

# Gaza ops at risk from Israeli impediments

## UN, aid groups warn as dozens face de-registration by Dec 31

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The United Nations and aid groups warned on Wednesday that humanitarian operations in the Palestinian territories, particularly Gaza, were at risk of collapse if Israel does not lift impediments that include a “vague, arbitrary, and highly politicized” registration process.

Dozens of international aid groups face de-registration by December 31, which then means they have to close operations within 60 days, said the UN and more than 200 local and international aid groups in a joint statement.

“The deregistration of INGOs (international aid groups) in Gaza will have a catastrophic impact on access to essential and basic services,” the statement read.

“INGOs run or support the majority of field hospitals, primary healthcare centers, emergency shelter responses, water and sanitation services, nutrition stabilization centers for children with acute malnutrition, and critical

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- 30,000 children affected by storm damage to their shelters

mine action activities,” it said.

While some international aid groups have been registered under the system that was introduced in March, “the ongoing re-registration process and other arbitrary hindrances to humanitarian operations have left millions of dollars’ worth of essential supplies - including food, medical items, hygiene materials, and shelter assistance - stuck outside of Gaza and unable to reach people in need,” the statement read.

The humanitarian situation has become desperate as winter storms pummel the territory. This has been compounded by Israel’s refusal to allow vital supplies, including mobile homes, into Gaza. The United Nations reported that roughly 30,000 children have been affected by storm damage to their shelters.

Meanwhile, Qatar’s Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani has warned that daily Israeli breaches of the Gaza ceasefire are threatening the entire agreement, as he called for urgent progress towards the next phase of the deal to end Israel’s genocidal war on the besieged Palestinian enclave, reports Al Jazeera online.



Members of parliament from the Democratic Party, Albania’s biggest opposition party, protest against the government inside parliament in Tirana, yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

# Don’t make ‘fatal mistake’ in Venezuela

## Russia warns US after Trump orders ‘blockade’ of sanctioned oil tankers

**AFP, Moscow**

Russia yesterday called on Donald Trump’s administration not to make a “fatal mistake” in the Venezuela crisis, calling for restraint and saying it was in “constant contact” with its ally Caracas.

US President Donald Trump ordered a blockade of sanctioned oil tankers in Venezuela this week, marking a new escalation between Washington and the South American country led by leftist authoritarian Nicolas Maduro.

Venezuela has insisted its crude oil exports were not impacted by the announcement, showing defiance.

Maduro is a friend of the Kremlin’s and has been a regular guest in Moscow for years.

Moscow’s foreign ministry said it hoped the White House will “not allow a fatal mistake and will refrain from further sliding into a situation that threatens unpredictable consequences for the entire Western hemisphere.”


It called for a “de-escalation” and expressed support for Maduro’s government.

The Kremlin said it was in “constant contact” with its “ally and partner” Venezuela.

“We, of course, call on all countries of the region to show restraint in order to avoid any unpredictable development in the situation,” Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

“There are situations where the UN is indispensable, because nobody else can do that work... and we have mandates.”

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# Israel launches series of strikes on Lebanon

**AFP, Beirut**

Israel launched several strikes on southern and eastern Lebanon yesterday, Lebanese state media reported, as the Israeli military said “it targeted Hezbollah infrastructure including a military compound”.

Despite a November 2024 ceasefire that was supposed to end more than a year of hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah, Israel has kept up strikes on Lebanon and has also maintained troops in five southern areas it deems strategic.



# Delhi bans tandoors in its fight against air pollution

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The humble tandoor, used to prepare rotis and roasted delights, has become the latest target of Delhi’s pollution fight. The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) issued directions banning tandoors that use coal and firewood across all hotels, restaurants and open eateries in the city.

The air quality index in the Delhi region, home to 30 million people, has been in the “severe” category for the past few days, often crossing the 450-mark, reports Reuters.

In addition, shallow fog in parts of the city worsened visibility that affected flights and trains.

# Thailand bombs casino hub on border: Cambodia

**AFP, Phnom Penh**

Cambodia said Thailand’s military yesterday bombed the casino town of Poipet, a major crossing between the two nations, as foreign powers pressured them to halt reignited border clashes.

Thai forces “dropped two bombs in the area of Poipet Municipality, Banteay Meanchey Province” at around 11:00 am (0400 GMT) yesterday, the Cambodian defence ministry said in a statement.

Thailand has not yet confirmed any strike on Poipet – a bustling casino hub popular with Thai gamblers.

The renewed fighting between the Southeast Asian neighbours this month has killed at least 21 people in Thailand and 17 in Cambodia, while displacing around 800,000, officials said.

China said it was sending its special envoy for Asian affairs to Cambodia and Thailand yesterday for a “shuttle-diplomacy trip” to help bridge the gaps and “rebuild peace”.

“Through its own way, China has been working actively for deescalation,” Beijing’s foreign ministry said in a statement late Wednesday.

# Nepal’s ousted PM Oli re-elected as party leader

**AFP, Kathmandu**

Members of ousted Nepali prime minister KP Sharma Oli’s political party voted for him to retain leadership of the organisation yesterday, meaning he will oversee its preparations for national elections next year.

Members of the Communist Party of Nepal - Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) cast their ballots during a two-day general convention in the capital Kathmandu, which Oli won by a landslide.

The 73-year-old political veteran’s success comes after he stepped down as prime minister during a September youth-led uprising that toppled his government. Nepal will hold elections in March with a caretaker administration running the country in the meantime.



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