

Iranian mine sinks tanker in Hormuz; Trump pardons two at Alaska rally; Congo Ebola cases top 9,000

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Yemen

- Ansarallah claims missile and drone strikes on Saudi Aramco facilities and Riyadh airport: Yemen's Ansarallah [said](#) Wednesday they launched a large-scale attack using ballistic and cruise missiles and drones against Saudi Aramco facilities in Dhahran, in the kingdom's Eastern Province, King Khalid International Airport and an Aramco refinery in Riyadh.

- The group claimed the strikes caused destruction and fires, threatening further attacks on Saudi airports and oil facilities in retaliation for Saudi-led attacks in Yemen. Saudi warplanes carried out 104 airstrikes and missile attacks over the past 24 hours across Sana'a, Dhamar, Taiz, Amran, Lahj, al-Jawf, Marib, Saada, and Hodeidah, causing civilian casualties, according to the group.

- Saudi Arabia's military coalition separately [announced](#) it had intercepted and destroyed an Ansarallah ballistic missile targeting the capital, where authorities issued an air-raid alert urging residents to shelter indoors.

- Four people, including two women, a man, and a child, were [injured](#) in Riyadh by falling debris from two intercepted cruise missiles, which also caused minor damage to 15 homes, according to Saudi's Civil Defense. A separate [interception](#) Wednesday led to the injury of one person and damage to a house and a vehicle.

- Saudi Aramco headquarters extensively damaged in Ansarallah attack: Saudi Aramco's headquarters in Dhahran, eastern Saudi Arabia, [suffered](#) extensive damage in an attack Tuesday, with a fire spreading across several floors, according to Reuters. The top three floors, where CEO Amin Nasser's office is located, were severely damaged, with collapsed ceilings and shattered windows and doors.

- The fire continued burning into early Wednesday, Reuters reported. Operations

at the complex, which houses a control center overseeing oil rigs, refineries, export terminals, and pipelines, have reportedly continued, although some employees were instructed to work from home and certain functions were transferred to global offices. Saudi Arabia's Energy Ministry described the fire as limited.

- Saudi-led strikes hit oil facilities in Yemen's Hodeidah and Sana'a, killing two: Two people were killed and two others wounded in a Tuesday [airstrike](#) on a state oil company facility in the Ras Isa port area of Hodeidah province, the Sana'a-based Health Ministry said Wednesday. The Saudi-led coalition also struck a Yemeni Oil Company facility in the Ansarallah-controlled capital, Sana'a, after issuing a warning ordering civilians to evacuate the site and nearby storage areas.

- The Yemeni Oil Company claimed its storage facilities were empty and that the strike would not affect fuel reserves or supplies.

- Yemen hospitals overwhelmed by war casualties as fighting cuts aid to 800,000 people: Hospitals in Marib, Taiz, and along Yemen's Red Sea coast are [struggling](#) with unprecedented numbers of war casualties, with some admitting more than 700 wounded patients in a single week, the International Committee of the Red Cross warned Wednesday.

- Fighting and road closures also cut off humanitarian assistance to around 800,000 people in Taiz and other affected areas, according to the UN World Food Programme. Wheat flour stocks are nearly exhausted, while remaining food supplies in local markets may last only a short time.

- Cholera cases surge amid mass displacement in unsanitary camps: Suspected cholera cases in Yemen have tripled in the past three weeks, rising from 217 cases to 647, [according](#) to the World Health Organization (WHO). Yemen has reported 8,034 suspected cases of cholera and 27 deaths this year, with a quarter of cases occurring in the last four weeks.

- Five governorates hosting large numbers of displaced people in the southwest of Yemen—Abyan, Lahj, Al-Dhale'e, Taiz and Aden—accounted for 92% of reported cholera cases.

- “Escalating conflict and mass displacement in Yemen are increasing the risk of infectious disease outbreaks as overcrowding, inadequate access to safe water and disrupted health services expose growing numbers of people to cholera, measles and other preventable diseases,” the WHO said.

