

News in brief

◆ **A plane carrying** hundreds of hajj pilgrims back to Indonesia from the Middle East was diverted Saturday after a bomb threat, the transport ministry and police said, the second such incident in a week. Saudia Airlines flight SV5688 had flown from the Saudi city of Jeddah to the Omani capital Muscat before travelling on to Indonesia where it was due to land in Surabaya, a city on the main island Java. But air traffic control officers in the Indonesian capital Jakarta received a call about a bomb threat for the flight, prompting its diversion to Kualanamu International Airport in Medan city Saturday morning, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation said. Regional airport authority head Asri Santosa said in a statement officers were checking the plane after its arrival but the airport on Sumatra island remained operational.



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President Donald Trump said Friday the United States should not be required to meet a NATO target of spending five percent of the country's gross domestic product on defense. "I don't think we should, but I think they should," he said

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of fellow members of the alliance. "We've been supporting NATO so long, in many cases, I believe, paying almost 100 percent the cost. So I don't think we should, but I think that the NATO countries should, absolutely."

**India will
'never' restore
Pakistan water
treaty: minister**

New Delhi will "never" reinstate a key water treaty it suspended with Pakistan over deadly violence in India-administered Kashmir, the interior minister said in an interview published Saturday. "It will never be restored," interior minister Amit Shah told the Times of India. "We will take the water that was flowing to Pakistan to Rajasthan (state) by constructing a canal. Pakistan will be starved of water that it has been getting unjustifiably," he added.

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Are you practicing effective "cyber hygiene"?



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Every time you do something as innocent as logging into your Instagram or Facebook account, did you know you are inviting a criminal home? The worrying news is that billions of login credentials have been leaked and compiled into datasets online using malicious software, giving criminals "unprecedented access" to accounts that consumers use each day. Cybersecurity outlet Cybernews says that a total of 16 billion user passwords for a range of popular platforms including Google, Facebook and Apple have fallen into the wrong hands. Of course this number includes duplicates and users with multiple accounts. But think about it – 16 billion is roughly double the amount of people on Earth!

Against this alarming headline, experts continue to stress the importance of maintaining proper 'cyber hygiene'. Just like we followed anti-virus protocol during the pandemic years by washing hands, wearing face-masks and avoiding crowds, we need to follow some simple steps to shield ourselves from cyber-criminals. The first thing is to change your password at least every month. Avoid using the same or similar login credentials on multiple sites. And don't share your password even with your best friend. If your excuse for not doing so is forgetfulness, consider using a passkey or password manager. And as a second protective layer, add multifactor authentication through your phone, email or USB authenticator key.

Be cautious about clicking on links or downloading attachments from unknown or suspicious sources, as they may be phishing attempts. Keep your software and operating systems up to date to patch security vulnerabilities. Finally, when checking into the internet from your friendly local coffee shop or busy airport – which is a public Wi-Fi network, use a VPN to encrypt your internet traffic and protect your data from potential eavesdropping. Update your software regularly and back-up your files and folders onto a handy external drive regularly.

In today's world, we cannot avoid online business – shopping, bank work and communication. Call me old-fashioned if you will, but the best protection is to always use your common sense. If a deal being offered sounds too good to be true – it probably is! No business, whether bank or government, will ask for bank details and personal data like CPR number over the phone. If you have not entered a lucky draw, don't expect to win the bumper prize over the phone!

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War enters day **10**

Israel killed three Iranian commanders; struck Isfahan nuclear site for a 2nd time

● **Yemen's Huthis threaten to attack US ships in Red Sea if it strikes Iran**

● **Tens of thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters march in London**

● **IAEA says centrifuge workshop at Iran's Isfahan nuclear site hit**

● **Several 'powerful' blasts heard in southwest Iran: media**

● **Hezbollah official says ex-bodyguard of slain leader killed in Israeli strike in Iran**

● **Israel says Iranian plot to attack citizens in Cyprus foiled**

● **US stealth bombers head over Pacific as Trump mulls Iran strikes**



Israeli soldiers and first responders check the damage caused to a building from an Iranian strike in Beit She'an

Iran says more than **400** killed

Israeli strikes on Iran have killed more than 400 people since they began last week, the Islamic republic's health ministry said in an updated toll.

"As of this morning, Israeli at-

tacks have claimed the lives of over 400 defenceless Iranians and left 3,056 others wounded by missiles and drones," health ministry spokesman Hossein Kermanpour said in a post on X Saturday.

A US-based NGO, the Human Rights Activists News Agency, said on Friday that based on its sources and media reports, at least 657 people have been killed in Iran, including 263 civilians.

Strikes in southwest Iran, northern Israel

Several "powerful explosions" were heard in the afternoon in southwestern Iran's Ahvaz, the daily Shargh reported, as Israel's military said it was conducting strikes on "military infrastructure" in the area.

Ahvaz is the capital of Khuz-

estan province, which lies on the Iraqi border and is Iran's main oil-producing region.

"Fighter jets are currently striking military infrastructure in southwestern Iran," the Israeli military said in a statement.

Earlier, Israeli rescue services

said an Iranian "drone strike hit a two-storey residential building in northern Israel" following a wave of attacks reported by the military.

At least 19 people were injured in Haifa the day before following a strike on a building by the city's docks.

Military says killed 3 Iranian commanders

Israel's military said it had killed a top Iranian official in charge of military coordination with the Palestinian militant group Hamas, as well as two other Iranian commanders overnight.

Israeli "fighter jets struck and eliminated in the area of Qom the

commander of the Palestine Corps of the Quds Force, and the key coordinator between the Iranian regime and the Hamas terrorist organisation, Saeed Izadi", the military said in a statement.

The Quds Force is the foreign operations arm of Iran's power-

ful Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

A military official also told reporters during a briefing Saturday that Israel had killed two other Iranian commanders overnight, Behnam Shahriyari and Aminpour Judaki.

Israel strikes **Isfahan nuclear site**

Israel targeted "two centrifuge production sites" at Iran's Isfahan nuclear facility overnight in a second wave of strikes on the location since the start of the war, a military official said.

"Isfahan we targeted in the first 24 hours of our operation, but we carried out a second wave of strikes there overnight, deepening our achievements and advancing the damage to the facility," the military official told reporters during a briefing on condition of anonymity.

The repeated raids by the Israeli air force have "dealt a severe blow



to Iran's centrifuge production capabilities", the official added.