

Trump asks Ukraine to halt strikes on Russian diesel infra

KYIV, Sept 14 (AP)

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Sunday called on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to halt strikes on Russian oil refineries and other infrastructure used to produce and distribute diesel, saying the attacks are causing a global shortage. He spoke after diesel prices in the US hit a record on Friday, soaring past USD 6 a gallon on average.

Ukraine has for months been targeting Russia's oil and gas industry with long-range strikes, prompting fuel rationing across the country and causing Moscow to ban diesel exports in July, removing supplies from the already tight global market.

But the global crunch also came after the war on Iran cur-

NATO chief vows more support for Ukraine

WARSAW, Sept 14 (AP)

NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte said Monday that Russian drone strikes near the Ukraine-Poland border would drive the military alliance to increase its support for Kyiv, calling the attacks on Sunday.

"The strikes yesterday on trains in Ukraine close to NATO territory again show Putin's desperation and also his desire to sow fear and terror," Rutte said at NATO's political headquarters.

tailed oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz.

Fuel prices are weighing on Americans as they prepare to vote in mid-term elections in November.

Trump was asked by a reporter if he had spoken with Zelenskyy following his recent conversation with Russia's Vladimir Putin. He responded by calling on Zelenskyy to halt strikes against Russia. "Mr Zelenskyy has to do one thing. He has to stop knocking out diesel fuel in Russia," Trump told reporters on the sidelines of the Irish Open, which is being played at his Doonbeg golf club.

"We spoke to Mr Zelenskyy about it. There are plenty of other targets. Don't hit diesel fuel, because that's hurting, that's hurting the world," he said.

Pak's smokescreen attempt to escape FATF grey list

Masood in FIA's list of most wanted terrorists

- Bounty on JeM chief Masood Azhar raised by PKR 20 Lakh to PKR 70 Lakh
- FIA's Red Book also contains names of 19 terrorists involved in 26/11 Mumbai attacks

ISLAMABAD, Sept 14 (ANI)

PAKISTAN'S Federal Investigative Agency (FIA) has released a list of most wanted terrorists for 2026. One of terrorists in the Red book is Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief Masood Azhar. The bounty on Azhar has been raised by PKR 20 Lakh to PKR 70 Lakh.

This bid to show Azhar on the list of terrorists appears to be nothing more than a smoke-screen from Pakistan. The move comes ahead of the upcoming Financial Action Task Force (FATF) plenary in October, as Pakistan seeks to avoid falling

back onto the grey list, said sources.

To evade action and deceive the international community, Pakistan began claiming in 2021 that Azhar was no longer on its soil but had fled to Afghanistan, while the FIA initially placed a PKR 50 lakh reward on him that same year. Five years later, the bounty was hiked to PKR 70 lakh. Azhar is the mastermind behind several terror strikes in India including Pulwama strike.

Sources say that despite Pakistan's persistent narrative since 2021 that Azhar is hiding in Afghanistan, technical analysis by Indian Intelligence agencies over the past six months had revealed that he is actively hiding in Nawabshah city within Pakistan's Sindh province.

The FIA's newly-updated Red Book also contains the names of 19 terrorists involved in the 26/11 Mumbai attacks who assisted, financed, or managed boats for



the operatives.

Sources say, while 17 of these terrorists are listed along with their photographs and specific roles in 26/11, Pakistan has covertly removed the photographs, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) affiliations, and detailed operational roles of two terrorists, retaining only their names.

Specifically, the FIA retains the name of Muhammad Khan from Turbat who provided the boat Al-Hussaini to transport the attackers to Mumbai in its updated list, but has excised his photograph, LeT link, and role. Similarly, the photograph and LeT affiliation of Abdul Rehman from Bahawalnagar have been stripped from the record. Both individuals had their full roles and photos published in the 2021 FIA list, said sources.

The updated roster lists 11 LeT terrorists responsible for facilitating the sea voyage of the

attackers aboard the boats Al-Hussaini and Al-Fauz: Muhammad Amjad Khan (Multan), Shahid Gafoor (Bahawalpur), Mohammad Usman (Sahiwal), Ateeq-ur-Rehman (Lahore), Riaz Ahmad (Hafizabad), Muhammad Mushtaq (Gujranwala), Muhammad Naeem (Dera Ghazi Khan), Abdul Shakoor (Karachi), Muhammad Sabir Salfi (Multan), Muhammad Usman (Lodhran), and Shakeel Ahmed (Rahim Yar Khan).

Furthermore, the list features six terrorists who provided financial backing for the 26/11 attacks: Muhammad Iftikhar Ali (Faisalabad), an LeT operative who spent PKR 70,000 to set up VOIP connections enabling communication between the attackers and their handlers; Mohammad Zia, who provided PKR 80,000 to LeT for the attack; Mohammad Abbas Nasir (Khanewal), who contributed PKR 2,53,000; Javed Iqbal (Kasur), who supplied PKR 1,86,430.

