

9-year-old among 5 killed in Gaza

REUTERS, Cairo/Gaza
Israeli strikes killed five Palestinians, including a 9-year-old boy, in the Gaza Strip yesterday, health officials said.

Medics said an Israeli drone killed the child, Adel Al-Najjar, in eastern Khan Younis in the south of the enclave, while an Israeli airstrike targeted a vehicle in Gaza City, killing four people.

At Nasser Hospital's morgue, relatives arrived to bid farewell to Najjar.

The boy was collecting cardboard that the family uses for cooking, relatives said. There has been no electricity in Gaza since the war began in October 2023.

At least 800 Palestinians have been killed since the October 2025 ceasefire, according to local medics, while Israel says attacks have killed four of its soldiers over the same period.



Workers clear debris at the train collision site after the locomotive of a passenger train pierced through the rear car of a commuter train at Bekasi Timur Station in Bekasi, West Java, yesterday. The incident killed at least 15 people and injured dozens. PHOTO: AFP

Strikes kill or wound dozens of Afghans: UN
Taliban blame Pakistan

AFP, Asadabad
The United Nations yesterday said it has documented dozens of civilian casualties in strikes on Afghanistan a day earlier, while Taliban officials blamed on neighbouring Pakistan.

Hundreds of people have been killed since the two neighbours went to war in late February, according to UN figures, although the fighting has largely abated in recent weeks.

An uptick in violence in Afghanistan's eastern Kunar province on Monday killed seven civilians and wounded 85 others, a health official said.

The UN's mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said it had recorded "tens of civilians killed or injured" in strikes that hit a university and other parts of the provincial capital Asadabad.

Afghanistan's foreign ministry called the attacks a "clear breach of the country's territorial integrity" and summoned Pakistan's charge d'affaires in Kabul.

Pakistan's information ministry earlier denied attacking residential areas or the university, calling any such claim a "blatant lie".

Relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan have been fraught since Taliban officials took power in Kabul for a second time in 2021.

EU adopts new rules to protect cats, dogs

AFP, Strasbourg
EU lawmakers yesterday approved the first ever common European rules for cats and dogs including bans on abusive practices and illegal pet trading.

The European Union is home to over 72 million dogs and 83 million cats, according to the European Commission. The 27-country bloc has so far only had rules on health requirements for cats and dogs travelling inside the EU.

The rules introduce bans on harmful breeding practices as well as on ear cropping and tail-docking, and cats and dogs must have microchips.

The European Parliament in Strasbourg voted on the final text that also introduces minimum welfare criteria for dogs and cats in kennels and shelters.

The EU wants to better regulate a market worth 1.3 billion euros (\$1.5 billion) and animal rights groups say the rules will help tackle animal trafficking from countries like Bulgaria and Romania.

The law also prohibits inbreeding and the breeding of animals with accentuated traits, such as overly short legs, that could affect their welfare.

Inbreeding is allowed in some cases, such as species with low genetic diversity.

The final text bans crossbreeding between domestic and wild breeds, which can lead to behaviours unsuitable in domestic animals.

Israel denies 'territorial ambitions' in Lebanon

Issues more evacuation orders as it presses on offensive to enforce 'buffer zone' in the south



AFP, Jerusalem
Israel yesterday said it was not seeking to take territory in Lebanon, as its military issued a wave of new evacuation warnings for towns and villages in the battle-scarred south.

"Israel has no territorial ambitions in Lebanon. Our presence... serves one purpose: protecting our citizens," Foreign Minister Gideon Saar told a news conference.

"No country would be willing to live in such a way with a gun pointed to its head," he said as the military pressed its operations in Lebanon against Iran-backed Hezbollah.

Shortly after a ceasefire with Hezbollah came into effect on April 17, Israel declared a so-called "Yellow Line" - a strip of Lebanese territory around 10 kilometres (six miles) deep along the border within which Israeli troops are operating.

"In a reality where Hezbollah and other terror organisations - including Palestinian terror groups - are dismantled, Israel will have no need to maintain its presence in these areas," he added.

Despite the ceasefire, Israel and Hezbollah have both engaged in fighting, trading blame over violations of the fragile truce.

Yesterday's evacuation warning was aimed at residents in more than a dozen villages and towns, urging them to immediately head northwards.

"Out of concern for your safety, you are required to evacuate your homes immediately and move... towards the Sidon District," the military's Arabic-language spokesman Avichay Adraee wrote on X.

Shortly afterwards, Lebanon's state media reported that Israel carried out airstrikes across the south, hitting targets including the named areas.

It also said at least one Israeli demolition operation was taking place in the south.

All the areas listed for evacuation appear to be outside or on the border of the "Yellow Line". Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that Hezbollah's rockets and drones remained a key threat requiring ongoing military action.

MEDIA GALA SHOOTING
Accused charged with attempting to assassinate Trump

AFP, Washington
A man accused of trying to open fire on a media gala attended by Donald Trump in Washington this weekend was charged in court Monday with trying to assassinate the Republican president.

Cole Allen, 31, faces a sentence of up to life in prison if convicted of attempting to kill Trump during the White House Correspondents Association dinner at a hotel in the capital.

Allen was also charged with two firearms crimes. He did not enter a plea at the hearing in a federal court and was detained, pending his next court appearance.

Prosecutors told the Washington court that Allen was carrying a pump-action shotgun, a semi-automatic pistol and three knives when he tried to break through security at the Hilton, where the annual WHCA dinner has taken place for decades.

Several shots were fired before Allen was subdued in a chaotic encounter near a checkpoint. Allen never got close to Trump or the other guests.

The White House has blamed a "left-wing cult of hatred" for inciting violence, singling out Democratic politicians who have accused Trump of trying to amass authoritarian powers.

In a CBS interview on Sunday evening, Trump was asked if he feared there would be casualties as Washington's government and media elite ducked for cover at the black-tie dinner downstairs.

"I wasn't worried. I understand life. We live in a crazy world," Trump said.

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Advertisement for Khulna Development Authority (KDA) e-Tender Notice (OTM). It provides details about the tender for the widening and improvement of Khulna Shipyard Road, including the tender ID, date, and contact information for the project director, Md. Arman Hossain.