

Ansarallah advances on Bab al-Mandab; Trump offers to pay Americans \$5,000 for midterm votes; U.S. kills 3 in Caribbean boat strike

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Yemen

- **Ansarallah seizes strategic Red Sea port of Mocha, advances toward Bab al-Mandab:**

Ansarallah forces seized the strategic Red Sea port city of Mocha and are advancing south toward the Bab al-Mandab Strait, Reuters reported Thursday. Witnesses separately told AFP they saw Ansarallah forces entering the city, while Saudi-backed troops reportedly withdrew. Yemen's Saudi-backed government has not officially confirmed Mocha's fall.

- Ansarallah forces are also nearing control of other coastal areas along the strait as they push to capture all of Yemen's Red Sea coastline. A military source told AFP that Ansarallah had seized Zuqar Island following rocket attacks and an amphibious assault.

- Bab al-Mandab Strait is a crucial waterway and one of the world's busiest global shipping lanes that links the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean. It was being increasingly used as the U.S. and Iran to exchange attacks in the Strait of Hormuz.

- Fighting in Yemen since last week has killed at least 500 people, mostly combatants, according to AFP. Nearly 20,000 have fled their homes, according to the International Organization for Migration.

- **Saudi launches more than 50 strikes across Yemen on Wednesday:** Saudi warplanes [carried out](#) 54 airstrikes across six Yemeni governorates within 12 hours on Wednesday, according to Ansarallah military spokesperson Yahya Saree.

- **North:** Saada, Ansarallah's main stronghold, and Al-Jawf, both bordering Saudi Arabia.

- **Center and east:** Marib, an oil and gas region east of Sana'a, and Al-Bayda, a strategic crossroads in central Yemen.

- **West and southwest:** Hodeidah, Yemen's main Red Sea port region, and Taiz, a major front between Sana'a and the Gulf of Aden.

- Saree warned the attacks “will not go unpunished.” Saudi Arabia has not confirmed the strikes.
- **Ansarallah targets three Saudi cities with ballistic missiles and drones:** Saudi-led coalition spokesperson Turki Al-Maliki [said](#) Ansarallah forces launched ballistic missiles and drones toward the Saudi cities of Khamis Mushait, Abha, and Jazan on Wednesday, accusing the group of targeting civilians and infrastructure, the Saudi Press Agency reported.
- Saudi Civil Defense separately [issued](#) an alert Thursday in Khamis Mushait warning of a potential threat, the fourth such warning within 24 hours, before later announcing that the threat had passed.
- **Pakistan says no military response to Ansarallah attacks on Saudi Arabia under discussion:** Pakistan [said](#) Thursday that it is not currently discussing a military response under the Mecca joint defense agreement following Ansarallah attacks on Saudi Arabia, Reuters reported.
- “There is no such thing under discussion right now,” Foreign Ministry spokesperson Sajjad Haider Khan said. “When time comes, [we] will act under the agreement.”
- The agreement, signed last month by Pakistan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia, stipulates that an armed attack on any one of the three countries will be considered an attack on all. Khan also said there were no plans to expand the alliance.

Iran

- **Seafarer killed, another missing in attack on tanker:** One seafarer was [killed](#) and another is missing after an incident Wednesday aboard the Gibraltar-flagged oil-products tanker Hercules Star while it was anchored off Dubai, the vessel’s charterer told Reuters.
- Maritime security sources said the tanker may have been struck by a drone, but the weapon has not been confirmed. UKMTO separately reported a ship in the area listing and possibly taking on water after being hit by an unknown projectile. ([link](#))
- **Iran’s IRGC claims attack on U.S. aircraft carrier:** Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps [said](#) it targeted a U.S. aircraft carrier roughly 500 kilometers (~310 miles) away on Wednesday, according to Mehr News.
- The U.S. has not confirmed that a carrier was hit and previously said Iranian missile attacks caused no damage or casualties.

- **Report: Iranian strike damages multiple U.S. warplanes at Jordan airbase:** Multiple U.S. military aircraft were **damaged** in an Iranian strike on Muwaffaq Salti Air Base in Al Azraq, Jordan, early Wednesday, CBS News reported.

- Around eight F-15 fighter jets sustained light damage and were returned to service, while an A-10 Thunderbolt was hit and lost a wing. U.S. forces reportedly fired more than 30 Patriot missiles to intercept incoming Iranian projectiles.

