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THE INTEGRATED FRONT

Iran has made its position absolutely clear, and the world would do well to listen. The end of the war against Iran must mean end of the war on all fronts of the resistance axis. An act of aggression against one component of this axis means an act of aggression against all components – from Iran to Lebanon to Yemen to Iraq and Palestine.

A ceasefire cannot happen in the Persian Gulf while aggression in any form or manifestation against Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq or Yemen continues. It is a strategic doctrine established in clear terms by the Islamic Republic after the recent two US-Israeli imposed wars.

Security in the region is an interconnected reality, and any lasting peace must include an end to acts of military aggression, maritime banditry, illegal naval blockade, assassinations, occupation, and provocative actions against Iran and the Resistance fronts.

From this perspective, a separate peace has no meaning, because continued war on one front could once again draw the entire region into a cycle of confrontation.

To understand why Iran holds this position with such unwavering conviction, one must first understand the architecture of the Axis of Resistance and the strategic logic that binds its disparate parts into a single, integrated defensive network.

For Iran, the ongoing war imposed on it by the US-Israeli coalition proved a moment of reckoning. It brought the Axis of Resistance closer together against the common adversary. – [PressTV](#)



Lebanon

Iran will not leave the Lebanese people alone in this battle against the murderous Zionist regime and its American backers.

Yemen

Yemen also forms an integral part of the Axis of Resistance, and Iran will not abandon it. For years, the Yemeni people have endured a brutal, US-backed Saudi aggression and a crippling blockade that has brought them to the brink of famine.

Iraq

Iraq occupies a uniquely complex position in this regional calculus. On one hand, it is a sovereign nation with its own government, its own internal dynamics, and its own path forward. On the other hand, it remains a battleground for external powers seeking to impose their will, and more importantly, seeking to destabilize the entire region.

Palestine

Finally, and most importantly, the situation in Gaza and the occupied West Bank remains grim and demands serious attention. This is not merely another front against the US-Israeli war coalition but the moral and political center of the Resistance axis.

The logic of integrated security

What unites all these fronts – Lebanon, Yemen, Iraq, Palestine, and Iran itself – is a single and simple principle: regional security is an interconnected whole.

NEW US SANCTIONS AMOUNT TO 'ECONOMIC TERRORISM,' 'CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY'

Iran's Foreign Ministry has strongly condemned a new round of US economic sanctions against the country, stating that the measures amount to "economic terrorism" and "crimes against humanity."

In a statement issued on Thursday, the ministry said the new sanctions, announced by the US government on the anniversary of the 1953 coup in Iran, demonstrate the continuation of decades of hostility toward the Iranian people.

"The new US sanctions are not only another indication of the continuation of 73 years of hostility by US policymakers toward the Iranian people, but also demonstrate the anti-human, lawless and hegemonic nature of the US government," the statement said.

On Wednesday, Trump announced what he called the "most crushing economic operation" against Iran, claiming that Tehran would face "economic warfare and isolation on an unprecedented scale". He also threatened sanctions against any country that does business with Iran.

The threat comes as his war on Iran, launched alongside the Israeli regime on February 28, has failed to reach any of its objectives.

The ministry said the sanctions target the fundamental rights of Iranian citizens and slammed Washington for violating international norms.



"Without a doubt, the US economic sanctions against Iran, which target the fundamental human rights of every Iranian citizen, constitute 'economic terrorism' and 'crimes against humanity,'" it said, adding that those responsible should face prosecution and punishment.

The Foreign Ministry said the latest measures came after US-Israeli aggression against Iran over the past year and a half and their failure to force the Iranian people to surrender to "illegal and inhumane ambitions."

The statement said the sanctions would merely add to the record of US actions against Iran and would not undermine the Iranian people's determination to safeguard the country's independence, dignity and national sovereignty.

"Economic sanctions and pressure are the other side of the same coin as military war and aggression," the ministry said, stressing that Washington's reliance on both policies has placed global peace and security at risk.

It also called on countries committed to the principles of the UN Charter, including respect for national sovereignty, not to remain indifferent to continued US violations of fundamental international norms.

