

GEOPOLITICS, LABOUR STRUGGLE, AND SOCIALIST HEADLINES

# OPERATION NASR-2

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## TRUMP THREATENS TO CARRY OUT BIGGEST ATTACK YET ON IRAN

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President Trump on Thursday threatened to carry out his biggest attack yet on Iran amid growing signs that the US is preparing to escalate the war after 12 consecutive nights of airstrikes.

"I am considering a massive attack," Trump told Axios reporter Barak Ravid. "Bigger than ever before. I am close to making a decision. We are all set for it."

Trump has also signaled that he may bomb Picakaxe Mountain, known as Kolang Kouh, where US and Israeli officials have claimed there may be underground nuclear activity, claims Iran has denied. Israeli media reported on Wednesday that the US informed Israel that it intends to escalate its attacks on Iran in the coming days and may use heavy bombers to target the mountain. - [AntiWAR](#)

### ***US ATTACK ON MOUNT KOLANG WILL BE 'DEAD, FAILED OPERATION'***

A senior Iranian security official has told Press TV that US President Donald Trump is seeking to claim an achievement by targeting Mount Kolang (Pickaxe), saying that striking an empty site would only be used to create false narratives.

The official added that any attack on the site has already become a "dead and failed operation," stating that the facility is too fortified to collapse.

The official further stated that Iran's response would not be confined to a heavy military reaction, adding that Tehran would respond through a different approach. He did not elaborate on what he meant by a "non-military" or alternative form of response.

The warning come as the US military has conducted air raids across the country for 13 consecutive nights, targeting civilian sites including bridges and water desalination plants.

The illegal US acts of aggression on Iran have killed 55 people and injured 645 others. - [PressTV](#)

## ***OPERATION NASR-2: IRGC TARGETS US WARPLANES, PATRIOT SYSTEM IN JORDAN, ERBIL***

Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) says it destroyed several US military assets in Jordan and the Erbil region of Iraq as part of the latest wave of its Operation Nasr-2 (Victory).

In a statement on Friday, the IRGC said its Aerospace Force succeeded in destroying several US fighter jets in Jordan, a Patriot air defense system, a spy balloon, and a compound of American personnel in Erbil.

It added that its Aerospace Force carried out a crushing strike on the US al-Azraq air base in Jordan, inflicting major damage on several warplanes stationed there.

According to the statement, the IRGC also hit a residence used by American military personnel, killing and wounding a number of troops. In another "surprise" operation, the IRGC said its forces destroyed a Patriot air defense system and a US spy balloon in Erbil.

Meanwhile, a residence housing "American terrorists" in Erbil was also targeted, it noted.

The statement warned that the "bullying and illegal US regime" would face "different responses" if it continued its mischievous acts.

Earlier on Friday, the IRGC said its forces launched advanced heavy attack drones against the US-run Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait and completed an earlier operation against an Amazon data center in Bahrain.

It also warned people in countries hosting American troops to immediately move at least 500 meters away from locations where US forces are being accommodated.

The latest developments come as the US military has conducted air raids across the country for 13 consecutive nights, targeting civilian sites including bridges and water desalination plants. The attacks have killed 55 people and injured more than 640 others. Iranian armed forces have retaliated against the aggression by targeting US-run bases in regional countries. - [PressTV](#)

## ***AFTERMATH OF UKRAINE'S ATTACK ON KIROV, SIX CIVILIANS KILLED***

Six people have been killed and 26 more injured in a Ukrainian missile attack on an enterprise in Kirov, the region's Governor Alexander Sokolov reported on messaging app Max.

On the morning of July 24, a plant in Kirov came under a missile attack, Sokolov reported.

TASS has compiled the main information about the consequences.

## ***EU APPROVES MECHANISM TO CONFISCATE AND SELL RUSSIAN OIL FROM DETAINED TANKERS***

The European Union has approved a legal mechanism under its 21st package of sanctions against Russia that paves the way for the confiscation and sale of Russian oil seized from blacklisted tankers owned by third countries, according to a Council of the EU regulation published in the Official Journal of the European Union. - TASS

## **RUSSIAN TROOPS LIBERATE EIGHT COMMUNITIES IN UKRAINE OPERATION OVER WEEK**

Russian troops liberated eight communities in the Kharkov, Zaporozhye and Dnepropetrovsk Regions and the Donetsk People's Republic over the week of July 18-24 in the special military operation in Ukraine, Russia's Defense Ministry reported.

