

Russia downs 291 Ukrainian drones Warplanes strike drone facilities within Ukraine

REUTERS, Moscow

Russian air defence units downed 291 Ukrainian fixed-wing drones, the Russian Defence Ministry said yesterday.

"Air defence systems downed two guided aircraft bombs, three projectiles of Czech-made Vampire multiple rocket launch systems and 291 fixed-wing drones," the ministry said on its Telegram channel.

It added that Russian warplanes and drones struck drone production facilities and control centres within Ukraine.

Falling debris from destroyed Ukrainian drones disrupted railway power supply and train operations in part of the Volgograd region, the administration of the region in Russia's south said.

There were no injuries as a result of the attacks, the administration said on the Telegram messaging app, citing Governor Andrei Bocharov.

Russia prefers political and diplomatic



PHOTO: REUTERS

Palestinians carry aid supplies that entered Gaza through Israel, in Beit Lahia, northern Gaza Strip, yesterday. Two Jordanian and one Emirati plane dropped 25 tonnes of humanitarian aid over the Gaza Strip, the Jordanian army said in a statement.

Israel commits to daily pauses in Gaza fighting

Announces secure aid routes for convoys; UN aid chief declares stepped-up efforts to feed Palestinians

REUTERS, Gaza

Israel said yesterday it would halt military operations each day for 10 hours in parts of Gaza and allow new aid corridors in the enclave, where images of hungry Palestinians have alarmed the world.

Military activity stopped from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm until further notice in Al-Mawasi, Deir al-Balah and Gaza City. The military also announced designated secure routes for convoys delivering food and medicine will also be in place between 6:00 am and 11:00 pm that started yesterday.

Dozens of Gazans have died of malnutrition in recent weeks, according to the Gaza Health Ministry in the Hamas-run enclave. A total of 127 people have died due to malnutrition, including 85 children, since the start of the war, the ministry said, adding that six more people have died of malnutrition in the last 24 hours.

On Saturday, a five-month-old baby died of severe acute malnutrition at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, health workers said.

"Three months inside the hospital and this is what I get in return, that she is dead," said her mother, Israa Abu Haleeb, standing next to the baby's father as he held their daughter's body, which was wrapped in a white shroud.

- ➊ Israel begins airdrops of humanitarian aid
- ➋ More than 100 food trucks head towards southern Gaza
- ➌ Six more people died of malnutrition in 24 hours

The Egyptian Red Crescent said it was sending more than 100 trucks carrying over 1,200 tonnes of food aid to southern Gaza through the Kerem Shalom crossing.

Hours earlier, Israel began aid airdrops in what it said was an effort to ease the humanitarian conditions in the enclave.

UN teams will step up efforts to feed Palestinians in Gaza during pauses in designated areas announced by Israel, UN aid chief Tom Fletcher said.

"In contact with our teams on the ground who will do all we can to reach as many starving people as we can in this window," he said in a post on X. Aid groups said last week there was mass hunger among Gaza's 2.2 million people and international alarm over the humanitarian situation in Gaza has increased.

INDIA TEMPLE Six crushed to death in stampede

AFP, Haridwar

At least six people were crushed to death at a popular Hindu temple in northern India's Uttarakhand state yesterday, officials said, after a massive crowd surge.

The stampede occurred on the stairway leading to the Mansa Devi temple in the Hindu holy city of Haridwar, on the banks of the Ganges river, and left many injured.

"Six dead and more than 10 injured are admitted to the hospital," senior city police official Parmendra Dohbal told AFP.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said relief and rescue operations were underway.



means to resolve conflict in Ukraine, but Kyiv and the West rejected that path, Russian news agencies reported yesterday, citing Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov.

"Our preferred route is through political and diplomatic means," Peskov said, according to TASS state news agency.

Peskov added, without providing evidence, that Moscow continues its military operation in Ukraine because "all proposals for dialogue were rejected, both by Ukraine and by Western countries."

Meanwhile, Russia said yesterday a major annual navy parade had been cancelled for "security reasons", without specifying the threat or concern.

"It has to do with the general situation. Security reasons are of utmost importance," said Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, quoted by Russian news agencies.

The parade was meant to be the highlight of Russia's Navy Day, which falls on the last Sunday of July each year and honours the country's sailors.

But local authorities in the coastal city of Saint Petersburg, where the warships and submarines were scheduled to pass, said on Friday the parade had been cancelled without giving a reason.



People who fled their homes near the Cambodia-Thailand border gather to receive food on the grounds of a pagoda in Cambodia's Oddar Meanchey province yesterday. Thailand and Cambodia clashed for a fourth consecutive day before agreeing to Malaysia's role as mediator in the border conflict.

