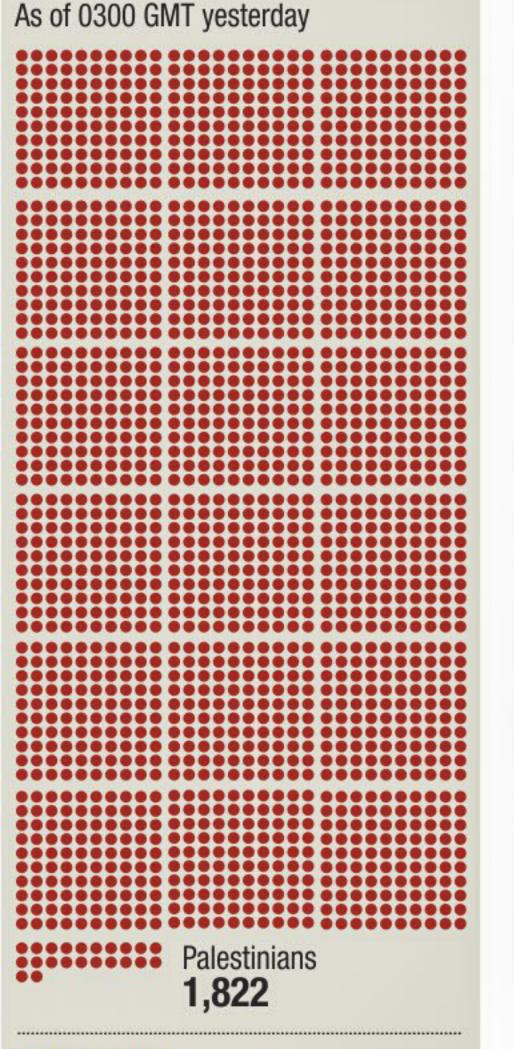
# **GAZA-ISRAEL TOLL**

Killed in conflict since July 8









Anti-Clockwise from top: An Israeli soldier celebrates atop an armored personnel carrier as they return from the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip after pulling out of the Palestinian enclave; Palestinian men gather and remove the rubble of a house hit by an Israeli airstrike in the al-Shati refugee camp in Gaza City trying to look for survivors; Palestinian medical workers remove the body of a child found east of the Rafah refugee camp, in southern Gaza Strip, yesterday. Israel was observing a temporary unilateral truce in most of the Gaza Strip amid world outrage over a deadly strike on a UN school in the besieged Palestinian territory.

PHOTO: AFP

## World condemns Israel over Gaza killings

Israel "will drown in the blood it has shed. Just like Hitler, who sought to establish a race free of all faults, Israel is chasing after the same target."

Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan, Turkey



Francois Hollande denounced the "unacceptable bombing of a school in Rafah run by the United Nations, which caused the death of at least 10 people who had taken refuge there".

President Francois Hollande, France

"How many more deaths will it take to stop what must be called the carnage in Gaza? The tradition of friendship between Israel and France is an old one and Israel's right to security is total, but this right does not justify the killing of children and the slaughter of civilians." Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius, France



Ban Ki-moon called the attack "a moral outrage and a criminal act. This madness must stop." Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, **United Nations** 

"The UN has spoken very clearly and I think they're right to speak very clearly. International law is clear that it's completely wrong and illegal to target civilians, if that's what's happened."

Prime Minister David Cameron, United Kingdom



"The United States is appalled by today's (Sunday's) disgraceful shelling outside an UNRWA school in Rafah sheltering some 3,000 displaced persons, in which at least 10 more Palestinian civilians were tragically killed."

Jen Psaki, US State Department Spokeswoman

"The savage aggression by the army of this child-killer regime (Israel), continues with a deliberate policy to commit genocide and massacre civilians and destroy infrastructure, houses, hospitals, schools and mosques."

President Hassan Rouhani, Iran



"Israel does not aim its fire at civilians and is sorry for any attack that unintentionally hits civilians." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel

# Israel trying to scuttle Cairo talks: Hamas

AFP, Cairo

Hamas accused Israel yesterday of trying to scuttle truce talks in Cairo, saying the Jewish state refused to send negotiators to avoid questioning over the "escalating massacres" in Gaza.

