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IRAN, IRAQ VOW TO DEEPEN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AS PM AL-ZAIDI VISITS TEHRAN



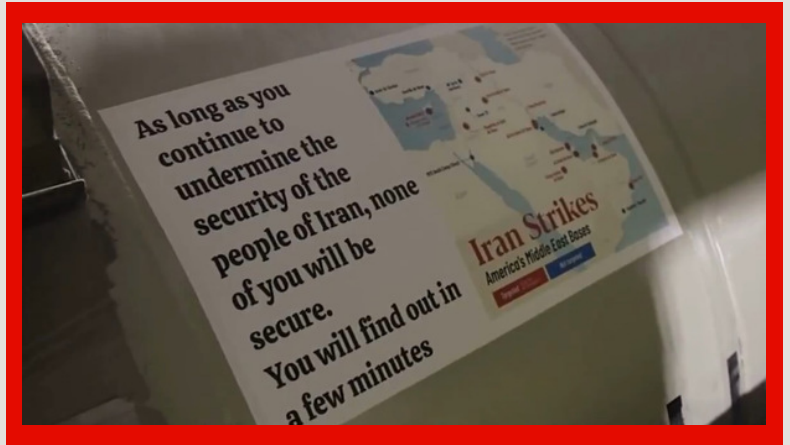
Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and Iraqi Prime Minister Ali Falih Al-Zaidi pledged to strengthen strategic ties during talks in Tehran, highlighting the deep historical bonds between the two neighbors as the Iraqi premier began an official visit to Iran.

According to a statement from the Iranian presidency, the two leaders underscored the deep historical, cultural, religious and people-to-people ties between Iran and Iraq, describing them as a valuable asset that should be preserved and strengthened to expand strategic cooperation. - [PressTV](#)

DO NOT COMMIT WAR CRIMES FOR ANYONE'

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei says US military personnel should not follow "unlawful orders" as obedience to "superior orders" does not absolve individuals of responsibility for war crimes.

- [PressTV](#)



IRGC POUNDS US ASSETS IN KUWAIT, JORDAN, SAYS ATTACKS ARE IRAN'S 'LEGAL RIGHT'

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said it had carried out attacks on US military assets in Kuwait and Jordan, noting that targeting bases used in operations against Iran was its "legal, religious and logical right." In two separate statements addressed to the people of Kuwait and Jordan, the IRGC said the operations were conducted in retaliation for repeated US aggression against Iran.

The IRGC said its forces struck the Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait, destroying a Patriot air defense system, a large military equipment depot and an MQ-9 drone hangar. It also said drone attacks targeted US troop quarters and two helicopter hangars at Camp Udairi, causing casualties and damaging several helicopters and drones.

In Jordan, the IRGC said it destroyed a THAAD missile defense radar, a Patriot system and a C-RAM radar at a US base. It also said that the precision attacks have set fuel storage facilities, a helicopter equipment warehouse and a helicopter maintenance hangar on fire. - [PressTV](#)



THE WASHINGTON POST LIES ABOUT DANIEL ORTEGA SPEECH

The Washington Post published an article and posted on X misinformation regarding Daniel Ortega's speech. In the Speech Daniel Ortega denounced elections in which imperialist and comprador forces use to cause destability in Nicaragua. The speech DID NOT announce the ending of all elections. It DID announce that elections must serve the people. - X

We have been making enormous efforts here so that the Country is at Peace, but let's remember how in 2018, when we had agreements with the business people, with the *somocista* business people, we had a great agreement there for Peace, and the agreement was taking its course, but suddenly came the stab, they organized the coup attempt, using funds from the United States to recruit young people and adults, preparing them, training them, arming them, so as to overthrow the legitimate Government of the Sandinista Front.

They tried. The blood of young people, adults, women, children flowed here, blood was spilled, and in the end there was no other way except to respond to them with the force of the People's anger. When they had paralyzed the country, after they had put roadblocks everywhere; then there was no other way for the Police, along with the Volunteer Police, along with young people, to set out and clear those roadblocks. And there was not one roadblock left.

