

from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and who has lived in Northern Ireland since 2013, called the situation "terrifying". "I have two children at home and this morning I am wondering, 'Can I send them to school?'" the

48-year-old told AFP Wednesday. Calls for more protests circulated on Wednesday. Northern Ireland police chief Jon Boucher said the force was looking to add a further 200 officers to the streets, while local transport authorities cancelled bus and train services for Wednesday evening. Boucher said police had to take a baby as young as two months old and its family to safety during Tuesday's disorder, which he branded "a huge act of self-harm by mindless idiots", many of whom appeared to be young men.

The violence followed widespread condemnation of a stabbing allegedly committed by Hadi Alodid, 30, a refugee originally from Sudan, on a man in his 40s who a court heard lost an eye in the attack. *AFP*

Sudanese man charged over Belfast knife attack

BELFAST: A 30-year-old Sudanese man appeared in court on Wednesday charged with attempted murder over a stabbing that left a man seriously injured and triggered anti-immigrant violence across parts of Northern Ireland. Police said Hadi Alodid was armed with a kitchen knife when officers arrived. Rioters set homes and vehicles ablaze and attacked police, prompting authorities to deploy 200 more officers. Prime Minister Keir Starmer condemned the unrest, saying there was no justification for violence against people based on their background. Police said there was no indication the stabbing was terrorism-related.

Pakistan army copter crashes after tech fault, all aboard dead

ISLAMABAD

A Pakistani army MI-17 helicopter crashed because of a technical fault in Pakistan-administered Kashmir on Wednesday, killing all military personnel on board, the military said. The military didn't immediately disclose how many people were aboard the helicopter. The crash occurred near Muzaffarabad, the regional capital, during an ongoing protest and strike called by the Joint Awami Action Committee, a recently banned alliance of various groups.

The military didn't suggest any link between the protest and the crash. Witnesses said that the helicopter crashed shortly after takeoff from a helipad. Ambulances arrived at the scene and transported the victims to a nearby hospital. "Rescue and recovery teams immediately reached the crash site," the military said, adding that a board of inquiry had been ordered to determine the exact cause of the crash.

Residents in Muzaffarabad said that the helicopter was carrying an unspecified number of paramilitary Rangers deployed by the government for security duties in the region. Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif expressed sorrow over the crash, paying tribute to those killed. In separate statements, they conveyed sympathies to the victims' families. *AP*



Smoke billows after an army MI-17 helicopter crashed due to a technical fault, in Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistan-administered Kashmir | *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Fired admiral enters Democratic runoff

WASHINGTON: Nancy Lacore, a former Navy admiral fired by US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth last year, has advanced to a Democratic primary runoff for South Carolina's First Congressional District, according to *Drudge Report*. She will face Coast Guard veteran Mac DeFord in the June 23 runoff, with the winner taking on Republican Nancy Mace's successor in the fall. Lacore, who says she was dismissed without explanation after 35 years of service, has raised over \$1.4 million through late May.

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