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PROPOSAL ONLY COVERS HEAVY WEAPONS STORAGE: HAMAS REPRESENTATIVE



A Hamas official says the newly announced agreement to end Israel's genocidal war on Gaza does not signify abandoning resistance, but outlines a conditional, Palestinian-led process contingent on the Tel Aviv regime fulfilling its obligations under the agreement.

Speaking to the Press TV website, Khaled Qaddoumi, the representative of Hamas in the Islamic Republic of Iran, expounded on how the Palestinian resistance movement views the newly announced agreement, which has been widely portrayed in media reports as a "Hamas disarmament" deal. - [PressTV](#)

PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE ISSUES WARNING

Palestinian resistance groups have issued a stark warning after the deadliest Israeli airstrikes since the October 2025 ceasefire, saying the relentless bombardment constitutes a deliberate sabotage of the truce and a declaration that Israel has no intention of honoring its commitments. - [PressTV](#)



IRGC SHOOTS DOWN US MQ-9 REAPER

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) has announced that its aerospace force shot down an American MQ-9 Reaper drone over the Strait of Hormuz using a "modern and advanced" air defense system.

The IRGC stated Monday that further details would be announced subsequently.

The downing, confirmed by the IRGC's official Sepah News outlet, marks the latest in a series of devastating losses for the US military's premier armed reconnaissance platform.

The MQ-9 Reaper, which the US Air Force has called the "most valuable player" of its campaign against Iran, has suffered catastrophic attrition since the war began in late February.

According to Bloomberg, Iran has destroyed over two dozen MQ-9s since the start of the terrorist US-Israeli war—nearly 20 percent of the Pentagon's pre-war inventory. At \$30 million per airframe, the total damage is estimated at approximately \$1 billion.

The Air Force's operational Reaper fleet has fallen to roughly 135 aircraft, well below its own minimum floor of 189, according to congressional testimony cited by Bloomberg and The War Zone. - [PressTV](#)

PENTAGON CONCLUDES AGREEMENTS WORTH \$3 BILLION TO INCREASE INTERCEPTOR PRODUCTION VOLUMES

The Pentagon has concluded agreements worth over \$3 billion with Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman aimed at expanding production capacities for munitions for Patriot and THAAD air defense systems, according to statements from the US military department and Northrop Grumman.

The Pentagon noted that the "two framework agreements" are aimed at expanding "production capacity of critical missile-interceptor components." The department emphasized that this will in the future help triple production volumes of PAC-3 missiles for Patriot and quadruple those for THAAD systems. Northrop Grumman clarified that two multi-year framework agreements worth over \$3 billion were signed. Of this amount, \$2 billion will be directed toward the production of engines and other systems for PAC-3, and \$1 billion toward increasing production volumes of THAAD components over seven years. - [TASS](#)



SEVEN PEOPLE KILLED IN DRONE ATTACK ON GELENDZHIK

According to the latest reports, seven people, including three children, were killed when a drone crashed in Gelendzhik.

[TASS](#) has compiled the key facts about the incident.

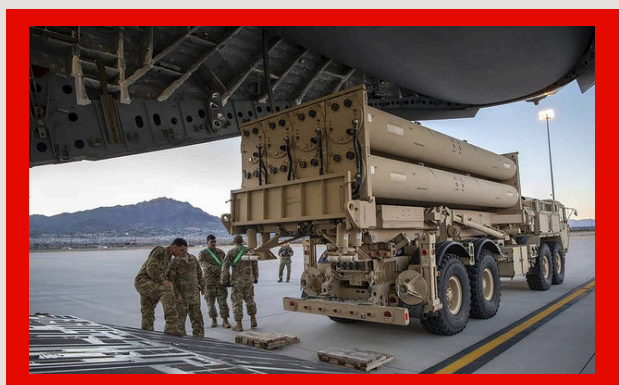
UKRAINIAN UAV ATTACK ON GELENDZHIK

Twenty-one people injured as a result of Ukraine's drone attack on Gelendzhik have been hospitalized, including three children, Alexey Kuznetsov, assistant to the Russian Health Minister, told journalists. - [TASS](#)

TWO ZAPOROZHYE NPP EMPLOYEES IN SERIOUS CONDITION AFTER STEPPING ON MINE

Two of the four employees of the Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant who were injured when they stepped on a mine laid by Ukrainian troops in Energodar are in serious condition, according to the facility's post on messaging app Max.