Israelis

← (1 Thai worker in Israel)

members of Gaza's Hamas rulers and president Mahmud Abbas's Palestinian Authority, agreed on Sunday joint demands for a truce with Israel, including an end to the Gaza blockade. Members of the delegation handed the

A Palestinian delegation, which includes

demands yesterday to Egyptian intelligence chief Mohamed Farid Tohamy, the Egyptian state news agency MENA reported. Egypt is expected to relay those demands

to the Israelis. Israel refused sending negotiators to the

Cairo truce talks, accusing Hamas of breaching a 72-hour humanitarian truce hours after it began on Friday.

Hamas said yesterday it was Israel which breached that truce and was now trying to foil the Cairo talks.

Senior Hamas official, and member of the Palestinian delegation, Ezzat al-Rishq told reporters Israel is staying away from the talks "because it does not want to bear responsibility for the massacres it has committed" in Gaza.

The Palestinian demands agreed on Sunday include "a ceasefire; Israeli troop withdrawal from Gaza; the end of the siege of Gaza and opening its border crossings".

They have also demanded fishing rights up to 12 nautical miles off Gaza's coast and the release of Palestinian prisoners demanded by Hamas and Abbas.

# 10 Palestinians

AFP, Gaza City

Ten Palestinians were killed the Gaza Strip early yesterday, medical sources said, raising the Palestinian toll between Israel and Hamas

hoods Zeitun and Sheikh central Gaza, and a child was killed in the southern city Rafah.

### Child killed, 30 hurt in strike during lull

AFP, Gaza City

A child was killed and 30 people wounded in a strike on a refugee camp in Gaza City yesterday just minutes into an Israeli-declared truce, medics said.

Witnesses and several AFP correspondents based at a nearby hotel, reported hearing the whistle of a missile fired from an F16 warplane before it crashed into a three-story house wedged between two tall buildings inside the beachfront Shati refugee camp.

The strike killed an eight-year-old girl, emergency services spokesman Ashraf al-Qudra told AFP.

An AFP correspondent said the strike hit at 0706 GMT just six minutes into the ceasefire.

The Israeli army said it was looking into the incident, but gave no further comment.

The strike cause the house to pancake, leaving only a very narrow gap for rescuers to get inside, some of whom were bloodying themselves in the effort, said Ayman Mahmud, who lives in the neighbourhood.

# NEWSIN

### Nepal landslide toll hits 23, scores still missing

AFP, Kathmandu

Rescuers yesterday discovered 14 more bodies buried under tonnes of mud and trees following a massive landslide in northeast Nepal that is feared to have killed at least 150 people.

including six children, have so far been pulled from the

### IS execute 7 members of Syrian family

AFP, Damascus

The jihadist Islamic State group executed seven members of a single family from the Ismaili minority in the central Syrian province of

"An armed terrorist group committed a massacre in the Mzeiraa area near the town of Salmiya, killing seven people, years old," Syrian state news added that four other people

### Attacks kill 44 in and near Damascus

AFP, Beirut

At least 44 people were killed in and near the Syrian capital Sunday in regime air strikes and rebel mortar fire, reports from a monitoring group and state media said.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said at least 32 people were killed in air raids on two rebel-held towns near Damascus. Seventeen were killed in Douma, northeast of the capital, and 15 in Kfar Batna, to the east, said Observatory

head Rami Abdel Rahman. A

woman and child were killed

in each of the towns.

Twenty-three victims, landslide, an official said.

Hama overnight, state media and a monitor said yesterday.

including two aged 13 and 15 agency SANA said. The agency had been injured.

More than 11,000 Filipinos in Libya have ignored appeals to evacuate, with many apparently choosing to take their chances in the war-torn country rather than risk unemployment at home, a foreign department spokesman said yesterday.

as the government prepares to send a chartered ship to ferry them out, spokesman Charles Jose said.

Originally there were 13,000 Filipinos working in Libya but after the government called on them to return, due to the worsening security situation, only "a little more than 1,000" had fled or were waiting to leave, he said.

"We are hearing that a lot of them would rather take the chance of surviving the war rather than (risking) the uncertainty of not having work here," he told reporters.

He added that while some might be willing to risk the danger, others, especially those working in the medical

Meanwhile, a total of 110 British and other European nationals, including pregnant women and babies, arrived in Malta yesterday after being evacuated from strife-torn Libya by Britain's Royal Navy, British officials said.

### killed in Israeli strikes

in Israeli strikes throughout from the four-week conflict to 1,822.