Saudi military airbase hit as Houthis launch fresh attacks

Gulf Talks On Hormuz Scheduled In Oman Postponed 'At Riyadh's Request'

Taiz/Dubai: Arab states in the Gulf called off a meeting with Iran planned for Monday, while Yemen's Houthis launched a new attack on Saudi after fighting that has extended the war in West Asia to another theatre.

The Iran-aligned Houthis in Yemen said they fired dozens of missiles and drones on Monday at a Saudi military airbase in Khamis Mushait, near the border, hitting aircraft hangars, radar systems, runways and ammunition depots. They described the attack as retaliation for hundreds of Saudi airstrikes on Yemen in recent days.

Saudi authorities announced brief emergency alerts in three other southern cities which have previously come under Houthi fire. The Houthis launched a lightning advance last week in Yemen, culminating in the seizure of an island in the mouth of the Red Sea Friday. A separate attack that day, which Riyadh blamed on Iran-backed fighters in Iraq, knocked out Saudi Arabia's east-west pipeline, the main route for West Asian oil bypassing the blockaded Strait of Hormuz.

Oil prices jump

Crude oil prices rose over 3% Monday, when the market reopened after the weekend, while the retail price of diesel in the US hit a new all-time high above \$6.23 a gallon. Traders say the closure of the Saudi pipeline could cut off as much as 4% of global oil supply unless it is reopened within days.

Oman had been due to host



A commercial vessel is anchored off Yemen's coast at Bab al-Mandeb

Iran official blocked from UN nuclear meeting at US' urging

The head of the atomic energy organisation of Iran, Mohammad Eslami, was blocked from addressing the international atomic energy agency's (IAEA) general conference in Vienna after pressure from the US. "We could not allow" an Iranian official on the UN sanctions list to travel until Tehran provides "meaningful cooperation on nuclear safeguards," US IAEA envoy Preston Wells Griffith III said. "His participation would have only resulted in Iran exploiting IAEA proceedings for propaganda." BLOOMBERG

a meeting on Monday with Iran and Gulf states to discuss negotiations aimed at reopening Hormuz, the world's most important oil shipping lane, largely closed since the US and Israel attacked Iran at the end of Feb. But Oman's foreign minister Sayyid Badr Albusaidi

Need alternative LNG routes to bypass Hormuz, says Oman

Alternative routes are needed to allow flows of liquefied natural gas to bypass the Strait of Hormuz, Oman's energy minister told a major gathering of gas producers and traders. "Be it north or through Oman or through Yemen. Diversify your options to get the resources out of the area," Salim Al-Aufi, Oman's minister of energy and minerals, said in Bangkok on Monday. Oman currently operates one LNG export plant on the eastern side of the country that doesn't depend on Hormuz. BLOOMBERG

announced overnight that the meeting had been postponed "in the interests of consensus". Iran said the postponement was at the request of Saudi Arabia.

Meanwhile, Iran issued a list of 77 ships it said had violated its protocols for operating

in the Strait of Hormuz. Any ship on the list would face "curbs on future passages".

Dilemma for Trump

The upsurge of fighting in Yemen poses a dilemma for Washington, which is under pressure to aid its Saudi allies but anxious not to expand the costly war to a new theatre. Saudi Arabia has led an Arab coalition battling the Houthis for more than a decade, after the mountain fighters captured Yemen's capital in 2014.

Aisha Muhammad, an elderly woman burning twigs to heat a kettle in govt-held territory near Taiz, said she had left behind two daughters and three sons who had been unable to escape. "They can't even go out to the market to get food and drinking water. They are being blocked and shot at, so they are trapped inside their homes," she said.

Three sources have said that Washington has so far rebuffed requests from Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to intervene in Yemen. Trump confirmed over the weekend that he had spoken to the prince, and said the Houthis had also asked Washington to keep out of the dispute.

Saudi discovers uranium-bearing ore in Medina

Saudi Arabia has discovered 110 million tonnes of raw materials containing uranium concentrations in Medina, the kingdom's energy minister said at the IAEA conference in Vienna, Saudi state TV reported on Monday. REUTERS

Def min report: PLA deployment along LAC significantly cut

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New Delhi: China significantly reduced PLA deployments opposite India's northern borders in 2025 but retained 10 combined arms brigades of 4,000-5,000 troops each along LAC and traditional training areas, defence ministry's 2025-26 report said on Sunday.

Indian Army's deployment remained robust and ready for contingencies.

After 2020 Galwan Valley clash, both sides deployed tens of thousands of troops, peaking at 50,000-60,000 each along the LAC. Subsequent political, diplomatic and military engagement brought stability.

It said 2025 also witnessed renewed engagements: Working mechanism meetings were held in March and July 2025, special representatives met in Dec 2024 and Aug 2025, and PM Narendra Modi visited Tianjin for SCO summit in Aug 2025. The 23rd Corps Commander-level meeting followed in eastern Ladakh on Oct 25-26, 2025.