Palestine

- Israeli strike on Gaza City apartment kills Palestinian woman: A Palestinian woman was **killed** in an Israeli airstrike on a residential apartment in the Rimal neighborhood, west of Gaza City, early Wednesday, according to WAFA. **Footage** showed a child in shock amid smoke and flames following the strike.
- Over the past 24 hours, three Palestinians were killed—two in new Israeli attacks and one due to wounds sustained in earlier attacks—and 17 injured across Gaza, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health.
- The total recorded death toll since October 7, 2023 is now 74,392 killed, with 175,440 injured. Since October 11, 2025, the first full day of the so-called ceasefire, Israel has killed at least 1,501 Palestinians in Gaza and wounded 5,323, while 838 bodies have been recovered.
- Israeli forces uproot olive trees, settlers attack Palestinians across the occupied West Bank:
 - Ramallah: Israeli forces **uprooted** hundreds of productive olive trees and began leveling farmland in Kafr Malik on Wednesday, WAFA reported.
 - Near Deir Dibwan and Burqa, Israeli soldiers assaulted a Palestinian man, confiscated his vehicle, and stole his olive harvest.
 - Nablus: Israeli settlers attacked farmers harvesting olives in Beita, **beating and injuring** a 17-year-old boy. Settlers also bulldozed land in Beit Dajan to open new roads and around a family home in Burin, reportedly in preparation for a new settlement outpost.
 - Salfit: Settlers **attacked** olive harvesters in Qarawat Bani Hassan with pepper spray, causing one farmer to suffer breathing difficulties.
 - Israeli forces also raided the Palestinian Prisoners Affairs Commission's office in Salfit, damaging its contents, tearing up photographs and interrogating employees.
 - Jenin: Israeli forces **fired tear gas** at olive harvesters from Al-Fandaqumiya, Jaba, and Silat ad-Dhahr, forcing them off their land despite prior coordination allowing access.

- In Ya'bad, settlers assaulted farmers, stole their olive harvest and expelled them from their land, also despite prior coordination.
- Bethlehem: Israeli forces **kept** all seven entrances to Tuqu' closed with iron gates for a second consecutive day, blocking other roads with earth mounds and restricting residents' access to work and essential services.
- Tubas: Settlers **destroyed** irrigation networks and agricultural pipelines and stole water valves and meters belonging to farmers in the northern Yaza community.
- Hebron: Israeli forces **detained** eight Palestinians, including four children aged 14 and 15, during raids in Al-Burj, Sa'ir and Beit Ula, reportedly beating several detainees.
- Over 2,000 Gaza patients die awaiting medical care: At least 2,027 patients in Gaza have **died** while awaiting treatment or medical evacuation abroad, while more than 21,000 others need evacuation, according to Mohammed Abu Afash, director of Medical Relief in Gaza.
- Speaking to Voice of Palestine radio on Wednesday, Abu Afash said no patients had left through the Rafah crossing for more than five days, as Israel continues to close crossings and restrict medical supplies.
- Gaza's functioning healthcare centers have fallen from more than 574 to just 227, operating with limited resources, he said.
- Israeli settlers torch mosque near Jerusalem amid 13 attacks on mosques in 2026: Dozens of Israeli settlers **attacked** the town of Mikhmas, northeast of occupied East Jerusalem, after midnight Wednesday, setting fire to a mosque, burning a Palestinian vehicle and an olive tree, and damaging the mosque's entrance, according to the Palestinian Wall and Settlement Resistance Commission.
- The commission documented 23 incidents of arson or attempted arson targeting Palestinian mosques between January 2023 and October 11, 2026, attributing 20 to Israeli settlers and three to the Israeli military—with 13 incidents so far in 2026, accounting for more than half of all recorded cases.
- Separately, Israeli authorities **demolished** more than 430 homes and structures in occupied East Jerusalem since the start of 2026, with 23,280 demolition orders outstanding and roughly 33% of Palestinian homes at risk.
- Gaza doctor beaten at prison in front of Israel's Ben Gvir, Palestinian officials say: Doctor Marwan Al-Hams, director of Gaza's field hospitals, **suffered** fractures after being restrained

and beaten in front of Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir at Ganot prison on October 7, according to Gaza's Health Ministry and the Prisoners' Media Office.