The ministry further described the new sanctions as a continuation of a policy that has already been tested and failed. – [PressTV](#)



RUSSIA OPEN TO DIALOGUE WITH US, REFUSES TO SACRIFICE ITS PRINCIPLED POSITIONS

Moscow remains open to dialogue with Washington on settling the Ukraine conflict but it refuses to sacrifice its fundamental positions on the issue, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov told [News.ru](https://www.news.ru) in an interview.

So far, the American side has demonstrated a readiness to engage in constructive dialogue and to understand Russia's position, but what matters more now is whether "Washington can influence the decisions of the Kiev regime and its European sponsors, who still dream of a strategic defeat on Russia," the senior Russian diplomat noted. – [TASS](https://tass.com)

UKRAINIAN STRIKES KILL ONE, INJURE EIGHT CIVILIANS IN LUGANSK PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

The Ukrainian armed forces launched strikes on municipalities in the Lugansk People's Republic (LPR), killing one civilian and injuring eight others over the past day, Leonid Pasechnik, the republic's head, reported on Telegram.

According to the regional head, a woman was killed and two other civilians were wounded in the Svatovo district as a result of attacks by the Ukrainian armed forces. In Severodonetsk, three people, including a child, were injured in an attack on a private home. In the Slavyanoserbsky district, a Ukrainian drone struck a locomotive, injuring the assistant engine driver. In Rubezhnoye and Kremennaya, two men were injured as a result of Ukrainian strikes. – [TASS](https://tass.com)

UKRAINIAN DRONE ATTACK IN ZAPOROZHYE REGION CLAIMS LIFE OF AMBULANCE PARAMEDIC

Ambulance paramedic Angela Vaylo was killed at her home during a Ukrainian drone attack on Vasilyevka in the Zaporozhye Region after completing her shift, the regional Health Ministry said.

"Yesterday, August 20, ambulance paramedic Angela Georgiyevna Vaylo of the Vasilyevka ambulance service branch was tragically killed in a drone attack on Vasilyevka. She sustained fatal injuries. It happened at her home after her shift. She was 56," the ministry said on Max.

Vaylo dedicated 37 years to medicine, the regional Health Ministry said. From the first days of the special military operation, she voluntarily assumed additional duties, "understanding that people need help more than ever amid military operations," it added. She was awarded the Medal for Services to the Zaporozhye Region and had been preparing to become a senior paramedic at the ambulance substation in Vasilyevka this fall.

"Angela Georgiyevna was a cheerful person who knew how to lift the spirits of everyone around her. Her colleagues will remember her as someone with great warmth of spirit, always ready to help and deeply committed to her profession. We offer our sincere condolences to Angela Georgiyevna's family and friends," the ministry said.

TWO DIE AFTER UKRAINE'S ATTACK ON MINIBUS IN DPR

Two civilians died after Ukraine's overnight attack on a passenger minibus in the east of the Donetsk People's Republic (DPR), head of the Amvrosiyevsky district administration Igor Lyzov told TASS.

"A minibus came under attack. Two people were killed. The attack on our district took place at about three at night. As far as I know, this was a commuter minibus," he said, adding that four more people were wounded. – [TASS](https://tass.com)

BREAKING ON X

BLUEBERRY RECALL

The FDA has upgraded a recall of blueberries to the highest risk level, indicating a reasonable chance of "serious adverse health consequences or death" from E. coli contamination.

<https://x.com/factpostnews/status/2090436222321606765?s=20>



EYE DROP RECALL

Nearly 40,000 bottles of eye drops are being recalled due to a possible contamination problem.

<https://x.com/USATODAY/status/2090163186842337358?s=20>





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PM URGES PAKTHA TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY, POVERTY REDUCTION AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT



Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone met with leaders and key officials of Paktha District, Bokeo Province, on August 20, 2026, calling for stronger efforts to maintain security, reduce poverty and promote sustainable local development.

Paktha District Party Secretary Sali Vannasan reported that the district has maintained political stability and social order, with the economy growing 1.85% during the first six months of 2026. Budget revenue reached 58% of the annual target, while expenditure stood at 60%. Average annual per capita income was nearly 10 million kip.

The district has 34 villages across four subdistricts and a population of 23,315, with 80% of its territory mountainous. It currently has 879 poor households and more than 5,100 people living in poverty. – [KPL](#)

FROM ECUADOR TO CHINA: RACE CAR DRIVER DIEGO MORAN'S CHINESE COMEBACK



Growing up in Ecuador, Diego Moran always dreamt about racing touring cars and fighting for podiums. But what the Imbabura native never imagined was racing – and winning – in TCR championships at some of the most iconic circuits in Asia.

