

Trump dismisses NY mayor's threat to arrest Netanyahu

AFP | Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump on Monday vowed that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would not face arrest at a UN summit in New York, after the city's new mayor said he was investigating the move.

Mayor Zohran Mamdani admitted he was unsure if he

had the power to order police to detain a foreign leader but said he was discussing the matter with the city's legal team ahead of the summit in September. "Benjamin Netanyahu will not be arrested, in any way, shape, or form, while in the United States of America. He is fighting against the Islamic Republic of Iran," Trump said on social media.

UK PM stresses 'commitment to defence' in Trump call

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Britain's new Prime Minister Andy Burnham underlined his "commitment to defence and security" in his first phone call with US President Donald Trump yes-



terday, his spokesperson said. Burnham "said ensuring the security of the UK and its Allies was at the top of his agenda", 10 Downing Street said, adding the new prime minister invited Trump to visit his political home, the northern city of Manchester, "in the future".

Israeli army bars West Bank family from own bathroom

AFP | Umm Al-Kheir, Palestinian Territories

An Israeli military order has blocked a Palestinian family in the occupied West Bank from reaching their bathroom for three weeks, residents said Monday, after tensions with nearby settlers prompted the army to intervene.

Ikhlas al-Hathalin, 42, lives with her family of 14 in the village of Umm al-Kheir, near the settlement of Carmel.

Their outhouse sits between their home and a caravan that Israeli settlers installed less than 100 metres (330 feet) away last year.

"In order to disperse all parties involved, a temporary closed military zone order was issued," the military told AFP.

Hathalin told AFP that prior to the military order, "the settlers would come to the bathroom and knock on the door, wanting us to leave".

The family now goes "to the community centre's bathrooms or to the neighbours", she added.

"The embarrassment and hardship of going to the toilet is beyond what you can imagine."

The dispute escalated earlier this month when settlers installed a swinging chair between the family's house and the outhouse, triggering a confrontation that drew in Israeli forces.

The military said soldiers stationed in the area regularly witness "unlawful activity by Israelis, some of which may include violent incidents or actions directed at Palestinians or their property".

Hathalin said the military order also prevents the family from accessing the nearby sheep pen -- its source of livelihood -- except when Israeli forces are in the area, every three to four days.

The military said the closure was temporary, without giving an end date, and maintained that the family retains access to its livestock.

"We are trying to put pressure on the occupation authorities, but the matter is in the hands of the settlers, and the current occupation government is itself a government of settlers," said Ahmed al-Hathalin, a member of the village council.

Behind the Hathalin home, five new mobile homes mark the latest settlement outpost taking shape in the area.



Israeli settlers exit a vehicle to inspect the aftermath of a fire that broke out the previous day in the Israeli settlement of Havat Gilad, adjacent to the Palestinian village of Tell in the occupied West Bank

Iran will pay 'many times over' for US troop deaths

US expands strikes across Iran

● Rubio said he would "continue to try" to reach a diplomatic solution.

● President Donald Trump said US strikes on Iran "hit them very hard" in honour of the American fatalities.

● Despite the latest attacks, Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei said diplomatic exchanges with the US via mediators were ongoing.

AFP | Washington, United States

President Donald Trump warned Iran yesterday that it would pay "many times over" for every US soldier it killed after Washington announced over the weekend three new military fatalities and one service member missing in action.

"Every time Iran kills an American Soldier they will pay for that killing many times over!" Trump posted on his platform, Truth Social. "This directive has been passed on to Secretary of War, Pete Hegseth, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Daniel Caine, and every Leader in the Military."

Meanwhile, Iran president said it is fighting a "full-scale war" with the United States, as Washington expanded its strikes across the Islamic republic.

The declaration came as Tehran's Yemeni allies, the Houthi rebels, threatened to expand the war yet further by announcing they would blockade Saudi ports.

Saudi Arabia has been able to continue exporting millions of barrels of oil a day despite the Hormuz blockade -- although far below its prewar totals -- via its Red Sea port of Yanbu.

The Revolutionary Guards had earlier said that two oil tankers trying to transit the strait "exploded and were brought to a halt", according to a statement reported by Tasnim news agency.

On Sunday, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio called on countries around the world to share the burden of protecting global shipping.

US Central Command (CENTCOM) said on Sunday that it successfully completed the ninth consecutive night of strikes against Iran, while Rubio said he would "continue to try" to reach a diplomatic solution.

Diplomatic exchanges

The fresh fighting came after a weekend in which the US announced three new US military fatalities and one service member missing in action.

Two were killed during Iranian missile and drone attacks on

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Tensions escalate as Iran, Houthis and regional nations trade fire and issue strong warnings.

01 HOUTHIS ANNOUNCE SAUDI BLOCKADE

Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels declared a maritime embargo on Saudi Arabia, days after the two adversaries exchanged fire for the first time in years.

MARITIME EMBARGO

02 IRAN: 'IN FULL-SCALE WAR' WITH US

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said his country is in a "full-scale war" with the United States and that Tehran should "accept the reality and stop illusions".

"We are in a full-scale war with the United States. Accept the reality and stop illusions."

03 IRAN ATTACKS US BASE IN QATAR

Iran launched missiles at the US Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, the largest American military installation in West Asia.

Qatar says its air defences intercepted the missiles.

04 CIVILIAN INFRASTRUCTURE TARGETED

Several Gulf countries report attacks on civilian infrastructure.

KUWAIT: Iran hit a power and water plant causing a fire.

BAHRAIN: Accused Iran of targeting civilian infrastructure.

05 IRANIAN NUCLEAR PLANT ATTACKED

Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation confirmed that part of the Fordo nuclear site was targeted in US airstrikes.

No radioactive material leak reported.

06 A REGION ON EDGE

The Middle East faces a dangerous escalation with expanding attacks, retaliations and rising rhetoric.

- Missile exchanges across the region
- Civilian targets under attack
- Risk of wider regional conflict

Crew abandons vessel on fire attacked in Hormuz: UK maritime agency

AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Sailors safely abandoned a vessel set alight after it was attacked in the Strait of Hormuz, the UK Maritime Trade Operations agency said yes-

terday. "The vessel was struck by an unknown projectile. The crew safely abandoned the vessel and have been recovered by a tug boat. The fire has not been extinguished and the vessel is currently adrift. There is

no reported environmental impact," UKMTO said in an update to their earlier statement. Earlier, the agency had reported the ship was "on fire" eight nautical miles northwest of Kumzar, Oman.

Houthi blockade of Saudi Arabia risks 'even wider' regional conflict: UN spokesman

AFP | United Nations, United States

The threat from Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen, who have announced a maritime block-

ade of Saudi Arabia, risks an "even wider" regional conflict, the spokesman for the UN secretary-general warned yesterday.

"We've seen the reports and are very much concerned by

the renewed Houthi threats against Saudi Arabia, against freedom of navigation, which leads to the risk of an even wider regional escalation," spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters.

ators were ongoing.

"Ideas have been conveyed to us by certain mediators," he told a news conference in Tehran attended by AFP.

Iran's Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni was set to travel to mediator Pakistan's capital on Monday, a Pakistani interior ministry source told AFP, without confirming the reason.

Jordan on Friday, while another service member was killed in northern Iraq during the controlled detonation of unexploded ordnance from a downed Iranian drone, CENTCOM said.

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The deaths brought to 17 the

confirmed number of US military fatalities since the conflict began. On Friday, Iran's health ministry reported that 50 people had been killed in recent fighting and more than 500 wounded.

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