Houthis again hit Saudi airports

AFP, *Riyadh*

The Houthis claimed a flurry of attacks on Saudi targets on Wednesday, including firing a ballistic missile at Riyadh airport, as the group battles for territory in Yemen against government forces supported by the kingdom.

Yemen's internationally recognised government this week declared a counter-offensive and claims to have uprooted Houthi fighters from strategic areas on the Red Sea and the port city of Mocha.

But the Iran-backed Houthis say they are holding their territory. The Saudi-led military coalition that backs Yemen's government said the missile was intercepted.

In a separate post, the Houthis also said they targeted a military supply convoy near the airport in the Yemeni city of Aden, the interim capital for the government.

The agency cited transport authorities as saying one of the missiles landed near the runway minutes before the scheduled arrival of a flight from Cairo, which was forced to divert to Jeddah in Saudi Arabia.

Houthi said drones and missiles also targeted Saudi Arabia's Abha airport and King Khalid Air Base in Khamis Mushait. It is the second time this week that the Houthis claimed to have attacked the main airport in the Saudi capital.

It is facing frequent temporary closures of its airspace, according to tracking website Flightradar24, but Saudi authorities have not publicly acknowledged the closures or confirmed any strikes targeting the airport.



Indian opposition leader Rahul Gandhi is detained by police during a protest yesterday. Rahul Gandhi and several lawmakers were detained for the third time in two days as they launched an unannounced protest demanding the resignation of the election chief over a controversial revision of voter lists.

PHOTO: **REUTERS**

Israel strikes kill 3 more in Gaza on war anniversary

AGENCIES

Israel carried out new strikes in Gaza yesterday on the third anniversary of Israel's war on Gaza, killing three.

Though a ceasefire, brokered by the US, is in place since last year, Israeli violence and almost daily strikes have killed more than 1,400 people in the tiny strip, where Israel now occupies two-thirds of the territory.

Hundreds of thousands of displaced people now live in tent cities and makeshift shelters next to piles of rubble from bombed-out residential buildings.

Meanwhile, a Palestinian was killed yesterday during an Israeli settler attack while Palestinians were harvesting olives near the village of Burqa in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Russian strikes kill 20 in Ukraine

REUTERS, *Kyiv*

Russia pounded Ukraine with waves of missiles and drones in one of its most "vile strikes" yesterday, President Volodymyr Zelensky said, killing at least 20 people, including children, and damaging industrial facilities and energy infrastructure.

Zelensky said the strike coincided with Russian President Vladimir Putin's birthday.

The heaviest death toll was in Pryluky in the northern Chernihiv region, where a Russian missile obliterated a five-storey residential building. At least 14 people, including four children, were killed there, local officials said.

"Today, as a birthday 'gift' to Putin, the Russian army destroyed a residential building in Pryluky...," Zelensky said.

"The Russians wanted to strike painfully and demonstratively. This was one of the most vile strikes: 70 missiles in total, many of them ballistic."

An excavator and dozens of rescuers with shovels sifted through rubble at the site where several sections of the five-storey building collapsed.



Emergency workers used ladders to get to the upper floors of what remained of the building. Around 50 people were wounded, including seven children, regional officials said.

Zelenskiy said six other people were killed in Kyiv, Oleksandria and Kremenchuk during the heavy overnight attack.

Russia's defence ministry said its forces had carried out a "massive strike" on military-industrial facilities in Kyiv and other Ukrainian regions, using high-precision land-, sea- and air-launched weapons, as well as drones.

Ukraine's air force said it had downed just over 80 percent of the 46 jet-powered drones launched by Russia -- a sharp increase from recent weeks when, on average, air defences took down 50% to 60%.

Since the summer, Russia has used increasing numbers of the new high-velocity drones in round-the-clock attacks on Kyiv and other cities, with Ukraine's air defences struggling to cope with their speed.

The air force did not explain the jump in the interception rate and did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Ukraine received a new €1.2 billion ($1.34 billion) tranche from the European Union yesterday and will channel the funds towards defence needs, Prime Minister Sergii Koretskyi said.

IN BRIEF

'Iran lost complete control' of Hormuz'

AFP, *Athens*

Iran has "lost complete control" of the Strait of Hormuz, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said yesterday, adding that Tehran's economy was "in total and complete freefall".

"The Straits of Hormuz are open. There's almost as much oil flowing out now as there was before this conflict began. So, they've lost complete control of the Straits," Rubio told reporters during a visit to Athens.

Meanwhile, an adviser to the Revolutionary Guards' Commander, referring to an alternative route close to Oman coast, said transit routes in the strait deemed illegal by Iran will soon be closed.

US woman 'awake' after failed execution

AFP, *Washington*

The woman who survived a failed execution in a US prison last week is now conscious and speaking, but her prognosis remains unclear, her lawyers said on Tuesday.

Christa Pike, 50, who was sentenced to death for a murder she committed when she was a teenager, received two supposedly lethal doses of the drug pentobarbital at a Tennessee prison a week ago.

She survived the injections, however, and was rushed to hospital, where she had been unconscious and on a ventilator in critical condition. Pike's lawyers said on Tuesday that "against all odds" she was now "conscious, speaking, and continues to receive critical medical care."

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Corrigendum

This is to inform all eligible contractors that the invitation of e-GP Tender Notice No-04/2026-27 (LTM) (Re-tender) vide Memo No. 46.16.0000.009.99.001.2025.1780, dated 30/09/2026 under "ADP and Own Fund" is hereby amended as follows.

Sl No	Description Items	Published	Amendment
01	Eligibility of Tenderer	e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for procurement of works under "ADP and Own Fund".	e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) from Enlisted Contractor of NCC (Renewed for the Year: 2026-2027) for procurement of works under "ADP and Own Fund".

All other terms & conditions of the above-mentioned Tender Notice shall remain unchanged.
This amendment shall be the part & parcel of the above Tender Notice.

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e-Tender Notice

e-tender is invited in the national e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following goods:

Sl No	Name of Tender	Tender ID No	Last date & time of selling	Last date & time of closing
1	2	3	4	5
01.	Providing & Installation of Air condition and lighting system of Control tower at Cox's Bazar Airport.	1338104	18-Oct-2026 17.00	19-Oct-2026 12.00
02.	Renovation & Up-gradation lighting system of VVIP entry gate to carpark and adjacent area of VVIP complex at SAIA, Ctg.	1324689	18-Oct-2026 17.00	19-Oct-2026 12.00
03.	Providing & Replacement of Damage/Bumout HT cable from 11KV line for Old substation H-pole area & Rest house HT cable at Cox's Bazar Airport	1332416	18-Oct-2026 17.00	19-Oct-2026 12.00
04.	Renovation of Lighting system of VIP lounge, concourse hall, departure lounge old power house at Cox's Bazar Airport.	1333559	18-Oct-2026 17.00	19-Oct-2026 12.00
05.	Providing and replacement outdoor LT panel and security flood light with service cable of DVOR area i/c other related works at Cox's Bazar Airport	1338670	18-Oct-2026 17.00	19-Oct-2026 12.00

This is an online tender, where only e-tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no office/hard copies will be accepted To submit e-tender, registration in the national e-GP portal is required. The fees, for downloading the e-tender document from the national e-GP system portal, have to be deposited online through any registered Bank's branches. Future information and guidelines are available in national e-GP system portal and e-GP help desk ((http://www.eprocure.gov.bd).

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