



Strike on Yemen migrant centre kills at least 68

Huthi rebel-controlled media in Yemen yesterday said that US strikes targeted a migrant detention centre in the movement's stronghold of Saada, killing at least 68 people.

The US military has hammered the Iran-backed Huthis with near-daily strikes since March 15 in an operation dubbed "Rough Rider," seeking to end the threat they pose to vessels in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

The Huthis launched strikes targeting Israel and Western vessels in the Red Sea, in what they describe as solidarity with the Palestinians.

On Sunday, the military said it has hit more than 800 targets in Yemen since mid-March, killing hundreds of Huthi rebels, including members of the group's leadership.

"The civil defence has announced that 68 African migrants were killed and 47 others wounded in the US attack targeting a centre for illegal migrants in the city of Saada," the Huthis' Al-Masirah TV said.

AFP could not independently confirm the veracity of Al-Masirah's claim that the strikes had hit a migrant detention centre, or the toll.

AFP has contacted the US military for comment.

According to a statement cited by Al-Masirah from the Huthi administration's interior ministry, the centre housed "115 migrants, all from Africa".

The broadcaster showed footage of bodies stuck under the rubble and of rescuers working to help the casualties.

Conclave to elect pope starts May 7

Catholic cardinals will meet on May 7 to start voting for a new pope, the Vatican announced yesterday, a week after the death of Pope Francis.

So-called "Princes of the Church" under the age of 80 will meet in the Sistine Chapel to choose a new religious leader of the world's 1.4 billion Catholics.

The date was decided at a meeting of cardinals of all ages early yesterday, two days after the funeral of Francis, who died on April 21 aged 88.

The Church's 252 cardinals were called back to Rome after the Argentine's death, although only 135 are eligible to vote in the conclave.

The Vatican yesterday closed the Sistine Chapel, where voting will take place under Michelangelo's 16th-century ceiling frescoes, to begin preparations.

So far, there are few clues as to who cardinals might choose.

Italian Cardinal Pietro Parolin, who under Francis was secretary of state is for many the favourite to succeed him.

British bookmakers William Hill put him slightly ahead of Filipino Luis Antonio Tagle, the Metropolitan Archbishop emeritus of Manila, followed by Ghana's Cardinal Peter Turkson.

Israel using aid blockage as 'weapon of war'

Palestinian official tells ICJ as food runs out in the tiny Palestinian enclave

A top Palestinian official yesterday told the International Court of Justice that Israel was blocking humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza as a "weapon of war", at the start of a week of hearings at the UN's top court.

Israel is not participating at the ICJ but hit back immediately, dismissing the hearings as "part of the systematic persecution and delegitimation" of the country.

The ICJ is hearing dozens of nations and organisations to draw up a so-called advisory opinion on Israel's humanitarian obligations to Palestinians, more than 50 days into its total blockage on aid entering war-ravaged Gaza.

Top Palestinian official Ammar Hijazi told judges that "all UN-supported bakeries in Gaza have been forced to shut their doors".

"Nine of every 10 Palestinians have no access to safe drinking water. Storage facilities of the UN and other international agencies are empty," added Hijazi.

"These are the facts. Starvation is here. Humanitarian aid is being used as a weapon of war," concluded the Palestinian representative.

Speaking in Jerusalem, Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said the case in The Hague was "part of a systematic persecution and delegitimation of Israel".

"It is not Israel that should be on trial. It is the UN and UNRWA",



A Palestinian mother cries, holding the body of her baby, at the Indonesian Hospital in the northern Gaza Strip yesterday. The baby was killed in an Israeli air strike.

he told reporters, referring to the United Nations aid agency for Palestinian refugees.

Israel has banned UNRWA from operating on Israeli soil.

UNRWA Secretary-General Philippe Lazzarini urged Israel "as an occupying power" to "provide services or facilitate their delivery -- including through UNRWA -- to the population it is occupying".

In December, the UN's General Assembly asked the ICJ for an advisory opinion "on a priority basis and with the utmost urgency".

The UN asked judges to clarify

Israel's legal duties towards the UN and its agencies, international organisations or third-party states to "ensure and facilitate the unhindered provision of urgently needed supplies essential to the survival of the Palestinian civilian population".

