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Trump advising group reports cyber breach

A group helping to lay the groundwork for a future Donald Trump administration said its computer systems were breached, the second known instance that people supporting the former president were the target of a cyberattack.

The America First Policy Institute discovered the breach this month. It would not say what materials were compromised. It is one of several groups formed after Trump left office to help lay the groundwork for the next Republican administration. It publishes policy guides and pens executive orders and draft legislation for Trump to potentially implement if he wins.

The report of the breach came after authorities said Iranian hackers targeted Trump's campaign and email accounts of some supporters and stole materials. The FBI declined to comment Saturday on the latest reported breach, which was first reported by Politico.

US airstrikes target Islamic State in Syria

BEIRUT — U.S. airstrikes targeted several camps run by the Islamic State group in Syria in an operation the U.S. military said will disrupt the group's ability to plan, organize and conduct attacks against the United States, its allies and partners, and civilians throughout the region and beyond.

The U.S. Central Command said the airstrikes were conducted Friday, without specifying in which parts of Syria. About 900 U.S. troops are deployed in eastern Syria alongside the U.S.-backed and Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces that were instrumental in the fight against IS militants. It said battle damage assessments were underway and there were no civilian casualties.

Despite their defeat, attacks by IS sleeper cells in Iraq and Syria have been on the rise over the past years, with scores of people killed or wounded.

BRIEFLY

CHINA: The Chinese government is looking at additional ways to boost the world's second-largest economy, Finance Minister Lan Fo'an said Saturday, but he stopped short of unveiling a major new stimulus plan that analysts and stock investors hoped for.

POLICE SHOOTING: Michael Dieck, a Colorado police officer who fatally shot Kilyn Lewis, a Black man holding what turned out to be a cellphone as police tried to arrest him in May, will not be prosecuted, the district attorney announced Friday.

BRAZIL: More than 1.6 million people in Sao Paulo were without power Saturday, more than 16 hours after a brief but powerful storm swept through South America's largest city. At least seven people were killed.

SHOOTING: A shooting at a party early Saturday at an Oklahoma event center left one person dead and 12 others wounded, police said. At least two victims were in critical condition at a hospital, and several people were detained.

PAKISTAN: Tribal clashes killed at least 11 people in northwest Pakistan on Saturday and injured eight, including women and children, an official there said. Also Saturday, a separatist group in the southwest claimed responsibility for an attack that killed 21 people at a mine this past week.

EUROPE: Poland's Prime Minister Donald Tusk said Saturday that he plans to temporarily suspend the right to asylum as part of a new migration policy, pointing to its alleged abuse by eastern neighbor Belarus and Russia.

— Associated Press



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MIDDLE EAST

Israel presses offensives

UN warns that threats to aid growing in Gaza, Lebanon amid conflicts

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Associated Press

BEIRUT — Palestinians in northern Gaza described heavy Israeli bombardment Saturday in the hours after airstrikes killed at least 22 people, as Israel warned people there and in southern Lebanon to get out of the way of offensives against the Hamas and Hezbollah militant groups.

In Lebanon, the United Nations peacekeeping force said its headquarters in Naqoura was hit again, with a peacekeeper in stable condition after being struck by gunfire late Friday. It wasn't clear who fired. The shooting occurred a day after Israel's military fired on the headquarters for a second straight

day. Israel didn't immediately respond to questions.

Israel's military renewed its offensive in northern Gaza almost a week ago while escalating its campaign against Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Hunger warnings emerged again in northern Gaza as residents said they hadn't received aid since the beginning of the month. The U.N. World Food Program said no food aid entered the north, where an estimated 400,000 people remain, since Oct. 1.

A top U.N. official said Saturday in Beirut that he is concerned Lebanon's ports and airport might be taken out of service, with serious implications for getting aid into the country where more than a million people are displaced.

Carl Skau, deputy executive director of the U.N. World Food Program, appealed for "all diplomatic efforts possible to try to find

a political solution" to the war and for supply lines to remain open.

Israeli strikes Saturday hit several areas, the Lebanese Health Ministry. Nine were killed in Maisra village. Four were killed near Barja south of Beirut. Rayak and Tal Chiha hospitals in the Bekaa Valley were damaged. In Nabatieh, eight people were wounded.

The total toll in Lebanon over the past year of conflict between Israel and Hezbollah is now 2,255 killed, according to the Lebanese Health Ministry. It wasn't clear how many were fighters.

Israel's military said Hezbollah fired more than 300 projectiles over Yom Kippur, the holiest and most solemn day on the Jewish calendar.

Hezbollah claimed rocket strikes on Israeli military positions and said fighters engaged an Israeli infantry unit attempting to

enter Lebanese territory.

Israel's military also said it killed 50 militants in Lebanon. Claims on either side couldn't be verified.

