

Iran warns 'no one can guarantee' control of situation

AFP, Doha

Iran yesterday warned that any Israeli ground offensive in the Gaza Strip could escalate conflicts elsewhere in the Middle East.

Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian held talks with Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, as Israeli troops massed on the border.

"No one can guarantee the control of the situation and the non-expansion of the conflicts," he said, according to an Iranian foreign ministry statement.

"Those who are interested in preventing the scope of war and crisis from expanding, need to prevent the current barbaric attacks... against citizens and civilians in Gaza," he added.



A Palestinian youth reacts as he sits on the rubble of a destroyed home following an Israeli military strike on the Rafah refugee camp, in the southern of Gaza Strip yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Aid for Gaza stuck in Egypt Rafah crossing closed after three Israeli air strikes

AFP, Ismailia

Convoys of humanitarian aid stacked up near Egypt's border with the Gaza Strip yesterday, unable to enter the Palestinian enclave being bombed by Israel, witnesses told AFP.

The Rafah crossing -- the only passage in and out of the Gaza Strip not controlled by Israel -- has been closed since Tuesday, after three Israeli air strikes on the Palestinian border post within 24 hours.

On Saturday, an American official confirmed to AFP that Egypt and Israel had reached an agreement to allow American citizens to leave Gaza via Rafah. However, Egypt has imposed conditions on the deal.

Officials refused for "the crossing to be designated for only foreigners to cross," according to Egyptian news channel Al-Qahera News.

Gaza residents lose entire families

Fear more destruction as Israel preparing for ground offensive

REUTERS, Gaza

As Israel prepared for a ground assault on the Hamas controlled Gaza Strip, Palestinians who have lost family members in air strikes were bracing for more destruction.

Um Mohammad Al-Laham's 4-year-old granddaughter Fulla Al-Laham lay in a Gaza hospital, which like others is operating on low supplies of medicine and fuel. She said an Israeli air strike hit the family home, killing 14 people including Fulla's parents, siblings and members of her extended family.

"All of a sudden and without warning, they bombed the house on top of the residents inside. No-one survived except my grandchild Fulla," said the grandmother, who has witnessed many wars between Hamas and the Israeli army over the years. She says this is the toughest.

"Fourteen people martyred, no-one was left except Fulla," she said. "She doesn't talk, nothing, just lays in her bed and they give medicine."

One other 4-year-old child in the

family had also been left with almost no relatives, the grandmother said. Israel has unleashed the heaviest air strikes ever on Gaza. It has vowed to annihilate the Palestinian group Hamas in retaliation for a rampage by its fighters in Israeli towns eight days ago in which its members shot men, women and children and seized hostages in the worst attack on civilians in the country's history.

Some 2,300 people were killed in the unexpected onslaught, with graphic mobile phone video footage and reports from medical and emergency services of atrocities in the overrun towns and kibbutzes.

Israel has put Gaza, home to 2.3 million Palestinians, under siege and told people to leave their homes in the north of the enclave and move south.

Hamas has urged people not to leave, saying roads out are unsafe. It said dozens of people had been killed in strikes on vehicles carrying refugees on Friday, while medics, Hamas media and relatives say whole families have been killed in air strikes.

Israel orders the evacuation of northern Gaza Strip

The Israeli army said it would force civilians to travel on two main highways "without any harm". Hamas rejected Israel's evacuation order.



Azerbaijan leader raises nat'l flag in Karabakh capital

AFP, Baku

President Ilham Aliyev raised Azerbaijan's flag in the main city of Nagorno-Karabakh yesterday, cementing Baku's conquest of the region after last month's lightning offensive that led to an exodus of ethnic Armenians. It was Aliyev's first visit to the city -- which Azerbaijan calls Khankendi and Armenia calls Stepanakert -- since it fell to Armenian separatists in the early 1990s. Baku published images of Aliyev touring Karabakh after his forces swept through the mountainous region in a 24-hour September offensive that ended three decades of Armenian separatist rule. "President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev has raised the National Flag of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the city of Khankendi and delivered a speech," Aliyev's office said in a statement. The vast majority of the estimated 120,000 ethnic Armenians that had been living in the territory have since fled to Armenia. Images of Karabakh's main city after the Azerbaijani offensive showed a ghost town. Aliyev's trip came exactly 20 years since he became president of Azerbaijan. Throughout his authoritarian rule he has vowed to bring Karabakh back under Azerbaijani control. Baku published images of the leader in military attire on his knees, kissing the Azerbaijani flag before it was raised on a pole.

Myanmar junta marks rebel ceasefire despite rebel clashes

AFP, Naypyidaw

Myanmar's junta blocked roads and deployed heavy security in the military-built capital Naypyidaw yesterday to mark the anniversary of a 2015 rebel ceasefire that its critics say is now defunct. Over a dozen rebel groups have fought Myanmar's military for decades over autonomy and control of lucrative resources, but ten had signed a Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA). Critics of the NCA say it is in tatters since the junta's 2021 coup, which unleashed a bloody crackdown on dissent and sparked renewed fighting with some of its signatories. Officials from seven of the ten signatories attended the event in Naypyidaw, where barricades and plainclothes security were deployed. Diplomats from Russia and China -- allies and arms suppliers of the internationally isolated junta -- also attended, as did a representative from India, which has been accused by rights groups of supplying the military. Timor-Leste sent a representative, weeks after the junta ordered the expulsion of its top diplomat over a meeting his government held with a shadow "National Unity Government" working to overturn the coup. Two groups -- the Chin National Front (CNF) and the Karen National Union (KNU) -- said last week that the coup had made implementing the agreement "impossible."



Afghan residents clear the debris of houses that were damaged in a series of earthquakes, in Injil district of Herat province yesterday. A magnitude 6.3 earthquake killed two people in western Afghanistan yesterday, with damaged prisons emptied and residents fleeing a region where tremors have claimed at least 1,000 lives past week. PHOTO: AFP

Putin to visit China to deepen ties with Xi

REUTERS, Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin will meet Xi Jinping in China this week in a bid to deepen a partnership forged between the United States' two biggest strategic competitors.

Putin will attend the Belt and Road Forum in Beijing on October 17-18, his first trip outside the former Soviet Union since the Hague-based International Criminal Court issued a warrant for him in March over the deportation of children from Ukraine.

China and Russia declared a "no limits" partnership in February 2022 when Putin visited Beijing just days before he sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine, triggering the deadliest land war in Europe since World War Two.

The United States casts China as its

biggest competitor and Russia as its biggest nation state threat while US President Joe Biden argues that this century will be defined by an existential contest with between democracies and autocracies.

"Over the past decade, Xi has built with Putin's Russia the most consequential undeclared alliance in the world," Graham Allison, professor at Harvard University and a former assistant secretary of defense under Bill Clinton, told Reuters.

"The US will have to come to grips with the inconvenient fact that a rapidly rising systemic rival and a revanchist one-dimensional superpower with the largest nuclear arsenal in the world are tightly aligned in opposing the USA."

Biden has referred to Xi as a "dictator" and has said Putin is a "killer" and a leader who cannot remain in power.

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