

UN cuts food aid to 500,000 Palestinians in Gaza; 7th ICE detainee found dead in Texas this year; France arrests 2,400 in mass protests

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Yemen

- **Ansarallah strike on military camp in Yemen's Shabwa kills 53, wounds at least 200:**

At least 53 soldiers were killed and over 200 injured in an Ansarallah [strike](#) targeting the Al-Alam military camp in the Shabwa governorate, according to the local government.

- Fighting is escalating across Yemen. Over the past 24 hours, the Ansarallah military spokesperson claimed Saudi forces carried out 110 airstrikes and missile attacks.

- Yemen's Saudi-backed government says its forces recaptured Sanamat and advanced toward Misrakh, south of Taiz city, following a counteroffensive against Ansarallah. Ansarallah forces have been besieging Taiz, where the UN has warned of dwindling food supplies.

- **Saudi airstrike on house in Yemen kills at least 10, including five children:** An airstrike on a family home in Yemen's Saada province blamed on Saudi-led forces killed at least 10 people on Sunday, including five children and three women, local media reported.

- Sana'a's National Human Rights Commission put the toll at 10 killed and 23 wounded, most of them women and children.

- [Footage](#) shows men digging through the rubble with their hands. Saudi Arabia has not commented on the strike.

- **Egypt seeks parliamentary approval for possible military intervention in support of Saudi Arabia:** Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi [requested](#) an urgent parliamentary session to authorize military support for Saudi Arabia, as Ansarallah attacks on the kingdom intensify, Reuters reports.

- A parliamentary vote was initially expected Sunday, but discussions are set to continue Monday and Tuesday. Egypt previously joined the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen in 2015 but played a limited combat role.
- **Saudis and Emiratis meet amid reports UAE will resume support in Yemen:** Saudi Defense Minister Khalid bin Salman met UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi on Sunday. Bin Salman [said](#) the two sides discussed “developments in the regional situation and ways to enhance cooperation and joint Gulf action.”
- The meetings come amid [reports](#) that the UAE has agreed to resume funding anti-Ansarallah forces in Yemen, with Saudi Arabia providing air cover.
- **U.S. warns Americans across Middle East of possible airspace closures:** The United States issued security alerts on October 18 warning Americans across the Middle East of potential flight cancellations, airspace closures, and rapidly escalating hostilities. The warnings cover Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait, Jordan, Bahrain, Oman, Iran, Qatar, Iraq, Lebanon, Yemen, and Israel.
- The alerts also warned that Iran and groups aligned with Tehran could target U.S. interests abroad.

Palestine

- **UN food agency cuts Gaza aid for half a million Palestinians:** The UN World Food Programme (WFP) [announced](#) major cuts in food assistance to Gaza cutting off half a million Palestinians from monthly food support, citing funding shortages.
- The agency is also halving food rations and reducing daily hot meals from 250,000 to 150,000. Those living in hard-to-reach areas, including near the Israeli military’s yellow line, will receive hot meals every other day instead of daily.
- An estimated 67% of Gaza’s population face acute food insecurity, including 200,000 experiencing emergency conditions requiring immediate assistance to prevent death from hunger.
- The cuts come as an Israeli blockade on commercial imports enters its fifth consecutive day, already causing a rise in the prices of basic goods, with sharp increases in the cost of flour, eggs, onions, and other staples.
- **Killed and wounded in Gaza:** Over the past 24 hours, five Palestinians were killed—four in new Israeli attacks and one due to wounds sustained in earlier attacks—and 22 injured across Gaza, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health.

- Israel killed at least 12 Palestinians, including three children, and wounded 68 in attacks across the Strip over the weekend.

- An Israeli strike on Saturday killed 14-year-old Palestinian student Mohammed Abu Hammad in the south of Deir al-Balah in central Gaza shortly after he returned from school.

