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World News

Drones launched by the Ukraine from within Russia, struck targets destroying dozens of military aircraft [1]. Satellite images confirm a number of Russian aircraft were destroyed during the attack [2]. In a phone call with President Trump, Putin warned there would be a response to the drone attacks against Russia [3]. In response, Russia launched a large drone and missile attack against targets within the Ukraine [4]. For instance, on June 7, Russia struck, Kharkiv, with the most powerful attack on that city during the war [5]. As the world moved its focus toward the Iran-Israel war, Russia continued to strike Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities [6]. Finally, North Korea is sending another 6,000 troops to help Russia in its war [7].

In a show of force, two Chinese aircraft carriers conducted exercises in the western Pacific Ocean [8]. Reports indicate Russia is using a Chinese anti-drone laser system in the Ukraine [9].

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Middle-East War

On June 14, Israel struck Iran's nuclear and military leaders using over 100 drones and 200 fighters [1]. In response, Iran launched 100 drones at Israel [2]. One report suggests the Israeli intelligence agency, the Mossad, previously set up drone sites within Iran that were used to destroy surface to air missile sites [3]. Then, Iran launched ballistic missiles killing at least 3 people [4]. Commercial satellite imagery shows damage to Iranian nuclear and missile sites [5].

Then on June 21, the US bombed three Iranian nuclear sites [6]. In response, Iranian officials warned of everlasting consequences [7].

Meanwhile, the conflict between Israel and Syria continued. For instance, Israel struck targets after two projectiles were launched from Syria [8].

On June 5, Israel forces struck Beirut's southern suburbs, targeting a Hezbollah underground drone production [9].

On June 10, the Israeli navy

attacked docks in Yemen's port city of Hodeida [10]. Meanwhile, the Houthis launched ballistic missiles into Israel [11].

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Special points of interest:

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- US Attacks 3 Iran Nuclear Sites
- May 4.2% Unemployment Rate
- May CPI 2.4%

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When our thousands of Chinese students abroad return home, you will see how China will transform itself.—Deng Xiaoping

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Terrorism

In Bolder, CO, 45-year-old Mohamed Soliman, was arrested for attacking a Jewish group with Molotov Cocktail fire bombs [1]. Reports indicate the suspect planned for over a year and shouted “Free Palestine” during the attack [2].

Two Chinese nationals were charged with importing a potential agroterrorism weapon, *Fusarium graminearum* [3]. Later, a third Chinese national was arrested with smuggling biological materials capable of causing diseases in humans [4].

In Minnesota, a state representative and her spouse were assassinated; a state Senator and his spouse wounded [5]. The suspect was arrested and it appears he planned to assassinate others [6].

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*There is no instance of a
nation benefitting from
prolonged warfare.— Sun
Tzu*

Economy

The unemployment rate for May remained at 4.2% [1]. Meanwhile, the Consumer Price Index for May increased by 0.1% to an annual rate of 2.4% [2].

The Federal Reserve has announced no changes to the interest rate [3].

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June 19, 2025.*

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*The eyes are more exact
witnesses than the ears.
—Heraclitus*
