

World News

While most news is focused elsewhere, China continues to rattle sabers. For example, China's military launched an ICBM into the Pacific Ocean [1]. Vietnam has accused China of attacking one of its fishing boats near the Paracel Islands [2]. What's more, one report indicates a new Chinese nuclear submarine sinks in the shipyard [3]. Meanwhile, Russia has lowered the threshold for the use of nuclear weapons [4].

In Yemen, U.S. forces struck over a dozen Houthis sites [5]. On October 10, the Houthis struck a Liberian-flagged chemical tanker [6].

The Ukraine and Russia war continues to drag on. The Russian Federation is pushing very hard and the Ukraine forces are having a difficult time trying to stabilize the front in locations such as Pokrovsk [7]. Moreover, by one estimate, Russia has suffered 600,000 casualties thus far in the ongoing war [8]. Another report indicates North Korean troops may be fighting for Russia [9].

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Israel War

The long-anticipated war between Israel and Hezbollah appears to be in motion. For instance, a Hezbollah leader declared an "open-ended battle" had started [1]. On September 25, Hezbollah launched a ballistic missile at Tel Aviv [2]. Then, on October 1, Israel forces crossed over into Lebanon [3].

Meanwhile the war continues to expand. Case in point, two cruise missiles were launched at Israel from a site in Iraq [4]. Additionally, Israeli forces struck targets in Yemen, located

1,800 KM away [5]. Israeli forces also struck a building in Damascus, Syria [6].

On October 1, Iran launched approximately 180 ballistic missiles at Israel [7]. Then on October 2, over 100 rockets were launched from Lebanon into Israel [8]. This came as Israel forced conducted bombing within Beirut [9].

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Special points of interest:

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- 4.1% Unemployment Rate
- 2.4% CPI

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Don't find fault, find a remedy.—Henry Ford

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Terrorism

October 13, 2024.

In the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, Pakistan, a roadside bomb was used in targeting foreign diplomats; killing one policeman [1]. Also in Pakistan, a suicide attack directed against Chinese workers, killed at least two people [2].

In Yemen, the Houthi rebels struck one ship with a missile and another with a drone boat [3].

In Oklahoma City, an Afghan national who entered the country on a Special Immigrant Visa, was arrested for planning an election day attack on behalf of ISIS [4]. Additionally, a family member of the man arrested was charged with planning a terrorist attack in France [5].

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Justice is revenge.—Saad

Hariri

Economy

The stock market indexes continue to set new records. For example, on September 23, both the DJIA and the S&P 500 closed at record highs [1]. The two indexes continued record closes on September 24 [2]. Then, on September 26, the S&P 500 closed at a new record high [3]. The DJIA closed at a record high on September 27 [4]. Then on September 30, both the DJIA and S&P 500 closed at record highs [5]. In other good news, the Unemployment rate came in at 4.1% [6]. On October 1, the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) started walking off the job [7]. The union agreed to pause the strike until January 15 [8].

In other good news, the Consumer Price Index was 2.4% over the last year [9].

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*Alexander Hamilton
started the U.S. Treasury
with nothing, and that
was the closest our country
has ever been to being
even.—Will Rogers*