- The strike was part of Iranian retaliation after the U.S. attacked five Iranian oil tankers on Tuesday.

- **Trump warns Iran “not to get cute,” threatens “very hard” strike on suspected nuclear site:** President Donald Trump threatened further attacks on Iran over alleged renewed activity at Pickaxe Mountain, a suspected nuclear site near the heavily damaged Natanz uranium enrichment facility.

- “We notice there’s a little activity at Pickaxe. I would advise Iran not to get cute because we will have to hit them very hard,” Trump said Wednesday.

- Trump also predicted the U.S.-Iran war would continue until after November’s midterm elections, claiming, “the war will end immediately after the election because they can’t hold out any longer.”

- He argued that short-term economic pain for Americans was worth preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons. No intelligence assessment has concluded that Iran was close to developing a nuclear weapon.

- **Iran, China, and Russia reject IAEA resolution:** Iran, China, and Russia **jointly rejected** a draft resolution introduced by the U.S., Britain, France, and Germany at the IAEA Board of Governors, the U.N. nuclear watchdog’s policymaking body, calling for Iran’s nuclear file to be referred to the U.N. Security Council.

- The three governments said the draft “fails even to make explicit reference to the attacks,” which they described as “the root cause and principal factor underlying the current situation.” They said continuing U.S. attacks have made normal IAEA inspections and safeguards work in Iran effectively impossible.

- The statement noted that Iran nevertheless agreed to provide the agency access to the Bushehr nuclear power plant in mid-September, but said further cooperation requires guarantees that attacks on Iranian nuclear facilities will not recur.

- China, Iran, and Russia also called the IAEA's June 2025 finding of Iranian noncompliance "politically motivated and far-fetched," arguing that it paved the way for attacks on safeguarded nuclear facilities.
- Iran's representative to international organizations in Vienna, Reza Najafi, said the IAEA had never verified any diversion of Iranian nuclear material and accused the resolution's sponsors of "rewarding the aggressor and punishing the victim."
- **WSJ: Trump advisers privately warn Iran war could last beyond his presidency:** Top White House advisers privately [warned](#) Trump that the war with Iran could continue beyond his term in January 2029, despite his public predictions of a swift victory, the Wall Street Journal reported, citing U.S. officials.
 - Vice President JD Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, and others have discussed the possibility that Tehran could withstand the U.S. naval blockade and other military pressure for years. Trump, however, said Wednesday that the war would end "immediately" after November's midterm elections because Iran "can't hold out any longer."
 - Vance publicly declined last week to provide an "artificial timeline," saying, "It would be irresponsible for us to write out our strategy and our timeline."
 - The Pentagon is meanwhile preparing for a prolonged U.S. presence, with some deployments extended into 2027 and air-defense units potentially remaining without a firm end date.

Palestine

- **Killed and wounded in Gaza:** Over the past 24 hours, one Palestinian was killed and 30 injured in attacks across Gaza, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health.
 - The total recorded death toll since October 7, 2023 has risen to 73,670 killed, with 174,682 injured. Since October 11, the first full day of the so-called ceasefire, Israel has killed at least 1,359 Palestinians in Gaza and wounded 4,571, while 831 bodies have been recovered from under the rubble.
- **Four Palestinians, including two children, killed in Israeli strike on Beit Lahia home:** Four Palestinians from the same family were killed, including two children aged 8 and 12, and several others wounded on Thursday when Israeli forces [struck](#) a home in the Beit Lahia area of northern Gaza, Wafa reported. The four bodies were taken to al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, while others were reported missing under the rubble.

- Earlier, several Palestinians were wounded after Israeli military vehicles and a drone opened fire toward displacement tents in Jabalia refugee camp.

- **Israeli strikes hit homes across northern, central and southern Gaza on Wednesday:**

An Israeli strike hit a house belonging to the Al-Masri family in Al-Shati refugee camp, west of Gaza City, after the family was ordered to evacuate.

- “They called and ordered us to evacuate. But we’re not resistance fighters or anything. We’re civilians. We have children,” Mahmoud Al-Masri, 37, told Drop Site’s Mohamed Ahmed.

