

Hamas warns hostages doomed unless Israel meets demands

GAZA STRIP, Palestinian Territories: Hamas warned Sunday that no hostages would leave Gaza alive unless its demands for prisoner releases are met.

Syria intercepts Israeli rockets fired on Damascus surroundings

DAMASCUS: Syria's air defense intercepted Israeli rockets fired at the surroundings of the capital Damascus, Syrian state media said on Sunday.

Arab, Turkish foreign ministers call for urgent Gaza ceasefire during Canada visit

LONDON: A delegation of Arab and Turkish foreign ministers on Saturday reiterated the importance of an immediate ceasefire to return security and stability to the Gaza Strip during a visit to the Canadian capital. The delegation, headed by Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan, was received by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Ottawa, before beginning an official round of talks with Foreign Minister Melanie Joly, the Kingdom's Foreign Ministry said.

Yemen's Houthi militia threaten Israel-bound Red Sea ships

SANAA: Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels threatened on Saturday to attack any vessels heading to Israeli ports unless food and medicine were allowed into the besieged Gaza Strip.

The latest warning comes amid heightened tensions in the Red Sea and surrounding waters following a series of maritime attacks by Houthi rebels since the start of the Israel-Hamas war on October 7.

In a statement posted on social media, the Houthis said they "will prevent the passage of ships heading to the Zionist entity" if humanitarian aid is

not allowed into Hamas-ruled Gaza.

'Bring them home': Israelis call for hostages' release

TEL AVIV: Hundreds of Israelis gathered in what has come to be known as Hostages Square in Tel Aviv on Saturday to call for the release of nearly 140 people still being held captive by Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

As speakers took to the stage, those in the crowd held placards bearing messages like "they trust us to get them out of hell," and "bring them home now."

Ruby Chen, the father of 19-year-old hostage Itai Chen, said from the podium: "We are asking the Israeli cabinet, the war cabinet, to explain what exactly is on the negotiating table."