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50 killed in two days of Sudan battles

AFP, Kassala

Local activists in central Sudan have reported over 50 people killed since clashes erupted in Al-Jazira state on Sunday after a paramilitary commander defected to the army

In the state capital of Wad Madani, a military air strike on a mosque killed 31 people, the local resistance committee, one of hundreds of volunteer coordinating aid across the war-torn country, said in a statement to AFP on Tuesday.

They accused the army of using "barrel bombs", adding that over half of the dead remained unidentified as rescuers combed through the remains of "dozens of charred and mutilated bodies".

In the state's warravaged east, activists said at least 20 people have been killed in paramilitary attacks since Sunday.

War has raged between the Sudanese armed forces and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces since April 2023, killing tens of thousands of people and creating the world's largest displacement and humanitarian crises.

The two forces are currently locked in brutal combat over central Sudan's agricultural Al-Jazira state, which has been under paramilitary control since late last year.

On Sunday, the army announced that the RSF's Al-Jazira commander Abu Aqla Kaykal had abandoned paramilitary force, bringing "a large number of his forces" to "fight alongside our army", in what they said was the first high-profile defection to the military's side.



Drone image shows displaced people in Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza, in this picture obtained from social media on Monday.

War has knocked Gaza back to the 1950s: UNDP

REUTERS, Berlin

The war between Israel and Hamas has devastated the Palestinian economy and left nearly all of Gaza's population in poverty, with quality of life indicators such as health and education knocked back 70 years, the United Nations' development agency said

Launching a study on the war's socioeconomic impacts, the UNDP's Chitose Noguchi said the economy of the Palestinian territories - the Gaza Strip and the Israelioccupied West Bank - was now 35% smaller than it was at the start of Israel's invasion of Gaza a year ago.

By some measures the poverty level in Gaza was now approaching 100% as a result of the disruption, with unemployment now at 80%, Noguchi said.

"The state of Palestine is experiencing in Gaza, according to health ministry figures. unprecedented levels of setbacks," she told a U.N. press conference in Geneva over a sometimes crackling line from Deir Al-Balah. "For Gaza, reversing development by an estimated 70 years to 1955.

Even under optimal conditions, with international aid remaining at current levels and flowing into Gaza and the West Bank unhindered, it would still take at least a decade for economic output to recover to prewar levels, she said.

The war, launched by Israel after attacks by Hamas on Israeli territory on Oct. 7 last year that killed about 1,200 people, has prought immense destruction to the Gaza

Schools, hospitals and other essential infrastructure have been razed to the ground. Nearly 43,000 Palestinians have been killed

Some 3.3 million Palestinians, 2.3 million of them in Gaza and 1.5 million of them children, need urgent humanitarian assistance, the report said.

The cost of repairing damaged infrastructure was expected to run to \$18.5 billion, almost the entire annual economic output of the Palestinian territories in 2022.

The war had taken a similarly severe toll on human capital, the report added, with 625,000 students in Gaza having no access to education at the end of September and 93% of school buildings severely

The situation was similar with regard to healthcare. A total of 986 health workers had been killed by the end of September, and less than half of primary healthcare centres were even partially functional.

Ukraine population 8 million less since Russia invasion: UN

AFP, Geneva

Ukraine's population has declined by around eight million since Russia invaded in February 2022, sparking an exodus and sending birth rates plunging, the United Nations said Tuesdav.

The UN Population Fund said there had not been a census, but that there clearly had been a dramatic population decline in war-torn Ukraine.

"Overall, Ukraine's population has declined by an estimated 10 million since 2014 and by an estimated eight million since the beginning of the full-scale invasion in 2022," UNFPA's regional director for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Florence Bauer said in comments sent to iournalists.

Ukraine's population stood at around 45 million in 2014, when Russia first invaded, occupying and annexing Crimea, the agency said, citing data from the national statistics office.

By February 2022, when Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the population had dwindled to 43 million, and it has plummeted further to just 35 million today, it said, citing a combination of government and UNFPA data.

Speaking to journalists in Geneva, Bauer said the dramatic decline was due to "a combination of

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Already before the war, Ukraine had one of the lowest birth rates in Europe, and like many countries in Eastern Europe, it had seen many young people leave in search of more opportunities abroad, she said.