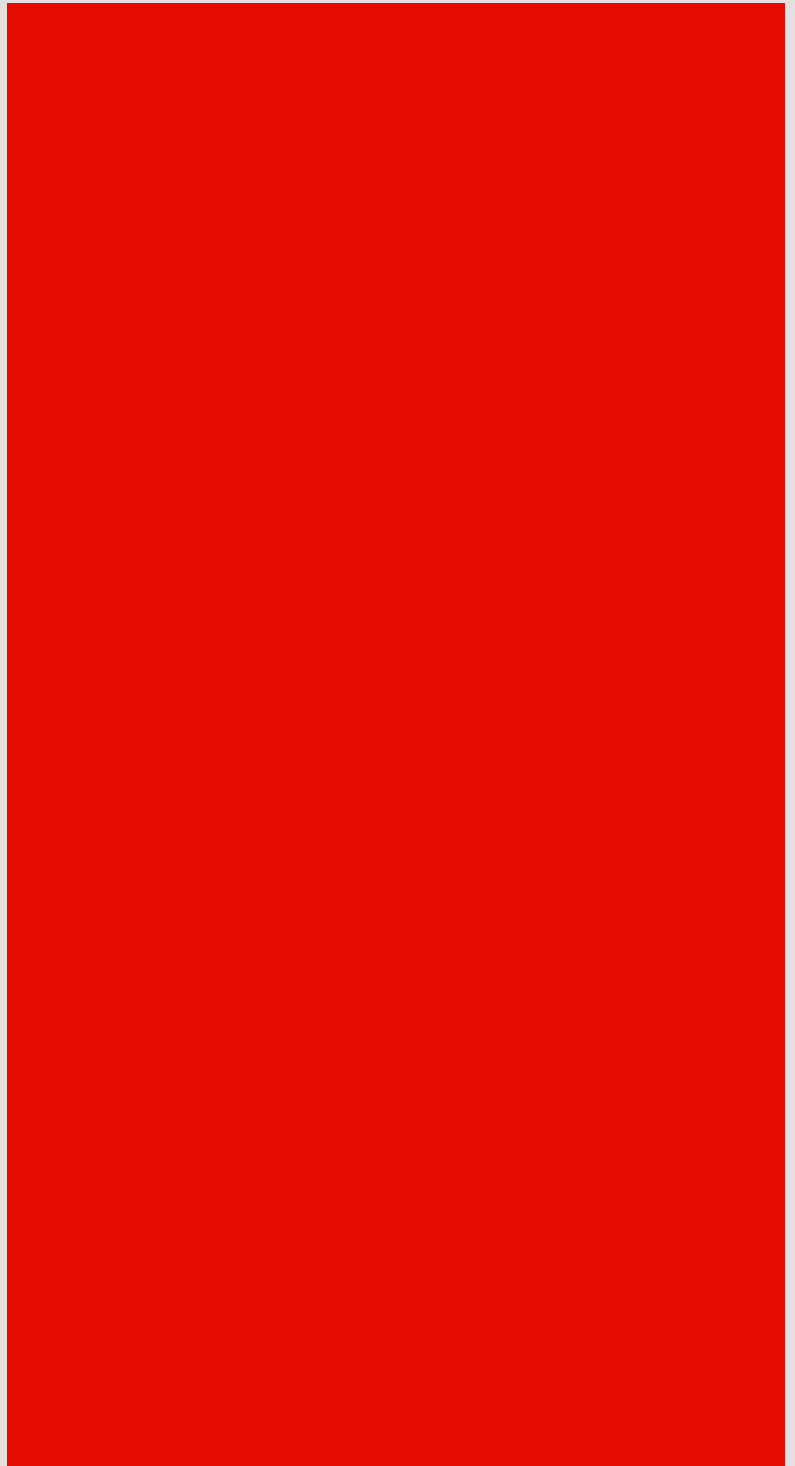
Oh, but then there were the complaints, lamenting, after they had murdered people, after they had destroyed schools, for they had burned down schools...

So, here we have to keep working to continue developing activities that benefit the impoverished, housing for the impoverished, land for peasant families, free schools.

Here from the Triumph, and from the Triumph we had after the coup attempt, here we had already decreed by law that education was free, that it could not be charged for, neither Primary, nor Secondary, nor University education. And we are building more Schools, with all the latest technologies.

