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Iran fires missiles at Israel as Trump defends ceasefire

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Bloomberg News (TNS)

Iran fired several rounds of missiles toward Israel as President Donald Trump pushed to preserve a faltering ceasefire in the U.S.'s 100-day conflict with Tehran.

The Israel Defense Forces said late Sunday that it had identified and intercepted missiles fired from Iran, adding that emergency services reported no casualties.

Mohsen Rezaee, a military adviser to Iran's supreme leader, told the semi-official Iranian Students' News Agency that the missile launch toward Israel was a "warning to cease their hostile actions" in Lebanon.

The latest attack follows hard on the heels of an escalation between Israel and Hezbollah. Early Sunday, the Lebanese militia attacked targets in northern areas of the Jewish state, whose army responded with a strike in Beirut's southern suburbs killing two and injuring 11. At the same time, the U.S. and Iran appear to be making little progress toward an interim deal to end the war.

Trump told Fox News after the attack that he still wants a negotiated solution as he urged Iran to resume negotiations. "You shot your missiles," he was quoted as saying. "That's enough."

Trump also criticized Israel for its

Beirut strikes on Sunday. In a phone call with Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday, Trump told the Israeli leader not to retaliate against Iran's missile attack and to allow more time for diplomacy, Axios reported, citing a senior U.S. official and an Israeli source familiar with details of the call. Netanyahu pushed back but ultimately "pseudously agreed" to stand down, Axios reported, citing the U.S. official.

Separately, the U.S. president told the Financial Times that his Israeli counterpart would have to accept any deal the U.S. strikes with Iran. "I call the shots. I call all the shots," he said. Netanyahu "doesn't call the shots."

The past week saw the worst flare-up in tensions since the truce started around April 8. Negotiations between Washington and Tehran are bogged down over the fate of billions of dollars of frozen Iranian assets and a parallel conflict between Israel and Iran-backed Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Oil jumped after Iran launched the missile barrage, with Brent crude rising 2.6% to \$95.60 a barrel. The U.S. dollar, the haven of choice since the Middle East conflict began, gained against all of its Group-of-10 peers.

Hezbollah last week rejected a U.S.-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon announced by the State Department just hours before. Iran has demanded a ceasefire in Lebanon before an accord can be reached with the U.S.

In Washington, Trump's team is floating a plan to steer Iranian assets frozen in the U.S. toward helping Persian Gulf allies rebuild from damage inflicted by the Islamic Republic.

Trump said in an interview broadcast Sunday that he would not unfreeze any Iranian assets or lift any sanctions against Iran as part of an initial deal.

"If they behave, if they do a good job, we start talking" about releasing the assets, Trump told Kristen Welker in the interview taped Friday for NBC's Meet the Press.

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi poured cold water on the idea, saying in a post on X that his country's assets "are neither Washington's war spoils nor a fund for paying its allies." He also noted that Iran is still demanding "full compensation" for its own damages from the war Israel and the U.S. started on Feb. 28.

The dispute risks derailing the discussions on a truce extension, reopening the Strait of Hormuz and future talks over Iran's nuclear program.

HERE'S MORE ON THE WAR:

- Israel said it canceled school across the country for Monday.
- Several rockets breached Jordanian airspace Sunday evening following a "renewed escalation" in the region, Minister of Government Communication Mohammad Momani said in a post on X.

Xi visits North Korea to reassert influence over emboldened Kim

BLOOMBERG NEWS
(TNS)

Chinese President Xi Jinping is heading to North Korea in a likely bid to reassert Beijing's influence over an emboldened Kim Jong Un, a neighbor with a rapidly expanding nuclear arsenal and deepening alliance with Russia.

The two-day visit that begins Monday marks Xi's first to Pyongyang in seven years, and comes just weeks after he hosted President Donald Trump and Russia's Vladimir Putin in Beijing for high-profile summits in quick succession.

Xi's trip underscores his efforts to remind the world — and Kim — that Beijing remains Pyongyang's most important political patron and economic lifeline — even as North Korea's defense partnership with Russia has provided new diplomatic leverage and room for maneuver.

Xi's outreach will showcase his argument that China serves as a stabilizing force capable of engaging with all sides at a time when geopolitical fault lines are gapping wider across the world. By contrast, Trump has been alienating allies and roiling global markets with his war on Iran and by raising trade barriers.

South Korea and the U.S. will be watching Xi's trip for any sign China is shifting its long-held stance on a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula. On his last visit to North Korea in 2019, Xi told Kim he was "dedicated" to that goal, and said the world wanted Pyongyang to make progress in nuclear talks with the U.S.

