GAZA OFFENSIVE

Israeli strikes kill 11 more **Palestinians**

REUTERS, Cairo

Israeli military strikes across the Gaza Strip have killed at least 11 Palestinians, health officials in the enclave said vesterday, as Israeli planes bombarded several northern, central and southern areas.

displaced A school sheltering Palestinians in Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip was among buildings hit, killing four people and wounded several others.

The Israeli military said it struck Hamas members operating from a command centre embedded in a compound that had previously served as Um Al-Fahm School. It accused Hamas of exploiting civilian facilities and its population for military purposes, which Hamas denies.

In another strike, three people were killed in a house in Gaza City, medics said. Four others were killed in three separate airstrikes in Nuseirat and Khan Younis in central and southern parts of the Gaza Strip. Israeli forces pursued their operations

in Rafah, near the border with Egypt, and in Gaza City's suburb of Zeitoun.

Russia downs 125 drones Thwarts Ukraine's attempts to enter **Kursk region**

REUTERS, Moscow

The Russian defence ministry said yesterday its air defence downed 125 Ukrainian drones overnight, while a residential apartment was hit in the western city of Voronezh according to the local governor.

Separately, the governor of the western region of Belgorod, Vyacheslav Gladkov, in an account of the drone and shelling attacks over the past 24 hours, said one man died in the border town of Shebekino, while eight civilians were injured in the wider region.

Meanwhile, the defence ministry said its forces had repelled six new Ukrainian attempts to enter its western Kursk region and had also taken control of the settlement of Makiivka in eastern Ukraine's Luhansk region.

The ministry said in a post on the Telegram messaging app that its forces, with the support of aircraft and artillery rounds, repelled attempts to enter the region near the village of Novy Put, some 79 kilometres (50 miles) west of Sudzha, a strategic crossing point for Russian natural gas exports to Europe via Ukraine.



Demonstrators shout slogans as they march against Israeli strikes in Gaza and Lebanon at a protest rally in the central business district of Sydney, Australia yesterday. At least 41,595 Palestinians have been killed and 96,251 others injured in Israel's military offensive in Gaza since October 7.

NASRALLAH'S KILLING IN ISRAELI STRIKES

What will Israel, Iran, Hezbollah do next?

CNN ONLINE

The last 72 hours in the Middle East in which Israel killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and continued to bombard the Iran-backed group across Lebanon – have once more ratcheted up fears that this long-running conflict could spiral into a wider regional war. Here's what we know so far and where things might go next.

ESCALATING CONFLICT

Israel has pounded what it says are Hezbollah targets in the Lebanese capital of Beirut and elsewhere in the country on Friday, Saturday and yesterday, including the attack on the capital's southern suburbs that killed Nasrallah and another top figure Nabil Kaouk.

Lebanese civilians say they cannot heed warnings from Israel's military to avoid places where Hezbollah is operating, because the group is highly secretive.

The US sees the possibility of a limited ground incursion into Lebanon as Israel moves forces to its northern border, CNN reported earlier. But the US officials stressed that Israel does not appear to have made a decision on whether to carry out a ground incursion.



WHAT WILL HEZBOLLAH OR IRAN

In the wake of Nasrallah's killing and the attack on pagers and walkietalkies - Hezbollah's remaining leaders are likely to be assessing how to meet, communicate and respond. But analysts say the setbacks faced by the group are unlikely to leave it completely weakened.

"Hezbollah has taken the biggest blow to its military infrastructure since its inception," said Hanin Ghaddar, a senior fellow at the Washington Institute and author of "Hezbollahland."

The group, however, still retains skilled commanders, as well as many time soon... there are no transformative,

precision-guided missiles and long-range missiles that could inflict significant damage to Israel's military and civilian infrastructure, said Ghaddar.

But the latest development raises the potential for a shift. Hezbollah will almost certainly respond, according to Jonathan Panikoff, a former senior intelligence

Another key question is the extent to which Iran could get involved.