- [TASS](#)



CROWN DROPS NEARLY ALL CHARGES FROM PRO-PALESTINE SIT-IN AT MP BARDEESY'S OFFICE

Criminal charges against seven people who were arrested during a sit-in at the office of a member of parliament last fall have been dropped due to what the Crown called a "lack of public interest," according to multiple people who attended the court proceedings.

All eight protesters were originally charged with forcible entry, unlawful assembly, mischief and obstructing a peace officer. One arrestee still faces charges of mischief and obstruction. Rachelle Friesen of the Legal Support Committee (LSC) — a collective that supports people arrested in the Greater Toronto Area for organizing and protesting for the liberation of Palestine. — tells *The Grind* that the news is unsurprising and fits into a larger trend. Toronto Police Service (TPS), Friesen says, have consistently "overcharged" people involved with pro-Palestine protests, "and then have the Crown figure it out later."

The arrests occurred last October at the Toronto office of Liberal MP Karim Bardeesy, who represents the riding of Taiaiaiko'n—Parkdale—High Park. This was during a wave of protests over Israel's kidnapping of dozens of people at sea, including Indigenous harm reduction worker and advocate Mskwaasin Agnew, along with five



other people living in Canada. Agnew and others were travelling in international waters as part of the Freedom Flotilla Coalition in an attempt to break Israel's illegal blockade of Gaza when they were intercepted by the Israeli military.

On Oct. 8, 2025, hundreds of protesters in Toronto took to the streets, demanding that the federal government intervene to have Agnew and others released, and to call for an end to the siege on Gaza. Toronto police arrested nine protesters, and charged them with three counts each. Those charges were dropped by the Crown in January.

A day later, on Oct. 9, dozens of protesters staged a sit-in at the Toronto office of Liberal MP Karim Bardeesy, who represents the riding where Agnew lives, demanding that the federal government take action.

According to the defendants, one of Bardeesy's staff opened the door of the office and the protesters entered. Videos posted to social media show protesters inside the office, chanting "no justice, no peace."

After receiving a 911 call from one of Bardeesy's staff, the police entered the office and assessed the situation before dragging out and arresting eight people.

This week, nine months after the arrests took place, the charges were fully withdrawn for seven of the eight protesters. - The Grind



**HEADLINES FROM SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES!**

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JAIL FOR 15 GOVT OFFICIALS FOUND GUILTY OF CORRUPTION



The Attapeu Provincial People's Court last week sentenced 15 government officials to prison in one of the province's largest corruption cases, with 10 of those convicted being life sentences.

The offences were committed between 2021 and 2024 and involved a coordinated scheme led by Mr Soulixay Souliyalai. The group was found to have conspired to misappropriate funds from eight provincial budget allocations.

The court heard that the total value of the funds involved 103 billion kip, US\$2,356,000, and 1.5 billion Vietnamese dong. The Vietnamese currency was reportedly converted into kip and baht.

Following an investigation conducted by a special taskforce, authorities determined that the actual financial losses to Attapeu province totalled 51 billion kip, US\$2,316,000, and 60,000 baht.

