



A man evacuates a child from a kindergarten hit by a Russian drone strike in Kharkiv, Ukraine, yesterday.

Separate strikes on Ukraine's capital killed at least two people, a city official said.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Gaza health crisis to last for generations

Says WHO chief; most Americans support US recognition of Palestinian state: poll

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Gaza is experiencing a health "catastrophe" that will last for "generations to come", the director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO) has warned.

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told BBC Radio 4's Today programme that a massive increase in aid is needed to begin to address the complex needs of the Strip's population.

Israel has allowed more medical supplies and other aid to cross into Gaza since a ceasefire with Hamas came into effect on 10 October, but Dr Tedros said levels are below those needed to rebuild the territory's healthcare system.

His intervention comes as the US attempts to shore up the ceasefire helped to broker following an outbreak of violence at the weekend.



The agreement has been described by the White House as the first phase of a 20-point peace plan that includes an increase to the amount of aid entering Gaza, and supplies distributed "without interference" from either side.

Most Americans - including 80 percent of Democrats and 41 percent of Republicans - think the US should recognise Palestinian statehood, a sign that President Donald Trump's opposition to doing so is out of step with public opinion, a Reuters/Ipsos poll found.

The six-day poll, which closed on Monday, found 59 percent of respondents backed US recognition of a Palestinian state, while 33 percent were opposed and the rest were unsure or did not answer the question.

About half of Trump's Republicans - 53 percent - opposed doing so.

Trump, Modi talk trade as India, US seek to repair ties

AFP, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said yesterday he had held a conversation with Donald Trump, with the US president saying the pair had discussed trade as the countries negotiate a deal that could mend strained ties.

During a ceremony to mark Diwali on Tuesday, Trump told reporters he had spoken by phone with Modi. "We talked about trade - we talked about a lot of things, but mostly the world of trade," Trump said while lighting candles for the celebration at the White House. "He's very interested in that."

Modi thanked Trump for the call, saying on X that he hoped "our two great democracies continue to illuminate the world with hope."



A health worker wearing protective gear inspects a resident from Sukatani village at a community centre in Cikande, Banten, on Indonesia's island of Java, yesterday. A total of 64 residents living near the Cesium-137 radioactive exposure zone in the Modern Cikande Industrial Estate underwent health checks before being relocated to a designated safe area.

PHOTO: AFP

## 40 African migrants dead in shipwreck off Tunisia

AFP, Tunis

Forty migrants from sub-Saharan Africa were found dead yesterday following a shipwreck off Tunisia while 30 were rescued, a judicial spokesman told AFP.

"Initial investigations indicate that there were 70 people on board the vessel," said Walid Chtabri, spokesman for the public prosecutor's office in Mahdia.

"Forty bodies, including infants, were recovered, and 30 people were rescued," Chtabri added. "They were all from countries in sub-Saharan Africa." At least 61 bodies of migrants have been recovered over the past two weeks on the coast west of the Libyan capital Tripoli.

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recovered in Zuwarah, Abu Kammash and Mellitah, the center added.

It added that 12 bodies were buried, but some others were transported to the morgue for autopsies and documentation.

Pictures of medics were posted on the center's verified Facebook page showing them recovering the bodies from the beaches.

In mid-September, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) said at least 50 people had died after a vessel carrying 75 Sudanese refugees caught fire off Libya's coast.

"Remains of three bodies were found in Mellitah and 12 bodies in Zuwarah, all of them belonging to irregular migrants," the center said.

According to IOM data, a total of 894,890 migrants from 45 nationalities across 100 Libyan municipalities were residing in the country.

Another group of 34 bodies was

## India proposes strict rules to label AI content

### Cites growing risks

REUTERS, Bengaluru

India's government yesterday proposed that artificial intelligence and social media firms should clearly label AI-generated content to tackle the spread of deepfake and misinformation, prompted by similar moves by the European Union and China.

With nearly 1 billion internet users, the stakes are high in a sprawling country of many ethnic and religious communities where fake news risks stirring up deadly strife and AI deepfake videos have alarmed officials during elections.

The new rules require platforms to label AI-generated content with markers covering at least 10 percent of the surface area of a visual display or the initial 10 percent of the duration of an audio clip, placing more responsibilities on the likes of OpenAI, Meta, X and Google.

Social media companies will also have to obtain a



user declaration on whether uploaded information is AI-generated, and deploy reasonable technical measures to ensure checks and balances, the Indian government's draft proposal said.

The rules will "ensure visible labelling, metadata traceability, and transparency for all public-facing AI-generated media," India's IT ministry said, inviting suggestions from the public and industry by November 6.

## Global warming pushing planet to the brink

Says UN chief, urges countries to implement disaster warning systems to protect people

REUTERS, Geneva

The United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres warned yesterday that global warming is pushing the planet to the brink and urged countries to implement disaster warning systems to protect people against extreme weather.

"Every one of the last ten years has been the hottest in history. Ocean heat is breaking records while decimating ecosystems. And no country is safe from fires, floods, storms and heatwaves," he told delegates at the UN World Meteorological Organization's extraordinary conference in Geneva to mark its 75th year.

Guterres urged countries to mobilize funding to enable a global system of surveillance, known as Early Warning Systems, to protect people from extreme weather.

"They give farmers the power to protect their crops and livestock. Enable families to evacuate safely. And protect entire communities from devastation," Guterres said.

Getting notice 24 hours before a hazardous event can reduce damage by up to 30 percent, he added.

Over 60 percent of countries have introduced multi-hazard Early Warning Systems since Guterres launched an initiative in 2022 for all countries to have these in place by 2027.

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### International Tender Notice for Import of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice (Package-04, FY 2025-2026)

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