

## World News

More information is emerging on the attempted assassination of Donald Trump. Evidence indicates the shooter operated a drone over the target area [1]. In contrast, one source indicates Pennsylvania law enforcement offered to provide drone surveillance but was denied by the US Secret Service [2]. The acting Secret Service Director, Rowe stated under oath, his organization had no knowledge there was a shooter on the roof [3]. Then a video taken by one of the shooting victims, shows the shooter moving on the roof top just prior to the shooting [4]. A body cam was released that shows local police angry that their warnings to protect the rooftop were ignored by Secret Service [5]. In an unrelated arrest, a Pakistani national with ties to Iran, was charged with attempting to assassinate President Trump [6]. So, if the FBI knew of active assassination threats, why was the security at the Trump rally relaxed?

On July 26, US forces shot down 6 drones and destroyed three remote controlled boats belonging to the Houthis [7]. After a two week pause, the Houthi rebels struck a Liberian-flagged container ship [8].

Meanwhile, the Ukraine/Russia conflict continues to expand. Case in point, one report indicates Ukrainian ground and air forces launched a major attack into Russia [9]. Then the Ukraine launched drone attacks against a Russian airfield located 300 KM inside Russia [10].

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## Israel War

Attacks on Israel are continuing. For instance, on July 21, Hezbollah fired rocket barrages from southern Lebanon [1]. Israel blamed Hezbollah for firing a rocket from Lebanon into the occupied Golan Heights, striking a football field that killed at least 12 people [2]. Shortly thereafter, the Israel air force hit Hezbollah targets in Lebanon [3]. Then on July 30, Israel forces launched a strike in Beirut, Lebanon; targeting a Hezbollah commander believed to be responsible [4]. In response,

approximately 30 projectiles were launched at northern Israel's Upper Galilee [5]. One report indicates Israel conducted an attack in the Iranian Capital, killing Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh [6]. Information suggests explosives were planted in a guesthouse several months in advance [7]. However, Iranian officials claim the attack used a short-range projectile instead of a bomb [8]. President Biden warned, the attack in Tehran was not helpful to ongoing peace

talks [8]. Reports soon emerged that Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, had authorized a retaliatory attack on Israel [9].

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- Donald Trump Shot in Assassination Attempt Update
- Ukraine Cross-Border Attack Into Russia

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*Propaganda is to a democracy what violence is to a dictatorship.—William Blum*

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## Terrorism

This year, the Olympics were held in Paris, France; with the threat from terrorism a constant challenge. For instance, prior to the opening ceremony, France's high speed rail lines were stuck with coordinated sabotage [1]. Then fiber optic cables were "sabotaged" across six regions of France [2].

In Somalia, terrorists attacked a beach restaurant, killing at least 32 people [3]. The Al-Qaida's East Africa affiliate, al-Shabab, claimed responsibility for the attack [4]. In Austria, Taylor Swift concerts were cancelled when an alleged ISIS-inspired terrorist attack was uncovered [5].

Another weapon of choice remains knife attacks. For example, in Southport, UK, a 17-year old killed at least 3

children attending a summer vacation workshop [6]. In Israel, two people were killed in a knife attack [7].

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*Communism is not love.*

*Communism is a hammer  
which we use to crush the  
enemy.—Mao Zedong*

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## Economy

The second quarter Gross Domestic Product grew at a 2.8% annual rate [1]. This comes as the unemployment rate for July increased to 4.3% [2].

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*Israel cannot afford to stand against the entire world and be denounced as the aggressor.—Moshe Dayan*

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