

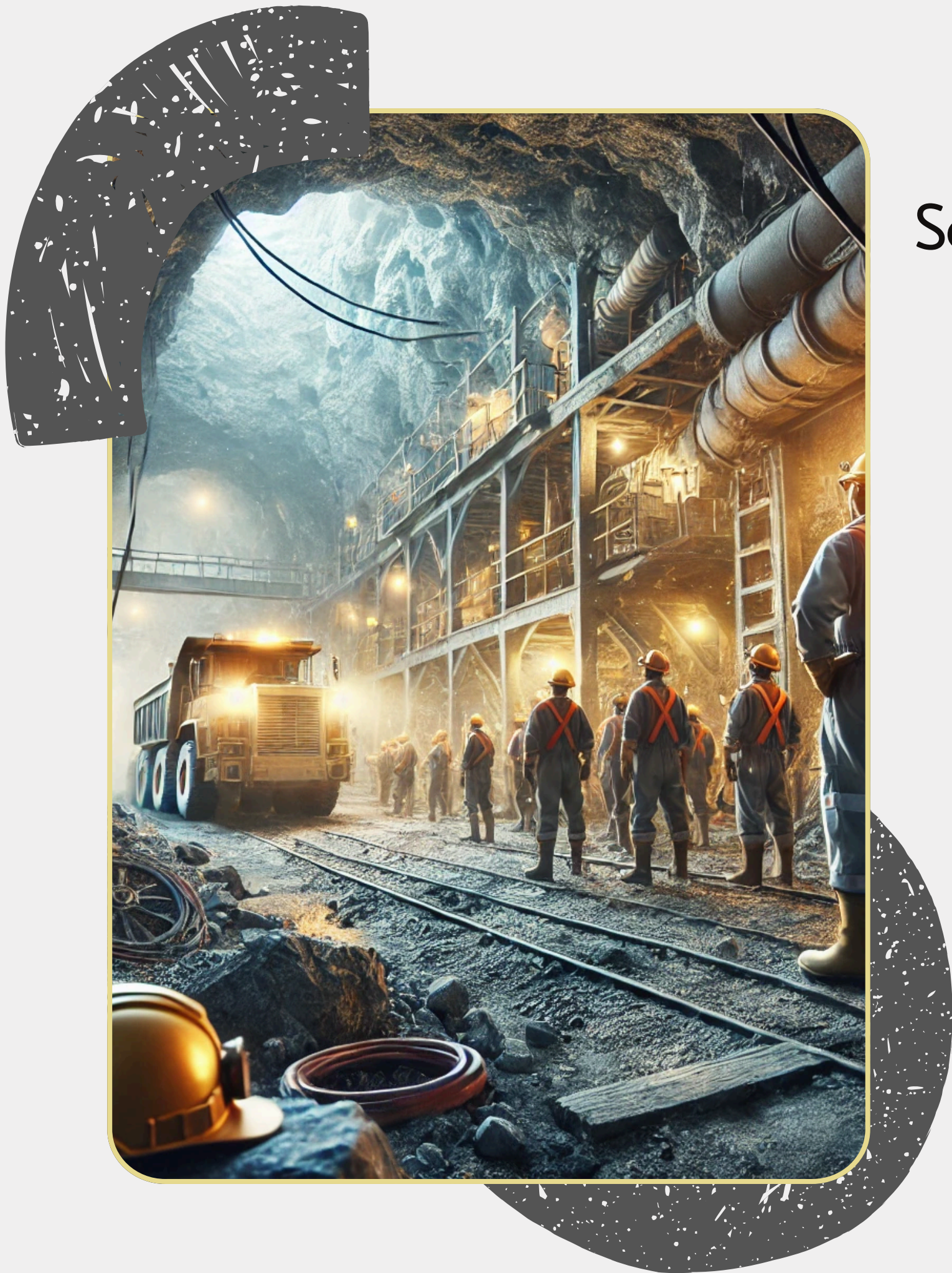


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South Africa authorities face scrutiny over mine response

South African authorities face growing anger over their handling of a standoff with illegal miners trapped in an abandoned gold mine, as the death toll from the incident reached at least 87. Authorities may face an investigation over their initial refusal to help the miners and instead “smoke them out” by cutting off their food supplies. The miners are suspected to have died of starvation and dehydration, although no causes of death have been released.

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Israel's security cabinet approves ceasefire agreement

The cabinet has voted to back the recently agreed truce deal with Hamas. A statement by the Israeli prime minister's office said that the cabinet accepted the deal "after examining all political, security, and humanitarian aspects; and with the understanding that the proposed deal supports the achievement of the war's goals". The cabinet also recommended that "the government approve the proposed outline". The deal will now move to the full cabinet for a discussion and vote. The deal, mediated by the US, Qatar, and Egypt, includes a 42-day truce and the exchange of prisoners.

