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Four left dead in armed clashes in western Libya

AFP | Tripoli

Four people were killed and several wounded when armed groups clashed yesterday in the western Libyan city of Gharyan, several sources said.

"Fighting broke out suddenly in the early hours between armed groups in the city, resulting in four deaths and several injuries," a security source in the city some 100 kilometres (60 miles) south of Tripoli said.

Fighting has continued "intermittently" in different areas of Gharyan, forcing authorities to cut access to the city to "protect the lives of pedestrians and travellers".

A medical source at the Gharyan hospital confirmed the casualties, saying that four people were dead and 10 had been wounded.

South Korea military assists stranded North Korean vessel

AFP | Seoul

A South Korean patrol boat yesterday assisted on "humanitarian grounds" a North Korean vessel stranded near the countries' maritime border for 10 days, Seoul's military said.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said a maritime patrol aircraft had detected an unidentified vessel in waters off South Korea's east coast yesterday and dispatched a patrol boat.

As the boat approached, the crew on the vessel flagged for help, and the South Korean sailors confirmed that it was a North Korean ship, the JCS said in a statement.

The crew on the North Korean vessel said they had been stranded for 10 days.

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Royal Court mourns HH Shaikha Noura bint Salman

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The Royal Court mourned Her Highness Shaikha Noura bint Salman bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, who passed

away yesterday. The Royal Court prayed to Allah Almighty to rest her soul in eternal peace and to bless her relatives with patience and fortitude.

The UAE President His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan sent a message of condolences to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

over the death of Shaikha Noura bint Salman. HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, and HH

Shaikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Presidential Court, sent similar messages to HM the King.

'Help Gaza now'

Ceasefire, aid delivery, protection of civilians, and release of hostages and detainees in Gaza Strip

Dr Al Zayani calls for resumption of Israel, Palestine peace process

Ramallah

Foreign Affairs Minister, H.E. Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, has reiterated the Kingdom of Bahrain's call for a ceasefire and de-escalation in the Gaza Strip, the need to protect civilians, release of hostages and detainees, and the delivery of humanitarian and relief aid to the Palestinians in Gaza to alleviate their suffering.

Dr Al Zayani also affirmed the position of the Kingdom in opposing the siege imposed on the residents of Gaza and their displacement from their homes, calling for resuming the peace process to reach a comprehensive and just political settlement for the Palestinian issue that would end the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and preserve security and stability in the region.

Dr Al Zayani was speaking as he met Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine,



Dr Al Zayani and President Abbas hold talks

in Ramallah yesterday, in the presence of the Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, a number of senior officials from the Palestinian government, and Ahmed Yousef Al-Ruwaie, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the State of Palestine residing in Amman.

The Foreign Minister noted that priority should be given to the protection of civilians on both sides of the conflict and that any action that results in the loss of innocent lives must be condemned, adding that the

international community must stand united against the killing of children, women, the elderly and civilians wherever they are, as their death will not solve the fundamental issue but will create angry and vengeful generations.

Dr Al Zayani expressed appreciation for the UN General Assembly for adopting a resolution calling for a humanitarian truce in Gaza, which was adopted by 120 votes, noting that the world is demanding action to stop the war, and that it is time to respond to these demands.

He called for greater efforts to achieve a permanent ceasefire that guarantees the safety and security of all parties.

The Minister also noted that coexistence between a safe Israeli state and a viable Palestinian state is the only way towards the achievement of peace and prosperity in the Middle East.

Support

Dr Al Zayani affirmed Bahrain's unwavering position towards the cause of the Palestinian people through supporting

the Palestinian National Authority and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

He stressed the importance of giving the Palestinian people their legitimate right to establish their independent state on their own land with East Jerusalem as its capital in accordance with the two-state solution and international legitimacy resolutions.

Appreciation

President Abbas welcomed the visit of the Foreign Minister to the Palestinian territories in such difficult times, expressing appreciation for the continuous support of Bahrain, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, for the right of the Palestinian people to liberty, dignity and independence.

The Palestinian leader reviewed with the Foreign Affairs Minister the latest developments and underscored the importance of addressing the serious challenges experienced by the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Gaza death toll crosses 8,000 as Israeli attacks rise

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With Israel taking its aerial and ground strikes into Gaza to the next level, the death toll in the Palestinian enclave crossed 8,000 by yesterday, mainly civilians and half of them children.

With most of the residents of Gaza facing acute shortage of basic necessities for life, people

are bursting into aid centres and taking whatever they could find at the aid centres in the hope of keeping their families alive.

World leaders yesterday underlined the urgency of delivering aid to Gazans, even as protesters worldwide rallied for a ceasefire.

Panic and fear have surged inside the Palestinian territory, where the UN says more than

half of its 2.4 million residents are displaced and thousands of buildings destroyed.

Despite calls for a humanitarian truce, international outrage and the potential risk to hostages held in Gaza, Israel has intensified its attacks.

'Catastrophic failing'

British Prime Minister Rishi

Sunak and French President Emmanuel Macron "stressed the importance of getting urgent humanitarian support into Gaza" during a conversation yesterday, the UK government said.

UN chief Antonio Guterres said the situation was "growing more desperate by the hour" as casualties increased and essential supplies of food, water,

medicine and shelter dwindled.

The Palestinian Red Crescent Society said yesterday Israel was repeatedly bombing around Al-Quds hospital in central Gaza, causing damage and putting civilians at risk.

Mirjana Spoljaric, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, voiced shock at the suffering in Gaza and urged all sides to de-escalate.

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