

# HM King Hamad lauds Russia, India support for Kingdom

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a telephone call from Russian President Vladimir Putin who expressed his country's full solidarity and support for Bahrain and condemned the Iranian attack

targeting the Kingdom's territory. He affirmed the mobilisation of all the readiness and capabilities of the Russian Federation to support the Kingdom in all measures it takes to preserve its sovereignty and safeguard its security and stability. HM the King affirmed that the



HM the King, President Putin, Prime Minister Modi

people of Bahrain are peaceful and believe in tolerance and co-existence, and that the Kingdom remains committed to the path of peace and supports everything that enhances security and stability in the region and the world. His Majesty expressed his deep appreciation for the posi-

tions of Russia and the sincere sentiments of support conveyed by President Putin towards the Kingdom. HM King Hamad received a call from Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi as they reaffirmed close Bahrain-India relations.

## Interior Ministry: One dead, two injured in vessel fire at Salman Industrial City

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The Ministry of Interior announced that a fire broke out aboard a foreign vessel undergoing maintenance at Salman Industrial City after debris from an intercepted missile fell at the site. The incident claimed the life of an Asian worker and left two others seriously injured. Authorities confirmed that the blaze was brought under control and fully extinguished.

# Bahrain ready to repel hostile attacks

Weekly Cabinet meets at Gudaibiya Palace as HRH issues stern warning over attacks



## Missile shield downs 129 aerial threats in new attack wave

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Bahrain's missile defence systems has successfully shot down 70 missiles and 59 drones repelling a new wave of hostile Iranian attacks, said The National Communication Centre in a statement. The Centre reaffirmed that the Kingdom reserves its full legal right to respond and to take all measures necessary to safeguard its sovereignty, stability, and the safety of its citizens and residents. Limited debris resulting from interception operations at certain locations was dealt with immediately by the relevant authorities in accordance with established protocols. "Monitoring and surveillance operations are ongoing through a fully integrated system maintained at the highest levels of readiness, efficiency, and vigilance," the centre added.

- Leadership united in face of aggression
- Decisive response affirmed
- BDF air defence systems successfully intercepted and neutralised several ballistic missiles and hostile Iranian drones targeting the Kingdom.
- Public safety remains top priority

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Bahrain stands fully prepared to confront any challenges arising from the hostile Iranian attacks, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, affirmed yesterday.

During the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace, HRH stressed that the Kingdom retains its legitimate right to respond and take all necessary measures to safeguard its sovereignty, in coordination with its partners. The Cabinet described the missile and drone strikes targeting Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the State of Qatar, Kuwait, Jordan and Cyprus as hostile and a serious threat to regional safety and security. It warned that the use of ballistic missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles against civilian infrastructure and private property constitutes a blatant violation of international humanitarian law. HRH said Bahrain's air defence systems, operated by the Bahrain Defence Force, are successfully intercepting and neutralising ballistic missiles and hostile Iranian drones targeting the Kingdom. He affirmed that defence forces and medical teams stand ready to counter any adversities, while the Ministry of Interior

### Cabinet approvals

- Draft law to renew building permits for an additional three years, extending total validity to four years.
- Draft cooperation agreement on maritime transport and navigation between Bahrain and Jordan.
- Memorandum of understanding on anti-doping cooperation between Bahrain National Anti-Doping Organisation (B-NADO) and the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA).
- Government responses to proposals submitted by the Council of Representatives.
- Follow-up on outcomes of the 46th session of the Gulf Cooperation Council.
- Progress on the Ministry of Legal Affairs' priorities under the Government Programme (2023-2026).
- Latest developments in government service enhancement.
- Outcomes of the 50th extraordinary meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council Ministerial Council.
- Ministers' external engagements and official visits to Bahrain in March 2026.

and Civil Defence personnel remain on high alert and prepared for swift deployment. The Ministry of Industry and

Commerce, in coordination with the private sector, is ensuring the continued availability of goods in the market. The Cab-

inet also instructed authorities to intensify market inspections to monitor price stability. HRH emphasised that Bahrain, under the leadership and strategic vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, possesses a robust national system that safeguards sovereignty and protects national institutions. He reaffirmed the Kingdom's steadfast commitment to peace and to regional and international stability, continuing to advocate dialogue as the appropriate path to resolving disputes. "The safety of citizens and residents remains a top priority, in line with the readiness of defence, security and civilian institutions to address developments firmly and responsibly," the Cabinet stressed. The Cabinet called on all to adhere to laws and regulations to safeguard public safety and preserve community unity. It also expressed condolences to the family of the deceased and wished a speedy recovery to those injured as a result of the hostile Iranian attacks.

# Citizens and residents' safety a 'key priority'

HRH Prince Salman: Kingdom's institutions working to ensure security and stability



HRH Prince Salman receives several Ministers

## ● HRH briefed on developments amid Iranian attacks

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has affirmed that the safety of citizens and residents is a key priority in the face of Iranian attacks targeting the Kingdom.

He highlighted the importance of cooperation between various entities to respond effectively to developments, noting that the Kingdom's institutions are working in full coordination to ensure stability, in line with its ongoing development efforts.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking yesterday as he met

with several ministers to discuss the latest developments.

His Royal Highness met with HE General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior; HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court; HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy; HE Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture; HE Dr Jalila bint Al Sayyed Jawad Hassan, Minister of Health; and HE Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce.

During the meeting, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister was briefed on the latest developments concerning the security situation in the Kingdom following the recent hostile Iranian attacks.

### Wellbeing

He was also briefed on the on-

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— HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

going efforts of the defence and security authorities to reinforce security and stability, uphold the rule of law, and safeguard the wellbeing of citizens and residents.

Under the leadership and directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH Prince Salman affirmed that the Kingdom continues to advance

efforts to preserve and uphold security and stability.

His Royal Highness noted that current hostilities are being closely monitored, with precautionary measures in place to ensure the continued safety and security of Bahrain.

### Measures

He also reviewed the latest health measures, including the readiness of medical personnel and the efforts undertaken to ensure the continued delivery of healthcare services at full operational capacity and to the highest standards.

The importance of ensuring that citizens and residents have access to essential medical care under all circumstances was also stressed by HRH Prince Salman.

His Royal Highness reviewed the stability of local markets, underscoring the importance of ensuring the sustainability of

## Foreign Ministers back Kingdom and denounce Iranian attacks

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His Excellency Dr Abdul Latif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, received telephone calls yesterday from a number of foreign ministers of friendly countries, who expressed solidarity with the Kingdom of Bahrain and condemned the Iranian missile attacks targeting its territory.

They also conveyed their wishes for Bahrain's continued security, stability and peace.

HE Dr Al Zayani received calls from HE Bakhtiyar Saidov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan; HE Yvette Cooper, UK Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Af-

fairs; HE Nasser Bourita, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of the Kingdom of Morocco; and HE Jose Manuel Albares, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain.

The Foreign Minister expressed his appreciation for their supportive stances and their condemnation of the missile attacks, which targeted a number of sites, including civilian facilities and private property.

He welcomed their solidarity and backing of the measures undertaken by the Kingdom to safeguard its security and stability, and wished their countries continued security, stability and prosperity.

## Talks on regional tensions

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A telephone call took place between His Highness Lieutenant General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor, Commander of the Royal Guard, Secretary-General of the Supreme Defense Council, and His Royal Highness Prince Khalid bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Minister of Defense of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

They discussed the Iranian aggression targeting Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and other nations.

HH Lieutenant General Shaikh Nasser and HH Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Ruler of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, National Security Advisor of the United Arab Emirates, also held talks on

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phone. Their Highnesses discussed the latest regional developments and current security challenges, and the Iranian aggression that targeted Bahrain, the UAE, and other countries. Their Highnesses affirmed their solidarity in confronting any violations that affect the security and stability of these countries.

## One dead as ship in Bahrain port struck by 'unknown projectiles'

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Unidentified projectiles hit an oil tanker at a Bahrain port yesterday, causing a fire that was extinguished, local authorities said, with the ship's owner reporting that one crew member was killed.

“US-flagged tanker Stena Imperative was struck by two unknown projectiles in the Port of Bahrain at 02:57 UTC (0257 GMT),” private maritime security company Vanguard Tech said in a statement.

It added that “all crew members are safe and have evacuated the vessel.”

The vessel's Swedish owner, Stena Bulk, also told AFP that “mariners have reported no injuries and a damage assessment is being conducted.”

### Workers

“One shipyard worker was reported deceased, and authorities report two shipyard workers were injured,” Lena Alvling, General Manager of Marketing & Corporate Events, told AFP.



Civil Defense teams rush to the maritime facility to contain the fire

Alvling said the company was still investigating the source of the impacts, but confirmed that the ship “suffered damage due to aerial impacts while berthed,” in the Arabian Gulf.

The Stena Imperative is a 183-metre-long tanker, owned by Stena but operated by US shipping company Crowley Maritime.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations agency had earlier reported the incident without naming the ship.

## Health Minister checks on victims of attacks

### ● Show of compassion

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His Excellency Dr. Jalila bint Al Sayed Jawad Hassan, Minister of Health, visited those injured in the Iranian missile attacks, who are receiving full medical care, to check on their health and wellbeing.

She conveyed the greetings and wishes of Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for their speedy recovery.

H.E. Dr. Jalila said that the health and safety of citizens and residents remain a top priority.

She added that the national health system is fully operational and that staff are committed to providing the highest standards of medical care in all circumstances.

The Minister noted that this reflects the Kingdom of Bahrain's ongoing commitment to strengthening health security and maintaining quality healthcare for the entire community.

She emphasised that the national health system operates efficiently and is prepared to



H.E. Dr. Jalila with an injured victim

handle any emergency. She confirmed Bahrain's readiness to provide the highest levels of medical care to citizens and residents, reflecting its firm commitment to human health and safety.

The Minister also commended the efforts of medical, nursing and administrative staff.

She highlighted their continuous dedication as the first line of defence in protecting public health and noted that their commitment is essential to ensuring the continued delivery of comprehensive and effective healthcare in all circumstances.

# 'Cowardly and treacherous'

Bahrain strongly condemns Iranian missile attacks in UN letter

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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations in New York sent an urgent letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres following the recent missile attacks on the Kingdom, attributed to Iran.

In the letter, Bahrain strongly condemned the "cowardly and treacherous" attacks, which targeted sites, facilities, and residential areas within its borders.

Bahraini air defenses successfully intercepted several missiles and drones. The Kingdom described the assaults as a blatant violation of its sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the security of its people, constituting an unjustified act that violates international law and the UN Charter, and posing a serious threat to regional and interna-



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tional peace and stability.

