

'We are at war,' says Israel after Hamas kills 200 people

- Hamas militant group in the Gaza Strip fired thousands of rockets on Israel at daybreak. Some Israelis were captured alive
- Israel said, its forces were engaged in gunfights with Hamas militants who had infiltrated Israel in at least 22 locations
- The Indian Embassy in Israel asked its citizens to 'remain vigilant'

JERUSALEM, Oct 7 (AP)

HAMAS militants fired thousands of rockets and sent dozens of fighters into Israeli towns near the Gaza Strip in an unprecedented surprise early morning attack during a major Jewish holiday on Saturday, killing dozens and stunning the country.

Israel said it is now at war with Hamas and launched airstrikes in Gaza, vowing to inflict an "unprecedented price". Hours after the incursion began, Israeli troops were still fighting Hamas gunmen in 22 locations near the Gaza Strip, including towns and other communities, Army spokesman Daniel Hagari said — a startling sign of the breadth of the assault.

Israel's national rescue service said at least 200 people were killed and 1,100 wounded, making it the deadliest
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Police officers evacuate a woman and a child from a site hit by a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip, in Ashkelon, southern Israel on Saturday.
(AP/PTI)

198 killed in Palestine as Israel retaliates

JERUSALEM, Oct 7 (AP)

THE Palestinian Health Ministry in Gaza says at least 198 people have been killed and at least 1,610 wounded

in the territory in Israel's retaliation after a wide-ranging Hamas assault into Israel.

The Israeli military struck targets in Gaza in response
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Stand in solidarity with Israel at this difficult hour: PM Modi

NEW DELHI, Oct 7 (PTI)

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday expressed solidarity with Israel after Hamas militants launched an

attack on the country.

Modi condemned it as "terrorist attacks" in Israel as its leader Benjamin Netanyahu said the country is at war.

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Amit Shah justifies need to replace IPC



Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami during the 49th All India Police Science Congress, in Dehradun on Saturday. (PTI)

DEHRADUN, Oct 7 (PTI)

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday justified the need to replace the IPC, CrPC and the Evidence Act saying any law becomes "obsolete" after 50 years.

"There has been no change in the IPC, CrPC or the Evidence Act since 1860. Any law becomes 'obsolete' after 50 years. The scale of crime has changed, and so has the method of committing them but there has been no change in the method of dealing with them," Shah said.

Addressing the 49th All India Police Science Congress, he said this has had a crippling effect on the country's criminal justice system.

Speaking of the three new legislations -- the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (to replace IPC), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (to replace CrPC) and Bharatiya Sakshya (to replace the Evidence Act) -- under consideration of a parliamentary panel, he said they will replace the three old codes once passed

by the Parliament.

It will expedite disposal of cases as they won't get inordinately delayed, Shah added.

He said numerous reforms right from the home ministry to the last police station have been conceived for "Amrit Kaal" and it is the time to implement them on the ground.

The All India Police Science Congress covers six subjects, including policing in the 5G era, narcotics, challenges of social media, community policing, internal security, coordination between police and the Central Armed Police Forces, Shah said.

The scope of the subjects taken up completely cover the country's internal security, law and order, and border security, the Union Home Minister said. Drawing a comparison between ten years of the UPA and nine years of the Modi Government, Shah cited the substantial decline in incidents of violence in three hot spots - Jammu and Kashmir, left extremist-affected States and the north-east.

Navy rolls out '360 degree appraisal mechanism' for promotion boards

NEW DELHI, Oct 7 (PTI)

THE Indian Navy on Saturday said it has institutionalised a "transformative" appraisal mechanism as the present system has an inherent limitation of a "top-down" approach.

The new '360 degree appraisal mechanism' for promotion boards has been finalised with a focus on having an agile and adaptive human resource management framework, it said, noting the women and men in whites are central to the force's 'Ship First' approach and will continue to remain its greatest asset in the foreseeable future. "In that regard, the Indian Navy has institutionalised a novel transformative

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initiative of '360 degree appraisal mechanism' for various promotion boards," the Navy said in a statement.

It said the present appraisal mechanism of periodic confidential reports by senior officers has an inherent limitation of a "top-down" approach as it does not cater for or quantify a leader's impact on subordinates. The new appraisal mech-

anism is aimed to "address this shortfall by encompassing large-scale surveys from suitably identified peers and subordinates for every officer being considered for promotion".

"The survey comprises a spectrum of questions, encompassing aspects such as professional knowledge, leadership attributes, suitability in war/crisis and potential for

holding higher ranks," the Navy said. "Inputs, thus obtained, are suitably quantified for independent analyses by a nominated Board of Officers, headed by a Flag Officer. This will also be provided as feedback to the officers to effect behavioural changes and improvements," it said.

The Navy said similar appraisal systems are in vogue in various national and international learning organisations. "The Indian Navy takes pride in imbibing such 'best practices' and this initiative is in continuation of other endeavours towards remaining a 'combat-ready, credible, cohesive and future proof force,'" it added.

Air India unveils first look of A350 aircraft



NEW DELHI, Oct 7 (ANI)

AIR India has provided aviation enthusiasts and travellers with a sneak peek at the new livery for their upcoming Airbus A350 aircraft. The airline took to its official social media account on X to share a glimpse of the livery for Airbus A350. In the post, Air India shared the “first look of the majestic A350” aircraft as it gets a lick of paint at an Airbus shop in Toulouse, France.

