

Israeli tanks push deeper into Gaza

17 more Palestinians killed in 24 hours

REUTERS, Cairo

Israel sent tanks deeper into Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip yesterday and advised people to leave as it pounded the historic Palestinian refugee camp from the air, residents said.

Palestinian medics said casualties had been reported in Jabalia but that they were unable to reach areas under fire.

"Jabalia is being wiped out," was repeated in many messages posted on social media by residents of Gaza.

Palestinian health officials did not immediately provide new casualty figures but said 17 civilians had been killed in the Gaza Strip in the past 24 hours. Israel's military said one soldier had been killed in combat in northern Gaza.

The Israeli army issued new evacuation orders to residents of Jabalia and nearby Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahiya, telling them to head to a humanitarian-designated zone in Al-Mawasi in southern Gaza Strip.



Palestinian children cry next to the bodies of their relatives, who were killed in Israeli strikes, at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir Al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Lebanon could face same 'spiral of doom'

UN warns referring to devastation in Gaza

AFP, Geneva

UN humanitarian officials yesterday called for urgent action to stop the escalating conflict in Lebanon from spiralling into a similar scene of devastation as seen in Gaza.

"We need to do everything we can to stop that from happening," said Matthew Hollingworth, Lebanon country director for the United Nations' World Food Programme.

Speaking to reporters in Geneva from Beirut, he said he had spent the first half of the year coordinating WFP's operations in Gaza before taking the helm of its Lebanon office, and was deeply concerned by the similarities.

"It is in my mind from the time I wake until the time I sleep, that we could go into the

same sort of spiral of doom... We shouldn't allow that to happen," he said.

Israel's offensive in Gaza has killed at least 41,965 people, mostly civilians. The UN has said the figures are reliable.

The resulting conflict spilled into Lebanon, with intensifying airstrikes and Israeli troops battling Hezbollah militants on the ground.

Israel's bombardment of Lebanon has killed more than 1,100 people and displaced upwards of a million in less than two weeks.

Hollingworth said many people were fleeing because they "have watched over the last year as the offensive in Gaza has continued and neighbourhoods have been decimated and pounded, and that is deep in their gut, in their hearts, in their minds".

Chinese navy tall ship docks in Sri Lanka

AFP, Colombo

A Chinese navy sailing ship was allowed to dock in Sri Lanka yesterday but Colombo's new government said a ban on foreign research vessels remained in force.

Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath said China's Po Lang, a triple-masted tall ship with 130 crew, was given permission to dock in Colombo because it was "a training vessel and not a research craft".

"There is no change in the policy regarding research vessels," Herath told reporters.

Immigration boosts UK population by record 1pc

AFP, London

The UK population rose by a record one percent in the year to mid-2023 and by 1.2 million over a two-year period, with immigration the key driver, official data showed yesterday.

An estimated 68.3 million people lived in UK in mid-2023 – an annual increase of 662,400 or 1.0 percent – according to figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS), the UK's statistical institute.

It is the largest annual percentage and numerical increase since comparable data began in 1971 and comes with the UK government facing political pressure over migration levels, as well as the provision of housing and services.

The new Labour government has already had to deal with the country's most serious rioting in a decade, which was attributed to anti-immigrant groups.

"Net international migration was the main contributor to population increase for all four countries of the UK in the year to mid-2023," said the ONS.

The statistics agency estimated that 1,185,600 people immigrated from outside the UK.

Hurricane Milton roars towards storm-battered Florida

Evacuations ordered for a million people

REUTERS

The Category 4 Hurricane Milton was expected to grow larger yesterday as it threatened Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula on its way to Florida, where more than a million people were ordered to evacuate from its path.

The densely populated west coast of Florida, still reeling from the devastating Hurricane Helene less than two weeks ago, braced for landfall today.

The US National Hurricane Center projected the storm was likely to hit near the Tampa Bay metropolitan area, where some evacuees rushed to dispose of mounds of debris left behind by Helene on their way out of town.



Immigrants bring 'bad genes' into US: Trump

AFP, Washington

Republican White House hopeful Donald Trump said Monday that illegal immigrants were bringing "bad genes" into the US.

"You know now, a murderer – I believe this – it's in their genes. We've got a lot of bad genes in our country right now," former president Trump told conservative host Hugh Hewitt. The White House swiftly condemned Trump's comments as "vile."

