

women were forced to remove hijabs for mug shots. NYC will pay USD 17.5M to settle their suit



Table with weather forecasts for various cities including Beijing, Colombo, Dhaka, Dubai, Houston, Istanbul, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne, Moscow, New York, Singapore, Toronto, and Washington.

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.



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

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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.

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.



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.

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".

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 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

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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.



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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

EXPRESS READ Missing California dog found 3,000 km away from home WASHINGTON: A dog that went missing in California was found more than 2,000 miles away in suburban Detroit. Staff at a shelter found the dog, Mishka, had a microchip, which identified her owners

Yellen calls for level playing field for American firms in China Beijing: US Treasury Chief Janet Yellen called for a "level playing field" between the US and Chinese companies, telling officials during a visit to China that Beijing's subsidies threatened that balance

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.

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