“Here’s the first look of the majestic A350 in our new livery at the paint shop in Toulouse. Our A350s start coming home this winter... @Airbus,” read the post on Air

India’s official handle on X.

The sneak peek of the aircraft will only add to the excitement and anticipation around the debut of Air India’s A350 fleet this winter. The new livery signifies a fresh chapter for Air India and reflects the airline’s commitment to offering a modern and visually appealing experience for passengers.

The Airbus A350 is known for its state-of-the-art design and advanced features, making it an ideal addition to Air India’s fleet. As Air India prepares to welcome these new aircraft, travellers can look forward to enhanced in-flight comfort and services.

Palestinians have right to defend themselves against terror, says President Abbas

TEL AVIV, Oct 7 (ANI)

PALESTINIAN President Mahmoud Abbas chaired a high-level meeting with some top defence officials on Saturday and said that the Palestinian people have the right to defend themselves against the "terror of settlers and occupation troops", the official news agency Wafa quoted him as saying.

In the emergency meeting, President Abbas directed officials "to provide protection for the Palestinian people and provide all that is necessary to bolster the resilience and steadfastness of the Palestinian people in facing the crimes committed by the Israeli occupation and settler gangs", Wafa reported.

As per the Wafa news agency, he also gave directions to provide all that is necessary to bolster the resilience and steadfastness of the Palestinian people in facing the crimes committed by the Israeli occupation and settler gangs.

Meanwhile, Israel Defence Minister Yoav Gallant approved



Palestinians wave their national flag and celebrate by a destroyed Israeli tank at the Gaza Strip fence east of Khan Younis southern on Saturday. (AP/PTI)

the draft of reserve soldiers in accordance with the Israel Defence Force's requirements.

He further announced a "special security situation" in Israel's Homefront, within a 0-80 km radius of the Gaza Strip, 'The Jerusalem Post' reported, adding that this further enabled the IDF to provide civilians with safety instructions at "close and

relevant sites".

The daily reported earlier that after a barrage of rocket fire from the Gaza Strip, Hamas fighters infiltrated Israel.

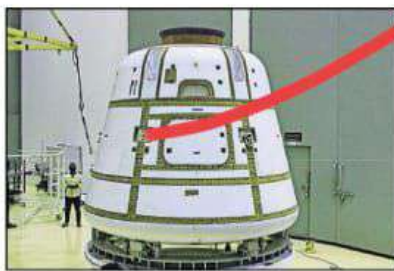
Following the attack, red alert warning sirens were activated in Tel Aviv, located around 70 kilometres from the Gaza Strip, as well as, Sde Boker, Arad, and Dimona in the south.

ISRO to commence unmanned flight tests of Gaganyaan mission

BENGALURU, Oct 7 (PTI)

THE Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Saturday said it is on course to commence unmanned flight tests for the country's ambitious Gaganyaan mission, and preparations are underway for the Flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1).

In a post on social media platform X, the space agency said, "ISRO to commence unmanned flight tests for the Gaganyaan mission. Preparations for the Flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1), which demonstrates the performance of the Crew Escape System, are underway."



Preparations underway for Gaganyaan mission's Flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1), which demonstrates the performance of the Crew Escape System in Bengaluru. (PTI)

The first development flight Test Vehicle (TV-D1) is in the final stages of preparation. Officials had earlier indicated that TV-D1 launch is likely by this month-end.

The Test Vehicle is a single-stage liquid rocket developed for this abort mission. The payloads consist of the Crew Module (CM) and Crew Escape Systems (CES) with their fast-acting solid motors, along with CM fairing (CMF) and Interface Adapters.

This flight will simulate the abort condition during the ascent trajectory corresponding to a Mach number of 1.2 encountered in the Gaganyaan mission, it said.

At Satish Dhawan Space Centre, it will undergo vibration tests and pre-integration with the Crew Escape System, before final integration to the Test Vehicle at the launch pad.

"CES with CM will be separated from the Test Vehicle at an altitude of about 17 km. Subsequently, the abort sequence will be executed autonomously commencing with the separation of CES and deployment of the series of parachutes, finally culminating in the safe touchdown of CM in the sea, about 10 km from the coast of Sriharikota," ISRO said.

The CM, after integration underwent various electrical testing at ISRO's facility in

Bengaluru, including an acoustic test, and was dispatched to Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota (SDSC SHAR) on August 13.

This Test Vehicle mission with this crew module is a significant milestone for the overall Gaganyaan programme as near-complete system is integrated for a flight test, ISRO said, adding that the success of this test flight will set the stage for the remaining qualification tests and unmanned missions, leading to the first Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission with Indian astronauts.

CM is where the astronauts are contained in a pressurised earthlike atmospheric condi-

tion during the Gaganyaan space mission. The CM for the Gaganyaan mission is in different stages of development.

For the TV-D1, the CM is an unpressurised version that has completed its integration and testing and is ready to be shipped to the launch complex. This unpressurised CM version has to have an overall size and mass of actual Gaganyaan CM, the space agency said, adding it houses all the systems for the deceleration and recovery.

The CM will be recovered after touchdown in the Bay of Bengal, using a dedicated vessel and diving team from the Indian Navy.