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Hamas, Israel war, total casualties exceed 900

TEL AVIV/GAZA (Online): After the unexpected attack by Hamas, the death toll of Israeli citizens has increased to more than 600 and dozens of people, including soldiers, have been taken hostage.

While according to Palestinian officials, at least 370 Palestinians have been killed and nearly 2,000 injured in Israeli airstrikes in the Gaza Strip.

In this way, the total number of casualties has exceeded 900 in the clashes between Hamas and Israel that have been going on for 2 days.

The Israeli army said fighting is ongoing in eight locations in its territory.

According to media reports, the current tension between Israel and Palestine has now completed 24 hours.

After the sudden attack by Hamas, the Israeli army could not recover even for the second day.

The death toll of Israelis in various clashes has exceeded 600, including more than 100 military commanders and officials.

On the other hand, the Israeli army, in a cowardly operation, bombarded the

houses of Hamas commanders in Gaza throughout the night. Everywhere there are scenes of destruction.

According to the Ministry of Health in the Gaza Strip, more than 313 Palestinians, including children, were martyred in these attacks.

According to local media reports, fierce clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian militants are ongoing in many parts of southern Israel.

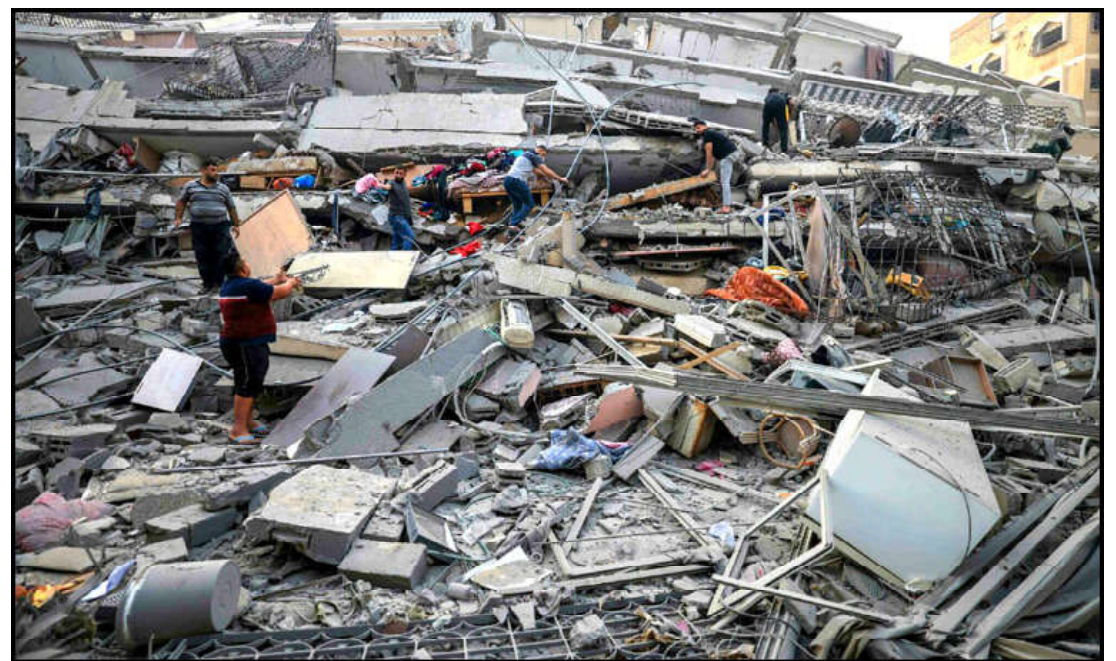
The Israeli army said it had regained control of most of the south, but

heavy fighting was still ongoing in Israeli areas near the Gaza border, including Be'er and Sderot.

The Israeli embassy in the UK has confirmed that Jack Marlowe, a British national, is missing.

He was working as security staff at an outdoor dance festival near the Gaza border when the attack took place.

The Times of Israel quoted an IDF spokesman as saying that more than 400 Palestinian militants have been killed and dozens arrested in southern Israel and the Gaza Strip.



People inspect a building destroyed in Israeli strikes in Gaza City.



HYFERABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister of Education, Madad Ali Sindhi giving Book of Shah Latif poetry to student during Shah Latif day function on late Saturday night at Public school.

Madad Ali Sindhi emphasizes domestic and int'l trainings for teachers to promote quality education

HYDERABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Madad Ali Sindhi has emphasized the importance of training for teachers at domestically and internationally to promote quality education in the country.

He highlighted the need for well-prepared educators to play an effective role in shaping a better future for children.

He made these remarks while addressing as special guest at the 'Latif Night' program held at Public School Hyderabad here on Saturday night.

The federal minister invited the students of the School for a one-week recreational visit to Islamabad. He also proposed training opportunities for the school's teachers in Islamabad and pledged to provide 5,000 books of the National Book Foundation for the school.

Sindhi praised the outstanding performance of students during the Latif Night program, expressing his hope that such programs would continue in the future.

He stressed the need for organizing programs that celebrate Sufi poets' contributions in schools and colleges across the country, as he added, it has been observed that such programs were gradually being marginalized from our priorities.

Regarding the status

Caretaker Federal Minister Solangi says: Giving date of elections not mandate of caretaker regime

Nawaz did not flee country illegally; No ban on PTI for upcoming elections, says info minister

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi has said that it was not the mandate and responsibility of caretaker government to give date for general election in the country.

Talking to WE News on Sunday, the minister said Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) was an autonomous constitutional institution, and since the day, he took oath as minister, he was in constant contact with the ECP.

The minister said he had full faith and confidence in the capability and leadership of the ECP, and the elections would be held on the date announced by the

Election Commission.

To a question he said that Pakistan People's Party was one of the major political parties of the country.

"We are going through the phase of election and during the environment of election, any party and its leadership had the freedom to give their stand on any important issue", he maintained.

Murtaza Solangi said that media in Pakistan enjoyed freedom and the courts were also free, adding all registered political parties had equal opportunities.

The Election Commission of Pakistan and caretaker government

would ensure equal opportunities for all political parties in the upcoming elections, he added.

The minister stated that there was no ban on PTI as a political party.

Replying to a question, he said that the process of privatization was not initiated by caretaker government, previous parliament and its elected government decided to privatize various entities.

"We are bound to implement the decisions of the previous parliament and the previous government," Murtaza Solangi opined.

The minister stressed the need for reformation in the institutions.

Israeli occupying forces should immediately stop violence, oppression: FM

ISLAMABAD (Online): Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani has expressed deep concern over the growing tension in the Middle East and said that the Israeli occupying forces should immediately stop the violence and oppression, deeply saddened by the loss of innocent lives.

More than 300 Palestinians have been martyred after Israel launched retaliatory air strikes in the Gaza Strip following Hamas's operation "Al-Aqsa Storm" which saw 5,000 rockets being launched into Israel from Gaza, followed by gunmen infiltrating areas in the southern region of the country.

The foreign minister also expressed concern over the volatile situation and the loss of precious Palesti-

nian lives.

"Pakistan is deeply concerned by the escalating hostility in the Middle East and the loss of innocent lives. We stand in solidarity with Palestinians and call for an immediate end to the violence and oppression by Israeli occupation forces," Jilani wrote on his X account.

Furthermore, the caretaker minister also called for the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state on the basis of pre-1967 borders and according to the United Nations (UN) resolutions. According to the Palestinian health ministry, at least 370 Palestinians have been martyred, including 20 children, and nearly 2,000 wounded by Israeli air strikes in Gaza since Saturday.

President urges world to play role for international peace

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Sunday called upon the international community to play its active role for peaceful resolution of the Israel-Palestine dispute in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions and international law.

In a post on X, he said progress towards peace could not materialise without condemnation of usurpation and brutalisation of Palestinian rights and people by Israel. "Continuous annexation of land, illegal settlements, disproportionate reactions and killings. The result is no hope and no progress towards peace," the president added. He said time had come to move forward in line with UN resolutions, adding "international community can play a big role today towards world peace."

