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## Britain swelters on its hottest day ever as temperatures hit 40C

LONDON, July 19 (Reuters) - Britain recorded its hottest day ever on Tuesday, with the temperature exceeding 40C (104F) as a heatwave gripping Europe intensified, forcing train tracks to buckle and fuelling a spate of fires across London.

The Met Office said a new provisional record temperature of 40.3C (104.5F) was recorded in Coningsby, in central England, with 34 sites across the country experiencing temperatures in excess of the previous high of 38.7C (101.7F) recorded in 2019.

Stephen Belcher at the Met Office said he had not expected to see such temperatures in Britain in his career.

“Research conducted here at the Met Office has demonstrated that it’s virtually impossible for the UK to experience 40C in an undisturbed climate but climate change driven by greenhouse gases has made these extreme temperatures possible,” he said.

Train services on major routes from London up the east and west coast of the country were cancelled, electricity companies reported mass outages and normally busy city centres appeared quiet. Network Rail tweeted a number of pictures showing large bends and kinks in rail tracks.

London Fire Brigade declared a major incident and urged people to stop having barbecues, as hundreds of firefighters battled blazes across the capital.

To the east, a large fire engulfed homes in the village of Wennington, with flames tearing across about 40 hectares (100 acres) of neighbouring tinder-dry fields. Elsewhere large grassland areas around the capital caught fire, billowing smoke over major roads and nearby areas.

London’s Ambulance Service said it had been dealing with 400 calls an hour because of the extreme heat.

“We are seeing an increase in the number of patients experiencing heat exposure, breathing difficulties, dizziness and fainting,” said Peter Rhodes, the deputy director of ambulance operations.

Britain, which can struggle to maintain key transport services in extreme heat or snow, had been put on a state of national emergency over the unprecedented temperatures.

“My thanks go to all the firefighters and frontline services who are working incredibly hard to keep us safe on this scorching day,” Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Twitter.



‘DO NOT TRAVEL’  
Transport minister Grant Shapps said there had been a considerable amount of travel disruption.

“Infrastructure, much of which was built from the Victorian times, just wasn’t built to withstand this type of temperature,” he said.

Operator Network Rail advised passengers to only travel if absolutely necessary.

“Extreme Heat: All services stopped. Do not come to the station,” Avanti West Coast, which runs services from London to cities such as Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow, said on Twitter.

Climate scientists said the once-unthinkable temperature in London was likely to become more common in coming years.

Sony Kapoor, a climate and macro-economic professor at European University Institute, said he had long thought that people underestimated the physical impacts of climate change in contemporary times. “But even I never thought we would see 40 degree Celsius in London in 2022,” he said.

The arrival of a searing heatwave that first sparked wildfires across Europe before arriving in Britain has turned the spotlight on to “net zero” pledges made by the candidates running to replace Boris Johnson as prime minister.

After Johnson championed the move to net zero status when Britain held the United Nations COP26 climate change summit in 2021, some of the candidates to replace him have appeared more lukewarm and rated other challenges facing the country as their priority.

After Tuesday’s heat, the Met Office said the temperature would fall on Wednesday, however it warned there could be heavy thunderstorms.



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## Ivana Trump Has Passed Away

Ivana Trump, the ex-wife of former President Donald Trump, has died of blunt-impact injuries in her residence in New York City. City officials said her death was consistent with a fall down the stairs in her apartment. Ivana was the first wife of the former president and mother of their three children, Donald Trump Jr., Eric Trump and Ivanka Trump. Born in the former country of Czechoslovakia, she left her country in 1970 and worked as a model. She then met and married Donald Trump in 1977 and became a key person running the Trump organization,



including Trump's Castle in Atlantic City, the Grand Hyatt Hotel and Trump Tower. She and Trump divorced in 1977. Former President Trump said on social media that, "I am very saddened to inform all of those who loved her, of which there are many, that Ivana Trump has passed away at her home in New York. She was a wonderful, beautiful and amazing woman who led a great and inspirational life. Her pride and joy were her three children, Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric. She was so proud of them, as we all are. We are also so proud of her. Rest In Peace, Ivana."



