US warns Iran not to target it over Syria strike

REUTERS, *United Nations*

The US warned Iran on Tuesday not to retaliate against it for an attack on Iran's embassy compound in Syria, telling the UN Security Council it had no prior warning of the strike that Tehran has blamed on Washington's ally Israel.

The strike on Monday - that Iran said killed two of its generals and five military advisers - marked one of the most significant attacks yet on Iranian interests in Syria, where Israel has stepped up a campaign against Iran.

"We will not hesitate to defend our personnel and repeat our prior warnings to Iran and its proxies not to take advantage of the situation - again, an attack in which we had no involvement or advanced knowledge - to resume their attacks on US personnel," said deputy US Ambassador to the UN Robert Wood.

Ambulances carrying the bodies of staff members of the US-based aid group World Central Kitchen, arrive at the Rafah crossing with Egypt in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday, two days after a convoy of the NGO was hit in an Israeli strike. Israel's armed forces chief Herzi Halevi called the attack a "grave mistake", which he blamed on night-time "misidentification". PHOTO: AFP

CORRUPTION CASES

23 Indian politicians got reprieve on joining BJP

THE INDIAN EXPRESS ONLINE

As many as 23 Indian opposition politicians who crossed over to the BJP since the time it came to power in 2014 have got reprieve from federal agencies investigating corruption cases against them, The Indian Express reported yesterday. As many as 10 Congress leaders joined the BJP, followed by four each from the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and Shiv Sena, three from Trinamool Congress (TMC), two from Telugu Desam Party (TDP), and one each from Samajwadi Party (SP) and YSRCP, according to the newspaper. Two other opposition leaders joined the BJP and investigations continue against them: Former Congress MP Jyoti Mirdha and former TDP MP Y S Chowdary. As many as 23 politicians have seen a notable reduction in scrutiny upon their political switch, and as many as three cases have been closed, while 20 remain stagnant or inactive. Notably, six of these politicians joined the BJP just before the recent general elections. Most defectors switched their allegiance after the 2019 elections. For instance, in 2019, the Mumbai police registered an FIR against Ajit Pawar, Sharad Pawar and others, in a case of money laundering linked to alleged irregularities in Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank.

Russia fired 3,000 bombs at Ukraine in March alone

Says Zelensky

REUTERS, *Kyiv*

Russia fired over 3,000 guided aerial bombs, 600 drones and 400 missiles at Ukraine in March alone, President Volodymyr Zelensky said yesterday.

Russia stepped up its long-range air strike campaign on Ukrainian energy infrastructure over last two weeks, destroying another chunk of a system already hobbled by Russian strikes during 25-month full-scale invasion.

Separately, Russia has increased its use of guided air-dropped bombs in frontline areas in recent months. These are dropped from warplanes well inside Russian-controlled territory, and glide towards their targets at high speed.

For Moscow, they have become an efficient way to drop vast amounts of explosives onto Ukrainian entrenchments and buildings near the front.

Meanwhile, Nato foreign ministers met yesterday to discuss how to put military support for Ukraine on a long-term footing, including a proposal for a 100 billion euro five-year fund and a plan seen as a way to "Trump-proof" aid for Kyiv.

GAZA'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Israeli offensive caused damage of $18.5bn: WB

AFP, *Washington*

The World Bank says the Israel-Hamas war has caused damage of around $18.5 billion to Gaza's critical infrastructure, according to a new report published Tuesday.

This is equivalent to 97 percent of the combined economic output of the West Bank and Gaza in 2022, the World Bank said in its interim damage assessment, which covers the period between the onset of the conflict on October 7 and the end of January.

The report, produced with the United Nations and the European Union, found structural damage affected "every sector of the economy," with more than 70 percent of the estimated costs due to the destruction of housing.

An estimated 84pc of Gaza's health facilities have been damaged or destroyed: report

Israel's military has killed at least 32,975 people, mostly women and children, according to the health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza.

The Israeli military's heavy aerial bombardment in the aftermath of the attack, and its ongoing ground operations inside Gaza, have reduced many areas of the territory to rubble, creating an estimated 26 million tons of debris.

"For several sectors, the rate of damage appears to be leveling off as few assets remain intact," the Bank said.

Beyond the structural damage, the report also found that more than half of Gaza's population were on the brink of famine, with the whole population "experiencing acute food insecurity and malnutrition."