The case is regarded as one of the most significant in Attapeu province involving corruption. - [Vientiane Times](#)

"THE PATH IS DIFFICULT, THE SITUATION IS COMPLEX, BUT OUR WILL TO OVERCOME IS UNWAVERING"



Speech delivered by Miguel Mario Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the Republic, at the closing of the 7th Ordinary Session of the National Assembly of People's Power in its 10th Legislature, at the Convention Center, on July 30, 2026, "Year of the Centennial of Commander-in-Chief Fidel Castro Ruz"

"I repeat, economic and social recovery must go hand in hand. To be clearer, the gradual economic recovery must lead us, to the same degree, to social recovery, prioritizing the most vulnerable and those sectors with the greatest needs.

In other words, economic efficiency must serve social justice, which encapsulates much of the meaning of the Revolution and its commitment to the people.

We are not going to establish predatory capitalism or a massive privatization of national assets, as some fear. Nothing could be further from the purpose of these transformations." - [Granma](#)

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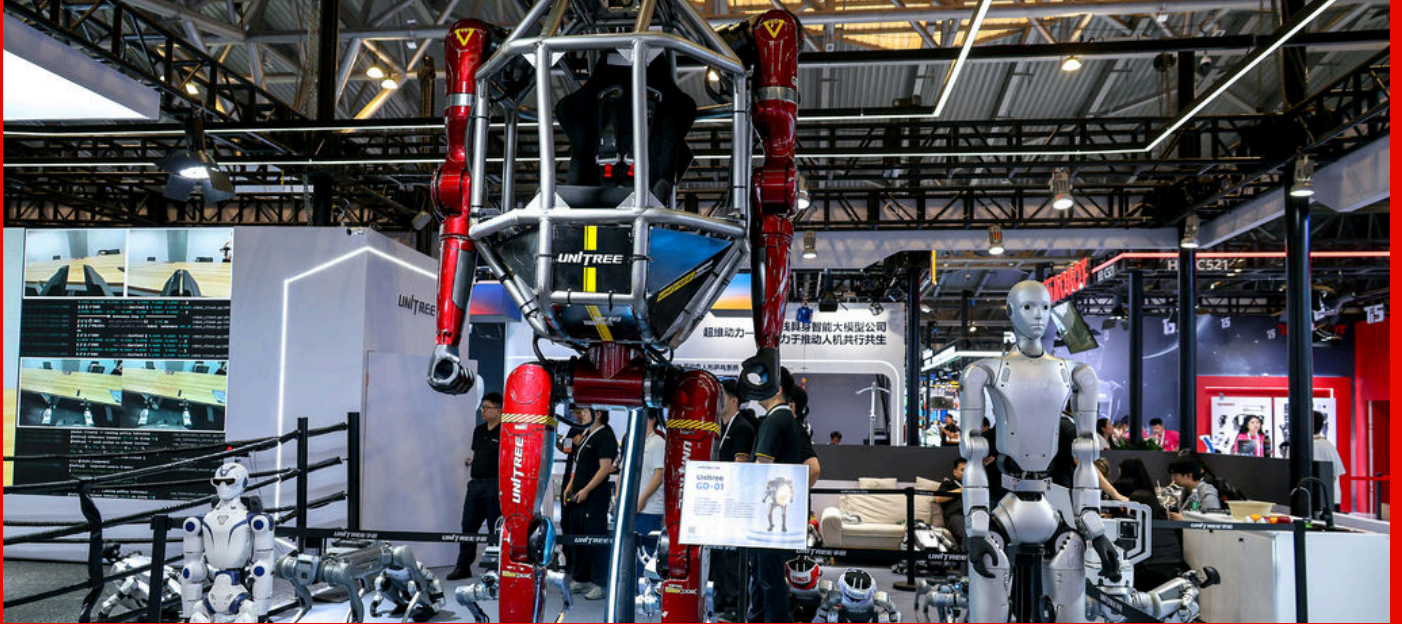
TRADITIONAL CAKES AND DISHES FEATURED AT AN GIANG'S FESTIVAL

