

World News

For the second time in months, a gunman tried to assassinate Donald Trump [1]. In response, the House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill to expand Secret Service protection for both parties [2].

Some are suggesting that the war in the Ukraine is consuming too many military resources and is leaving the US vulnerable to China [3]. Meanwhile, reports indicate Iran is supplying ballistic missiles to Russia [4]. Russia also launched a counter-attack on the Ukrainian forces that entered the Kursk region [5]. The Ukraine war is starting to test the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Case in point, Latvia and Romania, two NATO member, said Russian drones violated their airspace [6]. Indeed, Vladimir Putin warned if Ukraine uses long range missiles to attack inside Russia, he would view this as an attack by NATO [7]. This comes as a Ukrainian drone attack struck a Russian depot around 230 miles north of Moscow; resulting in a massive series of explosions [8]. Additionally, Ukraine sources claimed to attack two additional depots on September 20 [9]. Finally, the second depots attacked resulted in an explosion estimated at 2,000 tons [10].

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Israel War

The war continues to expand to include more Hezbollah targets. For example, on September 11, the Israel Air Force struck Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon [1]. Then on September 14, Hezbollah fired a number of rockets into Northern Israel [2]. Meanwhile, Israel is being targeted from multiple directions. For instance, Yemen fired a ballistic missile that successfully penetrated the Israel defense and impacted a few kilometers from Ben Gurion airport [3]. Israel's Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu warned the Yemini Houthis that there would be a heavy price to pay for their actions [4].

On September 19, Israeli forces struck at least 52 targets in southern Lebanon [5]. Then Israel forces hit targets in Beirut, Lebanon [6]. Finally, over 100 missiles were fired into Israel on September 21 [7].

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Special points of interest:

- Second Assassination Attempt Targeting Donald Trump
- Fed Cuts Interest Rate by 0.5%
- CPI 2.9% Annual Rate
- Record Close for the DJIA and S&P 500 Stock Indexes

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*Today's Russia is not to be compared with the Soviet Union of back then—
Angela Merkel*

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When I was in the White House, I was confronted with the challenge of the Cold War. Both the Soviet Union and I had 30,000 nuclear weapons that could destroy the entire earth and I had to maintain the peace.—
Jimmy Carter

A Pakistani man supporting the Islamic State was arrested in Canada for planning to attack Jews in New York [1]. The Allenby Crossing located on the border between the occupied West Bank and Jordan; three Israeli citizens were shot dead [2]. In Mali, Jihadis attacked a military training camp near the airport in Bamako [3].

In a speculated supply chain attack, perhaps two thousand pagers simultaneously exploded in Lebanon [4]. Many of the pagers were used by Hezbollah members [5]. The next day, walkie-talkies started detonating, killing at least 9 people [6].

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Economy

Inflation remains an issue but the rate of increase has slowed. Case in point, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for July fell to an annual 2.5% rate [1].

Meanwhile, the stock market indexes remain strong. Case in point, on September 16, the DJIA closed at a record high [2]. In other good news, the Federal Reserve lowered the interest rate by 0.5% [3]. As a consequence of the Fed rate cut, the stock indexes rose rapidly. For example, on September 19, the DJIA and the S&P 500 indexes closed at record highs [4]. Finally, on September 20, the DJIA index closed at a record high [5].

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*Gaiety is the most
outstanding feature of the
Soviet Union—Joseph
Stalin*
