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IRAN DEPUTY SPEAKER WARNS UKRAINE OF 'REGRET- INDUCING' RESPONSE

TOP MP REBUKES UKRAINE AFTER DEADLY STRIKE ON IRANIAN VESSEL

Head of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee Ebrahim Azizi says Ukraine will soon realize that Iran will not leave actions against itself unanswered, warning that any attack on the country always carries a cost.

Azizi further warned that "the list of those who have made miscalculations continues to grow." Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky announced in a post on X on Saturday that Kiev had hit vessels he claimed were used in military cargo shipments involving Iran, as well as a warship, in the Caspian Sea.

Iran issued a strongly worded condemnation, saying it would respond to the attack, which left one sailor dead and another injured while causing damage to the Iranian commercial vessel.

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Iran's deputy parliament speaker has warned Ukraine that any "mischievous" act in the region or the Caspian Sea will be met with Tehran's "regret-inducing" response.

Hamid-Reza Haji Babaei issued the stark warning on Monday as tensions escalate between Tehran and Kiev following a Ukrainian drone strike on an Iranian commercial vessel that killed one sailor.

"We warn Ukraine's masters that any mischief through your stooge in the region and the Caspian Sea will be met with a regret-inducing response from the great Iranian nation," he said.

He added that Iran would not allow the United States to determine the time of war and ceasefire, stressing the importance of standing firm in the face of Washington's demands and preventing it from acting as a rogue element in the region.

Araghchi said Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy orchestrated the attack, which constituted a "blatant" violation of the United Nations Charter.

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LEADER HAILS HEZBOLLAH'S 'STEADFASTNESS' AS 'INSPIRING MESSAGE' TO FREE NATIONS

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei has praised Hezbollah for its unwavering resistance against the Zionist regime, describing the Lebanese movement's steadfastness as a powerful message of liberation for oppressed nations worldwide.

In response to a letter from Hezbollah reaffirming its allegiance, the Leader hailed the group for standing "like an unyielding rock" against what he described as the "savage aggression" of Israel and its supporters.

According to a statement released by the Leader's office, Hezbollah's resilience has become "an inspiring message for the free nations of the world in their quest for liberation from the oppression and tyranny of Global Arrogance and its proxies."

The Leader praised Hezbollah's commanders and fighters for their "endurance and perseverance" in defending the principles of the Islamic Resistance, saying their message reflected a firm belief in the promises of the Holy Qur'an and the legacy of Imam Khomeini

and the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei. He said growing international frustration with the United States and the Israeli regime had left "no path forward except jihad and resistance," expressing confidence that steadfastness on this path would ultimately bring "the promised divine victory."

Ayatollah Khamenei also commended the Lebanese people, particularly residents of the country's south, saying their patience, sacrifice and support had played a decisive role in sustaining the Resistance.

The Leader reiterated that the Islamic Republic considers defending Hezbollah fighters "its strategic mandate."

The resistance fighters assured Ayatollah Khamenei that he would find in them "nothing but obedience, an unyielding will to achieve victory, and a love of martyrdom."

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KREMLIN REFUTES KIEV'S ALLEGATIONS ON NORTH KOREA'S INVOLVEMENT IN SPECIAL MILITARY-OP

North Korean troops' possible further participation in Russia's special military operation is not up to Ukraine's Vladimir Zelensky to make comments about, Russian Presidential Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Monday.

"I consider it unnecessary to comment [on such remarks]. It is not up to Zelensky to come up with statements regarding our [Russia's] plans," Peskov noted.

Mine-clearing operations in the Kursk Region, which had been freed from Ukrainian forces, were still underway at that time. Alongside Russian specialists, combat engineers from North Korea are taking part in the difficult task of clearing the area from explosive devices.