Israel strictly controls all inflows of international aid vital for the 2.4 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

It halted aid deliveries to Gaza on March 2, days before the collapse of a ceasefire that had significantly reduced hostilities after 15 months of war.

Iran port blast toll rises to 46

Firefighters in Iran battled raging fires yesterday at the country's largest commercial port, two days after a massive explosion killed at least 46 people, state TV reported.

The blast took place on Saturday at Shahid Rajaei Port in Iran's south near the strategic Strait of Hormuz, a waterway through which one-fifth of global oil output passes.

"The death toll in the Shahid Rajaei Port fire has reached 46," the official IRNA news agency reported, quoting Mehrdad Hassanzadeh, the crisis management director for Hormozgan province.

Officials had said more than 1,000 people were injured, but Hassanzadeh said most have now been released after treatment.

Only "138 wounded are still in hospital," he said.

Iran's state TV said the damage will be assessed after the fire is fully brought under control.

It was not immediately clear what caused the explosion but the port's customs office said it likely resulted from a fire that broke out at the hazardous and chemical materials storage depot.

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei ordered a probe into the incident to determine if there was "any negligence or intent".

First get guarantee for Rohingya return

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would only cover 20 percent of the population's needs. Combined with the near-total halt on trade, over 2 million people were at risk of starvation, it said.

Against this backdrop, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who visited Bangladesh in the middle of March, discussed with Bangladesh authorities the possibilities of a humanitarian corridor to Rakhine via Bangladesh, but added that it requires "authorisation and the cooperation of the parties to the conflict".

A UNSC resolution is

required for the deployment of UN Peacekeepers, said Niloy Ranjan Biswas, a professor of international relations at Dhaka University.

"It is unlikely that the UNSC permanent members China and Russia would agree to any such proposal if made ever."

For establishing a humanitarian corridor, it is important to ensure full security in Rakhine, he said.

"Myanmar junta and the Arakan Army must have a full ceasefire," Biswas said.

Every day, 30 to 40 Rohingyas are fleeing to Bangladesh, according to Mizanur Rahman, the refugee relief and

repatriation commissioner.

On the other hand, Bangladesh has to secure a guarantee that the AA, which now reportedly controls about 80 percent of Rakhine, ensures conditions for Rohingya repatriation, he said.

The Rohingyas are demanding a guarantee of citizenship, recognition as an ethnic group and safety in Rakhine from where they fled. Neither the Myanmar civilian administration nor the junta government ensured these demands in the past eight years.

"For Bangladesh, it is now very important to understand the position

of the Arakan Army for Rohingya repatriation," Biswas said.

It would have been better if the interim government detailed the conditions for the humanitarian corridor and how the UN proposed to guarantee security and help secure the AA commitment to Rohingya repatriation, he added.

On the sidelines of the BIMSTEC summit in Bangkok in April, Bangladesh's National Security Adviser Khalilur Rahman and Myanmar's Foreign Minister Than Swe held a meeting, where Swe confirmed that 180,000 Rohingya living in Bangladesh are eligible to

return.

Bangladesh is informally engaged with the AA.

"Myanmar is our neighbour. We need to consider our future relations with the country -- call it the central government or the Arakan Army -- as we take any policy towards it. We also need to see how the important countries like the US, India and China look at the issue," Ahmed said.

It is essential to ensure that no armed group can take advantage of the humanitarian corridor and fuel conflicts in the region, said a government official involved with the proceedings.

growing hostility towards women, highlighting how hateful behaviour and language are increasingly restricting women's freedom of movement.

"Violence against women is at an all-time high, yet no effective action is being taken by the state. Kidnappings, murders, and muggings have also risen sharply, making people feel increasingly insecure and endangered."

Rabeya also demanded the reinstatement of the 60 percent quota for women under the Primary School Teacher Recruitment Rule-2025, to ensure greater participation of women in the workforce.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Fauzia Moslem said eliminating violence against women is not solely the responsibility of women; rather, it must be a collective effort involving both the state and society.

