US weighs drone threat from Cuba

AFP, *Washington*

Cuba has obtained more than 300 military drones and recently began discussing plans to use them to attack the US base at Guantanamo Bay, US military vessels and possibly even Florida, Axios reported Sunday, citing classified intelligence.

The report comes as tensions simmer between Washington and Havana, amid growing speculation that the US is weighing military action against the communist-run island.

The Trump administration is concerned because of developments in drone warfare and the presence of Iranian military advisors in Havana, Axios cited a senior US official as saying.

Cuba has been acquiring attack drones from Russia and Iran since 2023, US officials told Axios.



A protester is arrested by plainclothes Kenyan police officers during a nationwide transport strike over rising fuel prices in Nairobi yesterday. Public transport was largely shut down as protesters barricaded roads after a strike was called over a fuel price hike linked to the Middle East war.

PHOTO: AFP

Hezbollah, Israel war persists despite truce extension

Lebanon's death toll 2,988 since war began on March 2

REUTERS, *Beirut*

Israel carried out airstrikes in southern Lebanon yesterday, Lebanese security sources and the state news agency said, while Hezbollah announced new attacks on Israeli forces, continuing the war in Lebanon despite the extension of a US-backed truce.

Lebanon's health ministry reported on Sunday that the death toll in Lebanon had risen to 2,988 people since the war erupted on March 2, among them 613 women, children and healthcare workers.

Reignited by the US-Israeli conflict with Iran, hostilities between Iran-backed Hezbollah and Israel have rumbled on since US President Donald Trump first announced a ceasefire on April 16, with fighting mostly contained to southern Lebanon.

A 45-day ceasefire extension, announced after a third round of US-hosted talks between Lebanon and Israel on Friday, began at midnight, a Lebanese official said.

The US-led mediation has emerged in parallel to diplomacy aimed at ending US-Iran conflict. Iran has said ending Israel's war in Lebanon is one of its demands for a deal over the wider conflict. Hezbollah objects to Beirut's talks with Israel.

Israeli forces intercept Gaza-bound aid flotilla

REUTERS, *Istanbul*

The organisers of a flotilla of aid vessels bound for Gaza said yesterday that Israeli forces had intercepted 10 of their boats and that contact had been lost with a total 23 vessels in the eastern Mediterranean.

Earlier yesterday, Israel's foreign ministry had said on X that it "will not allow any breach of the lawful naval blockade on Gaza". Turkey denounced Israel for a "new act of piracy".

Ships from the Global Sumud Flotilla had set sail for a third time on Thursday from southern Turkey, after earlier attempts to deliver aid to Gaza were intercepted by Israel in international waters.

Live video showed military vessels approaching the vessels yesterday. "Military vessels are currently intercepting our fleet," the Global Sumud Flotilla initially said on X.

Guns in Iran streets as Trump renews threats

Chants of 'Death to America' echo near Tehran's Tajrish Square as flags wave and vendors sell tea, souvenirs

CNN ONLINE



As night falls over Iran's sprawling capital, and the snowy peaks of the Alborz mountains fade into the darkness, thousands of Iranians have been routinely taking to the streets for state-sponsored rallies aimed at mobilizing supporters against the United States.

Near Tajrish Square, an upscale neighbourhood of Tehran, the inevitable chanting of "Death to America" blares out over a sea of Iranian flags, while street vendors hawk tea and souvenirs, like patriotic baseball caps and patches, to the enthusiastic crowd.

"I am so ready to sacrifice my life for my country and for my people," one young woman named Tiana, wearing glasses in the colours of the Iranian flag, told me above the deafening chants.

"All the people, the whole army, all commanders that we have, they're ready to sacrifice their lives too, and ready to fight with their whole heart and soul," she added, dismissing US President Donald Trump's latest social media threat to resume military action.

"For Iran, the clock is ticking, and they better get moving, fast, or there won't be anything left of them," Trump posted on his Truth Social platform on Sunday, further ratcheting up tensions as stalled peace talks undermine a fragile ceasefire.

One elderly man carrying a makeshift placard offered to translate his sign, hand-written in Farsi. "Nuclear and missile technology is as important as our borders, so we will protect them," it read.

"We need nuclear power, clean energy, not a bomb," he told me, a reference to Iran's refusal to end its controversial nuclear program, which Trump has made a condition for ending the war.

Nigeria, US carry out new strikes on IS in Nigeria

AFP, *Lagos*

Nigeria and the United States have carried out fresh strikes against Islamic State jihadists in northeast Nigeria, the US military said yesterday.

The strikes were conducted on Sunday, US Africa Command (Africom) said in a statement. "Intelligence confirmed the targets were ISIS militants. Complete assessments are ongoing. No US or Nigerian forces were harmed," it said.

The new strikes came two days after the US and Nigeria announced that a joint operation in the west African country killed Abu-Bilal al-Minuki, an IS leader described as group's second-in-command worldwide who has been under US sanctions since 2023.

Northern Nigeria has faced the double threat of attacks from jihadist groups allied to IS and from criminal gangs that stalk villages and carry out mass kidnappings.