PHOTO: AFP

SAD suspends activities of all committees except central

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He said an emergency meeting was convened to address the situation, attended by four members of the central committee. Based on their collective decision, all organisational activities across the country -- except for the central committee -- have been suspended with immediate effect.

Rifat urged law enforcement agencies to take legal action against those involved in such activities.

In a post on his verified Facebook page last night, Sarjis Alam, the chief organiser (north) of the National Citizen Party (NCP), said, "All committees of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement across the country, except the

central committee, have been dissolved."

In the comment section of this post, he wrote, "If anyone engages in extortion, lobbying, or case trading by claiming to be a 'coordinator' at any office, residence, or institution, catch them and hand them straight over to the police."

On Saturday, Gulshan police arrested five individuals, including SAD leaders and activists, for allegedly extorting money from the family of former Awami League lawmaker Shammi Ahmed.

According to police, the group had demanded Tk 50 lakh on July 17, identifying themselves as SAD members. As Shammi was not home at the time, they made the

demand to her husband, who handed over Tk 10 lakh that day.

When the group returned on Saturday to collect the remaining Tk 40 lakh, police arrested them from the Gulshan residence.

UMAMA BLAMES LEADERSHIP FOR SHIELDING WRONGDOERS

Umama Fatema, a former SAD leader, alleged that the arrested individuals were long known for "unruly behaviour" and had close ties with top leaders of the anti-discrimination movement.

In a Facebook post early yesterday, she said the five individuals had enjoyed access and protection due to their proximity to the platform's coordinators and

were often seen escorting them to political events and government offices.

"These boys have long been seen providing protocol for the leaders -- from the Secretariat to processions, meetings, and even clashes, they acted as the coordinators' right-hand and left-hand men, moving around freely and without restrictions."

"Everyone pretending to be surprised is frankly a bit ridiculous. People are reacting as if they just discovered these boys are extortions. The truth is, this is simply the first time they got caught."

She implied that the rot runs deep, adding, "If anyone cares to look, they'll see these roots go much deeper."

On June 28, Umama, the

former spokesperson of SAD, officially announced her withdrawal from the platform.

PREVIOUS INCIDENTS
Meanwhile, several past allegations of misconduct involving SAD members have also surfaced.

In May, activists in Mirpur allegedly brought a contractor to their Pallabi office, searched his phone, and demanded Tk 5 crore. They later claimed it was a personal dispute over unpaid dues involving a member's relative.

In March, police arrested 14 people, including a SAD coordinator, for allegedly looting Kabico Limited in Kalabagan. Claiming it was an Awami League office, they took Tk 3 lakh and four computers.

THAI-CAMBODIAN CLASH Rivals agree to attend mediation talks

Says Thai govt as both sides accuse each other of launching fresh artillery strikes

REUTERS, Sisaket

The leaders of Thailand and Cambodia will attend mediation talks over their deadly border conflict in Malaysia today, the Thai government said, even as both sides accused each other of launching fresh artillery strikes across contested areas.

Talks are scheduled to begin at 3:00 pm local time (0700 GMT) today, with acting Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai leading the Thai negotiating team, the government announced in a statement last night.

Malaysia, which chairs the Asean regional cooperation forum, has informed the Thai government that Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet would also be attending the talks, the statement said.

Today's talks come after Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim last week proposed a ceasefire and US President Donald Trump said on Saturday that the two leaders had agreed to work on a ceasefire.

Tensions between Thailand and Cambodia have intensified since the late-May killing of a Cambodian soldier during a brief border skirmish.

ISOLATED BRAKE FIRE US passenger plane evacuated in Denver

AFP, Washington



Passengers on a US domestic flight were forced to evacuate onto a runway due to a brake fire just ahead of the plane taking off in Denver, the airline said.

American Airlines Flight 3023 was departing for Miami on Saturday but "experienced a mechanical issue" while accelerating ahead of takeoff at Denver International Airport, the airline told AFP, adding all 173 passengers and six crew "deplaned safely".

One passenger sustained a minor injury and was taken to a hospital for evaluation, American Airlines said. Blown tires and the deceleration of the plane while braking resulted in an isolated brake fire, which was extinguished by city firefighters, according to the airline.

Social media videos published by US media outlets showed passengers frantically evacuating an American Airlines plane via an emergency slide as smoke billowed from beneath the aircraft.

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This amendment will be an integral part of the tender document. All other terms and conditions of the tender document shall remain unchanged.

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