

EAST LEBANON  
Israeli strike kills Hezbollah operative

AFP, Jerusalem

The Israeli army said yesterday that it killed a Hezbollah operative in the Bekaa region of east Lebanon who it said was directing militant cells in Syria.

“Yesterday evening (Tuesday), the (Israeli air force)... struck the terrorist Hossam Qasem Ghorab, a Hezbollah terrorist who operated from Lebanese territory to direct terrorist cells in Syria,” the army said in a statement.

The Syria-based cells “planned to launch rocket attacks toward the Golan Heights,” it added, referring the area annexed by Israel following the 1967 war with Syria.

Lebanon’s cabinet on Tuesday tasked the army with developing a plan to disarm militant group Hezbollah by the end of the year, an unprecedented step since civil war factions gave up their weapons decades ago.



Doves are released after the Peace Declaration during the annual memorial ceremony at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, Japan yesterday, to mark 80 years since the world’s first atomic bomb attack.

PHOTO: AFP

Trump suggests Vance his likely heir apparent in 2028

AFP, Washington

US President Donald Trump suggested on Tuesday Vice President JD Vance is “most likely” to secure the Republican party nomination for president in 2028.

Trump has avoided naming a preferred successor and said in February that, while Vance was “very capable,” it was too soon to make such calls.

Asked on Tuesday whether Vance was the heir apparent to his Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement, Trump told reporters: “Well, I think most likely.”

“In all fairness, he’s the vice president,” he said.

The remarks followed speculation that Trump might attempt to defy constitutional limits and seek a third term.

“It’s too early, obviously, to talk about it, but certainly he’s doing a great job,” Trump said.

“And he would be probably favored at this point.”

Trump also floated the idea of Vance teaming up with Secretary of State Marco Rubio to create a formidable Republican ticket.

“I think Marco is also somebody that maybe would get together with JD in some form,” Trump said.

Trump has suggested serving another term several times, despite the US Constitution limiting presidents to two terms.

T-shirts emblazoned with “Trump 2028” and “Rewrite the rules” continue to be sold on Trump’s official online store.

Israeli military chief opposes Gaza expansion  
Warns troops could be trapped in the enclave; 31 Palestinians, including 10 aid seekers killed in Israeli strikes

AGENCIES

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu faced pushback from the head of the military over his proposal to seize remaining areas of Gaza it doesn’t already control during a tense three-hour meeting, three Israeli officials said.

Eyal Zamir, the military chief of staff, warned the prime minister that taking the rest of Gaza could trap the military in the territory, which it withdrew from two decades ago, and could lead to harm to the hostages being held there, the sources briefed on the Tuesday meeting said.

The Israeli military says it already controls 75 percent of Gaza after nearly two years of offensive. Netanyahu, who favours an expansion of military operations, told Zamir that so far the military had failed to bring about the release of the hostages, the officials

- » Netanyahu plans to discuss strategy with ministers
- » 20 more Palestinians killed by overturned aid truck
- » Only 84 aid trucks entered Gaza on Tuesday amid crisis

Miroslav Jenca, UN assistant secretary-general for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas, told a Security Council meeting on Tuesday.

“There is no military solution to the conflict in Gaza or the broader Israeli-Palestinian conflict,” Jenca said.

In the ground, Israeli forces killed at least 31 Palestinians, including 10 aid seekers, across the Palestinian enclave since dawn yesterday, with one of the attacks targeting a United Nations clinic sheltering displaced people in Gaza City.

Gaza’s civil defence agency said that 20 more people were killed when an aid truck overturned on a crowd of aid seekers in the central Gaza Strip, reports AFP.

The incident took place near the Nuseirat refugee camp, as the truck was driving on an unsafe road that Israel had previously bombed.

Pakistan starts deporting registered Afghan refugees: UN

REUTERS, Peshawar

Pakistan has started to deport documented Afghan refugees ahead of its deadline for them to leave, according to the United Nations, in a move that could see more than 1 million Afghans expelled from the country.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said that it had received reports of arrests and expulsions of legally registered Afghans across the country before Pakistan’s September 1 deadline for them to leave.

The UNHCR said that sending the Afghans back in this way was a breach of Pakistan’s international obligations.

“UNHCR is calling on the government to stop the forcible return and adopt a humane approach to ensure voluntary, gradual, and dignified return of Afghans,” it said in a statement.

