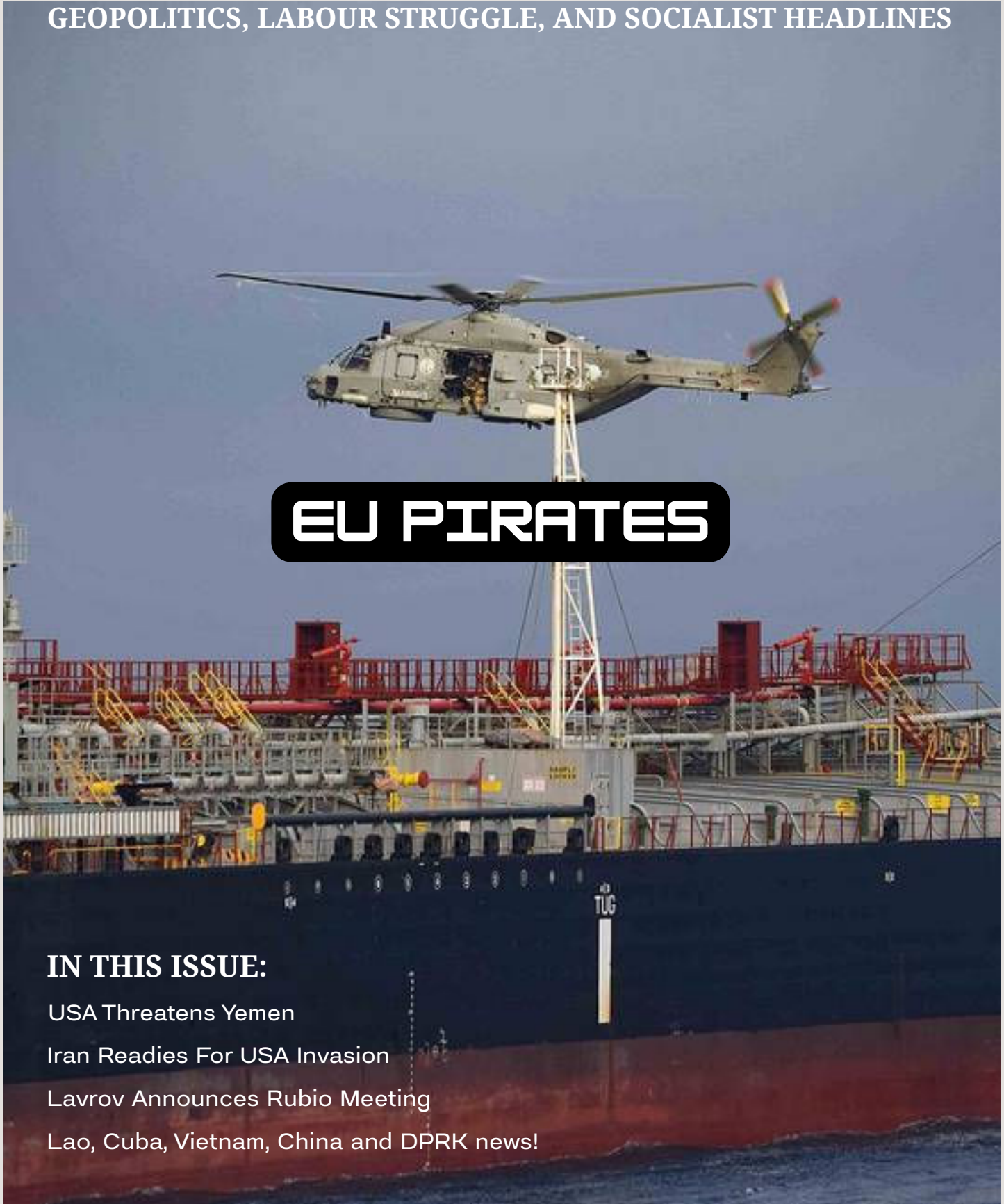


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***ARMY CHIEF: US FORCES TO
FACE ALL-OUT MILITARY
RESPONSE IF SET THEIR
'FILTHY FOOT' ON IRAN SOIL***



Commander-in-Chief of the Iranian Army Major General Amir Hatami has warned that any US military incursion would face a crushing military response, saying millions of Iranians would confront invading forces with everything at their disposal while the Armed Forces remain prepared for any act of aggression.

