

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



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.



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.

- Israel begins airdrops of humanitarian aid
- More than 100 food trucks head towards southern Gaza
- 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.

Greece gets EU help to battle wildfires

AFP, Athens

Greece battled wildfires that have ravaged homes and sparked evacuations for a second day yesterday, with the help of Czech firefighters and Italian aircraft expected to arrive later.

Five fires were still raging yesterday morning in the Peloponnese area west of the capital, as well as on the islands of Evia, Kythera and Crete, with aircraft and helicopters resuming their work in several parts of the country at dawn.

"Today is expected to be a difficult day with a very high risk of fire, almost throughout the territory," fire brigade spokesman Vassilis Vathrakogiannis said yesterday.

Forecasters predicted the strong winds that fanned the flames would die down in most areas.

IS-backed rebels kill 38 in attack on Congo church

REUTERS, Goma

Islamic State-backed rebels killed 38 people yesterday in an attack on a church in eastern Congo, city officials said.

The assault in Komanda, a city in the northeastern Democratic Republic of Congo, is believed to have been carried out by ADF rebels, wielding guns and machetes, officials told Reuters.

Jean Kato, an official in the city administration, said worshippers were taking part in a night mass when the rebels stormed the church in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Thirty-eight people were dead, 15 injured and several others were still missing, officials said.

Christophe Munyanderu, a human rights activist present at the scene in Komanda, said shots were heard overnight but people at first thought it was thieves.

"The rebels mainly attacked Christians who were spending the night in the Catholic church," said Munyanderu.

"Unfortunately, these people were killed with machetes or bullets."

The United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the DR Congo has condemned a recent resurgence in violence in the province where this attack happened.

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.



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.

ANTI-IMMIGRANT ONSLAUGHT

Trump raids threaten US food security: farmers

AFP, Ventura

Lisa Tate, whose family has been farming in Ventura County since 1876, cannot recall a threat to crops like the one emanating from Donald Trump's anti-immigrant onslaught.

Tate fears that the crackdown on illegal workers, far from addressing the problems of this vital agricultural region north of Los Angeles, could "dismantle the whole economy" and put the country's food security at risk.

"I began to get really concerned when we saw a group of border control agents come up to the Central Valley and just start going onto farms and just kind of trying to chase people down, evading the property owner," the 46-year-old farmer, who grows avocados, citrus and coffee, told AFP in an interview.

"That's not something we're used to happening in agriculture," she added.

The impact goes beyond harvesters, she said. "There's a

whole food chain involved," from field workers to truck drivers to people working in packing houses and in sales.

"It's just, everybody's scared," she said -- even a multi-generational American like her.

"I'm nervous and I'm scared, because we're feeling like we're being attacked."

Other farmers contacted by AFP declined to speak to the media, saying they feared potential reprisals from the Trump administration.

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 Dobhal told AFP.

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

"I am constantly in touch with the local administration regarding this matter and continuous monitoring of the situation is being done," he said.

Deadly stampedes and crowd crushes are a common occurrence at Indian religious festivals.

In June, a sudden crowd surge at a Hindu festival in the coastal state of Odisha triggered a stampede that killed at least three people and injured several others.

The previous month six people were crushed to death in the western state of Goa after thousands gathered for a popular fire-walking ritual.

And in January, at least 30 people were killed in an early morning crush at the Kumbh Mela.



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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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