

Five pro-Iran fighters killed in Syria strike

AFP, Beirut

Five Iran-backed fighters were killed yesterday in a drone strike in Syria's east, near the Iraqi border, a war monitor said, adding it was not clear yet who was behind the attack.

"Five pro-Iranian fighters were killed and others were injured, some severely... after an unknown drone targeted the military vehicle they were in... near the Syrian-Iraqi border," said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The strike occurred in Syria's eastern Deir Ezzor province, where Iran wields significant influence and which is regularly targeted by Israel and the United States, according to the Britain-based monitor with a network of sources inside Syria.

In June, three pro-Iran fighters, including at least two Iraqis, were killed in an overnight air strike in eastern Syria near the Iraqi border, the Observatory had reported at the time.



Supporters of US Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris cheer as she speaks during a campaign rally at an event in Las Vegas, Nevada, Saturday. Kamala Harris leads his Republican rival Donald Trump in three battleground states - Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Michigan - by four points, according to polls by the New York Times and Siena College.

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MAJOR UKRAINIAN INCURSION

Thousands of troops 'trying to destabilise' Russia'

Moscow says hit Ukraine units 30km into Russian territory

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Russia yesterday acknowledged Ukrainian forces had pierced deep into the Kursk border region in an offensive that a top official in Ukraine said was aimed to "destabilise" Russia and "stretch" its armed forces.

Kyiv has deployed thousands of troops to the surprise operation, a Ukrainian security official told AFP, seizing the battlefield initiative after months of slow Russian advances across the east.

"We are on the offensive. The aim is to stretch the positions of the enemy, to inflict maximum losses and to destabilise the situation in Russia as they are unable to protect their own border," the security official said on condition of anonymity.

The shock assault, now in its sixth day, appeared to catch the Kremlin off guard, with Moscow's army rushing in reserve troops, tanks, aviation, artillery and drones in a bid to quash the incursion.

But it's army yesterday appeared to concede that Ukraine had been able to penetrate its territory by up to 30 kilometres (20 miles) in places.

In a daily briefing on the situation in the western Kursk region, the defence ministry said it had "foiled attempts" by Ukraine's forces to "break through deep into Russian territory" using armoured vehicles.

But it said some of those forces were located near the villages of Tolpino and Obschchy Kolodez, which are around 25 km and 30 km from the Russia-Ukraine border.

The Ukrainian official also



said Russia's claims that Kyiv had deployed 1,000 troops were a serious underestimation.

"It is a lot more... Thousands," they said.

After days of official silence, President Volodymyr Zelensky acknowledged the offensive for the first time in his nightly address on Saturday, saying that Kyiv was "pushing the war into the aggressor's territory".

Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022 and has waged an unrelenting campaign, occupying swathes of the east and south and subjecting Ukrainian cities to daily missile and drone attacks.

After re-capturing large areas in 2022, Kyiv has largely been on the back foot, increasingly struggling with manpower and arms supplies.

The assault on Russia's western Kursk region has been the largest and most successful cross-border

offensive by Kyiv so far -- and the most significant attack by a foreign army on Russian territory since the Second World War.

Russia has used air power, artillery fire and drones in a bid to quash the advance.

It said Saturday that more than 76,000 civilians had been evacuated from border areas, with more leaving on Sunday.

Russia's rail operator has put on emergency trains from Kursk to Moscow, around 450 kilometres away, for those looking to flee.

An overnight Ukrainian missile strike on a residential building in Kursk city, around 80 kilometres from the fighting wounded 15, Russian officials said.

Ukraine's Sumy region has also come under retaliatory fire, and authorities there plan to evacuate some 20,000 people from the border zone.

SOUTH CHINA SEA DISPUTE

Actions of China air force 'reckless' Says Philippines

REUTERS, Manila

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. yesterday condemned Chinese air force actions in waters of the South China Sea claimed by both countries, calling the actions "unjustified, illegal and reckless".

Manila and Beijing accused each other on Saturday of disrupting their militaries' operations around the Scarborough Shoal in the first incident since Marcos took office in 2022 in which the Philippines has complained of dangerous actions by Chinese aircraft, as opposed to navy or coast guard vessels.

The Philippine military on Saturday condemned "dangerous and provocative actions" when two Chinese aircraft dropped flares in the path of a Philippine aircraft during a routine patrol around the shoal on Thursday.

The Chinese military's Southern Theatre Command countered that the Philippines had disrupted its training, accusing Manila of "illegally intruding" into its airspace.

On Sunday, Marcos urged China to act responsibly both in the seas and in the skies.

The Scarborough Shoal is one of Asia's most contested maritime features and a flashpoint for flare-ups over sovereignty and fishing rights.

