Israel bombs Gaza hospital, killing 6; Scott Colom wins Mississippi's Senate race; Nvidia CEO resigns

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Palestine

· **Israel kills six people in attack on Nasser Hospital in Gaza:** An Israeli airstrike targeted Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis on Thursday, killing six people, including a doctor and a child, and wounding at least 28 others, according to Gaza's Health Ministry.

- Over the past 24 hours, Israeli attacks killed eight Palestinians and injured 29 others across Gaza, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health.
- The total recorded death toll since October 7, 2023, has risen to 74,653 killed and 176,007 injured. Since October 11, 2025, the first full day of the so-called ceasefire, Israel has killed at least 1,622 Palestinians in Gaza and wounded 5,878, while 850 bodies have been recovered.
- Footage from Drop Site contributor Mohamed Ahmed of Nasser Hospital shows parts of the building badly damaged, and debris covering hospital beds and equipment.
- Among the dead is Dr. Rizq Abu Shuaira, a 52-year-old general surgeon who was killed alongside one of his patients, Dr. Ahmed al-Farra, general director of the hospital, said. Nasser Hospital was the last hospital in Gaza that offered specialized surgery, according to Al-Farra, leaving patients in need of such treatment to "face an unknown fate."
- Al-Farra said that the hospital was hit without warning by two missiles, one of which did not explode. The attack "paralyzed" the hospital, he added. A strike hit the main building of the medical complex, and knocked out services in four key departments: surgery, inpatient surgical wards, radiology, and laboratories.
- Nasser Hospital is one of the few medical facilities in Gaza that is even partially functioning, following years of systematic Israeli attacks. Following the latest strike,

the Israeli military has attacked Nasser Hospital seven times since the genocide began, according to Al-Farra.

- The Israeli military admitted to the attack, and claimed that the strike was targeting a Hamas commander. In a statement, Hamas called Israel's claim a "blatant attempt to cover up a new war crime committed against a civilian medical facility protected under international law."

· **Israel kills one person in attack near entrance of Al-Shifa Hospital:** An Israeli airstrike near the gate of Al-Shifa Hospital killed one Palestinian and wounded several others on Thursday, according to Al Jazeera.

- One Palestinian was killed by Israeli gunfire east of Bureij camp, in central Gaza, on Thursday.

· **Palestinian infant dies of hypothermia in Khan Younis:** A Palestinian infant died of hypothermia in a tent in Al-Mawasi, Khan Younis, in southern Gaza on Thursday, Al Jazeera reported.

- Clips posted on social media show the body of 9-month-old Raqiq Kanan being carried by his father. "I woke up and found my son as you see him, blue-colored. I brought him to Nasser," his father said. "My son died frozen from the cold."
- Over the past three winters, numerous Palestinians—mostly infants—have died of hypothermia in Gaza, including 11 children last winter.

· **Five Palestinian fishermen missing after Israeli navy throws them overboard:** Five Palestinian fishermen are missing after the Israeli navy interrogated them on a military vessel and then threw them overboard off the coast of Deir al-Balah, in central Gaza, WAFA reported.

- Israeli forces opened fire on the fishermen before detaining them and hauling them aboard a military vessel.

· **Israeli settlers, soldiers attack Palestinians across occupied West Bank:** Israeli settlers and soldiers carried out a series of raids and arrests across the occupied West Bank on Thursday, WAFA reported.

- Israeli settlers set fire to more than 100 vehicles, dozens of olive trees, and a warehouse in Al-Lubban Asharqiya, south of Nablus.
- Israeli forces arrested several Palestinians, searched homes, and damaged property in raids in Hebron, Jenin, Nablus, and Qalqilya.

- Israeli forces demolished a Palestinian home in Al-Khader, south of Bethlehem.

· **Israeli Supreme Court denies request to release Gaza doctors detained without charge or trial:** Israel's Supreme Court refused to order the release of 14 Gaza doctors, including hospital directors and specialists, who are being detained without charge or trial under Israel's Unlawful Combatants Law. Some of the doctors have been in Israeli detention for more than two years.

- The advocacy group Physicians for Human Rights Israel had asked the court to direct the military's chief of staff to revoke their detention orders, citing the ceasefire and Gaza's collapsed health system.
- The court said it had reviewed the cases in light of Gaza's severe shortage of doctors but found no "exceptional grounds" to free them, and the court declined to intervene.