- “He hadn’t even been sitting in the chair for five minutes,” Ahmed Muhareb told Drop Site’s Mohamed Ahmed. “They fired a missile at the boy, while his schoolbag was still on his back.” **Watch the dispatch from Mohamed Ahmed [here](#).**

- The total recorded death toll since October 7, 2023, is now 74,480 killed, with 175,539 injured. Since October 11, 2025, the first full day of the so-called ceasefire, Israel has killed at least 1,522 Palestinians in Gaza and wounded 5,421, while 839 bodies have been recovered.

- **Israeli forces uproot hundreds of trees as settlers attack Palestinians across the occupied West Bank:**

- **Nablus:** Israeli settlers [attempted to storm](#) a Palestinian school in Jalud, forcing the evacuation of students, and attacked nearby olive harvesters on Monday, WAFA reported.

- In Qaryut, Israeli soldiers shot a Palestinian in the shoulder following a settler attack.

- **Hebron:** Israeli forces [demolished](#) agricultural structures, uprooted more than 300 trees, and bulldozed over 2.5 acres of farmland north of Hebron. Forces also detained a Palestinian and two foreign activists documenting a settler attack in Masafer Yatta.

- Soldiers detained teachers heading to a school in Susiya, arresting one and confiscating their vehicle.

- **Ramallah:** Settlers [set a vehicle on fire](#) and attempted to burn two homes in Turmus Ayya, beating and injuring a Palestinian-American man. Another Palestinian was injured in a settler assault in Deir Abu Mashal.

- **Jenin:** Israeli forces [issued](#) more than 20 demolition notices targeting agricultural and commercial structures, while settlers expelled farmers from their land in Al-Arqa.

- **Israeli settlers attack European diplomats observing olive harvest in West Bank:**

Masked Israeli settlers on all-terrain vehicles [attacked](#) European diplomats and Palestinian farmers during the olive harvest near Taybeh, a Palestinian Christian village northeast of

Ramallah, on Saturday. Diplomats from France, including the French consul in Jerusalem, Belgium, and Poland were present.

- The settlers surrounded a diplomatic vehicle and demanded ID, then pelted it with stones and smashed a window of a Belgian consulate car, according to the Israeli Army Radio. Footage shows men carrying clubs approaching the diplomats and one diplomat lying on the ground.
- The attack came a day after settlers beat and shot Palestinians and brutally assaulted Washington Post photographer Heidi Levine also during the harvest. Reporter Jasper Nathaniel wrote an account of that assault [here](#).
- In the wake of international criticism following the two attacks, Israeli security forces said they arrested 10 suspects in connection with the violence. Israeli settlers are rarely arrested or prosecuted for attacks on Palestinians.

Iran

- **Russian Foreign Minister visits Iran:** Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov is [visiting](#) Tehran on Monday for talks on bilateral relations and regional and international developments, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei said. Lavrov will outline Moscow's efforts to "de-escalate regional tensions created by the United States and Israel," according to the Russian state news agency.
- The visit follows consultations between Moscow and Washington and Lavrov's participation in a ministerial meeting with Gulf Cooperation Council countries.
- In an October 9 call between Russian President Vladimir Putin and U.S. President Donald Trump, Putin conveyed Iran's position on possible ways to resolve the conflict, according to the Kremlin.
- **Oil tanker hits naval mine near Hormuz, catches fire, IRGC says:** An oil tanker [struck](#) a naval mine south of the Strait of Hormuz on Monday, causing an explosion and fire in its engine room, according to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Navy.
- The IRGC claimed the vessel had switched off its navigation and positioning systems and was attempting to exit the strait through an unauthorized southern route.
- **Pakistan suspends trade with Iran at two major border crossings:** Pakistan [temporarily suspended](#) trade with Iran through the Gabd-Rimdan and Taftan border crossings, leaving hundreds of trucks carrying liquefied petroleum gas, rice, fruit and other commodities stranded on both sides of the border.

- Pakistani officials cited security concerns, smuggling prevention and administrative improvements, while Iran's Foreign Ministry attributed the disruption to "technical issues." Both countries said consultations were underway to restore normal operations.
- Following the start of the U.S.-Israeli war with Iran, Islamabad and Tehran introduced measures to expand cross-border commerce, including streamlined customs procedures and new transit routes. In August, both governments agreed to work toward keeping border crossings open around the clock.