- Ibrahim Al-Shaarawi, 45, whose home was also destroyed, said around 10 families had been living there. “Who told you that the war had stopped? ... Every day there’s bombing. Every day there are strikes,” Al-Shaarawi said.

- In central Gaza, a house in Nuseirat refugee camp was struck after an Israeli displacement order, wounding several Palestinians. An order was also issued for another house in western Khan Younis, south of Gaza, before it was struck.

- **Watch the dispatch from Mohamed Ahmed [here](#).**

- **Israeli forces carry out raids, arrests and demolitions across occupied West Bank:**

Israeli forces carried out raids across the occupied West Bank on Thursday, as Palestinian prisoners’ groups [said](#) more than 100 Palestinians, including children, women, former prisoners and journalists, had been detained across the territory over the past week.

- **Tulkarm:** Israeli forces [raided](#) Eco Park, north of Tulkarm, and seized several wild animals from the park on Thursday, WAFA reported. They also detained a park employee.

- **Bethlehem:** Israeli forces [demolished](#) a 170-square-meter home in Battir, west of Bethlehem. Elsewhere in the governorate, Israeli forces detained seven Palestinians, including journalists Sabri Jibril and Muath Amarna, during raids in Tuqu, Dheisheh refugee camp and several areas of Bethlehem.

- **Nablus:** Two Palestinians were [hospitalized](#) after Israeli forces beat them during a raid on Awarta, south of Nablus, on Wednesday evening. Israeli forces also fired live ammunition, tear gas and stun grenades during the raid.

- **Two Palestinian detainees injured during Israeli prison raid:** Two Palestinian prisoners were [injured](#) after Israeli Prison Service units raided several sections of Ganot Prison, according to the Palestinian Commission of Detainees’ Affairs. The commission said the units used stun grenades and rubber-coated bullets during the raid.

- Around 9,400 Palestinian Palestinians are currently held in Israeli prisons, with 3,244 held under administrative detention without charge or trial.

· **Palestinian factions reject reconstitution process, warn of exclusion and PA control:**

Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the PFLP, Fatah's Democratic Reform Current, the PFLP-GC, the Palestinian National Initiative, and the Popular Resistance Committees [rejected](#) and expressed "deep concern" over the procedures being used by the Palestinian Authority to reconstitute the Palestinian National Council (PNC), warning that the practices "contradict the principles of national partnership and democracy."

- The PNC is the PLO's legislature, intended to represent Palestinians in Palestine and abroad. The factions said members are being appointed through assemblies in several Arab countries that do not represent Palestinians as a whole.
- They condemned "appointment instead of election, exclusion instead of partnership, and unilateralism instead of national consensus." They accused a powerful faction within the Palestinian Authority of engineering the council to control its decisions, disenfranchise Palestinians abroad, and exclude resistance factions, opposition forces, and independent figures.
- The signatories demanded the process be replaced by national dialogue and a unified election law providing free and transparent voting and proportional representation.

· **One year after Doha assassination attempt, Hamas's Basem Naim tells Drop Site that Israel has not changed course:** One year after Israel tried to assassinate Hamas's negotiating delegation in Doha, senior Hamas official Bassem Naim [shared](#) a statement with Drop Site reflecting on the attack.

- Before the attack, Naim said Hamas received a proposal from Trump through Qatari mediators and was given 48 hours to respond. The delegation was meeting to discuss it when Israel attempted to assassinate its members "in the heart of the capital of a mediating state allied with the United States."
- Naim said the U.S. was "beyond any doubt, complicit in the crime," and that the failed assassination attempt and the international outrage that followed pushed Washington toward the Sharm el-Sheikh agreement.
- Naim stated that Hamas has adhered to all of the agreement provisions, while Israel continues "the crime of genocide and the project of forced displacement, albeit in

a less brutal form” since the agreement. He also criticized the “Board of Peace” for allowing Israel to “continue spreading death, destruction, and hunger everywhere.”

- “There can be no successful wager on breaking the Palestinian will, nor on exhausting the patience of our people,” Naim said. He added that killing individual Palestinian leaders “will not alter the course toward freedom and independence.”

- **Blinken calls report he rejected early Hamas hostage release offer “complete fiction”:** Former U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken [denied](#) a Haaretz report that he urged Qatar to wait after it offered to mediate the release of civilian hostages held by Hamas on October 7, 2023.

