

‘If we bathe, we won’t drink’

AFP, Rafah

In the southern Gaza Strip, scores of people line up at bathrooms, many of them not having showered for days after Israel cut off water, electricity and food following Hamas's deadly assault.

Ahmed Hamid, 43, fled Gaza City with his wife and seven children, heading to Rafah after the Israeli army on Friday warned residents of the north of the enclave to head south "for their own safety".

"We haven't showered in days.

"Even going to the toilet requires waiting your turn in a line," Hamid said.

"There is no food. All goods are not available and the costs of what is available have surged. The only foods we find are tuna cans and cheese.

"I feel like a burden, unable to do anything."

Mona Abdel Hamid, 55, said, "No electricity, no water, no internet. I feel like I'm losing my humanity."



Palestinian rescuers stand on rubble of a building following an Israeli airstrike in Rafah, in the southern of Gaza Strip, yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

KILLING OF MUSLIM BOY IN US
Attack linked to Israel-Hamas war

AFP, Washington

US President Joe Biden condemned the killing of a six-year-old Muslim boy as a "horrific act of hate" on Sunday, after authorities charged the assailant with murder and hate crimes for an attack allegedly linked to the war between Israel and Hamas.

The child was stabbed 26 times by his landlord on Saturday and later died at hospital, while his 32-year-old mother was also wounded but expected to survive, the Will County sheriff's office in Illinois said in a statement.

"Detectives were able to determine that both victims in this brutal attack were targeted by the suspect due to them being Muslim and the on-going Middle Eastern conflict involving Hamas and the Israelis," the sheriff's office said, adding the killing took place about 40 miles (64 kilometers) west of Chicago.

Biden, in a statement late Sunday, confirmed that the woman was the boy's mother and said their "Palestinian Muslim family came to America seeking what we all seek -- a refuge to live, learn, and pray in peace."

ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR
World leaders seek to contain conflict, protect civilians

AFP, Paris

As Israel prepares for a ground offensive into the Gaza Strip, the international community has mobilised to try to protect civilians and prevent the conflict spreading across the region.

But Israel's avowed determination to crush Hamas are hampering mediation efforts. So too are clashes along Israel's northern border with Lebanon.

Among the most active international players is the United States, whose Secretary of State Antony Blinken started a tour of six Arab countries on Friday, visiting Jordan, Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt.

Washington, like its European allies, is concerned to avoid the opening of a second front with the Iran-backed Hezbollah militia in Lebanon. But they have been clear in their support for Israel.

Egypt, Qatar and Turkey are also trying to contain the crisis. All have good relations with Israel and experts think they will have some influence over Hamas.

China and Russia have been more critical of Israel's response to the attack. But they might have some influence over Iran, Israel's sworn enemy, to prevent the conflict spreading.

Tehran has long supported Hezbollah and Hamas.

But there are numerous diplomatic fault-lines, as became clear at Friday's United Nations Security Council meeting, where Russia blamed the United States for the situation in Gaza.

European Council president Charles Michel has called a video-summit of European Union leaders for Tuesday to seek a joint position on the war.

sidelined European diplomacy more than it has for the Americans, Egyptians, Qataris, and Turks."

The EU's 27 leaders on Sunday acknowledged "Israel's right to defend itself in the face of Hamas's attacks" but also underlined the importance of protecting all



Rym Momtaz, at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), says we should not expect much.

"Expectations are low for what they can concretely achieve," she wrote in an online analysis.

"In recent years, the eruption of Israeli-Palestinian conflicts has

civilians at all times, in compliance with international law.

There are calls for Lebanon, which has already suffered from past wars with Israel, to stay out of the conflict.

"The situation is extremely dangerous," said a French diplomatic source.

FRENCH TEACHER MURDER
Macron urges ruthless' response

AFP, Paris

France's president yesterday called for a "ruthless" government response to those with "terrorist ideologies", days after a teacher was stabbed to death in what he has called an act of "Islamist terror".

Emmanuel Macron wants his ministers "to embody a ruthless state towards all those who harbour hate and terrorist ideologies," a senior aide told reporters.

He has called on police to comb through their files of radicalised people who could be deported from France to make sure no one was overlooked and has told the interior minister to take a "special approach to young men between the ages of 16-25 from the Caucasus", the aide said.

On Friday, 57-year-old Dominique Bernard, a French teacher, was stabbed to death at a school in the northeastern town of Arras.

Police have named the suspected perpetrator as Mohammed Moguchkov, 20, who was born in Russia's predominantly Muslim North Caucasus republic of Ingushetia and reportedly arrived in France at the age of five.

‘This is a human catastrophe’

Gaza hospitals about to shut down

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Amid bombardment in northern Gaza and in the south, hospitals were overwhelmed with patients.

Inside Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, the situation kept deteriorating. The medical staff said that they are at the point where they have to decide between patients: who to save and who to let go because of the lack of capacity, medical resources, and equipment, reports Al Jazeera.

"We have 220 (kidney) patients. Half of the devices will go out of service tonight and we will not be able to do dialysis for all of them," said doctor Mohammed Zaqout. "This is a human catastrophe."

Meanwhile, the United Nations humanitarian office (OCHA) said that reserves of fuel at all hospitals across the Gaza Strip are expected to last only around 24 more hours.

"The shutdown of backup generators would place the lives of thousands of patients at risk," OCHA said on its website.

Health ministry official Ashraf Al-Qidra wondered how hospitals will cope. He appealed to people to head to the Shifa hospital, the largest of the territory's 13 public medical facilities, to donate blood.

"If the hospital stops working, the whole world will be responsible for the lives of hundreds and thousands of patients who rely on our services, especially from Shifa," said Qidra.

Shifa serves the entire Gaza Strip but more directly the around 800,000 people who live in Gaza City.

HIGH-RISK GLACIER LAKES
India to start monitoring

REUTERS, New Delhi

India aims to install the first part of an early warning system at some high-risk glacial lakes in the Himalayas next year, a senior official said yesterday, as the country responds to deadly floods this month that killed at least 60 people. There are 56 at-risk glacial lakes in India and the urgency to monitor them was stepped up after Lhonak Lake in the eastern Himalayas burst its banks two weeks ago. "We will try some monitoring systems at lakes that are at risk," Krishna S Vatsa, a member of India's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), told Reuters. The NDMA is co-ordinating with Indian and international institutes for the project. State governments will provide recommendations on which of the glacial lakes need to be prioritised, Vatsa said.

CHILD ABUSE CONTENT
Australia fines Musk's X

AFP, Sydney

Australia's internet safety watchdog yesterday fined Elon Musk's X, saying the social media platform had failed to show how it is cracking down on child sexual abuse content.

ESafety commissioner Julie Inman Grant has slapped an Aus\$610,500 (US\$385,000) fine on the company formerly known as Twitter, criticising its "empty talk" on the issue. Inman Grant -- herself a former Twitter employee -- has also fired off a formal warning to Google for falling short of its responsibilities around tackling child abuse material. Billionaire Musk has slashed more than 80 percent of X's global workforce since his takeover, including many of its content moderators who are responsible for stamping out abuse. Proactive detection of child sexual exploitation on X fell from 90 percent to 75 percent in the three months after the takeover, Inman Grant said.

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This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
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–Palestinian Health ministry official Ashraf Al-Qidra

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