

1297

Battle of Stirling Bridge: Scottish rebel William Wallace defeats the English

1609

An expulsion order is issued against the Moriscos of Valencia, beginning the expulsion of all of Spain's Moriscos

1916

First true self-service supermarket, Clarence Saunders' "Piggly Wiggly," opens in Memphis, Tennessee



2001

Two passenger planes hijacked by Al Qaeda terrorists crash into New York's World Trade Center towers, causing the collapse of both and the deaths of 2,606 people

Poland holds NATO talks after Russian drone intrusion

Warsaw calls urgent alliance talks as drone strikes edge Europe closer to conflict

● 19 Polish airspace violations by drones

● NATO Article 4 invoked

● House damaged in eastern Poland

● Moscow denies targeting Polish territory

AFP | Warsaw

Poland gathered its NATO allies for urgent talks yesterday after Russian drones flew into Polish airspace during an attack on Ukraine, Prime Minister Donald Tusk said, warning that the situation was inching closer to "open conflict".

Poland's airspace was violated 19 times, Tusk said, and at least three drones were shot down after Warsaw and its allies scrambled jets -- but authorities said nobody was harmed.

Footage posted by local media showed firefighters and police in the village of Wyrki, eastern Poland, inspecting a house with its roof ripped open and debris littered nearby following an impact from a drone.

Russian drones and missiles have entered the airspace of NATO members including Poland several times during Russia's three-and-a-half-year war, but a NATO country has never attempted to shoot them down.

Tusk said he had invoked NA-



Police and army inspect damage to a house destroyed by debris from a shot down Russian drone in the village of Wyrki-Wola, eastern Poland

TO's Article 4 under which any member can call urgent talks when it feels its "territorial integrity, political independence or security" are at risk -- only the eighth time the measure has ever been used.

"This situation... brings us closer than ever to open conflict since World War II," Tusk told parliament, but added there was "no reason today to claim that we are in a state of war".

The incident came as Russia unleashed a barrage of strikes across Ukraine including in the western city of Lviv, less than two hours' drive from the Polish border.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said the airspace



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violation was a "dangerous precedent" for Europe and "no accident", and urged a strong response from Kyiv's Western allies.

Poland's interior ministry said a house and a car had been damaged overnight, adding that seven drones and debris from an unknown projectile had so far been located.

The North Atlantic Council, NATO's main political decision-making body, changed the format of its weekly meeting yesterday to hold it under Article 4 of the treaty.

A cornerstone of the Western military alliance is the principle that an attack on any member is deemed an attack on all.

NATO chief Mark Rutte hailed his organisation's "very successful reaction", telling journalists the alliance's air defences had done their job.

He slammed Moscow's "reckless behaviour" and called on Putin to halt a war that he said was now being waged on civilians.

Russia's defence ministry denied targeting Poland, saying



This marks only the 8th time in NATO's 75-year history that Article 4 has been invoked - the last time was by Turkey in 2020

they were ready to talk with Warsaw.

"There were no intentions to engage any targets on the territory of Poland," the ministry said in a statement in English, without confirming or denying that its drones had entered Polish airspace.

'Act of aggression'

Russia's top diplomat in Poland, Andrei Ordash, told RIA Novosti earlier yesterday he had been summoned to the foreign ministry for a meeting.

The operational command of Poland's military said the airspace violations were "unprecedented" and called it "an act of aggression".

As European capitals rushed out condemnations, several portrayed the incident as Russia testing Ukraine's allies.

"What he wants to do is to test us," said EU top diplomat Kaja Kallas. "And every time he's bolder, because he's able to be bolder because our response hasn't been strong enough."

Trump jeered at Washington restaurant, called 'Hitler of our time'



US President Donald Trump (C), flanked by US Vice President JD Vance, US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, speaks to reporters outside the restaurant Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab in Washington

AFP | Washington

Viral videos on social media portray the moment protesters began jeering US President Donald Trump at a Washington restaurant Tuesday, shouting "Free DC! Free Palestine! Trump is the Hitler of our time!".

The 79-year-old Republican approached the shouting pro-

testers in the restaurant, pausing a few feet away from them for a few moments, nodding and smiling placidly without offering a response.

Seconds later, Trump gestured for the area to be cleared out, saying "come on, let's go."

Secret Service agents then moved the protesters, who waved banners of the Palestinian flag.

New French PM vows 'profound break' with past to exit crisis

AFP | Paris

France's new Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu promised a "profound break" with the past yesterday as he faced the thorny task of trying to build a government with enough parliamentary support to avoid an early demise.

Lecornu's first day on the job coincided with street protests across France in a show of grassroots opposition to President Emmanuel Macron, which resulted in clashes with police and dozens of arrests, as well as some disruption to transport, schools and other services.

But the protests, called by a collective without a clear leader, had an uneven impact across the country.

The president appointed Lecornu -- a close Macron ally and defence minister for the past three years -- late on Tuesday, only 24 hours after his pre-



France's newly-appointed Prime Minister and former Minister of Armed Forces Sebastien Lecornu (R) shakes hands with France's outgoing Prime Minister Francois Bayrou (L)

decessor Francois Bayrou lost a confidence vote in parliament over his attempt to implement austerity measures to reduce France's debt.

Taking over from 74-year-old Bayrou, Lecornu, who is 39, promised to find "more creative" ways than before to work

with opposition parties as he tries to build a stable government.

"We will get there," he said during a handover ceremony.

Lecornu is the seventh prime minister since Macron took office in 2017 -- and the third within the space of the year.



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The 79th @UN General Assembly session worked to develop common solutions to address global crises. As the new #UNGA sessions begins, let us carry this spirit forward, working to rebuild trust & deliver results & peace for all people everywhere.

@antonioguterres

02



This morning's barbaric attack on Ukraine and the egregious and unprecedented violation of Polish and NATO airspace by Russian drones is deeply concerning.

@Keir_Starmer

03



Armed violence in Haiti has uprooted hundreds of thousands this year. I have allocated \$9 million from @UNCERF to scale up urgent food, shelter and healthcare, prepare for cyclones, and protect survivors of sexual violence. Here in Haiti I'm seeing the response first hand.

@UNReliefChief

04



\$2.7 trillion was spent on weapons last year -- while hunger, education, and health went underfunded. It's time to rebalance: invest more in people, less in arms. Sustainable development is the surest path to enduring peace and security.

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