The letter further emphasized Bahrain's denunciation of these acts as a dangerous escalation and a hostile attack that will neither be tolerated nor overlooked.

It stressed that such attacks



United Nations office in New York

set a precedent that threatens regional security, undermines stability, and violates the principles of good neighborliness.

## Commitment

Bahrain reaffirmed its commitment to the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and underscored its full and inherent right to respond proportionately to protect its territory, citizens, and residents, in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter, and in coordination with its allies and partners.

The Kingdom called on the UN Security Council to assume its responsibilities, condemn the hostile acts, and take firm measures to deter such violations and prevent their recurrence, ensuring the maintenance of regional and international security and stability.

# 'Criminal acts and breach of international law'

MP Qarata denounces Iran missile and drone attacks on Bahrain and other GCC states

## BDF and Interior Ministry praised for readiness and ability to maintain security, stability

Mohammed Darwish  
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MP Abdulwahid Qarata condemned Iran's missile and drone attacks on Bahrain and other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states, saying they targeted sovereignty and national security and breached international law.

In a statement issued after the strikes, he described the launch-

es as "a blatant violation of international law and humanitarian norms".

Qarata said he rejected any attack on civilian buildings or unarmed civilians, calling such acts criminal and in breach of international and humanitarian conventions.

"Targeting defenceless civilians is a full-fledged war crime," he said, adding that Iran and its leadership bore full responsibility.

## Risks

He said the attacks again showed the risks facing the region and the need for firm national unity behind Bahrain's leadership and its military and security bodies.

Qarata praised the Bahrain



Emergency personnel work to extinguish a fire in a building after an Iranian strike in the capital Manama. (AFP)

Defence Force (BDF) for its readiness and its ability to re-



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airspace and sovereignty.

He also commended the Ministry of Interior and security personnel, saying they were working around the clock to keep

public order, support stability, and protect citizens and residents from any threat and its wider impact.

## Confident

The MP said he remained confident Bahrain would get through what he called difficult circumstances under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, with the support of the Government and the public.

He urged citizens to take information only from official sources and to stand against rumours and false news aimed at weakening unity at home.

The lawmaker ended with a prayer for Bahrain, its leadership and its people.

## India offers visa relief for stranded travellers

Delhi

India has issued an advisory for foreign nationals currently in the country after widespread flight disruptions linked to escalating tensions in West Asia left many travellers uncertain about their onward journeys.

On Sunday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) urged overseas visitors whose travel plans have been affected to approach the nearest Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) for assistance with visa extensions or to regularise their stay.

The advisory comes amid significant airspace restrictions across parts of the Middle East, which have led to hundreds of cancelled and rerouted flights globally.

## Online orders delayed as shipments stall amid regional tensions

Hasan Barakat  
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Shoppers across Bahrain are facing unexpected delays in receiving their online purchases, as regional developments continue to disrupt air and sea logistics routes.

In a monitoring round conducted by The Daily Tribune, several residents confirmed that shipments ordered through international platforms such as Shein, Temu and AliExpress have either been delayed, rescheduled or cancelled altogether.

The disruptions follow the temporary closure of Bahrain International Airport and the suspension of navigation through the Strait of Hormuz amid the current situation in the region.

## Notifications

Many customers said they received notifications informing them that estimated delivery dates had been

pushed back without clear timelines.

Others reported that their orders were automatically cancelled, with refunds processed back to their accounts.

One resident said she had been waiting for children's clothing ordered for an upcoming family occasion, only to receive a notice stating that the parcel could not be dispatched due to logistical constraints.

Another person said her electronics order was refunded after remaining in transit for two days without movement updates.

## Frustration

Despite the frustration, most customers expressed understanding of the exceptional circumstances.

Logistics experts note that both air cargo routes and maritime shipping lanes play a critical role in e-commerce supply chains, particularly for goods routed through regional hubs.

## GCC members warn of 'grave consequences' of escalation

New York

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations in New York, acting on behalf of the member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), has sent a letter to Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The move comes in Bahrain's capacity as chair of the current 46th session of the GCC, with the aim of urgently drawing attention to the malicious Iranian missile attacks that targeted a number of countries in the region.

The letter conveyed the GCC states' strongest condemnation and denunciation of the blatant Iranian attack that targeted GCC member states and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, describing it as a flagrant violation of national sovereignty and a clear breach of the principles of interna-

tional law and the Charter of the United Nations.

## Solidarity

The GCC countries affirmed their full solidarity with, and support for, the states affected by these attacks, stressing that the security of nations is indivisible and that any infringement on the sovereignty of any member constitutes a threat to the security and stability of the region as a whole.

The Council also warned of the grave consequences of the continuation of this unacceptable escalation.

The letter further underscored that the GCC states have the full and inherent right to self defence in accordance with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, in response to this blatant targeting, in a manner proportionate to the nature of the aggression and consistent with international law.

## Power services to run without disruption

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Electricity services across the Kingdom of Bahrain will continue to operate as usual, maintaining the same efficiency and reliability as before. This was affirmed by the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) in a special statement.

The authority denied circulating social media reports suggesting potential power outages yesterday evening or any preemptive plans to cut off electricity in connection with the current situation.

The EWA urged citizens and residents to rely on official sources for information, emphasizing the importance of accuracy and caution against rumors or misinformation.

The authority stressed that responsible information sharing helps strengthen community awareness and national responsibility.

# Markets crowded but calm prevails inside

Despite full aisles and busy cashiers, shoppers display quiet confidence rather than panic

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By mid-morning, the car parks were already full. Trolleys moved steadily between shelves. Cashiers worked without pause.

From a distance, the scene could easily be mistaken for panic. Yet during a special tour across several markets, The Daily Tribune found something far more measured and quietly reassuring.

## Queues

Yes, the markets are crowded. Yes, the queues are longer than usual. But the story is not one of fear. It is a matter of adjustment.

Shoppers said, almost in unison, that they were buying only what they normally buy. Bread. Milk. Rice. Vegetables.

"Everything is fine. Prices haven't changed. Nothing is missing," one woman said with a smile, her trolley modestly filled. Another added, "We



Markets are crowded, raising concerns of potential panic buying



"We are just taking our daily needs. No overstocking. Everything is available."

— WOMAN SHOPPER

are just taking our daily needs. No overstocking. Everything is available."

## Promotions

Shelves remain well supplied. Promotions are still in place.

Staff move calmly through aisles restocking goods. The difference is timing.

Many residents now prefer to shop in the morning, avoiding evening outings in light of the current situation.

As a result, markets feel compressed into a narrower window of hours, bustling from early morning until just before Maghrib.

## Rhythm

Beyond supermarkets, life continues at its usual rhythm. Restaurants serve customers.

Mobile phone shops welcome visitors. Furniture stores and malls operate normally.

While schools, universities and some remote-enabled workplaces have shifted temporarily, commercial activity remains steady, including most services, with limited adjustments in certain areas.

## Operations

A limited number of government departments and certain bank branches, particularly around Juffair and Seef, have adjusted their operations.

The atmosphere is not anxious. It is attentive. People are present, aware, but composed.

In the crowded aisles of Bahrain's markets, there is movement, but there is also confidence. And that quiet confidence may be the most telling sight of all.

## Muharraq Municipal session postponed

● Until further notice

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The Muharraq Municipal Council session scheduled for yesterday has been postponed until further notice due to the current situation in Bahrain.

The decision comes as part of precautionary measures adopted during this period, reflecting a broader commitment to prioritising public safety and ensure smooth coordination with relevant authorities.

No new date has yet been announced for the reconvened session.

The decision reflects a broader commitment to prioritising public safety.

## Files

The postponed meeting was expected to address several municipal files concerning services and local development matters across Muharraq's districts.

However, officials indicated that the delay is temporary and procedural, aimed at maintaining stability and allowing conditions to normalise.

Municipal work, meanwhile, continues through the executive channels, with ongoing projects and service operations proceeding as planned.

## Services

Residents are advised that essential services remain uninterrupted.

The council is expected to announce the rescheduled date once circumstances permit, reaffirming its commitment to serving the community and advancing development priorities in the governorate.

## 'Security first' as Bahrain faces regional tensions

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Security remains the first priority as Bahrain navigates exceptional regional circumstances following the recent Iranian shelling targeting the Kingdom and neighbouring states.

MP Ahmed Sabah Al Salloom, Chairman of Parliament's Financial and Economic Affairs Committee, said state institutions responded with high efficiency and firm national responsibility, reflecting advanced readiness across security and military bodies.

He noted that early monitoring systems, swift activation of emergency plans and immediate field coordination demonstrated that contingency planning was not theoretical but a tested and integrated framework.

The lawmaker added that the discipline and professionalism shown by personnel underscored a steadfast commitment



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— MP AHMED AL SALLOOM

warning systems, securing vital facilities and ensuring continuity of essential services without disruption.

Transparent communication with the public, he said, helped maintain reassurance and limit rumours.

From an economic perspective, he stressed that security stability forms the foundation for safeguarding national gains and sustaining market activity.

## Preparedness

He said state institutions showed clear preparedness to protect supply chains, maintain financial and banking operations and secure essential goods.

Al Salloom affirmed the committee's full support for measures taken to strengthen national security, urging community cohesion and reliance on official sources.

Bahrain, he concluded, remains resilient, united and fully capable of overcoming challenges.

to protecting Bahrain's territory and airspace.

## Role

Al Salloom praised the role of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) and the Ministry of Interior in reinforcing defence and early

## Man held for filming and posting fabricated videos and images

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A 34-year-old man has been arrested for misusing social media.

The Ministry of Interior announced that the Cybercrime Department of the General Directorate for Combating Corruption, Economic, and Cyber Security made the arrest.

The individual reportedly filmed videos related to the Iranian aggression targeting multiple locations and circu-

lated fabricated images, created using artificial intelligence, depicting damage to several homes.

These posts, shared on his social media accounts, constitute a legal violation that could threaten security and public order.

The Directorate confirmed that the necessary legal procedures are underway and that the individual will be referred to the Public Prosecution upon completion of investigations.

## Camping season suspended by Governorate until further notice

● Part of Kingdom's precautionary measures to ensure security and public safety

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The Southern Governorate has announced the suspension of the camping season starting yesterday until further notice.

It cited current circumstances and concerns for the safety of citizens, residents, and visitors to the desert.

The governorate said the decision is part of precautionary measures aimed at ensuring se-



Tents and equipment of campers in the desert

curity and public safety across the Kingdom of Bahrain.