An estimated 84 percent of Gaza's health facilities have been damaged or destroyed, while three quarters of the population have been displaced by the fighting, leaving more than a million people without homes.

The report, created using remote data collection sources, found that Gaza's water and sanitation system had "nearly collapsed," and was delivering less than 5 percent of its pre-war output.

100 percent of Gaza's children were out of school due to the collapse of the education system, while 92 percent of its primary roads were either destroyed or damaged, according to the World Bank.

The report called for "an increase in humanitarian assistance, food aid and food production; the provision of shelter and rapid, cost-effective, and scalable housing solutions for displaced people; and the resumption of essential services."

Taiwan detects 30 Chinese military planes around island

AFP, *Taipei*

Taiwan said yesterday that 30 Chinese military aircraft were detected around the island in a 24-hour window -- one of the highest daily numbers this year.

China considers self-ruling Taiwan its territory, and has never renounced the use of force to bring the island under its control.

Taiwan's defence ministry said 20 of the aircraft crossed into island's Air Defence Identification Zone.

Taiwan's armed forces "monitored the situation and employed (patrol) aircraft, Navy vessels, and coastal missile systems in response to the detected activities", it said.

Last month, Taiwan detected 36 Chinese warplanes around the island over a 24-hour period, the highest daily count this year.

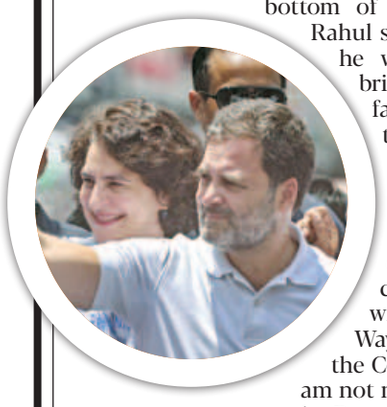
The uptick in incursions follows a pattern of what experts dub "grey zone" actions -- moves that fall short of outright acts of war.

These have ramped up since the 2016 election of President Tsai Ing-wen, who considers Taiwan "already independent" -- a position Beijing considers unacceptable.

Rahul Gandhi files nomination for India polls

TOI, *New Delhi*

India's Congress leader Rahul Gandhi yesterday filed his nomination papers for the Wayanad Lok Sabha seat in Kerala for the upcoming elections. Rahul was accompanied by his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and a large number of party workers and supporters. Addressing a public gathering ahead of filing his nomination papers, Rahul Gandhi said that he treats people of Wayanad as he treats his younger sister Priyanka Gandhi. "It has been an honour for me to be your member of Parliament. I don't treat you and think of you like an electorate. I treat you and think of you the same way I think of my little sister Priyanka. So in the houses of Wayanad, I have sisters, mothers, fathers and brothers. And I thank you from the bottom of my heart for that," Rahul said. He also said that he was always ready to bring the issues being faced by the people of the constituency to the attention of the nation and the world. "There is an issue of man-animal conflict, medical college issue. I stand with the people of Wayanad in this fight..." the Congress leader said. "I am not making just a political speech. Regardless of the parties, communities, age, every single person in Wayanad gave me love, affection, respect and treated me as their own," he added. Earlier, Rahul held a road show through his constituency. The former Congress president had won from Wayanad in the 2019 Parliament polls. The Communist Party of India (CPI) candidate Annie Raja also filed her nomination for Wayanad against the Congress party's sitting MP Rahul Gandhi.



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বিষয়: খাদ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের ১৩-২০তম গ্রেডের (পূর্বের ৩য় ও ৪র্থ শ্রেণি) শূন্য পদসমূহে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে লিখিত পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ।

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1	968394	190277	PUST/PD OFFICE/e-GP/2022-23/Auditorium and TSC add	Remaining work for Construction of 4 Storied Auditorium and TSC building with 4 storied foundation including Fire fighting, Acoustic and Sound System, Stage Light, Digital Conference System, Civil, Sanitary, Internal/External Electrification and other ancillary additional works under Pabna University of Science and Technology Development Project at PUST. FY 2023-2024.	03-April-2024 20:00	25-April-2024 16:00	OTM
2	970440	190277	PUST/PD OFFICE/e-GP/2022-23/land dev add	Remaining Land Development Works under Pabna University of Science and Technology Development Project. FY 2023-2024	03-April-2024 21:00	18-April-2024 16:00	OTM

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