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BBC News with David Harper.

United States military officials say American forces have struck two Iranian launchers on a small island in the Strait of Hormuz. Iran has vowed to respond. Ian McWilliam reports.

This is the first U.S. strike on Iran for more than a month. American military officials indicated they'd attacked to prevent the Iranian Revolutionary Guards from launching sea mines which would threaten shipping. The location, Larak Island, lies just off the Iranian coast near the narrowest part of the strait. The Revolutionary Guards said that a strike on the island had killed and injured several soldiers and civilians and they vowed to retaliate.

Earlier U.S. strikes have severely damaged Iran's military capabilities but they've notably failed to bring Tehran to the negotiating table. Washington has now changed tactics and is hoping to bring Iran to heel with what it says are crushing economic sanctions.

Donald Trump has threatened to report a journalist to television regulators because of the way she covered Republican Party primary contests. In a post on social media, he complained that the radical left news was going out of its way to demean him. Paul Moss has more.

Kristen Welker is no stranger to the wrath of Donald Trump, a reporter and presenter for NBC News. He once walked out of an interview with her when he didn't like her questions.

Now he's angry that Ms. Welker said Republican candidates the president endorsed had only middling success. Mr. Trump says he'll report her to the Federal Communications Commission for "rebuke or punishment." He's previously called on it to remove ABC's broadcast license.

A note on the Commission's website says it doesn't intervene in ways that go against the Constitution's First Amendment, which guarantees free speech.

The U.S. Park Service says 15 people are unaccounted for after a flash flood in the Grand Canyon forced the evacuation of dozens of campers and hikers. Heavy rains caused the waters of Bright Angel Creek to rise rapidly on Saturday.

Large boulders, footbridges and other debris were swept away by the torrent of water into the Colorado River, which flows through the Grand Canyon. Some tourists had to be helicoptered to safety. More rain and thunderstorms are forecast for the area on Monday.

Nepal is preparing mass burial sites for people killed in Wednesday's floods as the number of confirmed dead approaches 800. More than 3,000 people are still missing. The authorities say DNA samples are being collected from unidentified bodies so they can be matched with family members at a later date. There are fears about a new lake formed by a landslide near the Tibetan border. Joe Inwood reports.

The authorities in China have identified yet another new lake formed by a new landslide in the last 24 hours. Across the border in Nepal, residents of Dhading were sent a text telling them to get to higher ground for fear there could be another flood.

It's thought nearly 100,000 people were affected by Wednesday's disaster, the worst to hit Nepal in a decade.

Joe Inwood reporting.

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The president of Algeria, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, has said he wants to reinstate the death penalty for arsonists after forest fires killed at least 12 people last week. There is a moratorium on the executions in Algeria since 1993, but the president ordered the justice ministry to reintroduce changes to the penal code.

More than 100 wildfires were recorded in recent days in the northeast of the country.

Eight people have died after a passenger ferry capsized and sank off the coast of northern Cyprus as it was heading to Turkey. The catamaran carrying almost 270 people overturned about four nautical miles from Kyrenia, also known as Girne. The authorities in the self-declared territory said 249 people had been rescued and 18 were still missing.

Kudret Özersay is the leader of the opposition People's Party in northern Cyprus and a former deputy prime minister and foreign minister. "I looked from the heels of Kyrenia and I realized that something is going wrong. There were some small boats released from that ship and it was obvious that there was a kind of a maritime disaster there. Lifeboats, but it was not easy to see the people on them because of the distance."

Russia says its forces helped Niger's security services repel Saturday's attempted coup in the capital Niamey. In a statement, Moscow said it would continue to support Niger's military authorities in their fight against extremist groups.

Reports show mutineers attempt to storm the presidential compound and seize other key sites. The short-lived mutiny comes as Niger is facing a persistent jihadist insurgency.

Norway's royal palace has announced that the funeral of the late King Harald will be held next week on the 9th of September. The ceremony will take place at Oslo Cathedral. The king's coffin will then be laid to rest in accordance with tradition at the Royal Mausoleum at Akershus Fortress.

Norway's new king, Haakon VIII, will swear an oath of allegiance in parliament on Tuesday.

And that's the latest BBC News.