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CAPTIONS

AFP 1 / UKRAINE

Ukrainian servicemen from a mobile air-defence unit of the 59th Brigade fire a Soviet-made ZU-23 twin-barrel anti-aircraft autocannon at a Russian drone from a sunflower field during an air attack near Pavlohrad, in the Dnipropetrovsk region, on July 19, 2025, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Russia's deadly Geran drones, based on Iranian technology, have wreaked havoc in Ukraine since the beginning of the war three years earlier. Since May 2025, however, their numbers have increased, with hundreds of drones now harassing cities and killing civilians almost daily.

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AFP 2 / FRANCE

A protester walks through tear gas fired by riot police officers during a demonstration in Nantes, western France, on September 18, 2025, as part of a day of nationwide strikes and protests called by trade unions over France's national budget. France was bracing for nationwide protests on September 18, 2025, with a source close to the authorities saying that around 800,000 people were expected to take to the streets. In a rare show of unity, trade unions urged people across France to strike in protest against the authorities' "horror show" draft budget, designed to reduce the country's ballooning debt.

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AFP 3 / UKRAINE

A man prepares to cover a damaged car with a plastic sheet at the site of heavily damaged residential buildings following a Russian air attack on the outskirts of Kyiv on September 28, 2025, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. An overnight Russian barrage on Kyiv killed at least four people, including a 12-year-old girl, Ukrainian authorities said on September 28, 2025.

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AFP 4 / GAZA STRIP

A man sits on the edge of a destroyed building in the Al-Saftawi neighbourhood, west of Jabalia, in the northern Gaza Strip, on December 10, 2025.

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AFP 5 / SAUDI ARABIA

Argentinian rider Luciano Benavides competes on a KTM 450 Rally Factory during Stage 9, a marathon stage, of the 48th Dakar Rally between Wadi ad-Dawasir and Bisha in Saudi Arabia on January 13, 2026.

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AFP 6 / USA

ICE and other federal officers remove a woman from her vehicle near an area where ICE was operating in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on January 13, 2026. Hundreds more federal agents were heading to Minneapolis, the US homeland security chief said on January 11, dismissing demands from the Midwestern city's Democratic leaders that they leave after an immigration officer fatally shot a woman protester. In multiple television interviews, US Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem defended the actions of the officer who shot and killed 37-year-old Renee Nicole Good, whose death sparked renewed nationwide protests against President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown.

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AFP 7 / SWITZERLAND

French President Emmanuel Macron looks on during the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos on January 20, 2026. The World Economic Forum was held in Davos from January 19 to 23, 2026.

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AFP 8 / GAZA

Palestinians watch a five-a-side football match amid the rubble of destroyed buildings in Gaza City on February 9, 2026. Despite a US-brokered truce that entered its second phase last month, violence has continued in the Palestinian territory, with Israel and Hamas trading accusations.

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AFP 9 / ITALY

Ukraine's Vladyslav Heraskevych takes part in the men's skeleton training session at the Cortina Sliding Centre during the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Cortina d'Ampezzo on February 11, 2026.

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AFP 10 / ISRAEL

People take cover as an air-raid siren sounds during the funeral of Sarah and Ronit Elimelech, who were killed the previous day in an Iranian missile attack, in Beit Shemesh on March 2, 2026. An Iranian missile attack killed at least nine people and injured dozens more in the central Israeli city of Beit Shemesh on March 1, the day after the United States and Israel attacked Iran and assassinated its supreme leader.

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AFP 11 / MADAGASCAR

A student holds a flag bearing the logo of the popular Japanese manga One Piece, a symbol adopted by Gen Z protest movements worldwide, during clashes with Malagasy security forces amid a strike calling for constitutional reforms and the resignation of President Andry Rajoelina in Antananarivo on October 9, 2025. Protesters marched in Madagascar's capital on October 9, 2025, where police fired tear gas in an attempt to disperse a new anti-government demonstration in a youth-led movement that had begun two weeks earlier. The latest protest came after the Gen Z movement rejected President Andry Rajoelina's attempts to defuse the tensions rocking the Indian Ocean island by appointing a new prime minister and calling for dialogue.

