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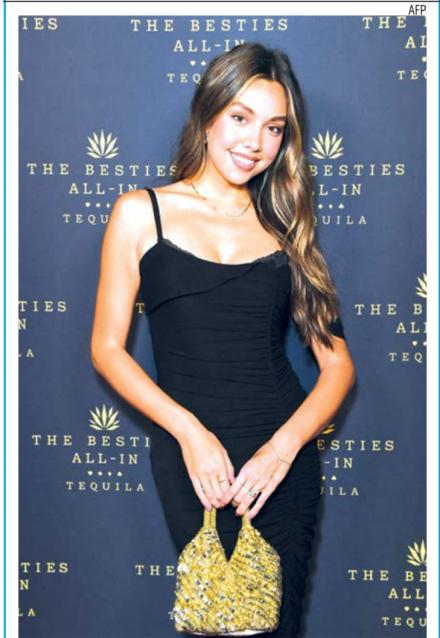


Iran's foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, speaks during a press conference at the 51st session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Istanbul



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan speaks during the 51st session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Istanbul

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US model Lindsay Rienstra poses during 'The Besties' All-In Tequila launch party in West Hollywood, California

Toll in lynching of Nigeria wedding guests rises to 12

JOS: The number of people killed after a mob stormed a bus carrying Muslim wedding guests in central Nigeria's volatile Plateau state has risen to 12, according to the Nigerian presidency. The dead include the groom's father and brother, it said. President Bola Tinubu has condemned the killings, the latest attack to hit the region where tensions are high after a series of bloody attacks in recent days, with ethnic Fulani nomadic Muslim herders suspected of killing dozens of people in Plateau's Mangu local government area. Police, survivors and local organisations said around 30 people on a bus to a wedding lost their way, stopped to ask for directions, and were accosted by an irate mob.

Lai says Taiwan 'clearly' a country in island tour

TAIPEI: Taiwan's president Lai Ching-te said Sunday that Taiwan is a country as he kicked off a tour aimed at "uniting" the self-ruled island. China, which claims democratic Taiwan as its territory, has threatened to annex it by force and has held several military drills around the island since Lai took office. "Taiwan is clearly a country," Lai said in a speech met with cheers at the Rotary Club in Taipei. "Conducting diplomacy externally, and having national defense capabilities, this is sovereignty," he said, adding that "from any perspective... We (Taiwan) are a country."

Winds fuel fears of new Croatia wildfires

ZAGREB: Firefighters in southern Croatia were on high alert Sunday in fear that expected strong winds could rekindle blazes in the Balkan nation. Crews, with the help of water bombers, managed to get control Saturday over wildfires on the southern Adriatic coast, after a series of blazes started in recent days. The fires, near Croatia's second largest city Split, that started Saturday morning close to the coastal village of Pisak was put under control but were still smoldering. They have burnt 300 hectares (740 acres) and dozen of houses, authorities said.

18 killed in latest Chad violence:govt

N'DJAMENA: A new bout of intercommunal violence has left 18 people dead, including women and children, in a southwestern region of Chad, according to a new government toll. "A deadly clash occurred on June 19, 2025 in the village of Oregomel, Mayo-Kebbi Ouest province, resulting in 18 deaths including women and children, and 17 injured," the communications minister and government spokesperson, Gassim Cherif Mahamat, said late Saturday. On Friday, the general delegate of the provincial government, Abdelmanane Katab, had announced 17 deaths to AFP, including eleven children and six women, in what he attributed to a "vendetta" led by "armed herders with machetes".

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Iran fires 40 missiles towards Israel Causes heavy damage but few injuries in Tel Aviv

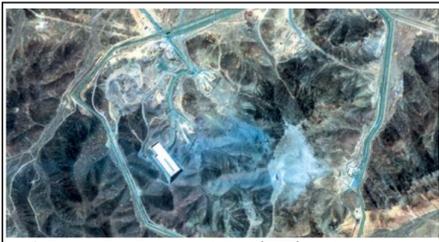
AP, TEL AVIV: Hours after the US struck three Iranian nuclear sites, Iran launched more than 40 missiles toward Israel on Sunday, wounding 23 people and destroying apartment buildings and homes in three cities.

At an impact site in Tel Aviv, the blast had sheared off the face of a multistory residential building and damaged several others - including a nursing home - in a radius of hundreds of metres. But few people were wounded, as many residents had been evacuated and others made it to bomb shelters.

Deputy Mayor Haim Goren, who assisted at the scene, said it was nevertheless "miraculous" that more people were not hurt. Relatives and health aides helped residents - many with wheelchairs or walkers - to leave the nursing home, where windows were blown out up to the top on the 11th floor.