Lebanon

- **Israeli airstrikes, artillery, and machine-gun fire target southern Lebanon despite ceasefire:** Israeli warplanes [struck](#) Kfar Tebnit in Nabatieh district overnight, while Israeli forces [carried out](#) a large demolition operation in Beit Yahoun and shelled the outskirts of Braashit, both in Bint Jbeil district.
- Israeli artillery also targeted Mansouri in Tyre (Sour) district, while troops opened machine-gun fire toward Beit al-Siyad and Mansouri, according to Lebanon's National News Agency.
- On Monday morning, Israeli troops opened machine-gun fire toward Wadi Beit Lif and Srebbine in Bint Jbeil district.

U.S. News

- **Trump endorses Netanyahu days before Israel's Oct. 27 election:** President Donald Trump [endorsed](#) Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** on Sunday, calling him "a Great Warrior Prime Minister, and an even greater Partner for Peace in combating the Islamic Republic of Iran." Trump had held back on an endorsement for months, telling a Time interviewer as recently as this month that he's "not involved in politics anymore."
- In the same post, Trump again threatened to "soon finish the job" against Iran "unless they change their ways, rapidly," but said that if Israel has "anyone other than Bibi," then "America will have to do this work ourselves, and I am not inclined to do so."
- **Trump puts newly signed Russia sanctions on hold, citing national interest:** Trump [signed](#) an executive order Friday pausing a sweeping Russia sanctions package, telling Congress the delay was in the national interest. He signed the legislation last month, and the pause comes two days before the deadline for implementation. Named for the late Sen.

Lindsey Graham, who died unexpectedly in July after returning from Ukraine, the bill was drafted with Sen. **Richard Blumenthal** (D-Conn.) and passed with bipartisan majorities.

- The package targeted Russian officials, banks, and the “shadow fleet” of tankers moving Russian energy. It also imposed tariffs of up to 100% on the top five importers of Russian oil or gas, with an exception for countries that import less than 15% of their natural gas from Russia and are significantly cutting those imports.
- **FAA bars unauthorized drones along U.S.-Mexico border:** The FAA is [imposing](#) a temporary flight restriction that bars unauthorized drone activity up to 400 feet above ground level, extending one nautical mile north of the U.S.-Mexico border. In April, the FAA and Pentagon signed an agreement allowing the government to use a high-energy laser counter-drone system along the southern border. The Pentagon claimed more than 1,000 drone incursions along the border each month, and U.S. security officials have grown alarmed about cartels using drones to drop drugs or surveil trafficking routes.
 - In February, the FAA briefly halted El Paso’s airport because Customs and Border Protection used the laser without a safety review. Days later, the military shot down a CBP drone with the laser, and the FAA expanded its restricted area around Fort Hancock, Texas.
- **Mexican man found dead at Laredo ICE facility, seventh ICE detainee death in Texas this year:** **Emiliano Andrade-Covarrubias**, 56, was [found](#) unresponsive in his cell at the Rio Grande Processing Center around 10 a.m. on Saturday, his daughter and Rep. **Henry Cuellar** (D-Texas) told the Texas Tribune.
 - He is the seventh person to die in ICE detention in Texas this year. The Rio Grande Processing Center is managed by GEO Group, which declined to comment on the story.
 - The family learned of his death through the Webb County Medical Examiner and was not contacted by federal agencies. Andrade-Covarrubias had a heart condition, diabetes, and high blood pressure, but, his daughter alleged, staff wouldn’t administer his medication.
- **Obama condemns Trump administration’s investigation of Rep. Ilhan Omar:** Former President **Barack Obama** [denounced](#) the investigation of Rep. **Ilhan Omar** (D-Minn.) in a statement on X on Sunday. He said, “the fact that any president, or any administration, is willing to engage in such transparent efforts to intimidate someone should outrage all Americans, regardless of how they feel about Congresswoman Omar’s political views.” He

warned that “if this becomes the new normal, there’s no reason to believe it will stop with her — or that future presidents, in either party, won’t do the same.”