It emphasised the importance of adhering to all official instructions and directives.

Tents and related equipment

must be removed by campers and desert visitors within a three-day period beginning March 23, 2026, and wished everyone safety during this time.

## Iran says it has 'no hostility' towards Gulf states: Araghchi

Tehran

Iran, which launched retaliatory action in the Middle East after US-Israeli strikes since the weekend, bears no ill will towards Gulf countries, its

foreign minister said yesterday. "Iran harbours no hostility towards the Persian Gulf countries and is determined to pursue good neighbourly relations with them," Abbas Araghchi said during a phone call with his Chi-

nese counterpart, Wang Yi.

According to his ministry, Araghchi said Iran's "defensive response against US military bases... should not be seen as an Iranian attack against these countries".

# Alba and American Industrial Partners in exclusive deal to acquire Aluminium Dunkerque

● **Aluminium Dunkerque has achieved industry-leading performance and is well positioned to thrive with Alba, one of the world's leading aluminium smelters**

● **Closing of the transfer is subject to the normal consultative process with the Aluminium Dunkerque works council and unions, FDI approval from the French State, and EU Antitrust and FSR approval**

## Manama

Aluminium Bahrain, the world's largest aluminium smelter at a single site, and AIP VII EUROPE, a wholly owned subsidiary of AIP Fund VII, managed by American Industrial Partners ("AIP"), today announce that they have entered into an exclusive agreement under which Alba will acquire 100% of Aluminium Dunkerque, the European Union's largest primary aluminium smelter.

The proposed transaction marks an important new chapter for Aluminium Dunkerque and secures a long-term industrial owner committed to its continued development in France and Europe.

## A strengthened industrial leader in Europe

Based in Loon-Plage in the Dunkerque region, Aluminium Dunkerque produces ~300,000 tonnes of aluminium per year. With advanced automation, integrated production capabilities, and a robust foundation of skilled talent, Aluminium Dunkerque is well positioned to benefit from Europe's growing demand for sustainably produced aluminium.

Under AIP's ownership, and thanks to the leadership of an experienced management team and the commitment of its highly skilled employees, Aluminium Dunkerque has transformed its operational reliability and energy efficiency, strengthened its financial performance, secured long-term electricity



Ali Al Baqali, CEO of Alba



Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chairman of Alba



Guillaume de Goÿs, CEO & President of Aluminium Dunkerque

supply agreements with EDF and others, invested in productivity and modernization, and reinforced its position as one of the lowest-carbon primary aluminium producers in Europe.

Today, Aluminium Dunkerque stands as a strong, competitive, and future-ready industrial platform, serving strategic sectors including automotive, aerospace, defense, construction, and packaging, in France and throughout Europe.

## Alba's long-term industrial vision, anchored in France

The proposed transaction would bring Alba and Aluminium Dunkerque together to form a geographically diversified industrial group with an operational footprint across regions, expanding both companies' global customer base.

Alba intends to pursue a long-term industrial strategy anchored in France and led locally, focused on operational stability, continued investment and sustainable innovation.

Alba brings decades of ex-

perience operating large-scale smelting facilities, deep technical expertise, and a disciplined capital approach, backed by a stable long-term shareholder base. In acquiring Aluminium Dunkerque, Alba commits to ensuring the continuity of its existing operations, preserving employment and critical industrial capabilities, reinforcing low-carbon production, and supporting France's and Europe's energy transition and industrial sovereignty objectives. Alba further commits to maintaining Aluminium Dunkerque's established standards of safety, reliability and operational excellence.

Aluminium Dunkerque's strategic European location, advanced industrial capabilities, and attractive energy profile complements Alba's scale and global reach. Together, the companies' combined footprint across Europe and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region strengthen supply chain resilience and position the group to meet growing global demand

driven by electrification, sustainable construction and the global energy transition.

## Forward-looking step

Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chairman of Alba, said:

"Building on Alba's position as a global supplier serving five continents, this transaction represents a bold and forward-looking step in our strategic roadmap to build a globally connected, low-carbon aluminium platform with operational strongholds in the GCC and Europe. By combining

Alba's and Aluminium Dunkerque's established strengths, we intend to create a new industrial powerhouse for cross-regional collaboration rooted in shared values and a commitment to innovation and responsibility. As global aluminium demand accelerates, this partnership will enable Alba and Aluminium Dunkerque to build an integrated platform that will capture compelling market opportunities while contributing to Europe's industrial resilience

and the global decarbonisation agenda."

## Long-term

Ali Al Baqali, CEO of Alba, added: "Our commitment is long-term. We will ensure operational continuity, support employees and expand low-carbon production capabilities to advance Aluminium Dunkerque's next phase of development in full alignment with France's industrial and energy priorities."

## Confident

Zac Carson, Partner at AIP, said: "Following a rigorous and competitive process, we are confident that Alba – one of the world's leading and most technologically advanced primary aluminium producers – is the right long-term owner to build on the transformation achieved over the past five years and to further strengthen Aluminium Dunkerque's strategic role within Europe's industrial value chains. Alba maintains a singular focus on aluminium smelting, has excellent access to critical alumina, and has the strong balance sheet and cash flows required to sustain growth in the decades ahead."

Guillaume de Goÿs, CEO & President of Aluminium Dunkerque, commented: "Over the past five years, American Industrial Partners has been a supportive partner to Aluminium Dunkerque's management as we re-established our company as a top industrial performer. Today, we look forward to welcoming Alba as our new long-term industrial owner. As one of the world's leading primary aluminium producers, Alba brings deep technical expertise, operational excellence, and a clear commitment to low-carbon aluminium production

that aligns perfectly with our ambitions. This new chapter will provide us with many new opportunities, along with the financial and technical resources to continue investing, innovating and reinforcing Aluminium Dunkerque's role in France and Europe."

Working collaboratively with Aluminium Dunkerque's management, workforce, unions and local and national authorities, Alba will ensure continuity and renewed confidence for all stakeholders, while deepening its industrial partnership with France.

## Transaction overview and next steps

The consideration for the acquisition will be payable in cash, and the funding of the acquisition will be fully underwritten by a syndicate of relationship banks. The transaction remains subject to the execution of definitive transaction agreements and the satisfaction of customary closing conditions, including competition and other regulatory clearances. Alba will continue to update the market in accordance with its disclosure obligations on the Bahrain Bourse and London Stock Exchange, and applicable regulatory requirements.

As part of this transaction, Alba is willing to offer a shareholding position to Bpifrance, with a view to further building up a strategic partnership, in support of the long-term, sustainable development of Aluminium Dunkerque. Discussions have been initiated with Bpifrance and will be pursued in the coming days.

## Closing is expected in 2026.

Closing of the transfer is subject to the normal consultative process with the Aluminium Dunkerque works council and unions, FDI approval from the French State, and EU Antitrust and FSR approval, which are expected in due course. Closing is expected in 2026.

AIP was represented in this transaction by Goldman Sachs, Société Générale and Messier & Associés as financial advisors, and Jones Day and Baker Botts as lawyers.

Alba was represented in this transaction by Rothschild & Co as financial advisor, and White & Case LLP and BDGS Associés as lawyers.



Aluminium Dunkerque



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# Zain Bahrain names first two winners of 'Zain Mega Contest 7'

## Manama

Zain Bahrain announced the first two winners of its highly anticipated Zain Mega Contest Season 7, which runs until 9 June 2026. The lucky winners, Islam Mohammed Al Khateeb and Sana Mohammed, each

received a brand-new Audi Q2, marking an exciting start to this season's grand prizes.

Zain Bahrain customers have the chance to win 4 Audi Q2 cars and travel vouchers worth BD 18,000. By subscribing to the Zain Mega Contest

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# UAE airports resume **'limited'** flights

Abu Dhabi airports also said "operations partially resumed"

● Since Iran launched its campaign on Saturday, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait and Manama airports were targeted.

AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The United Arab Emirates said it will resume "limited" flights at Dubai and Abu Dhabi airports, cancelled after Iran began striking targets in the Gulf -- including the cities'



An Emirates Airbus A380 passenger aircraft takes off from Dubai International Airport in Dubai

airports.

"Dubai Airports announces a limited resumption of flights from Dubai International Airport (DXB) and Dubai World Central - Al Maktoum International Airport (DWC) starting this evening, Monday, March 2, 2026," it said in a statement.

Abu Dhabi airports also said "operations partially resumed" on Monday.

Emirates and low-cost carrier flydubai both said they would resume some flights Monday evening.

Since Iran launched its

campaign on Saturday, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait and Manama airports were targeted.

Authorities reported one death in the Emirati capital Abu Dhabi in the "incident" at the facility.

On Saturday, the UAE announced it had closed its airspace "temporarily and partially" as an exceptional precautionary measure.

The airspace closures hit a vital sector for the city, with Dubai's air industry accounting for about a third of the emirate's economy.



Dubai's main airport (DXB) ranks as the second-busiest worldwide, behind Atlanta in the United States, according to Airports Council International.

## Drone hits fuel tank terminal in Abu Dhabi, situation contained: government

## Qatar halts LNG production after fresh Iran strikes

AFP | Doha, Qatar

Qatar suspended liquefied natural gas production yesterday, causing a massive leap in prices, after Iranian strikes hit Gulf energy facilities in a new escalation of the Middle East war.

QatarEnergy, one of the world's biggest LNG producers, made the shock announcement after two attacks on its facilities. A major Saudi oil refinery was forced into a partial shutdown after it was hit by two drones.

The Dutch TTF natural gas contract, considered the European benchmark for LNG prices, jumped almost 45 percent to more than 46 euros.

Qatar's shutdown came after an Iranian drone targeted QatarEnergy's Ras Laffan Industrial City and Mesaieed Industrial City... QatarEnergy has ceased production of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and associated products," a company statement said.

"Due to military attacks on QatarEnergy's operating facilities in Ras Laffan Industrial City and Mesaieed Industrial City... QatarEnergy has ceased production of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and associated products," a company statement said.

Meanwhile, a source close to the Saudi government warned that a "concerted" Iranian attack on oil facilities could trigger a military response.

The Gulf militaries have so far not hit back against Iran.



# Ukraine hits key Russian oil terminal after US warning

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

Ukraine struck an oil terminal in the southern Russian port of Novorossiysk early Monday, the Ukrainian army said, several days after the US was reported to have warned Kyiv not to attack its interests at the port.

Ukraine hit the Sheshkharis terminal last November, as well as the nearby Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC) terminal, which handles the bulk of Kazakhstan's oil exports.