Nawaz's return to end 'days of sadness', says Maryam at Lahore rally

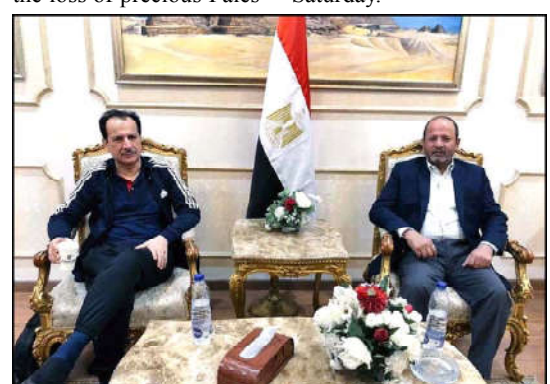
PML-N leader says her father preferred 'suffering days of hardship' instead of remaining in power

LAHORE (INP): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Senior Vice President Maryam Nawaz expressed optimism on Sunday about the return of her father, Nawaz Sharif, to Pakistan on October 21, aiming to bring an end to what she referred to as a "seven-year period of prolonged sorrow".

Addressing a public gathering in Lahore, Maryam remarked that Nawaz Sharif had suffered more days of hardship instead of remaining in power corridors, emphasising

former prime minister's commitment to the nation's well-being.

Maryam highlighted the PML-N's economic achievements under Nawaz Sharif's leadership and challenged the audience to recall any other prime minister who had successfully reduced the prices of essential commodities. Amidst an enthusiastic crowd displaying placards bearing Nawaz Sharif's images, Maryam expressed her anticipation of the joyous reception her father would receive upon his return on October 21.



CAIRO: Egypt Ambassador Sajid Bilal receives Federal Ministry for National Health services Dr. Nadeem Jan upon arrival at Cairo airport.

13 billions money laundering discloses under the guise of solar panels

KARACHI (Online): Directorate of Post Clearance Audit FBR (Federal Board of Revenue) has exposed the money laundering of Rs.13 billion in the name of solar panel import and over invoicing. According to media reports, the Directorate of Post Clearance Audit FBR Karachi has identified 6 more fake companies of solar panels during the customs clearance audit, and money worth 13 billion rupees has been transferred abroad under the guise of solar panels on behalf of these fake companies.

Sources said that out of these 6 fictitious companies, 3 are related to Karachi and the other 3 are related to Quetta, 6 fictitious companies include Messrs. SH Traders, Messrs. Sahar International, Messrs. Delta

Trading, Messrs. Smart Impex, Messrs. Ehsanullah Import Export and Asadullah Enterprises. After the customs clearance audit, it has been pointed out that the above 6 fictitious companies have submitted a total of 687 goods declarations to the customs department for the clearance of imported solar panels, out of which 443 goods declarations contain excess prices of imported solar panels. Over-invoicing was revealed and money laundering of 3 billion was done.

Sources said that the said 6 fictitious solar import companies showed the value of solar panels worth 9 billion rupees in the goods declaration at 13 billion, while 2 importers M/s Smart Impex, M/s Asadullah Enterprises sold solar panels worth 4 billion.

Asif Zardari expresses solidarity with Palestinian

KARACHI (APP): Former President and President of the Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians (PPPP), Asif Ali Zardari, has expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people.

In a message here on Sunday, he said that the sympathies of the people of Pakistan and prayers are with their Palestinian brethren.

He said that the Palestinian people have been facing oppression and brutality for a long time. He urged the international community and international mediators to raise their voices in support of the Palestinian cause.

Anniversary of the 8th Oct devastating earthquake observed in Balakot

BALAKOT (APP): People of Balakot and adjoining areas Sunday observed the 18th anniversary of the devastating earthquake that took thousands of lives and destroyed Balakot City, where hospitals and schools are still waiting for reconstruction.

At 8:52, a memorial ceremony was held at Balakot, where the survivors of the earthquake, members of civil society, and other organizations were present and also observed a minute of silence.

18 years ago, on Oc-



KARACHI: Palestine Foundation Pakistan activists chant slogans against Israel at a protest rally outside Karachi Press Club.

OIC voices concern at Israeli escalation in Palestinian territory

ISLAMABAD: Organization of Islamic Cooperation has expressed deep concern over dangerous Israeli escalation in Occupied Palestinian territory.

