

Trump sends hospital ship to Greenland

AFP, Copenhagen

Greenland does not need medical assistance from other countries, Denmark's defence minister said yesterday, after US President Donald Trump claimed he was sending a hospital ship to the autonomous Danish territory that he covets.

"The Greenlandic population receives the healthcare it needs. They receive it either in Greenland, or, if they require specialised treatment, they receive it in Denmark. So it's not as if there's a need for a special healthcare initiative in Greenland," Defence Minister Troels Lund Poulsen told Danish broadcaster DR.

In Greenland as in Denmark access to healthcare is free. There are five regional hospitals across the vast Arctic island, with the Nuuk hospital serving patients from all over the territory.



Palestinian women mourn during the funeral of 17-year-old Mohammed Hanani, who was killed in clashes with Israeli soldiers during a night raid on the village of Beit Furik, southeast of Nablus in the West Bank yesterday. Inset, Palestinians carry Hanani's body during the funeral.

PHOTO: AFP



US PRESSURE Cuba security forces exit Venezuela

REUTERS, Caracas

Cuban security advisers and doctors have been leaving Venezuela as Interim President Delcy Rodriguez's government faces intense pressure from Washington to unwind Latin America's most consequential leftist alliance, according to 11 sources familiar with the matter.

Venezuela's Interim President Delcy Rodriguez has entrusted her protection to Venezuelan bodyguards, according to four of the sources, unlike deposed president Nicolas Maduro and his predecessor, the late president Hugo Chavez, who both relied on elite Cuban forces.

Thirty-two Cubans were killed in the US military attack that captured Maduro on January 3, according to the Cuban government.

Russian drones, missiles pound Ukraine

Energy, rail infrastructure, residential buildings hit; one killed, dozens hurt

AFP, Kyiv

Russia fired scores of missiles and drones at targets across Ukraine yesterday, crashing into energy and rail infrastructure and residential buildings, just two days before the fourth anniversary of Russia's invasion.

AFP journalists in Kyiv heard a series of blasts starting at around 4:00 am (0200 GMT), shortly after an air raid alert was issued, with the air force later widening the alert nationwide citing the threat of missiles.

"Moscow continues to invest in strikes more than in diplomacy," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky commented on the attack on social media, saying that Russia launched about 50 missiles and 300 drones overnight.

"The main target of the attack was the energy sector. Ordinary residential buildings were also damaged, and there is damage to the railway."

One man was killed and dozens were wounded, among them four children, in and around Kyiv, Ukraine's national police said.

AFP saw rescuers sifting through debris of a largely destroyed two-storey house in Sofiivska Borshchagivka in the Kyiv region.

Temperatures had plunged to nearly -10C when the capital was

struck, with emergency services deployed across the city.

The Ukrainian capital, regularly targeted by Russian missile and drone attacks since the start of the invasion on February 24, 2022, has faced waves of overnight strikes in recent weeks as Moscow has intensified its winter assaults.



The Russian army said it had carried out a mass strike targeting facilities used by Ukraine's military, saying all targets were hit, in a standard comment for such attacks.

Authorities in Russia's western Belgorod region said one man died

after a Ukrainian drone strike.

The bombardment, which included ballistic and cruise missiles, prompted heightened vigilance across Ukraine, all the way to the western border.

Ukraine's energy ministry said consumers in six eastern and southeastern region were without

power after the strikes.

Poland's Operational Command said early yesterday it was scrambling jets after detecting "long-range aviation of the Russian Federation conducting strikes on the territory of Ukraine".

IS claims two attacks on Syrian army

Announces 'new phase' of ops

REUTERS

Islamic State (IS) claimed responsibility on Saturday for two attacks targeting Syrian army personnel in northern and eastern Syria, as the group signaled what it described as a new phase of operations against the country's leadership.

The group said on its Dabiq news agency that it had targeted "an individual of the apostate Syrian regime" in the city of Mayadin in Deir al Zor province using a pistol, and attacked two other personnel with machine guns in the northern city of Raqqa.

Syria's Defence Ministry said in a statement that a Syrian army soldier and a civilian were killed on Saturday by "unknown assailants." A military source told Reuters the soldier belonged to the army's 42nd Division.

The attacks come amid a sharp escalation by IS against Syria's leadership under President Ahmed al-Sharaa, a former al-Qaeda leader who broke with the group in 2016 before leading a coalition of Islamist factions that overthrew President Bashar al-Assad at the end of 2024.

ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO ME

Arab states condemn US envoy's remarks

AFP, Jerusalem

Arab and Islamic countries yesterday issued a joint condemnation of remarks by US ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, who suggested Israel had a biblical right to a vast swath of the Middle East.

Huckabee, a former Baptist minister and a fervent Israel supporter, was speaking on the podcast of far-right commentator and Israel critic Tucker Carlson.

In an episode released Friday, Carlson pushed Huckabee on the meaning of a biblical verse sometimes interpreted as saying that Israel is entitled to the land between the river Nile in Egypt and the Euphrates in Syria and Iraq.

In response, Huckabee said: "It would be fine if they took it all."

When pressed, however, he continued that Israel was "not asking to take all of that", adding: "It was somewhat of a hyperbolic statement."

The backlash widened sharply yesterday as more than a dozen Arab and Islamic governments issued a joint statement denouncing the US diplomat's comments as "dangerous and inflammatory".

The statement, released by the United Arab Emirates' foreign ministry, was signed by the UAE, Egypt, Jordan, Indonesia, Pakistan, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Lebanon, Syria and the State of Palestine, as well as the OIC, the Arab League and Gulf Cooperation Council.



Australian frigate sails Taiwan Strait

China's navy tracks the vessel's movement

REUTERS, Sydney

An Australian warship sailed through the Taiwan Strait, a government source said yesterday, in the latest transit of the sensitive waterway by a US ally that Chinese state-backed media said was tracked and monitored by the nation's military.

In addition to claiming sovereignty over democratically governed Taiwan, Beijing views the narrow, highly strategic strait as Chinese territorial waters and has responded aggressively on occasion to foreign navies sailing there.

The Toowoomba, an Anzac-class frigate of the Royal Australian Navy, "conducted a routine transit through the Taiwan Strait" on Friday and Saturday as part of a "Regional Presence Deployment in the Indo-Pacific region", the source said.

"All interactions with foreign ships and aircraft were safe and professional," the source said.

China's state-backed Global Times newspaper, citing an unnamed Chinese military source, reported late on Saturday that "the Chinese People's Liberation Army carried out full-process tracking, monitoring, and alert operations throughout the transit".



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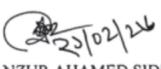
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