

SAGAING REGION 18 killed in Myanmar airstrike 20 others hurt

AFP, Tabayin

Eighteen people were killed in an airstrike on a town in central Myanmar, according to a local official, a rescue worker and two residents who spoke to AFP yesterday.

Myanmar has been rocked by civil war since the military snatched power in a 2021 coup, and its battles with numerous anti-coup fighters have brought frequent airstrikes that often kill civilians.

Two bombs were dropped on Tabayin township in Sagaing region on Friday evening, with one hitting a busy teashop, according to a local administration official.

He told AFP that 18 people were killed and 20 were wounded in the attacks.

"Deaths were high at the teashop as it was crowded time," he said.

Lanka unveils cyclone aid plan as rains persist

AFP, Colombo

Disaster-hit Sri Lanka has unveiled a major compensation package to rebuild homes damaged by a deadly cyclone, even as the island yesterday prepared for further landslides and flooding.

The government has confirmed 607 deaths, with another 214 people missing and feared dead, in what President Anura Kumara Dissanayake has called the country's most challenging natural disaster.

More than two million people -- nearly 10 percent of the population -- have been affected.

Survivors will be offered up to 10 million rupees (\$33,000) to buy land in a safer location and build a new house, the finance ministry said in a statement late Friday. The government is also offering one million rupees as compensation for each person killed or permanently disabled.

The Disaster Management Centre said more than 71,000 homes were damaged.



Palestinian children, many from displaced families, gather in the yard of the UNRWA Deir al-Balah Joint School in central Gaza yesterday, during the first phase of the fragile US-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Hamas.

PHOTO: AFP

Gaza talks at critical moment: Qatar's PM

Says truce not complete without 'full withdrawal' by Israel

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The nearly two-month-old ceasefire in the Gaza Strip will not be complete until Israeli troops withdraw from the Palestinian territory under a peace plan backed by Washington and the UN, mediator Qatar's prime minister said yesterday.

"Now we are at the critical moment... A ceasefire cannot be completed unless there is a full withdrawal of the Israeli forces, (and) there is stability back in Gaza,"

Qatari premier Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani told the Doha Forum, an annual diplomatic conference in the Gulf state's capital.

Qatar, alongside the United States and Egypt, helped secure the long-elusive truce in Gaza, which came into effect on October 10 and has mostly halted two years of fighting between Israel and Hamas.

Under a second phase of the deal, which has yet to begin, Israel is to withdraw from its positions in the territory, an interim authority is to take over governance, and an international stabilisation force (ISF) is to be deployed.

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» Doha meeting addressed developments on the ground in Gaza

new stabilisation force, which could end up fighting Hamas.

Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan, also speaking at the forum, said talks on the force were ongoing and critical questions remained as to its command structure and which countries would contribute.

But its first goal, Fidan said, "should be to separate Palestinians from the Israelis".

"This should be our main objective. Then we can address the other remaining issues," he added.

Hamas is also supposed to disarm under the 20-point plan first outlined by US President Donald Trump, with members who decommission their weapons allowed to leave Gaza. The group has repeatedly rejected the proposition.

Turkey has indicated it wants to take part in the stabilisation force, but its efforts are viewed unfavourably in Israel, which considers Ankara too close to Hamas.

"I think the only viable way to finish this war is to engage faithfully and forcefully in peace talks," Fidan said. Sheikh Mohammed said Qatar and fellow truce guarantors Turkey, Egypt and the US were "getting together in order to force the way forward for the next phase" of the deal.

"And this next phase is just also temporary from our perspective," he said. "If we are... just resolving what happened in the last two years, it's not enough," he continued, calling for a "lasting solution that provides justice for both people".



"US is still our biggest ally. I think we haven't always seen eye to eye on different topics, but I think the overall principle is still there."

EU foreign policy chief
Kaja Kallas
on US security strategy

Israeli push for buffer zone poses risk to Syria Says President Sharaa

AFP, Doha

President Ahmed al-Sharaa warned yesterday that Israel's demand for a demilitarised zone in southern Syria would endanger his country, as Israeli forces continue to operate in the area.

Israel sent troops into a UN-patrolled buffer zone which has separated Israeli and Syrian forces on the Golan Heights since 1974. Sharaa's Islamist forces toppled Syria's longtime ruler Bashar al-Assad's on December 8 last year.

Israel has also carried out repeated incursions deeper into Syrian territory since then as well as carrying out bombings, and has said it wants a demilitarised zone in the country's south.

Sharaa told the Doha Forum that Syria insists on the importance of the 1974 disengagement agreement with Israel "that has held for over 50 years -- in one way or another it is a successful agreement".

Tampering with the deal, "which enjoys international consensus and the consensus of the (UN) Security Council, and seeking other agreements such as a demilitarised zone... could lead us to a dangerous place," he said.

The United States is involved in negotiations between Israel and Syria to address the security concerns of both sides, Sharaa said, noting international support for Syria's demand that Israel withdraw to its pre-December 8 positions.

Lebanon arrests six after attack on UN patrol

AFP, Beirut

The Lebanese army has arrested six people after gunmen attacked UN peacekeepers patrolling in the south of the country, the military said yesterday.

The UN force, known as UNIFIL, had reported that six men riding on three mopeds opened fire on a patrol vehicle Thursday without hurting anyone.

Yesterday's statement said the army's intelligence directorate had followed up on the attack and arrested six Lebanese suspects.

The army said it would not tolerate attacks on UNIFIL, which it said carries out an important stabilising role south of the Litani river, near the Israeli border.

UNIFIL peacekeepers have been tasked with acting as a buffer between Israel and Lebanon since March 1978, and with monitoring the November 2024 ceasefire that sought to halt more than a year of hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah.

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Russia strikes Ukraine's power, transport sectors Says Kyiv; Poland scrambles jets overnight

REUTERS, Kyiv

A large-scale Russian drone and missile attack damaged power facilities in eight Ukrainian regions, causing blackouts and forcing nuclear power plants to cut power output, officials and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said yesterday.

Russia has intensified its attacks on Ukraine's energy sector and infrastructure in recent weeks, targeting power stations and railway hubs as winter deepens and the war approaches its fourth anniversary.

There was no breakthrough in US-brokered talks this week aimed at ending the conflict.

Ukraine operates three nuclear power plants which produce more than half of the country's electricity and IAEA said the plants cut production due to widespread military activities overnight.

The Ukrainian military said Russia had launched 653 drones and 51 missiles on Ukraine overnight. Ukrainian forces downed 585 drones and 30 missiles, the military said.

Power and heat generation facilities in Chernihiv, Zaporizhzhia, Lviv, and Dniproprostrovsk regions were targeted in the attack, Ukraine's ministry for development of communities and territories said.

It said on Telegram that 9,500 customers remained without heat and 34,000 without water supply in the southern Odessa region.

"Port facilities (in Odessa) have also been attacked: part of the infrastructure has been de-energised, and operators have switched to backup power from generators," the ministry said.



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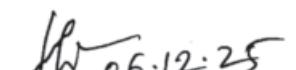
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