

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."

Houthis under mounting international scrutiny over death of aid worker in detention

AL-MUKALLA: The UK and EU joined 25 international organizations in urging the Houthis in Yemen to investigate the death of a humanitarian worker in their custody.

The UK Embassy in Yemen expressed condolences on Tuesday to the family of Save the Children worker Hisham Al-Hakimi, who died inside a Houthi detention facility last week, and appealed for details on how he died to be released.

Bodies line Gaza hospital wall and surgeons operate in corridors

GAZA: Dozens of bodies lay shrouded in white, lined up against the side of Gaza Strip's Indonesian Hospital on Tuesday from what health authorities in the Hamas-run enclave said was an Israeli airstrike on a Palestinian refugee camp.

The hospital had already been struggling under an influx of patients badly wounded by Israeli bombing, with medics setting up an operating room in a corridor because the main surgical theaters were full, they said.

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LONDON: Syrians are growing increasingly concerned that repeated Israeli airstrikes and incursions could drag the country into the intensifying Israel-Hamas war, extending Syria's decade-long existence as a proxy battleground.

In the three weeks since Hamas' deadly assault on sites across the Israeli border of the Gaza Strip, Israel has launched attacks against Syria's civilian airports in Aleppo and Damascus, including a simultaneous strike on Oct. 12.

[Gaza now a 'graveyard' for thousands of children: UN](#)

JERUSALEM/GENEVA: The Gaza Strip has become a graveyard for thousands of children, the UN said on Tuesday, as it feared the prospect of more dying of dehydration.

Israel has heavily bombarded Gaza since Hamas gunmen stormed across the border on Oct. 7, killing 1,400 people, mostly civilians, and kidnapping at least 240 others, according to Israeli officials.

The Health Ministry in the Hamas-run Gaza Strip said the strikes have killed more than 8,500 people, mainly civilians.