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Tehran warns against Strait of Hormuz bypass as US, Iran trade fresh attacks

Fresh exchanges across the Gulf test a fragile ceasefire and threaten global energy supplies

WASHINGTON

IRAN's top diplomat warned Sunday that any attempt by shipping to bypass its preferred route through the Strait of Hormuz would "increase tensions" in the West Asia, as US and Iranian forces again traded attacks across the vital seaway. The exchanges underscored the fragility of a Pakistan-brokered agreement aimed at ending the war launched by the United States and Israel in February, which disrupted shipping through the strait and rattled global energy markets.

Although a ceasefire took effect in April, sporadic violence has continued in the Gulf region, with ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz often the spark. Early on Sunday, US Central Command (CENTCOM) said it had attacked 10 Iranian military targets over "continued Iranian aggression against commercial shipping". Iran then said it had carried out



Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, centre, arrives to meet his Iraqi counterpart Fouad Hussein at Baghdad in Iraq on Sunday | AP

retaliatory strikes against US bases in Kuwait and Bahrain in response. Both Kuwait and Bahrain denounced the attacks.

Tehran has continued to insist on controlling passage through the vital strait, through which a fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas travel in normal times, something it did not have before the war.

At the moment, Iran insists ships transiting the strait pass

through a corridor close to its own shores, though this week dozens of vessels have travelled along the opposite side of the waterway, hugging the Omani coast. "Any attempt to adopt new or separate arrangements compared to what is underway by the Islamic Republic of Iran, will only lead to more complicated situations and delays in the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, and will increase the tensions," Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said.

"I urge all parties... to adhere to the memorandum of understanding and not to allow this MoU to deviate from its course." Iran's Revolutionary Guards said on Sunday they were taking measures to control traffic in the strait and that vessels in violation of those measures would be dealt with more firmly than before. Mohammad Mokhber, adviser to Iran's supreme leader, wrote on X that as long as Iran managed the strait, Washington's "hegemonic dreams in the region will not be realised".

AFP

Trump's plan for Syria to fight Hezbollah raises alarm

BEIRUT

AS the White House has soured on Israel's war with Hezbollah in Lebanon, US President Donald Trump has shocked many in the region by pushing an alternative: Let Syria fight the Iran-backed militant group instead.

He has suggested that the battle-hardened and Islamist-led insurgents who overthrew Syria's autocratic President Bashar Assad a year and a half ago and formed a new government would do a better job of rooting out Hezbollah than the Israeli army. Syrian President Ahmad al-Sharaa has said he has no interest in doing so, and has asserted that Trump's comments were misconstrued. But Trump has doubled down on the idea.

Although it remains unclear how serious the White House is about the proposal, the prospect of a Syrian invasion has raised alarms in Lebanon — and also in Israel, which regards al-Sharaa's Islamist-led government with suspicion and has seized control of a strip of southern Syria since he took power. Syria has also become the site of rising tensions between Israel and Turkey — a key backer of al-Sharaa's government — as both seek to limit the other's influence. Israeli security officials convened a meeting on Wednesday, an official familiar with the matter said.

AP

France sees 1,000 excess deaths as Europe swelters in deadly heatwave

BERLIN/GENEVA

FRANCE saw around 1,000 additional deaths last week at the height of its record-smashing heat wave, the country's public health agency said Sunday, as the head of the World Health Organization warned that Europe is now the fastest-warming continent and needs to do more to protect its citizens.

And across Europe, "more than 1,300 excess deaths have been recorded since 21 June linked to high temperatures in Europe", WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on X. "Heat stress is often called the 'silent killer' — and European homes, workplaces and



People refresh in a fountain after the Angelus noon prayer celebrated by Pope Leo XIV from the window of his studio overlooking St Peter's Square | AP

schools were not built for these temperatures," he said. At least 191 million people are forecast to endure temperatures of at least 35 degrees Celsius on Sunday in Europe, with the heat particularly intense in

Germany, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland, according to AFP estimates. Germany marked a new record for the third day in a row with 41.7 degrees Celsius in Neißemünde, near the border with Poland, which baked under its new all-time high of 40.5 degrees Celsius. The Czech Republic also experienced its hottest day ever with 41.1 degrees Celsius.

A new study from the World Weather Attribution, a Europe-based collaboration of scientists, reported Friday that the record-breaking heat and humidity in Europe this past week would not have been possible without climate change.

