



US-China ties would impact 'destiny of mankind', says Xi
 AFP | Beijing

Chinese President Xi Jinping said yesterday that China-US ties would impact the "destiny of mankind", as he met with a group of American senators in Beijing.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer is the latest high-level US official to go to China as Washington seeks to ease tensions with Beijing, leading a six-person delegation.

"How China and the United States get along with each other in the face of a world of change and turmoil will determine the future and destiny of mankind," Xi said as he met with Schumer at Beijing's Great Hall of the People.

Vietnam linked to 'spy campaign' around the world
 AFP | Paris

Vietnamese agents may be behind a global spyware campaign targeting officials, civil society and journalists around the world using EU-made malware, Amnesty International said yesterday.

The NGO detailed in a report how a Vietnam-linked account on Twitter, now X, tried to infect the phones of dozens of people and institutions - including overseas Vietnamese journalists, EU and US officials and Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen - with malware called Predator.

Amnesty has worked with media outlets and cybersecurity experts to investigate the Predator software, which is marketed by an alliance of companies with French and Israeli connections and bases across Europe.

Elephant killed, eaten in Congo
 AFP | Goma, DR Congo

An elephant that escaped Virunga National Park in volatile eastern DR Congo was slaughtered and eaten yesterday, the conservation authority and a local resident said.

Two elephants escaped yesterday, the ICCN explained, and unidentified armed men killed one.

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HRH Prince Salman visits BDF General Command



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and Prime Minister, yesterday visited the General Command of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF). HRH Prince Salman was received by the Commander-in-Chief of the BDF, HE Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Minister of Defence, HE Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, the BDF Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, and other senior officers. (Full report on Page 2)

King's Visionary Plans Praised

Cabinet urges protection of civilians and de-escalation in Gaza conflict



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

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The Cabinet emphasised the significance of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's address during the opening ceremony of the second session of the sixth legislative term of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives.

The address outlines HM the King's visionary plans for the next phase of development and the national contributions expected.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Cabinet affirmed that the King's Royal Orders are the foundation for government work and it is honoured to implement them.

It affirmed that the plan to preserve the historical and cultural identity of Bahrain's buildings and cities and to launch the Muharraq City Development Plan will be implemented immediately, as per the Royal Order.

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Top priority

The Cabinet noted that civilians' protection should be a top priority in light of the current developments in the Gaza Strip between Palestinian factions and Israeli forces, calling for de-escalation and adherence to

international humanitarian law.

The Cabinet emphasised the international community's responsibility in ending the armed conflict and protecting civilian lives.

It stressed the importance of supporting the peace process and reaching a diplomatic solution through negotiations to bring forth a two-state solution.

Death toll hits 560

Bahrain calls for end to Israel-Palestine fighting

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Death toll in Gaza climbed to 560 yesterday as Israel pounded the Palestinian enclave for the third consecutive day, even as leaders of Western and Arab nations announced separate meetings to discuss the crisis.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain yesterday called for the protection of civilians and the immediate cessation of fighting between Hamas and Israeli forces.

Highlighting that the attacks

by Hamas constitute a dangerous escalation that threatens the lives of civilians, the Ministry expressed regret for the loss of life and destruction of property and offered condolences to the families of the victims and wished a swift recovery for the injured.

Through the statement, the Ministry affirmed the Kingdom's denunciation of the reported kidnappings of civilians from their homes to be taken as hostages and called calling for the de-escalation of the violence that threatens regional security



A fireball erupts during Israeli bombardment of Gaza City yesterday. (AFP)

ty and stability, noting the dire consequences this conflict will have on the region. Further, the Ministry called

upon the international community to fulfil its responsibilities by intervening to stop the armed conflict, to protect civilians under international humanitarian laws, and to make further efforts to achieve peace, stability and security for all the peoples of the region.

The Ministry affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain supports the peace process and advocates for reaching a diplomatic solution through negotiations to bring forth a two-state solution in alignment with other international legitimacy resolutions.