

ROCKET FIRE Israeli army launches strikes in Syria

AFP, Jerusalem

Israel launched artillery strikes on Syria yesterday morning, the Israeli army announced, after several rockets were fired from there and landed in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights.

Israel's retaliatory strike to rocket attacks from Syria – which no one has claimed – is the latest episode in escalating violence in the region.

"In response to the rockets fired from Syria at Israel earlier today, IDF Artillery is currently striking in Syrian territory," the military tweeted.

A drone was also "currently striking the launchers in Syria from which rockets were launched into Israeli territory".

Six rockets were launched towards Israel Saturday night, with two landing in the Golan Heights, the army said. At least one was intercepted by the Israeli air defence system.



Jewish visitors walk protected by Israeli security forces at the Al-Aqsa mosque compound, also known as the Temple Mount complex to Jews, in Jerusalem yesterday, during the Muslim holy fasting month of Ramadan, also coinciding with the Jewish Passover holiday.

PHOTO: AFP

SECOND DAY OF DRILLS

China simulates Taiwan strikes

US says watching military drills closely

REUTERS, Taipei

China's military simulated precision strikes against Taiwan in a second day of drills around the island yesterday, with the island's defence ministry reporting multiple air force sorties and that it was monitoring China's missile forces.

China, which claims democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory, began three days of military exercises around the island on Saturday, the day after Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen returned from a brief visit to the United States.

Chinese state television reported that the combat readiness patrols and drills around Taiwan were continuing.

"Under the unified command of the theatre joint operations command

centre, multiple types of units carried out simulated joint precision strikes on key targets on Taiwan island and the surrounding sea areas, and continue to maintain an offensive posture around the island," it said.

The de facto US embassy in Taiwan said yesterday the United States was monitoring China's drills around Taiwan closely and is "comfortable and confident" it has sufficient resources and capabilities regionally to ensure peace and stability.

A source familiar with the security situation in the region told Reuters that China had been conducting simulated air and sea attacks on "foreign military targets" in the waters off Taiwan's southwestern coast.

"Taiwan is not their only target," the

source said, speaking on condition of anonymity as they were not authorised to speak to the media. "It's very provocative."

Taiwan's defence ministry said that as of yesterday midday they had spotted 58 Chinese aircraft, including Su-30 fighters and H-6 bombers, as well as nine ships, around Taiwan.

The ministry said they were paying particular attention to the PLA's Rocket Force which is in charge of China's land-based missile system.

"Regarding the movements of the Chinese communists' Rocket Force, the nation's military also has a close grasp through the joint intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance system, and air defence forces remain on high alert," the ministry said.

TALKS WITH HOUTHIS

Saudi, Omani envoys arrive in Yemen

REUTERS, Riyadh

Saudi and Omani delegations arrived in Yemen's capital Sanaa, Houthi-run media said yesterday, to negotiate a permanent ceasefire deal with Houthi officials and end Riyadh's military involvement in the country's long-running war. The visit indicates progress in the Oman-mediated consultations between Riyadh and Sanaa, which run in parallel to UN peace efforts. Peace efforts have also gained momentum after arch-rivals Saudi Arabia and Iran agreed to re-establish ties in a deal brokered by China. The envoys, who landed late on Saturday, will meet with the head of Houthi Supreme Political Council, Mahdi al-Mashat, to hold talks on ending hostilities and lifting a Saudi-led "blockade" on Yemeni ports, Houthi news agency SABA reported. Sources have told Reuters that the Saudi-Houthi talks are focused on a full reopening of Houthi-controlled ports and Sanaa airport, payment of wages for public servants, rebuilding efforts and a timeline for foreign forces to exit the country. Yemen's war is seen as one of several proxy battles between Iran and Saudi Arabia. The Houthis, aligned with Iran said they are rising up against a corrupt system and foreign aggression.

RAPID SURGE IN CASES

Covid curbs back in 3 Indian states

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With most parts of India witnessing a significant rise in Covid-19 cases over the last few days, three states – Haryana, Kerala, Puducherry – have made masks mandatory again, while others advised to observe caution. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya earlier this week held a review meeting and asked states to stay alert and review the preparedness of health facilities. A nationwide mock drill is planned today and tomorrow to assess emergency preparedness of both public and private hospitals, reports NDTV. On a possible fourth wave of the Covid pandemic, the health minister said there's a need to be alert. The last Covid mutation was BF.7 sub-variant of Omicron, and now XBBI.16 sub-variant is causing the surge in infections, he said, adding that in the ministry's experience, sub-variants are not too dangerous.

India's tiger population rises above 3,000

AFP, New Delhi

India's wild tiger population – by far the largest in the world – has risen above 3,000, according to a census released yesterday, boosting efforts to conserve the endangered species.

The largest of all cats, tigers once roamed throughout central, eastern and southern Asia.

But in the past 100 years the tiger has lost more than 93 percent of its historic range and now only survives in scattered populations in 13 countries, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The Indian census estimated there were 3,167 tigers in the wild across the country, up from 2,967

reported in the last such exercise.

Surveys are conducted every four years, using camera traps and computer programmes to individually identify each creature.

The rate of increase has slowed to less than seven percent over the period, down from more than 30 percent in the previous four years.

But Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the new figure was a "proud moment".

"Our family is expanding," he said at a ceremony in the southern city of Mysuru. "This is a matter of pride not only for India but the entire world."

Deforestation, poaching and human encroachment on habitats have devastated tiger populations across Asia.


HAMBURG FIRE Police warn of possible toxins in air

REUTERS, Frankfurt

Police and fire officials in the German city of Hamburg warned locals of possible toxins in the air after fires broke out early yesterday at multiple storage facilities.

Some 140 people were evacuated, and it is not yet possible to say exactly how dangerous the situation is, a police spokesperson said.

A spokesperson with the fire department said they had reduced the threat level somewhat, even though the fire was still burning at midday, but that people should remain indoors with windows closed.



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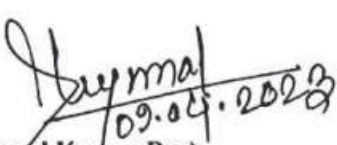
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3	806964	Procurement of Spares for Air Dryer, N2 Generator and different accumulators	09/04/2023, 3:00 PM	09/05/2023, 2:00 PM	10/05/2023, 10:00 AM
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Fall 2023 (August-January)

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Major: 1. Industrial Pharmacy, 2. Pharmaceutical Marketing
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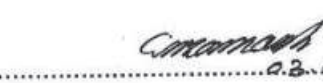
A. Filled-up application form (available in www.jnu.ac.bd), **B.** Attested 3 copies of passport size photographs, **C.** Copies of the certificates and mark-sheets of all the previous examinations (attested by the Chairperson of the department of graduation) and **D.** Application fee.

Completed application can be submitted to the office of Dean, Faculty of Life and Earth Sciences, Jagannath University. Or, the application fee (1000 taka + transfer charge 20 taka) can be sent to +8801781453704 by bKash payment and then the full application set can be mailed to biswas121@yahoo.com as the PDF file along with the bKash reference number.

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