

NEWS IN
briefReuters photographer
Behrakis dead at 58

AFP, Athens

Award-winning Reuters photographer Yannis Behrakis has died aged 58 after a battle with cancer, Greece's foreign press association said yesterday. He won many prestigious awards like the World Press Photo in 2000, Bayeux-Calvados in 2016, and Photographer of the Year by the Guardian in 2015. The married father of two also led a Reuters team that won the Pulitzer Prize in 2016 for coverage of the migration crisis.

Israel hits Hamas sites in Gaza

AFP, Gaza City

Israeli aircraft have struck two Hamas observation points in the Gaza Strip, a security source said yesterday, after the army reported balloons carrying an "explosive device" were sent toward Israel. No injuries occurred from the strikes late Saturday east of Al-Bureij in the central Gaza Strip and east of Rafah in the south of the blockaded enclave run by Islamist movement Hamas, according to a Hamas security source.

Five children killed in attack in Hodeida: UN

AFP, Dubai

Five Yemeni children were killed in an attack on their home in flashpoint Hodeida province, the UN and medics said, months into a ceasefire agreed by the government and rebels. The UN children's agency (UNICEF) said that the five children were "playing at home" when they were killed on Thursday. It did not give details on the nature of the attack or the perpetrators.

BITS OF HISTORY
(MARCH 03)

1918: Germany and its allies signed the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk with Russia, ending hostilities between them.

2009: A dozen gunmen attacked Sri Lanka's cricket team, wounding six players and a British coach and killing at least eight Pakistanis in Lahore.