Gaza emergency services spokesman Ashraf al-Qudra said five people were killed in Jabalia in the north, three in the Gaza City neighbour-Radwan, one in Nuseirat in

### A woman (R) cries in Ludian county in Zhaotong, southwest China's Yunnan province

yesterday.

bodies in the

streets after at

Rescuers laid out

least 398 people were killed by an earthquake in China, leaving the idyllic mountain landscape littered with scenes of devastation and sparking a huge rescue effort. (Story

on page 16)

## Ukraine closes in on rebel stronghold

AFP, Donetsk

Ukraine said yesterday its forces were closing in on the main rebel-held bastion of Donetsk and urged the insurgents to let civilians leave besieged eastern cities as fears of a humanitarian crisis mounted.

The military advances came as more remains from the

downed MH17 plane were flown to the Netherlands for

identification and Malaysian experts joined the Dutch and Australian probe at the site of the July 17 crash. "Yesterday, forces from the Ukrainian anti-terrorist operation occupied the city of Yasinuvata, 19 kilometres north

of Donetsk, which is an important railway hub," Ukrainian security spokesman Andriy Lysenko told journalists. "The seizure of the town allowed for the encirclement of Donetsk from the north and the closing down of an impor-

tant channel for the supply of weapons and technology to the terrorists." He hinted that preparations for an offensive on the city

were under way but gave no more details. The Donetsk mayor's office said active military opera-

tions were also going on in the town of Maryinka, not far from the outskirts of Donetsk, a city of one million in Ukraine's industrial heartland.

Government forces have made major gains in the east over the past month and have said they are close to cutting off fighters in Donetsk from the Russian border and their comrades in Lugansk, the insurgents' second largest stronghold.

### Filippinos 'would rather stay in Libya'

British, other evacuees land in Malta

AFP, Manila, Valletta

Only 200 were at the Philippine embassy in Tripoli even

field, might be under pressure to stay.

### Lebanon troops battle jihadists Isis 'seizes Kurdish towns and dam'

AGENCIES

Lebanon vowed yesterday to show "no leniency" to jihadists its troops are battling near Syria, on a third day of clashes threatening to further engulf it in its neighbour's

The army meanwhile announced that 22 soldiers were missing, possibly taken hostage, and a military source said 16 others had been killed since the fighting erupted.

Analysts said the violence could be contained in the short-term, but warned an aggressive military response could stoke tensions and worsen the clashes, which have also killed three civilians. The army deployed reinforcements yes-

terday and fired mortar rounds at militant positions in the mountains around the eastern border town of Arsal, saying it was advancing.

Residents fled en masse after fierce fighting raged overnight. Prime Minister Tammam Salam pledged there would be "no leniency towards the

terrorist killers and no appeasement for

those who violate Lebanon's territory and harm its people."

In a statement after a cabinet meeting, he also urged France to speed up delivery of weapons for the Lebanese army being purchased under a \$3 billion deal financed by Saudi Arabia.

The government stood united behind the army, he added, a vote of confidence for the institution from the country's fractious political class.

Meanwhile, Sunni insurgents have reportedly seized control of Iraq's biggest dam, an oilfield and three more towns after inflicting their first major defeat on Kurdish forces since sweeping across much of northern Iraq in June, The Guardian reported.

Capture of the electricity-generating Mosul Dam, which was reported by Iraqi state television, could give the forces of the Islamic State the ability to flood Iraqi cities or withhold water from farms, raising the stakes in their bid to topple prime minister Nuri al-Maliki's Shia-led government.

### Thousands tune in to rapping news casters

AFP, Dakar

If there is an afterlife for news anchors, Walter Cronkite may well be reaching for his ear muffs

and a calming celestial gin and tonic. For five years after the celebrated US broadcaster's death, two Senegalese hip-hop artists are taking current affairs in a brash new direction -- by

rapping the news. Dakar-based musicians Xuman and Keyti deliver the week's top domestic and global stories in verse on "Journal Tele Rappe" -- JTR to the cool kids -- to a television and YouTube audience of 12,500.

"It's the news like any other news, except that it's rapping, there is humour in it. We don't just give the news -- we cover positions which are highly subjective, and the public consensus too," says Keyti, a 41year-old whose real name is Cheikh Sene.

Xuman, a slender, dreadlocked 40-something known in more formal circles as Makhtar Fall, came up with the idea several years ago, frustrated at having to cede the mic to newsreaders during TV and radio broadcasts.

The show goes out on Friday nights on a privately-owned Senegalese station.