"During the past week, Battlegroup North units took control of the settlements of Zakharovka, Ivashkino, Volokhovskoye and Artelnoye in the Kharkov Region through active operations. <...> Battlegroup Center units liberated the settlement of Lenina (Mirnoye) and the town of Belitskoye in the Donetsk People's Republic through decisive operations," the ministry said in a statement.

"During the week, Battlegroup East units continued advancing deep into the enemy's defenses and liberated the settlements of Volnoye in the Dnepropetrovsk Region and Blagodatnoye in the Zaporozhye Region," it said. - TASS

# CAPITALISM FOULS THINGS UP!

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As of this writing, some 900 wild fires are raging in Canada and Minnesota. Much of the U.S. was recently blanketed by smoke, with the air quality index (AQI) reaching numbers in the range of 500 to 700 or more in some states, including Ohio, Illinois and Michigan. Anything over 300 is considered “hazardous,” meaning everyone — including those not belonging to “sensitive groups” such as children, older adults and people with lung disease — should stay indoors with the windows closed.

That figure will probably be higher this year due to the recent air quality nightmare. An uptick in deaths is predicted for major Midwestern cities such as Chicago and Detroit.

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This is nothing new. Asbestos companies knew over 100 years ago that their product was linked to mesothelioma and lung cancer, but kept the public in the dark about the danger. Sherwin-Williams pushed lead-based paint after the risks of lead poisoning were known because of the profits their paint generated.

Climate change is driving the increase in wildfires. Contributing factors include drier forests, higher temperatures and increased numbers of insects that damage timbers, making them more flammable.

The burning of fossil fuels is the biggest contributor to climate change. Scientists have identified the environmental hazards associated with burning coal and oil, but the practices continue, because to do otherwise would cut into the profits of the big energy companies.

The capitalist drive for profit is ultimately what created this latest air pollution crisis. The same drive forces workers into life-threatening working conditions. These are two more reasons to abolish the profit system once and for all.

System change, not climate change! - [WWP](#)

**HEADLINES FROM SOCIALIST  
COUNTRIES!**

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## **SOCIALIST HEADLINES**

### ***PRIME MINISTER URGES DEVELOPMENT, SECURITY DURING VISIT TO TOUMLANE SUBDISTRICT***

Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone visited Toumlane Subdistrict in Saravane Province on July 22, calling for stronger local governance, sustainable economic development, and improved public services.

Toumlane Subdistrict covers 12 villages with a population of more than 12,300 people, the majority of whom rely on agriculture for their livelihoods. The area also has tourism potential, including natural attractions and traditional Katang cultural sites. Local authorities have completed the appointment of administrative personnel and established a One-Stop Service Centre to improve public services.

Addressing local officials, Sonexay stressed the importance of combating social problems, illegal logging, forest destruction, and illegal mining while strengthening disaster preparedness and public awareness against criminal activities. - KPL

### **PRESIDENT DÍAZ-CANEL REAFFIRMS CUBA'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

The First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bernúdez, received George Katrougalos, Independent Expert of the Human Rights Council on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, at the Palace of the Revolution this Wednesday. Katrougalos is in Cuba on an academic visit.

The president expressed his gratitude for his working visit to the island, "during these very complex times we are living through," and added that he fondly recalled the exchange during the International Conference for the Balance of the World in January 2025.