The CPC is partly owned by US oil majors Chevron and ExxonMobil, and handles up to one percent of the world's oil supplies.

The US State Department told Ukraine to stop attacking its interests at the port following



The minesweeper Akcaay of the Naval Forces of Turkey enters the harbour of the Russian port of Novorossiysk those attacks last year, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States said last week, according to US media reports.

It was not immediately clear

a fifth of Russia's crude oil shipments and is the country's largest export hub on the Black Sea.

Unverified videos posted on Russian social media purported to show a fire burning at the port, as well as a projectile streaking across the night sky.

"During the night of March 2, units of the Ukrainian Defense Forces struck the Sheshkharis oil terminal and the Novorossiysk naval base in Russia's Krasnodar Krai," the Ukrainian army said on Facebook.

"A large-scale fire has been recorded on the site."

The attack wounded five people, the governor of Russia's Krasnodar region said in a post on Telegram, without mentioning the oil terminal.

A state of emergency was declared in the city, he added.

when the United States made the warning, or which parts of the port it did not wish Ukraine to attack.

Novorossiysk handles around

## Starlink to launch 'direct-to-cell' satellites in 2027



Barcelona, Spain

Starlink said yesterday it plans to begin launching next year its second generation of satellites that will allow "direct-to-cell" service without passing through ground antennas.

"We'll begin launching in mid-2027 with Starship, we'll be able to deploy the constellation very quickly" said Michael Nicolls, vice president for Starlink engineering at Space X, referring to the company's super-heavy launch rocket.

The new constellation will initially be composed of 1,200 satellites.

"The goal of Starlink mobile, which will be enabled by the second-generation constellation, is to provide a terrestrial like connectivity when you're connected to the satellite system," said Nicolls, speaking at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona.

It should enter service six months after the first launches.

Starlink currently has more than 9,000 satellites, including around 600 with "direct-to-cell" technology.

The firm owned by US billionaire Elon Musk has partnered with several cellular network operators to offer the service.

However, Nicolls said it hopes to use in the second generation satellites the frequencies it purchased in November 2025 from US operator EchoStar for \$17 billion, subject to regulatory approval.

He said Starlink was working closely with phone manufacturers to ensure as many devices possible may access the service.

# Indian PM urges Netanyahu 'early' end to hostilities

● India has announced visa relief measures for foreign nationals stranded in the country due to international flight disruptions

● Modi also spoke to Emirati President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

AFP | New Delhi, India

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Monday he had spoken with his Israeli counterpart and urged an "early" end to the conflict after strikes on Iran.

"India reiterates the need for an early cessation of hostilities," Modi, who met with Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem on Thursday, wrote on X after the telephone call.

Modi "conveyed India's concerns over recent developments and emphasised the safety of civilians as a priority".

Modi also spoke to Emirati President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, after Iran's retaliatory missile and drone campaign in the Gulf.

"India stands in solidarity with the UAE in these difficult times," Modi said on X.

"We support de-escalation, regional peace, security and stability."

Visa relief to stranded foreign travellers

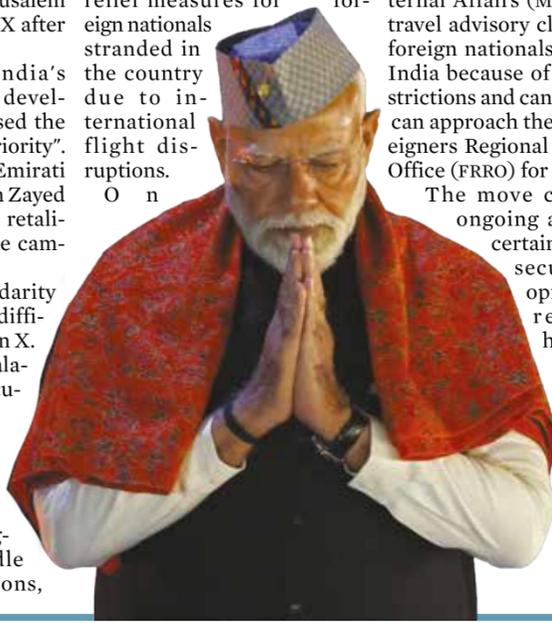
As escalating tensions in West Asia trigger widespread Middle East flight cancellations,

India has announced visa relief measures for foreign nationals stranded in the country due to international flight disruptions.

On

Sunday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) issued a travel advisory clarifying that foreign nationals stranded in India because of airspace restrictions and cancelled flights can approach the nearest Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) for assistance.

The move comes amid ongoing aviation uncertainty following security developments in the region that have impacted several international corridors linking India with West Asian hubs.



# Arab countries at **UN slam** Iran's retaliatory strikes

China said the US-Israeli attack "brutally violates Iranian people's human rights"



A smoke plume billowing in Dubai after a projectile strike. Residents of Dubai were aghast as hundreds of drones and missiles targeted the United Arab Emirates and the US' other Gulf allies, long-time refugees from regional conflict



Smoke billowing following an explosion from the port of Bandar Abbas along the strait of Hormuz.

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

Arab countries yesterday slammed Iran's wave of retaliatory strikes across the Middle East, decrying at the United Nations that Tehran had upended their attempts to avoid a regional escalation.

After the United States and Israel began striking Iran on Saturday, Tehran launched a wave of reprisal attacks at targets across the Middle East.

The Group of Arab States told the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva that Iran's attacks were an "extremely grave" violation of international law that threatened regional stability.

"The Arab countries were seeking to bolster dialogue and openness. The is an unjustifiable escalation that destabilises all peace and stability efforts," Saudi ambassador Abdulmohsen Binkhothaila said, speaking for the group.

The six Gulf Cooperation Council countries -- Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates -- plus Jordan -- all hit

## Putin urges ceasefire in Middle East in calls with Gulf leaders

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin urged a ceasefire in the Middle East during phone calls with the leaders of several Gulf states yesterday as the war triggered by US and Israeli strikes on Iran spreads throughout the region.

Retaliatory strikes from Tehran have hit targets across the Gulf, forcing authorities to close airspace and stalling traffic at big hubs such as Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

Putin on Monday held calls with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as well as with the leaders of the UAE, Qatar and Bahrain.

In a call with Emirati President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, both leaders "emphasised the need for an immedi-

ate ceasefire and a return to the political and diplomatic process", the Kremlin said in a readout.

The Russian leader also said he was ready to convey the UAE's concerns about Iranian retaliation strikes to Tehran and to help stabilise the situation in the region.

During the call with Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, both leaders shared concerns about "the risks of the conflict's expansion and the danger of third countries being drawn into it," the Kremlin said.

The Russian foreign ministry earlier slammed "any attacks on civilian targets, whether in Iran or Arab countries," in the con-

flict.

Facing isolation from the West after sending troops to Ukraine, Putin has sought to strengthen partnerships in the Middle East, maintaining close relations both with Iran and the Gulf monarchies.

The UAE has emerged as a key mediator in the four-year-long Russia-Ukraine war, brokering a number of prisoner exchanges between the two sides and most recently hosting talks between US, Russian and Ukrainian officials on a US-drafted plan to end the fighting.



by Tehran's retaliation -- also jointly condemned the "Iranian aggressions", which came "despite our efforts to avoid escalation in the region".

On Thursday, Oman had mediated talks in Geneva between US and Iranian negotiators. Washington and Israel launched their attack two days

later.

"We call for the immediate cessation of military actions... and return to dialogue because it's the only way to solve disa-

greements," said the sultanate's deputy permanent representative Mohamed Al-Balushi.

Kuwait's ambassador Naser Abdullah H. M. Alhayan added: "Terrorising the civilians in countries seeking peace is an abhorrent crime.

"Iran should resort to self-restraint and... wisdom and refrain from further military escalation," he said.

### 'Raw power'

Iran's ambassador Ali Bahreini said his country was "under indiscriminate and invasive military attacks by the United States and the regime of Israel".

He said Iran's schools had been bombed, hospitals indiscriminately attacked, its leaders assassinated and "more than 160 innocent schoolgirls were massacred in Minab".

"The deliberate killing of civilians" openly violates the UN Charter, he said, and the "ongoing, unlawful military aggression against Iran exemplifies the dominance of raw power over the principles of human rights".

The European Union urged maximum restraint, while the African group said the situa-

tion was eroding trust among nations.

Iran's neighbour Turkey warned: "There is no ambiguity about the gravity of the moment. We stand at a precipice.

"The danger of further escalation is real and immediate," said ambassador Burak Akcapar, urging countries to prevent a "widening spiral of instability that could extend well beyond Iran and our region".

Some countries voiced support for Iran at the UN's top rights body.

China said the US-Israeli attack "brutally violates Iranian people's human rights" and the killing of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khomeini "seriously violates Iran's sovereignty".

Cuba said Washington was proclaiming the "exceptional right to conquer and to use force as a legitimate form of behaviour".

Venezuela -- citing the US capture of president Nicolas Maduro -- said immunity for heads of state must be respected, otherwise others could be targeted with "unlawful bombing, abduction or assassination".

## Italy says evacuating hundreds of citizens from UAE

● 2,500 Italian troops deployed in the Gulf region

AFP | Rome, Italy

Italy said yesterday it was helping evacuate hundreds of citizens from the United Arab Emirates, estimating there are currently around 30,000 Italian nationals in the country.

### Considering a request from Gulf allies for "air defence and anti-drone protection"

Speaking in the Italian Senate, Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said a group of 98 Italians had left the UAE for Oman on Sunday and were due to arrive in Rome later on Monday.

Another group of around 200 Italian students who had been stranded in Dubai are due to be evacuated on a UAE flight to Milan on Tuesday.

The United States and Israel

launched a war against Iran on Saturday, prompting retaliatory missile and drone attacks by Tehran against US allies in the Gulf region. Thousands of travellers in the region have been left stranded because of airspace and airports closures, although Dubai said it would resume "limited" flights on Monday.

"We are creating corridors and networks of embassies to

facilitate the movement of Italians to countries where there are flights available," Tajani said.

He said Italy would help with charter flights to bring back thousands of Italians who were due to transit through Dubai on their way back from the Maldives.

Tajani said there were "a bit less than 500 Italians" currently living in Iran and plans were in

place for them to be evacuated through the border with Azerbaijan if needed.

"In case the situation worsens, we are ready to organise a convoy within a few hours. On the ground on the Azerbaijani side of the border, the bases are already ready," he said.

Italian Defence Minister Guido Crosetto told the same hearing that there were 2,500 Italian

troops deployed in the Gulf region and none had been injured.

