

Lula beats Bolsonaro; Israel expels 3,100+ Palestinians in Hebron; Student-led movement defeats Vučić in Serbia

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Palestine

- **Seven Palestinians killed in Israeli attacks on Monday:** Israeli attacks on Khan Younis in southern Gaza killed at least four Palestinians, including a seven-year-old girl, and wounded more than ten, while one Palestinian was killed and several others wounded Monday in a drone [strike](#) in the Rimal neighborhood of western Gaza City, according to WAFA. A separate Israeli drone strike in Deir el-Balah, central Gaza, killed two Palestinians and wounded two.
- Over the past 24 hours, eight Palestinians were killed in Israeli attacks and 35 injured across Gaza, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health. Three bodies were recovered from beneath the rubble.
- The total recorded death toll since October 7, 2023, is now 74,555 killed, with 175,727 injured. Since October 11, 2025, the first full day of the so-called ceasefire, Israel has killed at least 1,559 Palestinians in Gaza and wounded 5,608, while 845 bodies have been recovered.
- **800 Palestinians forced to flee from Shujaiya after Israel set fire to camp:** Over 800 Palestinians have been forced to displace yet again from Shujaiya, an eastern neighborhood in Gaza City, after Israeli forces set fire to a displacement camp, according to Al Jazeera.
- Israeli quadcopter drones set the camp ablaze at around 8 p.m. local time on Sunday destroying tents housing men, women, children, and the elderly.
- **Israeli operation in Hebron forcibly displaces over 3,100 Palestinians as attacks continue across the occupied West Bank:**
 - **Hebron:** Israeli forces [continued](#) their military operation in Hebron for a fourth consecutive day Monday, conducting raids, demolitions, and mass displacement in the city, WAFA reported. Israeli forces have forced 3,171 Palestinians—488 families—to

displace, local officials said. More than 70 Palestinians were detained and over 500 homes searched, while Israeli forces have closed 128 gates and established 120 military checkpoints across the governorate.

- In Al-Samu, settlers [beat](#) a 58-year-old Palestinian woman outside her home, leaving her hospitalized with chest injuries. In Al-Dhahiriya, Israeli forces detained two brothers after settlers attacked them while they were grazing sheep.
- **Jenin:** Israeli forces began [bulldozing](#) Palestinian land for an approximately 11.5-kilometer settlement road linking settlements near Arraba to others south of Jenin. Israeli forces also began demolishing agricultural and commercial structures near Haddad Tourist Village, including greenhouses, agricultural rooms, a car showroom, and a recreational park.
- **Palestinian “doctor of the poor,” released after four months in Israeli detention:** Israeli authorities [released](#) Dr. Mazen Al-Rantisi, 71, from Ganot prison after more than four months in detention, with visible signs of physical assault, according to the Palestinian Prisoner’s Society. Al-Rantisi, widely known in the occupied West Bank as the “doctor of the poor,” was arrested during a predawn raid on his Ramallah home on June 21, without his family being informed of the reason.
 - Israeli media reports suggested his detention was linked to his role as chair of the Union of Health Work Committees, a Palestinian healthcare organization Israel designated an “unlawful association” in 2020.
- **Israel kills at least 14 Palestinians in Gaza over the weekend:** Six Palestinians, including two women and a girl, were [killed](#) by Israeli forces in Gaza on Saturday, according to Shehab News, while eight Palestinians were killed on Sunday.
 - Israel carried out two airstrikes on the the Islamic University in Gaza City, killing three security guards. Several students were also wounded, some seriously.
 - “Today, we were studying in class, minding our business, while the professor was explaining. Suddenly, an airstrike hit directly beneath us, a massive explosion,” Mohammed Qandil, an engineering student, told Drop Site’s Abdel Qader Sabbah.
 - “We came here to learn and get an education. We came to rebuild our country, the country they destroyed and devastated. Why are they attacking us here too?” Qandil asked.
 - “It’s a deceptive ceasefire. The war has not stopped. Israeli brutality has not stopped,” Umm Rami Deeb said. **Watch the dispatch from Sabbah [here](#) and [here](#).**