"Prioritizing improved relations with Pyongyang to preserve and expand China's influence over North Korea" is now more important to Xi than pushing the nuclear issue, said Tong Zhao, a senior fellow in the Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Much has changed since Xi's last visit. Kim has accelerated his pursuit

of atomic weapons, days ago unveiling what appeared to be a new uranium enrichment facility and touting a doubling of nuclear production capacity. The U.S. and Israeli war on Iran has likely only deepened Kim's conviction that possessing a fully operational nuclear arsenal is essential to regime survival.

Speculation has been growing that Beijing has tacitly accepted North Korea as a de facto nuclear power. When Kim visited Xi in Beijing last September, official readouts made no mention of denuclearization — a striking departure from previous summit statements. China's latest white paper on non-proliferation also skipped stating "denuclearization" as a goal for the peninsula.

As Xi travels to Pyongyang, South Korean President Lee Jae Myung is expected to mark his first year in office by showcasing his own foreign policy achievements. Lee has avoided Trump's ire, kept relations with Japan from veering off track and even improved ties with China. North Korea remains a sore point, with Lee's calls for engagement rejected by the Kim regime.

Xi's decision to make Pyongyang his first foreign destination of the year highlights the importance Beijing attaches to its only military ally. The last time Xi visited, he brought his wife Peng Liyuan, took an open-top ride with Kim through crowd-lined streets of Pyongyang and attended an elaborate celebration marking 70 years of diplomatic ties between the two Communist regimes.

Ties cooled during the pandemic, when North Korea's self-imposed isolation choked trade with China, while growing ties with Moscow complicated the picture. Relations began warming after Kim — and Putin — visited Beijing on the sidelines of a military parade last year. The two neighbors recently restarted train and plane services between their capitals.

For Kim, who has hosted a flurry of high-level visits this year, rolling out the red carpet for the leader of the world's

second-largest economy further burinishes his image as a global statesman. Observers will also watch whether Kim — the son and grandson of North Korea's only other rulers — will bring his teenage daughter to the high-profile event, adding to recent public appearances alongside her father.

RUSSIAN PARTNERSHIP

For decades, Beijing was Pyongyang's closest economic partner and sole formal security ally. But in 2024, North Korea and Russia signed a comprehensive partnership agreement that included a mutual commitment of military assistance in times of war.

Putin-Kim bonhomie was in plentiful display during the Russian leader's visit to North Korea that year, as the duo popped up together in a Russian-made limousine — inviting comparisons with whatever imagery emerges from Xi's visit.

Going beyond personal vibes, North Korea also dispatched troops to help Russia with its war on Ukraine, likely gaining access to military technology and economic help in return. Supplying weapons and personnel to Russia has given Kim a windfall worth as much as \$14 billion, according to a recent study.

Russia's battlefield momentum stalled this year, with Moscow's weakening position potentially a factor in Kim's decision to invite Xi, analysts said. Historically, North Korea's strategy has been to balance ties between China and Russia to extract benefits from both.

A backdrop of deepening military ties among Asia Pacific allies of the U.S. — including Japan, the Philippines and Australia — could also be sparking desire in Beijing and Pyongyang to boost bilateral engagement.

Any explicit move by Xi to declare North Korea's right to have nuclear weapons would mark a major breakthrough for Pyongyang. Leaders across the region will be watching for any such departure from a longstanding Chinese position.

EDUCATION

What's going on at your local library

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Looking for something fun to do this week? Here's a look at what your local libraries are hosting: (Please note these functions are prone to change if the weather prevents the libraries from opening.)

INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday, June 9

- Storytime- 10:30 a.m.
- Lore at the Library: Vikings- 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10

- Exercise- 10:30 a.m.
- Diversity Task Force Movie: Hachi- 2:00 p.m.

- Teen D&D Club- 5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 11
- Friends' Meeting at Ane Mae's- 12:00 p.m.
- Youth 3D Design Class- 2:00 p.m.
- Little Green Men- 6:00 p.m. **Friday, June 12**
- Qigong- 11:00 a.m.
- Movie- *Raising Arizona*- 2:00 p.m.

CANEY CITY LIBRARY

Tuesday, June 9

- Summer Reading Program-Cooking: Dino snacks- 2:30 p.m.
- Short Story Time- 3:45 p.m.
- Parents as Teachers- 5:00 p.m. **Wednesday, June 11**

- Cook Book Club- 11:00
- Chair Yoga- 1:00 p.m.
- Senior Programing: Bingo- 2:30 p.m. **Thursday, June 12**
- Community Coffee- 8:00 a.m. **Friday, June 13**
- Movie- 1:00 p.m.

COFFEYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Community Reading Challenge **Tuesday, June 9**

- Tim Hutchings Lego Master- 2:00 p.m. **Wednesday, June 10**
- Storytime- 10:00 a.m. **Thursday, June 11**
- Cookie Excavation- 2:00 p.m. **Friday, June 12**
- RPG- 5:00 p.m.

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