

COUNTERTERRORISM US focuses on Europe, leftists

AFP, Washington

US President Donald Trump's administration accused Europe of being an "incubator" for terrorism fueled by mass migration, in a new counterterrorism strategy unveiled on Wednesday.

The strategy also focuses on rooting out "violent left-wing extremists" including "radically pro-transgender" groups, as Trump's conservative administration steps up its political attacks on opponents.

It further places drug cartels in the Americas at the centre of counterterrorism efforts.

But some of its strongest language is reserved for Europe, home to numerous US allies who will be alarmed to see their continent in the Trump administration's crosshairs once again.

"It is clear to all that well-organised hostile groups exploit open borders and related globalist ideals. The more these alien cultures grow, and the longer current European policies persist, the more terrorism is guaranteed," the strategy said.

The fresh criticism of Europe comes just months after Trump's new national security strategy said the continent faced "civilizational erasure" due to immigration.



First responders inspect a collapsed building following an Israeli airstrike a day earlier in Beirut's southern suburb of Haret Hreik yesterday. Israel on Wednesday struck Beirut's southern suburbs in the first such attack in nearly a month, killing a senior Hezbollah commander from its elite Radwan force. At least 11 others were killed in strikes across the country's south and east, Lebanon's health ministry said. PHOTO: AFP

Mortar attack on Pak market kills six: police

AFP, Peshawar

Six people, including two children, were killed when mortar shells hit a market in a turbulent area of northwestern Pakistan, a police official said yesterday.

The attack took place in the Thall area of Hangu district in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which borders Afghanistan and also lies adjacent to Pakistan's formerly self-governed tribal areas.

The blast also wounded 13 people, three of whom were in critical condition, and there were fears the death toll could rise, a local police officer said.

Security forces cordoned off the area while rescue teams transported the wounded to nearby hospitals. Officials said security had been tightened as authorities worked to prevent further attacks.

No group has yet claimed responsibility for the attack.

Hangu has long experienced sporadic violence by militant groups such as Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan.

There has been an increase in militant attacks in Pakistan by such groups since the Afghan Taliban took over in Kabul in 2021, according to analysts.

Islamabad has accused Kabul of failing to root out militants sheltering on Afghan soil as they prepare to stage assaults on Pakistan, a charge the Taliban government in Kabul denies.

Britons set to punish Labour in local polls

AFP, London

Britons voted yesterday in local elections set to heap more pressure on beleaguered Labour Prime Minister Keir Starmer and energise the rise of hard-right and left-wing populists.

The ballot across Scotland, England and Wales is Starmer's biggest electoral test since his July 2024 general election landslide victory over the Conservatives.

Opinion polls predict grim results for Labour, which could amplify calls for Starmer, 63, to resign or face a long-rumoured party leadership challenge.

The prime minister and his wife voted at a polling station near parliament in Westminster.

Nigel Farage's anti-immigrant Reform UK and the left-wing Greens, led by self-described eco-populist Zack Polanski, are expected to benefit from widespread disillusionment.

Melanie Garson, associate professor of politics at University College London, said the vote was a "huge barometer for how the country is feeling about this political establishment".

"We've got, for the first time, significant pressure on the main political parties across every single council."

Polls will close at 10:00pm (2100GMT). Some results are expected overnight, but most will not come until today.

Around 5,000 local council seats, out of 16,000, are up for grabs across England, while in Wales and Scotland, voters will elect new devolved parliaments.

Starmer swept to power following 14 years of Conservative rule defined by austerity, Brexit and the tanking of the economy

under former prime minister Liz Truss.

But critics say he has swerved from one policy misstep to another. Starmer has also failed to fulfil his main promise of spurring economic growth, with impatient Britons still suffering a cost-of-living crisis, including from high energy prices.

Surveys suggest Labour will lose control of the devolved Welsh government in Cardiff for the first time since Wales got its own

there. Pollster Robert Hayward has predicted the ruling party could lose about 1,850 of the roughly 2,550 local authority seats it is defending.

Hayward has tipped Reform to take 1,550 seats from Labour and Kemi Badenoch's right-wing Conservatives – mostly in white, working-class areas. The Conservatives are also bracing for the loss of traditional strongholds.

"The two-party era has moved



parliament 27 years ago.

A More in Common poll published Tuesday projected Reform running neck-and-neck with the pro-independence Plaid Cymru in Labour's former heartland.

Labour is also fearful of a drubbing in Scotland, where the Scottish National Party is expected to extend its 19-year control of the devolved parliament in Edinburgh.

YouGov has predicted Reform could force Labour into third place

into a multi-party era," Badenoch told PA news agency. "But the fact is none of these new parties or Labour have a plan for the country."

Britain's media is full of rumours that ex-deputy prime minister Angela Rayner or Health Secretary Wes Streeting could try to oust Starmer after the results.

Neither is universally popular within Labour, however, and would need the backing of 20 percent of the party's MPs to launch a contest.

Myanmar retakes control of trade route to China

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's military yesterday claimed to have recaptured a key northern transport corridor towards China after a 15-month battle, touting a counterblow to rebels in the civil war.

The nation's armed forces have been battling an array of opposition factions since a 2021 military coup that ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi.

Pro-democracy guerrillas fighting alongside ethnic minority armies have won significant victories, but in recent months have become increasingly fractured and suffered setbacks.

The military said it crushed "terrorist insurgent groups" along a route linking the central and second largest city of Mandalay to the northern hub of Myitkyina, about 50 kms from China's border.

"The operations lasted for over one year and three months, during which a total of 322 major and minor engagements were fought," the Myanmar commander-in-chief's office said in a statement.

Analysts say that offensive had the backing of China as it sought to shore up influence along its border, but Beijing reined in rebels as it feared Myanmar collapsing into a failed state.

AFP couldn't verify the claim.

'We will crush terror ecosystem' Says Modi a year after Pakistan conflict

AFP, New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said India remains "steadfast as ever" in its determination to defeat terrorism and its "enabling ecosystem", marking one year since a deadly clash with arch-enemy Pakistan.

Relations between nuclear-armed neighbours plummeted last year after an April 22 attack in Pahalgam in Indian-administered Kashmir killed 26 men, mostly Hindu tourists, leading to their worst conflict in decades.

India blamed Pakistan for backing the attack – a charge Islamabad denied – triggering tit-for-tat diplomatic measures and a sharp military escalation. The conflict escalated after India launched strikes on May 7, 2025 – on what it described as "terrorist camps" in Pakistan.

That prompted an immediate response from Islamabad, leading to airstrikes, drone swarms and heavy mortar fire between the two nuclear-armed neighbours.

"We remain as steadfast as ever in our resolve to defeat terrorism and destroy its enabling ecosystem," Modi said yesterday, a year on since the launch of "Operation Sindoor".

Modi's Hindu nationalist government used Sindoor, the Hindi word for the red powder which married Hindu women wear on their foreheads, as a sign that it was to avenge those widowed in the April 22 attack.

More than 70 people were killed on both sides. Pakistan claims to have shot down five Indian fighter jets. India has not disclosed any losses.

Meanwhile, Pakistan yesterday said it would defend itself strongly against any attack in a statement marking the anniversary of a conflict Islamabad calls "Marka-e-Haq" or "Battle of Truth".

The neighbours agreed to end the four-day conflict on May 10, a ceasefire first announced by US President Donald Trump.



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