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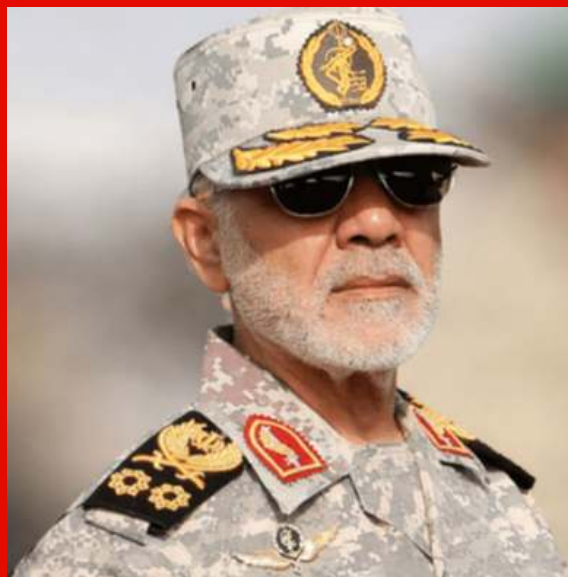
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TOP IRANIAN COMMANDER WARNS PERSIAN GULF STATES AGAINST ASSISTING US MILITARY



Chief of Staff of Iran's Armed Forces has warned the southern Persian Gulf states against providing assistance to or facilitating the use of their territories by the US military in its aggression against Iran.

"Those southern Persian Gulf countries that issue various statements claiming they will not allow the United States to use their territory against Iran should know that nothing escapes our attention," Major General Ali Abdollahi wrote on his X account on Wednesday.

He said it seems unlikely that such a large number of military aircraft, particularly aerial refueling aircraft, could be stationed at regional bases without the knowledge of the host countries.

"We warn that any assistance or facilitation provided to the aggressive US military will be regarded as participation alongside US military forces," Abdollahi warned. – [PressTV](#)

IRAN REJECTS UAE'S MISSILE CLAIM, WARNS OF 'FALSE-FLAG OPERATIONS'



Iran has rejected a United Arab Emirates' claim that Tehran launched two ballistic missiles towards the country, with Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei warning regional states against making unfounded accusations and urging vigilance over a history of "false-flag operations" seeking to implicate blameless parties.

Remarking on Tuesday, the official categorically rejected that Iran had launched any projectiles towards the UAE, deploring such accusations.

He stressed that such conduct runs counter to the principle of good-neighborliness and undermines ongoing efforts to build trust among regional countries and prevent a further escalation of insecurity in the region.

The spokesman also called on regional parties to take into account the complexities created by the continued "malign actions" of the United States and the Israeli regime against regional peace and security.

In this context, Baghaei specifically referred to the history of multiple "false-flag operations" and urged regional countries to refrain from making unfounded accusations against the Islamic Republic.

Earlier in the day, the UAE defense ministry had alleged that its air defenses had "detected two ballistic missiles launched from Iran towards the country." – [PressTV](#)

***INVESTIGATORS PROBE INTO CRIMES
OF FRENCH MERCENARIES WHO
KILLED RUSSIAN PRISONERS OF WAR***

Russia's Investigative Committee is probing into the crimes of French mercenaries who shot and killed Russian prisoners of war, the agency's press service reported on Wednesday.

According to the investigators, the French mercenaries took part in the hostilities on the side of Ukraine as part of the Azov nationalist battalion (outlawed in Russia) and the Ukrainian armed forces' 92th brigade. One of them published photos of the execution of three Russian prisoners of war, who were shot dead by the mercenaries.

"Russia's Investigative Committee will establish all the circumstances of what has happened to hold accountable all those responsible for committing this crime," the press service said. – [TASS](#)

***OVER 30 SHELLING ATTACKS BY
UKRAINIAN TROOPS REPORTED IN DPR
IN PAST DAY***

Ukrainian troops staged 34 shelling attacks on the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) during the past day, the DPR government said.

"Thirty-four armed attacks by the Ukrainian army was reported during past day. We received additional data about casualties among civilians: one person was killed and three others were wounded in Donetsk on August 18, and one civilian was wounded in the Krasnoarmeisk municipality on July 26," it said.

