

US carries out airstrikes on IS in Somalia

Says Trump; local gov't confirms 'key' IS figures killed

AFP, Palm Beach

The United States military on Saturday conducted air strikes on Islamic State (IS) group targets in Somalia, President Donald Trump announced.

"This morning I ordered precision Military air strikes on the Senior ISIS Attack Planner and other terrorists he recruited and led in Somalia," Trump said on Truth Social.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said the strikes targeted IS-Somalia operatives in the Golis mountains in the semi-autonomous Puntland region.

The government of Somalia's semi-autonomous Puntland region said yesterday that US military strikes in the Golis mountains had killed "key figures" in the Islamic State group.



Smoke rises during an Israeli army operation in Jenin, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, yesterday. The Israeli military said it had destroyed "several buildings" in Jenin, with a journalist reporting clouds of smoke billowing over the surrounding area. PHOTO: REUTERS

Iran unveils new ballistic missile in show of force

AFP, Tehran

Iran revealed a new ballistic missile yesterday that it said was capable of travelling 1,700 kilometres, unveiling it in a Tehran ceremony attended by President Masoud Pezeshkian.

State television broadcast images of the missile, dubbed Etemad, or "trust" in Persian, saying it had a maximum range of 1,700 kilometres (1,056 miles) and was "the most recent ballistic missile" built by the Iranian defence ministry.

Western countries have grown concerned over advances in Iran's ballistic missile programme, accusing it of destabilising the Middle East.

Iran's missiles, including this newest design, are capable of reaching its arch-foe Israel, which it targeted twice last year as the Gaza war spilled over.

"The development of defence capabilities and space technologies... aims to ensure that no country dares to attack Iranian territory," Pezeshkian said in a televised address.

BOARDING SCHOOL IN KURSK

Russia, Ukraine trade blame for missile strike

Four killed; 84 people receive medical assistance

REUTERS, Kyiv

Ukraine and Russia traded blame for a deadly missile strike on Saturday that killed at least four people in the dormitory of a boarding school situated in a part of Russia's Kursk region held by Kyiv forces.

Some of the war's fiercest battles in recent months have been taking place in the Kursk region that borders Ukraine, where Kyiv forces have held swathes of the land since staging a major cross-border incursion last August.

Ukraine's Armed Forces said on the Telegram messaging app that Russia had launched an aerial bomb from Russian territory that struck a boarding school in Sudzha, killing at least four. The boarding school housed people preparing for evacuation.

As of 10:00 pm (2000 GMT) on Saturday, 84 people had been rescued or received medical assistance, the statement said. Four of the injured were in a serious condition. Rescue efforts to clear rubble were proceeding.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr



Zelensky said the attack on Sudzha, some 12 km (7.5 miles) from the border with Ukraine, showed how Russia fights the war.

"They destroyed the building even though dozens of civilians were there," Zelensky wrote on the X social media platform.

"This is how Russia waged war against Chechnya decades ago. They killed Syrians the same way. Russian bombs destroy Ukrainian

homes the same way."

Russia's Defence Ministry said early yesterday on Telegram that Ukrainian forces had launched "a targeted missile strike on a boarding school in the city of Sudzha" from Ukrainian territory.

In a statement, Russian foreign ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova called the strike a "terrorist attack" and vowed to bring Kyiv to justice.

UK to become first country to criminalise AI child abuse tools

AFP, London

Britain will become the first country to introduce laws against AI tools used to generate sexual abuse images, the government announced late Saturday.

The government will make it illegal to possess, create or distribute AI tools designed to generate sexualised images of children, punishable by up to five years in prison, interior minister Yvette Cooper revealed.

It will also be illegal to possess AI "paedophile manuals" which teach people how to use AI to sexually abuse children, punishable by up to three years in prison.

"This is a real disturbing phenomenon. Online child sexual abuse material is growing, but also the grooming of children teenagers online. And what's now happening is that AI is putting this on steroids," interior minister Yvette Cooper told Sky News yesterday.

GAZA TRUCE-2ND PHASE

Israeli PM travels to US for talks

One Palestinian killed in Israeli raid in West Bank

AFP, Jerusalem

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday left for the United States where he will become the first foreign leader to meet Donald Trump since the US president returned to office.

His visit comes as a fragile truce holds between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, and between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon. Both groups are backed by Iran. Netanyahu will begin talks on a second phase to the Gaza ceasefire, his office said.

Before boarding his flight, Netanyahu said the pair would discuss "victory over Hamas, achieving the release of all our hostages and dealing with the Iranian terror axis". Netanyahu spoke with the US President's Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff on Saturday and agreed that ceasefire negotiations would "begin when they meet in Washington".

Netanyahu's office said Witkoff would talk to Qatar and Egypt, key mediators, before discussing with the Israeli premier "steps to advance the negotiations, including dates for delegations to leave for talks".

Meanwhile, Palestinian health ministry said one person was killed by Israeli soldiers in the West Bank yesterday. The Israeli military launched a major offensive in the area last month dubbed "Iron Wall" aimed at rooting out Palestinian groups from the Jenin area.

US ICE CRACKDOWN

Over 7.2K illegal migrants arrested in 9 days

NEW YORK POST ONLINE

US Federal immigration officials have arrested more than 7,200 illegal migrants since President Trump green-lighted deportation raids nearly two weeks ago.

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents as of Friday had rounded up 7,260 illegal migrants, according to a compilation of daily totals of arrests since January 23 posted on X by ICE.

The agency also reports lodging 5,763 "detainer" requests with local authorities, asking them to turn over migrants targeted for deportation.

The raids are centred on sanctuary cities like New York City, Chicago and Boston and those arrested include illegals accused of rape, sex crimes against minors, and guns and drug offenses, ICE said. The effort is part of the major crackdown in large cities across America that Trump promised on the campaign trail and also has led to weeding some members of the notorious Tren de Aragua and MS-13 gangs off the streets.

ICE has provided limited information on just a few dozen of the arrested migrants — all of whom were previously convicted of felonies, facing criminal charges in their home countries.



"Most democratic nations have elections in their time of war. I think it is important they [Ukraine] do so."
Says Trump's special envoy for Ukraine and Russia Keith Kellogg

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