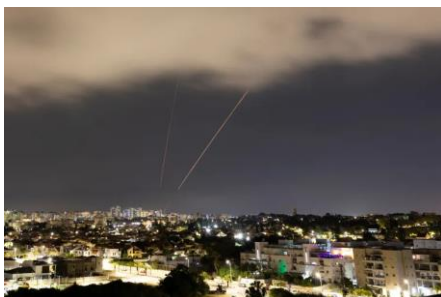This week, we focus on the heightened tensions across the Middle East after Iran launched a barrage of missiles and drones against Iran in response to a suspected Israeli strike on its consulate in Syria.

Ukraine, meanwhile, said it is raising its standing army by 300,000 amid growing frustrations with allies for holding back critical financial and military aid.

And in Dubai, heavy rainfall equivalent to more than a year's worth caused flash flooding within just a few hours.

Why and how did Iran attack Israel?

Iran fired more than 300 drones and missiles in its first direct attack against Israel.

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