





Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Gatherings increase the risk of COVID-19 infection



Call to extend loan payment relief



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Bahraini held for entering 'Qatari waters' illegally
TDT | Manama

A 32-year-old Bahraini citizen on board a water scooter was arrested by Qatari Coast Guards on Sunday for allegedly entering its territorial waters illegally.

This was confirmed by the Kingdom of Bahrain's Coast Guard Command which said that the Operations Center had received a fax message from the Qatar Coast Guards and Border Security.

It stated that a water scooter with a Bahraini plate had been seized for "entering the territorial waters of the State of Qatar".

The rider was arrested and he will be referred to the relevant authorities in Qatar, the Qatari notice said.

The Coast Guard said it was following the necessary legal procedures.



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Last update - 9:00 pm
17 May 2021

Individuals vaccinated

(First dose)

8
4
7
7
6
4

(Second dose)

6
4
2
1
8
7

Fierce fighting rages on

With no end in sight, Israel-Gaza bloody conflict enters a second week

● **Israel missile attacks leave top commander dead**

● **204 Palestinians killed; 58 children, 34 women die**

Reuters | Gaza/Tel Aviv

Israel pummeled Gaza with air strikes yesterday and Palestinian fighters launched rockets at Israeli cities despite a flurry of US and regional diplomacy that has so far failed to halt more than a week of deadly fighting.

Israel's missile attacks on the densely populated Palestinian enclave killed a top commander and left a crater in a seven-storey office building that Israel's military said was used by Hamas.

Rocket barrages, some of them launched in response to the killing of Hussam Abu Harbeed, sent Israelis dashing for bomb shelters with direct hits on a synagogue in Ashkelon and an apartment building in Ashdod.

With the fiercest regional hostilities in years showing no



Rescuers carry Suzy Eshkuntana, 6, as they pull her from the rubble of a destroyed building in Gaza City

sign of abating, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken urged all sides to protect civilians. Washington, Egypt and UN mediators stepped up diplomatic efforts, and the UN General Assembly will meet to discuss the violence on Thursday.

Gaza health officials put the Palestinian death toll since hostilities flared up last week at least 204, including 58 children and 34 women. Ten people have been killed in Israel, including two children.

The cross-border hostilities

have been accompanied by an uptick of violence in the occupied West Bank, and by riots involving Arab and Jewish mobs within Israel and clashes in Jewish-Arab communities. Police said an Israeli man died in hospital yesterday after being attacked by Arab rioters last week.

As Palestine mourned Harbeed's death, Israel's military said he had been "behind several anti-tank missile terror attacks against Israeli civilians", and an Israeli general said his

country could carry on the fight "forever".

At least seven Palestinians were killed in Israeli strikes on Gaza yesterday by evening. Two died in the missile attack on the office building, which Israel's military said was used by Hamas internal security.

"My children couldn't sleep all night even after the wave of intensive bombing stopped," said Umm Naeem, 50, a mother of five, as she shopped for bread in Gaza City.

US approves \$735m arms sale to Israel

Reuters | Washington

President Joe Biden's administration approved the potential sale of \$735 million in precision-guided weapons to Israel, and congressional sources said yesterday that US lawmakers were not expected to object to the deal despite violence between Israel and Palestinian militants.

Three congressional aides said Congress was officially notified of the intended commercial sale on May 5, as part of the regular review process before major foreign weapons sales agreements can go ahead.

The sale was first reported by the Washington Post.

Congress was informed of the planned sale in April, as part of the normal informal review process before of the formal notification on May 5.

Under US law, the formal notification opens up a 15-day window for Congress to object to the sale, which is not expected despite the ongoing violence.

The sale of Joint Direct Attack Munitions, or JDAMs, made by Boeing Company, was considered routine at the time, before the start last week of the fiercest hostilities in the region in years.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

4374017

ACTIVE CASES

16185

DEATHS

752

DISCHARGED

185619

NEW CASES

1579

CRITICAL

180

210 fils (includes VAT)



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