He also said Italy was considering a request from Gulf allies for help with "air defence and anti-drone protection".

Crosetto was himself stranded in Dubai, where he had been with his family on private visit, when the first strikes began on Saturday. He was flown out on Sunday from Oman with an Italian military plane, paying for the trip himself following criticism from opposition politicians.



Smoke plumes billow following Israeli bombardment on Beirut's southern suburbs

**Saudi oil refinery at the Ras Tanura**



Smoke billowing from a Saudi oil refinery at the Ras Tanura oil production plant, near Dammam in Saudi Arabia's eastern province, after an attack. Saudi Arabia's energy ministry said some operations at its massive Ras Tanura refinery on the Gulf coast had been halted on March 2, following an attack that caused a fire at the complex.



Smoke rises from a reported Iranian strike in the area where the US Embassy is located in Kuwait City

# War widens

**Blasts echoed across Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha and Manama, major cities of Gulf**

● Kuwait was particularly hard-hit on Monday with 19 people injured, the health ministry said. The small, oil-rich country has a large US military presence.

● Shrapnel fell at Mina Al Ahmadi refinery, one of Kuwait's biggest, injuring two workers, but did not disrupt production, the Kuwait National Petroleum Company

● three F-15E Strike Eagles were mistakenly shot down by Kuwaiti air defences "during active combat" late on Sunday, the US Central Command said.

● Bahrain suffered its first death when debris from an intercepted missile sparked a fire on a ship in the port city of Salman, killing one Asian worker and seriously injuring two others, the interior ministry said.

## Saudi would target "Iranian oil facilities if Iran mounts a concerted attack on Aramco

● Two drones had targeted the refinery and been intercepted

● The complex has a capacity of 550,000 barrels per day

● The Saudi army has raised its readiness to full alert

AFP | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia's military raised its readiness levels after multiple attacks by Iran, a source close to the army told AFP yesterday, while another warned of a possible military response if its oil infrastructure is targeted.

The massive Ras Tanura refinery on Saudi Arabia's Gulf coast went into partial shut-down on Monday after a strike by drones, three days into the Middle East war.

The complex run by the Saudi state oil giant Aramco is home to one of the largest refineries in the entire Middle East and a cornerstone of the kingdom's energy sector. The complex has a capacity of 550,000 barrels per day.

"The Saudi army has raised its readiness to full alert," the source close to the military

told AFP after the incident.

Earlier, another source familiar with the incident at the refinery told AFP the attack caused a fire at the Ras Tanura, but the blaze was extinguished.

"It depends if this is seen as a direct attack on Aramco by the Iranian leadership or a rogue drone that just came close," a source close to the Saudi government told AFP Monday.

"At this stage I think Saudi will watch and wait."

Military retaliation would be a possible option if Iran were seen as launching a targeted campaign against the kingdom's oil installations.

Saudi Arabia would target "Iranian oil facilities if Iran mounts a concerted attack on Aramco", the source said.

A Saudi defence ministry spokesman later confirmed that two drones had targeted the refinery and been intercepted, according to a statement posted by the Saudi Press Agency on X.

The complex also serves as one of the world's biggest oil ports.

Near the capital, Riyadh, Iranian missiles targeting an air base were also intercepted, a Gulf source briefed on the matter told AFP.

The base houses US personnel and this is the third time it has been targeted in three consecutive days.



Smoke plumes billowing in Dubai after a projectile strike

## Qatar air force shoots down two aircraft from Iran

AFP | Doha, Qatar

Qatar's air force shot down two aircraft inbound from Iran yesterday, Doha's defence ministry said in a statement after the Islamic republic earlier targeted gas facilities in the Gulf state.

"Qatar Emiri Air Force suc-

cessfully shot down two (SU24) aircraft coming from the Islamic Republic of Iran. They also successfully intercepted seven ballistic missiles through air defenses, and intercepted five drones by Qatar Emiri Air Force and Qatar Emiri Navy Forces, which targeted several areas in the state today," the defence ministry said.

## Khamenei's wife dies after being wounded in strikes: Iranian media

AFP | Tehran, Iran

The wife of Iran's slain supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei died yesterday after succumbing to wounds

sustained during the US-Israeli attack, Iranian media reported. Mansoureh Khojasteh Bagherzadeh, 79, had been in a co



This video grab taken from UGC images posted on social media on March 1, 2026 shows the Palau-flagged oil tanker Skylight, under US sanctions, engulfed in flames after being struck off the Musandam Peninsula of Oman.

An F/A-18E Super Hornet aircraft, attached to Strike Fighter Squadron 37, landing on the flight deck of the world's largest aircraft carrier, USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78), while operating in support of Operation Epic Fury



US Sailors observing as an E-2D Hawkeye aircraft, attached to Airborne Command and Control Squadron 124



An F/A-18F Super Hornet, attached to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 41, making an arrested landing on the flight deck of Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72)



# Skies aflame

The conflict is spreading rapidly, with no indication of containment

Gulf monarchies threatened to retaliate as a Saudi oil refinery burned, Qatar halted LNG production, tankers were attacked off Oman and energy prices soared.

Ali Larijani, the powerful head of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, voiced defiance, vowing that Iran would defend itself "regardless of the costs and will make the enemies sorry for their miscalculation".



People look at the damage at the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted the offices of Al-Qard al-Hassan, a Hezbollah-linked financial institution, in the southern coastal Lebanese city of Tyre

## Three US jets shot down in friendly fire in Kuwait



A pilot descending from the sky with a parachute near al-Jahra in Kuwait after three US F-15e Strike Eagle jets were mistakenly shot down by Kuwaiti air defence according to the US Central Command. "During active combat -- that included attacks from Iranian aircraft, ballistic missiles, and drones -- the US Air Force fighter jets were mistakenly shot down by Kuwaiti air defences," CENTCOM said. The pilots and weapons officers survived.

## 'Boots on ground' in Iran?

Pentagon chief refuses to rule out

AFP | Washington, United States

The US defense secretary yesterday declined to rule out putting troops on the ground in Iran and indicated the war launched over the weekend could go on for as long as six weeks.

When asked if the United States already had boots on the ground, Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth told a news conference: "No, but we're not going to go into the exercise of what we will or will not do."

"We'll go as far as we need to go," he said.

"I think it's one of those fallacies for a long time that this department or presidents or others should tell the American people and our enemies by the way, 'Here's exactly what we'll do, here's exactly how long we'll go,'" he said.

As for how long the war will last, Hegseth said: "Four weeks, two weeks, six weeks, it could move up. It could move back."

He sought to differentiate the Iran operation from past long-running US wars in Iraq

Trump says would consider boots on ground in Iran if necessary: NY Post

Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump yesterday told the New York Post he would not rule out sending ground troops into Iran if necessary.

"I don't have the yips with respect to boots on the ground -- like every presi-

dent says, 'There will be no boots on the ground.' I don't say it," Trump told the Post in one of several brief interviews he has given since launching the Iran operation on Saturday.

"I say 'probably don't need them,' [or] 'if they were necessary,'" he said.

and Afghanistan, saying the war is not an effort to build democracy in Iran.

"No stupid rules of engagement, no nation building quagmire, no democracy-building exercise. No politically correct wars. We fight to win and we don't waste time or lives," the Pentagon chief said.

"This is not Iraq. This is not endless," Hegseth said. "Our generation knows better and so does this president. He called the last 20 years of nation building wars 'dumb' and he's right."

"With every passing day, our capabilities get stronger and Iran's get weaker. We set the

terms of this war from start to finish. Our ambitions are not utopian, they are realistic scoped to our interests and the defense of our people and our allies," he added.

General Dan Caine, the top US military officer, spoke alongside Hegseth, saying that air superiority had been achieved over Iran.

Strikes by American forces "resulted in the establishment of local air superiority. This air superiority will not only enhance the protection of our forces, but also allow them to continue the work over Iran," Caine said.

- An Iranian drone hit the runway of a UK air force base in Akrotiri in Cyprus, whose government announced that the major airport in its town of Paphos and the area around the British facility would be evacuated.

- In Lebanon, the strikes have triggered a new round of violence between Israel and Hezbollah, with the Iran-backed group firing rockets and its enemy responding with bombing.

- The Israeli military said it had struck a senior Hezbollah operative in Beirut, while Lebanese authorities said Israeli strikes killed at least 31 people.

Iran Revolutionary Guards say targeted 500 US, Israeli sites

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran's retaliatory strikes have so far targeted 500 sites linked to the United States and Israel in the Middle East, the Revolutionary Guards said on the third day of fighting yesterday.

"Since the start of the conflict, the brave soldiers of the Iranian armed forces have attacked 60 strategic targets and 500 American military targets and targets of the Zionist regime (Israel)," the Guards said in a statement. It added they had launched more than 700 drones and hundreds of missiles.

## Lebanese state bans Hezbollah military activities: PM

AFP | Beirut, Lebanon

Lebanon's government has decided on an "immediate ban" of Iran-backed Hezbollah's military and security activity, Prime Minister Nawaf Salam said yesterday, in an unprecedented move as Israel

retaliated to rocket fire.

Hezbollah is represented in both the government and parliament and the move came hours after the party announced it had launched rockets and drones towards Israel early Monday, to avenge the killing of Iranian supreme leader Ali Khamenei

in US-Israeli attacks Saturday.

After an emergency cabinet meeting, Salam said: "The Lebanese state declares its absolute and unequivocal rejection of any military or security actions launched from Lebanese territory outside the framework of its legitimate institutions.

# 'Too risky' for Iran to hit Turkey over US assets: analysts

Iran had long warned that if Washington attacked, it would target its regional assets

● **Attacking a NATO member could also trigger the military alliance's collective defence mechanisms**

AFP | Istanbul, Turkey

Under relentless Israeli-US attack, Iran has bombarded US assets in the Gulf, but so far has not touched Turkey which would be a "high-cost strategic gamble" that could go disastrously wrong, analysts said.

Iran had long warned that if Washington attacked, it would target its regional assets -- which in principle should include NATO-member Turkey where US troops are stationed at several bases.

Since the conflict began early on Saturday, Iran has fired missiles and drones across the Middle East, striking Israel, and at Iraq, Jordan and all six Gulf states in a bid to strike at US assets.

But not Turkey, despite the presence of several highly sensitive sites hosting an unspecified number of US troops.

