

Israeli strikes kill 4 in Gaza

IDF expands area under its control

REUTERS, Cairo

Israeli strikes killed four Palestinians, including a child, in the Gaza Strip yesterday, health officials there said, as Israel's military expanded the area under its control, according to residents.

The reports came as mediators in Cairo said they were pressing on with efforts to salvage a fragile US brokered ceasefire deal that has ended major clashes but left many key points unresolved.

Medics said two people were killed when an Israeli strike hit near a tent encampment in the Mawasi area of Khan Younis in the south of the enclave.

In the Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza, medics said two Palestinians, including an eight-year-old boy, were killed and others were wounded in an Israeli airstrike that hit near a group of people digging a well.

CHINA-NORTH KOREA SUMMIT

Xi vows unwavering support for Kim

Visit comes as Pyongyang grows trade, military ties with Russia

REUTERS, Beijing

China will not swerve from its commitment to safeguarding common interests with North Korea or waver in its support for Kim Jong Un, President Xi Jinping told Pyongyang's leader yesterday during a rare summit.

The neighbours should strengthen strategic ties and firmly protect their sovereignty, security, and development interests, Xi told Kim, an official Chinese summary of the meeting showed, as Beijing looks to draw Pyongyang closer.

Xi's two-day visit, his first in seven years to China's reclusive neighbour, comes at a time when its economy, strengthened by growing trade and military ties to Russia, could boost Kim's confidence in talks.

"I am deeply pleased and also feel a special sense of closeness," Xi told Kim on his first international trip this year. No matter how the international situation changed, he reaffirmed to Kim, China would continue to highly value its traditional friendship with North Korea, the summary showed.

"The firm support for Comrade General



Secretary Kim Jong Un's leadership of the DPRK socialist cause will not change, and the firm determination to safeguard common interests and good strategic environment ... will not change," Xi added.

He was referring to the North's formal name,

the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Chinese leader arrived to a red-carpet welcome from Kim and wife Ri Sol Ju, alongside a guard of honour, while children presented bouquets of flowers, video from Chinese state media showed.

Seek interpol help

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the 12 Engineer Battalion at Cumilla Cantonment at the time. From the outset, Tonu's family alleged that he led the brutal assault and murder. He has since been retired from service.

The other accused, Shahin Alam, from Gobindapur village under Pirjatrapur union in Cumilla's Burichang upazila, was serving with the 2 Signal Battalion at Cumilla Cantonment at the time.

A source said Shahin is currently abroad. He has since retired from the army or been retired from service, according to a Prothom Alo report.

In a separate petition submitted yesterday, investigator Tarikul said, "Since the case was initially treated as a murder with no identified leads, the army's findings may provide important evidentiary support."

He further informed the court that the two

suspects had left the country during the course of the investigation and were allegedly evading legal proceedings. "Evidence collected so far has established reasonable grounds to suspect their involvement in the killing, and their presence is required to verify information that has emerged during the investigation."

Yesterday was the scheduled date for submission of the investigation report.

Meanwhile, the investigating officer said evidence collected from samples found on Tonu's clothing indicates the involvement of another individual. DNA testing has now identified samples from four people on her clothing -- semen from three, and blood from one.

While information regarding the semen samples of three individuals had previously surfaced, the newly identified

person's blood sample has now been matched to Tonu's clothing.

Former senior warrant officer Hafizur Rahman, who was arrested in connection with the case, was produced before the Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court in Cumilla around 11:00am yesterday. No bail petition was filed on his behalf, and the court sent him to jail.

Hafizur, 52, retired from the army or was retired from service in 2023. He was arrested from his house in Keraniganj on April 21. At the time of Tonu's murder, he was also serving at Cumilla Cantonment.

On the evening of March 20, 2016, Tonu, a student of Comilla Victoria Government College, went to suspect Zahid's house inside Cumilla Cantonment to give private tuition to his children and never returned home. After a search, her body was found in bushes near the cantonment's power house.

BCB polls: Legality intact, legitimacy questioned

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Instead, it oversaw the formation of a 25-member board where many of the key positions were filled by figures already embedded within the same administrative ecosystem. Procedurally, everything appears intact. Politically and institutionally, however, questions linger about whether process alone can guarantee fairness when influence remains concentrated.

