



300 families evacuated after massive amounts of ash billowed from Philippines's Mayon volcano over weekend



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IRAN HITS UAE, OMAN AFTER US WARSHIPS ENTER HORMUZ

MISSILES, DRONES FIRED AT UAE AS U.S. SAYS IT OPENED PASSAGE IN STRAIT OF HORMUZ, 3 INDIANS INJURED

DUBAI/WASHINGTON

A DRONE strike caused a fire at an energy installation in the emirate of Fujairah, UAE on Monday, and left three Indian workers injured hours after President Donald Trump said US guided-missile destroyers crossed the Strait of Hormuz.

"Three Indian nationals sustained moderate injuries and have been transferred to the hospital to receive necessary treatment," the Fujairah media office said in a post on social media. The UAE's defence ministry and state news agency said a fresh Iranian barrage had targeted the country.

"Four cruise missiles launched from Iran were detected toward various areas across the country. Three were successfully engaged over the country's territorial waters, while one fell in the sea," the defence ministry said.

In Oman, two people were injured when a residential building was targeted in Bukha along the coastline of the Strait

of Hormuz, state media reported.

The US military said it has opened a passage through the Strait of Hormuz and reached out to dozens of shipping companies to encourage navigation through the waterway.

Admiral Brad Cooper, commander of US Central Command, told reporters during a phone news conference that US military helicopters have sunk six Iranian small boats that were targeting civilian vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. It is the latest test of the ceasefire between Iran and the US.

Earlier, the US military said two American-flagged merchant ships had successfully transited the strait. The military's Central Command said the two American-flagged merchant ships were "safely headed on their journey" after transiting the Strait of Hormuz. It said Navy guided-missile destroyers in the Persian Gulf were helping to restore traffic.

Its statement on X said that US destroyers had also trans-



A container ship sits at anchor as a small motorboat passes in the foreground in the Strait of Hormuz off Bandar Abbas, Iran on Monday | AFP

ited the strait. It did not say when the Navy ships arrived or when the merchant vessels departed. In response to Trump's announcement, a senior Iranian

official warned on Monday that Tehran would consider any US attempt to interfere in the Strait of Hormuz a breach of the ongoing ceasefire.

Negotiations break down

Tehran: Iran's latest proposal for ending the war calls for the US lifting sanctions, ending the blockade, withdrawing forces from the region and ceasing all hostilities, including Israel's operations in Lebanon, according to the semi-official Nour News and Tasnim agencies, which have close ties to Iran's security apparatus. Iranian officials said they were reviewing the US response, though Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei told reporters Monday that changing demands made diplomacy difficult. He did not give details. Iranian leadership has claimed its proposal does not include nuclear program and enriched uranium

"Any American interference in the new maritime regime of the Strait of Hormuz will be considered a violation of the ceasefire," Ebrahim Azizi, head of the national security commission in Iran's parliament, posted on X. Agencies

Hezbollah says fighters clashed with Israel forces

BEIRUT

HEZBOLLAH said its forces clashed with Israeli soldiers on Monday in south Lebanon near the border where the troops are still operating, despite a ceasefire since April 17.

Hezbollah said in a statement that after Israeli troops attempted to advance near the town of Deir Seryan—which is inside the Israeli-declared "yellow line" where Lebanese residents have been told not to return—their fighters "opened fire on the enemy force and engaged in heavy clashes with them".

The Israeli military confirmed there were clashes with Hezbollah fighters in south Lebanon. "Earlier today, two IDF soldiers were moderately injured as a result of a close-quarters encounter with Hezbollah terrorists in southern Lebanon," the military said in a statement.

"The soldiers were evacuated to receive medical treatment at a hospital." Lebanese President Joseph Aoun on Monday said a security deal and an end to Israeli attacks were needed before any meeting with Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, sought by Washington.

