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UK police ‘may’ have shot victim killed in synagogue attack



AFP | Manchester, United Kingdom

UK police said yesterday they may have shot two victims, including one who died, as officers responded to an attack on worshippers at a Manchester synagogue marking a Jewish holiday.

The admission came as Prime Minister Keir Starmer visited the scene of Thursday’s car ramming and stabbings. Two men were killed and three people were seriously wounded, heightening fears for Jewish communities across Britain.

“This was a dreadful attack, a terrorist attack to inflict fear, attacking Jews because they are Jews,” the UK leader told a group of emergency responders in the northwest English city.

First wolf-dog hybrid confirmed in Greece

AFP | Athens, Greece

A prominent Greek wildlife group yesterday said it had confirmed the first case of a wolf-dog hybrid in the north of the country.

The Callisto group -- which is currently involved in efforts to trap a rogue wolf in Halkidiki, northern Greece -- said the hybrid was found near the northern city of Thessaloniki.

“This is the first genetic (case) to be confirmed in Greece,” Callisto biologist Aimilia Ioakimeidou told a conference in Athens.

The animal is 45% wolf and 55% canine according to DNA testing, she said.

It was discovered during tests on 50 wolf samples from the Greek mainland, Ioakimeidou said.



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UN experts warn Trump’s peace plan could cause more oppression

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

Dozens of UN experts cautioned yesterday that key elements of US President Donald Trump’s peace plan for Gaza were inconsistent with international law and risked deepening oppression of Palestinians.

“Imposing an immediate peace at any price, regardless of or brazenly against law and justice, is a recipe for further injustice, future violence and instability,” 35 United Nations independent experts said in a statement.

They voiced serious concerns about more than a dozen aspects of the 20-point plan unveiled by the US president

“The future of Palestine must be in the hands of the Palestinian people,” the experts insisted. “Not imposed by outsiders under extreme conditions of duress in yet another scheme to control their destiny.”

last week, and backed by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The experts, who are mandated by the UN Human Rights Council but who do not speak on behalf of the United Nations, said they “welcome part of the peace plan”.

They hailed the demand for a permanent ceasefire, the rapid release of unlawfully detained people, and an influx of aid.

And they celebrated the call for no forced displacement

from Gaza, no annexation of the territory and the withdrawal of Israeli forces.

However, they warned that other elements of the plan were “deeply inconsistent with fundamental rules of international law”.

The experts, including Francesca Albanese, the special rapporteur on rights in the Palestinian territory, insisted that any peace plan needed to ensure self-determination and accountability, and “not create

further conditions of oppression”.

They slammed the plan’s call for a transitional “Board of Peace” in Gaza, which would be chaired by Trump himself, saying it was “regrettably reminiscent of colonial practices and must be rejected”.

Similarly, the experts maintained that the proposed “International Stabilisation Force... would replace Israeli occupation with a US-led occupation, contrary to Palestinian self-determination”.

The plan would also leave partial Israeli occupation in place “indefinitely” through a security perimeter inside Gaza, which was “absolutely unacceptable”, they said.

Sunday deadline set for Hamas

Trump sets Sunday deadline for Hamas; group seeks more time

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● **Hamas’ first opinion supports unconditional approval**

● **Second has serious reservations regarding key clauses**

TDT | agencies

The leadership of Hamas is reportedly divided over former US President Donald Trump’s plan to end nearly two years of devastating war in Gaza.

Meanwhile, Trump yesterday said Hamas has until 2200 GMT on Sunday to accept his 20-point plan for peace in Gaza, warning the Palestinian group faced “all hell” if it did not agree to the terms.

“If this LAST CHANCE agreement is not reached, all HELL, like no one has ever seen before, will break out against Hamas,” Trump posted on his Truth Social platform.

The US leader set the deadline -- which would fall at 1:00 a.m. Monday in Gaza -- after an offi-



Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg (C) and Brazilian activist Thiago Avila (R), along with other activists, after the Israeli navy intercepted the Global Sumud Flotilla carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza

Israel departs first activists from flotilla

Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel yesterday deported four Italian activists, the first of hundreds detained from an aid flotilla bound for Gaza, shortly after the interception of a final boat brought an end to its mission.

The Israeli navy began intercepting the boats on Wednesday, and an Israeli official said the following day that boats with over 400 people on board had been prevented from reaching the

proposal. According to AFP, citing a source familiar with the nego-

tations, the divide lies between officials based in the Gaza Strip and those abroad, particularly in Qatar.

A Hamas official said yesterday that the group still needed more time to study the plan. Mohammad Nazzal, a member of Hamas’s political bureau, stated that the “plan has points of concern, and we will announce our position on it soon.”

‘Two opinions’

The source told AFP that “the first opinion supports unconditional approval, as the priority is a ceasefire under Trump’s guarantees, with mediators ensuring Israel implements the plan. The second has serious reservations regarding key clauses... They favour conditional approval with clarifications reflecting Hamas’s and the resistance factions’ demands.”



The proposal, backed by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, calls for a ceasefire, the release of hostages within 72 hours, Hamas’s disarmament and a gradual Israeli withdrawal from Gaza. That would be followed by a post-war transitional authority headed by Trump himself.

India and China to resume direct flights after 5 years

New Delhi, India

India and China will resume direct flights between their two countries this month after a five-year suspension, officials said, with bookings opening yesterday.

Direct flights between the world’s two most populous countries were suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and were not resumed.

Following technical discussions, “it has now been agreed that direct air services connecting designated points in India and China can resume by late October”, an Indian government statement released on Thursday said.

Indigo, India’s largest commercial operator, said on Thursday it would start direct daily flights between Kolkata and Guangzhou from October 26 and later expand operations to New Delhi.



Carrefour name disappears from Arab stores as Israel boycotters claim victory

AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The Carrefour name has disappeared from storefronts in some Arab countries, with pro-Palestinian shoppers and activists hailing the shift as a victory for their boycott of brands perceived as being linked to Israel.

The French multinational has long been in the crosshairs of Palestinian supporters, who accuse it of selling products from Israeli settlements and partnering with Israeli firms operating there.

The group has denied operating in the settlements in the occupied West Bank, which are considered illegal under international law.

But in the past year Majid Al Futtaim, the group that operates the Carrefour franchise in the Middle East, has closed the brand’s supermarkets in Jordan, Oman, Kuwait and Bahrain.

It has since reopened under the new name HyperMax, citing “growing demand for locally sourced products and services in a number of our markets”.