Speaking during a visit to various units of Army Ground Force, Air Defense Force, and Air Force in the central province of Isfahan on Wednesday, Hatami said hostile powers had exhausted every means available against Iran's military personnel but had failed to weaken their resolve. - [PressTV](#)

***IRANIAN MISSILES INCREASINGLY
PENETRATE US AIR DEFENSES IN WEST
ASIA***



Iranian missiles are penetrating US and allied air defenses in West Asia with increasing frequency, causing mounting casualties among American service members and raising questions about the effectiveness of defensive systems, US officials and regional analysts say. The problem came into sharp focus after a strike on Muwaffaq Salti Air Base in Jordan on Friday killed two US soldiers and left one missing.

"A missile got through. We shot down almost all the missiles. One leaked through ... it's heartbreaking," Rubio said. But the incident was not isolated. The same base had been struck twice in the preceding 48 hours, with direct hits wounding dozens of US personnel, according to CBS News. - [PressTV](#)



MINAB BURIES 62 PIECES OF 32 CHILDREN MASSACRED IN FEB. 28 US STRIKE ON SCHOOL

More than 62 body fragments belonging to 32 students martyred in a US airstrike on an Iranian elementary school have been identified through DNA testing and buried, nearly five months after the attack that killed 168 people, most of them children.

The remains, recovered during weeks of search operations at the Shajareh Tayyebah School in Minab and surrounding areas, were carried through the streets of Hormozgan province in a funeral procession Wednesday before burial at the city's martyrs' cemetery.

Grieving parents and other citizens gathered earlier at the site where coffins were prepared to bid a final farewell to what remained of their children. - [PressTV](#)

TRUMP SUGGESTS HE COULD RESTART YEMEN BOMBING

President Trump on Tuesday suggested he could restart a bombing campaign in Yemen in response to the Houthis, officially known as Ansar Allah, enforcing a blockade on the Red Sea. - [Antiwar](#)



CIA ASSESSMENT ADMITS US AGGRESSION AGAINST IRAN HAS FAILED

A new American intelligence assessment has dealt a serious blow to Washington's war narrative, concluding that continued US military aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran is unlikely to achieve any of the objectives proclaimed by the White House.

According to a report by The Washington Post, the assessment—prepared primarily by the CIA—acknowledges that despite days of relentless airstrikes, Iran remains steadfast in its positions on sanctions, its sovereign rights, and security in the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

The findings came as the US entered its eleventh consecutive night of bombing Iran following President Donald Trump's unilateral declaration of the ceasefire's end. The strikes have resulted in dozens of Iranian casualties, including children, while three US soldiers were killed by Iranian strikes over the past weekend. - [PressTV](#)

MEETING WITH RUBIO, NUCLEAR ARMS, US INVOLVEMENT IN KIEV'S ATTACKS

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has announced that he will meet with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on July 23.

He noted that information about the current German government's intention to gain access to nuclear weapons is alarming. According to Lavrov, sentiment in a number of countries about the need to possess nuclear weapons for self-defense will grow following the US and Israeli aggression against Iran.

He also stated that the US is not simply assisting, but directly participating in the targeting of Ukrainian weapons at civilian facilities in Russia.

TASS has compiled Lavrov's key statements.



EU FORCES BOARD OIL TANKER ON SUSPICION OF 'SAILING UNDER FALSE FLAG'



European Union forces boarded the Cameroon-flagged oil tanker MV South Star in the Mediterranean Sea over suspicions that it was sailing under a false flag, EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said.

"The oil tanker MV South Star, suspected of sailing under a false flag in breach of international maritime law, was boarded on July 20 by forces from the EU's Operation IRINI for flag verification," she wrote on X.

Kallas said the move was aimed at increasing pressure on what she described as "Russia's shadow fleet." She did not say whether the vessel had been released after the inspection.

On March 21, Nikolay Patrushev, Russian presidential aide and head of the Maritime Board, stated that EU countries had invented the term "shadow fleet" in order to "commit robbery" along maritime routes. - TASS

