

SIGNAL JAMMING 1,000 ships at times lost GPS in Middle East

AFP, Washington

The global positioning system (GPS) capabilities of cargo ships, oil tankers and other vessels stuck in the Middle East because of the widening war are likely worse than those in your cell phone.

Experts say this deficiency explains why since the start of US-Israeli strikes, the jamming of satellite navigation signals has left about 1,000 ships in the Gulf and the Gulf of Oman unable to determine their location, either momentarily or continuously.

Dimitris Ampatzidis, a risk and compliance analyst for the energy market intelligence firm Kpler, said the number represents about half of the vessels in the area. The vast majority of those ships are located off the UAE and Oman.

SPOOFING

Jamming a GPS signal is "not that complicated," said Katherine Dunn, the author of an upcoming book of the history of GPS, "Little Blue Dot." All one needs is "another radio transmitter that can broadcast on the same frequency, but louder," she said, which creates "a wall of mush." Spoofing is more sophisticated -- and more dangerous, affecting a ship's Automatic Identification System, or AIS.



In this photo obtained from Iran's ISNA news agency yesterday, rescue workers carry the body of a victim after a strike on a building in Tehran's Enghelab Square. PHOTO: AFP

Turkey warns of Iran civil war plot

Reports say US plans to arm Kurds to infiltrate Iran

AFP, Istanbul

Turkey's foreign minister advised Saturday against efforts to cause a civil war inside Iran, while warning Tehran after Nato intercepted a Turkey-bound ballistic missile launched from Iran this week.

Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said any effort to stir up a civil war inside Iran in a bid to bring about regime change would be a "historic" mistake.

"We are against all scenarios that aim to instigate a civil war in Iran, that target ethnic or religious fault lines," Fidan told journalists in Istanbul. "This is the most dangerous scenario," he added.

He was speaking after reports

that Washington was looking to arm Kurdish guerrillas to infiltrate Iran, with US President Donald Trump expressing support for such an offensive.

However, Trump said Saturday that "We're not looking to the Kurds going in".

"We're very friendly with the Kurds, as you know, but we don't want to make the war any more complex than it already is," he told reporters in a briefing aboard Air Force One. Fidan said he had raised the matter with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who had denied any American involvement in such an issue.

"They stated they are not

involved in such an effort and have no such intention," Fidan said after the pair spoke on Wednesday.

He pointed the finger instead at Israel's "strategy of using Kurdish groups in the region as proxies".

Such a move would raise hackles in Turkey, which has fought a decades-long bloody conflict with the Kurdish militant group PKK, which it is now seeking to end.

"We are openly warning everyone... against this scenario," Fidan said. "This will not only lead to more suffering and loss of life for innocent civilians in Iran, but it will also cause millions to be displaced and flee to neighbouring countries and beyond," he added.

Iran military warns Azerbaijan to expel Israeli presence

AFP, Tehran

Iran's military called on its neighbour Azerbaijan to "expel the Zionists" from its territory on Saturday in order to preserve its security, a day after Baku accused Tehran of plotting attacks on its territory.

Israel is a close ally of Azerbaijan's and a key arms supplier, while Tehran has long accused Israel of using Azerbaijani territory for intelligence operations.

"We declare to Iran's neighbouring country, the Republic of Azerbaijan, as a Muslim country, to expel the Zionists from that country in order to prevent the spread of insecurity in the region and not to endanger the security of its people and Islamic Iran," a military spokesman said.

Azerbaijan on Friday said it had foiled a series of planned Iranian terrorist attacks on its territory including on a key oil pipeline, a synagogue and Jewish community leaders. Iran did not comment on the accusations.

On Thursday at least four drones crashed into Azerbaijan's exclave of Nakhchivan, including one that hit an airport, with Baku blaming Tehran.

Nepal's centrist RSP party poised for landslide at polls

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's centrist RSP party of rapper-turned-politician Balendra Shah had secured a majority in the direct parliamentary elections, partial official results showed yesterday, and was heading for a landslide according to official trends.

The 35-year-old's Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) was also leading in the proportional representation vote, according to results declared and election commission trends.

Shah himself had on Saturday defeated the veteran four-time prime minister KP Sharma Oli -- whose Marxist-led government was ousted in the violence last year -- in his own seat.



DEFENSIVE JAMMING

Signal jamming is undoubtedly being used both offensively and defensively. Gulf states are directing their systems towards their own shores to ward off Iran's satellite-guided Shahed drones -- at the cost, deemed acceptable, of disrupting their own lives.

Israel did the same thing in 2024, as did Iran after its 12 days of conflict with Israel last year. "Even if their own air traffic or maritime traffic or their delivery drivers or their dating apps are affected by GPS jamming and spoofing, they'll do it, just like Israel did. Israel did it for a year in 2024," Todd Humphreys, an engineering professor at the University of Texas at Austin, told AFP. For air and sea navigation, start-ups are developing alternative technologies using Earth's magnetic field or inertial navigation. But for ships today, navigating without a GPS is still far in the future.

TACKLING DRUG CARTELS Trump offers missile strikes to LatAm leaders

AFP, Doral

US President Donald Trump on Saturday urged Latin American nations to use military power against the "cancer" of drug cartels, offering to support them with US missile strikes targeting narco kingpins.

Trump, currently waging a war with Iran, laid out a muscular position for advancing Washington's interests in the Western hemisphere, pronouncing that communist-led Cuba was "in its last moments of life".

He also advocated tough action by allies against organized crime blighting the region. He formally launched a 17-nation "counter cartel" coalition that the White House described as a pledge from governments to use "hard power" against security threats.

"We're working with you to do whatever we have to do. We'll use missiles. You want us to use a missile? They're extremely accurate," Trump told a dozen right-wing leaders from

Latin America and the Caribbean at his Doral golf club near Miami.

"Piu," right into the living room," he said, suggesting the sound of a missile in flight. "That's the end of that cartel person. But we'll do whatever you need."

Trump has already staked bold claims in Latin America with the ouster of Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro and working with his replacement, Delcy Rodriguez, to claim Venezuelan oil reserves for America.

Among the leaders attending the "Shield of the Americas" summit were Argentina's President Javier Milei, Ecuador's Daniel Noboa and El Salvador's Nayib Bukele.

All three leaders posted to social media photos of them standing beside Trump. Noboa wrote in Spanish: "For too long, organized crime believed that America was its territory. That they could cross borders, move drugs, weapons, and violence without consequences. That time is over for them."

Israeli settler fire kills three in West Bank

AFP, Jerusalem

The Palestinian health ministry said yesterday that Israeli settlers shot dead three Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, the second deadly incident reported in as many days.

A ministry statement said Thaer Faruq Hamayel, 24, and Farea Jawdat Hamayel, 57, were killed by settler fire in the town of Abu Falah, northeast of Ramallah.

It did not say when the incident occurred or provide further details.

Violence in the West Bank has soared since the Hamas attack on Israel triggered the Gaza war in October 2023. It has continued despite the ceasefire.

On Saturday, Ramallah-based health ministry and a local mayor said Israeli settlers shot dead a Palestinian man and wounded his brother in an attack on another village, Wadi al-Rakhim.



People take part in a protest marking International Women's Day near the US Embassy in Manila, Philippines, yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

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