

Iran warned Nasrallah of Israeli plot to kill him

Say three sources

REUTERS, Dubai

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warned Hezbollah leader Syed Hassan Nasrallah to flee Lebanon days before he was killed in an Israeli strike and is now deeply worried about Israeli infiltration of senior government ranks in Tehran, three Iranian sources said.

In the immediate aftermath of the attack on Hezbollah's booby-trapped pagers on September 17, Khamenei sent a message with an envoy to beseech the Hezbollah secretary general to leave for Iran, citing intelligence reports that suggested Israel had operatives within Hezbollah and was planning to kill him, one of the sources, a senior Iranian official, told Reuters.



The messenger, the official said, was a senior Iranian Revolutionary Guards commander, Brigadier General Abbas Nilforoushan, who was with Nasrallah in his bunker when it was hit by Israeli bombs and was also killed.

Khamenei personally ordered a barrage of around 200 missiles to be fired at Israel on Tuesday, a senior Iranian official said. The attack was retaliation for the deaths of Nasrallah and Nilforoushan, the Revolutionary Guards said in a statement.



People stand in front of a humanitarian flight that arrived from Lebanon, at CATAM military airbase, in Bogota, Colombia yesterday. Most Western countries have urged their citizens to leave Lebanon as Israel launched a ground incursion on Tuesday, escalating the risk of a wider war.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Food aid to Gaza falls as Israel sets new rule

REUTERS

Food supplies to Gaza have fallen sharply in recent weeks because Israeli authorities have introduced a new customs rule on some humanitarian aid and are separately scaling down deliveries organized by businesses, people involved in getting goods to the territory told Reuters.

The new customs rule applies to truck convoys chartered by the United Nations to take aid from Jordan to Gaza via Israel, seven people familiar with the matter said. Under the rule, individuals from relief organizations

sending aid must complete a form providing passport details, and accept liability for any false information on a shipment, the people said.

They said relief agencies are disputing that requirement, which was announced mid-August, because they fear signing the form could expose staff to legal problems if aid fell into the hands of Hamas or other enemies of Israel.

As a result, shipments have not been getting through the Jordan route -- a key channel in Gaza supplies -- for two weeks. The dispute has not affected shipments via Cyprus and Egypt, the sources said.

In a parallel move, Israeli authorities have restricted commercial food shipments to Gaza amid concerns that Hamas was benefiting from that trade, the people familiar with the matter and industry sources said.

UN and Israeli government data show that in September, deliveries of food and aid sank to their lowest in seven months.

Israel's military humanitarian unit, Cogat, which oversees aid and commercial shipments to Gaza, confirmed that no UN-chartered convoy has moved from Jordan to Gaza since September 19, but a spokesperson said Israel was not blocking goods.

UK hands Indian Ocean islands to Mauritius

AFP, London

Britain yesterday said it would give up sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius but under what US President Joe Biden called a "historic agreement" will keep its strategic joint military base with the United States on Diego Garcia.

Britain has been under pressure for decades to hand over the Indian Ocean islands but has resisted because of the Diego Garcia base, a key installation used to help US operations across the Indian Ocean and Gulf regions.

Tanzania suspends newspaper's online operations

AFP, Dar es Salaam

Tanzania suspended the online operations of a leading newspaper yesterday after it released cartoons featuring the president and referencing recent abductions and killings of dissidents.

One of the animated videos showed President Samia Suluhu Hassan watching news broadcasts of dissidents and victims of state repression. Hassan faced criticism over allegations that the security forces are behind the murder of opposition figures.

Phasing out teen smoking could save 1.2m lives: study

AFP, Paris

Banning the sale of tobacco to people born between 2006 and 2010 could prevent around 1.2 million deaths from lung cancer by the end of the century, said a modelling study released yesterday.

Smoking is responsible for roughly 85 percent of all cases of lung cancer, the deadliest cancer worldwide, according to the World Health Organization.

If current trends continue, there will be nearly three million lung cancer deaths among people born from 2006 to 2010, said the new study from the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).



PHOTO: AFP

Albanian opposition MPs burn mannequins with pictures of Prime Minister Edi Rama and his brother Olsi in front of the parliament in Tirana yesterday, in protest of the arrest of their colleague, opposition MP Ervin Salianji.

Prosecution of Assange 'politically motivated'

Says Europe rights body

AFP, Strasbourg

The prosecution of Wikileaks founder Julian Assange was "politically motivated" and had a "chilling" effect on the whole media landscape, the parliamentary arm of pan-European rights body the Council of Europe said on Wednesday.

Assange, whose site had published thousands of leaked diplomatic cables, won freedom in June after more than five years behind bars in a British prison when he pleaded guilty to a charge under the US espionage act.

Addressing the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) on Tuesday in his first public comments since his release, Assange said he had "pleaded guilty to journalism".

The resolution passed by PACE's lawmakers, parliamentarians from the 46 member states of the Council

of Europe, said Assange had suffered "more than a decade of politically motivated prosecution for his journalistic work."

It warned that the "disproportionately harsh treatment" of Assange "creates a dangerous, chilling effect and a climate of self-censorship affecting all journalists".

The resolution was passed to loud applause in the chamber with 88 for, 13 against and 20 abstentions. Assange, accompanied by his wife Stella and Wikileaks editor-in-chief Kristinn Hrafnsson, saluted the chamber and raised a fist in triumph from the public gallery.

Assange initially took refuge in the Ecuador embassy in London but when he was forced to leave in April 2019 he was held in the Belmarsh prison in London.

He was allowed to go free after a hearing on the US Pacific island of Saipan in June.

HIGHWAY CHASE Six migrants killed by Mexican troops

AFP, Tuxtla Gutiérrez

Soldiers chasing suspicious vehicles on a highway in Mexico opened fire and killed six migrants, the defense ministry said Wednesday.

The patrol found 33 migrants from countries including Egypt, Nepal, Cuba, India and Pakistan, it said, without specifying the nationalities of those killed in the incident late Tuesday in southern Chiapas state.

The two soldiers who opened fire have been removed from their duties pending an investigation, according to a statement.

It said the patrol saw a vehicle traveling at high speed and apparently attempting to flee.

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