

9 trapped in cave amid Taiwan quake rescued

HUALIEN

RESCUERS freed nine people trapped in a winding cave in Taiwan's mountainous east on Friday, while locating two others who were feared dead, as they searched for those still missing after the island's biggest earthquake in 25 years.

The official death toll from Wednesday's magnitude-7.4 quake still stood at 10, but the government in the hardest-hit area of Hualien said two more people on a hiking trail were found with "no signs of life".

Crushed by a landslide, the two were buried deep beneath massive boulders, making it difficult for workers to get to them. "Their bodies have been found, but they have not been excavated yet. We will add them to the death toll after they are excavated and identified," said Interior Minister Lin Yuchang. Hundreds more were still stranded around the mountains that flank the county on Friday, with roads blocked off by landslides and rockfalls. However, most were known to be safe as rescuers deployed helicopters, drones and smaller

teams with dogs to reach them. Rescuers had found nine people alive in a cave popular with tourists called the Tunnel of Nine Turns on Friday.

"I kept praying and praying," a woman evacuated from the cave told reporters, adding that the earthquake had sounded like "a bomb". In the main city of Hualien, authorities allowed residents to enter a building with a crumbling facade at 15-minute intervals so that they could retrieve their belongings. Some opted to throw mattresses and bags of clothing out the window, while a young mother slowly carried a cot out for her 10-month-old baby.

"We are told the building has become dangerous and there probably won't be another chance to move our things afterwards," said the 24-year-old woman surnamed Chen. "During the big quake... I was only thinking about protecting my baby at the time," she said. "I didn't expect it to be so serious". Ten minutes away, workers started demolishing a building named Uranus, which was tilting at a 45-degree angle after half its first floor pancaked.



Debris is seen along a staircase of an apartment building damaged in Wednesday's earthquake, in Taiwan's Hualien County | AFP

Israel agrees to let more aid into Gaza after deaths

Military admits 'grave mistake' in killing of western aid workers

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL on Friday said it is taking steps to increase the flow of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip, including reopening a key border crossing into hard-hit northern Gaza.

"Israel will allow the temporary delivery of humanitarian aid" through the Ashdod Port and the Erez land crossing, as well as increased deliveries from Jordan at the Kerem Shalom crossing, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said.

Netanyahu's office announced the plans, just hours after President Joe Biden told him that future US support for the war in Gaza depends on Israel taking more action to protect civilians and aid workers. The announcement did not elaborate on quantities or types of items to be let in.

Still, despite their differences, the Biden administration has continued to provide Israel crucial military aid and diplomatic support for Israel's six-month war against Hamas. Israel faces growing international isolation after its forces killed seven aid workers helping deliver food in Gaza.

The Israeli army on Friday admitted a series of errors and violations of its rules in the killing of seven aid workers in Gaza, saying it had mistakenly believed it was "targeting armed Hamas operatives".

The two brigade officers who ordered the drone strikes, a



Children play amid the rubble of destroyed buildings in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip on Friday | AFP

McDonald's to acquire Israeli franchises

New York: McDonald's Corporation said Thursday it will acquire Alonyal, which owns 225 McDonald's restaurants in Israel which have been hit by calls for a boycott over the war with Hamas in Gaza. McDonald's said in a statement the deal was subject to conditions which it did not identify

colonel and a major, are being fired, the army said, and its Southern Command chief reprimanded. It was a rare confession of wrongdoing by Israel in its nearly six-month war against Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip, where the health ministry of the Hamas-ruled territory says more than 33,000

people have been killed.

The aid group has said its team was travelling in a "deconflicted" area at the time of the strike. "Despite coordinating movements with the (Israeli army), the convoy was hit as it was leaving the Deir al-Balah warehouse," WCK said. The army said aid was moved at night to avoid deadly stampedes by hungry Gazans.

The aid workers' deaths "outraged" US President Joe Biden who demanded Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu order steps toward an "immediate ceasefire".

Israeli general Yoav Har-Even, who is leading the investigation, admitted that "the three air strikes were in violation of standard operating procedures".

Israel blocks GPS amid Iran's threat of attack

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S military blocked GPS signals in certain places and strengthened "alertness" as its war against Hamas in Gaza nears its seventh month. It comes as Israeli military is strengthening its defences after a deadly air strike on the Iranian consulate in Syria's Damascus drew threats of retaliation.

Armed forces spokesman Daniel Hagari confirmed the jamming of GPS signals, which is intended to defend against guided weapons like missiles or drones. "We strengthened the alertness of combat units, where needed," Rear Admiral Hagari said. "We have reinforced the defence systems and we have aircraft prepared for defence and ready to attack in a variety of scenarios."



Among other measures, Israeli Army paused leave for combat units. "The (army) is at war and the issue of the deployment of forces is constantly reviewed according to need," the military said in announcing the leave suspension. The army also said that, after an assessment, officials decided to increase manpower and draft reserve soldiers to operate air defences.

As Israel has fought in Gaza since the Hamas attack of October 7, it has also stepped up strikes against Iranian personnel and allies in Syria and Lebanon. Israel has traded near-daily cross-border fire with Iran-backed Lebanese militant group Hezbollah.