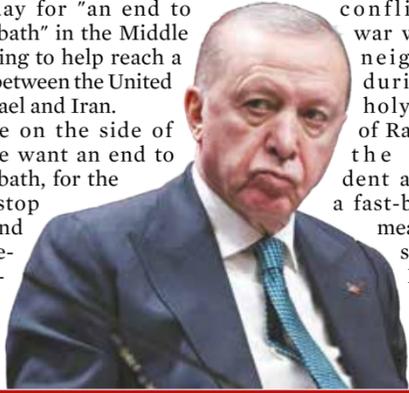
One is Incirlik, a key NATO air base used for decades by US troops near the southern city of

## Erdogan calls for end to Iran war 'bloodbath'

AFP | Istanbul, Turkey

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan called on Monday for "an end to the bloodbath" in the Middle East, vowing to help reach a ceasefire between the United States, Israel and Iran.

"We are on the side of peace. We want an end to the bloodbath, for the tears to stop flowing and that our region finally reach the lasting peace



it has cried out for for years," Erdogan told members of his AKP party in Ankara.

"We want neither conflict nor war with our neighbours during this holy month of Ramadan," the president added at a fast-breaking meal for observant Muslims.

Erdogan, who

maintains good relations with President Donald Trump despite frequently criticising American ally Israel, nonetheless insisted that the US-Israeli strikes on Saturday, which sparked the war and triggered retaliation from Tehran, were "illegal".

"We will intensify our contacts at all levels until a ceasefire is concluded and tranquility is restored to our region," he said, adding that he was "grieving at the sight of the suffering of the civilians and innocent children" in Iran hit by the conflict.

Erdogan, a key regional play-

er, had previously expressed his sadness at the death of Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed in Saturday's strikes along with much of the Islamic republic's leadership.

Turkey, a majority Sunni-Muslim nation which is a member of NATO, shares a 500-kilometre (315-mile) border with Iran.

While Iran has retaliated by aiming drones and missiles at Israel, Iraq, Jordan and the Gulf states in the hope of striking US bases and assets, Turkey has so far been spared Tehran's wrath.

"Iran continues to value Turkey's potential role in de-escalation and diplomatic mediation. Targeting Turkey would undermine that channel at a moment when dialogue remains crucial," he told AFP.

Important neighbour Turkey had furiously worked diplomatic back-channels to head off the military confrontation, but since Saturday has sought to maintain a neutral stance.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Saturday he was "deeply disturbed" by the attacks while also denouncing Iran's retaliatory strikes, vowing to step up diplomatic efforts to bring the sides back to the negotiating table.

For Tehran, Ankara remained "a critical diplomatic actor" who could play a key in back-channel diplomacy, Keskin said.

"An attack on Turkey would narrow Iran's diplomatic manoeuvring space and cut off a crisis-management route it may later need."

It also risked pushing Ankara into "an opposing camp" which could play out badly for Tehran given Turkey's geostrategic location, he said.

"Iran's choice not to attack Turkey is not a matter of goodwill but the outcome of a highly layered strategic calculation," he said.

This August 9, 2015 US Air Force handout photo shows F-16 Fighting Falcons from Aviano Air Base, Italy as they arrive at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.



## UK PM defends Iran strikes stance after Trump criticism

AFP | London, United Kingdom

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer defended yesterday his decision to keep Britain out of the United States and Israel's initial strikes against Iran following criticism from President Donald Trump.

Trump told Britain's Daily Telegraph he was "very disappointed" with Starmer's initial refusal to let Washington use British military bases in the US-Israeli war against Iran, launched on Saturday.

"President Trump has expressed his disagreement with our decision not to get involved in the initial strikes, but it is my duty to judge what is in Britain's national interest," Starmer told parliament.

"That is what I have done and I stand by it," he added.

After initially refusing to have



any role in the strikes, Starmer on Sunday announced that he had agreed to a US request to use British military bases for a "specific and limited defensive purpose".

His Downing Street office said the prime minister took the decision after Iran fired missiles over the weekend that put British interests and people "at risk".

"We all remember the mistakes of Iraq, and we have learnt those lessons. Any UK actions must always have a lawful basis and a viable thought-through plan," he told lawmakers.

The prime minister also said that British military bases in Cyprus "are not being used by US bombers" during the US-Israeli war with Iran.

Britain's Akrotiri air force base on Cyprus came under attack by an unmanned Iranian drone that hit the base's runway.

Starmer said the strike "was not in response to any decision that we have taken," adding that the British government believed the drone "was launched prior to our announcement".

Iran's approach is becoming "more reckless and more dangerous", Starmer said.

"They are working ruthlessly and deliberately through a plan to strike, not only military targets, but also economic targets in the region, with no regard for civilian casualties. That is the situation we face today and to which we must respond."

# Iran war spells danger for global airlines

● On Sunday, 2,000 cancellations were recorded out of 4,000 flights -- representing about 900,000 aircraft seats.

● According to the aeronautical data provider Cirium, at least 1,560 inbound flights to the Middle East out of 3,779 were cancelled yesterday

AFP | Paris, France

Air routes closed, airports damaged and hundreds of thousands of passengers stranded: the new war in the Middle East has again highlighted the global aviation sector's vulnerability to geopolitical upheaval.

Much of the region's airspace has been shut after the US and Israeli attack on Iran and its retaliatory strikes in the region -- further disrupting a global air-traffic scene already complicated by Russia's war in Ukraine.

Dubai International Airport, Kuwait's main airport and a British military airbase in Cyprus were hit during Iran's response.

Iran, Iraq, Israel, Syria, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates all announced at least partial closures of their skies.

## Trump lists 'clear' Iran war objectives

Washington, United States

President Donald Trump on Monday sought to counter criticism that his war on Iran lacked clear purpose, listing four explicit goals including ensuring the country never obtained a nuclear weapon.

He said the strikes were the "last, best chance" to hit Iran, an arch foe of the United States

for decades.

"Our objectives are clear," he told an event at the White House after US officials gave a changing variety of reasons for the US-Israeli offensive.

"First, we're destroying Iran's missile capabilities... Second, we're annihilating their navy... Third, we're ensuring that the world's number-one sponsor of terror can never obtain a

nuclear weapon.

"Finally we are ensuring the Iranian regime can't continue to arm, fund and direct terrorist armies outside of their borders," he said.

Trump has previously justified the war saying that Iran was attempting to rebuild its nuclear program and could soon have missiles able to strike the United States.

But he had not previously listed four reasons, including preventing Iran from supporting regional militant groups such as Hezbollah and Hamas.

US and Israeli forces have so far struck hundreds of targets across Iran, including the Islamic republic's missiles, navy and command-and-control sites.



Passengers wait amid flight disruptions as a result of the Israeli-US strikes on Iran, at Ngurah Rai International Airport on Indonesia's resort island of Bali

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) on Monday called on all sides to refrain from targeting civilian aircraft and airports.

For commercial airlines, the conflict raised memories of disasters such as that of Malaysia

Airlines flight MH17, destroyed by a missile over Ukraine in 2014 with 298 people killed, or the Ukrainian Boeing accidentally shot down by Iran in 2020, killing 176.

"It is critical that states respect their obligation to keep

civilians and civil aviation free from harm," said the head of IATA, Willie Walsh, head of the International Air Transport Association.

"We all hope for an early peaceful resolution to the current hostilities."

Thousands of flights cancelled Dubai's airports announced they would resume limited flights on Monday evening but Air France said it was extending its suspension of flights to that and three other airports until March 5.

According to the aeronautical data provider Cirium, at least 1,560 inbound flights to the Middle East out of 3,779 were cancelled on Monday.

On Sunday, 2,000 cancellations were recorded out of 4,000 flights -- representing about 900,000 aircraft seats.

Beyond Iran, no civil aircraft

were flying on Monday afternoon over the Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait or Iraq, according to the online mapping tool of the website Flightradar24.

The major air corridor over the Euphrates Valley in Iraq was empty.

Aircraft connecting Europe to Asia were flying either via the Gulf of Suez and then through central Saudi Arabia and Oman, or much further north through the narrow Armenia-Azerbaijan corridor.

These two countries, lying between Iran and the Russian Caucasus, have become essential to aviation since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

Moscow barred Western and Japanese airlines from its airspace in retaliation for similar measures targeting its own carriers.

No-fly "red zones" have mul-

tiplied in recent years -- notably linked to the war in Gaza and clashes between Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah, but also in Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"We have never been in such a difficult situation," Thierry Oriol, a senior representative of French airline pilots' union SNPL, told AFP.

"Even during the Cold War, everyone flew all over the place. There weren't all these no-fly zones."

EasyJet cancellations

The fallout from the conflict extended beyond the Gulf, with a British military airbase in Cyprus hit on Monday by an Iranian drone.

UK low-cost airline EasyJet later said it was cancelling three flights to Britain scheduled from the Mediterranean island, while Paphos Airport in the west was evacuated.

IATA says Middle Eastern airlines accounted for 9.5 percent of global air traffic last year.

Via hubs such as Dubai and Doha, Gulf-based carriers such as Emirates, Etihad and Qatar Airways with their long-haul fleets connect Europe and the Americas with Asia and Oceania.

With annual revenues exceeding a trillion dollar among its 360 airline members, IATA had forecast records in traffic and profits this year, with 5.2 billion passengers.

It warned on Monday that the war unleashed uncertainty over air traffic levels and -- crucially -- fuel costs.

# Europe reacts to Macron's atomic offer

AFP | Berlin, Germany

President Emmanuel Macron said Monday that France could deploy nuclear-armed aircraft to allied countries for the first time as he invited eight European countries to take part in exercises with French deterrent forces.

Announcing a new doctrine of "forward deterrence", Macron said the plans involving partners including Germany, Britain and Poland would "complicate the calculations of our adversaries".

"We must strengthen our nuclear deterrent in the face of multiple threats, and we must consider our deterrence strategy deep within the European continent," he said in a speech at France's Ile Longue nuclear submarine base.

He spoke as Russia's war against Ukraine grinds into its fifth year, with European nations worried about Washington's wavering commitment to their security at the same time as the attacks launched by the United States and Israel on Iran threaten to destabilise the Middle East.



French Navy nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) submarine "Le Temeraire" - S617 during France's President's visit to the Nuclear Submarine Navy Base of Ile Longue in Crozon, north-western France

The Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Sweden and Denmark could also all take part. Here is how the partner nations have reacted so far:

### Denmark

Ruling out French atomic bombs on Danish soil, Denmark's Prime Minister Mette

Frederiksen said it was "unfortunately" necessary for Europe to discuss deterrence because of a threat from Moscow.

"It is about being at the table and so having better access to information and to strategic decisions," she said at a press conference.

"This cooperation must re-

spect current Danish nuclear policy," she added.

