

[Hostage-prisoner swap brings Israeli practice of detaining Palestinian children out of the shadows](#)

Ongoing hostage-for-prisoners exchange opens the world's eyes to arrests, interrogations, and even abuse of Palestinian children by Israeli authorities

[Turkiye's growing military exports to Russia prompt US scrutiny, urgent diplomatic visit](#)

ANKARA: Turkiye has found itself under heightened US scrutiny over a rise in the export of potentially sanctions-busting goods to Russia.

US Undersecretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Brian Nelson was this week due in Ankara and Istanbul to follow up on American fears that Turkiye could inadvertently be fueling Moscow's military campaign in Ukraine.

Nelson, making his second visit to Turkiye this year, will investigate trade activities that may unintentionally be aiding Russia's war efforts through third-party exports.

[Iraq sees risk of regional conflict if Gaza war resumes](#)

BAGHDAD: Iraq sees a risk of regional conflict if the current truce in Gaza is not turned into a permanent cease-fire, the Iraqi prime minister's foreign affairs adviser said, as mediators sought an extension of the temporary four-day Israel-Hamas truce.

Israel's devastating bombardment of Gaza in response to Hamas' Oct. 7 attack on Israel has drawn in Iran-aligned armed groups in the region including Lebanese Hezbollah and several Iraqi factions, who have mounted near-daily attacks on Israeli and US forces.

[UN Security Council urged to consider all options to protect Darfur civilians](#)

CAIRO: An international watchdog has urged the UN Security Council to consider all options to protect civilians in Sudan's Darfur region after the latest attacks killed hundreds of civilians.

The paramilitary Rapid Support Forces has been at war against the Sudanese military since mid-April, when months of tension exploded into open fighting in Khartoum, and other urban areas.

[How Israel bombing campaign endangers Gaza's archaeological treasures](#)

DUBAI: Steeped in more than 5,000 years of history, Gaza has long been an archaeological treasure trove, with workers at construction sites regularly uncovering ancient gems.

Discoveries such as the monastery of Saint Hilarion, and Tel Umm el-Amr, arguably Gaza's largest archaeological site, are perhaps unsurprising given Gaza's proximity to holy places of Christianity, Islam and Judaism, three of the world's biggest religions.

Gaza's historical significance stems also from its location on ancient trade routes between Egypt and the Levant.