The General Secretariat in a statement said that Israel's impunity has encouraged it to persist in its policy which in their entirety amount to war crime against humanity.

Italian airline hopes to start flights in Pak

KARACHI (INP): A private Italian airline Neos has expressed interest in operating flights between Pakistan and Italy, sources said.

According to sources, the Neos airline has contacted the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to operate direct flights between the two countries.

The airline will operate weekly flights to Lahore in the first phase and will expand its operations to other countries, say sources.

The Italian airline will launch operations immediately after getting permission from the Pakistan aviation authority.

Verdict on 'practice and procedure case' likely to come today

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) verdict on the 'practice & procedure case' is likely to be issued today (Monday), while the arrangements for the third hearing of the case have been completed.

The hearing will be broadcasted live through the official TV and a bench has also been formed in this regard.

Justice Sardar Tariq Masood, Justice Ijazul Ahsan, Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Justice Munib Akhtar, Justice Yahya Afridi, Justice Aminuddin Khan, Justice Syed Mazhar Ali Akbar, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhel, Justice

Mohammad Ali Mazhar, Justice Ayesha A. Malik, Justice Athar Minullah, Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, Justice Shahid Waheed and Justice Musrat Hilali in the 15-member full court bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faiz Isa

Chief Justice Qazi Faizisai has also said that verdict will be made after hearing three lawyers.

He has also asked for the lawyers for preparations. A full court bench headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faiz Isa will hear the case.

Notices have also been issued by the Supreme Court to the parties.

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Naqvi visits PIC to make onground review of the up gradation plan

Independent Report
LAHORE: On the special direction of Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi upgradation plan of the emergency block of Punjab Institute of Cardiology has been prepared.

Emergency block will be upgraded under the plan and new surgeons will be hired. New ICUs and operation theatres will be established. 100 beds will be further increased. Caretaker CM Mohsin Naqvi paid a visit to PIC

so as to make onground review of the upgradation plan and ordered to start upgradation work of the ground floor of emergency block by the start of next week.

CM Mohsin Naqvi while directing to hire the services of surgeons from abroad stated that surgeons should be hired on contract basis as well after seeking approval of the Board of Management. Mohsin Naqvi directed to complete the upgradation project within three months adding



PESHAWAR: Visitors take keen interest in art during Art Exhibition organized by Ramina Foundation held at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University (SBBWU) in Peshawar.

Dr. Syed Faraz says: Economic growth, paperless governance assured with digital transformation

Independent Report
PESHAWAR: KPRMP Project Director met with the Caretaker Provincial Advisor Dr. Syed Sir Faraz Ali Shah at his office Civil Secretariat Peshawar.

Advisor to the Caretaker Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Dr. Syed Sir Faraz Ali Shah has said that the Corona epidemic has highlighted the need for a strong and organized digital infrastructure at the global level. Digital transformation is essential for faster connectivity, better efficiency and adapting to new challenges.

These views were expressed by the Caretaker Provincial Advisor for Mineral Development, Planning & Development and Energy & Power Dr. Syed Sir Faraz Ali Shah in a meeting with Faisal



LAHORE: Patients suffering from dengue fever are treated at a hospital in Provincial Capital.

Construction work of Dadocha Dam to be resumed soon: Chatta

RAWALPINDI (APP): Commissioner Rawalpindi Division Liaquat Ali Chatta has said that the construction work of Dadocha Dam would be resumed soon.

He informed that the construction work of the Dam would be completed within the stipulated period as Punjab government was paying special attention to water supply projects.

The Commissioner said that the patriotism and sacrifices of the local population, especially the residents of Barwala including Azari Sehla, Malikpur, Azizal and Khanpur areas are

Couple killed in m/c-tractor trolley collision in DI Khan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): A couple died when the motorcycle they were riding on was collided with a tractor-trolley here on Chashma road last night.

According to Rescue 1122, the accident occurred near Segri-Bangla on Chashma road when a motorcycle was collided with a tractor-trolley which was wrongly parked in the center of road. There was no reflective tape on the trolley which caused the accident in the darkness.