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AFP 12 / KENYA

Kenya Police officers control the crowd as supporters and mourners jostle for space during a stampede at an entrance to Nyayo Stadium, where the body of Kenya's opposition leader and former Prime Minister Raila Odinga lies in state for public viewing during his State Funeral in Nairobi on October 17, 2025. Kenyan opposition leader Raila Odinga has died at the age of 80 during a health visit to India, local police said on October 15, 2025. Odinga was the perennial opposition figure of Kenyan politics, running unsuccessfully for the presidency on five occasions, most recently in 2022. He remained a dominant force, able to rally huge numbers, particularly from his native western Kenya.

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AFP 13 / INTERNATIONAL WATERS, OFF THE COAST OF LIBYA

Crew members of the Ocean Viking rescue ship evacuate a migrant suffering from severe dehydration and seasickness on a soft stretcher from the Sider, a merchant vessel, in the search-and-rescue zone in international waters off the coast of Libya on January 17, 2026. The crew of the Ocean Viking evacuated 44 migrants who had been rescued by the merchant vessel a few days earlier in Libya's search-and-rescue zone in international waters. They were suffering from severe dehydration, seasickness and a lack of medical care. Some were unable to walk and had to be evacuated on stretchers. They had left Libya a couple of days earlier aboard a fibreglass boat, hoping to reach the Italian coast, before being shipwrecked in rough seas and rescued by the Tanzanian-flagged merchant vessel.

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AFP 14 / IRAN

An explosion erupts following strikes near Azadi Tower, close to Mehrabad International Airport in Tehran, on March 7, 2026. The United States and Israel launched strikes against Iran on February 28, prompting swift retaliation by the Islamic Republic, which responded with missile attacks across the region. The war drew in global powers, upended the world's energy and transport sectors and brought chaos even to usually peaceful areas of the volatile region.

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AFP 15 / SYRIA

Children play around an unexploded missile that landed in an open field on the outskirts of Qamishli, eastern Syria, on March 5, 2026. Gulf countries were targeted by repeated waves of Iranian drone and missile attacks in retaliation for the massive US-Israeli air campaign.

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AFP 16 / UKRAINE

A woman walks along a smoke-filled road beside heavily damaged buildings following Russian strikes in Kyiv on May 24, 2026, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. A large-scale ballistic missile attack pounded Kyiv early on May 24, authorities said, wounding at least five people after Moscow threatened retaliation for strikes in Russian-occupied eastern Ukraine.

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AFP 17 / FRANCE

Paris Saint-Germain's Brazilian defender Marquinhos lifts the trophy at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris on May 31, 2026, during a special event organised to celebrate the club's victory over Arsenal FC in the UEFA Champions League final with supporters.

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AFP 18 / DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

A child returning from school stops to look at Ebola awareness illustrations displayed on signboards at the Ebola Treatment Centre (ETC) in Munigi on June 2, 2026. The only airport providing humanitarian organisations with access to the epicentre of an Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo reopened on June 2, 2026, as the reported number of suspected cases declined. The country of 100 million people declared on May 15 that it was battling a major outbreak of the highly contagious haemorrhagic fever, prompting the World Health Organization to issue an international health alert.

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AFP 19 / ENGLAND

Six-year-old Cody and nine-year-old Jason are watched by their mother as they play in a paddling pool in the street outside their home, in an eastern area of Leeds, northern England, on June 25, 2026. The UK recorded its hottest ever June temperature on June 24 with the mercury rising to 36.1C in southern England, breaking the previous record of 35.6C set in 1976.

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AFP 20 / VENEZUELA

Rescue workers carry a person on a stretcher out of a collapsed building following an earthquake in Caracas on June 24, 2026. Two earthquakes of magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 struck the same area of Venezuela on the evening of June 24, causing buildings to collapse, according to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and AFP journalists. The earthquakes drove residents of the capital, Caracas, into the streets.

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