

## 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



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.

PHOTO: AFP



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 describe 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.

## 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, Kariba

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 Matoba 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.

## CARIBBEAN SEA US military seizes another Venezuela-linked tanker

REUTERS, Washington

The US military said it seized a Venezuela-linked tanker on Tuesday in the Caribbean, marking the seventh such apprehension since the start of US President Donald Trump's month-long campaign to control Venezuela's oil flows.

The US military's Southern Command said in a statement it apprehended the Motor Vessel Sagitta "without incident."

"The apprehension of another tanker operating in defiance of President Trump's established quarantine of sanctioned vessels in the Caribbean demonstrates our resolve to ensure that the only oil leaving Venezuela will be oil that is coordinated properly and lawfully," it said in a statement.

Trump has focused his foreign policy in Latin America on Venezuela, initially aiming to push President Nicolas Maduro from power. After failing to find a diplomatic solution, Trump ordered US forces to fly into the country to grab him and his wife in a daring overnight raid on January 3.

## INDIAN KASHMIR Journos asked to sign pledge vowing to keep peace

REUTERS, Srinagar

Police in Indian Kashmir have asked at least three journalists working in the region to sign a pledge vowing not to "disturb peace" in the region, two of them told Reuters yesterday.



A third journalist, an assistant editor with the Indian Express newspaper, was summoned to a police station in Srinagar, the capital of the federal territory, but did not sign the pledge, the newspaper said in a report published yesterday.

India has imposed several restrictions in the troubled Muslim-majority region after revoking its constitutional autonomy in 2019, laying out rules for how the insurgency in the region is covered and reported.

## Looming water supply 'bankruptcy' puts billions at risk

UN report warns as rivers, lakes depleting at accelerating pace

REUTERS

The world is facing irreversible water "bankruptcy", with billions of people struggling to cope with the consequences of decades of overuse as well as shrinking supplies from lakes, rivers, glaciers and wetlands, UN researchers said on Tuesday.

Nearly three-quarters of the global population live in countries classified as "water insecure" or "critically water insecure", and 4 billion people face severe water scarcity at least one month per year, the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment



and Health warned in a report.

"Many regions are living beyond their hydrological means, and many critical water systems are already bankrupt," said Kaveh Madani, lead author and director of the institute.

"By acknowledging the reality of water bankruptcy, we can finally make the hard choices that will protect people, economies and ecosystems," he said.

The report said water supplies are "already in a post-crisis state of failure" after decades of unsustainable extraction rates that have drawn down water "savings" contained in aquifers, glaciers, soils, wetlands and river ecosystems, with supplies also degraded by pollution.

More than 170 million hectares of irrigated cropland are under "high" or "very high" water stress, Madani said.



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