- In central Gaza, Israeli gunfire [killed](#) an eight-year-old girl, the sole survivor of her family following their killing in an Israeli strike in December 2023.
- **Netanyahu in tight race against Eisenkot in Israeli elections tomorrow:** Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, of the Likud party, faces a tight race as Israelis head to the polls on Tuesday for legislative elections. Netanyahu's chief rival in the campaign is former Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Gadi Eisenkot, who heads a new party called Yashar. Eisenkot served in Netanyahu's war cabinet in the opening months of the genocide in Gaza.
 - While serving as chief of the Israeli military's northern command, Eisenkot devised the so-called Dahiya doctrine, a military strategy of intentionally causing massive destruction to civilian life and infrastructure. It is named for the Dahiya neighborhood of southern Beirut, which the Israeli military routinely bombarded during its 2006 war in Lebanon. "What happened in the Dahiya quarter of Beirut in 2006 will happen in every village from which Israel is fired on," he [said](#) in 2008. "We will apply disproportionate force on it and cause great damage and destruction there. From our standpoint, these are not civilian villages, they are military bases."
- **Israeli army chief challenges Netanyahu order over Iran confrontation:** Israel's top general [balked](#) at an order from Prime Minister Netanyahu that he feared could set off a sudden confrontation with Iran two days before Tuesday's election, Israel's Channel 12 reported. The directive is unspecified.
 - According to sources who spoke to the channel, military officials fear Netanyahu is trying to exploit the Iran issue to generate political momentum.
 - Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz dismissed the report as "completely baseless."

Iran

- **In unexpected diplomatic move, Saudi, Pakistani, and Turkish officials travel to Iran for talks:** Senior officials from Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Turkey arrived in Tehran on Monday for [meetings](#) with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and Supreme National Security Council Secretary Mohsen Rezaei to discuss regional security, including Israeli actions in Palestine and Lebanon and the consequences of U.S. military attacks on Iran. It marks the first talks between Iran and the three countries since they signed the Mecca defense pact in August.

- Saudi diplomat Rayed Krimly [said](#) the visit is in support of mediation efforts by Qatar and Pakistan and underscores the alliance's role in "reinforcing regional security and stability."
- Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei said the meeting could pave the way for a regional security framework independent of outside powers, adding that "regional security can only be ensured by relying on the will and security considerations of the countries in the region themselves."
- Separately, Baghaei dismissed the significance of upcoming Israeli elections, calling them "a competition among different factions" to commit more crimes, aggression and killings. "It makes no difference to us who ultimately takes the helm of the Israeli regime," he said, adding that Israel brought "nothing to the region but violence and killings."
- **Iraq keeps borders closed to pressure Iran, orders arrest of Iraqi official opposing the closure:** An Iraqi court [issued](#) an arrest warrant Monday for Mustafa Al-Mohammadawi, head of the Maysan Provincial Council, over his threats to launch civil disobedience and block roads unless the government reopened the Al-Sheeb border crossing with Iran.
 - Iraq indefinitely closed the Al-Sheeb crossing last Wednesday, citing security concerns and the need to install equipment to prevent smuggling. Pakistan also suspended trade through its Gabd-Rimdan and Taftan border crossings with Iran last week.
 - The closures appear to signal growing U.S. pressure on Iran's overland trade routes, following Washington's naval blockade of the country, though neither government has publicly linked its decision to U.S. demands.
- **Oil spill off UAE coast widens, satellite images show:** An oil spill from a damaged tanker off the coast of the United Arab Emirates is growing, according to Reuters citing satellite imagery, with dark layers of oil spreading at sea and along the coastline of the northern Umm Al Quwain emirate.
 - The UAE's Ministry of Climate Change and Environment has announced that all beaches and coastal areas around the city of Umm Al Quwain have been temporarily closed, while access to Al Hamriyah Beach in neighboring Sharjah has also been shut down as a precaution.
 - Authorities have not named the tanker involved in the incident or said what caused the spill. But experts told Reuters that the spill was coming from a tanker called the

Gem No.2, which was reportedly hit by an unidentified projectile last month, causing a fire that was later extinguished.