Russia attacks Odesa, Dnipro

Dozens injured; two killed as Ukraine strikes Belgorod region

REUTERS, *Odesa*



Russia struck the Ukrainian cities of Odesa and Dnipro in missile and drone attacks that damaged residential buildings and injured dozens of people, and Russian officials reported two deaths in Ukrainian drone strikes on Russia.

After more than four years of war since Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine, peace efforts have stalled and each side accuses the other of regularly attacking military, civilian and energy targets as the conflict drags on.

Ukraine's air force said Russia had launched 524 drones and 22 missiles in attacks that began early on Sunday evening and continued overnight. The attacks followed a heavy Ukrainian drone attack on Moscow at the weekend.

Twenty-two people were hurt, including a girl of two and a boy of 10, in the southeastern city of Dnipro and a further eight were injured in the surrounding region, officials said.

Arakan Army's actions

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According to the report, hostilities between Myanmar junta forces and the Arakan Army in Rakhine State resumed in November 2023. Both sides have been responsible for serious abuses, including targeted attacks on civilians, arson, and unlawful conscription.

In Hoyyar Siri, the Arakan Army, which has been fighting the Myanmar junta for autonomy, deliberately fired on unarmed villagers who were seeking safety after the armed group advanced on two Myanmar military bases in the vicinity.

Two years after the massacre, the survivors remain unable to return home, with many effectively detained.

The AA rejected responsibility for the massacre, saying its fighters only targeted military personnel or members of Rohingya armed groups, but the HRW findings contradict the AA claims.

"Its fighters first opened fire on a group of civilians leaving Hoyyar Siri, some of whom were waving white flags," the report reads.

"First, my son was hit by a bullet," said one man, adding, "Then my wife and baby daughter were shot, followed by my other daughter."

The fighters continued to fire on the villagers as they turned back and attempted to flee. One woman said the fighters gathered a group of villagers in a paddy field.

"Within minutes they opened fire at us randomly, without saying anything," the statement quoted the woman as saying.

"No one was spared. My husband was hit by a bullet. When the Arakan Army saw he was still alive, they came closer, firing at him several more times."

The attacks on the Rohingya people took the Arakan Army's armed conflict with Myanmar's junta to a new level of depravity, said Meenakshi Ganguly, deputy Asia director at HRW, in a statement.

"Today, the massacre's survivors are effectively detained by the Arakan Army, which has neither provided redress nor held those responsible to account."

Human Rights Watch compiled a list of over 170 villagers, including about 90 children, who were killed or are still missing after the Hoyyar Siri massacre. The actual death toll is likely much higher.

It analysed and verified photographs and videos showing human remains at three separate sites in the village.

In February 2025, the Arakan Army ordered all surviving Hoyyar Siri residents to relocate to a makeshift camp nearby.

Villagers who later managed to flee to Bangladesh told HRW that they were denied freedom of movement, subjected to forced labour, and faced severe shortages of food and medical care.

Over the past decade, the Myanmar military has committed ethnic cleansing, genocidal acts, and other atrocities in Rakhine State that have forced over a million Rohingya to flee to Bangladesh.

The massacre in Hoyyar Siri shows that returning to Rakhine State is still unsafe for Rohingya refugees, even in areas now controlled by the Arakan Army, HRW asserts.

It called for an immediate end to the attacks on civilians, the release of all civilians unlawfully detained, and the provision of redress to victims and their families. Both the Myanmar junta and AA should cooperate fully with independent investigations.

"Concerned governments should urgently press both the Myanmar junta and the Arakan Army to respect the rights of all communities in Rakhine State," said HRW Deputy Asia Director Ganguly.

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১। আগামী ০৩/০৬/২০২৬খ্রি. তারিখ সকাল ১০.০০ ঘটিকায় ট্রেডিং কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ (টিসিবি), প্রধান কার্যালয়, টিসিবি ভবন (৩য় তলা), ১, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকায় প্রার্থীদের Walk-In-Interview অনুষ্ঠিত হবে;

২। Walk-In-Interview এ অংশগ্রহণের সময় সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার মূল সনদপত্র, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র, অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র প্রদর্শনপূর্বক আবেদনপত্র, ০১ (এক) সেট সত্যায়িত সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রের ফটোকপি, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের ফটোকপি এবং সদ্য তোলা ০২ (দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের রঙিন ছবিসহ যথাসময়ে উপস্থিত থাকার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো;

৩। সম্পূর্ণ অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে প্রজেক্ট চলাকালীন ০৬ (ছয়) মাসের জন্য নিয়োগ করা হবে এবং প্রতিষ্ঠান প্রয়োজনে আরও ০৬ (ছয়) মাস মেয়াদ বৃদ্ধি করে ১২ (বারো) মাস পর্যন্ত করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে;

৪। প্রার্থীর বয়স ২২-৩৫ বছর হতে হবে;

৫। প্রকল্প এলাকার প্রার্থীদের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে;

৬। Walk-In-Interview এ অংশগ্রহণের জন্য কোন টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না;

৭। আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ, বাছাই ও নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে;

৮। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যাতিরেকে এ প্রক্রিয়া বাতিল/স্থগিত/পরিবর্তন ও হ্রাস-বৃদ্ধি করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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