

Tibetan troops occupy Chang'an for 15 days, capital of the Chinese Tang Dynasty

Leon Trotsky is expelled from the Soviet Communist Party, paving the way for Joseph Stalin to consolidate complete power



Cyclone Bhola makes landfall in East Pakistan (Bangladesh) killing up to 500,000, making it the deadliest tropical cyclone ever recorded

The World Wide Web is first proposed by CERN computer scientists Tim Berners-Lee and Robert Cailliau

As Gaza hospitals confronts toll fears



Patients are pictured at Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City

prompted growing calls for a halt in five weeks of fighting in order to protect civilian lives and allow humanitarian aid into the densely populated territory.

French President Emmanuel Macron said Israel had the right to defend itself but urged it to stop strikes on civilians in Gaza: "These babies, these ladies, these old people are bombed and killed."

The Gaza health ministry says Israeli fighting has killed more than 11,000 people, also mostly

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Lack of generator fuel endangers dozens of premature babies in incubators at Al-Shifa hospital

civilians and thousands of them children.

Islamic Jihad, another Palestinian armed group present in Gaza, said yesterday its "fighters are engaged in fierce clashes in the vicinity of Al-Shifa hospital complex" and other areas of Gaza City, claiming to have caused "casualties in the ranks of the (Israeli) enemy forces".

'Far too many' deaths

Concern over the civilian toll has also come from staunch Israel ally Washington, with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken saying Friday: "Far too many Palestinians have been killed."

The conflict has stoked regional tensions, with deadly cross-border exchanges between the Israeli army and Lebanon's Hezbollah movement.

In northern Gaza, the director of the Indonesian hospital said lack of fuel forced the facility to cut power to things like their desalination plant, scanners and lifts.

"The hospital is working with 30-40 percent of its capacity," Atef Al-Kahlot said.

"We call on the honourable people of the world, if any of them are left, to put pressure on the occupation forces to supply the Indonesian hospital and the rest of the hospitals in the Gaza Strip."

Hospitals have become key sites for Palestinians seeking refuge from the intense gun battles and bombardment.

A wounded boy at the Indonesian hospital, Youssef Al-Najjar, said he was waiting for surgery but the necessary machines were off due to lack of power.

"I'm very thirsty but I'm not allowed to drink or eat until the operation is done," he added.

Twenty of Gaza's 36 hospitals are "no longer functioning", the UN's humanitarian agency said.

Moscow targets Kyiv region after a long period of calm



Police inspect the scene of Russian shelling in Kyiv, Ukraine

AFP | Kyiv

A missile targeted Kyiv yesterday, ending nearly two months of relative calm in the Ukrainian capital, while frontline regions fended off waves of drone attacks overnight.

Ukraine is bracing for a renewed Russian aerial onslaught this winter, after systematic strikes last year targeted the country's energy grid, leaving thousands without heating or electricity in freezing temperatures for long periods.

"After a long pause of 52 days, the enemy renewed missile attacks on Kyiv," said the head of the Kyiv city military administration Sergiy Popko.

He added that the Russians had launched a missile attack on the capital yesterday morning.

AFP journalists in central

Kyiv heard two strong explosions and saw trails in the sky at dawn.

Air sirens sounded soon after that.

Asked why the alarm had gone off after the explosion, air force spokesman Yuriy Ignat said on television that "ballistic missiles fly extremely fast and are not as visible as cruise missiles on the radars."

The air force said it was clarifying whether the capital had been targeted by an Iskander ballistic missile, or by an S-400 anti-aircraft missile.

President Volodymyr Zelensky said Tuesday that Ukraine had deployed more Western air defence systems, as it braces for a second full winter of Russian attacks on energy facilities. Air defences last downed a missile in Kyiv on September 21. The falling debris wounded seven people, including a child.



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Hospitals must be places of greater safety, not of war. #Gaza @UNReliefChief

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Today, we honor the story of our veterans – the story of our nation at its best. On Veterans Day, let's recommit to fulfilling our one sacred obligation as a nation: to prepare those we send into harm's way and care for them and their families when they come home. @POTUS

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1.11.11. stands for the end of a World War, but also Europe's inability to prevent the next... Ending the cycle of war means rising above national or religious barriers and historic hatreds. Never is that message more necessary than in today's world! @guyverhofstadt

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We cannot address the climate catastrophe without tackling its root cause: fossil fuel dependence. Leaders must #ActNow to save humanity from the worst impacts of climate chaos & profit from the extraordinary benefits of renewable energy. @antonioguterres

Paris protesters call for end to Gaza massacre



Protesters march in Paris AFP | Paris

Several thousand people demonstrated in Paris yesterday under the rallying cry "Stop the massacre in Gaza".

The left-wing organisers called for France to "demand an immediate ceasefire" between Israel and Hamas militants.

"I came to support the Palestinian cause, for a ceasefire in Gaza," said engineer Ahlem Triki, a Palestinian flag over her shoulders.

"It is elementary that as activists or simple citizens, you go out on to the street to support the Palestinian people," said 85-year-old trade unionist Claude Marill.

Sudan fighting destroys strategic Khartoum bridge

AFP | Khartoum

A strategic Nile bridge in Sudan's capital has collapsed, the army and rival paramilitaries said in separate statements yesterday, trading blame for its destruction nearly seven months into their devastating war.

Witnesses reported "clear signs of destruction on the Shambat Bridge" which crosses the White Nile and connecting Khartoum's sister cities of Khartoum North and Omdurman.

Images posted online, which AFP was unable to immediately



Smoke rises from north of Khartoum (file photo)

verify, showed a section of the bridge about halfway across the river had disappeared. Ve-

hicles, apparently damaged, lay on the part of the bridge still standing.

Croatian defence minister seriously injured in car crash

AFP | Zagreb

Croatia's defence minister was seriously injured yesterday in a car collision that killed the driver of the other vehicle, his ministry said.

Mario Banozic was travelling in his private car and was leaving the town of Vinkovci, 276 kilometres (172 miles) east of the capital Zagreb, when it rammed into a van, a statement said.

Banozic suffered serious head injuries and was rushed to hospital, government spokesman Marko Milic said, adding: "According to the doctors, his life is out of danger".

Pope dismisses US bishop who was prominent critic

AFP | Vatican City

Pope Francis yesterday dismissed US bishop Joseph Strickland, a prominent conservative who has repeatedly criticised his papacy, the Vatican announced.

The rare decision to remove a senior Catholic figure came after Francis sent two US bishops to visit Strickland's Texas diocese in June.

"The Holy Father has relieved from the pastoral governance of the diocese of Tyler (US) Joseph E. Strickland," the Vatican said in a statement.

It said the bishop of Austin, Joe Vasquez, had been named as apostolic administrator of the diocese, but gave no further details.

The Vatican has not said what sparked the apostolic visitation



Pope Francis

this summer -- which Strickland himself made public -- or what conclusions were drawn.

But Strickland, appointed by former pope Benedict XVI in 2012, was one of the most prominent critics of Pope Francis.

Spain arrests 121 people after giant child pornography operation

AFP | Madrid

Spanish police yesterday announced the arrest of 121 people suspected of making or distributing child pornography after a nationwide operation.

A statement said 118 men and three women had been arrested and nearly 500 terabytes "of an extremely hard nature" seized.

Two of the men had been placed in detention

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