Yemen

- **Saudi-led coalition carries out strikes in Yemen as Ansarallah claims attacks on airport, military bases, and oil infrastructure:** The Saudi-led coalition has **carried out** a series of attacks targeting Ansarallah-controlled areas of Yemen, the coalition spokesperson said on Monday. The coalition claimed to have destroyed five tunnels used to store ballistic missiles, four missile launchers, and a missile storage facility. It also claimed its strikes destroyed two missile launchers in Sana'a, including one allegedly used in the attack on the Saudi capital. Sana'a-based media outlets said airstrikes hit a solar power system and a water well in the capital on Monday.

- Ansarallah targeted Riyadh's airport Monday with a ballistic missile, the group's spokesperson **said**—which Saudi forces said they intercepted. Ansarallah also claimed drone attacks on Saudi Arabia's East-West crude oil pumping stations.

- On Sunday, Ansarallah said it **launched** dozens of ballistic missiles in three operations on Sunday targeting King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh, King Khalid Air Base in Khamis Mushait, and a Saudi border guard naval base in Jizan. The group also **targeted** Saudi-backed military positions and weapons depots in Aden and Lahj in Yemen with ballistic missiles, and claimed to have shot down a Saudi Wing Loong II reconnaissance and attack drone over Taiz.

- **Egyptian parliament authorizes Sisi to send military reinforcements to Saudi Arabia if requested:** Egypt's parliament **approved** a request from President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi to authorize the deployment of defensive military reinforcements to Saudi Arabia if requested by the kingdom, Al Arabiya reported.

- **Over half of Taiz's hospitals and medical centers shut down amid Ansarallah siege:** Nearly 52% of hospitals and medical centers in Yemen's Taiz have been forced out of service amid the Ansarallah siege and ongoing attacks, according to the Yemeni Women's Empowerment Foundation.

- Six kidney dialysis patients have died, while 1,280 others face treatment interruptions. Twenty maternity clinics have closed, and shortages threaten 192 intensive care patients and 154 newborns in incubators.

- More than 250 civilians have been killed or wounded in recent shelling, sniper fire, and attacks on ambulances, according to Yemen's Saudi-backed government.

- Young people in Taiz **told** Sky News they have received little military support from anti-Ansarallah factions as the group's forces besiege the city. "They tell us to come with our own Kalashnikovs and give us 20 bullets in a plastic bag. And tell us to go to the front: go, kill, go!" a young resident told the outlet.
- **Saudi-coalition strikes kill 21, wound 30 in Yemen:** Saudi airstrikes **killed** 21 people and wounded 30 across five Yemeni areas—Sana'a, Hamdan, Taiz, Hodeidah, and Saada—in 24 hours, according to figures from Yemen's Ansarallah-led government reported Saturday. The vast majority of the dead are women and children, with at least nine children killed and seven wounded.

U.S. News

- **Obama, Trump attend dueling rallies in Michigan; Trump spouts Islamophobia to stir his base:** At a Port Huron rally in support of Republican Senate nominee **Mike Rogers** nine days before the midterms, President Donald Trump baselessly **called** the Democratic Senate nominee **Abdul El-Sayed** a Muslim Brotherhood member and warned that if "Abdul and the Democrats win, they will open the floodgates and invite hordes of jihadis to our shores." He also said that anyone with El-Sayed's background "would be screened and unable to get a seat on an airplane." El-Sayed has repeatedly disavowed the Brotherhood, saying, "My name and my faith are not the reason you can't afford your gas."
- Former President **Barack Obama** **told** a crowd in Detroit on Saturday that El-Sayed is "fighting for change, real change, change that will bring an end to this war." He added, "What is radical about that?"
- The Black vote has become a focus in the Senate campaigns: El-Sayed underperformed in Detroit, which is 75% Black, in the primary against Rep. **Haley Stevens**. A YouGov poll estimates that he will win 84% of Black voters and Mike Rogers will win 11%, while a late-September Fox News poll put Rogers's Black support at 22%.
- On NBC's Meet the Press, Rogers was confronted about his support for the Muslim Brotherhood in 2012, when he said he was open to working with its "moderate members." He declined to directly answer the question.
- **U.S. military gives SpaceX access to precise space-tracking data, raising conflict-of-interest questions:** The Space Force **signed** a contract granting SpaceX "enhanced" access to Space Command's High Accuracy Catalog, a first for a commercial company. The government gets access to Starlink's Stargaze sensors in return for the access. The

Department of Government Efficiency, under **Elon Musk**, attempted to gut the federal government's nascent Traffic Coordination System for Space and to privatize the capacity to monitor space traffic.

