

Mongolian victory at the naval Battle of Yamen ends the Song Dynasty in China

Two hundred members of the Peking imperial family and court commit suicide out of loyalty to the last Ming Emperor, Chongzhen

Confederate cruiser SS Georgiana is destroyed on her maiden voyage with a cargo of munitions and medicines valued at over \$1,000,000. The wreck is discovered exactly 102 years later by teenage diver and pioneer underwater archaeologist E. Lee Spence.

Airstrikes by an American and British-led coalition signal the beginning of the invasion of Iraq without United Nations support and in defiance of world opinion



An Israeli Air Force AH-64 Apache attack helicopter fires rockets while flying along the border between northern Israel and southern Lebanon. Lebanon was drawn into the Middle East war on March 2 when Hezbollah launched rockets into Israel to avenge the killing of Iran's supreme leader.

## Russia condemns Larijani killing

Russia condemned the killing of Iranian security chief Ali Larijani, after ally Tehran vowed retaliation for the death of the military official whom Israel claimed to have killed in an airstrike.

"We firmly condemn actions aimed at harming the health and, even more, the killing of the leadership of sovereign and independent Iran," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

# Iran vows to target Gulf energy

Iran's military said it would target energy infrastructure across the Gulf following a US-Israeli attack on its facilities at a major gas field, state television reported yesterday.

The military's operational command Khatam Al-Anbiya said in a statement that it would "severely strike the source of the aggression and consider targeting the fuel,

energy and gas infrastructure" of countries from which the attacks were launched.

Iran accuses Gulf states of allowing US forces to conduct attacks from their territory, and Iranian state television published a list of "legitimate targets" including oil and gas facilities in Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, saying they "will be targeted in the coming hours".

# Iran was not rebuilding nuclear enrichment

US intelligence finds

AFP | Washington, United States

US intelligence concluded Wednesday that Iran was not rebuilding nuclear enrichment capacities that were destroyed in a June 2025 US-Israeli attack, contradicting President Donald Trump's justifications for his ongoing war.

Tulsi Gabbard, a Trump ally who is director of national intelligence, shared the conclusion in written testimony as part of an annual threat assessment but did not repeat the finding when speaking to senators.

"As a result of Operation Midnight Hammer, Iran's nuclear enrichment program was obliterated. There has been no efforts since then to try to rebuild their enrichment capability," Gabbard said in the testimony to the Senate intelligence committee.

Pressed by a Democratic senator on why she did not repeat the conclusion on camera, Gabbard said that she did not have enough time to read the full testimony at the hearing but did not deny the assessment.

Trump has repeatedly said that he ordered the attack on Iran alongside Israel on February 28 due to an "imminent



An image taken from an undated video released on social media by the Iranian Red Crescent Society, and filmed at an undisclosed location, shows rescuers carrying a victim on a stretcher at a site the organisation says was hit by US-Israeli strikes.

threat."

Trump said after the June 2025 bombing that the United States had completely destroyed Iran's nuclear sites but since his latest war has said that Tehran was weeks away from a nuclear bomb, a finding not shared by most observers and despite ongoing talks on a nuclear deal.

A senior aide to Gabbard -- who herself as a congresswoman had led opposition to war with Iran -- resigned on Tuesday, saying there was no "imminent threat" and that Trump was misled by Israel and media.

In her remarks to senators, Gabbard said Iran had been

suffering heavy blows in the weeks of attacks -- which included the killing of the long-time supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei -- but that the Islamic republic was still functioning.

The US intelligence community "assesses the regime in Iran to be intact but largely degraded due to attacks on its leadership and military capabilities," Gabbard said.

"If a hostile regime survives, it will likely seek to begin a years-long effort to rebuild its military, missiles, and UAV forces," Gabbard said, referring to unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones.



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The war in the Middle East must stop. Diplomacy must prevail. All Security Council resolutions must be implemented. The latest one, resolution 2817, must be respected, as we see that countries in the Gulf continue to be targeted.

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The Union Cabinet has approved the Small Hydro Power Development Scheme, which will boost clean energy, attract investments and create employment across rural and remote regions. The Northeast in particular will gain significantly from the scheme.

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All men and women, especially Christians, are called to fix their gaze on those who suffer, on the pain of the lonely, and on those who are emarginated for various reasons, for without them we cannot build a just society. Only together can we build communities of solidarity capable of caring for everyone, in which wellbeing and peace can flourish for the benefit of all. Caring for the humanity of others helps us to live our own lives to the full.

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## Beware: He Is Watching You!



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It happened many years ago—I mean, in 2010—back when life was simple, evenings were predictable, and our biggest worry was choosing between dosa and pizza.

Like many, we had a weekly ritual: "Let's go out." No agenda, no plan—just drive, eat, come back, and feel accomplished. That day, we picked Zallaq—smooth drive, sea breeze, and of course, the compulsory roadside snacks.

An hour later, we returned home. The watchman greeted us as usual. Our villa was in a compound with the sea on three sides, a single-entry gate, three guards, and, seemingly, zero chance of anything going wrong.

While my wife went for a shower, I walked into the bedroom to change—and there it was. The cupboard looked different. I sensed immediately that something was terribly wrong.

Our locker was open, and to my surprise, it was empty.

The big question—how did this happen? Doors locked. Watchmen alert. Sea all around. No broken windows. No drama. Just a silent, surgical strike.

The thief clearly knew our house better than we did.

My wife was devastated. We never recovered the gold or money we lost. But what we did gain was something priceless: fear. It moved in with us rent-free.

So we did what any logical person would do—we moved. New compound. More security. Cameras everywhere. Guards who looked like they took their job seriously. We even installed our own CCTV system inside the villa.

But one fine afternoon, while we were at work, someone walked in—broad daylight, no appointment—and walked out with our expensive watches.

My wife didn't even argue. She just gave me that look—the "we are moving again" look.

So we moved again.

New place. Gated. Two security guards. Solid system.

Day one: perfect.

Day two: theft in the neighbour's house.

I told my wife, "Welcome to the club."

Thankfully, this time we had some positive news. The police caught the thief and brought him to the compound. He looked calm, almost impressed. While leaving, he asked the watchman: "I entered right in front of you. What exactly is your job?"

Nobody could answer. The watchman didn't have to—he was fired the next day.

After all this, my wife raised her eyebrow. I offered my final piece of wisdom:

"Let's just not keep anything expensive at home."

To some extent, the problem has been resolved. We even joked about not locking the main door—as if to send a message: "Dear Jean Valjean, welcome to our home. Please enjoy your short stay while we are away."

But the mystery remained. How did the thief know exactly where to look? Who told them? The maid? The cleaner? A delivery person? Or was it just bad luck?

I finally found a possible answer.

While browsing the News of Bahrain page yesterday, I noticed a cybersecurity alert. It warned about unsecured CCTV cameras. These so-called vigilant watchdogs, it said, can easily turn into silent informants if not properly protected.

Hackers can get in, watch your home, study your routines, and plan their moves with chilling precision.

And suddenly, everything starts to make sense.

What if our biggest investment in security has quietly become our biggest vulnerability? The CCTV camera—installed to protect us—may, in some cases, be exposing us instead.

I think I've found part of the answer.

So here's what we can do: secure your internet network and cameras with strong, unique passwords. Keep your systems updated. Avoid connecting your DVR to the internet unless necessary. Do not allow direct remote access to your cameras, and always enable multi-factor authentication wherever possible.

I've taken these steps myself.

But the question still lingers: what about the hacker? Is he getting smarter, too?

Is the game still on?

Keeping Fingers crossed

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