



Gatherings increase the risk of COVID-19 infection



Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19)



In 1958 US considered nuclear strike on China over Taiwan: documents

AFP News

US military planners pushed for nuclear strikes on mainland China in 1958 to protect Taiwan from an invasion by Communist forces, classified documents posted online by Daniel Ellsberg of "Pentagon Papers" fame show.

US planners also assumed that the Soviet Union would aid China and retaliate with nuclear weapons -- a price they deemed worth paying to protect Taiwan, according to the document, first reported by the New York Times.

Former military analyst Ellsberg posted online the classified portion of a top-secret document on the crisis that had been only partially declassified in 1975.

Ellsberg, now 90, is famous for his 1971 leak to US media of a top-secret Pentagon study on the Vietnam war known as the Pentagon Papers.



Daniel Ellsberg

Go directly to BIECC if tested +ve in rapid test

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Go directly to Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre if tested positive in a rapid COVID-19 test, said the Health Ministry yesterday.

The new directives, the ministry said, comes into play for those emerging positive to a rapid COVID-19 test.

If positive, report that immediately to the ministry through the "BeAware" application.

There is no "need to call 444" for that, the ministry clarified.

Just drive through for a PCR

test at the Convention Centre. "Do not forget to carry the rapid test device with you" to the centre and bring it after placing the device in a "transparent airtight bag." Care is required to "isolate yourself, avoid interactions with others, and wear a mask," the new directive highlights.



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Individuals vaccinated

(First dose)

876440

(Second dose)

683223

Calm prevails, talks begin

Egyptian mediators try to build on the Israel-Hamas ceasefire

● Palestinian conflict injuries risk 'overwhelming' health facilities: WHO

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Calls for a longer-term calm were raised by Egyptian mediators yesterday as Gaza Strip went on assessing the damage from 11 days of hostilities with ceasefire holding on.

An Egyptian delegation in Israel is mulling ways of firming up the ceasefire, including aid for Palestinians in Gaza.

The delegates have been shuttling between Israel and Gaza, with talks continuing yesterday, the officials said.

A UN report had said that ap-



Palestinians shake hands after returning to their destroyed houses following Israel-Hamas truce, in Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip

proximately 800,000 people in Gaza do not have regular access to clean piped water, as nearly 50% of the water networks are out of service following the recent raids.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs also said the 11-day attack destroyed or damaged nearly 17,000 residential and commercial units, 53 education facilities,

six hospitals, and 11 primary health care centres.

Palestinian officials put the reconstruction costs at tens of millions of dollars and the death toll at 248 people.

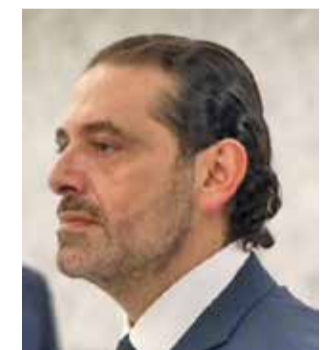
The devastation has also raised concerns about the humanitarian situation in the densely populated enclave, pounded by Israel with airstrikes and artillery fire. Re-

ports also said the US Secretary of State would visit Israel and the Palestinian Authority in West Bank on Wednesday and Thursday, hoping to build on the ceasefire.

US President Joe Biden had pledged to work with the United Nations on bringing humanitarian and reconstruction assistance to Gaza.

The State Department announced Blinken's visit on Thursday, without declaring dates, and said he would "discuss recovery efforts and working together to build better futures for Israelis and Palestinians". World Health Organisation spokeswoman Margaret Harris had said that Gaza's health facilities are in danger of being overwhelmed by the thousands of injuries and called for immediate access into Gaza for health supplies and personnel.

Hariri will not form cabinet catering to president's wishes



Reuters

Lebanon's prime minister-designate Saad al-Hariri said yesterday he will not form a cabinet that simply caters to President Michel Aoun's wishes.

"I will not form a government as the team of his Excellency the President wants it, nor any other political faction. I will only form the kind of government needed to stop collapse and prevent the big crash that is threatening the Lebanese," Hariri told a parliament session on Saturday.



The United Nations says approximately 800,000 people in Gaza do not have regular access to clean piped water, as nearly 50 percent of the water network was damaged in the recent raids by Israel.



Gaza has for years been subjected to an Israeli blockade that restricts the passage of people and goods, as well as restrictions by Egypt.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

4468716

ACTIVE CASES

20724

DEATHS

809

DISCHARGED

193337

NEW CASES

2719

CRITICAL

199

210 fils (includes VAT)



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