



HM King sends condolences to Kazakhstan

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has sent a cable of condolences to Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev following a drowning incident involving several military personnel during exercises in the Caspian Sea.

The incident resulted in deaths and injuries.

His Majesty expressed his sincere condolences to President Tokayev and the families of those who died, while wishing the injured a speedy recovery.

Russia not preparing for 'any kind' of conflict with Europe: Putin

Saint Petersburg, Russia

Russia is not preparing for "any kind" of conflict with Europe, President Vladimir Putin said yesterday, following warnings from some European NATO members of potential Russian attacks. "Many in Europe talk about expecting an attack from Russia and therefore believe they must themselves prepare for hostilities, for a war with Russia. I want to emphasise once again: we are not preparing for any kind of hostilities with Europe," Putin told reporters.

Yemen leader calls for general mobilisation

AFP | Aden, Yemen

The head of Yemen's governing body yesterday called for a general mobilisation to counter the Iran-backed Houthis, as the group ramps up attacks on government forces.

"I call upon the sons of our great people to engage in general mobilisation and national mobilisation, to rally around their armed and security forces," said Rashad al-Alimi, who heads the Presidential Leadership Council.



Xi departs US after state visit

China's President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan wave as they board an Air China plane upon departure from Joint Base Andrews in Maryland as the Chinese leader's state visit wrapped up. Trump confirmed that he had discussed the Iran war with Xi. (More on pages 6-7)

Trump says he discussed Iran war with Xi Jinping

Washington, United States

US President Donald Trump said yesterday he had discussed the Iran war with visiting Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, following allegations that Beijing has been supporting Tehran.

"We did, we did," Trump said when asked if they had talked about Iran, as he showed Xi around the National Archives in Washington on the last day of the Chinese leader's state visit.

Asked if he thought there would be progress on reopening the Strait of Hormuz, Trump replied: "I think we're going to do great."

Trump also confirmed he will meet twice more this year with Xi Jinping, saying they would have their third and fourth meetings of 2026 in China and the United States.

"We will be meeting again in November, in China, and then at the G20 in December, in Miami, Florida," Trump said on Truth Social as Xi wrapped up a state visit to Washington.

Trump said this week's meeting "was one of Friendship, Strength, and Success, for both China and the U.S.A.," adding: "I look forward to our next meeting!"

Houthi escalation draws strong UN rebuke

UN Security Council condemns Houthi attacks on Saudi Arabia

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Escalating Houthi attacks came under strong condemnation from the UN Security Council yesterday, which demanded an immediate halt to the military escalation and attacks impacting civilians and civilian infrastructure.

Council members condemned, in the strongest terms, continued Houthi attacks against Saudi Arabia, including attacks impacting civilian and energy infrastructure that have injured civilians, including women and children, said the Council's rotating president, French UN envoy Jerome Bonafont, delivering a joint statement.

The UN humanitarian office warned that the ground campaign being waged by Houthi

Turkey, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia hold talks after attacks

AFP | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan held talks between their military chiefs of staff to support the kingdom, Ankara said yesterday.

Turkey's defence ministry earlier said its chief of general staff was travelling to Saudi Arabia on Friday to attend the meeting, with Saudi state media also announcing planned military talks but without providing further details.

rebels is also threatening to deepen Yemen's humanitarian crisis, with 125,000 people dis-

placed across the country since the start of September.

The Security Council also stressed the importance of acting in accordance with international law, particularly the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, and upholding navigation rights and freedoms.

UN refugee chief Barham Salih warned that the latest escalation was "very disconcerting", saying civilians continued to bear the brunt of the conflict.

"Tens of thousands of people have already been displaced by the recent escalation and hostilities," Salih said, adding that thousands were fleeing the conflict and seeking safety in Djibouti and elsewhere.

"More crossings are reported to be underway," he said. The Security Council called for full, safe, rapid and unhindered humanitarian access to all civilians in need.

Iranian Aggression

Bahrain calls for stronger Islamic solidarity

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Bahrain has called for stronger solidarity and joint action among Islamic countries as regional security and humanitarian challenges continue.

The call came at the annual OIC foreign ministers' coordination meeting in New York, held on the sidelines of the 81st UN General Assembly.

Ambassador Shaikh Abdullah bin Ali Al Khalifa, Director General of Bilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, represented Bahrain.

He stressed the need for greater Islamic solidarity based on respect for sovereignty, non-interference and resolving



disputes through dialogue and peaceful means.

Shaikh Abdullah reiterated Bahrain's condemnation of what it described as repeated Iranian

attacks and called for full implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2817 and protection of freedom of navigation through the Strait of Hormuz

and international waterways.

He reaffirmed Bahrain's right to self-defence under Article 51 of the UN Charter, while stressing restraint and diplomatic efforts to reduce escalation.

On Palestine, he reaffirmed Bahrain's support for an independent Palestinian state on the June 4, 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, and called for consolidating the ceasefire, ensuring humanitarian aid and supporting reconstruction.

The meeting also discussed political and humanitarian developments across the Islamic world, with emphasis on peaceful solutions and stronger humanitarian responses.

UN rights chief 'deeply alarmed' by escalating fighting in Ethiopia



AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The United Nations rights chief warned yesterday of the threat the escalating fighting in Ethiopia poses to civilians, adding that "deeply troubling" internet and telecommunications interruptions were increasing the risks.

"I am deeply alarmed by the recent escalation in hostilities between Ethiopian Government forces and the Tigray People's Liberation Front and its allies, and the harmful impacts it is already having on civilians," Volker Turk said in a statement, calling on all parties to "urgently de-escalate tensions and avoid a return to full-scale war".