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Robert the Bruce of Scotland defeats King Edward II of England at Byland, forcing Edward to accept Scotland's independence



1774

1st Continental Congress makes Declaration of Colonial Rights in Philadelphia

1867

15th and last Tokugawa Shogun, Tokugawa Yoshinobu resigns in Japan

1933

Nazi Germany announces its withdrawal from the League of Nations

Warning sparks condemnation

already fled their homes in the territory of 2.4 million

Hamas attack does not justify Gaza's destruction: Red Cross

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The massive Hamas attack on Israel cannot justify the "limitless destruction" of the Gaza Strip, the Red Cross said Friday, as it called for pauses in the fighting. "Nothing can justify the horrific attacks Israel suffered last weekend," said a statement from the International Committee of the Red Cross. "Our hearts go out to people who lost family members or are worried sick about loved ones taken hostage. We reiterate our call for their immediate release

and stand ready to conduct humanitarian visits," the ICRC said. "But those attacks cannot in turn justify the limitless destruction of Gaza. "The parties must not neglect their legal obligations regarding the methods and means used to wage war." Israel has cut off water, food and power supplies to Gaza in a total siege it has vowed will not end until all hostages are freed. "The instructions issued by the Israeli authorities for the population of Gaza City to immediately leave their homes, coupled with the complete

siege explicitly denying them food, water, and electricity, are not compatible with international humanitarian law," the ICRC said. "When military powers order people to leave their homes, all possible measures must be taken to ensure the population has access to basic necessities like food and water and that members of the same family are not separated." The ICRC said Gazans had "nowhere safe to go" and it was "impossible" for them to know which areas "will next face attack".

Forcing the 2.5 million residents of Gaza, who have been subject to indiscriminate air strikes for days and deprived of electricity, water and food, to migrate in an extremely limited area is a flagrant violation of international law and is inhuman



TURKEY

Gazans should stay steadfast and remain on their land



EGYPT'S PRESIDENT ABDEL FATTAH AL-SISI

It's already a combat zone. So I don't think anybody's underestimating the challenge here of effecting that evacuation



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SPOKESMAN JOHN KIRBY

Scottish leader's mum-in-law says sending 'last video' from Gaza

Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Scotland's First Minister Humza Yousaf posted a video online yesterday showing his British mother-in-law in Gaza tearfully deploring Israel's order to evacuate more than one million people from the north of the Palestinian enclave. "This will be my last video", Elizabeth al-Nakla, a UK citizen who was visiting relatives there when the latest hostilities erupted, said in the recording shared by the Scottish leader on X, formerly Twitter. Nakla, a former

mer nurse, said people from Gaza City in the northern Gaza Strip were moving southward after Israel gave Palestinians 24 hours to leave the besieged enclave's largest city. "One million people -- no food, no water, and still they are bombing them as they leave. Where are we going to put them?" Nakla said. "But my (first) thought is, all these people in the hospital cannot be evacuated. "Where's humanity? Where's people's hearts in the world to let this happen in this day and age," she said crying. "May God help us. Goodbye."



Biden

We have urged the Israelis to use every possible precaution to avoid harm to civilians



US SECRETARY OF STATE ANTONY BLINKEN

are enduring the fifth war in 15 years. Hamas has threatened to kill captives if Israel bombs Gaza civilian targets without advance warning. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was in Jordan Friday, where he discussed with King Abdullah II "ways to address the humanitarian needs of civilians in Gaza while Israel conducts legitimate security operations", State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said.



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TWEETS

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I am concerned about the recent exchange of fire along the Blue Line and reported attacks from Southern Lebanon. I appeal to all parties -- and those who have an influence over those parties -- to avoid any further escalation and spillover. @antonioguterres

02



Terrorism is an enemy of humanity. We must work together and fight this menace. @narendramodi

03



As president, I have no higher priority than the safety of Americans at home and around the world. @POTUS

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is currently holding a security assessment at the Kirya in Tel Aviv together with the Defense Minister, Minister Benny Gantz, Minister Gadi Eisenkot, Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer, MK Aryeh Deri and senior defense establishment officials. @IsraeliPM

Jordan king warns against displacing Palestinians

Amman, Jordan

Jordanian King Abdullah II warned yesterday in a meeting with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken against displacing Palestinians as Israel readies a major offensive in Gaza in response to Hamas attacks. "The crisis should not be



spread to neighbouring countries and exacerbate the refugee issue," the king told Blinken, according to a palace statement. US officials are working with Egypt, which borders the Gaza Strip, on a plan for a safety corridor as Israel prepares a major

ground offensive. Jordan is already home to two million Palestinian refugees and is sensitive to any turbulence to its west. In the talks with Blinken, the Jordanian king, a longtime US partner, called for "opening humanitarian corridors to allow for the entry of urgent medical and relief aid to Gaza, and protecting civilians and stopping the escalation and war on Gaza," the court statement said.

carried out "within the next 24 hours" but the army did not confirm that timeline. Israel has retaliated to Hamas's attacks by hitting targets in Gaza with thousands of munitions. The strikes have claimed more than 1,530 lives -- 500 of them children, according to the health ministry in Gaza, where the health system is "at a breaking point," the World Health Organisation said. "One million people no food no water, and still they are bombing them as they leave. Where are we going to put them?" Elizabeth El-Nakla, the mother-in-law of Scotland's First Minister Humza

Yousaf, said in a video he posted. "This will be my last video. Everybody from Gaza is moving towards where we are," added Nakla, who was visiting relatives in Gaza from Scotland. "May God help us" The UN said the "impossible" mass relocation would affect 1.1 million or about half the entire population of the Gaza Strip, and urgently appealed for the order to be rescinded. Any Israeli ground operation is complicated by Hamas's holding -- according to Israel's government -- an estimated 150 Israeli, foreign and dual-national hostages who were taken back to Gaza during the attack. Hamas on Friday said 13 hostages, including foreigners, had been killed in Israeli strikes. Israel's army said its "fighter jets struck 750 military targets in the northern Gaza Strip overnight" including "residences of senior terrorist operatives used

as military command centres". A "crime" Israel has now cut off water, food and power supplies to Gaza in a total siege it has vowed will not end until all hostages are freed. "I condemn this siege because you have to, when they ask so many people to leave, when they don't have access to food and medicine," said Norway's Foreign Minister Anniken Huitfeldt. Arab League chief Ahmed Abul Gheit said Israel's evacuation order is a "forced transfer" that constitutes "a crime". Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas meanwhile said it will be "tantamount to a second Nakba" or "catastrophe", referring to the 760,000 Palestinians who fled or were expelled from their homes during the 1948 war that coincided with Israel's creation. Gaza's 2.4 million residents

The metal-rich asteroid Psyche

at 10:19 am Eastern Time (1419 GMT) on a reusable SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket. "We've visited either in person or robotically worlds made

of rock, worlds made of ice and worlds made of gas... but this will be our first time visiting a world that has a metal surface," lead scientist Lindy Elkins-Tanton

told reporters during a briefing this week. Trailing a blue glow from its next-generation electric propulsion system and flanked by two large solar arrays, the

van-sized probe should arrive at its destination in the Asteroid Belt, between Mars and Jupiter, in July 2029. Over the course of two years, it will deploy its suite

of advanced instruments to probe Psyche for evidence of an ancient magnetic field and to study its chemical and mineral composition, as well as topography.

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