After receiving information about the incident, the rescue team reached the site and shifted the bodies to Tehsil Headquarters (THQ) Hospital paharpur where the deceased were identified as Muhammad Zulfiqar, son of Muhammad Zareef, a resident of Pipplan area of Mianwali district, and his wife. The deceased couple was reportedly coming to Dera Ismail Khan to inquire about the health of the woman's ailing father.

Chief Secretary stresses joint efforts to wipe out polio virus from region

Independent Report
PESHAWAR: Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary has directed authorities to vaccinate every eligible child against the crippling polio virus. He stressed the need for meticulous monitoring of anti-polio drives to ensure complete eradication of the virus from the region.

The Chief Secretary, gave the instructions on Sunday during his visit to several parts of the

CMO visits different schools

NAWABSHAH (APP): Chief Monitoring Officer (CMO) Shaheed Benazirabad, Tariq Ali Solangi here on Sunday paid a surprise visit of different schools of Nawabshah and checked the attendance of teachers and staff members.

Free camp for hearing loss to be organized on 11 October

HYDERABAD (APP): Islamabad Hearing center (Pvt) Ltd would organize a free camp for hearing loss patients on 11th October (Wednesday).

Smuggling bid foiled, NCP items worth over Rs 23.6 mln recovered

DERA ISMAIL KHAN (APP): The district police have foiled a smuggling attempt and seized non-custom paid (NCP) items worth over Rs 23.6 million during the checking of several vehicles here in the limits of Daraban police stations.

According to the Police spokesman, a police team of Daraban police station led by SDO Daraban Circle Malik Aneesul Hassan along with SHO Atta

Ullah Khan inspected different schools

During checking, the police recovered NCP items including 15 rolls of cloth, 33 tyres of different sizes, 20 sacks of plastic bags, 70 sacks of China Salt, eight Iranian blankets, eight blankets with bed-sheets, six rolls of plastic pipe, 12 sacks of Iranian sandal, three sacks of dry milk, five cartons of cosmetic items, one sack of tea and two cartons of veterinary medicines.



KARACHI: Members of Azad Contractors Association hold a protest in favor of their demands outside press club in Provincial Capital.

Another 143 dengue cases reported in Punjab

LAHORE (APP): The battle against dengue virus continues in Punjab as 143 new cases were reported on Sunday, according to the latest data from the Health Department. This year, a total of 5,469 dengue fever cases have been reported across 36 districts in Punjab.

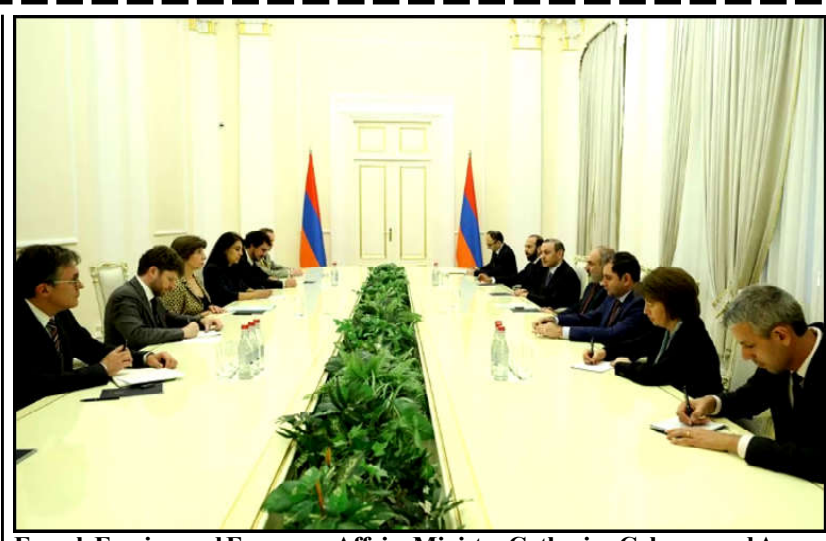
International News

58 Kurdish 'militants' killed by Turkiye in Syria

Monitoring Desk
ANKARA: Turkish forces have killed 58 Kurdish militants in northern Syria in overnight attacks on militant targets, the Defence Ministry said on Saturday, as conflict in the region escalated nearly a week after a bomb attack in Ankara.