End the UK riots

Parents of murdered girl urge

REUTERS, Southport

The parents of one of three girls murdered at a Taylor Swift-themed event in northern England last month called for an end to the nationwide rioting that followed their deaths at an emotional funeral for their young daughter.

Alice da Silva Aguiar, 9, and two other girls died and eight were injured after being stabbed in an attack at the event at the seaside town of Southport two weeks ago. Days of riots followed in Southport and in towns and cities across the United Kingdom, triggered by false online posts wrongly identifying the suspected killer as an Islamist migrant. A teenager, born in Britain, has since been charged and police say the incident is not being treated as terrorism.

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changed', they will have to be changed," he said. Yunus has said he wants elections "within a few months", but Joy warned of risks if they were delayed.

"It's in their best interest to hold elections... to have a return to a legitimate government that has the legitimacy of the people and true authority," he said.

"Otherwise, it's just going to devolve into chaos." Hasina swept the January elections but only after a poll denounced as neither free nor fair and boycotted by genuine rivals after a crackdown during which thousands of opposition party members were arrested.

Members of Hasina's millions-strong Awami League have gone into hiding since she fled. There have been reprisal attacks against them and party offices have been torched.

But Joy said the party was critical to the political future of the South Asian nation of some 170 million people.

"We have tens of millions of followers; they're not going anywhere," he said.

"You're not going to be able to establish democracy in Bangladesh without the Awami League. It will never be accepted by half the people of the country at least."

"It's going to be between the BNP and the Awami League," Joy said. "We need to work together."

He sought to divert blame for his mother's ouster onto others in government.

"Were mistakes made? Of course," he said. "They were made by people at the bottom, or in the chain of command... Blaming my mother for it is unfortunate."

While accepting that police officers who fired on protesters had gone too far, he argued that there was violence on both sides.

"Some of the police used excessive force but there were attacks on the police too -- police members were killed as well. The violence wasn't one-sided," he said.

"And then as it escalated further, the protesters started attacking police with firearms, weapons."

He alleged unidentified foreign forces had supported the protests, a claim for which he provided no evidence.

"I believe, at this point, it is from beyond Bangladesh," he said.

Law enforcers

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personnel on Saturday and warned that it would not take any responsibility for any such incidents in future. Those who commit any wrongdoings will be handed over to the law enforcers, said the statement.

The statement also mentioned that Sheikh Hasina is well, and she requested all to hold peaceful programmes.

In another development, Gopalganj AL General Secretary GM Sahab Uddin Azam, at an emergency meeting, requested party leaders and activists not to consider the army as an opponent.

The meeting also decided to observe the National Mourning Day on August 15 in a befitting manner, said meeting insiders.

The People's Republic of Bangladesh

National board of Revenue

Bangladesh Regional Connectivity project 1:

National Single Window Implementation and strengthening Customs Modernization
IDEB Bhaban (10th floor), 160/A, Kakrail, Dhaka

Memo no. 1(192) Active items/ Hardware /NSW/2024/2175

Date: 11.08.24

Subject: Addendum to bidding document for supply and Installation of Hardware and Infrastructure (network, communication, cabling etc.) and standard software for NSW solution; other network, communication equipment, structure, Hardware and cabling: Server & Storage and Network & Security components for NSW Server Room & DR. Bangladesh Regional Connectivity project 1: Request for Bids (RFB) No. NBR-GD2A.1.

Addendum No. 3

This is for the information of all Bidders concerned that the following amendments have been mad for the procurement mentioned in the subject above;

Ref	Existing Entry	Amended entry
SI No. of 6, SPN ITP-23.1& 26.1	The deadline for Bid Submission is: Date: August 13, 2024, Time :14.00 hours.	The deadline for Bid Submission is: Date: August 29, 2024, Time :14.00 hours.
	Date & Time for Bid Opening August 13, 2024, Time :14:30 hours	Date & Time for Bid Opening August 29, 2024, Time :14:30 hours

All the terms and conditions of bidding Documents (RFB) NBR-GD2A. 1 shall remain unchanged. This Addendum No. 2 shall be considered an integral part of the Bidding Documents and shall be binding on all Bidders who have obtained or will obtain the Bidding Documents from the Purchaser.

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ঢাকা-১২০৮।
দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ইউসিএল নিম্নোক্ত আইটেমটি প্রস্তুতকারী/সরবরাহকারীদের (সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যবসার সাহিত্য জড়িত) নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করছে :-

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		ii. Cellulose Acetate/nitrate (pore size:0.45µm) (সিডিউল মোতাবেক)	৬০০ পিস
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