"It's like a typhoon came through my apartment," said Ofer Berger, who lives near the impact site on the seventh floor of a high-rise. "All of the apartments in this area are destroyed," he said.

Emergency services said one person was moderate-



Iran's Fordow Fuel Enrichment Plant (FEEP), northeast of the city of Qom, after US strikes on the site

IRAN VOWS TO RESPOND TO US BOMBING

PTI, TEHRAN: Iran on Sunday vowed to avenge the US bombing of three of its major nuclear facilities saying the American strikes will have "everlasting consequences". The reaction by Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi came hours after the US struck Iranian nuclear facilities in Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan using "bunker buster" bombs which were dropped by B-2 bombers. Following the US strikes, President Donald Trump said the Iranian nuclear facilities were "completely and totally obliterated". The US has committed a "grave violation" of the UN Charter, international law and the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) by attacking Iran's peaceful nuclear installations, Araghchi said. "The events this morning are outrageous and will have everlasting consequences. Each and every member of the UN must be alarmed over this extremely dangerous, lawless and criminal behaviour," he said. The Iranian foreign minister said Tehran reserves "all options" to defend its "sovereignty, interest, and people." Araghchi said he is travelling to Moscow to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin.

ly wounded by shrapnel in Sunday's missile barrage while dozens of others were lightly injured.

Berger said he hoped the war with Iran would end

soon. "Most of the tit-for-tat strikes like this end with a lot of tears," he said.

Residents sat with their pets and suitcases outside the damaged build-

RUSSIA STRONGLY CONDEMNS 'IRRESPONSIBLE' US STRIKE ON IRANIAN NUCLEAR FACILITIES

PTI, MOSCOW: Russia on Sunday strongly condemned the "irresponsible" US strikes on three nuclear facilities in Iran, asserting that it "grossly violates" international law, UN Charter and UNSC resolutions. The US bombed three major nuclear sites - Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan - in Iran earlier in the day, bringing itself into the Israel-Iran conflict. In a statement, the Russian Foreign Ministry said, "The irresponsible decision to subject the territory of a sovereign state to missile and bomb strikes, no matter what arguments are used, grossly violates international law, the UN Charter, and the resolutions of the UN Security Council, which previously unequivocally qualified such actions as unacceptable." Without naming the US, the ministry said it was "especially alarming" that the strikes were carried out by "a country that is a permanent member of the UN Security Council." It also called for the "collective" rejection of the "confrontational actions" of the US and Israel. Noting that while the consequences of the bombing, including radiological ones, are yet to be assessed, the ministry said it was "already obvious that a dangerous escalation has begun, fraught with further undermining of regional and global security." The risk of an escalation of conflict in the Middle East, already engulfed in multiple crises, has "increased significantly," it said.

ings. One person sat next to a shopping cart filled with Buddha statues and a child's bicycle.

Families gathered what they could and stepped gingerly around piles of glass and twisted metal. Dozens of volunteers from an organisation called "One Heart" showed up to help residents salvage their belongings.

Strikes have displaced more than 9,000 people from their homes since the start of the war, according to the Israeli military. Missiles have damaged 240 residential buildings, including more than 2,000 individual apartments.

Mira Goshen, 79, said her entire apartment was destroyed.

China condemns US attack on Iran's nuclear sites; calls for ceasefire

PTI, BEIJING: China on Sunday strongly condemned the US air strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities saying that it is a serious violation of the UN Charter and heightens tensions in West Asia.

Beijing also called on "parties to the conflict, Israel in particular", to reach a ceasefire as soon as possible, ensure the safety of civilians, and start dialogue and negotiation.

The US on Sunday attacked Iran's Fordow, Isfahan and Natanz nuclear sites to destroy the country's nuclear programme.

US President Donald Trump said that the US military had carried out a "very successful" attack on three nuclear sites and warned of additional strikes if Iran retaliates.

China strongly condemns the US attacks on Iran and bombing of nuclear facilities under the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency, a spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a comment posted on the ministry's website.

THUNDER SHARK



SeaShark 800 sea drone, developed by Thunder Tiger company, demonstrates its capabilities during an event held by the National Chung-Shan Institute of Science and Technology (NCSIST) at Suao Harbour, in Yilan

Japan spots Chinese ships near disputed isles for record 216 days

AFP, TOKYO: Japan spotted Chinese vessels sailing near disputed islets in the East China Sea for a record 216 consecutive days, Tokyo's coast guard said Sunday.

The Tokyo-administered islands, known as the Diaoyu in China and Senkaku in Japan, have long been a sore point between the neighbours.

On Sunday, Japan said it observed four Chinese coast guard vessels sailing in the "contiguous" zone, referring to a 12-nautical-mile band that extends beyond Japan's territorial

waters.