- The ministry said Al-Hams was restrained, dragged and severely beaten under Ben Gvir's "direct supervision," leaving him with fractures and acute back pain. The Prisoners' Media Office called it the "harshest treatment recorded against Gaza detainees" and said he needs urgent medical care.
- Al-Hams, a Health Ministry spokesperson, was seized by armed men in civilian clothes in Al-Mawasi on July 21, 2025, shot in the leg, and taken. Photojournalist Tamer Al-Za'anin, who was filming him for a documentary, was killed in the attack.

Iran

- Three Iranian fishermen seriously injured in drone strike: Three fishermen were seriously injured Wednesday when a fishing boat was [struck](#) by what local authorities described as an "enemy drone" about 18 nautical miles off Bondaran village in Sirik county, southern Iran, according to Mehr news agency.
- Iran reports first ship sinking from naval mine in Strait of Hormuz: A cargo ship carrying approximately 2,500 containers [sank](#) Wednesday after striking a naval mine in the Strait of Hormuz, Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) navy said—marking the first reported sinking of a vessel caused by a mine during the war.
 - The IRGC claimed the ship was "carrying contraband" and traveling along "an unauthorized and dangerous route" in the Strait.
 - The sinking comes as Tehran reportedly [adopts](#) new tactics to increase attacks on vessels it considers in violation of its shipping restrictions, aiming to prevent Washington from lowering oil prices before November's midterm elections, two senior Iranian officials told Reuters on Wednesday. Shipping attacks have reached their highest intensity since the war began, with 26 vessels hit in the last two weeks.
 - Washington has also continued enforcing its naval blockade of Iranian ports, including a Saturday strike that disabled the cargo ship Ocean Molica in the Gulf of Oman, according to CENTCOM.
- Iran carries out latest execution as UN experts call for halt: Iran executed a man convicted of carrying out a series of shooting attacks in the southern city of Kerman that injured several civilians earlier this year, according to Iranian state broadcaster IRIB. Ali-Sina Mostafavi was hanged by Iranian authorities on Wednesday.

- Last week, UN experts [called on](#) Iranian authorities to immediately halt all executions, warning that Iran is among a shrinking group of countries that still carries out the death penalty.

Lebanon

- Israel strikes multiple towns across southern Lebanon in continued ceasefire violations: Israeli warplanes [carried out](#) airstrikes on the outskirts of Hadatha in Bint Jbeil district and between Kfar Tebnit and Nabatieh Al-Fawqa in Nabatieh district on Wednesday, according to Lebanon's National News Agency.
- Israeli forces also shelled the Jallahiya area of Khiam in Marjayoun district, the outskirts of Shaqra and Wadi Al-Salouqi in Bint Jbeil district.
- UN warns Israeli attacks and destruction in southern Lebanon may amount to war crimes despite ceasefire: The UN Human Rights Office [expressed](#) "grave concern" over continued Israeli military operations in southern Lebanon despite the ceasefire, citing recent airstrikes, drone attacks, shelling, and explosions across several districts.
- It warned that Israeli forces continue to destroy homes, schools, healthcare facilities, water networks, and farmland in occupied areas of southern Lebanon, leaving entire villages and towns nearly wiped out and preventing thousands of displaced residents from returning.
- The UN said these actions constitute widespread violations of international humanitarian law, some of which may amount to war crimes or other crimes under international law.
- At least 4,387 people, including at least 660 women and children and 135 healthcare workers, were killed between March 2 and October 11, 2026, with another 12,424 injured, according to Lebanon's Health Ministry.

U.S. News

- Top House Republicans privately concede House control is "all but gone," shift focus to saving Senate majority: Five senior Republican lawmakers speaking anonymously to Politico [said](#) that the House has all but slipped away from the GOP, and that the party's goal is now to limit the scale of the defeat and hold the Senate. One senior House Republican said the aim is to "save as many Republican seats as we can," adding that "President Trump has made this election all about himself. Now we have to survive that political storm." A second lawmaker predicted Democrats would pick up about 10 seats, more than enough for a

majority, and said even in newly redistricted Florida and Texas, Republican candidates are “hanging on with their fingernails.”

