



2.4 million refugees will need resettlement next year, the UN said, despite shrinking resettlement spots



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9 die as train rams bus at level crossing in Zimbabwe

HARARE

A freight train struck a bus at a level crossing in Zimbabwe on Tuesday, killing at least nine people including two children, police and rail authorities said.

National Railways of Zimbabwe spokesperson Andrew Kanambura said in a statement the bus driver failed to stop and check for oncoming trains before crossing the tracks, violating railway safety regulations.

Photos posted by local media showed the bus crumpled beside the railway tracks with part of its side sheered off. Twisted fragments of metal and shattered debris were strewn on the ground.

Road crashes are common in Zimbabwe, where a traffic accident occurs every 15 minutes and an average of five people are killed and 38 injured each day, according to the country's road safety agency.

Africa has the world's highest road traffic fatality rate despite accounting for just 3% of the global vehicle population, according to the UN Economic Commission for Africa, with public transport often involved in major crashes.

With Trump call for a deal, G7 turns the heat on Russia

Ukraine back in focus as war with Russia stretches beyond World War I



US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Ukrainian Defence Minister Rustem Umerov, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and US President Donald Trump talking on the sidelines of the G7 summit, in Evian, eastern France | AFP

EVIAN-LES-BAINS

G7 leaders agreed on Tuesday to intensify pressure on Russia to end more than four years of war against Ukraine, with US President Donald Trump saying Moscow should "make a deal".

The summit of the G7 group of world powers notably brought Zelenskyy face-to-face with Trump, who has sought to reach out to Russian President Vladimir Putin but also showed signs of losing patience with

Moscow. "Leaders decided today to increase the pressure on Russia through sanctions on gas and oil," a French diplomatic source said after the talks.

The leaders also agreed there "is a dynamic on the ground that benefits Ukraine", added the source, who asked not to be named. Host President Emmanuel Macron has invited Zelenskyy to stay until the end of the three-day summit on Wednesday so that he can meet Trump and the other G7 leaders.

"Russia should make a deal" to end the war against Ukraine, Trump said after meeting Zelenskyy. He pointed to the high casualties on both sides in the conflict.

Trump signals to reimpose sanctions on Russian oil

EVIAN-LES-BAINS

The United States could soon reimpose sanctions on Russian oil shipments after Donald Trump and fellow leaders at the Group of Seven summit of major industrialised democracies moved on Tuesday to put the war in Ukraine back on top of their agenda.

The Iran conflict has in recent weeks overshadowed Ukraine, but following his announcement of an agreement to end the 3 1/2-month-old conflict in the Gulf, Trump said he now wants to focus on Ukraine.

Asked if he would reinstitute sanctions on Russia that were eased to help lower oil prices, Trump said the restrictions can go back in place as more oil flows through the Strait of Hormuz.

The US in March temporarily eased some sanctions on some Russian oil shipments as crude prices sharply increased. The waiver has been extended as the war in the Gulf stretched on.

8 killed as US B-52 bomber crashes after takeoff

LOS ANGELES

A B-52 bomber crashed shortly after takeoff at a U.S. Air Force base in Southern California's Mojave Desert and burst into flames Monday, killing all eight people aboard, military officials said.

Aerial footage showed virtually nothing left of the aircraft that went down around 11:20 a.m. during a routine test mission at Edwards Air Force Base, which is north of Los Angeles.

Those on the B-52 included government contractors and uniformed military. Aircraft manufacturer Boeing confirmed Monday evening that two of its employees were on board. After reviewing footage of the crash, it was determined that no one could have survived.

It was not immediately clear what caused the crash, and it could take up to six months to complete an investigation, Hayes said, but shared that the B-52 was supporting the "radar modernization program."

The Boeing B-52 Stratofortress is a long-range bomber that entered service in 1955. Designed to carry both conventional and nuclear weapons, it has been used in conflicts involving the U.S. military from Vietnam to Iran.



FILE: Royal Marine Commandos detain sanctioned tanker, the Smyrtos, in the English Channel | AP

UK hits Russia's shadow fleet with new sanctions after oil tanker seizure

LONDON

The UK on Tuesday announced a new set of sanctions targeting Russia's shadow fleet oil tankers, a day after an Indian captain was charged with alleged Western sanctions breach aboard a vessel.

The Crown Prosecution Service has decided to prosecute Ajay Pant for breaching Russian sanctions following a National Crime Agency investigation and the seizure of the shadow oil tanker, MV Smyrtos, travelling through the English Channel over the last weekend.

Meanwhile, the UK government said the latest sanctions would further crack down on Russia's "decrepit and ageing shadow fleet", targeting more than 20 oil tankers.

The British military is investigating a report that a Russian warship fired warning shots at a civilian UK-registered yacht in the English Channel. British media reported that the Russian vessel is the frigate Admiral Grigorovich.

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