



"It is absolutely true that France which has not been consulted and is not part of this military offensive launched by the United States and Israel, is not taking part in it."

French President  
**Emmanuel Macron**



"We receive messages from the American side, some direct and some through our friends... There are no grounds for negotiations."

Iran's FM  
**Abbas Araghchi**



"The months ahead may not be easy... No government can promise to eliminate the pressures that this war is causing."

Australian PM  
**Anthony Albanese**



"For us, it's the most significant disruption of supply chains that we have seen since Covid and the beginning of the war in Ukraine."

WFP's supply chain chief  
**Corinne Fleischer** on ME war



Smoke rises from Kuwait International Airport after a reported drone strike yesterday. Kuwait's civil aviation authority said the facility was hit by an Iranian drone attack that caused "a large fire" at a fuel depot. *Inset*, Israeli security forces and first responders work at the scene of a strike in a residential area of Tel Aviv following an Iranian attack.

PHOTO: AFP

## US-ISRAELI STRIKES ON IRAN

# Trump team's four goals keep changing

CNN ONLINE

The Trump administration keeps suggesting that the Iran war could wrap up soon. The reason? Because it's accomplishing its goals. "We are going to achieve our objectives in a matter of weeks, not months," Secretary of State Marco Rubio told ABC News on Monday. But when it comes to precisely what those goals are, the administration has been remarkably inconsistent. Officials have regularly listed four objectives, but they've often changed depending upon the date and who's providing them.

At a briefing, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth described four objectives: destroy Iranian offensive missiles, destroy Iranian missile production, destroy their navy and other security infrastructure and they will never have nuclear weapons. Those four more or less matched the things President Donald Trump mentioned in a video released the morning of the first strikes. But just hours after Hegseth's comments, Trump debuted an amended list at a Medal of Honor ceremony at the White House.

Numbers 3 and 4 were the same, but numbers 1 and 2 were merged into one goal — "destroying Iran's missile capabilities." And he added a new fourth goal concerning Iran's Middle East proxy groups like Hezbollah and the Houthis: "Ensuring that the Iranian regime cannot continue to arm, fund and direct terrorist armies outside of their borders."

Two days later, a similar split was seen. Rubio echoed Hegseth's list in a social media post. But shortly thereafter,

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt echoed Trump's amended list. She ran through four goals that again included neutralising the proxy threat, which Rubio hadn't mentioned.

And the split has largely continued along those lines, with Leavitt including the proxy threat but others like Hegseth and Rubio omitting it.

The initial goals suggested success would be achieved only if Iran had no missiles or ability to fire them, and if proxy groups like Hezbollah in Lebanon



and the Houthis in Yemen were cut off.

At a briefing on Tuesday morning, Hegseth pitched the war as different from other recent US wars, where he said the mission was ill defined. But that's exactly the sense the administration's public comments about this war have given.

It makes it very difficult to measure the success of war effort when administration can't even give a consistent list of four goals. And the fact that those goals have shifted so much probably won't calm the fears of Americans who don't seem to understand what this war is about.



## CRIMEAN PENINSULA

# 29 people dead as Russian military plane crashes

REUTERS

A Russian An 26 military transport plane crashed into a cliff in Crimea, killing 29 people on board, due to a possible technical malfunction, Russia's defence ministry said early yesterday, according to news agencies.

TASS news agency, quoting the ministry, said communication with the aircraft was lost at about 6:00 pm local time (1500 GMT) on Tuesday on a planned flight over Crimea. The peninsula, covered in sweeping mountains leading down to the coast of the Black Sea, was annexed by Russia from Ukraine in 2014.

"The defence ministry reported that a search team found the site of the catastrophe," TASS reported. "According to a report from the site, six crew members and 23 passengers on board were killed."

The ministry report did not say how many people were on board, but it made no mention of any survivors on the An-26, a light tactical military transport that has for decades been a mainstay that can carry cargo and up to 40 passengers over short and medium distances. "There was no impact on the aircraft," TASS quoted the ministry as saying, implying that objects like missiles, drones and birds were not involved.

"The preliminary cause of the crash is a technical malfunction. A commission from the military is working at the site," it said.

Russia's defence ministry did not respond immediately to a request for comment outside normal business hours.

## BORDER TENSION

# Afghan-Pak hold talks in China

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan and Afghanistan are holding talks in China to end months of conflict, two officials from Islamabad told AFP yesterday.

The meeting in the northwestern city of Urumqi comes after Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Ishaq Dar, travelled to Beijing on Tuesday to meet his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi.

The pair discussed Islamabad's role in trying to get the United States and Iran to the negotiating table, and set out a joint five-point plan for an end to the conflict.

Dar was due to return to Islamabad yesterday. China has sought to mediate in the escalating conflict between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Pakistan says it is targeting extremists who have carried out cross-border attacks, but authorities in Kabul deny harbouring militants.

There was no immediate comment from Pakistan's foreign ministry and military when contacted by AFP, or from the Afghan government.

But a senior Pakistani security official said: "A delegation led by an official from Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs is in Urumqi to hold talks with the Afghan Taliban"

"The meeting is taking place at the request of our Chinese friends."

A second senior government official also confirmed the talks, adding: "The meeting is to set a base for full-scale dialogue."

The first official said Pakistan's demands from Afghanistan "remain unchanged", urging Kabul to "take verifiable action" against extremists and "end any support for the group".



## EU MIGRANT CRISIS

# 19 drown after boat sinks off Turkey

AFP, Istanbul

Nineteen migrants who had boarded a rubber dinghy drowned yesterday in the Aegean Sea off the coast of Bodrum, in southwestern Turkey, the Turkish coastguard said.

"Following search and rescue operations, 21 undocumented migrants were rescued alive, while the bodies of 19 others were recovered," the coastguard said in a statement.

There was no immediate information about the nationality of the migrants. "Efforts to determine the status of the missing (migrants) and search and rescue operations are continuing in this case," the coastguard said.

The Aegean Sea is a frequent transit route for thousands of migrants attempting to cross from North Africa and the Middle East into Europe, particularly from Turkey.

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