

## **Three Palestinians killed in West Bank violence**

RAMALLAH: Three Palestinians were killed on Thursday by Israeli fire in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian Health Ministry said, and an Israeli was killed in a Palestinian shooting attack, according to first responders.

Violence has surged across the West Bank for months and intensified further since the start of the war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, triggered by the Palestinian group's unprecedented attack on Israeli soil on Oct. 7.

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## **US warns Sudan unit against 'imminent large-scale attack' in Darfur**

WASHINGTON: US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Thursday warned Sudan's paramilitary force against what Washington called an "imminent large-scale attack" in North Darfur's capital, where thousands were seeking refuge from fighting.

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## **Hamas says seven hostages killed in Jabalia camp bombing**

GAZA STRIP: Hamas said on Wednesday that seven hostages from its Oct. 7 attacks, including three foreign passport holders, were killed in Israel's bombing of Gaza's largest refugee camp.

Dozens of bodies were seen on Tuesday at the Jabalia camp where Israel said it killed a Hamas military commander in a strike on a tunnel complex.

"Seven detainees were killed in the Jabalia massacre yesterday, including three holders of foreign passports," said a Hamas military wing statement.

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## **How Gaza hostage diplomacy could dictate the course of Israel-Hamas war**

LONDON: One of the defining images that emerged in the aftermath of the attack on Israel on Oct. 7 was a frame taken from a video, widely disseminated on social media, showing an elderly Israeli woman being driven away into captivity on a golf cart.

It was no coincidence that this image was released, nor that it was so widely used by media organizations around the world. Kidnapping is a visceral act, designed precisely to generate emotional responses that can only benefit the agenda of the hostage-takers.

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## **First British nationals cross into Egypt from Gaza**

LONDON: A first group of British nationals have entered Egypt from Gaza via the Rafah crossing, Britain's Foreign Office said on Wednesday. The Foreign Office said it had agreed a list of British nationals that want to leave Gaza with Egyptian and Israeli authorities and would be informed in advance when those on the list can use the crossing. Britain's Foreign Secretary James Cleverly on X social media platform called Wednesday's crossing "a hugely important first step."