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A fire has torn through a bar in the Thai capital Bangkok, killing at least 27 people. 63 others have been injured, 22 of them critically.

Visiting the scene, the Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul, said he had heard accounts of smoke coming from a circuit breaker followed by an explosion. Nicky Schiller has more details.

The blaze took about half an hour to 45 minutes to get under control. And you can see from the pictures inside the charred wreckage of all the tables that were inside and the roof all burned out. Those firefighters and rescuers entered the restaurant finding that scene of it being completely gutted. Now we're told by local media that a lot of the victims were found trapped inside the bar's toilets.

The U.S. military has launched a fresh wave of strikes against Iran as the two sides make conflicting claims about whether the Strait of Hormuz is open. Iranian state media say explosions have been heard in parts of Bushehr and Hormozgan provinces in the south of the country. Iran says the latest U.S. strikes have rendered futile recent diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict. Caroline Davies has more from Jerusalem.

Where does this leave the peace process? We've had escalating rhetoric in the course of the last week escalating violence. Of course, this is the third time we've seen a strike from the U.S. on Iran and then retaliatory strikes back as well. Most of this, all of this is coming because of the Strait of Hormuz. And this issue is still not being resolved. So, trying to find some way through when the diplomatic solution is looking incredibly difficult.

Officials in Bangladesh say at least 50 people are now known to have died in flooding and landslides over the past week triggered by intense monsoon rains. Thousands more have been displaced from their homes.

Two firefighting planes have been rushed to the Paris region to tackle a large wildfire south of the city as France suffers through its third heatwave this year. Officials said the blaze in Fontainebleau forest was of exceptional scale. Bernadette Keogh has this report.

The blaze quickly spread across hundreds of hectares about 60 kilometers southeast of the capital, causing the partial closure of France's main north-south arterial road. It's the first time planes have been sent northwards from the normally drier and hotter south. Hundreds of firefighters battled the blaze, which has caused disruption, during the first major weekend of departures for summer travel. The latest French heatwave has also forced the temporary shutdown of three nuclear power stations.

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A study says more than 2,700 people died from heat-related causes in England and Wales during heatwaves in May and June. Researchers say heightened temperatures caused by human-induced climate change were a major contributor to that number. More now from Fergus Walsh.

These figures are early estimates based on statistical modeling, but the researchers say they show how dangerous extreme heat is becoming to health.

In the first heatwave, when a new U.K. record high temperature for May of 35.1 Celsius was set, researchers believe 550 people died due to heat-related causes. The highest June temperature on record of 37.7 Celsius was set in the second prolonged period of searing heat during which they put the death toll at 2,200.

The South Korean navy says it's recovered the body of a sailor who went missing at sea near the maritime border with North Korea. Earlier, Seoul had requested rare assistance from the North in the search. The sailor disappeared from a naval vessel early on Sunday and was believed to have drifted into North Korean waters.

Archaeologists have uncovered a 3,000-year-old tomb in southern Egypt. The tomb, found in the city of Luxor, consists of a courtyard leading to a chapel and burial chambers. The team of Dutch archaeologists from Leiden University also discovered items including a mud brick bench designed to hold a burial monument.

In tennis, Yannick Sinner has successfully defended his men's singles title at Wimbledon. The Italian beat Germany's Alexander Zverev to take the fifth grand slam of his career. Zverev began the match strongly, winning the first set before the world number one took back control.

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