

Trump seeks 'decisive' options for Iran

US military assets move into Middle East

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US President Donald Trump is pressing aides for “decisive” military options against Iran after stepping back from potential strikes last week, according to a report Tuesday.

Trump’s discussions come as the US deploys additional forces to the Middle East, including an aircraft carrier that was spotted by maritime-traffic trackers sailing west from the South China Sea toward the Persian Gulf and F-15E fighter jets that landed Sunday in Jordan, said The Wall Street Journal.

The report, citing anonymous US officials, said Trump has repeatedly used the term “decisive” in internal discussions about what he would want any potential US action against Iran to achieve.

That language has prompted officials at the White House



and the Pentagon to prepare a range of military scenarios for the president, including options that could seek to remove Iran's leadership, reports Anadolu Ajansi online.

The officials were quoted as saying that Trump has not authorised strikes and that his final decision remains uncertain, but the ongoing discussions indicate he has not ruled out taking action against Tehran over the killing of protesters.

Iran has been rocked by nationwide protests since late December over economic hardship and the sharp depreciation of the rial, with demonstrations spreading from Tehran to several cities.

According to the US-based Human Rights Activists News Agency (HRANA) on Monday, at least 4,029 people have been killed, more than 26,000 arrested and over 5,800 injured during the unrest. Iranian officials have accused the US and Israel of backing what they described as "armed rioters."

Trump has repeatedly threatened to "hit hard" if protesters were killed but later commended Tehran for reportedly cancelling hundreds of scheduled executions.



People take part in the nationwide “Stop ICE Terror” rally in New York, US on Tuesday evening, protesting US President Donald Trump’s immigration policies.

Israeli fire kills 11 Palestinians in Gaza

Two boys, three journos among the dead

REUTERS, Cairo

Israeli fire killed 11 Palestinians, including two boys and three journalists, in Gaza yesterday, local medics said, and the Israeli military said it had "eliminated a Palestinian man" who posed a threat to soldiers.



In the latest violence disrupting a brittle, three-month-old ceasefire, Palestinian health officials said an Israeli airstrike killed three Palestinian journalists travelling in a car in the central Gaza Strip.

The three were on an assignment sponsored by the Egyptian Committee, which supervises Egypt's relief work in Gaza, to film tent encampments built

by Egypt for displaced Palestinians, other local journalists told Reuters.

An Egyptian security source confirmed the vehicle belonged to the committee but gave no further details.

The Israeli military did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Israel and Hamas have traded blame for multiple breaches of the October truce after two years of war that devastated Gaza and caused a humanitarian disaster.

Trump said on Tuesday “you got to let the UN continue” when asked about his plans for a so-called “Board of Peace” that has alarmed international experts.

Japan restarts world's biggest nuclear plant

AFP, Kariwa

The world's biggest nuclear power plant was restarted yesterday for the first time since the 2011 Fukushima disaster, its Japanese operator said, despite persistent safety concerns among residents.

The plant was "started at 19:02", Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) spokesman Tatsuya Matsubata told AFP of the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant in Niigata prefecture.

The regional governor approved the resumption last month, although public opinion remains sharply divided. On Tuesday, a few dozen protesters demonstrated near the plant's entrance.

Ex-adviser M Hafizuddin Khan

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Hafizuddin Khan was rushed to Uttara Crescent Hospital in the morning after he complained of chest pain, his niece Moushumi Mostafa told The Daily Star. He was later put on life support and pronounced dead around 6:00pm, she said.

His namaz e-janaza will be held at multiple locations today. His two daughters, who live abroad, are expected to arrive in Dhaka today.

He will be laid to rest tomorrow at his village home in Rahmatganj of Sirajganj Sadar upazila.

Born in Sirajganj in 1939, Hafizuddin Khan served as an adviser to the caretaker government in 2001.

He completed his graduation and master's degrees in political science from Dhaka University in 1960 and 1961 respectively, according to a brief biography published by Midas

financing Limited, where he served as a director. He later obtained a diploma in development finance from the University of Birmingham in the UK.

Hafizuddin joined government service in the Audit and Accounts Cadre in 1964. After 35 years of service, he retired in 1999. In 2001, he served as an adviser to the caretaker government, overseeing the ministries of finance, planning, and textiles and jute.

Widely regarded as a reformer in administrative and financial management, he served as a director of BASIC Bank and Rupali Bank, and as chairman of Agrani Bank.

He also served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Transparency International Bangladesh and as president of the central executive committee of Sushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Sujan).

Suspected jihadist attack kills 31 civilians in Niger


AFP, Abidjan

An armed attack has killed at least 31 civilians in western Niger near the borders with Burkina Faso and Mali in a region rife with jihadist groups, local sources said Tuesday.

The assailants struck on Sunday in a village lying in the Tillabéri region, located in the so-called tri-border area -- a flashpoint zone where the frontiers of Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali converge.

Jihadists linked to Al Qaeda and the Islamic State group have made the region a fiefdom, carrying out deadly attacks for nearly a decade.

Tillabéri became the "deadliest region across central Sahel" in 2025, with more than 1,200 deaths, most of them civilians, according to ACLED, an NGO that monitors conflicts.



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