Agencies



Vehicles pass a burned "Lebanon first" billboard near Hezbollah's Beirut stronghold following Lebanon's framework agreement with Israel | AFP

Israel approves Armenian genocide recognition

TEL AVIV

ISRAEL'S Cabinet unanimously approved a proposal on Sunday to designate violence against Armenians by the Ottoman Empire during World War I as a genocide. The step, which still needs approval in Parliament, reflects deteriorating ties between Israel and Turkey. Turkey has fiercely lobbied to prevent countries from officially recognizing the mass deaths of Armenians around 1915 as a genocide, even as Armenians have pushed for it.

Historians estimate that up to 1.5 million Armenians were killed by Ottoman Turks around the time of World War I, an event widely viewed by scholars as the first genocide of the 20th century. Turkey denies the deaths were genocide, saying the toll was inflated and victims died in civil war and unrest. Israel long steered clear of the issue for fear of angering Turkey, but ties have worsened.

"Despite the extensive and unambiguous historical documentation, the Armenian Genocide remains to this day the subject of an institutionalized campaign of denial and minimisation, including a manipulative rewriting of history, mainly by the Turkish government," said Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar, who brought the decision to the government.

AP

Venezuela quake rescue effort turns into recovery mission

LA GUAIRA

RESCUE crews raced on Sunday to pull survivors from the rubble of Venezuela's powerful twin earthquakes as the death toll reached 1,430 and hopes dwindled more than three days after the disaster struck.

Tens of thousands of people were reported missing as collapsed buildings dotted cities in a country already enduring an economic crisis and political upheaval after US forces captured former president Nicolas Maduro in January.

Millions of people across the country were also feared to lack sanitation and other basic needs after one of Latin America's most devastating earthquakes. In one of the worst hit areas, the coastal city of La Guaira, Hector Aguilera came to search for four family members buried in the rubble since the back-to-back quakes of magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 struck on Wednesday. Two other of his family members were res-

cued. "We don't have the support to get our family out -- we can't do it alone. They are buried there; we know they are dead, but here we are," he said. "We have no hope left, all I have are memories." Experts say the first 72 hours after natural disasters — which have now passed — are the key, narrow window for finding the living. After that the search becomes one of recovering bodies. In the Caracas neighborhood of Chacao, large electronic screens on a building usually used for advertising were showing the faces of missing people in a bid to help find them.

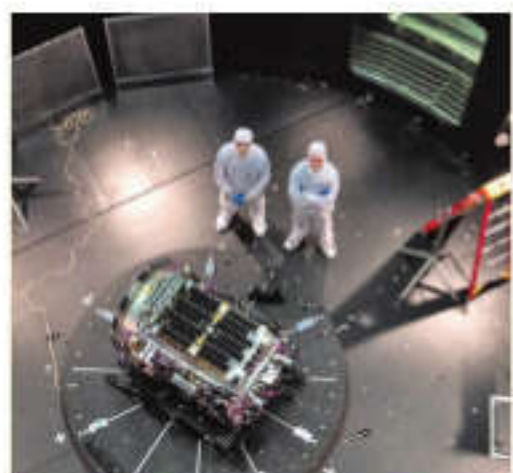
National Assembly President Jorge Rodriguez reported 1,430 dead and 3,238 people injured. Interim Venezuelan President Delcy Rodriguez said late Saturday rescuers had pulled 33 people from the ruins. International rescue teams with dogs scoured the rubble and US helicopters ferried in aid, but hope was running out for more people to be pulled out alive.

AFP



Rescuers carry a person who was pulled alive from the rubble of a collapsed building in La Guaira state, Venezuela | AFP

NASA races to save Swift from a fiery fall



FILE: The LINK spacecraft undergoes pre-launch testing at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center | AP

CAPE CANAVERAL

NASA is racing to save an aging telescope from falling back to Earth with a daring rescue mission. The \$30 million salvage operation gets underway as soon as this week with the planned launch of a robotic lifesaver.

NASA hired startup Katalyst Space Technologies to boost the Swift Observatory to a higher orbit where it can continue hunting for some of the universe's biggest explosions.

A three-armed spacecraft built by Katalyst will chase after Swift once it takes off from an atoll in the Pa-

cific's Marshall Islands aboard an airplane-launched Pegasus rocket. Liftoff could occur as early as Tuesday.

Scanning the cosmos since its launch in 2004, Swift has been sinking faster and faster because of recent intense solar activity.

It needs to get to a higher, more stable orbit as soon as possible to survive. NASA's Hubble Space Telescope — also at risk — could be next.

Like Swift, Hubble is losing altitude as the sun erupts with one flare after another, raising concerns over its long-term future.

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