Iran

· **Two supertankers on fire in Hormuz, IRGC says:** Two supertankers were hit by naval mines while traveling in what the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said was an unauthorized route in the Strait of Hormuz. The tankers were carrying a combined total of more than four million barrels of oil.

- The IRGC said that any vessel in the strait "will meet a similar fate" if it switches off its navigation systems and cooperates with the U.S. military to use the strait's southern route.

· **Trump says no need for Iran deal:** President Donald Trump said on Thursday that the U.S. does not "need a deal with Iran." "Those days have long since passed," he wrote on Truth Social. "We've got their money, Hundreds of Billions of Dollars, and we've got their Strait!"

- Commenting on Vice President JD Vance, Trump said, "I have asked Vice President Vance to focus his complete and total attention on the Massive Corruption and Crime taking place in Democrat run Cities and States throughout the U.S." The Wall Street Journal previously reported that Vance was considering face-to-face talks with Iran's Supreme National Security Council Secretary Mohsen Rezaei in an effort to end the war.
- On Wednesday, Rezai denied reports that Iran was negotiating directly with the U.S., calling reports of talks in Qatar and a planned meeting with Vice President JD

Vance “lies” meant to ease economic pressure and lower oil prices. Rezaei said that Iran rejected Washington’s first response to its seven conditions for peace as “not sufficient,” saying it contained “deception.” Iran is now waiting for “a clear and explicit response.”

· **Iran designates Argentina’s naval and air forces as “terrorist organizations”**: Iran’s Foreign Ministry designated Argentina’s naval and air forces as “terrorist organizations” on Wednesday, noting Argentina’s March similar designation of the IRGC in March and “the principle of reciprocity.” It did not mention Argentina’s army in its announcement. Argentina’s foreign ministry rejected the move as “completely baseless” and “unacceptable.” President Javier Milei’s office designated the IRGC a “terrorist organization” on March 31, citing the 1994 AMIA Jewish community center bombing in Buenos Aires, which Argentina blames on Hezbollah.

Yemen

· **Ansarallah claims attacks on Saudi coalition:** Ansarallah claimed several attacks on the Saudi-led coalition on Wednesday, including strikes on King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh, an oil pumping station in Yanbu, and a Saudi military command center in Aden’s al-Buraiqa district. The Saudi-led coalition said that it intercepted three cruise missiles heading towards Riyadh, and two drones and two ballistic missiles over western Saudi Arabia.

Lebanon

· **Nearly a quarter of people in Lebanon face acute food shortages, UN says:** More than a million people, or a quarter of Lebanon’s population, faces food shortages as a result of two consecutive conflicts in the country, the UN warned on Wednesday. The FAO, World Food Programme and Lebanon’s Agriculture Ministry said that the number is expected to rise to 1.15 million by mid-next year. WFP country director Allison Oman Lawi said families are running out of options, noting that “even a small additional shock can push them deeper into crisis.” Lebanon estimates that conflicts since 2024 have cost it $27 billion, and that the most recent conflict with Hezbollah, launched by the government in March, has displaced over a million people, about 300,000 of whom remain displaced since violence subsided in June. Israeli troops still illegally occupy land in the country’s south, exacerbating the ongoing displacement crisis.

U.S. News

· **Democrat Scott Colom defeats Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith in Mississippi Senate race:** Democrat **Scott Colom** defeated incumbent GOP Sen. **Cindy Hyde-Smith**, according to the Associated Press, which called the race Wednesday after officials spent days processing absentee and affidavit ballots. Hyde-Smith conceded in a two-minute video, saying, "I respect the decision of Mississippi voters." Colom, 43, a local prosecutor and son of a onetime Reagan aide, is the first Democrat Mississippi has chosen for the Senate since 1947 and will be the state's first Black senator since Reconstruction. Trump won the state by 23 points in 2024.

· **House Republicans derail effort to impeach Hegseth:** The House voted 211 to 204 to recommend charges against War Secretary Pete Hegseth to a committee, with only Rep. Thomas Massie, who led the effort, joining Democrats against the motion, which lets Republicans slow the process indefinitely. Eleven Democrats and seven Republicans missed the vote. Hegseth faced eight charges that could lead to impeachment, including waging war in Iran and elsewhere without congressional authorization, flouting laws to mitigate civilian casualties, and retaliating against a senator for public statements. Trump called the outcome an "exoneration" while warning that Democrats "must be stopped." Democrats could still move to impeach Hegseth next year, when they assume majorities in both chambers.

