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Israeli forces kill Palestinian in West Bank clashes, medics say



People hold guns as they attend the funeral of Palestinian Waseem Khalifa

Reuters

Israeli forces killed a Palestinian in predawn clashes in the occupied West Bank city of Nablus yesterday, Palestinian medics said. The Israeli army said he was armed and shooting at soldiers; the Palestinians denied this.

Witnesses said the clashes erupted when Israeli forces arrived to guard Jewish worshippers visiting Joseph's Tomb, a Jewish shrine that has been a flashpoint in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Four Palestinians were shot and one of them, an 18-year-old, was killed, the Palestine Red Crescent said. At least 30 Palestinians were wounded in all.

Later in the day, in a separate development, Israeli security forces raided seven non-governmental organisations in the West Bank, confiscating computers and equipment before sealing off the entrances, Palestinian witnesses and officials said.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh visited the office of Al-Haq, one of the rights groups that was shuttered in the city of Ramallah, saying his cabinet did not recognize the Israeli closures and telling officials at the NGOs to resume work immediately.

Nuclear weapons use only in 'emergency circumstances', says Russia

Reuters

Russia's foreign ministry said yesterday that Moscow would only use its nuclear arsenal in "emergency circumstances" and that it has no interest in a direct confrontation with NATO and the United States.

Russia's defence minister said on Tuesday that Moscow has



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan and UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres shake hands

"no need" to use nuclear weapons during its military campaign in Ukraine, describing media speculation that Moscow might deploy nuclear or chemical weapons in the conflict as "absolute lies".

Speaking at a briefing yesterday, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ivan Nechaev said nuclear weapons would be used solely as

a "response" measure.

"Russian military doctrine allows a nuclear response only in response to the threat of mass destruction, or when the very existence of the state is threatened," he said. "That is, the use of a nuclear arsenal is possible only as part of a response to an attack in self-defence and only in emergencies."

Meanwhile, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said yesterday he was gravely concerned by the situation at Europe's largest nuclear power station after it came under shelling at the front lines in Ukraine.

Russia captured the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant soon after its Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine.

'Permanent priority' for skill development: HRH

TDT | Manama

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday affirmed that investing in the training and development of Bahraini nationals and strengthening their capabilities and skills is a "permanent priority for the Kingdom."

"This would ensure a prosperous present and a bright future for the homeland and citizens," said HRH Prince Salman, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, while meeting the seventh intake of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Programme at Gudaibiya Palace.

Launched in 2015, The Prime Minister's fellowship mentors and prepares exceptional young Bahrainis from various government entities for a career in public service leadership. Selected individuals will spend a year working as full-time research fellows in the Prime Minister's Office, benefiting from advanced training in writing skills, research methods and policy analysis, both in-house and through the Bahrain Institute of Public Administration.

The programme, until now, has created 83 fellows. In the 2020-'21 period, the fellowship accepted 13 Bahraini nationals.

HRH told the members of the 7th batch that Bahrain has pride in their attitude to achieve suc-



HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, during a meeting yesterday with the seventh intake of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Programme

cess, which they always proved through their efforts and excellence.

"This proves that they are worthy of responsibility," Prince Salman said, expressing appreciation for putting the interest of their country ahead of all others.

HRH said that the experience gained by the PM programme fellows through their work in the Prime Minister's office would enhance the performance of the government work.

All these efforts, His Royal Highness said, are aimed at achieving the goals of the comprehensive development process

led by HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

In this regard, HRH Prince Salman also praised the projects and ideas developed by the fellows during their year-long training to enhance government work.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman

Charity Educational Endowment, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Shaikh Khalid Bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, and the Min-

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ister of Cabinet Affairs, Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, also attended the meeting.

Fellows of the seventh batch expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to meet His Royal Highness and their appreciation for supporting and developing the Kingdom's workforce.

The programme is now accepting applications for the eighth intake. Deadline ends on the 13th of September 2022.



Applications for the 8th intake of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Programme are accepted between 13 August and 13 September 2022.



Trial begins

Salman Rushdie attack suspect pleads not guilty

Reuters | Mayville NY

A man accused of stabbing novelist Salman Rushdie last week in western New York pleaded not guilty to second-degree attempted murder and assault charges yesterday during an arraignment hearing and was remanded without bail.

Hadi Matar, 24, is accused of wounding Rushdie, 75, on Fri-



Hadi Matar of Fairview, New Jersey

day just before the "The Satanic Verses" author was to deliver a lecture on stage at an educational retreat near Lake Erie. Rushdie was hospitalised with serious injuries in what writers and politicians around the world decried as an attack on the freedom of expression.

Matar was arraigned at the Chautauqua County Courthouse

on an indictment returned earlier in the day by a grand jury that charged him with one count of second-degree attempted murder, which carries a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison, and one count of second-degree assault.

He has been in jail since his arrest and wore a grey-striped jumpsuit and his hands were

shackled.

His next court appearance was scheduled for Sept. 22.

The attack came 33 years after Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, then Iran's supreme leader, issued a fatwa, or religious edict, calling on Muslims to assassinate Rushdie a few months after "The Satanic Verses" was published.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

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ACTIVE CASES

4411

DEATHS

1513

DISCHARGED

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NEW CASES

347

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