

Clashes shake Aleppo after ceasefire

AFP, Aleppo

Clashes and air strikes shook the Syrian city of Aleppo, a monitor said yesterday, as heavy fighting resumed after the end of three-day truce declared by government ally Russia.

The unilateral truce ended without any evacuations by the UN, which had hoped to bring wounded civilians out of the rebel-held east and deliver aid after weeks of government bombardment and a three-month siege.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported heavy clashes overnight in several areas along the front line that divides the government-held west from the east.

The Britain-based monitor also reported the first air strikes since Moscow announced a temporary halt in the Syrian army's Russian-backed offensive to recapture the east of the city.

It said at least three people were wounded in artillery fire on the east of the city, while rebels fired a barrage of rockets and mortar shells on the government-held neighbourhood of Hamdaniyah.

By yesterday morning, the city was quiet, but it was unclear if there would be any renewal of the truce, which Moscow and Damascus said was intended to allow civilians and rebels to leave the east.



(From top, clockwise) A displaced young Iraqi boy holds a pigeon at refugee camp in the town of Qayyarah, south of Mosul; Peshmerga forces prepare to launch a mortar during an offensive; smoke rises at Islamic State militants' positions in the town of Naweran, near Mosul; and displaced Iraqis are seen yesterday on the back of a pick up truck as they flee fighting near Qayyarah. Story on page 16.

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Clinton looks past Trump

Says she will focus on real issues from now on, not on the GOP candidate

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Using her most dismissive language of the campaign, Clinton, buoyed by a new poll that gave her 12 point lead over her rival Donald Trump, said Saturday she is now more focused on electing other Democrats in the final days of the 2016 campaign than her Republican opponent.

"I debated him for four and a half hours. I don't even think about responding to him anymore," Clinton said when asked about Trump's charge of a media conspiracy.

"He can say whatever he wants to. He can run his campaign however he wants to, he can go off on tangents, he can go to Gettysburg and say he's gonna sue women who've made accusations against him. I'm going to keep talking about what we want to do."

Clinton leads the Manhattan real estate mogul by 50 percent to 38 percent in a four-way contest with two minor party candidates, according to a national ABC News poll. That was up from Clinton's four percentage point edge in an ABC News/Washington Post poll con-

ducted 10 days ago.

Trump has tried to change the narrative, on Saturday outlining his plan for his first 100 days in office, including a pledge to create 25 million jobs and cut taxes for middle-

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class Americans.

He again promised to sue every woman who had accused him of sexual assault or inappropriate behaviour as soon as his presidential campaign was over.

Before his speech in Gettysburg, Trump said the media were fabricating stories to make him "look as bad and dangerous as possible".

Eleven women have come forward to accuse him of inappropriate behaviour, in the weeks since a video emerged of him boasting of groping women and kissing them. Trump has denied all accusations as outright lies to derail his campaign.

On Saturday, Jessica Drake, an adult film actress, accused Trump of pressuring her to have sex with him 10 years ago when they met at a golf tournament.

After that, she said a man, possibly Trump, called her to offer her \$10,000 if she would have sex with him, which she declined. Trump's campaign said the accusations were false.

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