Five houses, six civilian infrastructure facilities, several trucks, passenger cars and other vehicles were damaged. Thirty-four rounds were fired. – [TASS](#)

***SLAVYANSK, KRAMATORSK,
DRUZHKOVA TURNED INTO 'GHOST
CITIES' BY UKRAINIAN ARMY***



The Ukrainian army uses the entire civilian infrastructure in Slavyansk, Kramatorsk, and Druzhkovka in the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) for military purposes, having turned them into "ghost cities," military expert Andrey Marochko said.

"Slavyansk, Kramatorsk, Druzhkovka, as far as I know, have become ghost cities, with practically no civilian activity there. Ukrainian militants are currently converting absolutely everything to ensure their security. In other words, they are using civilian facilities for military purposes, thereby violating international humanitarian law, which explicitly prohibits the use of civilian facilities, including those where civilians are staying, for military purposes. These facilities cannot be used for military operations, but that does not stop Kiev," he told TASS. The Slavyansk-Kramatorsk agglomeration is a key logistics center for the Ukrainian army in Donbass, with rail and motor routes for supplying its units running across it.

Marochko told TASS earlier that there is practically no civilian population in Ukraine-occupied Druzhkovka, with the humanitarian situation in the city being next to critical. – [TASS](#)



ARAINNA-HAMILTON-GAZA-MURAL

Arianna Hamilton lost her Burger King job after saying “Free Palestine” to a customer who identified himself as Israeli. Thousands of miles away, people in Gaza painted a mural of Hamilton on a damaged wall and included a “Down with Burger King” symbol on the mural. (More at workers.org/2026/08/94226/)





BREAKING ON X

NICK FUENTES - NEW ASMONGOLD

A post highlighting Nick Fuentes being covered in cockroaches while streaming has emerged:

<https://x.com/coryunbroken/status/2090099458088255676>

UKRAINIAN MEN KIDNAPPED

Glenn Diesen brings attention to another on camera capture of a man in ukraine being brutally detained to be sent to the the front against Ukraine's NATO backed war on DPR:

https://x.com/Glenn_Diesen/status/2090090465487905165

BILIBILI LAUNCHES INTERNATIONAL APP

Bilibili just launched the intl app globally (currently on Android, iOS coming soon; and more countries coming soon) Globally distributed content, better localization & easier sign ups with no identity verification...and more localization optimization and features to come!

https://x.com/bilibili_create/status/2090086781018677614?s=20

DPRK RESPONDS TO TRUMP

Nodutdol has highlighted Pyongyang's response to Trump's desire to meet with DPRK and provides important background information in this thread:

<https://x.com/nodutdol/status/2090215410616729857>

WHITE-LIPPED DEER

Rare herd of over 180 white-lipped deer spotted crossing river in SW China

<https://x.com/CGTNOOfficial/status/2090227311992029467>

DISCOVER JILIN

CGTN releases a feature on Jilin's mountain vistas and frontier charms:

<https://x.com/CGTNOOfficial/status/2090257515543994422>



**HEADLINES FROM SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES!**

SOCIALIST HEADLINES

VICE PRESIDENT URGES XAYSOMBOUN TO STRENGTHEN GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT



Vice President Viengthong Siphandone, Member of the Party Central Committee Secretariat, visited Xaysomboun Province and met with key provincial officials on August 19, 2026, to review development progress and provide guidance for the remaining months of the year.

Vice President Viengthong praised the province's achievements and called for stronger political and ideological education, Party unity, national defence and public security, and grassroots political work.

She also urged authorities to strengthen inspection and supervision, prevent illegal logging and forest destruction, promote comprehensive rural development and poverty reduction, and encourage people to adopt a more self-reliant and productive way of life, with greater emphasis on commercial production. – [KPL](#)

BEHIND THE WHITE COAT: HOW CHINESE DOCTORS ARE ADVANCING PATIENT CARE AND GLOBAL HEALTH



For 86-year-old Dai Guogui, managing diabetes alongside heart disease as well as a history of suffering strokes was once an exhausting nightly struggle. "I used to inject insulin at 9:30 every night, only to wake up around 2 or 3 in the morning drenched in sweat from severe low blood sugar," Dai told China Media Group (CMG).