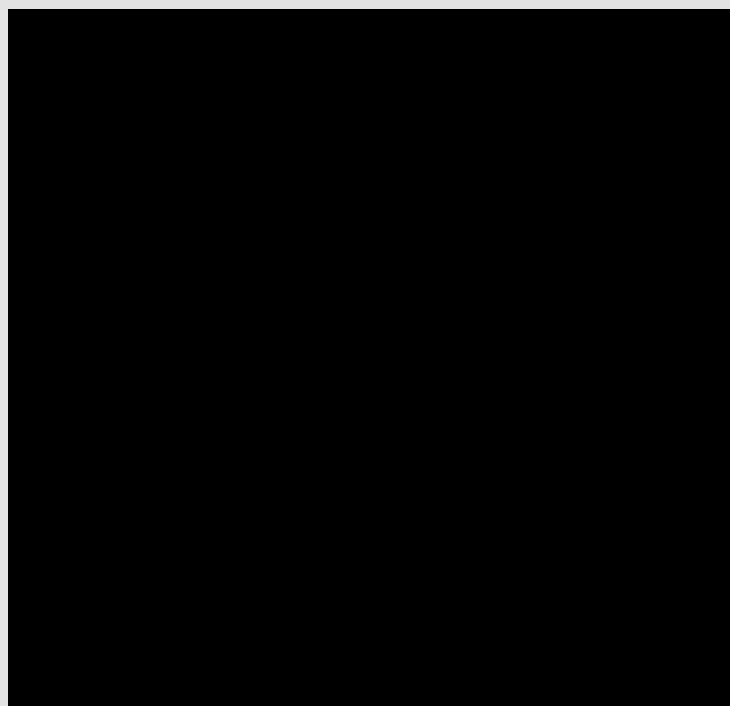


ATTACK ON KUBAN CAUSED BY UKRAINE'S FAILURE ON LINE OF ENGAGEMENT

The Ukrainian massive attack on civilian infrastructure of Russia's Krasnodar Region in which one person was killed and 10 more injured, is the result of Kiev's realization of its armed forces' futility of actions on the line of line of engagement and testifies to the fact that they have started to use the tactics of cowardly terrorism, deputy of the Russian State Duma (lower house of parliament) from the Krasnodar Region, deputy head of the house economic policy committee Sergey Altukhov told TASS.

Overnight to Wednesday, the Krasnodar Region suffered a massive attack by Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). Governor Veniamin Kondratyev reported that as a result of the attack, fragments of a drone fell in the territory of an enterprise, killing a worker. A warehouse was attacked in Krasnodar. Ten people were injured, six of them received outpatient treatment, four were taken to hospital: three are in serious condition, one - in moderate. Firefighting efforts at the warehouse are underway. - [TASS](#)

RUSSIAN TROOPS LIBERATE TWO COMMUNITIES IN UKRAINE OPERATION OVER PAST DAY



Russian troops liberated two communities in the Kharkov and Zaporozhye Regions over the past 24 hours in the special military operation in Ukraine, Russia's Defense Ministry reported.

"Battlegroup North units took control of the settlement of Artelnoye in the Kharkov Region through active operations. Battlegroup East units continued advancing deep into the enemy's defenses and liberated the settlement of Blagodatnoye in the Zaporozhye Region," the ministry said in a statement. - [TASS](#)



BEHIND THE ATTACKS ON THE UAW

The United Auto Workers is under attack from both wings of the ruling class. President Donald Trump's so-called Department of Justice (DOJ) is investigating claims that UAW President Shawn Fain retaliated against UAW Vice President Rich Boyer. But these claims are based on a recent report by the union's federal court-appointed monitor, Neil Barofsky, described as "a lifelong Democrat who donated money to the Obama campaign."

The veracity of the accusations and counter-accusations is actually a secondary issue. What is central is that the capitalist state — via both the appointed monitor and the DOJ — is exploiting allegations of unethical conduct as a means to interfere in an internal union dispute.

The conflict between the government and the union is a conflict between two antagonistic class forces. The state, whether led by a Democrat or a Republican, represents the interests of the billionaire capitalist class.

Unions, whatever their merits or shortcomings, represent the interests of the working class. The capitalist class makes profits by exploiting the working class — here and around the world. The interests of the two classes are irreconcilable. This is a scientific fact, whether or not current union leaders recognize it.

Nevertheless, the capitalist class considers the current UAW president too militant. They want him out, and they see the union's current problems as a way to increase their control over its functioning. Workers and oppressed people should clearly demand: Government hands off the UAW! - WWP

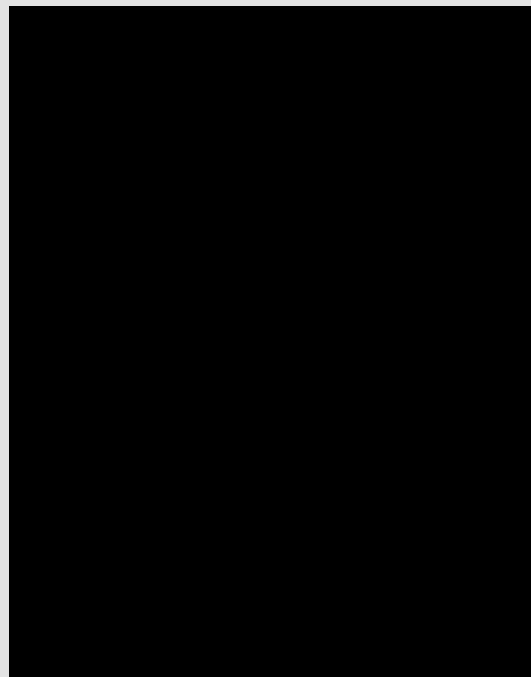


**HEADLINES FROM SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES!**



SOCIALIST HEADLINES

LAO MEDIA PLAYS KEY ROLE IN COUNTERING FAKE NEWS AND DISINFORMATION



As digital platforms enable information to spread at unprecedented speed, the circulation of fake news and disinformation has become increasingly sophisticated. In response, Lao media is playing an increasingly important role in verifying information and providing timely, accurate, and credible reporting. - [KPL](#)

