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SYRIA PRISONS

## Jordanian man returns home after 38 years

AFP, Amman

A Jordanian man has returned to his home country after spending 38 years in Syrian jails, an official said yesterday, after the fall of president Bashar al-Assad ended an agonising wait for his family.

The man, named as Osama Bashir Hassan al-Bataynah, was found in Syria "unconscious and suffering from memory loss", Jordanian foreign ministry said.

Kodat said the man's relatives reported his disappearance in 1986, when he was just 18, and that he had been in jail ever since. "He was transferred from Damascus to the Jaber border crossing (with Jordan) where he was handed over to border guards," added Kodat, saying the man had been reunited with his family yesterday morning.

The rebels who swept Assad from power on Sunday also opened the prisons and released thousands of detainees.



People looking for relatives talk to health workers and an anti-government fighter at the morgue of Harasta Hospital in Damascus, Syria yesterday, a day after 40 bodies bearing signs of torture were found.

## 104 journos killed in 2024

#### Says press group; over half of them in Gaza

AFP, Brussels

This year has been "particularly deadly" for journalists with 104 killed worldwide, over half of them being in Gaza, the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) said vesterday.

The toll for 2024 is down on the 129 deaths in 2023 but still makes it "one of the worst years" on record, IFJ general secretary Anthony Bellanger

According to the figures collated by the press group, 55 Palestinian media workers were killed in 2024 in the face of Israel's offensive in Gaza.

"Since the start of the offensive on 7 October 2023, at least 138 Palestinian journalists have been killed," the federation said.

Bellanger condemned the "massacre that is happening before the eyes of the world".

He said that "many journalists were targeted" in Gaza deliberately, while others had found themselves "in the wrong place, at the wrong time" in the fighting.

# China deploying largest fleet of ships in years

#### Says Taiwan as potential war games loom

REUTERS, Taipei

China is deploying its largest navy fleet in regional waters in nearly three decades, posing a threat to Taiwan that is more pronounced than previous Chinese war games, the Taiwanese defence ministry said yesterday.

Speaking in Taipei, defence ministry spokesperson Sun Li-fang said the scale of the current Chinese naval deployment in an area running from the southern Japanese islands down into the South China Sea was the largest since China held war games around Taiwan ahead of 1996 Taiwanese presidential elections.

China's military has yet to comment and has not confirmed it is carrying out any exercises. China, which views democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory over the north of Taiwan over the last day.

the island's rejection, had been expected to launch drills to express its anger at President Lai Ching-te's tour of the Pacific that ended on Friday, which included stopovers in Hawaii and the US territory of Guam.

Taiwan's military raised its alert on Monday after saying China had reserved airspace and deployed naval and coast guard vessels. "The current scale is the largest compared to the previous four," Sun said. "Regardless of whether they have announced drills, they are posing a great threats to us."

Senior ministry intelligence officer Hsieh Jih-sheng said there have so far been no live fire drills in China's seven "reserved" air space zones, two of which are in the Taiwan Strait, but there had been a significant increase in Chinese activity to

# Israeli strikes kill 34 in Gaza

### Dozens injured; tanks push into central, south parts of enclave

REUTERS, Cairo

Israeli strikes across the Gaza Strip killed at least 34 Palestinians overnight and yesterday, medics said, as Israeli tanks pushed into areas in central and southern parts of the enclave.

An Israeli airstrike killed at least 25 people in Beit Hanoun in northern Gaza, where Israeli forces have operated since October, and injured dozens of others in a multifloored building, medics said.

The Palestinian Civil Emergency said most of those killed were from the same family, including women and children. Images posted online, which Reuters couldn't immediately verify, showed the bodies lined up in a single mass grave in the town.

Another airstrike on a house in the Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza killed at least seven people. It wounded several others, medics and the Palestinian Civil Emergency Service said, while another killed two people in Rafah south of the enclave.

In Deir Al-Balah near the coast, Israeli naval forces detained six Palestinian fishermen who tried to sail into the Mediterranean Sea earlier yesterday, according to residents.

At least 44,786 Palestinians have been killed in the 14-month-old Israeli military campaign on Gaza that has followed, Gaza health authorities said yesterday.

>> Israeli naval forces detain six Palestinian fishermen

>> Death toll in Gaza rises to 44,786

Ceasefire efforts by Arab mediators Egypt and Qatar, backed by the United States, have failed to find agreement, but recent signs of optimism among Israeli and Palestinian officials have suggested a deal to end the offensive could be closer.

On Monday night, Israeli Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu said Hamas' increasing isolation after the downfall of Syria's Bashar al-Assad could open the door to a deal to return hostages but it was too early to say if efforts would succeed.

Yesterday, a Hamas official declined to disclose the content of negotiations but told Reuters mediators had recently stepped up their efforts, citing the group's willingness to show the flexibility needed "to end the aggression on our people".

A Palestinian official with knowledge of the mediation effort said Hamas had asked other Gaza factions to list the names of Israeli and foreign hostages in their custody, whether dead or alive, signalling potential progress in the talks.

Hamas wants a deal that ends the offensive and sees the release of Israeli and foreign hostages held captive in Gaza as well as Palestinians jailed by Israel, while Netanyahu has vowed the war can only end once Hamas is eradicated.

#### প্রধান প্রকৌশলী (পূর্ব) এর কার্যালয় বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে সিআরবি, চউগ্রাম-৪০০০। ই-জিপি টেভার নোটিশ ফোন: +৮৮০৩১২৮৬৩১৬২, ই-মেইল: cee@railway.gov.bd তারিখ: ০৮.১২.২০২৪ খ্রিঃ

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## India's opposition moves to impeach VP Dhankhar

REUTERS, New Delhi

Indian opposition parties yesterday moved to impeach Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, a spokesman said, accusing him of being partisan in his role as chairman of parliament's upper house, in a first such move in the country's history.

Dhankhar's office did not respond to a request for comment. The step follows several weeks of disruption in parliament, where government and opposition parties have accused each other of not allowing legislative business by creating political controversies.

The vice president holds India's second highest constitutional office, as well as being chair of the upper house of parliament. The vice president also acts as the country's president if there is a temporary vacancy.

Although the move is symbolic as the opposition parties do not have enough votes to remove him, it is expected to worsen the fraught relations between the opposition and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government as Dhankhar was elected as a candidate of Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

### Yunus among top 10 personalities

FROM PAGE 2 Following the Liberation War of 1971, which led to the birth of Bangladesh, Dr Yunus returned home to contribute to building the

newly independent nation.

Dr Yunus is widely acclaimed for his work pioneering in providing microcredit, small loans-often less

than \$100-to empower the underprivileged. While some companies offering small loans have faced criticism for exploiting the poor with exorbitant interest rates, Dr Yunus demonstrated how fair lending practices can transform the lives of the most vulnerable.

## Abdul Momen made ACC chairman

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Of the three, the will enjoy chairman salary, allowance, and other benefits equivalent to those of a judge of the Appellate Division, while the two commissioners will enjoy the same equivalent to those of a judge of the High Court Division.

Momen, who serving on a contractual basis in Ministry of Home Affairs, resigned from the position earlier. The Ministry of Public

his contractual appointment today and issued a separate order in this regard.

In 2013, Momen, while serving as a joint secretary, was sent into compulsory retirement.

Following the fall of Awami League government on August 5 following the student-led mass uprising, he was reappointed on a contractual basis as the secretary to the Public Security Division.

Later, he was promoted to the rank of senior Administration cancelled secretary.