Turkiye this week said all targets belonging to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militia and the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia were "legitimate targets" for its forces, after the PKK claimed responsibility for Sunday's bombing in Ankara which wounded two police officers and killed the two attackers.

Turkiye said the at-



French Foreign and European Affairs Minister Catherine Colonna and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan attend a meeting in Yerevan, Armenia.

Dozen injured, including baby, in Russian attack on Ukraine's Kherson, governor says

Monitoring Desk
KYIV: A dozen people were wounded, including a 27-year-old woman and her 9-month-old baby, in a Russian attack on the southern Ukrainian region of Kherson, its governor said on Sunday.

"The Kherson region experienced another terrible night," Governor Oleksandr Prokudin wrote on the Telegram messaging app.

The woman and the infant were hospitalised with moderate wounds, he said, adding that a 33-

Afghanistan earthquakes kill 2,053, Taliban say, as death toll spikes

Monitoring Desk
KABUL: Powerful earthquakes in Afghanistan have killed more than 2,000 people and injured more than 9,000, the Taliban administration said on Sunday, in the deadliest tremors in years in the quake-prone mountainous country.

Amid the confusion, the death toll from Saturday's quakes spiked from 500 reported on Sunday morning by a Red Crescent spokesperson and 16 from Saturday night.

The quakes hit 35 km (20 miles) northwest of the city of Herat, with one measuring 6.3 magnitude, the



People injured in the earthquake are being treated by doctors in Afghanistan.

Azerbaijan's president says France will be to blame if new conflict starts with Armenia

Monitoring Desk
MOSCOW: Azerbaijan's president scolded the European Union and warned that France's decision to send military aid to Armenia could trigger a new conflict in the South Caucasus after a lightning Azerbaijani military operation last month.

Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev last week pulled out of an EU-brokered meeting with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan at which Brussels said it was standing by Armenia.

But Aliyev criticised the EU's approach - and particularly France's position - when European Council, Charles Michel, telephoned him, according to an Azerbaijani statement issued late on Saturday.



Unionist supporters protest against amnesty of separatist leaders and activists involved in the failed independence drive at Passeig de Gracia in Barcelona, Spain.

US will always have Israel's back, says Biden

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: United States President Joe Biden said on Saturday the US will always have Israel's back and warned that no enemy of Israel should exploit the attacks.

Talking to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, he offered "all appropriate means of support" to the government and people of Israel in their fight against Hamas.

"The United States unequivocally condemns this appalling assault against Israel by Hamas terrorists from Gaza, and I made clear to Prime Minister Netanyahu that we stand ready to offer all ap-

Indian flood toll up to 77 as waters recede

Monitoring Desk
NEW DELHI: At least 77 people are confirmed dead in the floods that hit India's northeast, authorities said on Sunday, with destroyed roads and bridges leaving thousands more still cut off despite waters receding.

Violent torrents struck Sikkim state on Wednesday after a high-altitude glacial lake suddenly burst.

Scientists warn that similar disasters will become an increasing danger across the Himalayas as global temperatures rise and ice melts, spurred by climate change.

"A total of 29 bodies have been retrieved from different parts of Sikkim," state relief commissioner Anilraj Rai told AFP by phone.

In neighbouring West Bengal state, Jalpaiguri district police told AFP that another 48 bodies had been recovered. More than 100 people are still missing, according to official figures.

Water levels along the Teesta River "returned to normal" four days after the floods hit.

Disrupting Saudi-Israel ties may have motivated Hamas attack, Blinken says

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said part of the motivation for Hamas' latest attack on Israel could have been disrupting a potential normalizing of Israel-Saudi Arabia ties, adding Washington will announce new aid for Israel on Sunday.

Hamas fighters ramped through Israeli towns as the country suffered its bloodiest day in decades on Saturday and subsequently battered

Palestinian Authority calls for emergency Arab League meeting

Monitoring Desk
CAIRO: The Palestinian Authority submitted a memorandum on Sunday calling for an emergency Arab League meeting at the foreign ministerial level, according to Wafa, the Palestinian news agency.

The request for the meeting comes in light of the "brutal and ongoing Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people, including the escalation of the storming of the Al-Aqsa Mosque by thousands of settlers."

