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Iran has acknowledged that negotiations with Oman over new arrangements for the Strait of Hormuz have been constructive. But Tehran's security chief has warned the strait would not open until the United States agrees to six conditions. Sebastian Usher reports.

The conditions include sanctions relief and war reparations, as well as an immediate end to the U.S. blockade on Iran's ports. The statement, if taken at face value, further dampens recent hopes raised once again by President Trump of an imminent deal with Iran.

It comes as Oman and Iran are continuing to negotiate a new route through the strait for which they would share responsibility and receive fees. If agreed, it would only partially unlock the path to a wider resolution of a conflict, but it might be enough to help President Trump towards an off-ramp from a war.

The UAE has said Iran has carried out a missile attack on one of its tankers.

FIFA has issued a strongly worded defense of its president Gianni Infantino, saying there has been a concerted and ongoing effort by some to undermine him. The head of world football's governing body has faced a week of criticism over his abandoned plan to sell stakes in FIFA competitions to private investors. Here's Dale Johnson.

This statement follows a Daily Telegraph report that a woman who's alleged to have been in a relationship with Mr. Infantino was given a severance payment by European football's governing body UEFA. Mr. Infantino has strongly denied those allegations.

In a statement issued tonight, FIFA hit out at what it called "unsubstantiated assertions and demonstrably false claims," but did not specify the reporting it was referring to. It added that the future of its president should be decided by established democratic processes and not be the subject of allegation, insinuation or misinformation.

A provincial state of emergency has been declared in British Columbia as a series of wildfires rage across western Canada, forcing thousands of people from their homes.

The province's premier, David Eby, described it as a fast-moving and threatening situation that has seen homes and other buildings destroyed. "Conditions are extremely dangerous and changing minute by minute. The fires are moving incredibly quickly. Please follow the directions of local officials. I know many families are facing an unimaginable day today. People have lost their homes and many people have been displaced. Others are waiting for news about loved ones. Support is being mobilized, including emergency accommodation and other essential services."

Germany says two drones were spotted this week flying over a sensitive military base west of the city of Bonn. Security officials at the Mechernich site reported the sightings to the police. The complex houses components for U.S.-made Patriot air defense systems.

The incident comes days after an explosives-laden drone was discovered at Leipzig.

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A British charity helping children remove intimate images from the internet says reports of explicit deep fakes made using a child's likeness have significantly risen. The Internet Watch Foundation said more suspected manipulated images have been reported in the first half of this year alone than in the whole of 2025.

Authorities in Niger say at least 22 people have been killed and almost 40 others injured after two buses crashed into each other near the southern town of Madaoua. The transport ministry said at least 17 of the dead were soldiers who had been travelling on one of the buses.

The cause of the collision is not yet known. It comes as authorities in Niger have been campaigning to raise awareness on road safety.

Emergency teams in Brazil say a helicopter has crashed near Rio de Janeiro, killing the pilot and three passengers. The aircraft burst into flames after going down in the Vista Chines area close to the west of Rio. Forty soldiers are involved in the recovery operation, but it's not yet clear what caused the crash.

It's emerged that the football Diego Maradona used to score his infamous "Hand of God" goal for Argentina against England is to be sold at auction in the U.S. later this month. The striker punched the black and white ball past the England goalkeeper Peter Shilton at the World Cup finals 40 years ago.

Dan Imler from the Texas-based firm Heritage Auctions estimates it could fetch \$10 million. "I think it's easily the most historic ball in the realm of soccer. The ball was kept by the head official from that match and it stayed in his possession for several decades. And in recent years, it was sold to a private collector and we are representing that collector here."

I don't think I'll be buying one myself.

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