- Federal probe of Rep. Ilhan Omar reportedly centers on birth date and citizenship papers: The Department of Justice investigation that led agents to search the Washington residence of Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) Monday [focuses](#) on claims that she or her late father may have lied on decades-old immigration paperwork to secure legal status and eventually citizenship, the Washington Post reported. Omar, whose family fled Somalia and immigrated to the U.S. in 1995, has repeatedly rejected the allegations, calling them “baseless lies and smear campaigns” and the latest attempt by the administration “to target political enemies and weaponize federal law enforcement.”

- DOJ has filed at least 163 denaturalization cases since January 2025, including 40 since August, versus about 11 a year from 1990 to 2017. Such cases rarely reach decades-old conduct outside serious transnational crimes.

- DOJ gives California 48 hours to act on alleged noncitizen voter list or face legal action: In a Tuesday letter to California Secretary of State Shirley Weber, [reviewed](#) by Reuters, acting Deputy Attorney General R. Trent McCotter demanded the state take a series of actions related to a list of voters until their citizenship is confirmed, including segregating any returned ballots, or face legal action.

- The letter escalates the administration’s pressure on states and suggests DOJ may challenge ballots before the Nov. 3 election. DOJ has repeatedly claimed noncitizen voting is widespread despite studies showing it is rare. DOJ’s Civil Rights Division has sued 30 states that refused to hand over voter data and has lost 26 cases without a win.

- NYC Comptroller Mark Levine backs off campaign pledge to buy Israeli bonds: New York City Comptroller Mark Levine said on Wednesday he and his investment team decided not to buy bonds from the state of Israel, the New York Times [reported](#), reversing a campaign promise. He said the call was made “entirely on financial grounds,” citing “some technical challenges” and an “ongoing” analysis. Levine, a vocal supporter of Israel, said that, given regional instability and his office’s preference for shorter-term bonds, reinvesting made little sense.

- ICE seeks AI software to monitor detainees’ calls, video and movements: ICE [posted](#) a request for information Friday on a federal contracting website seeking AI software to use transcription and voice recognition to monitor detainees’ calls, along with data from detention-center cameras, the Washington Sun reported on Tuesday. The system would run

24/7 and store detainee profiles.

- ICE already monitors calls not related to detainees' legal cases, but voice recognition would significantly expand its capacity. The software would track whether the person on a call matches the one associated with the dialed number, labeling mismatches "receiver-side deception."
- Trump pardons two Alaska mechanics on stage at Wasilla rally: Trump [pardoned](#) Alaska mechanics Zachary Czubak and Patrick Fleming at a Tuesday rally in Wasilla, clearing them of guilty pleas for violating the Clean Air Act. Alaska's congressional Republicans had lobbied for the pardons. Trump called them "unconditional," telling the crowd, "That means you're as clean as a newborn baby's ass," and said they were "worth the eight hours in a plane." Following the live pardons, Czubak urged the crowd to reelect the state's congressional Republicans.
- CBS analysis: More than half of top bidders for Trump meme coin dinner appear to be overseas: A CBS News analysis [found](#) that at least 52 of the 100 top holders on the public leaderboard for President Trump's next \$TRUMP meme coin gala moved funds through crypto exchanges that bar U.S. customers, including Binance, Bybit and MEXC, indicating many are based abroad. At least 44 used Binance before buying.
 - The Nov. 22 dinner at Trump National Golf Club outside Washington will seat the 185 largest holders, with Trump as featured speaker alongside three unnamed "legends," and the top 29 get front seating and a VIP reception.
 - Trump earned at least \$635 million in royalties from the coin last year, part of more than \$1.4 billion in crypto-related income, and a Trump Organization affiliate earns revenue whenever it trades.
- CVS to pay \$315 million in unlawful opioids settlement: CVS Pharmacy and its subsidiaries [agreed](#) to pay \$315 million to resolve a Justice Department case alleging that it dispensed medically unnecessary prescriptions of highly addictive opioids," the Associated Press reported Tuesday. The suit, filed by the Biden administration's Justice Department in 2024, accused CVS of violating the Controlled Substances Act, filling illegitimate prescriptions for high doses of potent opioids "to fuel its own profits at the expense of public health and safety."
- Bank of America fined \$1.2 billion over customer money laundering: Bank of America has been fined a near-record \$1.2 billion over its failures to monitor and report billions of dollars of suspicious transactions, the Treasury Department and the Office of the

Comptroller of the Currency **announced** on Tuesday.

