

Israel cuts off north Gaza as Palestinian toll tops 10,000

Troops Set To Enter Gaza City; Territory Sees 450 Strikes Overnight, 3rd Blackout

Israeli forces severed northern Gaza from the rest of the besieged territory and pounded it with intense air strikes overnight into Monday, setting the stage for an expected push into the dense confines of Gaza City and an even bloodier phase of the month-old war. Already, the Palestinian death toll passed 10,000, the health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said Monday. It said that 10,022 people have been killed, including over 4,100 children and 2,600 women. Some 1,400 Israelis have died, mostly civilians killed in the Oct 7 incursion by Hamas that started the war.

The figures mark a grim milestone in what has quickly become the deadliest round of Israeli-Palestinian violence since Israel's establishment 75 years ago, with no end in sight as Israel vows to crush Hamas.

Casualties are only likely to rise as the war turns to close urban combat. Troops are expected to enter Gaza City soon, Israeli media reported, and Palestinian militants who have had years to prepare are likely to fight street by street, launching ambushes from a vast network of tunnels. The Israeli military said that it had cut off northern Gaza from the south, calling it a "significant stage" in the war. "We've completed our encirclement, separating Hamas strongholds in the north and the south, and it's proving to be effective," said Lt. Col. Richard Hecht, a military spokesman, on Monday. "It's close-quarters urban warfare. A lot of infantry working there."

On Monday, it said that aircraft struck 450 targets overnight and ground troops took over a Hamas compound. A one-way corridor for residents



Photo released by the Israeli army on Nov 5 shows troops inside Gaza

'Besides al-Shifa, Hamas base in 2 more hosps'

The WHO said on Sunday that it had documented more than 100 attacks on the healthcare system in Gaza, as the Israeli military said Hamas fighters were using two additional hospitals in the enclave to conceal their operations. A week after Israeli officials said they had identified Gaza's largest hospital al-Shifa as being used by Hamas for underground command centres, the military's chief spokesman Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari presented images and videos of what he said was the opening to a Hamas tunnel under Sheikh Hamad Hospital, north of Gaza City. He also said there was an underground Hamas command and centre under Indonesian Hospital, in northern Gaza, and showed aerial images of what he said were rocket launchpads about 80 yards from its grounds. **NYT**

to flee south remains available, according to the military, for the Palestinians who remain in Gaza City and other parts of the north. Some 1.5 million Palestinians, or around 70% of Gaza's population, have fled their homes since the war began. Food, medicine, fuel and water are running low, and UN-run schools-turned-shelters are beyond capacity, with many sleeping on the streets outside.

Mobile and net service went down overnight, the third territory-wide outage since war began, but was gradually restored on Monday. Aid workers

say the outages make it even harder for civilians to seek safety or even call ambulances.

The war has also stoked wider tensions, with Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah group trading fire along the border. In another sign of growing unrest, a Palestinian man stabbed and wounded two members of Israel's paramilitary Border Police in east Jerusalem before being shot dead, according to police. Israel annexed east Jerusalem in a move not recognised by most of the global community and considers the entire city its capital. **AP**

Enough is enough: Top UN officials

UN agency leaders saying "enough is enough" demanded a humanitarian ceasefire on Monday nearly a month into Gaza's war. "An entire population is besieged and under attack, denied access to the essentials for survival, bombed in their homes, shelters, hospitals and places of worship. This is unacceptable," the UN chiefs said in a joint statement. The 18 signatories include the UN high commissioner for human rights Volker Turk, WHO head Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, and UN aid chief Martin Griffiths. **REUTERS**

Jordan airdrops meds, opens new aid avenue

In northern Gaza, a Jordanian military cargo plane air-dropped medical aid to a field hospital, King Abdullah II said early Monday. It appeared to be the first such airdrop of the war, raising the possibility of another avenue for aid delivery besides Egypt's Rafah crossing, which has so far been inadequate. **AP**

SA recalls diplomats from Israel over war

South Africa has recalled its ambassador and diplomatic mission to Israel in condemnation of the bombardment of the Gaza Strip, calling it "genocide". The government also threatened action against the Israeli ambassador to South Africa over his "disparaging" remarks about the country's stance on the war. No further details were given about the comments. **AP**

India-Nepal border forces' talks begin in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, Nov 6 (PTI)

BORDER guarding forces of India and Nepal began their three-day bilateral meeting in Delhi on Monday and discussed measures to curb trans-frontier crimes and for timely sharing of intelligence inputs, an official said.

Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Director General Rashmi Shukla is leading the Indian delegation at the seventh edition of the annual coordination talks and the visiting nine-member Armed Police Force (APF) team of Nepal is headed by its Inspector General Raju Aryal.

The meeting will end on November 8, the official said.

"The talks at the level of two heads of the forces serve as a crucial platform for both forces to engage in discussions on border-related matters,"

according to an official statement issued on Sunday.

"The SSB and APF delegations aim to strengthen the coordination between the two border guarding forces for more effective management of the open and unfenced India-Nepal border," it had said.