- **NYC set to sign no-bid deal with Israeli tracking company:** New York City Mayor **Zohran Mamdani**'s police department is **poised** to sign a three-year, \$750,500, no-bid contract with Israeli surveillance firm Cognyte for FalcoNet, an AI-driven device that mimics a cell tower to track phones and can be mounted on police cars and drones or hidden in a backpack, the New York Daily News reported. Though the software would ostensibly require a warrant for cell-phone interceptions, civil liberties advocates have warned about the potential for the technology to be used against people who are not targets.

- **Trump says U.S. will “take care of Cuba”; Rubio urges Cubans to partner with CIA:** President Trump told a Florida rally on Friday that the U.S. will deal with Cuba “on our way back from Iran” and then send Secretary of State **Marco Rubio** in “to finish up the deal.”

- Rubio urged those “who seek to create positive change” on the island to “seize this opportunity” through “a discrete [sic] partnership with the CIA,” he **said** on X.

- **White House considers mass pardons for junior staff, sources say:** White House attorneys are **evaluating** blanket pardons for junior staffers, possibly covering all employees in areas like deportations, war, and trade, The Washington Sun reported. The Heritage Foundation and American Moment have pressed White House counsel to prepare pardons or fund expected legal fees, and conservative activist **Mike Davis** urged “very broad preemptive pardons” after Sen. **Elissa Slotkin** said congressional probes should make young Republicans think twice about joining the administration.

- **Blanche defends DOJ suit to block automatic certification of Alaska's Senate result if Republican candidate loses:** On CNN on Sunday, Attorney General **Todd Blanche** **said** “we’re not laying any groundwork for the president” to overturn the outcome of Alaska's Senate election. He said that the Justice Department only seeks to “certify” that the law is not violated. The suit, filed Thursday and ordered by Trump, claims that two of the names on the ballot—Sen. **Dan Sullivan**, the Republican incumbent, and retired teacher **Daniel J. Sullivan Jr.**—could confuse voters. The DOJ hasn't said how that could be determined, given the secret ballot. In August's primary, Sen. Sullivan won over 68,000 votes to the other Sullivan's 4,107.

- **SNAP enrollment has fallen 13% since the One Big Beautiful Act, straining food banks and meal programs:** Enrollment in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) **dropped** from 41.6 million in July 2025 to 36.5 million in June 2026, after the program's work requirements were expanded and its allowances for people without

dependents contracted under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Arizona's enrollment is down 50%.

- Advocates note that work requirements converged with a tightening job market. The Food Bank Council of Michigan's helpline calls more than tripled, forcing a temporary suspension, and Houston's independent district lost free-meal eligibility at 26 schools because fewer students are on SNAP.
- **U.S. presses Mexico for deeper cooperation against cartels:** The U.S. recently laid out a path for U.S. security personnel to accompany Mexican forces in operations inside Mexico, the New York Times [reported](#). The U.S. also requested closer intelligence-sharing with Mexico. Mexico has repeatedly said that joint operations and U.S. drone strikes within its borders are violations of its sovereignty, and officials said that Mexico remains "adamantly" opposed to U.S. forces operating on its soil. Mexican President **Claudia Sheinbaum** has also refused U.S. requests to arrest Mexican politicians.
- **AIPAC's shell game:** AIPAC is funding elections to the tune of millions of dollars through shell PACs seemingly devoted to issues including women's and reproductive rights, The Lever reported in a new investigation. [Read the full article here.](#)

