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BBC news with David Harper.

President Zelenskyy of Ukraine says Russia has continued to attack power plants despite an announcement by President Trump of a halt to attacks on energy infrastructure. The initiative appears to have caught both Ukraine and Russia unaware. More detail from Dan Johnson.

Tonight, Ukrainians are accusing the Russians of breaching Donald Trump's energy ceasefire before it really even took hold. The power station in Kharkiv's been struck. Electricity is out in much of the city and in Kyiv, where repeated attacks on infrastructure have left many people without heat, light or water.

So Ukrainians would welcome a cessation and President Zelenskyy, who initially seemed to be taken by surprise by Donald Trump's announcement, signaled he will support it, but is awaiting detail from the Americans.

There's been no official comment from the Kremlin.

Bipartisan group of seven U.S. senators has condemned President Trump's deal with Vladimir Putin to lift sanctions so Russia can supply diesel to U.S. and global markets. The four Republican and three Democratic lawmakers called on Mr. Trump to reverse course.

The Houthis have been maintaining their attacks from Yemen on Saudi Arabia, with Riyadh's main international airport struck for the third time in four days. The Saudi authorities said there have been

more injuries without giving further details. On Saturday, 13 people were killed in a missile strike. Hesham Shawish is a Middle East specialist from BBC Monitoring.

It's intended to amplify the psychological and the economic impact beyond physical damage. They're trying to show that their threats really should be taken seriously and they're raising the stakes. And we've seen statements by the Saudi army saying that they will be dealing with the Houthis firmly and decisively. The coalition will also be trying to get the U.S. involved. And we've seen remarks by U.S. President Trump being relayed quite prominently in Saudi media.

Sudanese rights group, Emergency Lawyers, has alleged that an Egyptian Air Force attack on a gold mine near Sudan's border with Egypt has killed at least 72 artisanal miners. The Al-Aqeedat mine is situated in a disputed border area. More detail from Jonathan Frewin.

Mine workers who escaped the attack fear the death toll could exceed 200 amid concerns that miners may be trapped underground in collapsed shafts. The location of the mine is claimed by both Sudan and Egypt and according to workers, Egyptian patrols have previously warned them to keep away.

Given high gold prices, artisanal mining can be lucrative and the workers have told local media that trucks regularly haul ore from the site into Egypt.

Saturday's attack follows an airstrike in June also reportedly by Egypt which killed 23 workers. Egypt has not yet commented on the latest allegations.

Jonathan Frewin with that report.

This is the latest world news from the BBC.

Leaders of India's youth-led "Cockroach Movement" have accused police in the capital Delhi of using excessive force during protests against the national election chief. One of them, Saurav Das, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government was at war with its own citizens.

A BBC investigation has found that three mourners shot by Kenyan police at the public viewing of the body of the former Prime Minister Raila Odinga were not involved in the clash that sparked the gunfire. Raila Odinga, for decades a dominant political figure in the country died last October in India, where he had gone for treatment. This report from ???

A BBC World Service investigation analyzing hundreds of photos and videos found the three victims were nowhere near a scuffle that triggered the shooting. Two of the men shot dead were more than 160 meters away on the opposite side of the stadium.

Analysis by BBC Africa Eye also suggests an elite police unit assigned to protect President William Ruto may have fired the fatal shots.

Kenya's independent police watchdog investigating the events did not respond to the BBC's request for comment. We put our findings to Kenya's police. They acknowledged there were huge lessons to be learned for a better, more professional police response.

The British Prime Minister Andy Burnham says he wants to put the record straight that Russia did interfere in the 2016 referendum that saw Britain leave the European Union. He said that on taking office in July, he asked officials if Moscow had meddled and was given the clear answer yes.

Mr. Burnham said the matter was important to put on the record and that he believed it would help voters in Germany and France understand that some of their politics is instigated, as he put it, "via our enemies, namely Russia."

Slovenians have rejected in a referendum a proposal to expand the powers of parliamentary commissions of inquiry. The nationalist Prime Minister Janez Janša had said the measure was a

necessary part of his reform package, which also includes government job cuts and reduced funding for civil society groups. The opposition called it "authoritarian."

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