· **Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang resigns after revelations of affairs with a suspected Chinese spy and a subordinate: Jensen Huang,** Nvidia's CEO and co-founder, resigned on Thursday morning, according to the company's board of directors. His exit followed reporting from the New York Times that Huang had affairs with a suspected Chinese spy and a subordinate at the company. CFO **Colette Kress** will serve as interim CEO while the board conducts a search for Huang's replacement. Nvidia controls an estimated 90% of the market for advanced AI chips; its shares fell more than 10% in response to the announcement.

· **Incoming House Intelligence chair vows to scrutinize the CIA's "extremely aggressive" use of covert actions under Trump:** Rep. **Jim Himes** (D-Conn.), the Democrat who will head the House's Intelligence Committee in the next Congress, vowed on Wednesday to investigate the CIA's use of covert actions under Trump, including the January abduction of Venezuelan President **Nicolás Maduro**, saying "covert action has become much more aggressive worldwide, and the committee would be massively failing at its job if it didn't double down on oversight." Himes also plans to examine donations from defense and intelligence contractors to Trump's "vanity projects," such as the White House ballroom and planned 250-foot triumphal arch.

· **Marco Rubio's flights to University of Florida football games cost taxpayers more than $1.2 million:** Secretary of State Marco Rubio, whose son Anthony is a walk-on running back at the University of Florida, has used a government aircraft at least 23 times to get to and from Gainesville, with 15 of these trips designated as "solely personal" by the State Department, the Washington Post reported. The Post estimates these 15 flights cost about $770,600, with seven mixed-use trips adding $443,900. As a secretary barred from commercial flights, he must reimburse only an economy-fare equivalent (which would total $18,000, according to the post). Rubio said he will keep trying to attend events "important to me personally and to my family," and the State Department said his use of military aircraft ensured "secure communications" and "continuity of government."

· **White House counsel threatens criminal investigation of congressional Democrats over planned oversight:** White House counsel **Will Scharf** said the Trump administration is "monitoring the abusive and capricious threats" from Democrats and that their repeated promises to investigate the president and his allies could cross constitutional limits and into "blatant criminality." The threats came in a letter to incoming House Oversight Chair **Robert Garcia** (D-Calif.) Sharf added that the executive branch may respond by investigating Congress. President Trump has repeatedly threatened criminal sanctions against Democrats pledging to investigate his administration.

· **U.S. military aircraft leave RAF base for the second time in two months:** Flight tracking data verified by the Washington Post shows three Osprey helicopters and 10 KC-135R tankers redeployed on Monday from RAF Mildenhall to other bases in England, Scotland, Spain, and Germany, according to the Washington Post. The Wall Street Journal reported they were moved after an Iranian threat, the nature of which remained unclear. The U.S. previously removed bombers from RAF Fairford over a suspected terrorist plot, for which two men face charges.

· **Trump threatens to double tariffs on Mexico if it does not stop migrant caravan:** President Trump threatened to double tariffs on Mexican imports if it does not stop a reported 1,500 migrants from traveling north toward the U.S. He called the migrant caravan an "invasion," and said that there would be "no leniency." Mexican President **Claudia Sheinbaum** pushed back against the threat: Since the start of Trump's second term migrant caravans have not reached the U.S.-Mexico border, she said, emphasizing that Mexican federal authorities manage migration through frameworks that allow people to return to their countries of origin or remain in Mexico.

· **Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent moved out of his home amid alleged Iranian threats:** Treasury Secretary **Scott Bessent** has moved out of his D.C.-area home and onto a military base, the New York Times reported on Tuesday. U.S. officials have reportedly concluded in

recent weeks that Iranian plotting against current and former American officials had reached "a more advanced stage," sources told the Times, with intelligence particularly pointing to Bessent, who has led an economic pressure campaign since August to financially isolate Iran through sanctions. At least half a dozen officials moved to protected housing last year, including the presidential adviser (now Chief of Staff) **Stephen Miller** and former Attorney General **Pam Bondi**.