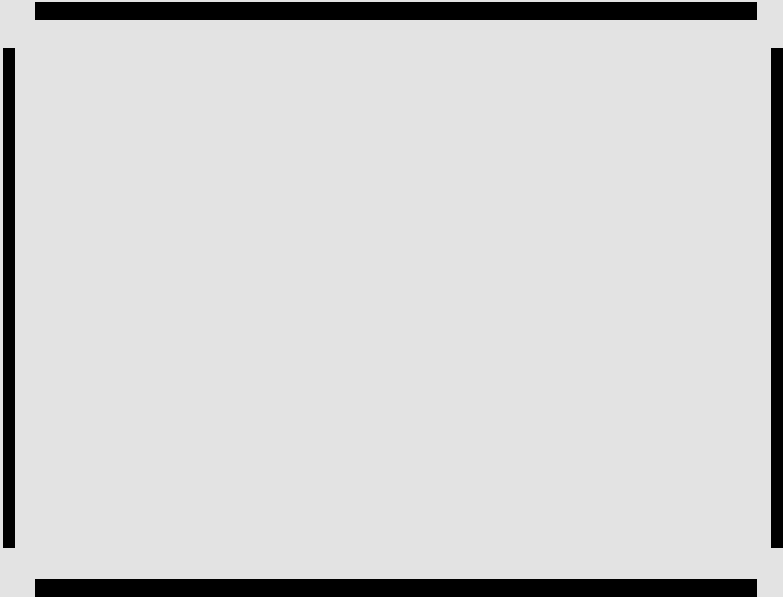
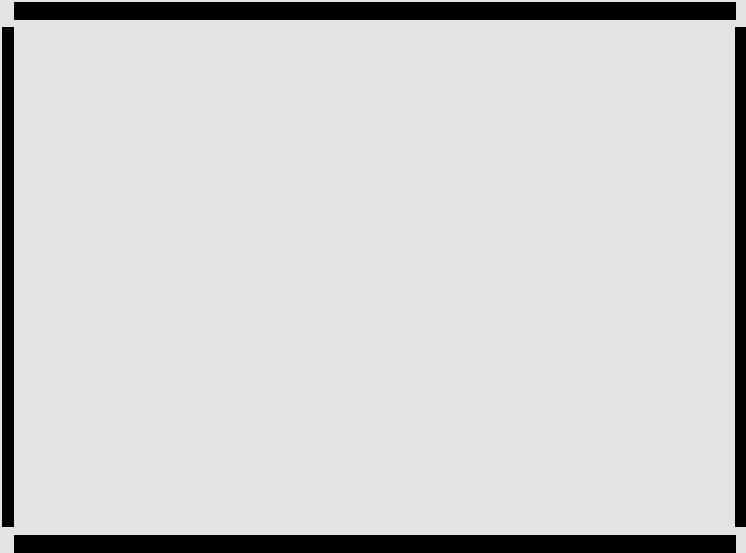
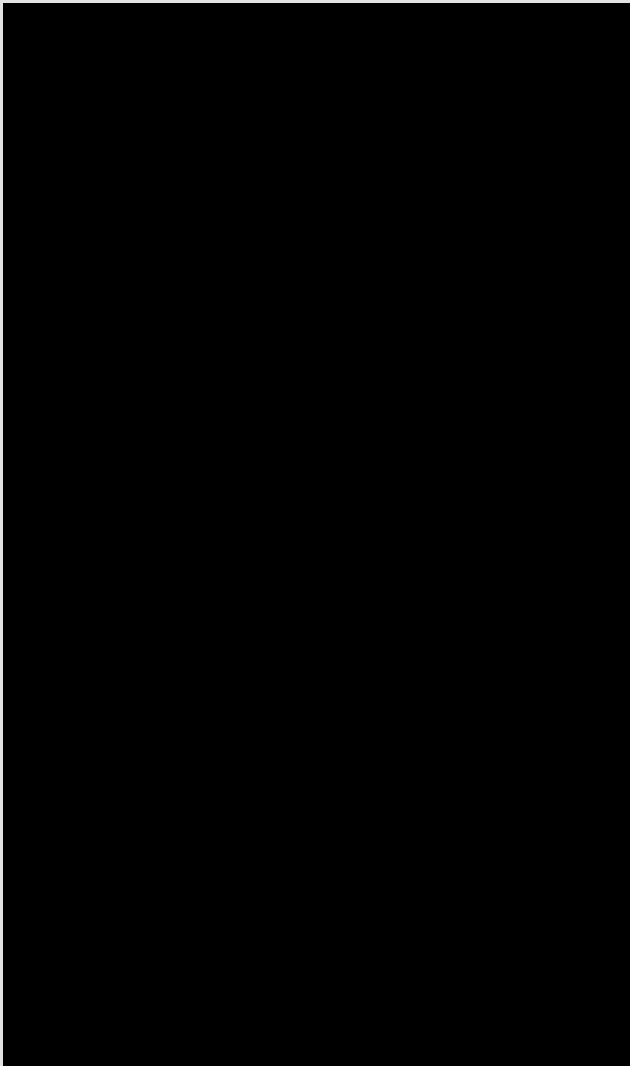
Díaz-Canel referred to the statements made in the Human Rights Council in favor of Cuba, reaffirmed the Caribbean nation's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights, and assured that his country will continue to cooperate with UN mechanisms on this sensitive issue.

