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Iran hits UAE, Oman after US warships enter Hormuz

Missiles, drones fired at UAE as US says it opened passage in Strait of Hormuz, 3 Indians injured



Ex-NY mayor Rudy Giuliani hospitalised in critical state

WASHINGTON FORMER New York mayor Rudy Giuliani is hospitalised in "critical but stable condition," his spokesman said on Sunday, without disclosing what ails the 81-year-old former politician.

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



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

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 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-

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 spokesman 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.

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.

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



Smoke rises after Israeli airstrike in south Lebanon | AFP

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 Prime Minister 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. 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 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.

EXPRESS READ

GameStop makes \$56 bn bid to take over eBay

Washington: US video game retailer GameStop made a takeover bid on Sunday to buy eBay for about \$55.5 billion in an attempt to turn the online marketplace into a competitor to e-commerce giant Amazon. Gamestop is offering \$125 per share in a combination of stock and cash, a 46% 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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