

Israeli army strikes 40 Hezbollah targets

AFP, Jerusalem
The Israeli army said yesterday it struck 40 Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon as near-daily exchanges of fire rage on the border between the two countries.
'A short while ago, IDF (army) fighter jets and artillery struck approximately 40 Hezbollah terror targets' around Aita al Shaab in southern Lebanon, including storage facilities and weaponry, the army said.
The IDF is carrying out 'offensive action' in south Lebanon, it said, adding that the strikes had killed half of Hezbollah's commanders in southern Lebanon during the cross-border fighting.
Earlier in the day, Hezbollah said it fired dozens of rockets at an Israeli border town.



A family flees Rafah putting the children in the trunk of a car in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday. Fears are rising that Israel will soon launch an assault on Rafah, but aid groups warn any invasion would create an 'apocalyptic situation'.

Gaza protests grow at US colleges

REUTERS, New York
Protests against Israel filled streets in Brooklyn and escalated at universities across the United States, some of which included Jewish Passover Seders, as demonstrators demanded an end to civilian casualties in Gaza.
The growing protests follow mass arrests of demonstrators at some East Coast universities in recent days, and show a deepening dissatisfaction in the United States.
A large Brooklyn street protest reached a standoff on Tuesday evening when New York police began to arrest people over disorderly conduct, restraining those who refused to move with zip ties.

Gaza could surpass famine thresholds in 6 weeks: WFP

REUTERS, Geneva
The Gaza Strip could surpass famine thresholds of food insecurity, malnutrition and mortality in six weeks, an official from the World Food Programme said yesterday.
'We are getting closer by the day to a famine situation,' said Gian Carlo Cirri, Geneva director of the World Food Programme (WFP).
'There is reasonable evidence that all three famine thresholds - food insecurity, malnutrition and mortality - will be passed in the next six weeks.'
A UN-backed report published in March said that famine was imminent and likely to occur by May in northern Gaza and could spread across the enclave by July. On Tuesday, a US official said the risk of famine in Gaza, especially in the north, was very high.
Cirri was speaking at the launch of a report by the Global Network Against Food Crises, an alliance of humanitarian and development actors including United Nations

agencies, the World Bank, the European Union and the United States.
In its report, the network described the 2024 outlook for the Middle East and Africa as extremely concerning due to the Gaza offensive and restricted humanitarian access, as well as the risk of the conflict spreading elsewhere in the region.
'As for Gaza, the conflict makes it difficult

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and sometimes impossible to reach affected people,' Cirri said. 'We need to scale up massively our assistance... But under the current conditions, I'm afraid the situation will further deteriorate.'
The United Nations has long complained of obstacles to getting aid in and distributing it throughout Gaza in the six months since Israel began an aerial and ground offensive

against Gaza's ruling group Hamas.
Israel has denied hindering supplies of humanitarian aid and blames aid agencies for inefficiencies in distribution.
Israel's military campaign has reduced much of the territory of 2.3 million people to a wasteland with a humanitarian disaster unfolding since October 7.
Cirri said that the only way to steer clear of famine in Gaza was to ensure immediate and daily deliveries of food supplies. 'They've been selling off their belongings to buy food. They are most of the time destitute,' he said. 'And clearly some of them are dying of hunger.'
Meanwhile, the Red Cross said the evacuation of displaced Palestinians from Gaza Strip's Rafah is not possible under current conditions.
The statement from the top humanitarian agency comes as Israel has signalled that the invasion of Rafah is in the offing. The Israeli military considers Rafah in southern Gaza to be the last bastion of Hamas.

INDIA ELECTION
PM Modi scared of Congress' revolutionary manifesto: Rahul

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi yesterday claimed that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had panicked after seeing the Congress' 'revolutionary' manifesto. 'So did you like the Congress manifesto? You must have seen that the Prime Minister has panicked. It is a revolutionary manifesto,' Gandhi said while speaking at Social Justice conclave organised by the Congress in New Delhi. Rahul alleged that Modi government at the Centre transferred crores of rupees to the few billionaires and said that Congress manifesto talks about returning a small amount of that money to the people who are at the bottom pyramid of income and wealth distribution, reports Economic Times online. 'There is mention of x-ray (caste census) and income inequality created by Modi ji. The Congress will return a small amount of money to 90 percent of the people of the country from the Rs 16 lakh crore given to the 22 people by Narendra Modi,' he said. His comment was in the backdrop of Modi's criticism that Congress manifesto smacks of appeasement and that if it came to power, it would redistribute wealth and also give reservations to Muslims from the quota.

Extreme heat scorches SE Asia

AFP, Manila
Extreme heat scorched parts of South and Southeast Asia yesterday, prompting schools across the Philippines to suspend classes and heat warnings in the Thai capital. The high temperatures were recorded just a day after the United Nations said Asia was the region that suffered the most disasters from climate and weather hazards in 2023, with floods and storms the chief causes of casualties and economic losses. Extensive scientific research has found climate change is causing heatwaves to become longer, more frequent and more intense.
'It's so hot you can't breathe,' said Erlin Tumaron, 60, who works at a Philippine seaside resort in Cavite province, south of Manila, where the heat index reached 47 degrees Celsius (117 degrees Fahrenheit) on Tuesday.



This handout photograph published yesterday on the official Telegram account of the Smolensk regional governor Vasily Anokhin, shows a firefighter working to extinguish a fire at an oil depot in the Smolensk region, Russia. Ukrainian drones attacked oil facilities in western Russia overnight Tuesday, defence sources in Kyiv said.

'I'd rather die than go to Rwanda'
UK's deportation law leaves asylum seekers fearful

AFP, Weymouth
Asylum seekers housed on an accommodation barge on the coast of southern England say they are afraid of being sent to Rwanda, after a controversial proposal for deportation was approved.
'I'd rather die than go to Rwanda,' said one of them. But none of those living on the government-leased Bibby Stockholm knows whether they will be on the list.
'Everybody is talking about Rwanda on Bibby Stockholm,' said Atuib, a 23-year-old from Sudan, who crossed the Channel from northern France in a small boat last year.
Atuib has been staying for the last two weeks on the barge, which was moored in Portland harbour near the coastal resort of Weymouth, last



approved the government's plans to deport asylum seekers to Rwanda.
'A friend called me from London to tell me the government will send every migrant like me to Rwanda,' said Atuib in Weymouth town centre. But he said Rwanda would send him back to Sudan, from where his mother and sister fled conflict in the region of Darfur.
They are now in a refugee camp in neighbouring Chad, he added. 'Rwanda is not good. It's not safe,' he told AFP.
Rwanda has dominated the debate about the Conservative government's plans to curb irregular migration since deportation was first mooted in 2022.
But after the first flights that year were halted by a last-minute court injunction, the plan has been beset by legal challenges.

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