Aoun's office said in a statement that the president "reiterated his view that the timing is not appropriate now for a meeting" with Netanyahu. The statement quoted Aoun as saying: "We must first reach a security agreement and stop the Israeli attacks on us before we raise the issue of a meeting between us." Israeli and Lebanese representatives last month met twice in Washington—the first such meetings in decades which came after Iran-backed Hezbollah drew Lebanon into the Middle East war on March 2, sparking heavy Israeli strikes and a ground invasion. AFP

AMID US THREATS, EUROPE, CANADA PLEDGE CLOSER TIES

YEREVAN

EUROPEAN leaders talked up independence on defence and closer ties with Canada Monday, as they gathered in Armenia for a summit clouded by US threats to cut military support.

US President Donald Trump loomed large over the meeting of the European Political Community (EPC) in Yerevan, which was for the first time attended by a non-European leader: Canada's Mark Carney.

"We don't think that we're destined to submit to a more transactional and insular and brutal world and gatherings such as these point to a better way forward," the Canadian prime minister told fellow leaders.

Trump's go-it-alone policies on trade and defence have pushed Canada and Europe closer together, with both now confronting the economic fallout from the US-Israeli war on Iran which has further strained transatlantic ties.

The Armenia gathering comes days after Washington announced it would pull 5,000 US troops from Germany, whose

leader, Chancellor Friedrich Merz, has sparred with Trump over the Middle East conflict.

"We have to step up our military capabilities to be able to defend and protect ourselves," EU chief Ursula von der Leyen told reporters in Yerevan. The bloc needed "more independence" in security matters, she added. Like Europe, Canada's economy has been hurt by Trump's tariffs—but Carney has remained defiant, emerging as something of a figurehead for countries looking to stand up to the Republican president. He has urged middle powers to join forces in the face of a new reality defined by great power competition and a "fading" rules-based order.

Moving to diversify away from its southern neighbour, Ottawa has become the first non-European country to join the EU's defence financing scheme, while seeking to increase cooperation on trade.

"We're the most European of non-European countries, so there's many ways that we can work together," Carney said.

3 die on Atlantic cruise ship from suspected hantavirus infection

PRAIA

THREE people have died on a cruise ship in the Atlantic, the WHO said Sunday, one a confirmed case of hantavirus—an illness usually transmitted to humans from rodents.

The outbreak occurred on the MV Hondius, travelling from Argentina to Cape Verde. "To date, one case of hantavirus infection has been confirmed, and there are five additional suspected cases," the WHO told AFP. "Of the six affected individuals, three

have died and one is currently in intensive care in South Africa."

On Sunday, South Africa's health ministry said there had been an outbreak of a "severe acute respiratory illness", which had killed at least two people, with a third in intensive care in Johan-

nesburg. The patient treated in Johannesburg tested positive for hantavirus, a family of viruses that can cause hemorrhagic fever; South African spokesperson Foster Mohale said.

The WHO said hantavirus infections "are typically linked to

environmental exposure (exposure to infected rodents' urine or faeces). "While rare, hantavirus may spread between people, and can lead to severe respiratory illness and requires careful patient monitoring, support and response." AFP

GameStop makes \$56 bn bid for eBay

Washington: US video game retailer GameStop made a takeover bid to buy eBay for about \$55.5 billion in an attempt to turn it into a competitor to Amazon. Gamestop is offering \$125 per share in a combination of stock and cash, a 46 percent premium over the average stock price since it began acquiring shares in eBay on February 4, it said in a release.

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2 dead after car plunges into crowd in German city

LEIPZIG

A car ploughed into people on a street Germany's eastern city of Leipzig on Monday, leaving at least two dead and several injured, authorities said.

The driver was arrested after the vehicle careered from a main square down a major city centre street, close to historic sites.

Leipzig mayor Burkhard Jung confirmed two people had died, adding: "We still don't really know the motivation. We don't know anything about the perpetrator." Leipzig fire service chief Axel Schuh also gave a death toll of two.

Two people were also seriously injured and two others were "affected," he said. Police said in a post on X that the car ploughed into people on Grimmaische street and then "fled the scene". But they later arrested the driver, adding that "there is currently no further danger from him". AFP

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