

## Halt arms supplies to Israel for use in Gaza: Macron

AFP, Paris

French President Emmanuel Macron yesterday urged a halt to arms deliveries to Israel, which has been criticised over the conduct of its operation in Gaza.

"I think that today, the priority is that we return to a political solution, that we stop delivering weapons to fight in Gaza," Macron told broadcaster France Inter.

"France is not delivering any," he added during the interview recorded early this week.

The United States provides about \$3 billion in weapons to Israel each year.

In May, the State Department said it did not have enough evidence to block shipments of weapons but that it was "reasonable to assess" that Israel has used arms in ways inconsistent with standards of humanitarian law.

"I think we are not being heard," he said. "I think it is a mistake, including for the security of Israel," he said, adding that the conflict was leading to "hatred."

Macron also said avoiding an escalation in Lebanon was a "priority."

"Lebanon cannot become a new Gaza," he added.



People hold up their lit mobile phones next to an LED candle sign on the ground reading "Gaza" during a candlelight vigil in front of Zojoji temple in Tokyo yesterday to call for a ceasefire in Gaza.

PHOTO: AFP

## CARNAGE IN GAZA

# Mothers struggle to care for newborns

REUTERS, DEIR AL-BALAH

Gazan mother Rana Salah cradles her one-month-old daughter Milana in her arms in a sweltering tent for the displaced, and speaks of the guilt she feels for bringing her child into a world of war and suffering.

"If it were up to me, I wouldn't have gotten pregnant or given birth during the war because life is completely different; we've never lived this life before," she said, speaking at a camp in Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip.

"I gave birth twice before, and life was better and easier for me and the child. Now, I feel like I've wronged both myself and the child because we deserve to live better than this."

Milana was born in a hospital tent by caesarean owing to complications with Salah's pregnancy. The family have not been able to return home due to the conflict, moving instead from one tent to another.

Milana is one of around 20,000 babies to have been born in Gaza in the last year, according to UNICEF statistics.

The current war, a particularly deadly episode in the decades-old Israeli-Palestinian conflict, was triggered on Oct 7, 2023. Most of Gaza's 2.3 million residents have been displaced since then.



Salah fans Milana with cardboard and says the heat is bad for the baby's skin.

"Instead of returning to our house, we keep moving from one tent to another... where diseases are widespread and the water is contaminated."

The World Health Organization (WHO) has said postnatal services have decreased significantly in Gaza, so women who have complications have less access to the care they need, as do their babies.

Rick Brennan, the WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Regional emergency director, said malnutrition was a threat to newborns, particularly if their mothers were unable to breastfeed, as there was no access to breast milk substitutes.

Displacement and being constantly on the move are disruptive for a newborn and expose them to risks of infection, he said.

Manar Abu Jarad is staying in a school shelter run by the UN Palestinian Refugee Agency (UNRWA). Her youngest daughter Sahar was born on Sept 4th, also by caesarean section. Her husband was killed in the war.

On hearing she would need a caesarean for the birth, she worried about how she would care for her other children.

"I already have three girls. I started shouting... How can I carry (water) buckets? How can I bathe my daughters? How can I help them and my husband is not with me, he was martyred."

Children rock baby Sahar, who is swaddled in a crib, next to Jarad.

"I've reached the point where I cannot carry the responsibility for this girl... Thank God I found some help here," she said. She has borrowed what she can from her family and uses one diaper a day for the baby as she can't afford more.

"I don't have the money to provide diapers or milk for her."

Jarad longs for an end to the war and a return to her home, even if it is just a tent next to her former home.

## Several die in bid to cross Channel

AFP, Lille

Several people died, including a young child, when an overcrowded boat attempted to cross the Channel to Britain, French authorities said yesterday.

A French tow vessel, the Abeille Normandie, picked up 14 people on board, including the deceased during a rescue mission between 8:00 and 9:00 am, officials said.

Olivier Barbarin, the mayor of the coastal town of Le Portel in northern France, said the child was around four years old.

The injured person was airlifted to hospital in Boulogne.

French authorities seek to stop people taking to the water but do not intervene once they are afloat except for rescue purposes, citing safety concerns.

## SCO SUMMIT IN PAKISTAN Jaishankar rules out bilateral talks

REUTERS, Mumbai

India's foreign minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar will not discuss bilateral relations when he visits Pakistan this month, the first such visit in nearly a decade, for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit.

"I expect there would be a lot of media interest because of the very nature of the relationship," Jaishankar said in response to a query at an event in New Delhi. "But I do want to say it will be for a multilateral event. I am not going there to discuss India-Pakistan relations," he added.

On Friday, the Indian foreign ministry confirmed that Jaishankar will visit Pakistan to participate in the summit on Oct 15-16 but did not say if he would meet any Pakistani leaders on the sidelines.

Relations between the two countries have gone through periods of thaw from time to time but have been largely frozen since they downgraded diplomatic ties in tit-for-tat moves in 2019.

Earlier this year, Jaishankar said that India would want to "find a solution to the issue of years-old cross-border terrorism" but added that it cannot be the "policy of a good neighbour".