Last year, Chinese vessels sailed near the Tokyo-administered island chain a record 355 times, including for a period of 215 consecutive days, a Japanese coast guard spokesman told AFP.

Japanese officials regularly protest the presence of the Chinese coast guard and other vessels in the waters surrounding the remote, disputed islands.

Relations between Japan and China were strained by Tokyo's decision to "nationalise" some of the islands in 2012.

Key Bangladesh party files case on alleged election rigging

AFP, DHAKA: Bangladesh's leading political party filed a case Sunday against former election commissioners it accuses of rigging past polls to keep now-ousted autocrat Sheikh Hasina in power.

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) said it had lodged a complaint against 19 people including Hasina, who fled in August following weeks of protest against her rule.

"We have brought allegations of violating the constitution, breaching the electoral code of conduct, assisting a political

Bangladesh's interim leader Muhammad Yunus this month ordered the relevant government bodies to bring those allegedly responsible for irregularities at the election commission to justice

The BNP claimed Hasina's election wins in 2014, 2018 and 2024 were achieved through repressive actions against opposition parties.

Among those named in its case lodged at a Dhaka police station are three former top election commissioners - Kazi Rakiuddin Ahmad, KM Nurul Huda, and Kazi Habibur Awal.

Other officials accused by the BNP include more election commissioners, commission secretaries, senior police and intelligence officials, and Hasina's interior minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal. All are no longer in office.

sparked the war in Gaza.

Israel's military said it struck an Iranian nuclear research facility overnight and killed three senior Iranian commanders in pursuit of its goal to destroy Iran's nuclear programme. Smoke rose near a mountain in Isfahan, where the province's deputy governor for security affairs, Akbar Salehi, confirmed Israeli strikes damaged the facility.

The target was a centrifuge production site, Israel's military said. The International Atomic Energy Agency confirmed the attack and said the facility - also targeted in the war's first day - was "extensively damaged," but that there was no risk of off-site contamination.

Israel says it's preparing for possibility of lengthy war against Iran

AP, TEL AVIV: Israel's military said Saturday it was preparing for the possibility of a lengthy war, while Iran's foreign minister warned that US military involvement "would be very, very dangerous for everyone".

The prospect of a wider war threatened, too. Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen said they would resume attacks on US vessels in the Red Sea if the Trump administration joins Israel's military campaign. The Houthis paused such attacks in May under a deal with the US.

The US ambassador to Israel announced the US has begun "assisted departure flights," the first from Israel since the Hamas-led attack on Oct 7, 2023, that

despite repeated requests to the election commission, no steps were taken over the years to ensure a level playing field. Instead, some opposition candidates were killed, subjected to enforced disappearances, or faced various forms of persecution. According to the BNP, Hasina maintained her grip on power through her interior minister and senior police and intelligence officers, while the election commission turned a blind eye and declared her party's candidates the winners.

Tesla expected to launch long-discussed robotaxi service

AFP, NEW YORK: Tesla is expected to begin offering robotaxi service Sunday in Austin, an initial step that Elon Musk's backers believe could lead to the company's next growth wave.

The launch - which comes as Musk refocuses on his business ventures following a controversial stint in Donald Trump's administration -- will employ the Model Y sport

utility vehicle rather than Tesla's much-touted Cybercab, which is still under development.

The long-awaited launch follows the dramatic meltdown earlier this month in relations between Musk and Trump, which saw a cascade of bitter attacks from both men.

Since then, Musk has publicly expressed regret for some of his statements,

while his company's Texas operation has readied the Austin push - part of a major drive on autonomous technology and artificial intelligence that Tesla bulls believe will yield huge profits.

This group includes Wedbush analyst Daniel Ives, who said autonomous technology could be a catalyst for potentially \$1 trillion in additional market

value or more.

"There are countless skeptics of the Tesla robotaxi vision with many bears thinking this day would never come," said Ives, who predicted that Trump's administration would clear roadblocks for Tesla and pivot from the recent "soap opera."

"The golden era of autonomous for Tesla officially kicks off on Sunday

in Austin," Ives said in a note Friday.

But the unveiling in the Texas state capital comes amid questions about how Tesla will try to overcome criticism of Musk's activities for Trump.

Tesla saw profits plunge 71 percent in the first quarter following poor sales in several markets.

In picking Austin for the debut of the auto-

nomous vehicle (AV) service, Musk is opting for a US state known for its company-friendly approach to regulation.

"Texas law allows for AV testing and operations on Texas roadways as long as they meet the same safety and insurance requirements as every other vehicle on the road," the Texas Department of Transportation told AFP.