But in the two and a half years since the fullscale invasion, some 6.7 million people have fled the country as refugees while the birth rate has fallen to just around one child per woman, she

"That's one of the lowest in the world," she said, stressing that this was well below the theoretical replacement rate of 2.1 children that each woman on average must have to maintain the population

At the same time, Bauer said, there are the "several tens of thousands of casualties (from the war), which of course add to the equation".

252 trainee SIs dismissed month before graduation

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principal of Sarda Police issued show-cause letters and insolence, humiliating

discipline. The Daily Star saw a

served to all trainees.

the breakfast. You yelled and created a chaotic environment on the parade ground. You gathered other trainee cadet SIs and to the 252 trainees, asking the academy authorities. should not be discharged the training grounds for training your barracks without

Alam Chowdhury, adviser programme for breaching permission," the letter trainees also claimed they reads.

It added that as trainee opy of one such letter. SIs, such behaviour Meanwhile, Naim According to it, during a constitutes a serious Ahmed, former principal PHQ, in consultation and that there were no break in a practice session breach of discipline, which of the academy and retired with the home ministry, political factors. for the closing parade disrupted the overall additional inspector conducted a background Speaking to reporters of the 40th BCS (Police) training programme and general of police, said also encouraged others to

> The also letter directed the SIs to give "You [SIs] did not have an explanation to their authorities within three days on why they should not be discharged from the ongoing basic training as per the rules in the Police Regulations of Bengal, 1943.

official, seeking during the practice session, 66 probationer assistant superintendents of police were present along with the 400 trainee SIs.

The ASPs, at their own expense, added sweets in their breakfast menu, which reportedly caused dissatisfaction among the

A discharged trainee, preferring anonymity, said, "Everything was normal on October 1. There was no incident of breaching discipline. I had my breakfast and didn't leave the parade ground but I was still dismissed. I don't even know what food items were served to the ASPs."

Speaking to this correspondent, he and three other discharged trainees said they usually get an egg, chickpeas, puffed rice and sherbet for breakfast, and added that many of them refrain from eating the chickpeas and puffed rice for health reasons.

They claimed there was no shouting or dissatisfaction over the breakfast and that some of them sometimes go to the barrack during the break to use the washroom as there are insufficient facilities on the parade ground.

They also said that they were never told that leaving the ground during break was a breach of discipline. All four of the dismissed were never involved in

politics. Meanwhile, discipline is strictly maintained in the academy and there is no scope to breach it.

"The training is divided into physical and academic sessions and everything is prescheduled. If anyone is even one minute late for the training, that too is considered a breach of discipline," he told The Daily Star.

Naim, who was also former commissioner of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said the academy can discharge anvone who breaches discipline.

The trainee SIs can get an appointment letter from the academy and be attached to a police station only after successfully completing the training, he added.

A total of 804 trainee SIs from 52 districts were recruited in the 40th Outside Cadet SI batch after they passed a physical endurance test, a 250-mark written test, and a 50-mark viva test.

Of them, three were earlier discharged on the grounds of moral turpitude.

Those who passed joined the Sarda Police Academy for a year-long basic training. Earlier on Sunday,

the government highups, in an unusual and abrupt move, postponed the graduation parade of 62 probationer ASPs, creating an uncertainty among many trainees regarding their futures in the service.

The move came a day after Salauddin Ammar, a coordinator of the Rajshahi University unit of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, in a Facebook post alleged the 62 ASPs were recruited during the AL regime.

Tigers look to set Proteas FROM PAGE 12 stand from South Africa. Much

It created quite a bit frustration in the Bangladesh rank. After faced similar rearguard resistance from the Proteas.

"It happens in Test cricket, it's seen regularly. We see it too and at times it's annoying," Hasan said about the 100-plus seventh-wicket stand and the 66-run eighth-wicket

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Ravichandran Ashwin basics. You cannot take wickets if you just want it. basics. You cannot take to make a game of it. resurrected India's first You've to try to bowl wicket have spent a good time. They innings in Chennai just taking deliveries more, to recently, Bangladesh check the runs and bowl in long as they can, to build big partnerships. This is in our hands," Hasan said.

Not enough wicketdeliveries were taking however bowled, Tigers perhaps shooting themselves on the foot picking just one pacer in the line-up.

"But we try to bowl veteran Mushfiqur and the economical bowling but rest of the batters coming you've to maintain the after him if Bangladesh are

> "Joy and Mushfiq bhai partnerships and rest of the batters will have the same intention," Hasan relayed.

With three days to go there is a lot of time to bat but will Tigers have that mental agility to play deliveries to merit remains the question.

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