· **Chicago-area father died after a 38-hour deportation flight to Pakistan: Ayaz Ahmed**, a 61-year-old resident of the Chicago suburbs, died in August after a 38-hour deportation flight to Pakistan chartered by ICE, according to a Tuesday report from ABC7 Chicago. Ahmed was arrested in June for overstaying a visitor's visa, then held at Indiana's Clay County Justice Center, where his family says his health, including type 2 diabetes, deteriorated despite doctor's letters sent to ICE. In light of his health conditions, his family offered to buy his ticket to speed his removal, an offer declined by ICE. Witnesses deported alongside Ahmed on the flight said no medical aid was given after his condition worsened, he lost control of his bladder, and he fainted after landing. He died four days later.

· **Republicans elect Jim Jordan as House leader, keep John Thune as Senate minority leader:** Rep. **Jim Jordan** (R-Ohio), a founding member of the right-wing Freedom Caucus, will serve as the next House minority leader. He defeated Majority Leader Rep. **Steve Scalise** (R-La.) by 33 votes in Tuesday's secret ballot. Also in Tuesday's House GOP vote, Whip **Tom Emmer** (R-Minn.) beat a challenge from Rep. **August Pfluger** (R-Texas) to stay in his post, and **Lisa McClain** (R-Mich.) won conference chair in a three-way race over **Erin Houchin** (R-Ind.) and **Greg Steube** (R-Fla.).

    · Senate Republicans reelected Sen. **John Thune** (R-S.D.) to lead their minority on Tuesday after a tense day of private meetings about their midterm losses. Thune ran unopposed and was elected by acclamation after the conference voted 31-15 to proceed rather than delay, a measure pushed for by Sens. **Josh Hawley** (R-Mo.) and **Ron Johnson** (R-Wis.). Thune promised to "make the most of the time we've got" in the final two months of the majority and to "come out swinging."

· **Senate and House Democrats debate leadership:** Rep. **Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez** declined on Tuesday to back **Chuck Schumer** for Senate majority leader: Asked by reporters outside the Capitol about the Senate's Democratic leadership, she said that the desire for new leadership "is seen in a lot of places." Schumer, who turns 76 this month, said that he has secured enough support to become majority leader.

- Ohio Rep.-elect **Don Leonard** said in a social media post on Tuesday that senior House Democrats vowed to make his life "a living hell" if he didn't back Rep. **Hakeem Jeffries** for House speaker. Leonard, who flipped a longstanding Republican district of Ohio, also said that members of Congress told him to vote for Jeffries regardless of whether he commits to issues like a constitutional amendment overturning Citizens United and ending U.S. support for Israel and the Iran war. Jeffries can afford at least three dozen defections from House Democrats.

· **Federal prosecutors charged former bodyguard for Rep. Ilhan Omar with felony, apparently to obtain incriminating information about her: Abdullahi Mohamed**, a Somali-British citizen who briefly served on **Rep. Ilhan Omar's** security detail on an overseas trip, was charged with lying under oath in a green card interview after answering "no" to nonstandard questions about working for the Somali government and interacting with U.S. officials, according to the New York Times. Prosecutors reportedly offered to block Mohamed's deportation in exchange for derogatory information about Omar, and reportedly told him the probe was "100 percent being run by 1600 Pennsylvania Ave." A spokeswoman for Omar called the attempt to enlist Mohamed "a staggering abuse of presidential power."

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Other International News

· **Egyptian court postpones retrial of Mada Masr editor-in-chief to consider judge recusal request:** On Wednesday, an Egyptian court postponed the trial of Mada Masa editor-in-chief Lina Attalah for November 18, so that the court could consider Attalah's request that the judge be recused. She is charged with publishing "false news" and running an unlicensed website. Attalah's legal team requested the recusal, Mada Masr said, because the judge "had already formed a conviction in mind against the defendant." The judge also convicted her in a separate case last month that human-rights groups characterized as a "sham," saying that it lacked due process.

· **Imran Khan's political party seeks access to him following hospital visit:** Imran Khan was removed from his imprisonment for a short hospital visit, and returned to prison overnight. The political party he leads, Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI), demanded access to him. The PTI said that his hospital visit raised "deeply troubling questions" about his health, and noted that his family and personal doctors were not told of the hospital visit. They said that they learned of it from news reports. Khan has been imprisoned since August 2023 on corruption charges that he denies.