- Drop Site co-founder Ryan Grim summarized the report as saying Hamas had conveyed through Qatar that it was prepared to return civilian hostages and that Israel refused to engage, after which Qatar approached Blinken. Grim wrote that Blinken “had the opportunity to free every single civilian hostage and de-escalate the situation. Instead he wanted war.”

- Blinken quote-posted Grim’s tweet Wednesday, writing: “For the record, this is false. Complete fiction.”

- **Netanyahu to sue Haaretz over report he was warned of Oct. 7 attack:** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu [said](#) Wednesday he will sue Haaretz and reporters Shlomi Eldar and Ruth Yaval over a report claiming UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed warned him of a Hamas attack 10 days before October 7, 2023, calling the report “fabricated” and “politically motivated.”

- The Haaretz report claimed then-Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar relayed warnings through an intermediary that he was preparing a “huge surprise” and told contacts “to expect an earthquake.” Bin Zayed’s aides then reportedly passed this to Israel’s Shin Bet, which dismissed the threat, before bin Zayed personally raised it with Netanyahu, who also brushed it aside.

- Netanyahu denied that the phone call with bin Zayed occurred, saying a review of his call log “found no trace of it whatsoever,” and separately accused Palestinian political figure Muhammad Dahlan, who lives in the UAE, of being behind the report.

Lebanon

- **Israel destroys homes, wells, and agricultural sites across southern Lebanon despite “ceasefire”:**

- **Nabatieh:** Israeli warplanes **carried out** a two-wave strike on Nabatieh Al-Fawqa on Thursday, Lebanon's National News Agency (NNA) reported. In Mais al-Jabal, Israeli forces carried out a large explosion in the Al-Dabsh area, west of the town, **destroying** a waste-sorting facility as well as homes and industrial and agricultural structures. A separate Israeli strike on the Marj Harouf–Zebdine road wounded two people on Wednesday, according to Lebanon's Health Ministry.
- **Tyre (Sour):** Israeli forces continued demolishing homes and infrastructure in Mansouri, where more than 10 large explosions were **reported** since midnight, alongside airstrikes and artillery fire. Israeli drones dropped barrels packed with high explosives onto the roofs of homes before detonating them remotely, according to NNA. Israeli forces also blew up artesian wells in the town.
- **Lebanese army says Israel committed 7,700 violations of U.S.-brokered agreement:** The Lebanese army **said** Wednesday Israel has committed approximately 7,700 violations of the framework agreement, including opening fire near army personnel and patrols, while escalating strikes and demolitions across southern Lebanon.
 - The army said it had fulfilled its obligations by establishing operational control in designated areas and seizing 1,818 weapons and munitions.

U.S. News

- **Primary results:**
 - Rhode Island State Representative **David Morales**, a democratic socialist, **beat** incumbent Providence Mayor **Brett Smiley** in Tuesday's Democratic primary. It's a major win for **Reclaim RI**, which has spent years working to reshape the state's politics. Morales campaigned on capping rent hikes, expanding affordable housing, and raising taxes on polluters and corporate landlords, and drew support from Sen. **Bernie Sanders** and former Mayor **Jorge Elorza**. Smiley, seeking a second term after winning in 2022, attacked Morales over past support for "defunding the police"—a characterization Morales rejected, saying Smiley was "clinging on to quotes and tweets from over five years ago" and stating he would "not defund the police, a position that I have been very consistent on." Morales is expected to win in November's general election in the heavily Democratic city.
 - Former CVS executive **Helena Foulkes** easily **defeated** incumbent Gov. **Dan McKee** in Rhode Island's Democratic gubernatorial primary. McKee, who has served as governor since 2021, faced intense scrutiny over his administration's handling of the

2023 closure and rebuilding of the Washington Bridge between Providence and East Providence. Foulkes, who lost to McKee in the 2022 primary, is now the favorite heading into November's general election.

- **Trump administration proposes excluding undocumented immigrants, race questions from 2030 census:** The Census Bureau [proposed](#) a sweeping overhaul of the 2030 census Wednesday that would exclude undocumented immigrants and some legally present immigrants lacking permanent resident status from population counts used to apportion House seats, while also prohibiting race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation questions on the count.

- Census results determine congressional apportionment, redistricting, federal funding, and enforcement of civil rights laws like the Voting Rights Act.