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## Editor's Choice



People enjoy the hot weather on Brighton beach, during a heatwave in Brighton, Britain. REUTERS/Peter Cziborra



A shepherd watches a fire burning a wheat field between Tabara and Losacio, during the second heatwave of the year, in the province of Zamora, Spain. REUTERS/Isabel Infantes



Mexico's Edgar Rivera in action during the men's high jump final at World Athletics Championships. REUTERS/Mike Segar



Members of the feminist group "Las Micaelas", composed of mothers of victims of femicide and domestic or economic violence, transgender people, and migrant women, take part in a performance during a demonstration to demand justice, outside the Headquarters of the International Labour Organization, where UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet attends a meeting, in Lima, Peru. REUTERS/Angela Ponce



Members of the 1776 Restoration Movement wave flags during a rally at the Federal Courthouse in Washington. REUTERS/Joshua Roberts



The sun is seen through smoke rising from a tactical fire near Lezha, Albania. REUTERS/Florian Goga

Elon Musk's Starlink Internet Connection Dominates The Ukraine Skies Allowing Zelinskiy's Drone Warriors To Rule The Digital War

HOW THE STARLINK IS HELPING FIGHT RUSSIAN GROUND TROOPS IN UKRAINE. Includes infographic comparing Regular Satellites (621+ miles, 3,372 active, 3,170 inactive) and Starlink (341 miles, 700 in orbit, 12,000 planned).

Drones used in the field are able to use the newly available Starlink to keep connected and provide intelligence as internet and power outages plague Ukraine.

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Ukraine has so far received thousands of antennas from Musk's companies and European allies, which the country's minister of digital transformation, Mykhailo Fedorov, saying the tech has already proved 'very effective,' in an interview with The Washington Post Friday.

Shortly after the invasion, Fedorov, who also serves as the country's vice-prime minister, had sent a tweet to Musk, asking to be given access to Starlink stations. Musk, currently valued at \$232 billion according to the

Bloomberg Billionaire's Index, responded just hours later: 'Starlink service is now active in Ukraine. More terminals en route.'

Within days, trucks arrived at Ukraine hauling Starlink terminals, as well as adapters providing power via cigarette lighters in cars, or battery packs, and a roaming feature to ensure people are connected while they travel to safety.

Starlink uses thousands of small satellites around 340 miles above the earth's surface. Base stations on earth send radio waves up to the satellites, which beam those down to a satellite dish terminal back on the planet.

The aim of the system is to bring internet access to rural and poorly connected parts of the world. It has allowed internet connections to travel quickly, with more speed provided due to travelling through space.



A Russian tank destroyed by Ukrainian forces. The lower orbit of Starlink also allows signals to travel

el even faster. Over 2,000 satellites have been sent up to space so far, and there are plans to launch around 12,000 in total. The usefulness of the system has now reached into military operations, with the Ukrainian drone armies of 'Aerorozvidka' being able to use it to continue communicating with their bases by sending signals from Starlink terminals and using ground stations in neighboring countries, including Poland.

The Aerorozvidka unit was formed by a group of civilian model airplane enthusiasts and those with a background in engineering in 2014 following the outbreak of war in eastern Ukraine. The group helped to build drones and sensors for the military to monitor the border, and helped to adapt commercially available drones to gather intelligence and even drop homemade explosives. Eventually, the system was integrated into the Ukrainian armed forces.

It is proving so effective that the US feels supplying the Ukrainians with aircraft is unnecessary, and have opted to send Switchblades - known as kamikaze drones - which were initially designed for US special forces, and have the ability to take down a tank.

General James Dickinson, commander of US Space Command, told the Senate armed services committee: 'What we're seeing with Elon Musk and the Starlink capabilities is really showing us what a megastarlink, or a proliferated architecture, can provide in terms of redundancy and capability.'



Prior To Deployment Of Satellite-Guided Drones, Russian Forces Made Steady Gains

The US however, has remained adamant about not deploying actual troops into Ukraine, out of fears for its own national security - or as Biden has put it, to avoid a possible 'World War III.'

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki reiterated Tuesday that the administration does not and will not support Zelensky's no-fly zone request for those reasons.

'We have the responsibility to do here is to assess what the impact is on the United States and our own national security,' the White House spokesperson said.

But Russians have so far reacted angrily to the US' - and particularly Starlink's - support for Ukraine. Dmitry Rogozin, director general of Roscosmos, the Russian space agency, said: 'This is the West that we should never trust.'

'When Russia implements its highest national interests on the territory of Ukraine, Elon Musk appears with his Starlink which was previously declared as purely civilian.'

