

Israeli fire injures 3 Lebanese soldiers: medical source

BEIRUT: Three Lebanese soldiers were lightly injured Friday by Israeli shelling in southern Lebanon, medical sources said, while the Lebanese army reported no casualties in a second attack on a hospital. Hezbollah also announced the death of four of its fighters on Friday. "Israeli artillery fire targeted the vicinity of a Lebanese army post in Ras el-Naqura, lightly injuring three soldiers," a medical source told AFP. An AFP photographer at the scene saw the soldiers lying on stretchers, exhibiting signs of breathing difficulties but with no open wounds.

Why did Israel fail to foil Hamas attack plot despite specific warnings?

LONDON: On Oct. 6, 1973, Israel was taken completely unawares by an attack by a coalition of Middle East states, led by Egypt, that came very close to wiping it off the map.

In the end Israel, backed by a massive airlift of advanced weaponry and other support from the US, survived the Yom Kippur War, albeit at great cost – more than 2,600 of its soldiers were killed, and thousands more wounded.

But "it was a massive intelligence failure," said Ahron Bregman, a UK-based Israeli historian, author and political scientist.

Israelis kill 6 Palestinians in West Bank assault

RAMALLAH: Israeli forces shot dead six Palestinians on Friday in a raid on a refugee camp in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian Health Ministry said, as the army confirmed it conducted a "counterterrorism" operation.

Gaza health system 'is on its knees'

GENEVA: Gaza's health system is on its knees and cannot afford to lose another ambulance or a single hospital bed, the World Health Organization has warned, "The situation is getting more and more horrible by the day ... beyond belief, literally," WHO spokesperson Christian Lindmeier told a press briefing in Geneva.

"The health system is on its knees. Gaza cannot afford to lose any more health facilities, another single ambulance, any more hospitals ... or even a single hospital bed more."

Hamas says Israel destroyed historic Gaza mosque

CAIRO: Hamas said on Friday that Israel had bombed Gaza's medieval Omari Mosque causing widespread destruction to the building and calling it a "heinous, barbaric crime."

Photographs carried by Hamas-run media in Gaza that Reuters could not immediately verify showed massive damage to the mosque, with fallen walls and roofs and a huge crack at the bottom of the stone minaret.

Reuters journalists from Gaza identified the minaret in the picture as being that of the Omari Mosque.