But there they are, keeping a low profile, wanting to win elections so to make money via the public school system. But they can forget about that, there will be no elections like that again here, no more elections via which they can try cheating their way to government so as cheat their way to taking power.

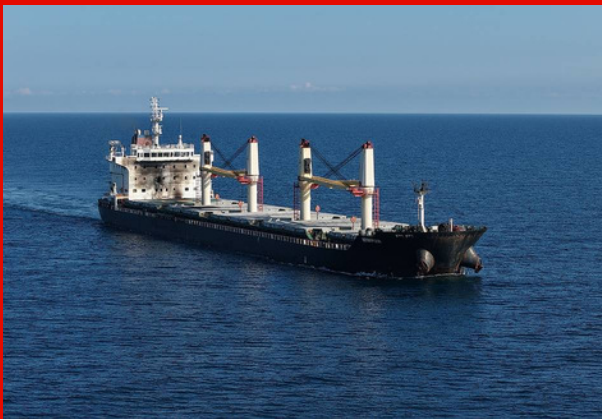
And we are going to work, with the National Assembly and with the corresponding organizations, on the laws, because we have to make laws that put up a wall, a barrier, to the coup mongers, to the quislings, so that no matter how much money the Yankees give them, they will not prevail. They will not prevail! They won't be able to!



***KREMLIN SPOKESMAN ADDRESSES US
CONTACT, NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION,
PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY***

Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov addressed the prospects for in-person communication between Russian officials and US negotiators, Moscow's stance on nuclear non-proliferation and countries' right to the peaceful use of nuclear energy during his daily briefing on Thursday. TASS has gathered the key statements made by the Russian presidential press secretary. - [TASS](#)

***ONE KILLED, THREE INJURED AS TURKISH
CARGO SHIP EN ROUTE FROM RUSSIA HIT
IN BLACK SEA***



The Turkish dry cargo ship MV Reyhan Sari, carrying coal from the Russian port of Taman to Trabzon, was attacked by a drone in the Black Sea, leaving one crew member dead and three others injured, the [Oksijen](#) newspaper reported.

According to the paper, the attack occurred in international waters off the coast of Turkey's Samsun province. - [TASS](#)

**UKRAINE'S SECURITY SERVICES
TRY TO TRICK RUSSIA INTO
STRIKING CIVILIAN SITES-
INTEL OFFICER**

Ukraine's security services feed false information about the location of military targets through various channels to get Russia to attack civilian buildings in Kiev-controlled territory, a military intelligence officer with the call sign Ivanych who is carrying out missions in the Zaporozhye area told TASS.

"Ukraine's security services, including the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) and the Ministry of Defense's Main Intelligence Directorate, are en masse sending to the Russian side the coordinates of civilian targets in the Ukrainian-controlled territory for strikes. These are mainly apartment blocks, which the Ukrainian security services are trying to pass off as military facilities," the officer said.

He cited as an example the received coordinates of a target in Zaporozhye transmitted by the Ukrainian security services several days ago. "A check showed that there is an apartment building at that site with local residents and there are no Ukrainian military facilities or military units there," Ivanych emphasized.

According to him, the coordinates are transmitted via messengers by allegedly Russian supporters. The data are thoroughly verified. - [TASS](#)

RUSSIAN TROOPS LIBERATE BELITSKOYE COMMUNITY IN DONETSK REGION

Russian troops liberated the community of Belitskoye in the Donetsk region over the past 24 hours in the special military operation in Ukraine, Russia's Defense Ministry reported.

"Battlegroup Center units liberated the town of Belitskoye in the Donetsk People's Republic through active operations," the ministry said in a statement.

Kiev loses 1,420 troops along engagement line in past day - latest figures

The Ukrainian army lost roughly 1,420 troops in battles with Russian forces in all the frontline areas over the past 24 hours, according to the latest data on the special military operation in Ukraine released by Russia's Defense Ministry.



"Russia's Black Sea Fleet destroys Ukrainian naval drone over past day

Russia's Black Sea Fleet destroyed a Ukrainian naval drone in Black Sea waters over the past 24 hours, the ministry reported.

