

## **1. [politics] Ukraine's main government building in Kyiv hit for first time, PM says**

\* Ukraine's main government building in Kyiv was hit for the first time during a Russian attack, with damage to its roof and upper floors.

\* The latest Russian nightly assault involved a record number of drones and missiles, causing damage in multiple cities and regions across Ukraine, including a residential building in Kyiv that killed a baby and a young woman.

\* This strike on a government building is seen as a symbolic escalation and a challenge to any notion of Russia being ready for peace, as it intensifies its attacks.

\* While the exact cause of the government building strike is unclear, the mayor of Kyiv suggested a drone may have accidentally hit it after being intercepted.

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## **2. [politics] Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba resigns after election defeats**

\* Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba is resigning after less than a year in office due to significant election defeats.

\* His resignation comes just before a potential internal party vote that could have ousted him from leadership of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

\* Under Ishiba's leadership, the LDP lost its majority in both houses of parliament for the first time in 15 years.

\* Japan now faces political uncertainty amidst rising regional tensions with China and increasing insecurity.

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## **3. [politics] Israel destroys second high-rise as assault on Gaza City intensifies**

\* Israel has destroyed a second high-rise building, the Sussi Tower, in Gaza City, claiming it was used by Hamas, a charge denied by the militant group.

\* The IDF is urging Palestinians to relocate to al-Mawasi, a designated humanitarian zone, but the UN reports overcrowding and unsafe conditions there, with recent civilian deaths reported.

\* The destruction of these towers, including the Mushtaha Tower, follows a pattern of Israeli strikes and demolitions that have leveled neighborhoods in Gaza City, impacting residential and commercial areas.

\* These high-rise buildings held historical significance for Palestinians, representing hopes for an independent state and accommodating a population influx after the Oslo Accords.

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## **4. [world] Cable snapped before Lisbon funicular crash, investigators say**

\* Investigators have determined that a cable snapped, causing the deadly funicular crash in Lisbon.

\* The brakeman attempted to use emergency brakes, but they were insufficient to prevent the derailment and subsequent crash into a building.

\* The investigation is ongoing to determine if an automatic brake system, which should have engaged, functioned correctly.

\* The crash resulted in 16 fatalities and approximately 20 injuries, with victims being of various nationalities.

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## 5. [politics] Lisbon funicular worker among those killed in crash

\* A tragic derailment of Lisbon's famous Glória funicular cable railway resulted in the deaths of 16 people and injured around 20.

\* The victims represented a diverse group of nationalities, including Portuguese, British, South Korean, Canadian, American, Ukrainian, Swiss, and French citizens.

\* Among the deceased were individuals with notable roles, such as a funicular worker, a former volleyball referee, theatre director Kayleigh Smith and her partner Will Nelson, and two Quebec residents who were archaeologists.

\* Several employees of the Portuguese charity Santa Casa da Misericórdia were among the victims, highlighting the impact on the local community.

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