The focus of the meeting will be on the development of effective mechanisms to collaboratively combat trans-border crimes and facilitate the prompt exchange of critical information between the forces, the statement said.

The SSB is a Central Armed Police Force under the Union Home Ministry and it is tasked with guarding the 1,751 km India-Nepal open international border.

These annual talks have been held alternately in India and Nepal since 2012.

Govt announces odd-even curbs after Diwali; air 'severe' for 5th day running

Exemptions To Be Announced In 2-3 Days: Rai

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New Delhi: Delhi will again implement the odd-even traffic restriction plan — the fourth overall and the first since 2019 — from November 13 to 20 as a measure to check air pollution levels after Diwali, the city government announced on Monday even as the capital continued to choke on 'severe' air quality for the fifth straight day.

While the government said it would share details of the plan in the next two-three days, officials disclosed that electric and CNG-run cars and two-wheelers are likely to remain exempted from the restrictions. The first meeting to work out the modalities in the presence of transport department officials and

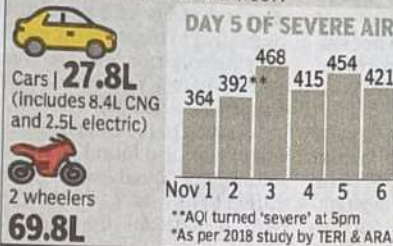
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Delhi traffic police will likely take place on Tuesday.

To safeguard the health of schoolchildren, the government also decided to suspend physical classes in all schools, except for students of classes X and XII preparing for board exams. A decision

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on making 50% of staff in government and private offices work from home will be taken after Diwali.

The odd-even rule restricts the number of private cars on the roads based on their number plates. Vehicles with an even last digit (includ-

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ding zero) are allowed to run on even dates and odd-numbered cars can ply on odd dates. These restrictions were first introduced in the capital in 2016 and have so far met with limited success.

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Schools to stay open in Noida, sprinkling must

The district magistrate has ordered all educational institutes in Noida to sprinkle water inside the premises and neighbouring areas. However, all schools in the district will stay open for now and conduct offline classes, according to the DM's order. There will, however, be no outdoor activities, the DM clarified. P 2

13.5°C: Del's coldest night of the season

The mercury dipped to 13.5 degrees Celsius at Safdarjung on Monday, making it the city's coldest night of the season so far. The previous lowest temperature this winter was 14.3 degrees C logged on October 28. Night temperatures are likely to rise from Tuesday due to a change in wind direction.

Samariya sworn in as CIC



President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi with newly-sworn in Chief Information Commissioner Heeralal Samariya at Rashtrapati Bhawan. (PTI)

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NEW DELHI, Nov 6

INFORMATION Commissioner Heeralal Samariya was on Monday sworn in as the Chief Information Commissioner by President Droupadi Murmu.

The top post at the transparency panel -- Central Information Commission (CIC)-- was lying vacant following completion of Y K

Sinha's tenure on October 3.

President Murmu administered the oath of office to the 63-year-old Samariya at a function at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, a communique issued by the President's office said. The swearing-in ceremony was attended by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh among others.

G20 Presidency gives clear direction to address needs of majority global population: Nirmala

NEW DELHI, Nov 6 (PTI)

FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said India's G20 Presidency has provided a clear policy direction for addressing the needs of the majority of the global population whose voices are often unheard in multilateral forums.

"However, we still have work left to do," the Minister said in an inaugural address at the Seminar on 'Strong, Sustainable, Balanced and Inclusive Growth', organised by the ministries of finance and labour, and the commerce department.

On December 1, 2022, India assumed the mantle of G20 Presidency.

The G20 New Delhi Leaders Declaration (NDLD), unanimously agreed to by all G20 countries, addresses some of the pressing challenges confronting the global economy and also provides policy guidance for a future built on people-focused principles and trust-based partnerships, Sitharaman said. "Even though by the end of this month, our role as G20 Presidency comes to an end, momentum must be



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks during a seminar, in New Delhi, on Monday. (PTI)

maintained on the policy guidance in the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration.

"Not only should we engage with G20 partners to take forward the outcomes, but we should also explore how best we can integrate these outcomes into India's domestic policy-making process so that we can lead by example," she said.

Sitharaman emphasised that concerted

efforts were taken by, India's G20 Presidency, to mainstream the concerns and aspirations of the Global South.

"I believe we have delivered a G20 Presidency that has provided clear policy directions for addressing the needs of the majority of the global population whose voices are often unheard in global multilateral forums. However, we still have work left to do," Sitharaman said.

The Minister further said since the pandemic, the global economy has been grappling with multiple crises, adversely affecting global growth. While the recovery is underway, it remains slow and uneven.

The current pace of global growth remains quite weak, well below the 3.8 per cent average in the two decades before the pandemic and looking ahead over the medium term, growth prospects have weakened further.

The Finance Minister also noted that policy coordination, both global as well as domestic, is critical to ensure that growth comes back on track and remains strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive.