

[Egypt discusses Gaza aid, rejects corridors for civilians, say sources](#)

CAIRO: Egypt has discussed plans with the United States and others to provide humanitarian aid through its border with Gaza Strip but rejects any move to set up safe corridors for refugees fleeing the enclave, Egyptian security sources said on Wednesday.

Gaza, a tiny coastal strip of land wedged between Israel in the north and east and Egypt to the southwest, is home to some 2.3 million people who have been living under a blockade since Palestinian Islamist group Hamas took control there in 2007.

[Arab League slams Israel siege of Gaza, demands aid for Gazans](#)

CAIRO: Arab foreign ministers on Wednesday denounced Israel's siege of Gaza following the shock attack by Palestinian militants on Israel, demanding that aid be "immediately" allowed to enter the blockaded enclave.

Israel has imposed a "complete siege" on the Gaza Strip, cutting off the water supply, food, electricity and other essential supplies, after Saturday's massive assault by Hamas militants that has killed hundreds on both sides.

[Palestinian UN envoy accuses Israel of 'genocidal' campaign against Gaza](#)

UNITED NATIONS: The Palestinian envoy to the United Nations on Tuesday described Israel's bombardment of the Gaza Strip and vow to impose a complete siege on the Hamas-controlled Palestinian enclave as "nothing less than genocidal."

Hamas militants carried out their deadliest attack in Israel's history on Saturday, when gunmen rampaged through Israeli towns, killing more than 1,000 people and taking scores of hostages to Gaza. Israel has retaliated with air strikes on Gaza that have razed entire districts as it prepares for a possible ground offensive.

Jordan denies US Army is using bases in the country to deliver supplies to Israel

LONDON: A source in the Jordanian Armed Forces on Tuesday denied suggestions that the US Army is using military bases in Jordan to deliver supplies to Israel, the Kuwait News Agency reported.

The source said that rumors that US military aircraft had taken off from Jordan are baseless. Such allegations are part of a smear campaign against Jordan and its firm position and ongoing efforts in support of the Palestinian cause, they added, and highlight the importance of obtaining news from reliable sources.

Kuwait elected as new member of UN Human Rights Council

LONDON: The UN General Assembly on Tuesday elected Kuwait as one of 15 new members of the Human Rights Council.

The council, the membership of which consists of 47 countries elected by secret ballot, is responsible for upholding and advancing fundamental freedoms around the world.

Kuwait joins Albania, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, China, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, France, Ghana, Indonesia, Japan, Malawi and the Netherlands as new members who will for three years beginning on Jan. 1.