The Black Sea Fleet's forces destroyed an uncrewed surface vessel of the Ukrainian army in Black Sea waters," the ministry said.

Overall, the Russian Armed Forces have destroyed 673 Ukrainian combat aircraft, 284 helicopters, 187,478 unmanned aerial vehicles, 667 surface-to-air missile systems, 30,269 tanks and other armored combat vehicles, 1,765 multiple rocket launchers, 35,876 field artillery guns and mortars and 67,230 special military motor vehicles since the start of the special military operation, the ministry reported.

- [TASS](#)

ONGOING MILITARY THREAT IN HOST CITY POSES RISKS TO ZAPOROZHYE NUKE PLANT

The Ukrainian military continues to pose a threat to Energodar, the host city of the Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP), creating serious security risks for the facility, ZNPP Spokesperson Yevgenia Yashina told TASS.

Earlier, Energodar Mayor Maxim Pukhov said that four civilians had been injured in two Ukrainian attacks. The first strike targeted a city market, injuring two women. The second attack hit a commercial facility, leaving a 30-year-old man and a woman aged around 60 injured. - [TASS](#)



**HEADLINES FROM SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES!**

SOCIALIST HEADLINES

THE DOOMSDAY CLOCK: A CHRONICLE OF THE BANALIZATION OF THE APOCALYPSE



We live surrounded by threats without batting an eye, while the great powers dangerously lower the threshold of nuclear deterrence.

As I write these lines, the United States and Israel are preparing to attack Iranian nuclear facilities without the international community managing to issue a firm condemnation.

The extraordinary thing about all this is not that it's happening, but that we receive it with the same excitement with which we check the weather forecast or read the baseball or soccer scores. - [Granma](#)

THE RETURN OF MCCARTHYISM: THE FARCE OF THE REPORT THAT MAKES CUBA THE PERFECT ENEMY



To begin with, the text in question lacks supporting evidence, is built on an ideological narrative that recycles Cold War tropes, and systematically omits the context of asymmetric aggression that Washington has maintained against the island for more than six decades.

The document is organized around a classic conspiracy theory: a foreign state actor—Cuba—is manipulating U.S. social, academic, and political movements to destabilize domestic order and alter U.S. foreign policy.

To this end, according to the document, Havana has deployed a "network of espionage and influence" that overlaps with legitimate U.S. left-wing organizations. However, upon closer examination, it becomes clear that the text offers not a single piece of verifiable evidence: it cites no open legal cases, identifies Cuban agents by name, presents no intercepted communications, and offers no declassified intelligence documents to corroborate its claims.

This lack of evidence is particularly striking because law and diplomatic practice require that accusations of such gravity—implying violations of sovereignty and interference in internal affairs—be supported by a solid evidentiary basis. - [Granma](#)

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PM ATTENDS CONFERENCE HONOURING PEOPLE WITH MERITORIOUS SERVICES TO REVOLUTION

Prime Minister Le Minh Hung attended and addressed the 2026 National Conference Honouring People with Meritorious Services to the Revolution in Hanoi on July 23, 2026 on the occasion of the 79th anniversary of War Invalids and Martyrs' Day (July 27, 1947–2026). At the event, he also launched a nationwide campaign to further enhance care for people with meritorious services to the revolution in preparation for the 80th anniversary of War Invalids and Martyrs' Day. [VNA](#) Photo: Dương Giang



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HOW AI SPEEDS UP PATHOLOGY DIAGNOSIS FROM FIVE MINUTES TO 50 SECONDS



Companies and research teams developing AI-assisted brain tumor diagnostic tools in China must submit their products to the National Institutes for Food and Drug Control for review before receiving approval.

Their models are then evaluated through standardized blind testing using this dataset, allowing diagnostic accuracy and stability to be compared under the same benchmark.

The key value of a standardized dataset lies in setting common rules for the industry. Yan said the dataset provides a unified performance benchmark for AI research and development. Once established, the standard is expected to attract medical institutions, research teams and companies from across the country, helping Chongqing become a national hub for pathology data resources.