A unit of North Korean combat engineers was formed and deployed to the region by order of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. The decision followed bilateral agreements based on a comprehensive strategic partnership deal inked during his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Pyongyang in June 2024. - [TASS](#)

EU MAY ABANDON CURRENT SANCTIONS MECHANISM AGAINST RUSSIA DUE TO GREECE'S POSITION

The European Union may revise its mechanism for imposing sanctions on Russia after Athens delayed the adoption of the latest package of measures for several weeks, securing exemptions for a Greek shipping company, the [Financial Times](#) reported.

Athens refused to support the new sanctions package until the remaining EU countries agreed to grant an exemption for the company Dynagas, according to the report. The Greek side reportedly sought to ensure that the company's vessels could continue transporting Russian liquefied natural gas to countries outside the bloc. This marks the first instance of the EU's collective economic sanctions regime against Russia being relaxed, the publication said. At the same time, the existing strategy allowed capitals to see that many EU member states would face the economic consequences of sanctions decisions, the newspaper said. - [TASS](#)

ENEMIES UNABLE TO DEFEAT RUSSIA ON BATTLEFIELD, RESORT TO TERRORIST METHODS — PUTIN

Russian troops liberated two communities in the Donetsk People's Republic and the Dnepropetrovsk Region over the past 24 hours in the special military operation in Ukraine, Russia's Defense Ministry reported. "Battlegroup Center units liberated the settlement of Torskoye in the Donetsk People's Republic through decisive operations. <...> Battlegroup East units continued advancing deep into the enemy's defenses and liberated the settlement of Kommunarovka in the Dnepropetrovsk Region through active operations," the ministry said in a statement.

Russian air defenses destroy over 190,000 drones in Ukraine operation – report

Russian air defense forces have destroyed over 190,000 Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) since the start of the special military operation in Ukraine, according to the latest report released by Russia's Defense Ministry.

"Overall, the following targets have been destroyed since the start of the special military operation: 673 aircraft, 284 helicopters, 190,438 unmanned aerial vehicles, 667 surface-to-air missile systems, 30,325 tanks and other armored combat vehicles, 1,766 multiple rocket launchers, 35,925 field artillery guns and mortars and 67,581 special military motor vehicles," the statement reads.

Russian forces strike Ukrainian long-range UAV assembly sites over past day

Russian forces struck sites assembling and storing Ukrainian long-range unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and enemy deployment areas over the past 24 hours, the ministry reported. - TASS

ENEMIES UNABLE TO DEFEAT RUSSIA ON BATTLEFIELD, RESORT TO TERRORIST METHODS — PUTIN

Russia's enemies cannot defeat the country militarily and are turning to terrorist methods, President Vladimir Putin said at a Kremlin meeting with members of the outgoing Eighth State Duma (lower house of parliament).

"[Enemies] are unable to defeat Russia on the battlefield so they are betting on using openly terrorist methods against our people," the president stated.

"However, no one has ever succeeded in breaking the Russian people. It has never happened and it will never happen," he stressed. - TASS

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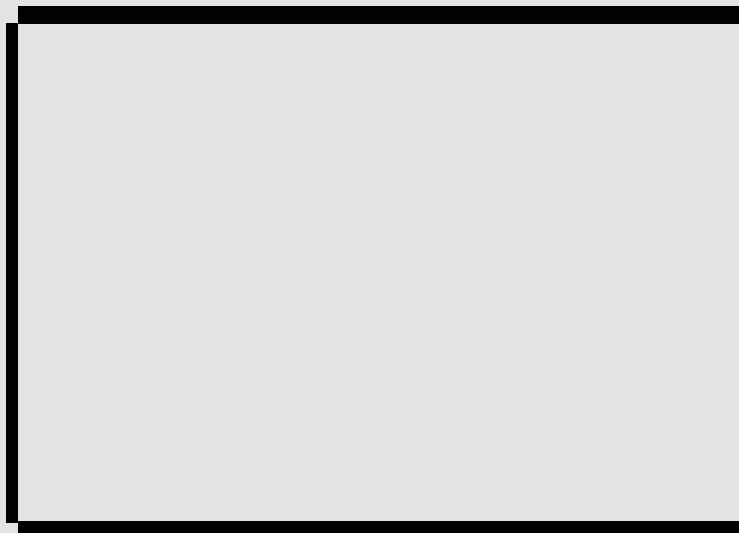
GOVERNMENT OPENS JULY MEETING TO REVIEW ECONOMY, SECURITY AND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone chaired the opening of the Government's regular monthly meeting for July 2026 on July 27, bringing together Cabinet members and provincial leaders to review recent developments and set priorities for August.