Relief came when his home was connected to a digital health platform linked with medical providers in Luzhou, southwest China's Sichuan Province. By uploading his daily blood glucose readings to the platform, doctors were able to track his condition in real time and adjust his dosage remotely. "Now my condition has stabilized," Dai said.

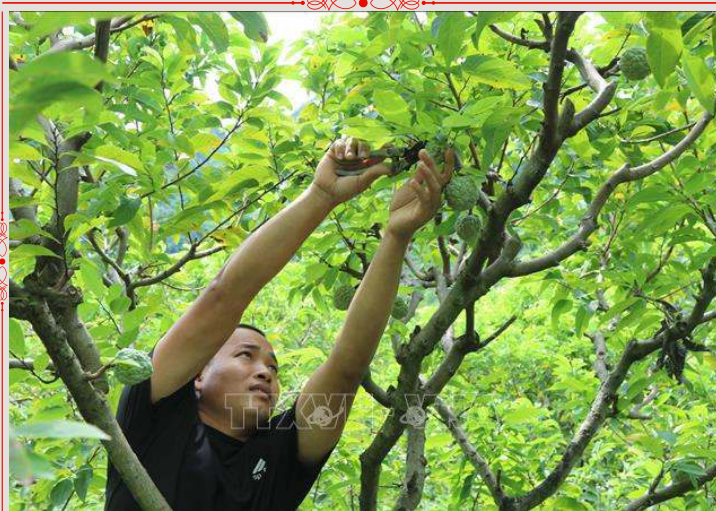
Dai's experience reflects a broader shift in China's healthcare system toward proactive, community-based care. That patient-centered focus takes on added resonance today, August 19, as the nation marks Chinese Doctors' Day – an occasion to celebrate the medical professionals who are fortifying primary care at home while supporting medical aid missions abroad.

China's medical footprint extends well beyond its borders. As the only country that has consistently provided large-scale, cost-free medical teams to developing nations over the long term, China has dispatched more than 30,000 medical personnel to 77 countries and regions since 1963. These teams have treated over 300 million patients and trained more than 100,000 local healthcare workers, helping establish sustainable local capabilities. – [CGTN](#)

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CUSTARD APPLE HARVEST SEASON ON LANG SON'S ROCKY TERRAIN

Chi Lang and Cai Kinh communes are key custard apple cultivation areas in Lang Son province, covering a total area of approximately 2,250 hectares. The yield is estimated at 33,000 tons annually and generates an estimated revenue of over 700 billion VND (26,737,480 USD) per year. In mid-August, farmers in the Lang Son custard apple regions are busy harvesting, sorting, and packaging the fruit for transport to distribution points. [VNA](#) Photo: Quang Duy



SOCIALIST HEADLINES

Pak Thae Song, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and premier of the Cabinet of the DPRK, inspected various sectors of the national economy.

At the Huichon Precision Machine Plant, the premier encouraged the workers in the machine plant in their vigorous drive for production in hearty response to the decisions of the Ninth Congress of the WPK and called for raising the quality of products and productivity while paying constant attention to consolidating the material and technical foundations, bearing in mind the importance of the factory's duty in developing the country's vehicle-building industry.

In particular, he stressed the need for officials to enhance their responsibility and role in implementing the Party's decisions, further improve production and management while regarding the spiritual strength of the masses and science and technology as the lifeline of the development of the unit and actively introduce valuable and innovative inventions based on an advanced technology.

At the Jonchon Rock Drill Factory, Pak Thae Song called for carrying out the assigned production plan without fail by raising the utilization rate of equipment in keeping with the increased demand for rock-drills in various sectors of the national economy and effectively developing and producing new-type

DPRK PREMIER INSPECTS VARIOUS SECTORS



rock-drills with high performance.

Going round various workshops and newly-built production processes of the Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Textile Mill, he stressed the need for the employees to improve the efficiency of labour by raising the level of technical skill and mastering the equipment and thus steadily expand the successes in production.

Discussed at field consultative meetings were issues of directing efforts to acquiring and introducing new technology through sci-tech learning space, strengthening the ranks of technicians and skilled workers and fully supplying equipment and materials necessary for developing new products and producing them.

Earlier, Pak Thae Song visited the Salt Industry Bureau to learn about its production state and discussed the problems arising in production and took necessary measures. – [Rodong Sinmun](#)