Globally, rising demand for cancer diagnosis is accelerating the pathology sector's shift toward digital slides, remote consultations and AI-assisted diagnosis. For example, the US Food and Drug Administration has authorized AI software to help pathologists detect prostate cancer, though it remains an assistive rather than independent diagnostic tool. - [CGTN](#)

SEVEN REFRESHING CHINESE SUMMER DESSERTS TO TRY IN THE HEAT

Today marks Major Heat (Dashu), the last solar term of summer in the traditional Chinese calendar and the beginning of the hottest stretch of the year. As temperatures soar across the country, people turn to refreshing treats that go best with heat waves. Made with seasonal fruits, beans, herbs and other natural ingredients, these regional specialties have been helping generations stay cool through China's sweltering summers. Check the deserts out here at [CGTN](#)



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ART PERFORMANCE OF WOMEN'S UNION MEMBERS



The artistic information team of the Central Committee of the Socialist Women's Union of Korea and art group members of the women's union are giving an art performance "Songs Korean women sing, looking up to the great motherly Party" every day to mark the Eighth Congress of the SWUK.

Through solo "We Follow His Tender Heart" and other numbers, the performers expressed boundless gratitude and reverence for the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un** who ushered in a brilliant heyday of the Juche-oriented women's movement and put forward the women as a powerful force in charge of a part of the revolution.

- [Rodong Sinmun](#)

REMAINS OF MARTYRS NEWLY BURIED AT FATHERLAND LIBERATION WAR MARTYRS CEMETERY

Remains of martyrs were buried at the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War. They are Ji Chon Ryul and Kim Pong Gwan, heroes of the DPRK.

In the days of the hard-fought Fatherland Liberation War, the martyrs performed heroic feats in the decisive struggle against the imperialist aggressors, true to the outstanding military idea and Juche-based tactics of President Kim Il Sung.

From June to December 1951, Ji Chon Ryul was awarded the title of DPRK Hero for his feats of shooting down eight enemy planes. Later, he shot down several enemy planes in an aircraft-hunting team.

In 1953, Kim Pong Gwan joined a sniper team and performed a brilliant feat of shooting 160 enemy soldiers in a little over six months during the war and worked hard for the prosperity of the country after the war.

Ceremonies for burying the remains of the martyrs took place at the Fatherland Liberation War Martyrs Cemetery on July 21.

The remains of the wife of Kim Pong Gwan were buried together. Remains of the wives of the already-buried martyrs Cha Ho Nam, Kim Kwang Su, Ri Wan Gun, Chae Jong Bo, Choe Un Hak and Ri Hui Gap were buried with their husbands'. - [Rodong Sinmun](#)

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PARTY AND STATE COMMENDATIONS AWARDED TO CREATIVE UNITS, OFFICIALS AND CREATORS OF MANSUDAE ART STUDIO

At an awarding ceremony, Ju Chang Il, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, warmly congratulated all the officials, creators and other employees of the studio on receiving Party and state commendations for making great contributions to making the museum the one that comprehensively reflects the level of Korean architecture and fine art.

He called on all the officials, creators and other employees to firmly arm themselves with the Juche-oriented ideas and theories on art and literature of the Workers' Party of Korea and produce more masterpieces so as to achieve more successes in practice.

After a decree of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK was read out, the sculpture production unit and others were awarded the citation of the General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, Order of National Flag First Class and the title of Merited Depiction Unit.



Order of Kim Jong Il was conferred on Kim Chun Ryong and the watch bearing the august name of Chairman Kim Jong Il went to Kim Myong Chol.

Ryang Ui Chol, Kim Hyon Chol and Ryu Yong Son were awarded the citation of the General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Jo Kwang Sik, Ri Sun Myong and Jang Ryong Ho were awarded the title of People's Artist and Ho Se Yong, Kim Chung Guk, Im Yong Bin and Choe Hak Chol the title of Merited Artist.

Order of National Flag First Class went to two persons, Order of Labour to three others, Order of National Flag Second Class to five, Order of National Flag Third Class to nine and Medal of Merit to 18. Then oath-taking speeches were made. Speakers firmly pledged to devote all their wisdom and enthusiasm to their creative work for having a new era of dignified power that came to this country and a new chapter of national rejuvenation eternally etched in history. - [KCNA](#)