"The persistent failure to

Hostility towards

break free from long-standing discriminatory customs and traditions has continued to create opportunities for misogynistic propaganda, alongside attempts to institutionalise these harmful practices within society. Such efforts to intimidate and confine women are absolutely unacceptable."

She added, "No state can afford to neglect Goal 5 -- Gender Equality -- in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals [SDGs]; the state is committed to this cause."

Fauzia also emphasised that efforts to establish women's rights must involve the entire population, not just isolated organisations.

The organisation's General Secretary Maleka Banu noted that demands for women's rights are increasingly being suppressed under the pretext of protecting societal and religious norms.

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This is for kind information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Alif Manufacturing Company Limited in its Board Meeting held on April 28, 2025 at 5:30 PM at registered office has approved the Un-audited Financial Statements for the Third Quarter (Q3) period ended March 31, 2025. The highlight of said financial statements of Third Quarter (Q3) are as follows:

Particular	July 01, 2024 to March 31, 2025 (9 Month)	July 01, 2023 to March 31, 2024 (9 Month)	January 01, 2025 to March 31, 2025 (3 Month)	January 01, 2024 to March 31, 2024 (3 Month)
Profit after Tax	40,739,635	55,100,988	15,331,484	23,409,262
Earnings Per Share (EPS) Tk.	0.16	0.21	0.06	0.09
Net operating cash flow per Share	0.22	0.36	-	-

Particular	As on March 31, 2025	As on June 30, 2024
Net Asset Value (NAV)	3,963,359,878	3,938,556,858
Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share	15.25	15.15
No of Share used to compute	259,927,022	259,927,022

Reason for decline EPS: Sales revenue in current period decreased by 20.21% compare to previous period.
Reason for decline NOCFPS: NOCFPS has decreased due to decrease the amount collection from sales compare to previous period.

Date: April 28, 2025

By the order of the board
Company Secretary
Alif Manufacturing Company Limited

Lightning strikes

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Another child, Abu Sufian, 7, was injured and later admitted to Comilla Medical College Hospital, said Barura Police OC Kazi Nazmul Haque.

In Kishoreganj, three people died in Austagram and Mithamoin upazilas.

The deceased are Indrajit Das, 30, of Halalpur village in Austagram, Swadhin Miya, 14, son of Idris Miya of Khairpur village in Austagram, and Fulesa Begum, 60, of Raniganj village in Mithamoin.

Fulesa was hit by lightning while drying paddy straw near her house at Shantiganj Haor around 8:30am, said Mithamoin Police Sub-Inspector Arpan Biswas.

Lightning struck Indrajit and Swadhin while they were harvesting

paddy in Halalpur Haor of Austagram upazila around 10:00am, said Austagram Police OC Md Ruhul Amin.

In Netrokona, 10-year-old Arafat, son of Abdus Salam of Tiyooshree village, was struck by lightning on his way to a madrasa in Madan upazila around 6:30am, said Madan Upazila Nirbahi Officer Aliduzzaman.

In Sunamganj, lightning struck a young man as he was bringing back his cattle from a nearby haor during a thunderstorm around 7:00am.

Rimon Talukder, 20, was an undergrad student at Shalla Government Degree College and a resident of Atgaon village, said Shalla Police OC Shafiqul Islam.

In Habiganj, Durbas Das, 35, died, and three others were injured in separate incidents of lightning strikes in Baniachong upazila.

The injured were taken to Sylher MAGOsmani Medical College and Hospital, Azadur Rahman, district relief and disaster management officer, told UNB.

In Shariatpur, Shefali Begum, 35, was hit by lightning while collecting grass for her cattle at a field in Bhedarganj upazila around 3:30pm.

Sakhipur Police Station OC Obaidul Haque said she died at a hospital.

Save the Society and Thunderstorm Awareness Forum (SSTAF), an NGO monitoring lightning-related casualties since 2019, reports that 1,322 people lost their lives to lightning strikes between 2019 and 2023, averaging 264 deaths annually.

[Our correspondents from Cumilla, Kishoreganj, Netrokona, Sylhet, and Shariatpur contributed to the report.]

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Department of Pharmacy
Admission Circular (Batch: 08P)
Fall 2025 (August-January)

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Class time: Friday and Saturday
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