"CUBA HAS NEVER ACTED TO HARM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE"



"'The thief thinks everyone is like him.' Nothing could be more accurate to characterize the State Department report against Cuba, promoted by one of the most corrupt officials in the current administration, with proven ties to drug traffickers and terrorists in Florida," denounced Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and President of the Republic, this Monday via his social media accounts.

"If any country has spied on and attacked another to obscene levels, it has been the U.S. against Cuba," the president asserted, addressing the mendacious accusations in the document issued by Washington, which accuses the island of being—according to the State Department—"the main sponsor of leftist radicalism and Third-Worldism in the United States." For his part, Díaz-Canel emphasized that "the millions of dollars allocated annually to regime change programs in Cuba are public knowledge, appealing to both subversion and terrorism." - [Granma](#)

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DEVELOPING TOURISM VALUE OF ANCIENT LONGAN ORCHARDS IN CA MAU

For a long time, the ancient longan orchard in Hiep Thanh ward, Ca Mau province, has been a famous tourist destination, attracting visitors with its lush green space and longan trees over 100 years old. With its vast area, the orchard is not only a place for growing and harvesting longan, but also a place that preserves the cultural and historical values of the people of Ca Mau – the southernmost region of Vietnam. [VNA](#)
Photo: Chanh Đa



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CHINA EXPRESSES STRONG DISSATISFACTION, OPPOSITION TO EU'S FINE ON ALIEXPRESS

China's Ministry of Commerce on Wednesday expressed strong dissatisfaction and serious concern over the European Commission's decision to fine AliExpress 550 million euros (about \$627 million) under the EU's Digital Services Act.

China firmly opposes the EU's moves to erect digital barriers under the guise of platform regulation and adopt discriminatory measures to restrict and suppress the normal operations of Chinese e-commerce companies in Europe, a spokesperson for the ministry said in a statement.

China urges the EU side to stop abusing its discretionary power through legal ambiguities and treat Chinese companies in a fair and just manner, the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson added that China will firmly support Chinese companies in safeguarding their rights via legal means and will take solid steps to protect their legitimate interests. - [CGTN](#)

CMG'S SUMMER LINEUP BRINGS HISTORY, CULTURE AND INNOVATION TO AUDIENCE

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UNDERGROUND THEATER BUILT DURING FIERCE WAR

The Moranbong Underground Theater which was built in the fierce war days was a monumental edifice incorporating the great courage and pluck and revolutionary optimism of heroic Korea and heroic people that they were sure to win however strong enemy they were encountered with.

One day in February 1951, President Kim Il Sung was returning to the building of the Cabinet after making rounds of Pyongyang when he stopped the car on a bank path commanding Moran Hill.

Beauty of Moran Hill, which was renowned as the people's cultural recreation ground, was fading away in the flames of war.

What hurt the heart of the President more was that the Moranbong Theater, which had been boasting of gracious figure surrounded by a beautiful landscape, was completely destroyed.

That afternoon, he called an official to his office at the Cabinet and gave detailed instructions as to actively promoting the construction of the

Moranbong Underground Theater.

In fact, the construction of the underground theater started on the initiative of the President in the summer of 1950 when the war broke out.

Thanks to the wise leadership of the President, the Moranbong Underground Theater was built marvelously.

This is the very place where the conference of scientists and national conference of activists in farm work were held, an exhibition showing the prospective of postwar rehabilitation took place and film shows, different art performances and art festival of service personnel of the Korean People's Army were staged.

When enemy planes flew in and poured down bombs and machine-gun bullets at any time, militant and optimistic songs and dances were put on the stage of the underground theater.

They served as a symphony calling for victory and another ideological and spiritual weapon to greatly encourage our people and officers and men of the People's Army.

Indeed, we still feel that the birth of such a monumental edifice as the Moranbong Underground Theater in the harshest war days and the acceleration of the war victory were all attributable to the outstanding leadership of the President possessed of matchless iron faith and will, courage and pluck. - Rodong Sinmun

