

Israeli military seizes broader control of northern Gaza and captures key government buildings

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip: The Israeli military seized broader control of northern Gaza on Tuesday, including capturing the territory's legislature building and its police headquarters, in gains that carried high symbolic value in the country's quest to crush the ruling Hamas militant group. Meanwhile, Palestinian authorities called for a cease-fire to evacuate three dozen newborns and other patients trapped inside Gaza's biggest hospital as Israeli forces battled Hamas in the streets just outside.

Israel approves some fuel for UN trucks in Gaza: Reuters

BEIRUT: Israel has given approval for 24,000 liters of diesel fuel to be used by trucks for United Nations operations in the Gaza Strip, a humanitarian source said on Tuesday. The fuel is only meant for UN trucks, and not for hospitals, the source said. The United States pressured the UN to accept the fuel, the source added. The Israeli military had no immediate comment. There was no immediate comment from Hamas.

Hamas armed wing discussed releasing 70 hostages in return for 5-day truce

CAIRO: The armed wing of Palestinian militant group Hamas said on Monday they told Qatari mediators that the group is ready to release up to 70 women and children held in Gaza in return for a five-day truce. "The truce should include a complete cease-fire and allowing aid and humanitarian relief everywhere in the Gaza Strip," Abu Ubaida, the spokesman for the armed wing of Hamas, Alqassam Brigades, said in a recorded audio published on the group's Telegram channel. He went on to accuse Israel of "procrastinating and evading" the price of the deal.

Jordan, Morocco sign medical cooperation agreement

AMMAN: Officials from the Jordan Medical Association and Morocco's National Council of the Order of Physicians (CNOM) have signed a cooperation agreement, the Jordan News Agency reported on Monday.

The deal was inked by JMA chief, Ziad Zoubi, and CNOM president, Mohammadin Boubekri.

A Moroccan medical delegation visited Jordan on Sunday to establish a framework for developing programs in areas of mutual interest.

Israeli army confirms identity of soldier held hostage by Hamas

JERUSALEM: The Israeli army confirmed on Tuesday the identity of a soldier being held hostage by Hamas, after the armed wing of the Palestinian group published a video showing the young woman in captivity.

"Our hearts go out to the Marciano family, whose daughter, Noa, was brutally kidnapped by the Hamas terrorist organization," the army said in a statement released shortly after midnight.

"We are using all means, both intelligence and operational, to bring the hostages home."