Tensions have been inflamed by Monday's strike against the Iranian consulate in Damascus which killed 16 people.



GAZA TOLL SO FAR

33,494

UN body calls for halt to arms transfer

The UN's top human rights body called on countries to stop selling or shipping weapons to Israel in a resolution passed on Friday that aims to help prevent rights violations against Palestinians amid Israel's blistering military campaign in Gaza. The 47-member-country Human Rights Council voted 18 in favour of the resolution

SINGAPORE

TEACH TAMIL TO CHILDREN: MINISTER

An Indian-origin minister in Singapore has emphasised the importance of Tamil language as a mother tongue, underscoring the need to introduce children to one of the four official languages in the city-state. The education system encourages mother tongue as a second language in schools. "We need to ensure our children have opportunities to be constantly exposed to Tamil," said Indraneel Rajah, minister in the Prime Minister's Office

ASIA MATTERS



THAILAND

AIRPORTS GEAR UP FOR INFUX OF VISITORS

International airports in Thailand are gearing up for an influx of visitors during the upcoming Songkran festival. The country's six airports will welcome 2.61 million passengers during the festival

INDONESIA

MINISTERS DENY CLAIMS OF AID MISUSE

Four Indonesian Cabinet members testified Friday that no rules were violated in the distribution of government aid during the recent election campaign, despite claims by the two losing presidential candidates that it was used for the benefit of the election winner. Defence Minister Prabowo Subianto won the election with 58.6% of the votes, more than twice the amount received by each of the two runners-up in the three-way race, according to the General Election Commission

Rare quake rattles New York buildings

NEW YORK

AN earthquake shook the densely populated New York City metropolitan area Friday morning, the US Geological Survey said, with residents across the Northeast reporting rumbling in a region where people are unaccustomed to feeling the ground move.

The agency reported an earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 4.8, centred near Lebanon, New Jersey, or about 45 miles west of New York City. Figures from the US Geological Survey indicated that the quake might have been felt by more than 42 million people.

At the United Nations, which has its headquarters in New York, a Security Council meeting on the situation in war-hit Gaza Strip was temporarily paused after the tremor. The shaking stirred memories of the 2011, earthquake that jolted tens of millions of people from Georgia to Canada, leaving cracks in the Washington Monument. Agencies

Summer heat forces thousands of schools to close in Philippines

MANILA

THOUSANDS of schools in the Philippines suspended in-person classes Friday, the education department said, as parts of the country endured dangerously high temperatures.

The months of March, April and May are typically the hottest and driest in the archipelago nation, but conditions this year have been exacerbated by the El Nino phenomenon.

Many schools have no air-conditioning, leaving students to swelter in crowded, poorly ventilated classrooms. "Even my smartest student is not in the mood to answer questions because it's very hot," said Mayette Paulino, who teaches a grade two class of around 27 children near Manila.

Paulino said "students feel tired and seem sleepy" as the heat intensified in the afternoon. Some schools have reduced class hours to avoid teaching during the hottest times of the day.

Bheapril Balbin, 37, whose two children attend a primary school near Manila, supported

Luzon island hardest hit

The Department of Education, which oversees more than 47,000 schools nationwide, issued an advisory giving school heads the power to decide when to switch to remote learning

5,288

schools had suspended in-person classes, affecting more than 3.6 million students, after 4,769 schools on Thursday. Central regions of the main island of Luzon were the hardest hit, with more than 1,600 schools suspending in-person classes

35.5°C

Friday's actual maximum temperature in Manila

EL NINO EFFECT

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The heat will get worse because we're not yet at the peak of the summer season

Lorie Dela Cruz, state weather forecaster

Destroyed 6 Russian war planes in attacks: Ukraine

KYIV

UKRAINIAN officials claimed on Friday they used a barrage of drones to destroy at least six military aircraft and badly damaged eight others at an airfield in Russia's Rostov region. Russian defence officials, however, claimed they intercepted 44 Ukrainian drones and that only a power substation was damaged in the attack.

The assault appeared to be one of Kyiv's biggest air attacks in the war, coming as its forces stepped up their assaults on Russian soil. Russia has also escalated attacks on civilian infrastructure, including Ukraine's power plants, in recent weeks, signalling a new and potentially dangerous phase in the conflict as both sides struggle to achieve significant advances on the ground. The overnight attack targeted a military airfield near Morozovsk in Russia and was con-

ducted by Ukraine's Security Service in cooperation with the army. Ukrainian intelligence officials told the AP.

They said around 20 members of the airfield's personnel were killed or injured. Morozovsk airfield was used by Russian bombers that have been launching guided aerial bombs at Ukraine's cities and frontline positions, the officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to publicly discuss the operation.

If true, the attack would be among Ukraine's most successful cross-border strikes. Last October, Ukraine claimed it destroyed nine Russian helicopters at two airfields in Russian-occupied regions using long-range ballistic missiles donated by the United States. Last August, Ukrainian media, claimed that drone attacks hit parked Russian bomber aircraft at air bases deep inside Russia. AP

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
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