Infrastructure development and alternative communication lines are being advanced for 20-22km-wide Siliguri Corridor (chicken's neck), with decongestion approved and estimates under preparation. Construction of infrastructure for force preservation and command control elements is in progress.

BRO completed the 920-metre Shyok Tunnel on Durbuk-Shyok-DBO Road in Ladakh, improving access to Daulat Beg Oldie and Galwan Valley, while Akhnoor-Poonch tunnel work progressed.



STRATEGIC SHIELD

IAF's 314-km 'longest kill' during Sindoor

New Delhi: Defence ministry's annual report 2025-26 recorded an Indian S-400 unit's "longest surface-to-air kill", downing a Pakistani special-mission aircraft from 314km during Op Sindoor. It listed IAF targets in Pakistan, including fighter aircraft hangars, runways and command-and-control centres, reports Surendra Singh.

The report did not mention any aircraft, but earlier reports suggest India had shot down a Pakistani Saab 2000 AEW&C/ELINT aircraft. India has four of the five contracted Russian S-400 squadrons, with three operational and the fifth expected by Nov.

The report said IAF struck terror infrastructure, Nur Khan and Rahimyar Khan air bases, and countered drone and UAV attacks through a layered air-defence grid comprising Akash, Pechora and OSA-AK systems. After DGsMO talks on May 10 and 12-2025, the LoC largely stabilised, though unpredictability persisted. Six 2025 infiltration attempts killed 12 Pak terrorists; 163 ceasefire violations were recorded, 124 during Operation Sindoor, against two in 2024.

Tata Boeing Aerospace delivers 400th Fuselage for Apache attack copter

NEW DELHI, Sept 14 (IANS)

TATA Boeing Aerospace Limited (TBAL), the joint venture between Boeing and Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), has completed and delivered its 400th fuselage for the AH-64E Apache attack helicopter, marking a major milestone for India's growing aerospace and defence manufacturing capabilities, it was announced.

The 400th fuselage was manufactured at TBAL's Hyderabad facility, which spans 52,000 square metres and produces critical structures for Apache helicopters supplied to defence customers across the world.

The milestone was highlighted by the US Embassy in India, which said on X that 400 Apache fuselages and counting represented a significant achievement for Boeing and Tata Advanced Systems and reflected the con-



tinuing US-India defence partnership. "Four hundred Apache fuselages and counting! A major milestone for Boeing and Tata Advanced in Hyderabad, celebrating American defense excellence and a U.S.-India partnership that continues to deliver," the US Embassy in India posted.

TBAL's Hyderabad facility manufactures the main fuselage structures for AH-64E Apache helicopters that are subsequently integrated into complete aircraft and delivered to customers globally. The Apache is operated by the US Army and military forces in 19 other countries.

Boeing said the fuselages manufactured in India are integrat-

ed into final aircraft supplied worldwide, including aircraft delivered to the US Army and the six Apaches supplied to the Indian Army in 2025. The Indian Air Force operates a fleet of 22 AH-64E Apache helicopters.

With approximately 1,300 Apache helicopters currently in operation across 19 countries, the latest production milestone underlines the expanding role of Indian manufacturing in the global supply chain of one of the world's most widely deployed attack helicopter platforms.

Established in 2016, TBAL has developed its Hyderabad facility into a major centre for advanced aerospace and defence manufacturing. More than 750 engineers and technicians work at the facility, which uses robotics, automated tooling and advanced aerospace production techniques to manufacture precision components.

It was good conversation at BRICS, we agreed to put past behind us: Iran, UAE

NEW DELHI, Sept 14 (PTI)

ADAY after holding a rare meeting with Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Sunday described it as a "good conversation" and said that both sides agreed to put the past behind.

Pezeshkian held talks with Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on the sidelines of the BRICS summit that was seen as some kind of ice-breaker between the two sides. "We had a good conversation with the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, and agreed to put the past behind us and look to the future," Pezeshkian said on Sunday,



Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan met with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in New Delhi.

according to the Iranian embassy.

Relations between the two countries came under severe strain after Iran targeted many US bases in the UAE in the last

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UK's unity threatened by pact between Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

"The future of our nations belongs in European Union,"

- Leaders of the main Scottish, Northern Irish and Welsh nationalist parties.

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LONDON, Sept 14 (AP)

THE leaders of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland signed a pact on Monday that threatens to lead to the breakup of the United Kingdom.



(L to R) First Minister of Scotland John Swinney, First Minister of Wales Rhun Iirwerth, Sinn Fein leader Mary Lou McDonald and First Minister of Northern Ireland Michelle O'Neill, during a meeting at Voco St. David's Cardiff, to discuss 'pursuit of a different attitude' from the UK Government and future of independence for their respective nations on Monday in UK. (X)

The First Ministers of the threesemiautonomous regions

of the UK told Prime Minister Andy Burnham and his Government to prepare for constitutional change and that their future lies with the European Union.

"For people watching across

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these islands - for people watching around the world - there could be no clearer sign that Westminster's time is coming to an end," they said in a memorandum of understanding, referring to Parliament.

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