

Ukraine drone hits Russian nuclear plant

Nuclear reactor cuts capacity; attack comes on Kyiv’s Independence Day

REUTERS, Moscow

Ukraine launched a drone attack on Russia on Sunday, forcing a sharp fall in the capacity of a reactor at one of Russia's biggest nuclear power plants and sparking a huge blaze at the major Ust-Luga fuel export terminal, Russian officials said.

Despite talk of peace by Russia and Ukraine, the deadliest European war since World War Two is continuing along the 2,000 km (1,250 mile) front line accompanied by missile and drone attacks deep into both Russia and Ukraine.

Russia's defence ministry said at least 95 Ukrainian drones had been intercepted across more than a dozen Russian regions on August 24, the day that Ukraine celebrates its declaration of independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.

The Kursk nuclear power plant, just 60 km (38 miles) from the border with Ukraine, said that air defences shot down a drone that detonated near the plant just after midnight, damaging an auxiliary transformer and forcing a 50% reduction in the operating capacity at reactor No. 3.

Radiation levels were normal, and there were no injuries from the fire that the drone sparked, the plant said. Two other reactors are operating without power generation, and one is undergoing scheduled repairs.

The United Nations' nuclear agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency, said it was aware of reports that a transformer at the plant caught fire due to military activity and stressed that every nuclear facility should be protected at all times.

A thousand km north, on the Gulf of Finland, at least 10 Ukrainian drones were downed over the port of Ust-Luga in Russia's northern Leningrad region, with debris sparking fire at the Novatek-operated terminal - a huge Baltic Sea fuel export terminal and processing complex, the regional governor said.



A man walks between piles of rubble in Saftawi neighbourhood, west of Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip, on August 24, 2025, amid the ongoing brutal Israeli aggression on the Palestinian territory.

PHOTO: AFP

Moscow, Kyiv each send back 146 POWs

AFP, Moscow

Russia and Ukraine each sent back 146 prisoners of war on Sunday, Moscow's defence ministry said, the latest in a series of exchanges that have seen hundreds of POWs released this year.

Large-scale prisoner exchanges were the only tangible result of three rounds of talks between Russian and Ukrainian delegations in Istanbul between May and July.

They remain one of the few areas of cooperation between the two countries since Russia's offensive began in 2022.

"On August 24, 146 Russian servicemen were returned from the territory controlled" by Kyiv, the Russian defence ministry said on Telegram.

‘Far too late’ Palestinians despair after UN declares famine in Gaza

AFP, Gaza City

Desperate Palestinians clutching pots and plastic buckets scrambled for rice at a charity kitchen in Gaza City on Saturday, a day after the United Nations declared a famine in the territory that has been reduced to rubble.

AFP footage from Gaza's largest city, which Israel plans to seize as part of an expanded military offensive, showed women and young children among the chaotic jostle of dozens clamouring and shouting for food.

One young boy used his hands to scrape a few leftover grains from the inside of a cooking vat. Another young girl sat on the edge of a tent and scooped rice from a plastic bag on the ground.

"We have no home left, no food, no income... so we are forced to turn to charity kitchens, but they do not satisfy our hunger," said Yousef Hamad, 58, who was displaced from the northern city of Beit Hanoun.

Further south at a charity kitchen in Deir el-Balah, 34-year-old Umm Mohammad said the UN's declaration of a famine had come "far too late".

The children are "staggering from dizziness, unable to wake up because of the lack of food and water," she said.

The UN officially declared a famine in Gaza on Friday, blaming the "systematic obstruction" of aid by Israel during more than 22 months of its aggression.

The Rome-based Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Initiative (IPC) said famine was affecting 500,000 people in Gaza governorate, which covers about a fifth of the Palestinian territory including Gaza City.

'MORAL DUTY'

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected the report as "an outright lie".

On Saturday, the head of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees said it was "time for the government of Israel to stop denying the famine it has created in Gaza".

Trump plans to deploy National Guard in Chicago

AFP, Washington

The Trump administration has been planning for weeks to deploy National Guard troops in Chicago as part of an expanded crackdown on crime and immigration, according to reports in US media.

The Pentagon has been sketching out plans that could mobilise several thousand National Guard members to the nation's third-largest city as early as September, The Washington Post reported, quoting unidentified officials familiar with the matter.