And that is where the unease begins -- not in legality, but in legitimacy.

Observers have long argued that the BCB operates within a structure where influence often travels faster than regulation. This latest election has only reinforced that perception, with recurring allegations of political proximity, informal backing, and behind-the-scenes alignment resurfacing once again -- not as isolated whispers, but as a familiar pattern that refuses to fade.

A closer examination of the councillorship and board composition adds texture to that concern. Several elected directors, according to widely reported accounts, are connected through family or institutional ties to influential political figures or state-linked networks.

In the club category, Israfil Khosru and Saeed Ibrahim Ahmed each secured 72 votes, placing them among the highest vote-getters. Both were previously part of the ad hoc structure. Israfil, councillor of Exium Cricketers, is the

son of Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, while Ibrahim of Fear Fighters Club is the son of Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed.

Another prominent name is Asif Rabbani, who received 64 votes and is the son of Golam Mohammad Siraj, Member of Parliament from Bogura-5 constituency. Yasir Abbas, also elected, is the son of Mirza Abbas, MP from Dhaka-10 and political adviser to the Prime Minister. Sakif Ahmed Salam, a businessman by profession, and Sarkar Mahbub Hossain Shamim, associated with the pro-government doctors' organisation DAB, further reflect the wide mix of business, political, and organisational backgrounds represented in the board.

In the district and divisional categories, the pattern continues in different forms across regions. In Khulna, BNP leader Shohiqul Alam and Shantonu Islam -- brother of Jashore's State Minister for Power and Energy Anindya Islam Amit -- were elected from among competing candidates. In Dhaka, Sayed Bin Zaman, son of Aviation and Tourism State Minister Rashiduzzaman Millat, secured a position unopposed.

From Chattogram, Moin Uddin Chowdhury of Lakshimpur, uncle of Water Resources Minister Shahid Uddin Chowdhury, was elected a director. In Rangpur, Mirza Faisal Amin, brother of Local

Government Minister and BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, also secured a directorship. Rajshahi's Mir Shakhrul Alam, son of State Minister Mir Shahae Alam, also entered the board, while Abdul Quyum Choudhury of Sylhet -- a former BCB director and current city corporation administrator -- returned once again.

Taken individually, these affiliations may appear as routine intersections between public life, business, and sports administration. Taken together, they reinforce a perception that access to cricket governance is often shaped as much by proximity to power as by sporting credentials or administrative expertise.

That is where the central tension sits: not whether politically connected individuals can or should participate in sports administration, but whether the system offers an equally open pathway for those without such networks to rise to the same table.

Tamim now stands at the apex of this structure, carrying both the credibility of a national sporting icon and the burden of leading an institution that repeatedly struggles to convince its stakeholders that outcomes are not predetermined.

And so, the question remains, unavoidable and unresolved: is this truly an elected leadership -- or an institution reflecting itself, then calling that reflection democracy?

Depositors pull

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He said deposits were also declining because of negative campaigns, customer demonstrations at branches, and seasonal factors. Many businesses are additionally withdrawing funds to meet operational needs. "The situation may return to normal once the current instability subsides."

According to Altaf, the bank's recent downgrade to the Z category in the stock market has also contributed to deposit outflows and increased pressure on the institution.

Khurshid's appointment at Islami Bank was announced on May 24. On June 1, the first working day after the Eid holidays, hundreds of people gathered in Motijheel, demanding that Bangladesh Bank cancel his appointment and reinstate former Islami Bank MD Omar Faruk Khan.

Khurshid was among four senior BB officials who resigned amid protests by central bank employees shortly after the fall of the Awami League government on August 5, 2024.

In a statement, the Conscious Customers' Forum said officials and employees enforced a two-hour work stoppage yesterday in support of its seven-point demand, including the resignation of the bank's "illegal chairman", the protection of depositors' funds, the safeguarding of customer interests, and the removal of alleged bank looters linked to the S Alam Group. 'JAMAAT LINKS' Although the Forum presents itself as a customer platform, industry insiders alleged that it gets support from Jamaat-e-Islami. Several bank employees are also believed to be sympathetic to the party.