"I am going there to be a good member of the SCO but since I am a courteous and civil person, I will behave myself accordingly," he said.

## Israel should 'hit' Iran nuke facilities: Trump

AFP, Washington



Republican White House hopeful Donald Trump said Friday he believes Israel should strike Iran's nuclear facilities in response to the Islamic republic's recent missile barrage.

The former president, speaking at a campaign event in North Carolina, referred to a question

posed to Democratic President Joe Biden this week about the possibility of Israel targeting Iran's nuclear program.

"They asked him, what do you think about Iran, would you hit Iran? And he goes, 'As long as they don't hit the nuclear stuff.' That's the thing you want to hit, right?" Trump told a town hall-style event in Fayetteville, near a major US military base.

Biden was asked on Wednesday whether he would support strikes against Iranian nuclear sites and the US president told reporters: "The answer is no."

"When they asked him that question, the answer should have been, hit the nuclear first, and worry about the rest later," Trump added.



A supporter of jailed former Pakistani prime minister Imran Khan's party, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, throws back a tear gas shell towards police during an anti-government rally in Islamabad yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## PTI'S MARCH TO PAKISTAN'S CAPITAL

# Over 80 cops hurt in clashes

Says govt; key ally of Imran Khan arrested

AGENCIES

Over 80 police personnel have been injured in clashes with supporters of jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan taking part in a march near Islamabad, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said yesterday.

The march, which is being led by the head of the northwestern province of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, where Khan's party remains in power, aims to gather in the capital, defying a ban on congregations, to press for Khan's release and agitate against the ruling coalition.

"The convoy, led by the chief minister, fired on the police and continuously used teargas against law-enforcers," Naqvi told journalists.

He said more than 80 police officers had been treated for injuries

since Friday when clashes broke out just outside the city during an anti-government rally.

PTI later said that Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, a key aide of jailed former PM Imran Khan, was detained in Islamabad.

Naqvi said while the convoy was heavily armed, the police had been instructed not to carry weapons to prevent the situation from escalating. The protesters plan to gather in the city's red zone, which houses the country's parliament and a fortified enclave of foreign embassies.

Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party denies using violence, and says it wants to hold a peaceful gathering. Naqvi had previously called on the

PTI to delay any gathering until after diplomatic engagements in the city, including a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting on Oct 15-16 which will be attended by delegations, including from China, Russia and India.

Yesterday, Naqvi said the authorities had intelligence that the protesters planned to disrupt the SCO conference in a bid to gain attention.

"We can't allow this. I will say to them again, to not cross more red lines - don't make us take extreme steps," Naqvi said.

The PTI, which says the Islamabad protest is just for one day, is also holding a gathering in the eastern city of Lahore yesterday, where a lockdown of roads is in place.

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### Invitation for Local Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Police		
3	Procuring Entity Name	SP (ICT), Police Telecom Organization		
4	Invitation for	Tender	Goods	Multi Lot (Item by Item Evaluation)
5	Invitation Ref No & Date	44.01.0000.057.33.007.2024/5192/Betar, Date: 03-10-2024.		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
6	Procurement Method	NCT (National)	OTM (Framework)	
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
7	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (GOB)		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
8	Tender Package No.	GD1/3258103/2024-2025.		
9	Tender Package Name	Computer Items		
10	Tender Publication Date	06-10-2024		
11	Tender Last Selling Date	27-10-2024		
		Date	Time	
12	Tender Closing Date and Time	28-10-2024	11.30 AM	
13	Tender Opening Date and Time	28-10-2024	12.00 PM	
14	Name & Address of the office's	Address		
	Selling Tender Document	ASP (IT), Police Telecom, Rajarbag, Dhaka-1217.		
<b>NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS</b>				
15	Receiving Tender Document & Opening Tender Document	Police Telecommunication Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka-1217		
16	Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Date	Time	Place
		20-10-2024	11.30 AM	Police Telecom, Rajarbag, Dhaka
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
17	Eligibility of Tenderer	1) Up to date trade license 2) Current income tax certificate, 3) VAT registration 4) Bank solvency certificate and 5) Other requirements described in the standard tender document.		
18	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Purchase of Computer Items for Police Telecom.		
19	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	1,000/- (One Thousand) only		
	Lot No	Identification of Package	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
20	01	Computer Items	Police Telecom, Rajarbag, Dhaka.	40,000/- (Forty Thousand) Taka only
				Completion Time in Weeks / Months
				3 Months
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>				
21	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Mohammad Morshad Alam PPM		
22	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	SP (ICT), Bangladesh Police		
23	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Police Telecom, Rajarbag, Dhaka-1217.		
24	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Mobile: 01320-020044, Fax: 8301404		
25	Special Instructions			
	a)	No tender will be received after the deadline of submission time & date.		
	b)	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject any/all tenders or annul the tender process without assigning any reason.		
	c)	The Procuring Entity also reserves the right to omit, increase or decrease the quantity of any item(s) from mentioned in tender.		
	d)	If not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable reason, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time & same venue.		
	e)	The Procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Rules 2008.		

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