

## **Putin in flurry of Gulf diplomacy**

MOSCOW: Just a few hours after returning to Moscow from a visit to Saudi Arabia and the UAE, Russian President Vladimir Putin held talks with Omani Crown Prince Theyazin bin Haitham and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi.

The talks are part of these countries' efforts to relieve regional tensions in light of the Gaza conflict.

Palestine was one of the main topics of discussion between Putin and Raisi. "What is happening in Palestine, in Gaza, is of course genocide and a crime against humanity," said Raisi.

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## **Gaza children sleep hungry and wake hungry in Rafah camp**

RAFAH, Gaza Strip: Displaced Gazans sheltering in a school courtyard in Rafah were resorting to desperate measures such as diluting baby milk powder in too much water or giving children one meal a day because there was not enough food to go around.

At the southern tip of Gaza, on the border with Egypt, the Rafah area was the only one in the whole of the Palestinian enclave to have received limited aid deliveries over the past four days, the UN humanitarian office said on Thursday.

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## **Turkish-Israeli ties to be tested after latest row over Hamas**

ANKARA: Following Israeli security chief Ronen Bar's pledge to pursue Hamas leaders overseas, all eyes are now on Turkiye to gauge whether this development will further escalate tension in relations between the two countries.

In a recording released by Israel's public broadcaster Kan on Sunday, Bar, the head of Israel's domestic security agency Shin Bet, stated that Israel intends to wipe out Hamas leaders in Qatar, Lebanon, and Turkiye.

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## Israeli bombing injures students at educational institute in southern Lebanon

BEIRUT: Several students were left injured after Israeli shelling on Thursday struck an educational institution in the southern Lebanese town of Qunin.

The attack came amid ongoing border exchanges between the Israeli army and Hezbollah.

Qunin, in Lebanon's Bint Jbeil district, is 120 km from Beirut but not directly on the border. It was hit by a series of explosions, and videos posted on social media showed rockets landing in the town and residents running for safety.

Witnesses claimed smoke bombs were followed by artillery shelling.

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## Egypt's foreign minister looks to build on strategic relationship with US

CAIRO: Egypt's Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry has met Michael McCaul, the US Republican representative who chairs the House Foreign Affairs Committee, during his visit to the US.

Shoukry spoke of Egypt's desire to increase coordination and consultation between the two countries while building on their strategic relationship and partnership.

He looked at the significant developments that Egypt has witnessed over the years in economic and social policy.