In a statement on June 1, Jamaat Secretary General Mia Golam Porwar said police attacked ordinary customers protesting to protect the bank. He strongly condemned the police action and declared the party's support for the protesters' demands.

On June 5, Rezaul Karim, member of the party's central executive committee, wrote on Facebook that expatriate Bangladeshis would join the protesters.

According to the post, overseas Bangladeshis could launch various programmes, including a remittance shutdown similar to that seen during the July uprising, if the government fails to address customers' demands and continues "policies associated with the AL regime".

It warned of a broader movement involving customers at home and abroad, saying transparency, accountability, and customer protection must be ensured at the bank.

Individuals affiliated with Jamaat and various Islamic organisations

played a significant role in the bank's formation in 1983. Over the years, shifts in the country's political landscape have repeatedly influenced the bank's board and management.

Asked about the alleged links between Jamaat and the Customers' Forum, acting MD Altaf declined to comment.

He also denied allegations that bank officials were involved in the protests.

On June 1, Arif Hossain Khan, spokesperson for Bangladesh Bank, told journalists that no bank should be identified with a particular political party. "A political identity poses an extreme risk to a bank's existence."

He warned that if a bank seeks to grow under a specific political identity, it could become a serious threat to its long-term sustainability.

BAD LOANS

Islami Bank currently holds the largest volume of non-performing loans in the banking sector, amounting to Tk 95,629 crore, or 50.88 percent of its total loans.

The bank was taken over by the S Alam Group in 2017. The conglomerate later channelled around 80 percent of the bank's loans to its own companies and affiliated firms, according to allegations widely documented in the banking sector.

Following the fall of the AL regime, the bank was freed from the group's control and is now operating under a board of independent directors appointed with the oversight of Bangladesh Bank.

"A large share of the defaulted loans is linked to the S Alam Group, and recovery remains minimal," Altaf said.

He added that the bank is trying to recover loans from other borrowers as well, but progress has been slow because even regular customers have become reluctant to repay.

'You're a one-sided, crooked network'

Trump storms out of tense NBC interview

AFP, Washington

President Donald Trump lasted through probing questions about his Iran war strategy and repeated weather disruptions during an interview with US broadcaster NBC -- but angrily stormed out when confronted over his unfounded claims of election fraud.

"You're a one-sided, crooked network. Sorry. Let's call it quits because I've had enough. Thank you, darling. Have a good time," Trump told "Meet the Press" host Kristen Welker before standing up and walking out of the interview that aired Sunday.

Bangladesh seeks

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Uzbekistan, and later expanded to include India, Pakistan, Iran and Belarus.

Khalilur arrived in Moscow on Sunday for a three-day visit at Lavrov's invitation. Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kabir and Bangladesh Ambassador to Russia Md Nazrul Islam also attended the meeting.

During the talks, Khalilur sought Russia's support for concluding a free trade agreement between Bangladesh and the Eurasian Economic Commission, whose members include Russia, Belarus, Armenia,

Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

With annual bilateral trade exceeding \$2 billion, Bangladesh also sought duty-free, quota-free access for its products in the Russian market and requested a faster registration process for Bangladeshi goods.

The two sides reviewed progress on the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant, the flagship project of Bangladesh-Russia cooperation. The first unit was commissioned on April 28, while the second is expected to begin operations later this year. Once fully operational,

the plant is expected to generate up to 10 percent of Bangladesh's total electricity supply.

The ministers agreed to expand cooperation across a range of sectors, including power, energy, agriculture, research, technology, culture, education, tourism, transport and defence.

Khalilur also invited Russian investment in Bangladesh's special economic zones and hi-tech parks, particularly in light of heavy engineering, food and agro-processing, petrochemicals, steel manufacturing and information technology.

32 killed in major quake

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The Philippine seismology agency said there were more than 200 aftershocks, at least nine of those strong and felt across Mindanao, the highest at a magnitude 6.7.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr ordered an immediate disaster response in Mindanao, an island the size of South Korea, with agencies directed to prepare relief supplies and evacuation centres and be ready for possible rescue operations.

"The national government is moving and we will not leave Mindanao behind," Marcos said in a statement.

