

RETALIATION FOR ROCKET FIRE

Israel pounds Gaza Strip

AFP, Gaza City

The Israeli air force said it had carried out overnight air strikes against sites of the Islamist movement Hamas in the Gaza Strip after a rocket was fired from the Palestinian enclave towards Israeli territory.

The Israeli army reported on Saturday evening a rocket had been fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israel, the first in a month.

The attack came as one of Gaza's larger armed factions, Islamic Jihad, threatened to retaliate after Israeli troops killed two of its leaders in the West Bank town of Jenin on Thursday.

"In response to the rocket fired toward Israeli territory, IDF fighter jets targeted overnight (Sunday) a weapons manufacturing site belonging to the Hamas terrorist organisation," the Israeli army said in a statement.

The target was a site "where the majority of the organisation's rockets in the Gaza Strip are being manufactured", it said. Israel Defense Forces also hit "a Hamas terrorist tunnel in the Southern Gaza Strip", it said.

The army said a few hours later it had targeted a Hamas military post in response to fire from the Gaza Strip against Israeli warplanes.



This handout photo taken and released from the Indonesia Geology Agency yesterday shows the Glada Perak bridge hit by hot smoke and ashes from the Mount Semeru volcano eruption in Lumajang. The volcanic eruption spewed a cloud of ash 15 km into the sky and forced the evacuation of nearly 2,000 people, authorities said, as they issued their highest warning for the area in the east of Java island.

PHOTO: AFP

IS claims attack on Pak envoy in Kabul

Islamabad demands probe

AFP, Kabul

The Islamic State group late on Saturday claimed responsibility for an attack on Pakistan's embassy in Kabul, which Islamabad decried as an "assassination attempt".

A security guard was wounded in the attack Friday in the Afghan capital.

In a statement cited by jihadist monitor SITE, the Islamic State's regional chapter said it had "attacked the apostate Pakistani ambassador and his guards".

Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has called it "an assassination attempt" on the head of the mission, and demanded an investigation. A Kabul police spokesman said one suspect had been arrested and two light weapons seized after security forces swept a nearby building.

Although Pakistan does not officially recognise Afghanistan's Taliban government, it maintains a full diplomatic mission.

An embassy official told AFP a lone attacker "came behind the cover of houses and started firing", but that the ambassador and other staff were safe.

West should address Russia's concerns: Macron

US says Ukraine war may grind on for months at reduced tempo

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The West should consider how to address Russia's need for security guarantees if President Vladimir Putin agrees to negotiations about ending the war in Ukraine, French President Emmanuel Macron said in remarks broadcast on Saturday.

In an interview with French TV station TF1 recorded during his state visit to the United States last week, Macron said Europe needs to prepare its future security architecture.

"This means that one of the essential points we must address - as President Putin has always said - is the fear that Nato comes right up to its doors, and the deployment of weapons that could threaten

Russia," Macron said.

"That topic will be part of the topics for peace, so we need to prepare what we are ready to do, how we protect our allies and member states, and how to give guarantees to Russia the day it returns to the negotiating table," Macron said.

Many in Ukraine and the West are strongly opposed to any negotiation with Putin that would reward him with concessions after nearly 10 months of war, especially as Ukraine has driven back Russian forces from large areas in the past three months.



In another development, US intelligence expects the reduced tempo in fighting in Ukraine to continue in the next several months and sees no evidence of a reduced Ukrainian will to resist, despite attacks on its power grid and other critical winter infrastructure, the

Director of National Intelligence said on Saturday.

"We're seeing a kind of a reduced tempo already of the conflict... and we expect that's likely to be what we see in the coming months," Avril Haines told the annual Reagan National Defense Forum in California.

LINKS TO ISRAELI INTEL

Iran executes 4 people: judiciary

AFP, Tehran

Iran yesterday put to death four people accused of working with Israel's intelligence service, the judiciary said. "This morning, the sentences of four main members of the gang of mobsters related to the Zionist intelligence service were executed," the judiciary's Mizan Online website reported. Iran carried out the sentences four days after the Islamic republic's supreme court upheld the penalty of capital punishment for "their intelligence cooperation with the Zionist regime (Israel) and kidnapping", the Mizan Online said. There was no recourse to appeal after Wednesday's decision, it added. Mizan identified the men as Hossein Ordoukhanzadeh, Shahin Imani Mahmoudabad, Milad Ashrafi Atbatan and Manouchehr Shahbandi Bojandi, without elaborating on their backgrounds. Three other defendants were sentenced to between five and 10 years in prison for crimes against the country's security, complicity in kidnapping and possession of weapons, the judiciary's website said after the Wednesday ruling. Iran and Israel have been engaged in a years-long shadow war.

TRUCK CRASH IN MYANMAR

70 Rohingyas arrested

AFP, Yangon

Seventy Rohingya people hiding in a truck transporting ginger were arrested north of Yangon after the vehicle crashed into a roadside canal, the Myanmar junta said yesterday. Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar's western Rakhine state are widely regarded as illegal immigrants in the Buddhist-majority country and have long faced discrimination, restrictions on travel and been denied citizenship, health care and education. The arrests took place a week ago, the Myanmar junta said in a statement. The group of mostly men were hiding under ginger bags in the truck when it crashed into the canal, the statement said. A Bangladeshi citizen was also arrested and authorities were searching for two Myanmar nationals who were driving the truck and riding in the cabin. Rohingya people convicted of violating immigration laws can face two years in jail in Myanmar. Amnesty International likens their living conditions in Rakhine state to "apartheid".

BRITAIN'S KING CHARLES III

Historic crown to be modified for coronation

AFP, London

Britain's 17th-century St Edward's Crown, the centrepiece of the Crown Jewels, has been removed from display to be altered for the coronation of King Charles III, Buckingham Palace said on Saturday.

The solid gold crown, encrusted with rubies, amethysts, sapphires, garnet, topazes and tourmalines, will undergo "modification work" for Charles III's coronation at Westminster Abbey on May 6 next year, the palace said.

The crown is the centrepiece of the Crown Jewels, a large collection of royal regalia housed in the Tower of London that attracts more than a million visitors per year.

It has a purple velvet cap with an ermine band, is just over 30 cm (one foot) tall and very heavy. It was last worn by Queen Elizabeth II, at her coronation

in 1953.

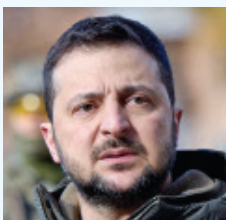
Charles III, 74, will be crowned along with his wife, Queen Consort Camilla. The ceremony will be followed by a national holiday on May 8.

The crown was made for King Charles II in 1661 to replace a mediaeval crown though to date back to Edward the Confessor.

The original had been melted down by parliamentarians after the execution of Charles I.

For hundreds of years afterwards, the crown was only carried in coronation processions because it was too heavy to wear. It was altered to make it lighter for the coronation of King George V in 1911 but still weighs 2.23 kilograms.

Charles III will only wear it at the moment he is crowned. When he leaves Westminster Abbey, Charles will wear the more modern Imperial State Crown.



Russia has already caused huge losses to all countries of the world by deliberately destabilizing the energy market. It is only a matter of time when stronger tools will have to be used anyway. It is a pity that this time will be lost.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy says \$60 price cap set on Russian oil not enough

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