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US aircraft flies over Taiwan Strait China deploys air, naval forces

AFP, Taipei

Beijing said yesterday it deployed air and naval forces to monitor a US military plane as it flew over politically sensitive waters separating China and Taiwan.

"A US Navy P-8A transited Poseidon Strait in the Taiwan international airspace on November 26, 2024 (local time)," the US Navy's 7th Fleet said in a statement.

"The aircraft's transit of the Taiwan Strait demonstrates the United States' commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific."

China said it had monitored the aircraft and condemned the flight for being "openly hyped".

"US remarks distort legal principles, confuse the public and mislead international perception," said Cao Jun, a senior colonel for China's Eastern Theatre Air Force.



Lebanese first responders arrive at the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted a building in the capital Beirut yesterday, amid the ongoing war between Israel and Hezbollah.

Social media, AI fuelling 'worst human impulses' Warns UN chief

AFP. Cascais

Uncontrolled social media networks and artificial intelligence amplify the worst human impulses, allowing hate speech to spread like wildfire and ignite violence, UN secretary general Antonio Guterres said yesterday.

"We must reign in hate speech and disinformation spreading online," Guterres told a top-level meeting of the United Nations' Alliance of Civilisations (UNAOC) in Portugal.

"Unchecked digital platforms and Artificial Intelligence have endowed hate speech with a speed and reach unseen before," he told UNAOC's 10th global forum in Cascais, near Lisbon.

The worst impulses of humanity are given a megaphone, and many times they lead to violence," he told a session at the gathering on "upending hate".

The proliferation of deepfakes online allowed "the impossible and the unverified (to) become credible in an instant", Guterres said.

"Misinformation and outright lies are fuelling repulsive anti-semitism, anti-Muslim bigotry and attacks on minority Christian communities, among others," Guterres said.

Social media and AI offered a "new medium" for these "old tactics".

The UN leader reiterated his pleas for peace in

Russia hits Ukraine with 'record' drone barrage

Western region hit by power outage

REUTERS, Kyiv

Russian forces staged their largest ever drone attack on Ukraine overnight, cutting power to much of the western region of Ternopil and damaging residential buildings in Kyiv region, Ukraine's officials said yesterday.

Intensified nightly drone attacks on Ukrainian cities are coinciding with a major push by Russia along frontlines in Ukraine's east, where Russian forces have made some of the largest monthly territorial gains

Of 188 drones used overnight, Ukraine shot down 76 and lost track of 96, likely due to active electronic warfare, the air force said. Five drones headed towards Belarus.

"The enemy launched a record number of Shahed attack UAVs and unidentified drones ...," it said, in addition to using four Iskander-M ballistic missiles. Russia uses cheaply-produced "suicide" drones and low-cost "decoy" drones, which tie up Ukrainian air defences.

"Unfortunately, there were hits to critical infrastructure facilities, and private and apartment buildings were damaged in several regions due to the massive drone attack," an air force statement said, adding that no casualties had been reported.

The attack damaged the power grid in Ternopil, a major city in western Ukraine, and cut power to around 70 percent of the region, governor Vyacheslav Nehoda said on national television.

Ternopil, some 220 km (134 miles) east of Nato-member Poland, and the surrounding region had a population of more than a million before the February 2022 Russian invasion, which drove many Ukrainians west.

"The consequences are bad because the facility was significantly affected and this will have impact on the power supply of the entire region for a long time," Nehoda said.

The attack also cut off water and disrupted heat supplies, the head of the regional defence headquarters Serhiy Nadal said via the Telegram messaging app.

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Widening and Maintenance of Boulai Puran bazar to

Jasodal UP via Madunagar Rd (Ch.00-3140m) by BC

under Upazila: Kishoreganj-S, Dist.: Kishoreganj.

Improvement of Puran Chamta (H/O Hashem)-Haluaghat road (Ch.00-1800m) and School Connecting

Road (Ch.00-97.2m) by RCC With Protective Works

Under Upazila: Karimganj, Dist. Kishoreganj. [Road

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300 Afghan reporters suffer rights breaches: UN

More than 300 Afghan journalists have suffered rights breaches since the Taliban surged back to power in 2021, a United Nations report said yesterday, documenting dozens of cases of torture and arbitrary arrest.

Afghanistan's media sector has shrunk under three years of Taliban rule, while monitors criticised Kabul for allegedly trampling reporters' rights.

Research by the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and its Geneva-based Human Rights Office said journalists and media outlets "operate under an environment of censorship and tight restrictions".

Between the Taliban's return in August 2021 and this September the UN team "documented instances of human rights violations affecting 336 journalists and media workers", the report said. It recounted 256 instances of "arbitrary arrest and detention" 130 of "torture and ill-treatment" and

75 of "threats or intimidation". UNAMA chief Roza Otunbayeva said journalists "often face unclear rules on what they can and cannot report, running the risk of intimidation and arbitrary detention for perceived criticism".

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11 Palestinians killed in Israeli strikes, shelling

Says Gaza's civil defence, warns rescue vehicles not working in north of enclave for lack of fuel

AFP, Gaza City

yesterday that 11 people were killed in nighttime Israeli air strikes and artillery shelling across the Palestinian territory. In the northern

city of Jabalia, seven people were killed and several others wounded in an air strike on a residential building, defence spokesman

Mahmud Bassal told AFP. Another person was killed in a strike on a house in nearby Beit territory's north due to a lack of Lahia, which along with Jabalia has fuel, warning it could not respond to to put an end to the killings and been the site of an intensive Israeli emergencies. military operation since October 6.

Two people were killed by artillery ambulance vehicles have stopped reporters in Geneva.

shelling on Nuseirat camp in central working in Gaza governorate due to Gaza, Bassal said. In the southern city Gaza's civil defence agency said of Rafah, an air strike killed one and wounded several, he added.

> killed 44,249 people in Gaza, according to figures from Hamas-run territory's health ministry that the United Nations considers reliable. Meanwhile, Gaza's civil defence agency yesterday that its

Israel's campaign has

vehicles had stopped working in the Palestinian

the Israeli occupation's continued refusal to provide the necessary diesel to operate them," the rescue agency said in a statement.

"Our crews will not be able to respond to citizens' calls until the Israeli occupation allows humanitarian organisations to bring in the necessary quantities of diesel,"

The UN rights chief is gravely concerned over the escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon and wants a "permanent ceasefire" there and in war-ravaged Gaza, his spokesman said yesterday.

"The high commissioner reiterates his call for an immediate ceasefire the destruction," Jeremy Laurence, 'All our fire, rescue, and a spokesman for volker lurk, told



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