

The ships crossed the strait on Monday with their AIS transponders turned off. The four oil tankers typically transport Iranian crude to an offshore area off the coasts of Malaysia and Singapore, where they transfer the cargo at sea to other tankers tasked with delivering it to the final customer, often in China.



Smoke rises after an explosion as a marine drone self-detonated in Romania's Black Sea port of Constanta near an oil terminal, without causing any casualties, according to the defence ministry, in Constanta, Romania yesterday. The Russian embassy said the sea drone is of Ukrainian origin.

AFP, Ramallah

Israeli forces shot dead an 18-year-old Palestinian man in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian health ministry said yesterday, while the military said it had killed someone who threw firebombs at vehicles.

In the early hours of yesterday, the health ministry said it had been informed of "the martyrdom of the young man Haitham Ezzedine Omar Hmeida, 18, by occupation gunfire in the village of Beitin," north east of Ramallah.

It added that the man's body was being withheld. In a statement, the Israeli military said its forces had "identified several terrorists throwing Molotov cocktails at Israeli vehicles traveling on a major roadway" near the village of Beitin.

'You can stop your war'

Zelensky invites Putin for direct peace talks; Russian strikes kill 7 in Ukraine, destroy children's food plant

REUTERS, Kyiv

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky published an open letter to President Vladimir Putin on Thursday in which he proposed the two leaders meet to agree an end to more than four years of war, warning that Kyiv stood ready to fight on otherwise.

In his letter, which the president's office said had been sent to other countries, including the United States, Zelensky said the majority of Russians had grown tired of Ukrainian missile and drone attacks, inflation and fuel shortages, and were ready for peace.

Zelensky said that with the United States focused on the conflict in Iran “it would be wrong to simply wait until the war in Europe returns to the center of its attention”.

And the path to peace, he said, had to start at the frontline, “the line from which diplomacy must begin”. Ukraine, Zelensky said,

stood for “a full ceasefire for the duration of the negotiations. This is standard practice.”

He said the United States “has the capability to monitor a ceasefire along the line where hostilities stop”.

» 5 Azerbaijanis killed in Azov Sea drone attack

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Zelensky proposed setting a clear date for a meeting and said several countries had “traditionally hosted leaders to resolve issues of war and peace”, citing Switzerland, Turkey and the countries of the Arab world.

Meanwhile, Russia fired hundreds of drones at Ukraine between late Thursday and early yesterday, killing seven people and

destroying a factory that produces milk products for children, authorities said.

Images published by Ukraine's state emergency service showed the ruins of a building bearing the logo of Ukrainian dairy producer "Yagotynske for Kids", its facade partly destroyed and flames visible on one floor. Five Azerbaijanis were killed and three wounded in a drone attack on two foreign cargo ships in the Sea of Azov, Azerbaijan's foreign ministry said yesterday.

Russia said Ukraine carried out the attack. The head of Ukraine's drone forces said Kyiv had struck vessels transporting illegal cargo in the area, without commenting on the statements by Baku and Moscow or the reports of crew killed.

A sea drone that exploded early yesterday in Romania's Black Sea port of Constanta without causing casualties is of Ukrainian origin, the Russian embassy said in a statement on Telegram.

WHO unveils \$518m plan to fight Ebola

REUTERS, Nairobi

The World Health Organization (WHO) chief announced a \$518 million six-month joint plan to fight Ebola yesterday, calling for money and political commitment to halt the spread of the outbreak that is already the fourth biggest on record.

"It's time-bound plan covering June to November this year, and ... the cost of the plan is at \$518 million," said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, announcing the strategy with Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

"The outbreak is moving fast and we are still playing catch-up," he said.

“Containing Ebola requires political commitment, sustained finances and trust in engaging the communities,” he added.

US nuke start-up marks mini-reactor breakthrough

Bases, strategic sites may host new model in few years

AFP, New York

A nuclear start-up working on mini-reactors for the US military has announced a crucial first step in producing a model that could be deployed at bases and other strategic sites within a few years.

Antares said Thursday that it had achieved initial criticality for its Mark-0 prototype, meaning it triggered a controlled, self-sustaining fission chain reaction for producing electricity.



It said it was the first private company to achieve the breakthrough for smaller reactors, which countries are increasing considering to supplement their shifts to low-carbon energy grids.

The Mark-0 is one of 11 microreactor projects selected by the US Energy Department as part of an initiative to bring several models to criticality by this year's July 4 celebrations marking the country's 250th anniversary.

US Energy Secretary Chris Wright hailed an "important milestone."



ME conflict pushing millions into hunger: WFP

REUTERS, Geneva

The Middle East conflict is pushing millions of people closer to hunger, as rising fuel and transport costs drive up food prices while funding shortfalls force aid agencies to scale back assistance, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) said yesterday.

In March, the WFP forecast as many as 45 million people could fall into acute food insecurity if oil prices remained around \$100 per barrel through June. That scenario is now unfolding, the agency said, with benchmark crude prices staying above that level since early March. Households in Afghanistan, Somalia and Sri Lanka are among the most seriously affected and face mounting pressure due to higher fuel costs, food price spikes.

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