The Philippines and Indonesia experience hundreds of quakes each year and sit on tectonically complex parts of the "Pacific Ring of Fire", a seismically active belt stretching from South America to the Russian Far East.

Damage to buildings, utilities and infrastructure was still being assessed,

but the worst affected area was General Santos, a city of about 700,000 people, where shops and buildings were damaged, some with broken signs and glass, others reduced to piles of concrete and rubble.

Video shared by the local government showed the collapse of a building housing a fast-food restaurant, with panicked onlookers fleeing as a cloud of dust spread quickly through the air.

One General Santos hospital was evacuated due to concerns about cracks on higher floors. One of the buildings at the city's Notre Dame of Dadiangas University collapsed, but no one was inside.

"I had to duck and shelter myself under the table. And it was very long and strong," the university's president Manuel de Leon told broadcaster DZMM.

The quake struck just as schools were returning from a long break.

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পদের নাম: প্রোগ্রাম ম্যানেজার (সংখ্যা-১টি)

যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা: বিএসসি ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং (সিভিল) ও কমপক্ষে ১২ বৎসরের কর্ম-অভিজ্ঞতা অথবা যে কোন প্রকৌশল বিভাগ অথবা কর্তৃপক্ষ অথবা সমমানের প্রতিষ্ঠানের তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী পদাধীনে জ্যেষ্ঠ প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল) অথবা অবসরপ্রাপ্ত অনুরূপ পূর্ব-প্রকৌশলী। ব্যাভিনামা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে এমবিএ ডিগ্রীধারী প্রার্থীদেরকে প্রাধান্য দেয়া হবে।

বয়স: আবেদন জমা দেওয়ার শেষ তারিখ অনুযায়ী সর্বনিম্ন ৪০ বছর এবং সর্বোচ্চ ৬০ বছর।

কাজের পরিধি: প্রোগ্রাম ম্যানেজার (সিভিল) এর প্রকৌশল শাখার সামগ্রিক তত্ত্বাবধান তথা প্রাথমিক কার্যক্রমের বিষয়ে ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালককে অবহিত করার দায়িত্বপ্রাপ্ত। একই সাথে তিনি প্রকৌশল শাখার তত্ত্বাবধান, অবকাঠামো উন্নয়ন পরিকল্পনা প্রণয়ন এবং দরপত্র-ই-দরপত্র সিস্টেমসহ (বিডিং ডকুমেন্ট) পর্যবেক্ষণসহ প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন ইত্যাদির দায়িত্বপ্রাপ্ত হবেন।

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সাধারণ আবেদন: প্রার্থীদের প্রকৌশল সংক্রান্ত সর্বশেষ কম্পিউটার প্রোগ্রাম/এপ্লিকেশনস পরিচালনা ও ব্যবহারের পাদদেশী এবং ইংরেজী ও বাংলা ভাষায় প্রতিবেদন প্রণয়ন ও উপস্থাপনে সাক্ষরী হতে হবে।

আবেদনপত্র দাখিলের নিয়ম: যথাযথ যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থীদের লিখিত আবেদনপত্র বিতারিত জীবন বৃত্তান্ত, সম্প্রতি তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের এক কপি রঙিন ছবি, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র এবং সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদ ও অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পর্কিত প্রকল্পসমূহের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি সহ আগামী ০৯ জুলাই ২০২৬ খ্রিস্টাব্দ তারিখ অবধি অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে যথেষ্ট 'ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ মিউনিসিপাল ডেভেলপমেন্ট ফান্ড (বিএমডিএফ), গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক ভবন (লেভেল-১৩), মিরপুর-২, ঢাকা-১২১৬' এই ঠিকানায় প্রেরণ করতে হবে। সরকারি/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সংস্থা এবং অন্যান্য সংস্থার কর্মরতদের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। আবেদনপত্র অবশ্যই যথাযথ খামে দাখিল করতে হবে। খামের উপরের অংশে প্রার্থিত পদের নাম এবং বাম দিকে আবেদনকারীর পূর্ণ নাম, বর্তমান যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা, মোবাইল নম্বর এবং ই-মেইল ঠিকানা স্পষ্ট ভাবে উল্লেখ করতে হবে। অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য করা হবে।

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