- Granma

# SOCIALIST HEADLINES

## DURIAN REMAINS KING OF VIETNAM’S FRUIT EXPORTS

Despite lingering challenges, durian remains the leading contributor to Vietnam’s fruit and vegetable export revenue, with shipments expected to pick up in the coming months as competition from other regional suppliers eases. According to the Vietnam Fruit and Vegetable Association, the country’s fruit and vegetable exports were estimated at 4.76 billion USD in the first seven months of 2026, up 23% year on year. Export turnover in July alone exceeded 1 billion USD. [VNA](#) Photo



## **SOCIALIST HEADLINES**

### **CHINA COAST GUARD EXPELS PHILIPPINE VESSELS ILLEGALLY INTRUDING INTO CHINA'S HUANGYAN DAO**

The China Coast Guard (CCG) on Friday took necessary measures to drive away Philippine vessels that illegally intruded into China's territorial waters of Huangyan Dao, a spokesperson said, vowing to resolutely safeguard China's territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests.

In a statement, CCG spokesperson Jiang Lue said that on Friday, the Philippine side organized seven government vessels, three coast guard ships and one fish carrier and instigated a large number of fishing boats to illegally congregate in waters under the jurisdiction of China's Huangyan Dao.

During the process, three Philippine government vessels ignored repeated warnings and dissuasion from the CCG and insistently intruded into China's territorial waters of Huangyan Dao, Jiang said.

The CCG took necessary measures, including verbal warnings, blockade and control, and water cannon spraying, to resolutely drive away the Philippine vessels in accordance with the law, Jiang said, adding that the on-site operations were professional, standardized, legitimate and lawful.

Jiang said the latest incident came after the Philippines' violent attack on Chinese coast guard personnel near China's Ren'ai Jiao on July 20 and marked another provocative move of Manila sending vessels into waters under China's jurisdiction following a similar incident a day earlier. - [CGTN](#)

### ***CHINA ADDS 14 EU ENTITIES TO EXPORT CONTROL LIST***

China has added 14 European Union entities to its export control list, banning the export of dual-use items to the entities, with immediate effect, the Ministry of Commerce announced on Friday.

The decision was made in accordance with Chinese laws and regulations to safeguard national security and interests and fulfill international non-proliferation obligations, the ministry said in a statement.

Among those placed on the list are Germany's defense contractor and vehicle maker Rheinmetall AG and Poland-based electronics firm Vigo Photonics S.A., it added. - [CGTN](#)

## **SOCIALIST HEADLINES**

### ***MERITED WEAPONS WHICH LEFT DISTINGUISHED TRACES IN HISTORY OF WAR VICTORY TANK NO. 3 1 2 WHICH SMASHED CITADEL OF ENEMY***

On display at the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum is Tank No. 3 1 2 which distinguished itself in the combat for liberating Seoul.

In obedience to the order of President Kim Il Sung on liberating Seoul, our heroic soldiers of the Korean People's Army (KPA) plunged into the citadel of the enemy on June 28, 1950 at dawn.

Advance tanks of the then 35th Tank Regiment of the 9th Tank Brigade dashed into the enemy stronghold in the van.

Among them was also the Tank No. 3 1 2 which recorded brilliant military feats in the history of the great victory in the war.

All the crewmembers of the Tank No. 3 1 2 who were assigned the glorious task of carrying the puppet "Capitol Building" rushed ahead at full speed, shattering enemy armored cars and flame throwers.

When the tank reached the puppet "Capitol Building", Ko Hyon Bin, jumped off the tank and ran to the flagstaff. And he dragged down the cursed flag of the enemy from the flagstaff and hoisted the flag of the DPRK.

The flag of the Republic hoisted at the citadel of the enemy!

The Tank No. 3 1 2 which performed brilliant military feats at the combat for liberating Seoul still stands as a vivid symbol of the matchless bravery and fighting spirit of the heroic KPA soldiers. - Rodong Sinmun

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