- Federal agents raided Omar’s Washington home last week and seized her phone as part of an investigation into whether she or her late father gave false information on immigration paperwork 26 years ago. The administration intends to build a case to strip her citizenship and ultimately deport her, the Wall Street Journal reported. The first Trump administration reviewed similar allegations in 2019 and found insufficient evidence for a full investigation, the Washington Post reported.
- **Trump says California officials “will all go to jail” if state counts ballots of supposed noncitizens:** Trump [wrote](#) on Truth Social Friday that California officials “will all go to jail for a long period of time!!!” if they include in their midterm count the mail-in ballots of people the federal government claims are noncitizens. On Thursday, the Justice Department announced that it was pursuing legal action against California, after DOJ gave officials 48 hours to review the citizenship status of about 20,000 voters.
- **Texas reportedly weighed selling Boca Chica State Park to SpaceX:** The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission [weighed](#) selling a 1,300-acre state park, the beachfront Boca Chica State Park in Cameron County, to SpaceX, Texas Monthly reported. According to a draft agenda, the commission planned to take up the sale in closed-door executive session on November 5, two days after the midterm election. After Texas Monthly inquired about the sale, a spokesperson for the commission said it “is not considering the sale of the Boca Chica property at its November meeting.” She did not answer follow-up questions about the talks, **Elon Musk’s** involvement, why the agenda changed, or whether the issue is shelved. Sources said the nine commissioners, all appointed by Gov. **Greg Abbott**, could take it up later.

- Lawmakers gave SpaceX partial control of Boca Chica’s beaches last year, and in 2024 the state agreed to a 43-acre swap that SpaceX later abandoned. This summer the US Fish and Wildlife Service approved giving SpaceX 715 acres of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge for 683 acres elsewhere.

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Other International News

- **Ukraine launches 1,000+ drones at Russia; Russian strikes on Ukraine kill two:** Russia’s Defense Ministry [said](#) it “neutralized” 1,015 Ukrainian drones overnight. St. Petersburg Gov. Alexander Beglov said a “massive” strike killed at least one person and

injured five. Some of the Ukrainian strikes appeared to target energy and tech infrastructure. Several residential buildings and two houses were struck. About 20,000 people lost power in the Leningrad Oblast, the region's governor said.

- In Kyiv, Russian strikes overnight killed a woman, hit a subway station, and damaged a residential building, injuring three people. Russian attacks on Zaporizhzhia killed a woman and wounded at least two people, including a six-year-old girl.
- **2,400+ arrested in French protests:** Protests against education policies and the rising cost of living in France [continued](#) over the weekend with some of the largest turnouts since the demonstrations began last month, with hundreds of thousands taking to the streets in some 140 cities and towns. Police have arrested at least 2,400 protesters since Saturday.
 - French Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu said he has asked regional authorities to impose partial curfews in some cities. Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez offered his resignation on Sunday but President Emmanuel Macron asked him to stay in his position to respond to the situation. Macron blamed much of Saturday's violence on "insurrectionist elements from radical far-left groups, joined by numerous criminals," he said in a televised address on Sunday. "Those who looted will have to pay for the damage, and those who sought to bring down the Republic will be held accountable," he added.
- **RSF attack kills at least 11 displaced people:** A Rapid Support Forces attack near the Chad border [killed](#) at least 11 internally displaced people and wounded dozens more on Saturday, the Sudan Tribune reported. Most of the casualties were women and children, according to the Darfur Regional Government.
- **Albanian police attack protesters, arrest 1,000+:** Police in Tirana [fired](#) what appeared to be rubber bullets at protesters Saturday outside the education ministry. The protests are focused on perceived government corruption, lack of jobs, and poor education standards. Rounds hit several demonstrators and two Reuters journalists. The chief of police did not deny using rubber bullets, saying "all means that were used were employed in a limited manner." He said that authorities have arrested 1,067 people and prosecuted 388.
- **19 dead, 25 injured in stampede during Hindu religious festival in Kolkata:** At least 19 people were killed and 25 were injured in a stampede at a Hindu religious festival in Kolkata, India, on Saturday. Police said a crowd outside a pavilion took cover from rain, and that some worshippers fell in the rush and were trampled. Victims were taken to Kolkata Medical College, according to Suvendu Adhikari, the head of West Bengal province. A seven-year-old girl was among the dead.

