

## Israel ramps up Lebanon strikes

### Hezbollah vows to defend itself

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The Israeli military has launched renewed air raids on southern Lebanon's Tyre district, claiming it attacked Hezbollah operatives rebuilding what it called "military infrastructure" as Israel escalates daily attacks on its northern neighbour in flagrant violation of a one-year-old truce.

In a statement yesterday, the Israeli army said it hit members of Hezbollah's construction unit and that it would "continue to operate in order to remove any threat to the territory of the state of Israel".

Lebanon's National News Agency confirmed Israeli raids near the towns of Toura and Abbasiyeh in the Tyre area but did not report any casualties. The attacks come as Hezbollah issued a firm rejection of any political negotiations with Israel.



## Pakistan fires into Afghanistan despite truce

AFP, Kabul

Projectiles were fired from Pakistan into Afghanistan yesterday, an Afghan military source and witnesses told AFP, as the two neighbours resumed peace negotiations in Turkey aimed at reinforcing a fragile ceasefire.

"Pakistan used light and heavy weapons and targeted civilian areas," the Afghan military source said of the shelling, which witnesses said lasted 10-15 minutes.

"We have not retaliated yet, out of respect for the ongoing negotiations" in Istanbul, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Militaries from the South Asian neighbours clashed last month, with dozens killed in the worst such violence since the Taliban returned to power in Kabul in 2021.



## Quarter of Swedish politicians suffer threats: report

AFP, Stockholm

One in four of Swedish elected politicians suffered threats or harassment last year, and a quarter of those affected contemplated leaving as a result, a new report showed yesterday.

The issue was brought into the spotlight in Sweden in October, when party leader of the Centre Party Anna-Karin Hatt stepped down after just five months, saying

that she did not feel safe following a slew of threats.

According to a new report by the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (Bra), 25.4 percent of elected representatives stated that in 2024 "they had been the victim of some form of threat or harassment, or of violence, vandalism or theft".

The report is based on a survey of elected politicians and Bra said about 7,500, out of the just over 13,300 elected representatives that

constituted the sample population, had participated.

Women were slightly more at risk with 26.8 percent of those surveyed stating that they had been victimised at least once during 2024, compared to 24.4 percent of men.

The report also said that one in four of these politicians had considered leaving as a result. In most cases, the perpetrator was either unknown or anonymous, according to the report.



People rest beside cars swept one on top of another by floodwaters caused by Typhoon Kalmaegi in Liloan, Cebu province, Philippines, yesterday. The typhoon killed at least 140 people and left 127 missing after unleashing devastating floods across the central Philippines, according to official figures, as the storm moved toward Vietnam.

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## Ukraine hits Russia's Volgograd with drones

### One killed; fire reported near major refinery; dozens of flights halted; Russian troops advance north inside Pokrovsk

REUTERS, Moscow

Ukraine struck Russia with at least 75 drones yesterday, sparking a fire in an industrial area of the southern city of Volgograd, killing at least one and halting dozens of flights across the country, Russian officials said.

Ukraine has for several months been striking Russian oil refineries, depots and pipelines in a bid to undermine the Russian economy as Russian forces advance in eastern Ukraine.

Volgograd Governor Andrei Bocharov said a 48-year-old man was killed by shrapnel and that a fire was sparked in an industrial zone in the Krasnoarmeysk district of the city, which was formerly known as Stalingrad.

The district is home to Lukoil's major Volgograd refinery which has been repeatedly targeted by Ukraine. In 2024 the Volgograd refinery processed 13.7 million tonnes of oil, or 5.1 percent of the total volume at Russian refineries.

Russia's defence ministry said that 75 Ukrainian drones were downed overnight, including 49 in the Volgograd region.

Russian media said that 13 airports across Russia halted flights amid the drone attack. Russia said on Wednesday that its forces were advancing north inside Pokrovsk in a drive to take full



PHOTO: REUTERS

Firefighters work at the site of apartment buildings damaged by a Russian drone strike in Kamianske, Dnipro region, Ukraine, yesterday.

control of the Ukrainian city.

Moscow says taking Pokrovsk, dubbed "the gateway to Donetsk" by Russian media, would give it a platform to drive north towards the two biggest remaining Ukrainian-controlled cities in the Donetsk region - Kramatorsk and Sloviansk.

Russia wants to take the whole of the Donbas region, which comprises Donetsk and neighbouring Luhansk provinces. Ukraine still controls about 10 percent of Donbas - an area of

about 5,000 square km.

Russia has been threatening Pokrovsk for more than a year, using a pincer movement to attempt to encircle it and threaten supply lines, rather than the deadly frontal assaults it employed to capture the city of Bakhmut in 2023.

Russia said it had captured 64 buildings in the city, once home to 60,000 people, over the past 24 hours and repelled Ukrainian attacks from Hryshyne to the west.

## US to cancel flights as govt shutdown drags on

AFP, Washington

US officials said the scheduled capacity for flights would be cut by 10 percent in 40 busy air traffic areas nationwide today as the longest government shutdown drags on.

Federal agencies have been grinding to a halt since Congress failed to approve funding past September 30, with some 1.4 million federal workers, from air traffic controllers to park wardens, still on enforced leave or working without pay.

"There is going to be a 10 percent reduction in capacity at 40 of our locations," Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy told a White House news briefing on Wednesday, adding that the cuts would come into effect today.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) chief Bryan Bedford said the reductions would be at "40 high traffic environment markets."

The official list of affected airports was expected to be published later yesterday but, according to US media outlets, flights will be reduced at some of the busiest airports in the nation, including Chicago, Dallas and Los Angeles.

## Trump admin revoked 80,000 non-immigrant visas: US official

REUTERS, Washington

President Donald Trump's administration has revoked around 80,000 non-immigrant visas since its inauguration on January 20 for offenses ranging from driving under the influence to assault and theft, a senior State Department official said on Wednesday.

The extent of the revocations, first reported by Washington Examiner, reflects a broad immigration crackdown initiated when Trump came into office, deporting an unprecedented number of migrants including some who held valid visas.

The administration has also adopted a stricter policy on granting visas, with tightened social media vetting and expanded screening.

Around 16,000 of the visa revocations were tied to cases of driving under the influence, while about 12,000 were for assault and another 8,000 for theft.

"These three crimes accounted for almost half of revocations this year," said the senior State Department official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

In August, a State Department spokesperson said Washington had revoked more than 6,000 student visas for overstays and breaking the law, including a small number for "support for terrorism."

## Nancy Pelosi announces retirement

AFP, Washington

Nancy Pelosi, a towering figure in US politics and the first female speaker of the House of Representatives, announced yesterday that she would be stepping down at the next election.

"I will not be seeking reelection to Congress," the 85-year-old Democrat said in a video heavily targeted at her hometown constituents in San Francisco.

"With a grateful heart, I look forward to my final year of service as your proud representative."

During her tenure, Pelosi gained a reputation as a defender of human rights and an early advocate of gay rights.


It was her work in helping then-President Barack Obama win enactment of the 2010 Affordable Care Act, known as "Obamacare," that she sees as her greatest accomplishment.




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Sudanese students from local schools shout slogans during an organized march in Gedaref city, eastern Sudan, yesterday, protesting violations committed by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) against the people of El-Fasher. New satellite imagery has detected activity 'consistent with mass graves' in El-Fasher, according to a report by Yale researchers.

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