### German

In a joint statement with France, Germany said it would participate in French nuclear exercises -- but it added that the United States should keep its nuclear forces on the continent.

"France and Germany have agreed to take first concrete steps beginning this year, including German conventional participation in French nuclear exercises and joint visits to strategic sites," the statement said.

"This Franco-German cooperation is based on the shared understanding that the nuclear dimension of deterrence remains a cornerstone of European security, relying on US extended deterrence," it added.

### Greece

Asked about reports of the plans, Greek government spokesman Pavlos Marinakis refused to give details but said work was underway.

"I don't wish to say any more at this stage, but the direction described regarding a common European policy on this very important issue is indeed the one mentioned," he said.

"More information will be available in the coming days and weeks," he added.

### Poland

Polish Prime Minister Donald

Tusk welcomed the plans and said they would make his country safer.

"Poland is in talks with France and a group of closest European allies on the programme of advanced nuclear deterrence," Tusk wrote in a post on X.

"We are arming up together with our friends so that our enemies will never dare to attack us."

Poland's nationalist President Karol Nawrocki recently expressed support for a home-grown deterrent without going into details on any proposed scheme.

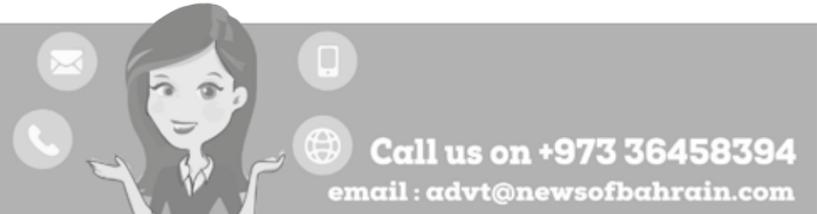
### Sweden

Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said his country viewed Macron's suggestion "positively".

"Naturally, we would most like to see a world completely free of nuclear weapons," he said.

"But as long as Russia has these weapons and threatens its neighbours, democracies must be able to deter attacks and safeguard our own security and freedom."

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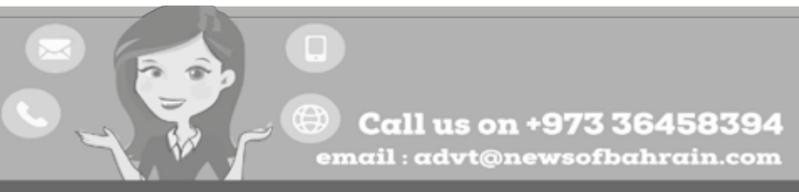
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# Ramadan

## Before dawn, ancient drum rite wakes Istanbul faithful to fast

Historic davulcu tradition survives as one of Istanbul's last enduring street customs



Turkish drummer Hakan Ozbingol plays drum and sings traditional songs in the streets of Istanbul



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### ● Ramadan drummers wake Istanbul's faithful before dawn

### ● Tradition dates back to 19th-century Ottoman Empire

### ● One of few surviving street traditions

AFP | Istanbul

It's 3:30 am and lights are slowly coming on in the homes lining a narrow Istanbul street as people are woken up by the rhythmic thump of a drum.

Emerging onto a balcony, Sibel Savas and her grandson look down as the drummer -- or davulcu in Turkish -- wanders through the Ayvansaray neighbourhood, his drumbeat waking the faithful for a last meal before

the daily Ramadan fast begins at sunrise.

For the past 55 years, Hakan Ozbingol has got up at 3:00 am every day during Ramadan to play his davul, a large double-headed drum carried with a strap and played while walking through the streets.

He inherited the role from his father, with whom he started venturing out when he was 10.

Although their nightly sortie is purely voluntary, local residents traditionally give a tip at the end of the month, says Ozbingol, who is now 65.

If once this amounted to enough to buy the children a nice gift, these days it's barely enough "to buy them clothes or to cover the bills", he sighs, as people struggle to cope with Turkey's bitter economic crisis.

But for him, it's not a job but more of a sacred duty.

"As long as it's to do with Allah, this drum will never fall silent. We're doing Allah's work, it's our duty," he said hoarsely,

trudging with bent back through the winding streets.

### Ottoman roots

According to Harun Korkmaz, a music historian at Istanbul University, the Ramadan drum rite "dates back to the end of the 19th century" when the Ottoman military bands, or mehters, performed several times a day, setting the pace of daily life.

"The davulcu are continuing this tradition," he told AFP of a tradition that began in Istanbul and spread to the rest of the country.

As well as drumming, "real" davulcu will also chant "mani", or short rhythmic poems, under people's windows to flatter a sleepy audience, Ozbingol explained.

"In Turkey, there are few davulcus who know how to sing mani. It's not enough to pick up the drum and bang on it while walking around," he said, proudly tapping his temple to show where he keeps this knowledge.

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**Around 3,000 Ramadan drummers still walk through 961 Istanbul neighbourhoods each night, making it one of the city's largest living cultural traditions**

The tradition began in the Fatih district near Istanbul's historic peninsula, and most of today's Ramadan drummers come from Turkey's Roma community, who today number around 2.7 million, research figures show.

As the davulcu walks the street where washing lines vie for space with Turkish flags draped from the high facades

of the buildings, he is warmly greeted by a pensioner called Zafer, who is also a musician.

"If the Roma weren't here there would be nothing. They are the musicians and Istanbul's Ramadan drummers," the 71-year-old told AFP.

### 'A tradition that must not die'

Still holding her grandson, Sibel Savas says she has no alarm clock and relies on the early-morning drum rite to wake her up.

"This tradition is important to us this. It comes from our ancestors," she told AFP.

In a nearby street, another drummer, 58-year-old Yurdaer, is trying to play a little more quietly as he passes the home of an elderly neighbour who has heart problems.

Across Istanbul, Turkey's largest city, there are a total of 3,000 davulcu who go out nightly to wake the faithful in 961 neighbourhoods, explains Selami Aykut, who heads an organisation

representing the megacity's local mayors.

Since the pandemic, when the nightly rite was briefly halted, the authorities doubled the number of accredited drummers.

"We have increased the number we work with in order to better pass on our Ottoman traditions to young people, so that they can feel the excitement of Ramadan," Aykut told AFP.

With street vendors hawking traditional foods increasingly scarce across the city's streets, their services replaced by supermarkets, the davulcu is one rare tradition not at risk of disappearing due to his unique role at Ramadan.

"There are no more people selling boza (a fermented cereal-based drink), no more yoghurt sellers, nor other street vendors -- they've almost all disappeared," said Ozbingol.

"Only the davulcu are left," he murmurs, wandering off up the street.

### Ramadan Recipe

## Stuffed Eggplant with Spiced Beef and Pine Nuts

Time: 45 mins | Servings: 6

### Ingredients

- 3 medium (about 14-ounce) globe eggplants
- 1/4 cup canola oil, divided
- 2 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt, divided, plus more to taste
- 3/4 cup finely chopped white onion
- 3 large garlic cloves, minced
- 12 ounces 80% lean ground beef
- 2/3 cup drained and rinsed canned chickpeas, patted dry
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 3/4 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 3/4 cup golden raisins
- 1/4 cup lightly toasted pine nuts,

- roughly chopped
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh mint, plus small leaves for garnish
- Labneh
- Pomegranate arils (optional)

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450°F. Cut eggplants lengthwise down the center, slicing three quarters of the way through and leaving stem end intact. Drizzle eggplants all over with 2 tablespoons oil; sprinkle inside slits evenly with 1 teaspoon salt.
2. Place eggplants on an aluminum foil-lined baking sheet; roast in preheated oven until skin is browned and

flesh is very tender, about 35 minutes, turning eggplants 2 to 3 times during cooking. Transfer eggplants, cut sides down, to a wire rack placed over a rimmed baking sheet. Cover loosely with foil; keep warm.

3. Heat remaining 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over medium. Add onion and garlic; cook, stirring often, until softened, 2 to 3 minutes. Add beef and chickpeas; increase heat to medium-high. Cook, stirring often to break beef into small crumbles, until beef is browned but not cooked through, 3 to 5 minutes.



4. Add tomato paste, coriander, cinnamon, and 1 teaspoon salt to skillet; cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 45 seconds. Add tomatoes with juices, and scrape bot-

tom of skillet to release any browned bits. Bring to a simmer over medium-high; reduce heat to medium. Cook, stirring often and crushing tomatoes and beef into smaller pieces, until liquid thickens and beef is cooked through, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in raisins, pine nuts, and mint. Season with additional salt to taste. Remove from heat.

5. Spread labneh on a serving platter. Arrange eggplants, cut sides up, over labneh; sprinkle insides evenly with remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt. Stuff eggplants with evenly divided beef mixture. Garnish with additional mint and pomegranate arils (if using).

# 'Superman Sanju' toast of India after T20 World Cup heroics

Opener's unbeaten 97 earns praise from cricket legends and teammates

● Tendulkar praises calm batting

● Samson has been in and out of team

● Media hail "game-changer" performance

AFP | Kolkata

India yesterday hailed Sanju Samson as a "game-changer" after the opener's batting masterclass in Kolkata took the defending champions into the T20 World Cup semi-finals.

Samson's unbeaten 97 led India's chase of 196 against the West Indies in the last Super Eights match to set up a semi-final against England in Mumbai on Thursday.

Samson paced his innings to perfection and had more than a billion India fans erupting in joy on Sunday night when he hit Ro-



six and four to complete the chase at Eden Gardens.

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Former India batsman Mohammad Kaif said: "Sanju Samson man for India in a do-or-die game. Focus is never on him but he proves to be the game-changer."

The 31-year-old Samson has been in and out of the Indian team and played just one group match against Namibia in the absence of opener Abhishek Sharma. India brought back Samson in their Super Eights match against Zimbabwe to break up the all-left-handed opening partnership of Abhishek and Ishan Kishan. India's media were lavish in their praise for Samson, who saved India from a humiliating early tournament exit on home soil. "Superman Sanju rescues India," blazed the Times of India. India coach Gautam Gambhir called Samson "world-class".

India's Sanju Samson prays as he celebrates his team's win against West Indies

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Today was the day when he probably showed his full potential. I have always said that he is a world-class player. He is a great talent and hopefully he can kick on from now and we can see a lot more innings like this

GAUTAM GAMBHIR

"We all know how good a player Sanju is and it was all about backing him," Gambhir told reporters.

"Today was a day where he probably showed his true potential."

Samson, who made his debut in 2015, has played just 60 Twenty20 matches for India since.