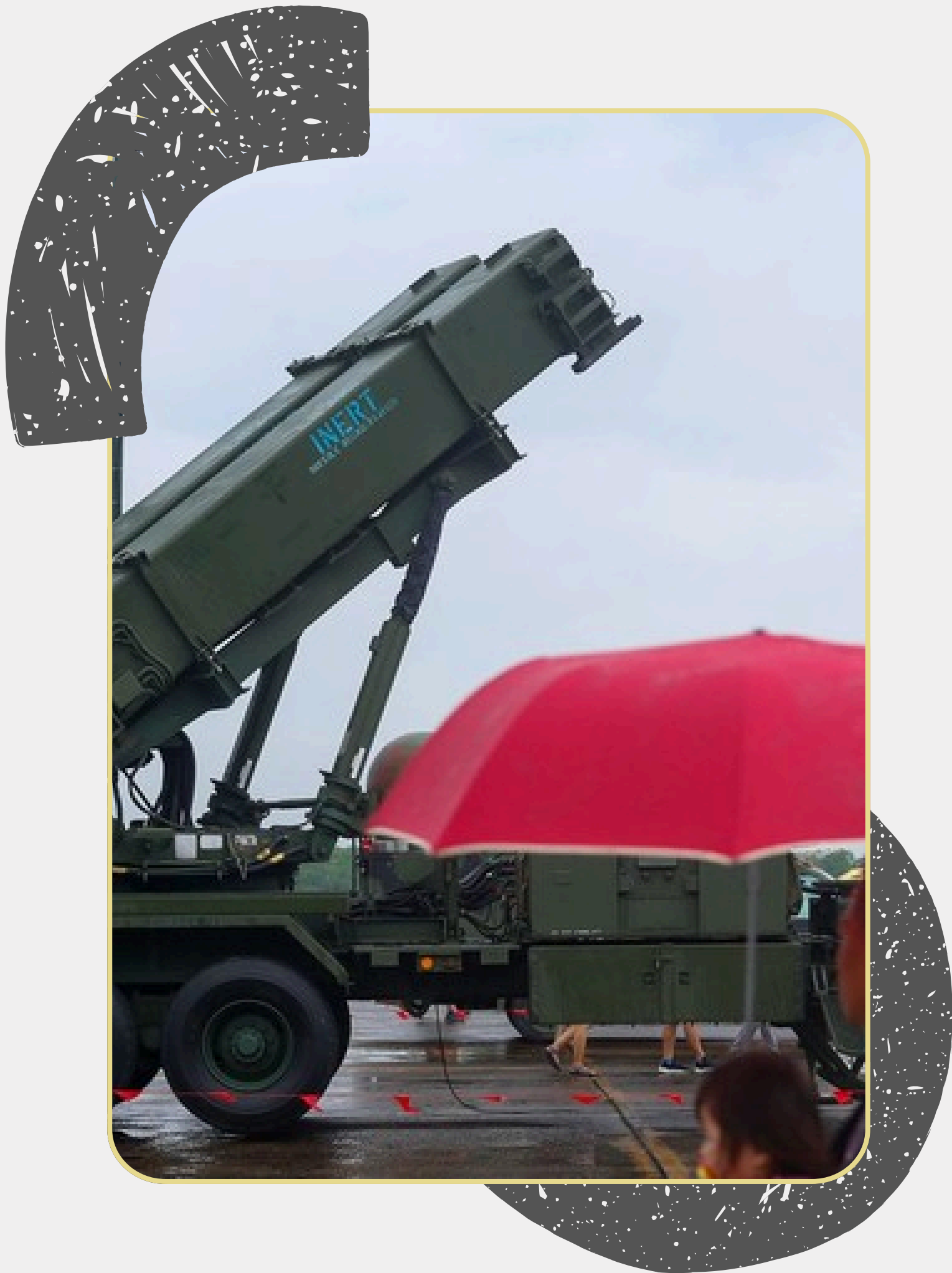
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Prepare for war – NATO chief

NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte has called on members of the US-led military bloc to adopt a “wartime mindset” and significantly increase defense spending, citing supposed threats from Russia and other nations. The bloc’s “future security is at stake,” Rutte claimed in his opening remarks at a meeting of the Military Committee in Chiefs of Defense in Brussels on Wednesday. He accused Russia, China, North Korea, and Iran of attempting to “weaken our democracies and chip away at our freedom.” “To prevent war, we need to prepare for it. It is time to shift to a wartime mindset,” Rutte asserted, urging NATO states to fund “more and better defense capabilities.”

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Trump to deliver more weapons to Taiwan – Waltz

US president-elect Donald Trump plans to increase the pace of American military hardware deliveries to China's self-governed region of Taiwan, incoming national security adviser Mike Waltz has confirmed. Speaking at the US Institute of Peace in Washington on Tuesday, Waltz, a Florida Congressman, stated: "We have over a \$20 billion backlog of things that they paid for and that we need to work hard to free up and have them get what they paid for as a deterrent measure." Waltz also reaffirmed that the next US administration will continue to pursue a "porcupine" policy regarding Taiwan. The strategy involves equipping the island with asymmetric defense capabilities, such as mobile missile systems, drones, and advanced surveillance technologies, that would raise the potential costs for mainland China if were to use force to take control of the territory.

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Ban on talks with Moscow remains – Kiev

Kiev is maintaining its moratorium on direct negotiations with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andriy Bohdanovych confirmed in an interview with European Pravda published on Wednesday. Two years ago, Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky signed a decree banning his government from any talks with Moscow. When asked if Russia should be involved in potential peace negotiations, Bohdanovych stated that for now, such a "modality" has not been considered. "Let us wait for official contacts with the US, where we will discuss further steps," the diplomat added.

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