

## Israel reopens Gaza aid crossing as US pushes for restraint

GAZA STRIP: Israel reopened an aid crossing into Gaza on Friday as staunch ally the United States urged more restraint in its all-out offensive against Hamas.

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## Israeli army opens a probe after security videos show troops killing 2 Palestinians at close range

JERUSALEM: Israel on Friday said it was opening a military police investigation into the killing of two Palestinians in the West Bank after an Israeli human rights group posted videos that appeared to show Israeli troops killing the men – one who was incapacitated and the second unarmed – during a military raid in a West Bank refugee camp.

The B'Tselem human rights group accused the army of carrying out a pair of “illegal executions.”

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## Why Benjamin Netanyahu's political fate is tightly entwined with the war in Gaza

LONDON: Hopes for a peaceful resolution to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas are contingent upon a change of leadership at the top of the Knesset, as it seems incumbent Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is convinced peace is not an option.

That, at least, is the view of several experts, who believe Netanyahu's obsession with seeing the decades-old conflict between Israel and the Palestinians as something that can only be managed, not brought to an end, has impeded all other alternatives.

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## **Hungry, thirsty and humiliated: Israel's mass arrest campaign sows fear in northern Gaza**

DEIR AL-BALAH: The Israeli military has rounded up hundreds of Palestinians across the northern Gaza Strip, separating families and forcing men to strip to their underwear before trucking some to a detention camp on the beach, where they spent hours, in some cases days, subjected to hunger and cold, according to human rights activists, distraught relatives and released detainees themselves.

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## **Israeli military admits killing 3 hostages by mistake during an 'intense battle' in Gaza**

JERUSALEM: The Israeli military mistakenly killed three hostages being held in Gaza by Hamas during an incident which is "under review," a military spokesperson said on Friday.

The military said the hostages were killed during combat with militants in Gaza and expressed its condolences to the families while saying there would be "full transparency" in the investigation into the incident.

A statement from the military said the hostages were killed during an intense battle with Palestinian militants in Gaza.