



Israeli soldiers fire a mortar round towards the Gaza Strip from the Israeli side of the border yesterday. The death toll from Israel's massive bombing of Hamas targets in Gaza has crossed 400 marks.

Gaza faces 'alarming' humanitarian situation

Warns UN

AP, United Nations

Gaza's 1.5 million residents are facing an "alarming" humanitarian situation under constant Israeli bombardment, with the main power plant shut down, overcrowded hospitals struggling to cope and very limited food supplies, UN officials said.

The power plant shut down on Tuesday because Israel has blocked fuel delivery through the main pipeline since Dec. 26, UN humanitarian chief John Holmes said Wednesday. This has forced

hospitals to use generators, which have limited fuel supplies, and left many of the 650,000 people in central and northern Gaza with power cuts of 16 hours a day or more, he said.

"The situation remains alarming," Holmes said. "Hospitals are obviously still struggling very much to cope with the number of casualties. We have continued to get some medical supplies in and to help them cope, but this remains difficult and fragile."

Karen Abu Zayd, commissioner of the

UN Relief and Works Agency, which helps Palestinian refugees, told reporters by video link from Gaza that the agency has not distributed any food for two weeks because of the shortage of supplies and the Israeli bombardment.

"I think that means that 20,000 people a day have been without food that they expect and probably is the bulk of what they get," she said. "So people are doing pretty badly. Everyone we know is sharing whatever they have, not just with their families but with their neighbours."

Iraq takes control of Green Zone from US

AP, Baghdad

The United States handed over control of the Green Zone and Saddam Hussein's presidential palace to Iraqi authorities on Thursday in a ceremonial move described by the country's prime minister as a restoration of Iraq's sovereignty.

At a ceremony marking the transition, Nouri al-Maliki said he will propose Jan. 1 be declared a national holiday to

commemorate what he called "Sovereignty Day" - the day Iraq took the lead in security away from US forces, regained control of its airspace and reclaimed a wide swath of Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone.

The area that became known as the Green Zone on the west bank of the Tigris River was occupied by the United States shortly after the 2003 US invasion and walled

off from the rest of the city.

Until Wednesday, Saddam's former palace formally served as the US Embassy and headquarters of the US military in Iraq. Thursday's palace handover was mostly ceremonial, as most US diplomats and military officials long since moved to a new embassy building on the other side of the Green Zone, which is also known as the International Zone.

Obama is strong leader, say most Americans

AFP, Washington

Three-quarters of Americans say president-elect Barack Obama is a "strong and decisive leader," the highest such support for an incoming president in almost 30 years, according to a CNN poll released Wednesday.

Seventy-six percent of the 1,013 adults surveyed between December 19 and December 21 described Obama as "strong and decisive," a significant uptick from mid-March when only 59 percent of respondents said Obama was a strong leader.

Malaysian chopper saves Indian tanker from pirates

AP, Kuala Lumpur

A maritime official says a Malaysian naval helicopter has saved an Indian ship from pirates in the Gulf of Aden off Somalia.

Noel Choong of the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting centre said pirates on two speed boats attacked the tanker early Thursday but fled when the Malaysian helicopter arrived on the scene.

He says the pirates came close to the ship and started firing machine guns, hitting the bridge.



Revellers celebrate New Year in Times Square moments after the ball dropped yesterday in New York City. The Times Square Alliance estimated that one million people attended the festivities in Times Square.

Revellers ring in New Year

AFP, New York

Revellers rang in the New Year in the Americas, hard on the heels of celebrations in Europe and Asia, as global economic jitters, conflict in the Middle East and tragedy in Thailand cast a long shadow on the dawn of 2009.

Up to one million people braved frigid temperatures in New York City to witness the

traditional midnight dropping of the Times Square crystal ball as confetti rained down from skyscrapers and fireworks filled the sky.

Crowds shouted out the last seconds of the year as the huge orb -- glowing and glittering through 2,668 crystals and more than 32,000 red, blue, green and white LED bulbs -- descended a special pillar.

Thai anti-govt protests suspended

AP, Bangkok

Anti-government protesters Wednesday vowed to renew demonstrations that have plagued Thailand over the past year after taking a break for the New Year holidays.

But after a year of almost relentless protests, some hope emerged for calmer political waters in 2009 as seemingly weakened demonstrators

suspended their siege of Parliament.

Thousands of loyalists of ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra walked away from protest sites in Bangkok late Tuesday after the new government outwitted them and succeeded in delivering a vital policy speech that the demonstrators had tried to prevent by surrounding the Parliament building.

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