

Roman Emperor Theodosius declares Christian religion the state religion



1st meeting of Aztec Emperor Moctezuma II and Spanish Conquistador Hernán Cortés in Tenochtitlan, Mexico

William Penn presents Charter of Privileges, guaranteed religious freedom for the colony in Pennsylvania

German physicist Wilhelm Röntgen produces and detects electromagnetic radiation in a wavelength range today known as X-rays or Röntgen rays

Claim over Gaza hospital

See Israeli onslaught on foot



the border with the Gaza Strip shows Israel from Gaza

by AFP, telling civilians to flee to the south.

“We came by foot from the centre of Gaza to the south,” she said. “I was not expecting the distance to be that long.”

On the way, Sakani saw “bodies of martyrs, some in pieces”.

“We want peace, enough is enough, we are tired, we want a happy future,” she said.

Haitham Nouredine said he walked four kilometres (2.5 miles) with his mother and other relatives until they reached the southern Bureij refugee camp.

He told AFP the family left their Gaza City home near Al-Shifa hospital, due to the heavy bombardment in the area, and saw decomposing bodies en route. The Israeli military says its troops have encircled Gaza City but will allow civilians to leave the north.

Gaza, is currently treating patients far beyond its capacity.

The Indonesian charity that operates the hospital, MER-C, also denied the facility was used by Hamas.

“What Israel accused us of

can be a precondition for them to launch an attack at the Indonesian hospital in Gaza,” MER-C chief Sarbini Abdul Murad said in Jakarta on Monday.

The “IDF’s accusation is a pre-

condition to justify attacks against us, therefore we need to debunk it”, Murad added.

Hamas has repeatedly denied Israeli accusations that hospitals and other civilian infrastructure are being used by its operatives.

Hundreds line up in Gaza to flee through Egypt crossing

Hundreds of Palestinian foreign passport holders waited on Tuesday inside the war-stricken and besieged Gaza Strip to escape through the Rafah crossing with Egypt.

While most still queued nervously, the first arrivals were seen on the Egyptian side where paramedics transferred an injured woman on a stretcher into an ambulance to rush her to a hospital.

Yesterday was set to mark the fifth day on which Gaza’s sole land crossing not controlled by Israel has opened in the past week, to wounded Palestinians as well as foreigners and Palestinian dual nationals.



A Thai student returning from Israel hugs family members during a meeting at Rajanagarindra University in Thailand’s southern province of Narathiwat

EU boosts funds for Jordan as Mideast war rages

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

The EU yesterday announced more than 900 million euros in aid for Jordan after European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen met King Abdullah II for talks dominated by the Israel-Hamas war.

Von der Leyen thanked the Jordanian king for “his critical stabilising role in the region,” amid fears that the conflict, which has left thousands dead, could spill over to other countries.

The two leaders did not hold a press conference after the meeting.

On social media however, von der Leyen said the talks included Israel’s military offensive against Gaza in response to the October 7 attacks by Hamas, which controls the Palestinian territory.

Jordan is among countries in the region that fears a mass exodus from Gaza.

“I reiterated my position on no forced displacement of Palestinians from Gaza and the EU’s support for a two-state solution,” von der Leyen said.

A statement said “discussions focused on recent developments and the need to avoid a negative spill-over in the region, where Jordan plays a key stabilising role”.

It said the EU support package was worth 902 million euros (\$963 million) -- 402 million euros in grants and 500 million euros in European Investment Bank loans.

Von der Leyen said the money was to bolster “Jordan’s reform process and modernisation of its economy”.

The bulk of it was to go to improving water supplies in the parched kingdom, while other funding would go to youth education and tourism schemes, and improving energy efficiency.



Israeli forces have encircled Gaza City where they say Hamas’s main command and control facilities are located. The Israeli military has repeatedly called on Palestinian civilians to evacuate and move south.



People flee following air strikes on a neighbourhood in the al-Maghazi refugee camp

‘Failing’: Red Cross



Shifa hospital in Gaza City

the siege of Gaza had deprived people there of food, water and medicine, and warned that the “sparse aid” trickling in was not able to provide people with the essentials to survive.

“Safe and sustained humanitarian access across Gaza is urgently needed,” it said, stressing that “critical services like health care, water, and electricity must be immediately restored in Gaza as a lifesaving priority.”

It also decried attacks on health-care, emphasising that “scenes of damaged hospitals and ambulances are unacceptable”.

Israeli strike kills Palestinian reporter in Gaza: news agency

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

A Palestinian journalist was killed in an Israeli air strike in the Gaza Strip and another was wounded, the official Palestinian news agency reported yesterday.

Mohammad Abu Hasira was the latest among dozens of journalists killed in the month-long conflict that began with Hamas’s October 7 attack on southern Israel.

He “was killed in an Israeli bombing that targeted his house located near the fishermen’s port west of Gaza City,” said the Wafa news agency, where he worked.

Wafa reported that Abu Hasira “and 42 members of his family, including his sons and brothers” were killed in the strike. The Hamas-run news press service in the Gaza Strip said the bombardment that killed Abu Hasira took place overnight between Sunday and Monday, but that his body was only found in the rubble on Tuesday. On Thursday, the official Palestinian TV station



Israeli soldiers during operations in northern Gaza

The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) said Monday that at least 37 journalists and media employees (32 Palestinians, four Israelis, one Lebanese citizen) had been killed since the start of the war.

In a separate incident, a journalist with Lebanese Al-Mayadeen television channel filed a police complaint against an Israeli journalist who she alleged had “intimidated” her.

Hana Mohamed said Israeli journalist Haim Etgar confronted her at a post office after allegedly impersonating a postal employee and “threatening” her.

Israel falls silent to mark one month since Hamas attacks

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Quiet sobs pierced memorial speeches and mourning crowds lit candles as Israel briefly fell silent yesterday, marking one month since the deadly Hamas attacks of October 7 plunged it into war.

At Jerusalem’s Hebrew University around 1,000 people observed a minute of silence and recited prayers for the 1,400 killed, mostly civilians,

in the worst attack on Israel since its founding in 1948.

“The atrocities left a horrible mark,” said university president Asher Cohen. “But there is hope. There will be rebirth.”

As they remembered the dead, the bloodiest Gaza war yet raged on in Israel’s campaign to destroy Hamas and has claimed more than 10,300 lives according to the Hamas-run health ministry.



Displaced Palestinians prepare food in front of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNWRA) school at the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip



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More @UN aid workers have been killed in recent weeks than in any comparable period in the history of our organization. I join in the mourning of 89 of our @UNRWA colleagues who have been killed in Gaza – many of them with members of their family.

@antoniogeterres

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Over 2,200 trains run on the Northeast Corridor every day serving 800,000 passengers. It’s the busiest corridor in the United States – and one of the busiest in the world. Today, it gets the investment it deserves.

@POTUS

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Pleasure to welcome His Majesty the King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk to India. We had very warm and positive discussions on various facets of the unique and exemplary India-Bhutan relationship. Deeply value His Majesty’s vision for the development and well being of the friendly people of Bhutan.

@narendramodi

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Thinking about the hostages seized from #Israel a month ago during the shocking attacks by Hamas. When I spoke with some of the families last month, their pain was palpable. @WHO reiterates its call for the immediate release of the hostages, many of whom are fragile, with medical conditions.

@DrTedros

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