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Other International News

- **Lula re-elected president of Brazil, defeating far-right Flávio Bolsonaro:** President of Brazil Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva was [re-elected](#) on Sunday in a tight runoff vote against Flávio Bolsonaro, a far-right challenger and the son of former president Jair Bolsonaro. Lula, who won by a margin of over four million votes, thanked Brazilians for their support. Bolsonaro said the election result was "inexplicable" and demanded its annulment.
- **Serbian student-led movement ousts right-wing leader Vučić, wins big in parliament:** The right-wing Serbian leader Aleksandar Vučić was defeated in a Sunday election, ending his decade in power. A student-led movement against political corruption—which Vučić has described as foreign interference—was a decisive factor in his defeat. The Student List, an electoral slate connected to the protests, is expected to win at least 135 seats in the 250-seat parliament, displacing Vučić's party as the majority.
- **The Guardian: U.S. military "weaponizing" El Niño in Somalia:** U.S. drone strikes in southern Somalia are driving civilians toward a floodplain just as a strengthening El Niño is forecast to intensify weather events this month, The Guardian [reported](#). Residents described

rising water levels in the River Juba, bodies in the streets, and flattened homes. A source monitoring the situation said the offensive is “exploiting El Niño as a weapon of war to push the population into flood-prone areas.” The U.S. military has denied wrongdoing.

- **Remains located in Haiti during search for missing Salvadoran soldiers:** Doctors [examined](#) human remains in Haiti to determine whether they were the bodies of the four Salvadoran soldiers who vanished after being ambushed by armed gangs last week, the New York Times reported. Three people familiar with the situation told the Times that the bodies were badly burned and not easily identifiable. El Salvador President Nayib Bukele said that the remains were not those of the missing soldiers. Last week, he sent hundreds of special forces to Haiti to find the men and threatened to “finish the gangs off” if the country’s personnel were not returned alive.

- **North Korea accuses South Korea of fabricating DMZ blast, places howitzers on border:** On Monday, North Korea positioned three mobile howitzer units on the border, according to “a Reuters witness” on the scene, the newswire [reported](#). In a letter sent to the UN Security Council on Sunday, North Korea blamed South Korea for a September landmine explosion in the Demilitarized Zone that wounded three South Korean soldiers. South Korea, which blames the attack on North Korean mines and sent a letter of its own to the UN last week, has proposed military talks to “mutually confirm the precise location” of their shared border.

- **Jordan arrests three suspected of deadly church attack:** Jordanian security forces [arrested](#) three suspects in connection with the attack on a Greek Orthodox church in western region of Karak that killed at least nine people and wounded 40 others during a funeral last week. The attack was carried out by three members of a single family that lives in the area, Maj. Gen. Obeidallah Al-Maaytah, director of the Jordanian Public Security Directorate, said Monday. The suspects were driven by “extremist ideology,” he said, but he added that the suspects did not plan the attack or have ties to “outside parties.”

- **Machado returns to Venezuela after more than 10 months in exile:** The Venezuelan opposition leader María Coria Machado returned to Venezuela after 10 months of exile, she [announced](#) on Sunday. U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said that “U.S.-supported reconciliation talks” made her “safe return” possible. He called on all political actors to respect ongoing talks between the government and the opposition. Machado’s return could destabilize the U.S.-backed political order of interim leader Delcy Rodríguez.

- **RSF attacks power stations, causes outages across southeastern Sudan:** Rapid Support Forces (RSF) strikes on power stations in four southeastern states in Sudan have caused

“severe damage” to them and cut power across the region, the state electricity company [said](#). The outages stretch across about half of the territory held by the RSF.

- **Amnesty: Gunmen kill at least 40 in Nigerian village:** Gunmen [killed](#) at least 40 people in an attack on a village in the northeastern Nigerian state of Taraba, Amnesty International said. Armed gangs known as “bandits” have conducted numerous attacks in northern Nigeria, raiding villages, kidnapping people for ransom, and stealing livestock.

- **Algeria authorizes army deployment to Niger, first foreign troop mission since 1973:** Algerian lawmakers unanimously [approved](#) the deployment of National Army troops to northern Niger, near the Libyan border, on Sunday. It is not clear when the deployment will begin. It will be the first Algerian troop deployment outside of its borders since 1973, when it dispatched units to support Egypt’s war against Israel.