Iran's embassy in Lebanon in a social media post Friday called Nasrallah's killing a "serious escalation that changes the rules of the game," and said its perpetrator "will be punished and disciplined appropriately."

The Iranian envoy to the UN on Saturday also requested an emergency meeting of the Security Council to "condemn Israel's actions in the strongest possible terms."

Pointing to the ongoing conflicts between Israel and Hamas, Israel and Hezbollah, and Israel and Iran, former US State Department Middle East negotiator Aaron David Miller told CNN: "None of these wars of attrition are going to end any of its most powerful assets - including diplomatic Hollywood endings."

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Won't die till PM Modi 'removed' from power

Says India's Congress party chief Kharge after falling ill

NDTV ONLINE

India's Congress party chief Mallikarjun Kharge. who fell ill while addressing a polls campaign rally in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, has said he would not die till Prime Minister Narendra Modi is "removed" from power.

Kharge had felt dizzy while addressing a huge gathering on the last day of the campaign for the third and final phase of the Assembly elections. Party leaders had rushed to support him and led him to a chair. Shortly after, he was examined by doctors, who said his blood pressure is fluctuating. Later, Kharge came back onstage and said: "We

will fight to restore statehood. I am 83 years old. I am not going to die so early. I will stay alive until Prime Minister Narendra Modi is removed from power."

"I wanted to talk. But due to dizziness, I have sat down. Please pardon me," he said.

Sources said Kharge's blood pressure had dropped and though he is feeling much better, doctors have advised him to take rest. Kharge had flown to Jasrota to address the rally held in support of the party candidates in the assembly

US PRESIDENTIAL POLLS Trump escalates rhetoric against Harris, immigrants

REUTERS, Washington

Donald Trump on Saturday deployed some of his harshest rhetoric against immigrants who have crossed the border illegally and committed crimes, while he also escalated his personal insults against Kamala Harris.

> of Wisconsin, Trump called Democratic Vice President Harris, who on Friday visited the US-Mexico border for the first time in her 2024 presidential campaign, "mentally impaired" mentally disabled".

> In the battleground state

Republican presidential candidate was flanked by posters of

immigrants in the US illegally who have been arrested for murder and other violent crimes, and banners saying "End Migrant Crime" and "Deport Illegals Now."

His speech was unusually devoted almost entirely to undocumented immigrants. He called those who had committed violent crime "monsters," "stone-cold killers" and "vile animals".

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Internal Audit Firm

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2	Agency	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Supporting Implementation of the Mother and Child Benefit Programme
4	Procuring Entity Code (If Applicable)	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh
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SPAIN'S CANARY ISLANDS

Search resumes for 48 missing migrants

AFP, Puerto de la Estaca

Rescue teams yesterday resumed searching for at least 48 migrants who went messing the day before when their boat overturned just as it was being rescued off Spain's Canary Islands, killing at least nine people.

Hopes of finding survivors were slim as sea rescue teams searched the waters off El Hierro, an island in the Atlantic archipelago. It is the latest in a series of such disasters off the coast of Africa.

"The search operation is resuming," Spain's maritime rescue organisation told AFP. The 48 are "presumed dead", Canaries regional president Fernando Clavijo told journalists on Saturday night. More bodies will likely appear "over the next two,

three days", washed up by the current, he added. Twenty-seven migrants were rescued and nine bodies recovered after the boat, which had set out from Nouadhibou in Mauritania, some 800 kilometres away, overturned off El Hierro.

The tragedy hit when rescuers arrived to assist the migrants after they themselves called emergency services, Spanish officials said.

Migrants rushed to one side of the precarious boat, causing it to tip. The migrants "had gone two days without food or water", which may have fuelled their panic, Anselmo Pestana, head of Canary Islands prefecture, told journalists in the port of La Estaca.

Spanish government sources said the boat may have been carrying up to 90 people, instead of 84 as originally announced, which could put the number of missing at more than 50.

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