The meeting reviewed the implementation of the 12th Party Congress Resolution and the 10th National Socio-Economic Development Plan, alongside preparations to elevate rural development and poverty eradication as a national agenda.

Over the two-day meeting, ministers will review socio-economic performance in July, discuss priorities for August, assess regional and international developments, national defence and security, and measures to address fuel-related challenges. - [KPL](#)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS PRESENTED TO CUBAN PARLIAMENT



To evaluate proposals for economic and social transformations, a topic of vital importance for the future of the country, the Third Extraordinary Session of the National Assembly of People's Power (ANPP), in its 10th Legislature, was held on June 18th.

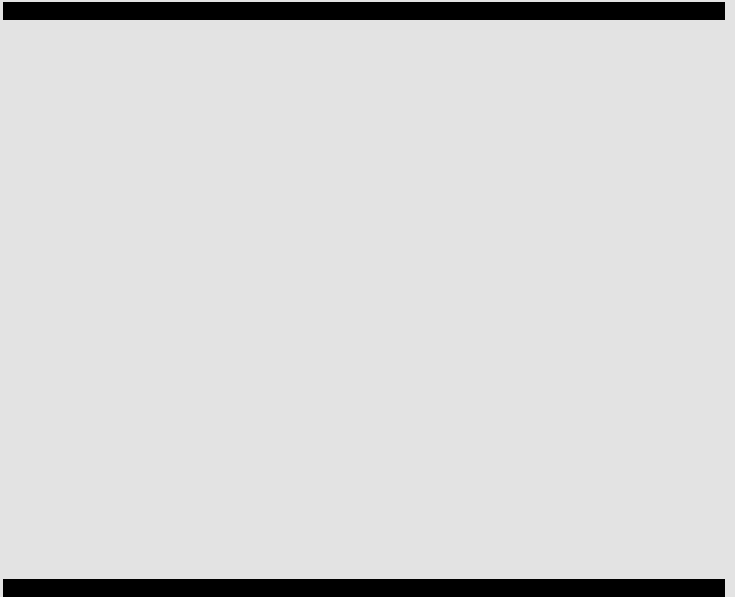
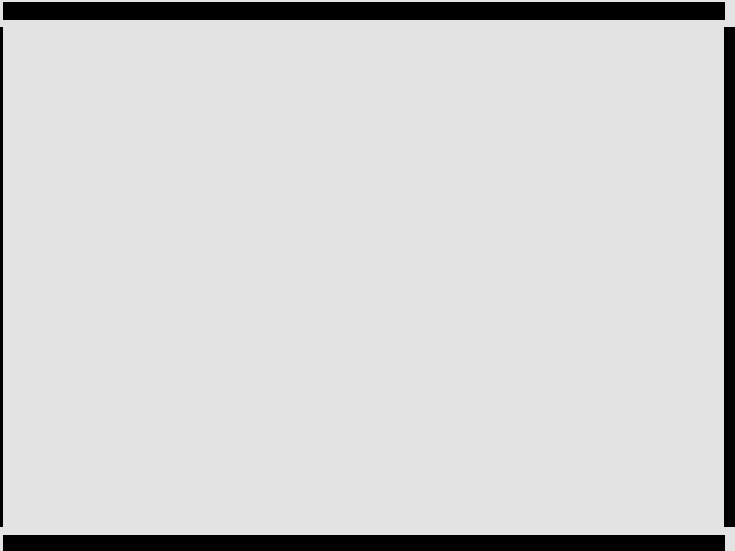
The meeting, taking place in its usual venue at the Convention Palace with deputies from Havana and those residing in the capital due to their responsibilities, as well as all deputies from across the country connected digitally, includes the participation—via teleconference—of Army General Raúl Castro Ruz.