- The proposal would redefine “usual residence” to argue undocumented immigrants lack “a sufficient tie and allegiance” to the country, marking an expanded version of a similar effort Trump’s first administration pursued for the 2020 census, one abandoned by the Biden administration after it was challenged legally.

- **Trump administration keeps El Salvador TPS holders’ protections until “appropriate time”:** The Trump administration [said](#) tens of thousands of Salvadoran immigrants will keep their Temporary Protected Status for now, despite the protections having been scheduled to expire Wednesday, according to a statement from the Department of Homeland Security.

- DHS said “an announcement on El Salvador’s TPS will be made at the appropriate time” and that Salvadoran TPS holders “retain protection” until then, without specifying when a final decision would come.

- The National TPS Alliance advocacy group estimates about 170,000 Salvadoran TPS holders live in the U.S.

- **Trump pledges \$5,000 “Trump Dividend” to every American if Republicans keep Congress:** President Donald Trump pledged Wednesday at the GOP’s midterm convention in Dallas to send every American adult \$5,000 if Republicans retain control of the House and Senate, calling it “the Trump Dividend” and comparing it to corporate shareholder distributions, citing the U.S.’s “tremendous strength and success economically.”

- The promise would likely cost more than \$1 trillion and require congressional approval.

- Vice President **JD Vance** appeared to partially walk back the proposal within the hour, suggesting the wealthy wouldn't receive payments and that it could be funded by tariff revenue, though such revenue falls far short of the pledged sum.
- **Fetterman makes video appearance at Trump's midterm convention:** Sen. **John Fetterman** (D-Penn.) [appeared](#) in a video Wednesday at the opening night of President Trump's midterm convention in Dallas, describing himself as a "common-sense Democrat" who rejects "the extremes in socialism" and introducing Republican Sen. David McCormick, with whom he pledged to "work together... and defend the steel way of life."
 - The appearance came amid speculation about a possible party switch, which Fetterman has repeatedly denied, telling the Times in July he would "never" leave the Democratic Party, though he recently announced an unusual joint fundraising committee with McCormick.
 - The pro-Israel stalwart has noted, however, that a change in Democratic party policy towards against would be a "red line" for him.
 - About 69% of likely Democratic voters in Pennsylvania view Fetterman negatively, according to an August Times/Philadelphia Inquirer/Siena poll.
- **Treasury announces \$6 billion bond buyback amid soaring yields, market reacts negatively:** The Treasury Department [said](#) Wednesday it will buy back up to \$6 billion of government debt in an effort to reduce the costs of borrowing.
 - The Department's repurchases reduce the available supply of longer-dated bonds, increasing their price and lowering their yields, which would then theoretically reduce interest rates across the board.
 - The market's immediate reaction to the buyback was negative, however, with the 10-year yield rising 0.05 percentage points on Thursday afternoon, a 3-year-high, and the 20-year yield rising by a similar amount.

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Other International News

- **U.S. strike in Caribbean kills three:** U.S. Southern Command [announced](#) on Wednesday that its "Joint Task Force Western Hemisphere" had struck a vessel it claimed belonged to narco-traffickers, killing three in the Caribbean.

- Wednesday's strike is the 69th acknowledged strike in the Pacific by U.S. forces, part of a campaign that has killed at least 230 people who the Trump administration has alleged were trafficking drugs in the region, though several of these incidents have involved civilians.
- **Rubio pledges \$45 million in security funding for Ecuador:** Secretary of State Marco Rubio [announced](#) during a visit to Quito on Wednesday that the U.S. would seek \$45 million in additional security funding and new equipment for Ecuador, including a 110-foot Coast Guard cutter and five interceptor vessels.
 - Rubio also designated the Ecuador-based gang Los Tiguerones a foreign terrorist organization, following similar designations for two other Ecuadorian gangs last year, and announced sanctions on seven former Ecuadorian officials accused of bribery.
 - He also claimed that the U.S. campaign against suspected drug trafficking boats has shifted to joint strikes with Ecuador, insisting that the strikes were not aimed at killing fishermen.
 - Drop Site's Camila Lourdes Galarza reported on these strikes on fishermen in April. **Her full report is available [here](#).**
- **Eighty-seven missing after ferry fire near Philippine tourist destination:** At least five people have been [killed](#) and 87 remain missing after a fire broke out Wednesday evening aboard the ferry M/V June Aster. about 2.2 kilometers offshore of the Philippine's Palawan province, according to the Philippine coastguard. The coastguard said 42 people had been rescued so far out of the 134 passengers and crew listed on the ship's manifest.
- **Algeria cuts diplomatic relations with UAE over "provocative or hostile" actions:** Algeria [announced](#) Thursday it would be cutting diplomatic relations with the United Arab Emirates, saying the country had "exhausted all means of preserving bilateral relations" after a series of "provocative or hostile" actions by Abu Dhabi despite "repeated warnings," according to the country's foreign ministry.
 - The ministry claimed it had summoned the Emirati ambassador and gave him 48 hours to comply with the decision, though the UAE has not immediately responded.
 - The rupture follows years of strained ties over the UAE's normalization with Israel under the 2020 Abraham Accords, and the two countries' opposing positions on the Western Sahara dispute, in which the UAE backs Morocco's sovereignty claim while Algeria supports the Polisario Front seeking independence.