'I warned about it, but our 'muskophiles' said he is the light of world cosmonautics. Here, look, he has chosen

the side.' The use of Starlink as a method for citizens and the government to stay connected during the invasion serves a major test of the relatively new technology, experts say, and could have lasting implications for the future of conflict. Aside from powering weapons and aiding the military, Musk's satellites have so far allowed citizens to stay informed against an enemy known for their misinformation efforts. Britain's Ministry of Defense warned last week that Moscow is 'probably' targeting Ukraine's communications infrastructure.

With that said, despite repeated attempts by Putin's forces to disconnect Ukrainians from the web, Russia has threatened its own independent journalists with jail time if they report 'fake' news about the war. The Russian forces have been using their fair share of hypersonic weapons, unleashing its 'unstoppable' Kinzhal hypersonic missiles for the first time in Ukraine this week. Russia has never before admitted using the high-precision weapon in combat, and state news agency RIA Novosti said it was the first use of the Kinzhal hypersonic weapons during the conflict in pro-Western Ukraine.

Moscow claims the 'Kinzhal' - or Dagger - is 'unstoppable' by current Western weapons. The missile, which has a range of 1,250 miles, is nuclear capable. This was a conventional strike. Aerial footage released by the Russian military claimed to show the missile strike. Large, long buildings are shown in the footage in a snowy region, before one is obliterated by a huge explosion - sending flames, earth and debris high into the air. People can be seen on the ground fleeing as smoke pours from the site.

A Virtual Graveyard Of Totally Destroyed Russian Tanks And Armored Vehicles Is Left After Direct Hits From Rockets Deployed By Drones Guided By Ukraine Forces



Photos of destroyed or captured Russian BM-21 Uragan MLRS 9P140 launcher, Tigr-M, and a T-72B3 tank near Pryluky in Chernihiv Oblast, Ukraine. With the technology, the drones can be directed to drop anti-tank munitions to help ward off the Russian attack. Drones have been instrumental in targeting Russian equipment as it travels into Ukraine.

Ukrainian air force spokesman Yuri Ignat confirmed that a storage site had been targeted, but added that Kyiv had no information regarding the type of missile that was used. Russia reportedly first used the weapon during its military campaign in Syria in 2016 to support the Assad regime, although it was unclear if this was the same model.

Some of the most intense bombing came in 2016 during the battle for Aleppo, resulting in hundreds of civilian deaths. Russian President Vladimir Putin has termed the missile 'an ideal weapon' that flies at 10 times the speed of sound and can overcome air-defence systems.

Hypersonic missiles can be used to deliver conventional warheads, more rapidly and precisely than other missiles. But their capacity to deliver nuclear weapons could add to a country's threat, increasing the danger of a nuclear conflict. Russia's announcement of the missile strike came as Kyiv's army high command claimed to have killed a fifth Moscow general since the war in Ukraine began. Lieutenant General Andrey Mordvichev was one of Vladimir Putin's most senior commanders, in charge of the 8th All-Military Army of the Kremlin's vast Southern Military District. Moscow did not initially confirm his death in keeping with most previous claims of the 'liquidation' of Generals. Ukraine now claims to have killed five holding the rank of General. The Ukrainians also claimed that wounded Russian soldiers have filled all hospital facilities in Gomel city in Belarus.



Kiev's Missiles Are All That Stand Between The Russian Air Force And Control Of Ukraine's Skies

Overnight, Zelensky said Russian forces are blockading his country's largest cities to wear the population down into submission, but he warned Saturday that the strategy will fail and Moscow will lose in the long run if it doesn't end its war. Zelenskyy accused the Kremlin of deliberately creating 'a humanitarian catastrophe' and appealed for Russian President Vladimir Putin to meet with him, using a huge Moscow stadium rally where Putin lavished praise on Russian forces Friday to illustrate what was at stake.

'Just picture for yourself that in that stadium in Moscow there are 14,000 dead bodies and tens of thousands more injured and maimed. Those are the Russian costs throughout the invasion,' Zelenskyy said in a nightly video address to the nation recorded outside the presidential office in Kyiv.

The rally took place as Russia has faced heavier-than-expected losses on the battlefield and increasingly authoritarian rule at home. The event was surrounded by suspicions it was a Kremlin-manufactured display of patriotism. Russian police have detained thousands of people from protests of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Fighting continued on multiple fronts in Ukraine. In the besieged port city of Mariupol, the site of some of the war's greatest suffering. (Courtesy https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/)

"The Fight Is Here. We Need Ammunition, Not A Ride." Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine

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