Maha Shashthi today

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He said they received reports of attacks in Dhaka's Dhamrai, Kishoreganj Sadar, Narail Sadar, Cumilla's Chawk Bazar, Mymensingh's Gauripur, Lakshmipur's Ramganj, Lalmonirhat's Aditmari, Pabna's Sujanager, Kishoreganj's Boro Vita, Nilphamari, Barishal's Bakerganj, and Chapainawabganj's Bottola, among other areas.

"However, we have learned that law enforcement agencies responded promptly to these incidents," said Jayanta Kumar.

"We do not want to see such attacks during the puja celebrations. While law enforcement agencies need to take action, that alone is not enough. The illuminated spirit of the state and collective social resistance

must also play a role in ending this violence," he added.

"Furthermore, our focus should extend beyond the five days of puja security. If we aim to build a Bangladesh free from discrimination, we must prioritise security for all citizens throughout the year," Jayanta added.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner Md Mainul Hasan assured yesterday that there is no security threat surrounding this year's Durga Puja celebrations.

Speaking to journalists after visiting the Dhakeshwari National Temple, he said that special security measures have been implemented to ensure a peaceful festival.

"Volunteers at the mandaps, plainclothes police, temple based law

enforcement, and CCTV cameras have been arranged," the commissioner said.

He also mentioned that Durga Puja will be celebrated at 253 mandaps in the Dhaka Metropolitan area. Additionally, 15 locations have been designated for the immersion of idols, with special security measures in place for the Bijaya Dashami procession.

The commissioner urged that the immersion process be completed by 7:00pm and requested that no fairs be organised near temples during the festival.

Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Apurba Jahangir said all puja mandaps at the upazila level will be under surveillance using IP security cameras.

Using the internet, the cameras will send live footage

of puja mandaps to respective UNO offices and local police stations, where they'll be monitored for any untoward incidents, he said at a press conference at Foreign Service Academy yesterday.

The government yesterday extended the festival holidays by one day. Mahfuz Alam, special assistant to the chief adviser, confirmed the information during a press conference at the Dhakeshwari National Temple.

As per the government's decision, there will be a four-day holiday for puja celebrations from Thursday to Sunday.

This year, with Friday and Saturday already coinciding with the Durga Puja holiday before Dashami, the government decided to extend the holiday by a day to allow for longer celebrations.

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Dated: 08/10/2024

Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry	Ministry of Youth and Sports
2	Agency	Department of Youth Development
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Economic Acceleration and Resilience for NEET (EARN) Project
4	Procuring entity code	Not applicable
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Non-Consulting Services (Vehicle rental service)
7	Invitation Ref No.	IFT Memo No. 34.01.0000.046.26.055.24-222
8	Date	08/10/2024

KEY & FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and sources of fund	Development Budget, GoB
11	Development partners	International Development Association (IDA)

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project code (if applicable)	Not Applicable
13	Project name (if applicable)	Economic Acceleration and Resilience for NEET (EARN) Project
14	Tender Package No.	S-2.2
15	Tender package name	Hiring of vehicle rental service for PMU officials
16	Tender publication date	09/10/2024
17	Tender last selling date and time	10/11/2024 (Office Hour)
18	Tender closing date and time	11/11/2024 at 11.00am
19	Tender opening date and time	11/11/2024 at 11.30am
20	Name and address of offices	
	(a) Selling tender document	Office of the Project Director, Economic Acceleration and Resilience for NEET (EARN) Project, Department of Youth Development, 5th Floor, Jubo Bhaban, 108, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000
	(b) Receiving tender document	Office of the Project Director, Economic Acceleration and Resilience for NEET (EARN) Project, Department of Youth Development, 5th Floor, Jubo Bhaban, 108, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000
	(c) Opening tender document	Office of the Project Director, Economic Acceleration and Resilience for NEET (EARN) Project, Department of Youth Development, 5th Floor, Jubo Bhaban, 108, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

21	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract under the Applicable Law. Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligation to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh.
22	Brief description of services	Rental service of 1 unit SUV and 5 units 12 seated Microbus
23	Price of tender document (BDT)	4,000/- (four thousand) only.
24	Location	All over Bangladesh under EARN project.
25	Tender security amount (BDT)	20,00,000/- (twenty lakh) only.
26	Completion time	31/12/2028

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

27	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Khorshed Alam
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director (Joint Secretary), Economic Acceleration and Resilience for NEET (EARN) Project
29	Address of official inviting tender	Department of Youth Development, 5th Floor, Jubo Bhaban, 108, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	E-mail: pd.earn@dyd.gov.bd

The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.

08/10/2024

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