The voluntary return of the documented refugees shall commence forthwith, said a Pakistan’s interior ministry order seen by Reuters.

It said the formal deportation process will start after the deadline.

But Qaisar Khan Afridi, a spokesman for the UNHCR, told Reuters yesterday that hundreds of legally registered Afghan refugees had already been detained and deported to Afghanistan from August 1 to August 4.

NORTHERN INDIAN STATE  
Heavy rains, landslides hamper rescue efforts  
Dozens of people missing

REUTERS, Rishikesh

Heavy rain and blocked roads hampered rescue efforts in India’s Himalayan state of Uttarakhand yesterday, a day after sudden flooding and landslides killed four people and left dozens missing.

Teams of army and disaster force rescuers struggled to reach Dharali village, a popular tourist spot that serves as a pit-stop before climbing to the Hindu pilgrimage town of Gangotri, in Uttarkashi district, as landslides blocked a major highway and heavy rain continued to pelt the region, local media and authorities said.

“The number of missing persons is unknown, however the relief efforts have continued through the night. We are trying to rescue people and take them to safety,” an army colonel said.



Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh  
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Strengthening Public Financial Management System to Enable Service Delivery Program (SPFMS)  
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Memo No. 07.00.0000.000.29.017.20-830  
Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)  
Customized Training Program to Enhance Capacity of Public Finance Managers in Ministries/Divisions

Date: 07/08/2025

Description	
1 Ministry/Division	Finance Division, Ministry of Finance
2 Agency	Strengthening Public Financial Management Program to Enable Service Delivery (SPFMS)
3 Procurement Entity Name	Strengthening Public Financial Management Program to Enable Service Delivery (SPFMS)
4 Procurement Entity District	Dhaka
5 EOI for Selection of	Consulting Firm/ Training Institution/ Academic Institution (International)
6 EOI Ref. No.	P.9: Strategic Budgeting: Integrating Fiscal Strategy and Policy Analysis with Budget Monitoring and Evaluation
7 EOI Publication Date	7/8/2025
8 Key Information	
Procurement Method Applied	
Procurement Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
9 Funding Information	
Budget and Sources of Fund	GoB
10 Development Partner (if applicable)	None
11 Particular Information	
Project/Program Code	Not applicable
12 Project/Program Name	Strengthening Public Financial Management Program to Enable Service Delivery (SPFMS)
13 EOI Closing Date & Time	28/08/2025, 12:00 pm (Local Time)
Information of the Applicant:	
14 Brief Description of the Assignment	To arrange and deliver customized training—contextualized for Bangladesh—to support efficient and effective budget planning and execution with expertise in public financial management (PFM) special focus on Strategic Budgeting.
Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity required	
15 a) Qualification and Experiences	1. The trainig provider should have internationally recognized brand Legacy, rich history and strong alumni that will help the client in determining its capacity; 2. Wide range of knowledge and experiences in conducting trainings, preferably more than 05 years in the relevant fields 3. Extensive professional experience in conducting and managing trainings for the civil servants in particularly in Public Financial Management 4. Should have sufficient expert faculties/resource persons to provide specialized trainings.
b) Required Financial Capability	Adequate financial capacity to execute the training mentioned above.
16 Contract Execution Period	The duration of the contract is expected to be up to June, 2026
17 Other details (if required)	As stated in ToR
18 Association with Foreign Firm	Service provider may engage in alignment of ToR
Package details	
Indicative Start Date	October, 2025
Indicative Completion Date	October, 2025
Procurement Entity Details	Bilquis Jahan Rimi, Additional Secretary, Budget-1 Wing, Finance Division & NPD, SPFMS Program, Finance Division.
20 Address of Official Inviting EOI	Building No.-11, Level-10, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000
21 Contact Details of Official Inviting EOI	Phone: +880-2-9511050 bilquisrimi@gmail.com
22 Particular Instruction	• The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs for any reason whatsoever • Training organization will be selected in accordance with the procedure set out in Public Procurement Act 2006 and Public Procurement Rules 2008 • This EOI notice is also available in SPFMS website www.spfms.gov.bd • The list of required documents to be submitted with application will be in line with the Terms of Reference (ToR) published in www.spfms.gov.bd

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Additional Secretary, Budget Wing-1,  
Finance Division  
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