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Deadly Russian attack kills 15 in Kyiv, raising fears for peace

August 28, 2025 [spacewar.com](#) reported: “Russian missiles and drones ripped through apartment blocks in the Ukrainian capital Kyiv early Thursday, killing at least 15 people, including four children, an attack that President Volodymyr Zelensky said showed Moscow’s rejection of peace negotiations.

Russia has rained down aerial attacks on Ukrainian cities despite US President Donald Trump’s push for a ceasefire and even as it talks up the importance of ending the war, started by its full-scale invasion in February 2022.



The attack — one of the deadliest on Kyiv — blasted a five-story crater in one apartment block, ripping the building in two. AFP reporters saw rescuers carrying victims away in body bags as they sifted through the smoldering rubble.

Heavy construction machinery was deployed to scoop up mounds of debris. Officials warned that several people were believed to be still trapped under the collapsed building...”

IDF strikes terror targets across Gaza Strip as push for Gaza

August 28, 2025 [jpost.com](#) reported: “The IDF has intensified its ground campaign across the Gaza Strip, striking dozens of terror-related targets in recent days, the military said Thursday. Units under Southern Command have broadened their efforts, targeting terrorist infrastructure and operatives across the southern and northern sectors.

In southern Gaza, IDF troops eliminated several Hamas gunmen and dismantled key operational sites. The 188th Armored Brigade’s combat team advanced in Khan Yunis, working to assert control over the Magen Oz axis, a strategic corridor linking the eastern and western parts of the city. During the operation, several buildings used by Hamas as command posts were destroyed.

In the north, the 162nd Division continued clearing operations, focusing on surface and underground threats. Infantry units operating in the Jabalia area demolished multiple tunnel networks over the past 24 hours. In a separate incident, soldiers from the 401st Armored Brigade spotted three terrorists near their position. The troops coordinated with an aircraft, which engaged and killed the operatives...”

China to bolster non-Western alliances at summit, parade

August 28, 2025 [spacewar.com](#) reported: “China’s President Xi Jinping will host world leaders including Russia’s Vladimir Putin and India’s Narendra Modi from Sunday for a summit before a huge military parade as he seeks to showcase a non-Western style of regional collaboration.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit will be held Sunday and Monday, days before the military parade in nearby Beijing to mark 80 years since the end of World War II, which North Korea’s Kim Jong Un will attend.

The SCO comprises China, India, Russia, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Belarus — with 16 more countries affiliated as observers or ‘dialogue partners.’ China and Russia have used the organization — sometimes touted as a counter to the Western-dominated NATO military alliance...”

COGAT releases shocking footage of Hamas brutality against Gazans

August 26, 2025 [jpost.com](#) reported: “The Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) on Monday publicized a series of videos of what it said were ‘Hamas operatives abusing, assaulting, and shooting at Gaza residents.’

COGAT published the videos as Israel and Hamas compete over the global narrative on Gaza. The terrorist organization is trying to emphasize food-insecurity issues, convincing the UN to label them as ‘famine.’ Jerusalem is trying to remind the world that many Gazans view themselves as prisoners under the authoritarian rule of Hamas.

Calling Hamas ‘the embodiment of evil and unrestrained cruelty – to preserve its bloody rule,’ the videos released by COGAT mostly show extensive beatings of tied-up men lying on the ground, some with their eyes blindfolded, crying out in pain from being struck with hard objects or from being kicked.

The grainy videos also show some gunshots aimed at the people being taped...”

South Korea leader: North Korea could produce 10-20 nukes per year

August 26, 2025 spacewar.com reported: “North Korea could soon produce 10 to 20 nuclear weapons per year, South Korea’s dovish new president said Monday, as he called for efforts to lower tensions.

North Korea has assembled an estimated 50 warheads and has fissile material to produce up to 40 more, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

‘An ICBM capable of reaching the United States is almost fully developed, and they are continuing to build the capacity to produce approximately 10 to 20 nuclear bombs per year,’ President Lee Jae Myung said at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Referring to the harder-line policies of his predecessor and lack of diplomacy with North Korea, Lee said: ‘We have made efforts to deter North Korea and apply sanctions, but the result has been North Korea continues developing its nuclear program.’

‘The hard fact is that the number of nuclear weapons that North Korea possesses has increased over the past three to four years,’ he said...”

Australia says Tehran behind two antisemitic arson attacks, expels Iranian ambassador

August 26, 2025 timesofisrael.com reported: “Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese accused Iran on Tuesday of being behind a pair of 2024 antisemitic arson attacks in Australia and expelled Tehran’s ambassador, calling the Iranian actions ‘dangerous acts of aggression’ designed to undermine his country’s social cohesion.

Albanese announced that Canberra had also pulled its diplomats from the Islamic Republic and will list the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terror organization. It marks the first time Australia has expelled an ambassador since World War II.

Less than a week ago, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sent a scathing letter to Albanese accusing him of failing to act against antisemitism in Australia and giving him a deadline of next month’s Rosh Hashanah Jewish new year holiday to act against the phenomenon.

At a press conference on Tuesday in Canberra, Albanese said the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO) ‘has now gathered enough credible intelligence to reach a deeply disturbing conclusion that the Iranian government directed’ at least two of the recent attacks on Australia’s Jewish community...”

Israel will withdraw from all military positions inside Lebanon after Hezbollah disarmament, PM says

August 25, 2025 ynetnews.com reported: “Israel on Monday welcomed a significant move by the Lebanese government to disarm Hezbollah, calling it an opportunity for Lebanon to restore state sovereignty and strengthen its institutions.

In a statement from the Prime Minister’s Office, Israel praised the decision by Lebanon’s Cabinet, led by President Joseph Aoun and Prime Minister Nawaf Salam, to work toward dismantling Hezbollah’s weapons by the end of 2025.

‘Israel views this as a major step and an opportunity for Lebanon to reclaim its sovereignty and rebuild its state institutions, army, and government without interference from non-state actors,’ the statement said.

Israel added that it is prepared to support Lebanon in efforts to disarm Hezbollah and work toward a more secure and stable future for both countries. The statement noted that if Lebanese security forces take steps to remove Hezbollah’s weapons, Israel would respond with reciprocal measures, including a gradual reduction of its military presence...”



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