

82-year-old dies after beach fight in Greece over sun lounger

Athens, Greece

An 82-year-old man died yesterday after he got into a fight over a sun lounger on a beach in Greece near Athens, local media reported.

The octogenarian had a dispute with a 76-year-old man and a 21-year-old woman over the sun lounger, with the argument degenerating into a scuffle between the two men, according to po-

lice, the ANA news agency and ERT state television channel reported. The 82-year-old, badly hurt, was transported to hospital from the Vouliagmeni beach resort area where the argument broke out. He was later declared dead at the hospital. Both the 76-year-old man and the 21-year-old woman were arrested, ANA said, with police investigating what happened.

Iran says conveyed conditions to US for reopening Hormuz



Participants attend a presentation on the Hormuz Strait during the Hili Forum 2026 in Abu Dhabi

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Iran's top negotiator said yesterday that Tehran had conveyed to Washington through mediators its conditions for reopening the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

"Our messages and the explanation of our conditions have been clearly conveyed to the other party through mediators," said Iranian parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, who has acted as chief negotiator in talks to end the war.

Mohsen Rezaei, the head of Iran's supreme national security council, said on Saturday

that the Islamic republic had conveyed its conditions to the US via mediator Qatar.

"Our conditions are an end to the war on all fronts, the release of our frozen funds and an end to the naval blockade," he said in an interview with Al-Jazeera.

Iranian authorities have said that mediator Pakistan's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi will travel to Tehran on Sunday for talks.

Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya central military command, meanwhile, issued a threat against the United States on Sunday, in a statement carried by state television.

Russia reports mass cyberattacks targeting elections

Moscow, Russia

Russia's electoral chief said Sunday that there had been over 1,000 waves of distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks targeting Russian election infrastructure in recent days.

Ella Pamfilova, chair of Russia's Central Election Commission, did not say who was responsible. The attacks appeared to have been carried out by "highly professional, well-coordinated groups using artificial intelligence tools," she said.

DDoS attacks involve overwhelming a system with internet traffic so that it is unable to function normally. "Over the past period, more than 1,000 waves of DDoS attacks have been recorded against infrastructure in Russia that is specifically involved in the electoral process," Pamfilova was quoted as saying by Russian news agencies.

Voting is currently under way in Russia to determine all 450 seats in the lower house State Duma.



A man votes at home during Russia's parliamentary election in Saint Petersburg

The ruling United Russia party, which backs President Vladimir Putin and has won every parliamentary election in Russia since 2003, is widely expected to secure another victory. All other parties cleared to run back Putin and the Ukraine offensive, while Russia's Supreme Court struck the anti-war Yabloko party off the ballot weeks before the vote.

Trump says his planned arch to double as military base

The proposed giant structure is along the Potomac River

● Trump administration has not sought congressional input

AFP | Washington, United States

A massive arch that Donald Trump wants to build on a historic location in Washington will double as a base for drones and snipers, the US president announced yesterday.

"I have agreed to convert the magnificent Triumphal Arch... into a top grade Military Complex/Triumphal Arch," Trump said in a post on Truth Social, "to house, store, and have the rapid ability to use large numbers of drones, plus Snipers, on both the roof and plaza areas, and additionally have and hold large quantities of sniper ammunition in storage."

"There will be no facility like this anywhere in the World. Out of the 59 top cities and Capitals, Washington, D.C., IS THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD THAT DOES NOT HAVE A TRIUMPHAL ARCH,



but it will now and, by far, the greatest of them all!" the US leader added.

The proposed giant structure is along the Potomac River near the Arlington National Cemetery.

The Trump administration has not sought congressional input for such a major change to the

US capital.

Given its massive size, it would obscure the sight lines between the Lincoln Memorial, one of Washington's iconic landmarks, and Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place for hundreds of thousands of American servicemembers.

Since returning to power

in January 2025, Trump has launched a series of renovation projects, several of which have led to legal disputes.

They include a massive and costly ballroom that is being built at the White House, for which Trump had an entire wing of the presidential mansion demolished.

US warns of rapid escalation in Mideast war

● Fox News reported that Trump is in "deciding mode" on Iran

● The network's reporter Trey Yingst said Trump told him that "big things will be happening in the not so distant future" and that "Iranians better behave, and he is making this decision as to whether or not to blow up their nation."

AFP | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

The United States warned that fighting between Saudi Arabia and Iran-backed Houthis could "escalate rapidly".

US President Donald Trump cut short a weekend at Camp David, a secluded presidential complex in rural Maryland, to return unexpectedly to the White House.

"This military conflict has the potential to escalate rapidly," the US State Department warned, adding American citizens outside the Middle East

Trump says Houthis agree not to fight US

Washington, United States

President Donald Trump said yesterday that Yemen's Houthis have agreed not to attack the United States, Fox News reported.

The network's reporter

Trey Yingst, who often talks to Trump, said, citing the president, the United States is "in constant communication with the Houthis and that they've agreed not to fight the United States."

CIA chief meets Egypt's Sisi in Cairo

AFP | Cairo, Egypt

US Central Intelligence Agency Director John Ratcliffe met Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi Sunday in a rare visit to Cairo, as the United States warned of rapid escalation in the Middle East war.

Sisi's office said the meeting, attended by Egypt's

spy chief Hassan Rashad, discussed the wars in Iran, the Gaza Strip and Sudan, as well as attacks on Gulf countries and threats to maritime security.

Sisi stressed "the paramount importance of settling regional crises through political and diplomatic tracks," according to a presidency statement.

"The Houthis called us and they don't want to fight with us," Trump said during a visit to Ireland on September 12. "They don't want us to go after them."

should "seriously reconsider travel to

and through the region".

In recent weeks, the Houthis' lightning offensive seizing

swathes of Yemeni territory has left hundreds dead and, according to the UN refugee agency, displaced more than 110,000 people.

According to US news platform Axios, Washington has approved a longer term \$24.3 billion sale of 48 F-35 fighter jets to Saudi Arabia.

Condemning the Houthis' latest attacks, Turkey's Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan told the broadcaster NTV that his country had had discussions with Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, partners in a mutual defence pact, about possible assistance.

"In this regard, military needs, especially in state technical matters, may happen. There would be no problem in meeting this demand either," he said.



Did you know the current US-Iran war is not the first time the two countries have fought directly? In April 1988, the US Navy launched Operation Praying Mantis against Iranian targets in the Persian Gulf after an Iranian mine seriously damaged the USS Samuel B. Roberts. In a single day, US forces sank two Iranian ships, damaged another and destroyed two surveillance platforms.