- **Thousands protest as Slovenia opens Israeli embassy:** Thousands [rallied](#) in Ljubljana on Wednesday against the opening of Israel's first embassy in Slovenia, following Prime Minister Janez Jansa's reversal of his predecessor Robert Golob's policy, which had characterized Israel's war in Gaza as a genocide.

- Protesters carried banners reading "We stand together for peace and Palestine" and "genocide is not self-defense."

- A June poll by newspaper Delo found 56% of Slovenians opposed closer ties with Israel, while 14% supported closer ties.

- The opposition Freedom Movement and the country's Left party jointly filed a parliamentary proposal Wednesday to impeach Jansa over the foreign policy shift.

- **British man charged with assisting Russian military intelligence:** Joshua Cammidge, 31, was [charged](#) on Wednesday with assisting a foreign intelligence service, the UK's Crown Prosecution Service announced, after he allegedly receiving instructions to commit an act of sabotage from a suspected representative of the GRU Volunteer Corps, a group controlled by Russia's military intelligence.

- **Cameroon separatists kidnap five teachers, kill police officer in raid:** Armed attackers [killed](#) a police officer and kidnapped five teachers during a raid on a teacher training center in Wum, in Cameroon's Northwest Region, on Tuesday, according to the region's governor.

- Anglophone groups have fought government forces in Cameroon's Northwest for roughly a decade, with the conflict emerging from a 2016 government crackdown on protests by English-speaking teachers and lawyers objecting to francophone authorities' growing control over education and legal systems in the area.

- At least 6,000 people have died in the fighting since 2016, according to the United Nations, and more than 330,000 people were displaced internally in Cameroon last year.

- **Zelenskyy's flight delayed after Russian drone crashes near Moldovan airport:** A flight carrying Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy from Moldova to Norway was [delayed](#) this week after authorities closed Moldova's airspace due to a drone incursion, with Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre claiming that the plane "was nearly hit by a drone as it took off from Moldova."

- Moldovan police said a Russian drone crashed and exploded Tuesday in a sunflower field about 100 miles from Chişinău International Airport, sparking four fires but no injuries.

- The drone had also crossed into the airspace of Romania, a NATO member, prompting Spanish Air and Space Forces to send two F-18 jets to track it before it reentered Moldovan airspace.
- Zelenskyy's flight, one of three delayed by the airspace closure, ultimately departed later than scheduled, allowing him to arrive in Oslo Tuesday to meet with Støre to discuss Ukraine's air defense needs before attending King Harald V's funeral.
- **Russian strikes hit Kyiv petrol station and agribusiness facility in Dnipro:** A Russian drone [struck](#) a petrol station in Kyiv injuring four people in what appeared to be the first attack of its kind on a fuel station in the capital.
 - In Dnipro, a separate Russian strike hit a sunflower-oil facility operated by the global agribusiness Bunge, killing two people and wounding five. The plant is one of Ukraine's five largest food-processing facilities.
 - Russia also struck a shopping center in Sumy and intensified attacks on Ukraine's southern ports, killing four people and injuring 19 in Mykolaiv overnight. The attacks come amid escalating Russian and Ukrainian strikes on logistics, fuel infrastructure and other economic targets intended to undermine each side's war effort.