· **Kazakhstan-linked hackers used AI agents to steal national security documents from Tajikistan:** The Singapore-based firm CloudTek said in a report published Wednesday that a group of Kazakhstan-linked hackers, nicknamed "Silent Lynx," used the open-source Hermes AI framework to steal more than 2,000 national security-related documents from Tajikistan. CloudTek discovered the operation during an investigation of a server that Silent Lynx left unsecured, Reuters reported. According to the CloudTek report, the group also used autonomous AI agents to compromise Tajik railway networks and in operations targeting Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

· **Russia-Ukraine talks in Abu Dhabi conclude with prisoner-exchange agreement:** Two days of U.S.-mediated talks in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, concluded on Wednesday. Russian and Ukrainian negotiators agreed to a "large-scale" prisoner exchange, according to Vladimir Medinsky, Russia's chief negotiator, who said he would travel to Moscow alongside U.S. envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner to discuss the talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The number of prisoners to be released will be finalized on Thursday, Kushner said. Following their meeting in Moscow, Witkoff and Kushner will meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Dublin, Ireland.

    · Separately on Wednesday, the Russian Foreign Ministry announced the sudden and unexpected death of Alexander Darchiev, Russia's ambassador to the United States. No further details were offered about his death. Darchiev was appointed to the ambassador role a year-and-a-half ago. He previously served as ambassador to Canada, from 2014 to 2021.

· **Millions of workers in Spain protest housing crisis in 24-hour strike:** Millions of Spanish workers participated in a 24-hour walkout that began at midnight on Wednesday. The labor action disrupted public transport and forced businesses, factories, and shops to scale back their operations or close for the day. Spanish trade unions UGT and CCOO reported widespread participation in the action, including 90% of workers in the automotive and port sectors. Protests over the high cost of living became widespread in September, after an 87-year-old woman named Maricarmen Abascal was evicted from her Madrid apartment She died just days after the eviction.

· **China pledges to "firm support" Cuba against U.S. sanctions:** On Wednesday, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that China would provide "firm support" for Cuba, which is under a U.S. blockade and stifling sanctions. Wang told Cuba's envoy that China would "strengthen communication" and coordination with the island nation, and that it would "jointly oppose power politics and unilateral actions." The U.S. has imposed a fuel embargo

on the island since February, causing rolling blackouts and severe supply shortages across the country. The U.S. blockade has crippled Cuba's health care system.

· **Former member of Italian Red Brigades communist group escapes from Argentina house arrest:** A former member of Italy's Red Bridgades, 74-year-old Leonardo Bertulazzi, escaped from his house arrest in Argentina on Tuesday. He used a harness and a rope to climb out of a fifth-story apartment, the Associated Press reported. He remains at large. Bertulazzi faces extradition to Italy for terrorism-related crimes for which he received a 27-year sentence. He was allegedly involved in the 1978 kidnapping and killing of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro. In 2004, Argentina granted him refugee status, which was revoked in 2024 under President Javier Milei. Argentina's Supreme Court approved his extradition to Italy last year.

· **Kidnappings in Haiti's capital increased in third quarter of 2026, UN says:** Kidnappings in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital city, rose in the third quarter of 2026, compared with the second quarter, according to the United Nations. Ten percent of kidnapping victims in the third quarter are children. Also in that period, armed gangs and security forces were responsible for almost all of the 1,167 killings and 459 injuries recorded across the country. The UN documented at least 344 victims of sexual violence at the hands of gang members, and 44 cases in which police executed or tried to execute people, compared to 14 case in the previous quarter.

· **DRC reports 11,042 Ebola cases, at least 5,387 deaths:** The Democratic Republic of the Congo reports 11,042 confirmed Ebola cases and 5,397 deaths, according to government data published on Thursday. It is the largest and deadliest Ebola outbreak in Congo's history, and it is the second-largest and second-deadliest of all time, behind West Africa's 2014–2016 epidemic. Earlier this month, the World Health Organization approved trials of two new vaccines for the disease. Trial results are expected by early 2027.

· **In 2026, almost 64,000 people have fled Nigeria for Niger to escape violence, UN says:** Almost 64,000 people have fled northern Nigeria for Niger this year to escape attacks by Islamist militants and armed gangs, according to a new report by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Niger already hosts more than 500,000 refugees and asylum-seekers, including about 327,500 Nigerians. Most new arrivals settle in the border regions of Diffa and Tahoua. Diffa has received more than 23,000 people, two-thirds of whom are children. Thousands of people in Niger are struggling with limited food, water, shelter, and services, UNHCR spokesperson Dominique Hyde said. Aid agencies have reported increasing cases of malnutrition, respiratory infections, and poor sanitation.