Also present in the room was the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez. The president of the National Assembly of People's Power and the Council of State, Esteban Lazo Hernández, commemorated Vilma Espín Guillois, heroine of the Cuban Revolution, who died on this date 19 years ago. - [Granma](#)

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PARTY, STATE LEADERS PAY TRIBUTE TO HEROIC MARTYRS, PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH

A delegation of the Party Central Committee, the State President, the National Assembly, and the Government on July 26 morning offered incense and paid respects to fallen soldiers at the Monument to Heroic Martyrs on Bac Son street in Hanoi and laid wreaths in tribute to President Ho Chi Minh at the late leader’s mausoleum on the occasion of the 79th anniversary of War Invalids and Martyrs Day (July 27, 1947 - 2026). Joining the delegation were members of the Politburo: Party General Secretary and State President To Lam; Prime Minister Le Minh Hung; National Assembly Chairman Tran Thanh Man; and Permanent Member of the Party Central Committee's Secretariat Tran Cam Tu. VNA Photo



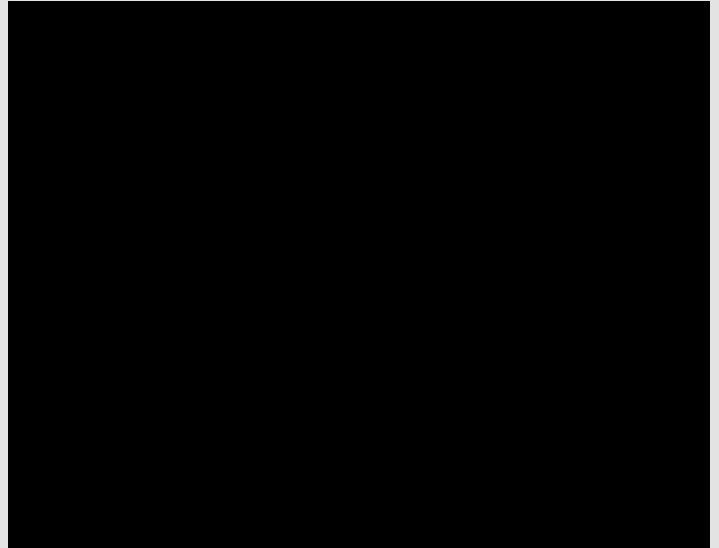
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CHINA DEPLOYS DRONE SWARM FOR FIRST FULL-PROCESS OBSERVATION OF TYPHOON NOUL

The field experiment was conducted at a CMA research base for meteorological support of low-altitude uncrewed aviation on Shenzhen's Dapeng Peninsula during the passage of Typhoon Noul.

Unlike conventional operations involving a single drone, the system deploys multiple drones equipped with meteorological sensors to carry out coordinated observations simultaneously at different locations and altitudes. The drone swarm enables high-density, three-dimensional sampling of the lower atmosphere, overcoming the limitations of single-point observations and improving data collection over coastal waters and other areas where low-altitude observations have traditionally been limited. - [CGTN](#)