- The OCC's civil penalty of \$750 million, a significant portion of the \$1.2 billion total, is the largest it has imposed. The Treasury Department separately announced an \$11.6 million sanctions settlement. The Bank of America admitted that it willfully violated the Bank Secrecy Act, failing to maintain an adequate anti-money-laundering program, conduct due diligence on foreign-correspondent accounts, and file suspicious-activity reports.

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Other International News

- Ethiopian troops reach Eritrea border, raising war concerns: Ethiopian government troops on Tuesday **advanced** to Zalambessa, a small town bordering Eritrea, Reuters reported. The advance was made against Tigrayan rebels who had controlled the town.
- Ethiopia and Eritrea are on the brink of war, with each lobbing accusations of aggression against the other. Last week, both countries appealed to the UN Security Council for assistance.
- India orders temporary jailing of two leaders of Cockroach Janta Party: An Indian court **ordered** the detention of two Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) leaders, Ashutosh Ranka and Saurav Das, for five days, the party said Wednesday. Alongside about a dozen protesters, they had "scaled barricades" to enter a Delhi observatory that has long been used as an official protest area, Reuters reported, and chanted slogans calling for Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation. Indian police announced this week that protests would no longer be permitted at the site.
- Russian strikes kill three people in Kyiv, leave 600,000 without power: Russian bombardments **struck** Kyiv and Kharkiv overnight, killing three people in Kyiv and damaging 30 energy facilities, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said. The strikes caused power outages for at least 600,000 people. Russia's defense ministry said it hit four power plants in and around Kyiv and two in Kharkiv, among other targets. Ukraine reported downing just four of 39 missiles launched on Wednesday.
- Ukraine hits Russia's largest data center: Ukrainian drones struck Russia's largest data center on Wednesday, Reuters **reported**. The firm that owns the data center, Sberbank, is the biggest bank in Russia. Over the last week, Ukraine launched a series of strikes on

Russian data centers owned by the technology company Yandex.

- Ukrainian officials [said Wednesday](#) that SpaceX had imposed limits on Starlink services that are used to control combat drones, resulting in the disruption of some missions.
- Pakistan suspends provincial party of Imran Khan; police assail party supporters: The Pakistan federal government imposed a state of emergency in the northwestern province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Sunday, and placed it under federal control. The move, which federal authorities said was made to combat “[terrorism](#),” suspended the provincial rule of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, previously led by Imran Khan, the jailed former prime minister. PTI officials accused the federal government of mounting a coup. Police [fired](#) tear gas and live rounds at party supporters on Tuesday, according to PTI officials.
- DRC tops 9,000 Ebola cases, 4,300 deaths: Democratic Republic of the Congo reached 9,066 confirmed Ebola cases on Tuesday, the health ministry [reported](#). The outbreak has killed 4,381 people, and is the largest and deadliest in Congo’s history.
- The virus is beginning to spread across borders. Kenya and Uganda have reported Ebola infections originating in Congo.
- U.S. recalls acting envoy to Nicaragua after Ortega government rejects ambassador nominee: Acting U.S. envoy to Nicaragua Elias Baumann has [returned](#) to Washington “for critical consultations,” the State Department announced, after Nicaraguan co-Presidents Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo rejected the U.S.’s pick for ambassador, Natasha Franceschi.
- Ortega has accused the U.S. of trying to intervene in Nicaragua’s affairs, including institutions like the Organization of American States, which has exerted diplomatic and economic pressure on the Ortega-Murillo government.
- Russia arrests Japanese journalist, claims “espionage”: Russia [arrested](#) Yuki Imai, a reporter for Hokkaido Shimbun newspaper, the federal police agency FSB [said](#) Tuesday. The Russian foreign ministry accused Imai, who was based on the island of Sakhalin, of “conducting espionage activities on Russian territory.” Imai was arrested by masked agents and flown to Moscow, where a court ordered his detention for two months, the Associated Press reported.