"I always say, good things happen to good people who wait, who have a lot of patience," said India captain Suryakumar Yadav. "It's all his hard work."

South Africa face New Zealand in the first semi-final on Wednesday in Kolkata.

The final is in Ahmedabad on Sunday.



Despite debuting in 2015, Samson has played only 60 internationals for India, making his match-winning innings a remarkable breakthrough after years of inconsistent selection opportunities

## Arteta embraces Arsenal's 'Set-Piece FC' label after corners sink Chelsea

AFP | London

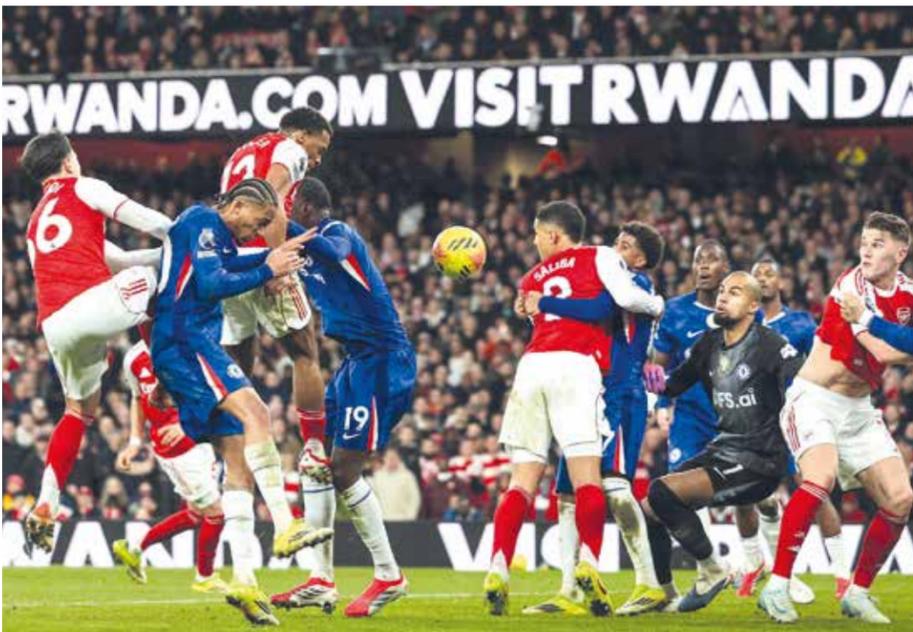
Mikel Arteta said Arsenal are happy to embrace their 'Set-Piece FC' nickname after using their deadly corner routines to seal a vital 2-1 win against Chelsea on Sunday.

Arteta's side moved five points clear at the top of the Premier League thanks to headers from William Saliba and Jurrien Timber at the Emirates Stadium.

The Gunners have scored 16 goals from corners this season -- equalling the Premier League record set by Oldham and West Bromwich Albion.

No wonder Arsenal's jubilant fans celebrated by chanting "set-piece again, ole, ole".

Chelsea also scored from a corner when Piero Hincapie headed Reece James' delivery into his own net on the stroke of half-time to cancel out Saliba's



Arsenal's Dutch defender #12 Jurrien Timber (3rd L) scores the team's second goal

opener.

That was a rare blemish for Arsenal when it comes to dead ball action as set-piece coach Nicolas Jover underlined his growing reputation with another masterclass.

As they chase a first English title since 2004, Arsenal's prowess at set-plays has emerged as their defining characteristic.

But not everyone is enamoured with the set-piece barrage fuelling their title charge.

Former Chelsea striker Chris Sutton was scathing about Arsenal's reliance on the tactic.

"Set-piece Arsenal, again. I think they are going to win it," Sutton told BBC Radio Five Live.

"If they get over the line, will they be the ugliest Premier League winning team in history? The performance wasn't there."

Yet Arteta has no qualms about emphasising the value of set-pieces.

"We knew the importance of the individual duels at set plays because Chelsea are a top side attacking and defending them," the Gunners boss said.

"Every team to be fair. There is so much quality at set pieces in the Premier League.

"It's very important. We have lost points to long throws and lately we haven't scored from many set-pieces. Today we did it. To have these options is great."

## Messi bags double as Miami battle back to down Orlando



Lionel Messi #10 of Inter Miami CF celebrates after scoring

AFP | Miami

Lionel Messi scored twice as Inter Miami fought back from 2-0 down to complete a 4-2 victory over Orlando City in Major League Soccer's Florida derby on Sunday.

Reigning MLS champions Miami, beaten in their season-opener last week, looked to be heading for another defeat after dominant Orlando raced into a 2-0 first-half lead in front of their home fans.

Croatian international winger Marco Pasalic opened the scoring after 18 minutes, sweeping in a low finish from Ivan Angulo's cross after Miami gave away possession in midfield.

Orlando made it 2-0 six minutes later after a surging run from right back Griffin Dorsey, who laid off into the path of Argentine striker Martin Ojeda

to bury the finish.

Miami rallied and both Messi and Argentina international team-mate Rodrigo DePaul went close to pulling a goal back midway through the first half.

De Paul saw his rasping long-range effort parried away from Orlando's Canadian international goalkeeper Maxime Crepeau in the 28th minute. Crepeau then pulled off another superb save to deny Messi inside the area moments later.

Yet the game was transformed after half-time, with substitute Mateo Silveti giving Miami a lifeline with a 25-yard screamer in the 49th minute. Messi then made it 2-2 eight minutes later, gathering the ball on the edge of the area and whipping a left foot shot past Crepeau.

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MIKEL ARTETA

# Yavi and Balew Lead Bahrain to Cross-Country Gold



Winfred Yavi and Motosio celebrate Bahrain's one-two finish

TDT | Manama

Bahrain delivered a standout performance on Sunday at the 60th CISM World Military Cross-Country Championships in Trikala, Greece, claiming a golden double against elite international competition.

Paris 2024 Olympic gold-medallist Winfred Yavi continued her remarkable start to the season, following up her recent victory at the Cross di Alà dei Sardi in Italy with a dominant run to the women's 8km title.

Yavi crossed the line in 25:43, leading compatriot Violah Jepchumba Motosio to complete a

Bahrain one-two, while France's Mekdes Woldu Alazar took bronze. Shitaye Eshete finished fifth and Bontu Rebitu 29th, rounding out Bahrain's strong showing in a field of nearly 80 competitors.

Yavi's performance further cements her place as one of the world's top steeplechasers, with her sights now set on the Asian



Balew claims the men's 10km title

Games in Nagoya later this year. On the men's side, reigning Asian Games champion Birhanu Balew produced a thrilling finish to claim the 10km crown, edging Algeria's Ramdane Ouarghi by just two seconds with a time of 28:21.

Morocco's Mustapha Akkaoui completed the podium, while Bahrain's Albert Rop and Dawit

Fikadu placed sixth and 13th respectively. Abraham Cheroben was among three athletes who did not finish in the 128-runner field.

Bahrain capped the championships with bronze in the mixed 4x2km relay. Nelly Jepkosgei Korir, Abdulkani Hamid, Tigest Mekonen, and Abdulsamad Hirsi combined

for a time of 23:41, finishing behind gold-medallists Ethiopia and silver-medal winners Morocco.

The results highlight Bahrain's growing strength in cross-country, with both individual brilliance and team depth on full display at this prestigious international military competition.

## Liverpool's Slot says his 'football heart' does not like set-piece trend



Liverpool manager Arne Slot reacts after a match (file photo)

AFP | London

Liverpool boss Arne Slot said yesterday that the growing reliance on set pieces in the Premier League has sucked some of the joy out of football but accepts it is the new reality.

Last season's champions struggled with dead-ball situations both defensively and in attacking areas earlier in the campaign.

But seven of their past nine Premier League goals have come from set pieces, including three following corners in Saturday's 5-2 win against West Ham at Anfield.

Premier League leaders Arsenal are renowned as the set-piece kings and on Sunday scored their 16th goal from a corner this season -- equalling the league record.

"First of all, you have to accept it. I think it's mainly here in the Premier League," Slot told reporters yesterday.

"If I watch other leagues, I don't think there's so much emphasis on set pieces."

The Liverpool manager said he felt goalkeepers in the Premier League were given less protection by match officials than those in other leagues such as the Dutch top division.

## AFC Reschedules West Zone Knockout Matches

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The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) confirmed on Sunday that several key West Zone fixtures in its elite club competitions have been rescheduled due to ongoing developments in the Middle East.

Matches in the Round of 16 for the AFC Champions League Elite 2025-2026, originally scheduled for March 2 and 3, will now be played at a later date. High-profile ties affected include Al Ahli of Saudi Arabia vs. Al-Duhail of Qatar in Doha, as well as Shabab Al Ahli Dubai vs. Tractor SC of Iran and Al Wahda of the UAE



vs. Al-Ittihad of Saudi Arabia. Similarly, Round of 16 fixtures in the AFC Cup 2025-2026 and the AFC Challenge League 2025-

2026 involving West Zone clubs, originally set for March 3 and 4, have also been postponed until further notice.

Clubs from the East Zone will continue to compete according to previously published schedules across all AFC competitions.

The AFC emphasized that the decision prioritizes the safety and security of players, officials, teams, and fans, and officials will continue to closely monitor the situation. Updated fixtures will be published on the confederation's official website once conditions allow, underlining the AFC's commitment to fair and safe competition for all clubs involved.

## Barca must 'make the impossible possible': coach Flick on Atletico cup challenge

AFP | Barcelona

Barcelona coach Hansi Flick insisted yesterday his team could turn around a 4-0 deficit in the Copa del Rey semi-final tie against Atletico Madrid.

The Catalan giants host Diego Simeone's side on Tuesday in the second leg after a heavy defeat by the Rojiblancos in

February, needing a spectacular comeback if they are to defend the trophy.

"We are four goals behind, so we want to make the impossible possible, this is our goal for tomorrow," Flick told reporters.

"We all know that it's not easy but in the end we never give up, and we start this match (aiming) for a clean sheet, believing in

our strengths and that we can do it."

Barca thrashed Villarreal 4-1 on Saturday at Camp Nou in La Liga, with a hat-trick from teenager star Lamine Yamal, the first of his career.

Flick said the winger would be important against Atletico but the team as a whole needed to deliver for Barca to make a comeback.

"The team is always in focus," said Flick. "The first goal from him was a great recovery of the ball and a great pass from Fermin (Lopez), (Yamal) has the outstanding quality to score this goal and be in the right position at this moment."

"How he played after that was great to see, really happy about that, but in the end we need everyone, not only Lamine."