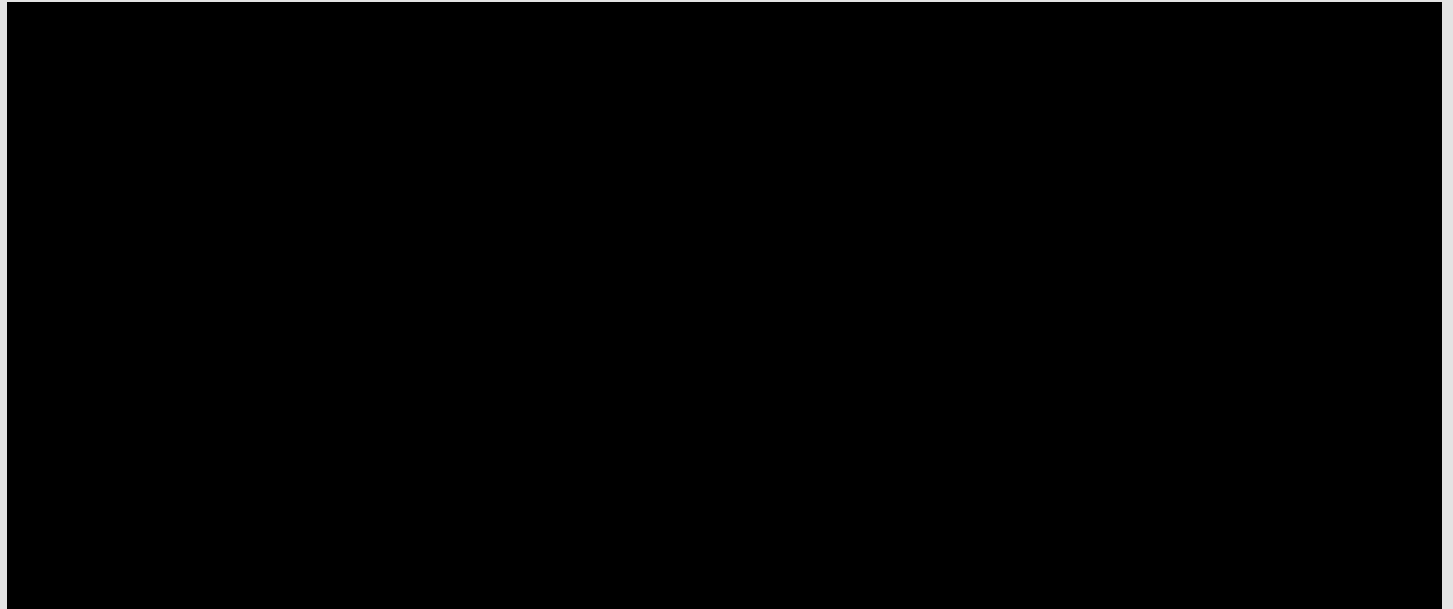
CHINA'S ROBOT REVOLUTION ON SHOW FOR APEC DELEGATES IN CHENGDU



On July 26, delegates in Chengdu, Sichuan, for APEC Digital Week visited a leading Chinese robotics company. Specializing in industrial and collaborative robots, and embodied AI core components, the firm has built a full-stack portfolio of over 70 robot models. Their solutions are deployed across automotive, new energy, and engineering machinery sectors. With more than 500 clients in over 250 Chinese cities—and exports to over 40 countries, including in Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Europe—the company showcased China's cutting-edge innovation in intelligent manufacturing. - CGTN

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RESPECTED COMRADE KIM JONG UN VISITS CEMETERY OF CPV FALLEN SOLDIERS ON OCCASION OF 73RD ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY IN FATHERLAND LIBERATION WAR



he respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, visited the Cemetery of the Fallen Soldiers of the Chinese People's Volunteers in Hoechang County of South Phyongan Province on July 26 on the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of the victory in the Fatherland Liberation War and paid high tribute to the fallen soldiers.

He was accompanied by Jo Yong Won, Kim Song Nam and Ju Chang Il, secretaries of the C.C., WPK, Choe Son Hui, foreign minister of the DPRK, No Kwang Chol, minister of National Defence,

and Pak Jong Chon, adviser to the Ministry of National Defence.

A wreath in the name of Comrade Kim Jong Un was laid at the cemetery.

Comrade Kim Jong Un paid a silent tribute to the memory of the fallen soldiers of the Chinese People's Volunteers.

Then he visited the grave of Mao Anying at the cemetery. He placed a flower at the grave and paid homage.

The ennobling soul and self-sacrificing spirit of the brave CPV soldiers, who shed their blood to assist the DPRK people in the war of justice in the most difficult and fateful years, are clearly associated with the victory won by the DPRK people and they are shining as the foundation for the DPRK-China friendship with socialism as its core. - Political News Team

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