Hundreds of unique traditional folk cakes and signature dishes from southern provinces and cities, as well as many other localities nationwide, are available at the Southern Traditional Cake Festival held in the Mekong Delta province of An Giang. The event has some 300 stalls featuring cakes and dishes as well as a fair for OCOP (one commune one product) specialties, and typical agricultural products. Cuisine artisans and chefs offer live demonstrations of various cakes and instruct visitors on how to make them. It creates a distinctive cultural and culinary space, attracting a large number of locals and tourists. VNA Photo: Thanh Sang



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AMERICA BUILDS WALLS, CHINA PAVES ROADS



Artificial intelligence (AI) can become an international public good that benefits all of humanity. This proposition, advanced at the 2026 World Artificial Intelligence Conference, crystallizes a fundamental choice now confronting the world.

We face a crossroads. One path seeks to enclose capability behind regulatory barriers, export controls and proprietary moats. The other prioritizes open cooperation, low-cost deployment and the deliberate diffusion of opportunity.

The United States is building walls. China is paving roads. The consequences will shape not only technological trajectories but the structure of global order itself.

The American approach has hardened into a strategy of technological containment dressed in the language of open innovation. Successive administrations have layered export restrictions on advanced semiconductors, tightened controls on model weights and training data, and promoted frameworks such as the US AI action plan. Concepts like "adversarial distillation" have been invoked to police knowledge flows, while initiatives such as the Silicon Peace Declaration attempt to rally allies around exclusionary standards.

The rhetoric celebrates openness and democratic values. The practice constructs digital fortresses. Hypocrisy defines the modus operandi.

These measures rest on a proprietary business model that treats frontier capability as a scarce rent-generating asset. Massive capital is poured into closed systems whose economic rationale depends on maintaining technological distance from competitors. Yet the model is already confronting insurmountable contradictions. Training and inference at scale demand enormous energy and capital intensity. Returns remain elusive for many commercial applications. - [CGTN](#)

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WHOLE COUNTRY SHOULD GO TOWARDS COMMUNISM

In October 2019, the respected Comrade General Secretary Kim Jong Un inspected the Jungphyong Vegetable Greenhouse Farm under construction that was progressing at the final stage.

Enjoying a bird's-eye view of the majestic appearance of sea of greenhouses stretching far from the observation platform, the respected Comrade General Secretary said with pleasure that the view from the observation platform was really spectacular and that all the troubles experienced since the year before brought good result at last.

Officials were also greatly impressed by the wonderful appearance of greenhouses of various shapes in the area which had been an airfield sector a year before.

The respected Comrade General Secretary underscored the need to actively introduce advanced technique and method of vegetable culture to increase the output and activate production so that the people of North Hamgyong Province can benefit greatly from the farm before heading for the greenhouses. Feasting his eyes on various species of fresh vegetables in full bearing for a long time, the respected Comrade General Secretary warmly said to the

to the accompanying officials that it was really well done that we decided on building the Jungphyong Greenhouse Farm and that the trouble taken by us proved fruitful.

Indeed, various species of fresh vegetables cultivated in every greenhouse are, before being a result of nature, precious fruition of the ardent love of the great father who cares the most for the people.

The respected Comrade General Secretary again headed for the newly-built residential quarters.

Dwelling houses of tens of diverse forms as well as public service installations standing in a row presented a really spectacular sight.

When he reached a low-storeyed flat, he pointed at a recreation ground which had been arranged next to the flat and suggested taking a break there.

He enjoyed the view of flats as he was rejoiced to provide the people with wonderful dwelling houses. Then he said with delight that he had done another great work for the people and it brought him pleasure, and it made him recover from his fatigue, adding that he made a revolution to see such fruit.

He stressed that he was more pleased to see creations like the Jungphyong Greenhouse Farm being erected in regions rather than seeing a new street being built in the capital city, adding that the whole country should go towards communism.

All the people are confident that our country will shine brilliantly as the communist ideal land in which all the wishes of people are realized as we hold in high esteem the respected Comrade General Secretary who loves people the most. - Rodong Sinmun



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