

**Turkey recalls envoy to Israel, 'writes off' Netanyahu**  
**Istanbul, Turkey**

Turkey said yesterday it was recalling its ambassador to Israel and breaking off contacts with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in protest at the bloodshed in Gaza.

Ankara announced the decisions on the eve of what promises to be a difficult visit to Turkey by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

The Turkish foreign ministry said ambassador Sakir Ozkan Torunlar was being recalled for consultations "in view of the unfolding humanitarian tragedy in Gaza caused by the continuing attacks by Israel against civilians, and Israel's refusal (to accept) a ceasefire".

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan separately told reporters that he held Netanyahu personally responsible for the growing civilian death toll in the Gaza Strip.

"Netanyahu is no longer someone we can talk to. We have written him off," Turkish media quoted Erdogan as saying.

**Ministry of Interior urges all to enable alerts on vital apps**  
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The Ministry of Interior is urging both citizens and residents to activate notifications on three essential apps: "BeAware," "Tawasul," and "eTraffic."

The official statement was issued through the ministry's "X" platform, emphasising that these apps will play a crucial role in relaying instructions related to civil defence.

In collaboration with local telecommunications companies, the Ministry of Interior has conducted trials by sending test messages and notifications via the "BeAware Society" application in multiple languages, enhancing communication in emergency situations.

The primary goal of these text messages is to establish a direct line of communication with citizens and residents during emergencies, ensuring swift and efficient dissemination of critical information.



A man reacts as he carries a toddler into the Al-Shifa Hospital following the bombing by the Israeli military of a home in Gaza City's Mansura neighbourhood, in the eastern suburb of Shujaiya

# Gaza battle rages as Blinken faces anger

● Israel says it has struck 12,000 targets across the Palestinian territory since October 7

● Hamas, says more than 9,480 Gazans, mostly women and children, have been killed

● At least 15 people were killed when Israel struck Al-Fakhura school, operated by UNRWA

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Israel battled into the fifth week yesterday of its war to crush Hamas, showing no signs of letting up even as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken faced a rising tide of anger in meetings with Arab foreign ministers.

Blinken reaffirmed US support for "humanitarian pauses" in the fighting in Gaza to ensure desperate civilians get help a day after Israel's hawkish Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gave the idea short shrift.

Speaking at a news conference in Amman about sparing civilians and speeding up aid deliveries, the US top diplomat



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken (R) and Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi hold a press conference

**Will 'find and eliminate' Hamas Gaza chief, says Israel defence minister**  
**Tel Aviv, Israel**

Defence Minister Yoav Gallant vowed Saturday that Israeli forces would "find and eliminate" Yahya Sinwar, the head of Palestinian militant group Hamas in the Gaza Strip. "We will find Sinwar and will eliminate him," Gallant told a

news conference. "I tell the residents of Gaza - if you reach him before us, it will shorten the war." Israel said that Sinwar was a "dead man walking," and that he and the leader of the group's armed wing, Mohammed Deif, were the army's top targets.

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Blinken is due to visit Turkey today and tomorrow, but the State Department has yet to confirm a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, although members of his entourage expect it.

school-turned-refugee shelter in the besieged Palestinian enclave.

Blinken is due to make a two-day visit to Turkey from Sunday, during which he will "underscore the importance of protecting civilian lives in Israel and the Gaza Strip", the US State Department said.

Israeli army yesterday sent text messages to Gazans saying the territory's main north-south road would be open for three hours in the afternoon so people can evacuate.

A key focus of Blinken's visit to Israel on Friday was to convince Netanyahu to enact "humanitarian pauses".

Netanyahu said later, however, that he would not agree to a "temporary truce" with Hamas until the Islamist group releases more than 240 Israeli and foreign hostages it abducted during its October 7 attack.

Blinken began the day in Amman by holding talks with Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani of Qatar, a mediator in the conflict.

He also had meetings scheduled with the foreign ministers of Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

The talks come amid mounting Arab anger over the civilian death toll from war, and increasing fears that the conflict could spread.



**HM to patronise Mara'ee 2023**  
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The sixth edition of the Bahrain Animal Production Show (Mara'ee 2023) is set to commence on November 23, under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, said the three-day event will welcome the public from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM at the Bahrain International Endurance Village.

This year's edition serves as a platform for professionals in the animal sector and farm owners to showcase the latest advancements and technologies, along with presenting the finest global breeds of animal production.

The show will facilitate livestock and bird traders in displaying their products and livestock, and Mara'ee 2023 will also offer opportunities for marketing, advertising, and the exchange of experiences among exhibitors and producers.

**Don't pause Mideast de-escalation over war: UAE official**  
**Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

Middle East powers should maintain their push to de-escalate the region through trade and economic ties despite the Israel-Hamas war, a senior United Arab Emirates official said yesterday.

According to UAE presidential adviser Anwar Gargash, countries should maintain that strategy even though the war is sending shockwaves.

"National actors are basically trying to use economics as a way to de-escalate tension," Gargash told the World Policy Conference in Abu Dhabi. "I think there is no reason why we should also veer away from that course of action."

Gargash said the war demonstrated that the UAE and others still had to "work together with other regional actors in order to ensure that regional stability is guaranteed". "But I think the other message is also (that) national plans have to move on. I don't think that national plans have to be on pause, because there will always be a major regional issue that will surprise us."