Moran is currently the sole driver from outside China competing in the 2026 TCR China Touring Car Championship, the premier touring car category in the country.

"It's always good to be back in China," Diego tells CGTN.

"We are really spoiled because we're racing at really top level circuits.

"Shanghai is amazing, of course, this is a Formula One circuit, so it's top class – I never imagined in my life driving in a Formula One circuit."

The series visits tracks across China, with stops at Shanghai, Ningbo, Zhengzhou and even Inner Mongolia among the destinations on this year's calendar.

TCR grids are made up of turbocharged hatchbacks and sedans that are strictly front wheel drive, which creates a unique bumper-to-bumper style of racing with its own loyal fanbase.

Racing with no assists and very minimal aerodynamics means go-for-broke racing that new technology and regulation changes have somewhat eliminated from the bigger, flashier racing categories.

Diego is the first driver from Ecuador to compete in the FIA World Touring Car championship and has clocked up a whopping 12 career wins in TCR. – [CGTN](#)

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TO HE ART SKILLS TRANSFORM MOONCAKES INTO FLOWERS

Ms. Nguyen Thi Thuy Duong (31 years old, Hanoi) and a team of young artisans have experimented with familiar molding and shaping techniques of traditional "to he" (dough figurine) craft to create vivid lotus flower vases from mooncake. This fusion of traditional craftsmanship and modern baking techniques not only gives the Mid-Autumn Festival treat a fresh look but also opens up a creative approach to familiar cultural values. [VNA](#) Photo: Phạm Tuấn Anh



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Researchers of Pyongyang University of Mechanical Engineering have recently developed a new high-performance hammer crusher.

Such a crusher is widely used in the mining industry and various other sectors of the national economy as it is simple in structure and high in crushing effect.

Generally, there are two kinds of hammer crushers: horizontal and vertical ones.

A horizontal hammer crusher has a wide application for its simple structure and easy operation, but its sieve is often blocked during its operation, decreasing its utilization rate, and the utilization rate of crushing space is low.

Meanwhile, the vertical one is high in energy efficiency as its outlet is never blocked. But its structure is complicated, so it is difficult to disassemble and assemble it for maintenance.

Therefore, the researchers set a goal of developing a high-performance crusher free from such demerits and conducted research to that end.

In the course of this, they conceived of a kind of hammer crusher with a unique structure unlike horizontal and vertical ones, channelled efforts into optimizing the design of all its parts and properly solved different technical problems including those of using no sieve and preventing the bearing section from being dusted.

HAMMER CRUSHER OBTAINS PRACTICAL TECHNOLOGY PATENT



All parts of the hammer crusher are installed at an oblique angle.

While rolling round the axis of the crushing cylinder installed at an oblique angle, raw materials are hit and crushed by the crushing hammers at different levels.

The hammer crusher, which is high in crushing capacity and easy to repair, was registered as a practical technology patented one as it is widely used in different sectors of the national economy. - [Pyongyang Times](#)



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AMERICANS DISCONTENT WITH WORSENING ECONOMIC SITUATION

The people's discontent with the deteriorating economic situation is growing in the United States.

According to a recent opinion poll, the majority of the registered US voters expressed their dissatisfaction, saying that the country's economic situation and their financial situation have worsened.

A large number of people in the country are reportedly unable to afford food, gas and health care costs. – [KCNA](#)

LARGE SOCIALIST FAMILY



A “large socialist family” is a favourite phrase used by the Korean people.

In the DPRK, the noble virtue and trait of helping and leading one another forward is a national trait.

Every member of society takes it as their moral obligation to respect war veterans and honoured disabled soldiers and the beautiful human relations and traits blossom with each passing day as people help and care for their friends and neighbours and show affection and love for other people, regarding others' suffering as their own.

When hearing news about people moving into new houses, everyone is pleased as if they have been provided with new houses. And there are many people who unhesitatingly donate their blood and flesh for the resuscitation of patients in the jaws of death and take warm care of them with familial affection.

That is why the people in the DPRK affectionately call their society a “large socialist family”. – [Pyongyang Times](#)