- **Sisi says his term ends in 2030, proposes military academy program to train future leaders:** Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi pledged on Saturday at an Egyptian Military Academy graduation that he would leave office after his term ends in 2030, calling it “a matter that has been completely settled and will not be discussed,” and reiterated that the constitution will not be amended again.

- Sisi, 71, was reelected in December 2023 to a six-year term, after amending the constitution in 2019 to extend presidential terms from four to six years and permitted him to run for a third term. In the past two elections, several opposition candidates have been jailed or barred from running. A former army general, Sisi became president in 2014, a year after toppling elected president Mohamed Morsi.

- Sisi also announced a plan for his succession, saying that only candidates aged 40 to 50 with a doctorate should apply and would be required to spend 30 months at a military academy training program.

- **Lula and Bolsonaro face off in debate:** Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Sen. Flavio Bolsonaro [attended](#) their first face-to-face debate Sunday, a week before the October 25 runoff election. Bolsonaro finished nearly two points ahead of Lula in the first round of voting. According to a new [poll](#), Bolsonaro only leads Lula 46.5% to 45.9%—well within the poll’s margin of error.

- **Mexico arrests former Chihuahua official, charges treason:** Mexican authorities [arrested](#) Cesar Jauregui, Chihuahua’s former attorney general, on suspicion of treason, Attorney General Ernestina Godoy said Saturday. Prosecutors say that earlier this year, he allowed U.S. agents to take part in an “irregular” raid on a suspected drug laboratory in the border state without the required legal authorization. In April, the U.S. said that two embassy employees in Mexico City had died. Reuters reported that they were CIA officers.

- **Anti-corruption lawyer shot dead in Guatemala City:** Juan Francisco Solorzano Foppa, an anti-corruption lawyer and former prosecutor, was shot and [killed](#) at a sports center in Guatemala City on Saturday, Reuters reported. Police said that they detained two men and seized a carbine-style firearm and a motorcycle in connection with the case.

- Solorzano Foppa led criminal investigations in the Public Prosecutor’s Office, and later led the federal tax authority, prosecuting dozens of powerful business figures and recovering unpaid taxes. In 2025, he alleged links between the Barrio 18 gang and the right-wing political party National Unity of Hope. He also reported connections between criminal gangs and the judicial system.

- **Venezuelan opposition reaffirms support for exiled political figure Machado:** The Venezuelan opposition coalition known as the Unitary Democratic Platform [agreed](#) to “recognize and support the leadership of Maria Corina Machado” and renewed their demand for “free elections” in the country on Sunday. Machado has lived in exile since December, and her party says Venezuelan authorities have blocked her repeated attempts to come back. Machado told the Financial Times she wants elections to be held by July next year.

- **Kenya reports eighth Ebola case:** A middle-aged man tested positive for Ebola, Kenya’s Director-General for Health Patrick Amoth [said](#) Sunday, bringing the tally of infections to eight. Amoth added that the man was likely exposed to Ebola by Kenya’s patient zero, who had arrived from Democratic Republic of Congo earlier this month. Congo reports over 9,400 Ebola cases and over 4,500 deaths.

- **Fire at Canadian military base kills four, hospitalizes dozens:** A fast-moving grass fire [killed](#) four service members at Canadian Forces Base Wainwright in Alberta, Canada, on Saturday. At least 39 additional people had been hospitalized by Sunday, and at least 19 were in critical condition, according to Alberta Premier Danielle Smith.