

Hunger deaths ‘likely’ in Gaza, Mali Sudan, Haiti

Warn UN agencies

AFP, Rome

UN food agencies yesterday warned of deadly hunger levels in 16 “hunger hotspots” in coming months, with Palestinian territories, Sudan and South Sudan, Mali and Haiti of most concern.

Conflict is driving most of the acute food insecurity in all those areas analysed by Food and Agriculture Organization and World Food Programme.

Extreme weather was a major factor in other regions, while economic inequality and high debt in many developing countries are hurting governments’ capacity to react, according to the joint report covering forecasts for November 2024 to May 2025. Humanitarian action was urgently needed to prevent death in Palestinian territories, Sudan, , Haiti, Mali, said the report.

ROHINGYAS

Six dead as boat carrying 100 arrives in Indonesia

REUTERS, Jakarta

Six people have died as nearly 100 Rohingyas landed by boat in Indonesia’s Aceh province, a local fishing community said yesterday, in the latest wave of arrivals to the Southeast Asian country in recent days.

Miftach Tjut Adek, chief of the community, told Reuters that the 96 arrivals, including seven children, were still at the local beach in the eastern part of Aceh on Sumatra island.

“There is no solution yet, they are still at the beach,” said Miftach.

About 300 Rohingyas came ashore last week in Indonesia’s Aceh and North Sumatra provinces. The United Nations’ refugee agency UNHCR has called on Indonesia’s government to ensure their safety.

UNHCR was providing aid to the Rohingyas together with local authorities, a spokesperson in Indonesia said.

Between October and April, when the seas are calmer, many Rohingya Muslims leave Myanmar on rickety boats for Thailand, Muslim-majority Indonesia, Malaysia and Bangladesh.

The Rohingyas leave Buddhist-majority Myanmar, where they are regarded as foreign interlopers from South Asia and are denied citizenship and subjected to abuse.



Ukrainian law enforcement officers comfort a woman crying over the body of her 15-year-old son, who was killed following a Russian missile attack in Kharkiv, Ukraine yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Hezbollah attack kills five in Israel

Six health workers killed in Israeli strikes in Lebanon’s south; US envoys push truce



REUTERS, Beirut

A Hezbollah attack on northern Israel’s Metula killed five people including an Israeli farmer and four foreign workers, Israel’s Channel 12 reported yesterday as Lebanon said Israeli strikes killed six health workers in the country’s south.

US envoys and Israeli officials were due to meet in Israel later to discuss efforts towards a ceasefire in both Lebanon, where Israeli forces are battling Iran-backed Hezbollah, and in Gaza, where they are fighting Hamas.

Israel issued an evacuation warning to residents of Baalbek in eastern Lebanon for a second consecutive day. On Wednesday it conducted heavy airstrikes targeting Hezbollah in and around the city, which is famed for its Roman temples.

Dozens of cars could be seen speeding out of the area after yesterday’s warning, with wafts of black smoke still visible emanating from the town of Douris, where an Israeli strike the previous day destroyed Hezbollah fuel stocks, according to the Israeli military and a Lebanese security source.

Thousands fleeing the violence have sought shelter in the nearby Christian-majority town Deir al-Ahmar, where local official Jean Fakhry said authorities were struggling to cover even a fraction of needs and some people had spent the night in their cars.

“We cannot continue this way,” he said.

The killing of six Lebanese health workers and wounding of four others in three separate strikes across south Lebanon yesterday brought the total toll of health workers killed and wounded in over a year of Israeli strikes to 178 and 279 respectively, the Lebanese health ministry said.

Hezbollah said it had launched several rocket and artillery attacks against Israeli forces near the southern town of Khiyam yesterday. It marked the fourth straight day of fighting in and around the strategic hilltop town, which is home to one of the largest Shi’ite communities in southern Lebanon.

Hezbollah aims to keep Israeli forces out of the town to prevent them detonating homes and buildings, as has happened on a large scale in other border towns, a source familiar with the group’s thinking told Reuters.

CONTESTED BORDER

Indian, Chinese troops exchange sweets on Diwali

AFP, New Delhi

Indian and Chinese troops yesterday exchanged boxes of sweets at two points on their contested high-altitude border on the occasion of Diwali, a week after the leaders of the Asian rivals held a rare meeting.

China and India, the world’s two most populous nations, are intense rivals and have accused each other of trying to seize territory along their unofficial divide, known as the Line of Actual Control.

However, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi met on the sidelines of a BRICS gathering in Russia on October 23, the pair’s first formal meeting in five years.

In their meeting, Xi said they should “strengthen communication and cooperation”, while Modi said “mutual trust” will guide ties with China.

It signalled a potential thaw between the nuclear-armed neighbours since clashes between their troops in 2020 over their border, which killed at least 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers.

Yesterday, photographs released by the Indian army showed soldiers shaking hands and handing gift-wrapped boxes of sweets in the rugged icy mountains of Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh, to mark India’s Hindu festival of lights, Diwali.

Stay home during flood rescue

Spain PM urges people in hard-hit regions as death toll rises to 158

AFP, Valencia

Spanish authorities yesterday told people in flood-stricken regions to stay at home as rescuers raced to find survivors in the rare disaster that has left at least 158 dead.

Spain began three days of mourning as rescuers with drones scoured towns devastated by the floods that hit the region around the eastern city of Valencia particularly hard.

“Please, stay at home... follow the calls of the emergency services,” pleaded Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez. “Right now the most important thing is to save as many lives as possible,” Sanchez told residents of eastern Valencia and Castellon provinces. Flags flew at half-mast on government buildings nationwide after a Mediterranean storm unleashed heavy rains and torrents of mud-filled water that swept away people, cars and homes.

Trump’s fraud claims raise alarms

AFP, Washington

Donald Trump has seized on isolated irregularities caught by US election officials to claim “cheating” has occurred, amplifying expectations that he will again reject results if he loses next week’s vote.

The Republican candidate has consistently declined to commit to accepting the result of the November 5 election, setting the stage for a repeat performance around the unfounded claim that his 2020 loss to Joe Biden was rigged.

Withdraw case

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Sanatan Jagaran Mancha leaders announced that protest rallies will be held in all divisional cities today. Besides, letters with the demand will be submitted to the government high ups through deputy commissioners of 64 districts on Monday.

Firoz Khan, a resident of the Mohora area, lodged the sedition case with Kotwali Police Station early yesterday.

According to the case statement, on October 25, a group of youths reportedly placed a saffron flag above the Bangladesh flag on a pillar at Zero Point near the New Market intersection during a rally organised by the Hindu community under the banner of Sanatan Jagaran Mancha.

The rally, held at Lal Dighi, was to press for eight-point demand, including forming a tribunal to prosecute minority oppression, enacting a minority protection act, establishing a ministry for minorities, and a five-day holiday for Durga Puja.

Police detained two of the accused – Rajesh Chowdhury and Hriday Das – in the Chattogram’s Sadarghat area on Wednesday evening, hours before the sedition case was filed. The two were shown arrested in the case later.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Puja Uddhapan Parishad in a statement yesterday demanded withdrawal of the case.

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