In northern Gaza, emergency responders who rushed to the scene of deadly airstrikes in the urban refugee camp of Jabaliya found a hole 65 feet deep where a home once stood. At least 20 bodies were recovered as of Saturday morning, while others likely were trapped under rubble, emergency service officials said. Israel's military said it killed more than 20 militants in the area in 24 hours.

Israel's offensive in Gaza started after Hamas' Oct. 7 attack, when militants stormed into Israel, killing about 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting about 250 others. Israel's offensive has killed more than 42,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza health authorities.

SEVERE WEATHER



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Motorists wait in long lines for fuel Saturday at a newly opened depot in Plant City, Fla., after Hurricane Milton.

Fuel shortage gripping Florida

Biden to survey storm damage as he petitions Congress for funding

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BRANDON, Fla. — Floridians recovering from Hurricane Milton spent much of Saturday searching for gas, with lines snaking around stations amid a fuel shortage.

In St. Petersburg, scores of people lined up at a station that had no gas, hoping it would arrive soon. Among them was Daniel Thornton and his 9-year-old daughter Magnolia, who arrived at the station at 7 a.m. and were still waiting four hours later.

"They told me they have gas coming but they don't know when it's going to be here," he said. "I have no choice. I have to sit here all day with her until I get gas."

Gov. Ron DeSantis told reporters Saturday that the state opened three fuel distribution sites and planned to open more. Residents can get 10 gallons each free of charge, he said. Officials replenished gas stations with the state's fuel stockpiles and provided generators to stations without power.

Milton killed at least 10 people when it tore across central Florida after making landfall Wednesday night as a Category 3 hurricane, causing flooding and spawning deadly tornadoes. Officials say the toll could have been worse if not for the widespread evacuations.

Devastation wrought by Hurricane Helene just two weeks earlier likely helped compel many people to flee. "When people see firsthand what can happen, especially in neighboring areas, it can drive behavior change in future storms," former Federal Emergency Management Agency administrator Craig Fugate said.

Overall, more than a thousand people were rescued in the wake of the storm as of Saturday, DeSantis said. About 1.3 million Floridians were still without power by Saturday afternoon, according to poweroutage.us.

Those who reached home assessed the damage and began the arduous cleaning process. Some, like Bill O'Connell, a board member at Bahia Vista Gulf in Venice, thought they were done after the condo association hired companies to gut, treat and dry the units after Hurricane Helene.

Milton "reflooded everything that was already flooded, brought all the sand back on our property that we removed," O'Connell said. "And also did some catastrophic wind damage, ripped off many roofs and blew out a lot of windows that caused more damage inside the units."

National Weather Service Meteorologist Paul Close said rivers

will "keep rising" for the next four or five days resulting in river flooding, mostly around Tampa Bay and northward.

On Sunday, President Joe Biden will survey the devastation Milton inflicted on Florida's Gulf Coast. He said he hopes to connect with DeSantis on the visit. DeSantis welcomed the federal government's approval of a disaster declaration Saturday and said he got strong support from Biden.

Biden says Congress needs to act now to ensure the Small Business Administration and FEMA have the money they need to get through hurricane season. He is pressing House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., to call lawmakers back to Washington to approve more funding during their pre-election recess.

Moody's Analytics estimated Saturday that costs from the storm will range from \$50 billion to \$85 billion.

Ukraine military recruiters conduct raids in cities

Checks come as Kyiv faces dire need to raise troops to fight Russia

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian military recruitment officers raided restaurants, bars and a concert hall in Kyiv, checking military registration documents and detaining men who were not in compliance, media and witnesses

reported Saturday.

Officers descended on Kyiv's Palace of Sports venue after a concert Friday night by Ukrainian rock band Okean Elzy. Video footage aired by local media outlets appears to show officers stationed outside the doors of the concert hall intercepting men as they exit. In the footage, officers appear to be forcibly detaining some men.

Checks were also conducted at Goodwine, an upscale shopping center, and Avalon, a restaurant.

It is unusual for such raids to take place in the capital, and reflects Ukraine's dire need for fresh recruits. All Ukrainian men aged 25 to 60 are eligible for conscription, and men aged 18 to 60 are not allowed to leave the country.

Reports said raids were also conducted in clubs and restaurants in other Ukrainian cities, including Kharkiv and Dnipro in eastern and central Ukraine.

Ukraine intensified its mobilization drive this year. A new law

went in effect this spring stipulating that those eligible for military service must put their information into an online system or face penalties. It passed laws in April that both lowered the draft-eligible age for men from 27 to 25 and did away with some draft exemptions.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's military said Saturday it struck an oil terminal in the partially occupied Luhansk region that provides fuel for Russia's war effort.