The Pentagon refused to confirm the reports. "We won't speculate on further operations," a defence official said.

"The Department is a planning organisation and is continuously working with other agency partners on plans to protect federal assets and personnel," the official said on condition of anonymity.



Cops forced doctor to alter autopsy report

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The doctor said that after he prepared the report on July 16, 2024, the day Abu Sayed was killed during last year's uprising, the investigation officer of the case filed with Tajhat Police Station over his death refused to accept it. Police then put pressure on him to rewrite it. "I mentioned the original findings in the reports, making some changes in language, but police refused to accept any of them."

Rajibul said that on July 30 last year, he was called to the office of RMC vice-principal Mahfuzur Rahman. There, the vice-principal, city Special Branch superintendent of police Siddiq, Rangpur Metropolitan Police deputy commissioner Maruf, and RMC's Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad chapter president Sarwar Hossain Chandan pressured him to state that Sayed had died from a "head injury and neurogenic shock".

Officials of the DGFI, NSI, and police were present outside the office, he added.

At one point, Chandan told him, "Netri [leader] is concerned over the issue. Submit the report as the police want it. We will look into your matter," Rajibul said, adding that netri is referred to Hasina.

"They threatened me with criminal cases, warned of dire consequences and even offered foreign trips to Singapore and Thailand. As I said I don't have a passport, they offered me a two-week holiday in Cox's Bazar to convince me," Rajibul told the court.

He stated that he declined to falsify the findings, pointing out that media worldwide had broadcast footage of Sayed being shot dead on July 16. "If I write otherwise, people of the whole world will hate doctors."

Rajibul further said that he eventually prepared and signed a report where he did not mention gunshot injury. He said, "I wrote that the death was due to shock and haemorrhage as a result of the above-mentioned


injuries, which were ante-mortem and homicidal in nature. Please consider the circumstantial evidence."

They accepted that report. "I submitted a true report at the risk of my life, despite repeated threats," he said, his voice trembling with emotion. He added that had the government not changed, he would have faced serious consequences.

Amir Hossain, state-defence counsel for Hasina and Kalam, argued that his opinion should not be recorded as a statement.

However, tribunal Chairman Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder rejected his plea, saying, "Whatever the witness says, without twisting anything, will be taken."

Rajibul also presented an AI Jazeera video featuring his interview and a recorded phone call between Hasina's adviser Salman F Rahman and then IGP Mamun, where Salman enquired why police had not yet collected the autopsy report. It suggests involvement of government



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ক) প্রযোজ্য শর্তাবলীঃ


১. আবেদনপত্র ক্রয় ও জমা প্রদান কার্যক্রম অনলাইনে সম্পন্ন করতে হবে। ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনের নগর ভবন ও আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয় থেকে সরাসরি আবেদনপত্র ক্রয়/বিক্রয় এবং জমা প্রদান করা যাবে না।
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Israel pounds Gaza

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Israel's Defence Minister Israel Katz on Sunday vowed to press on with the offensive on the city where famine has been declared, which has raised alarm abroad and objections at home.

Katz has said that Gaza City will be razed unless Hamas agrees to release all hostages.

Hamas said in a statement on Sunday that Israel's plan to take over Gaza City showed it wasn't serious about a ceasefire.

It said a ceasefire agreement was "the only way to return the hostages", holding Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu responsible for their lives.

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Yunus, Dar discuss

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adviser emphasised several areas of collaboration, including frequent cultural exchanges. "When Pakistani singers perform in Bangladesh, everyone appreciates their talent. That is the spirit we must build upon," he said.

Dar said efforts were underway to improve connectivity including shipping and air travel. "By October, we hope Fly Jinnah will launch direct flights between our two countries. The PIA is also expected to launch direct flights to Dhaka once the airline is privatised," he said.

Both leaders expressed optimism that enhanced trade, deepening cultural

exchange, and regional cooperation would contribute to a more stable and prosperous South Asia.

Dar conveyed greetings from Pakistan's Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. Yunus warmly reciprocated, saying, "Every time Prime Minister Sharif and I met, we spoke about SAARC. Our visions are aligned, and SAARC remains a top priority for both of us."

Dar also praised Yunus's contributions to poverty alleviation and community empowerment. "Bangladesh is fortunate to have a Head of Government like you - a leader who inspires the world," he said.