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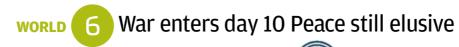
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Flamengo floor Chelsea, Bayern edge out Boca

Flamengo staged a strong second-half comeback to beat Chelsea 3-1 at the Club World Cup on Friday, securing a last-16 spot. | **P12**





Red jets pass Taipei test in style

Kingdom's payments core clears Global Audit

People in Gaza 'desperately need more aid'

AFP | Jerusalem

Aprivately run aid or-ganisation brought in to distribute food rations in war-hit Gaza last month with US and Israeli backing said yesterday that people in the Palestinian territory "desperately need more aid"

The Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) began operations at the end of May when Israel eased a twomonth blockade on Gaza that the United Nations said had produced famine-like conditions.

The foundation's operations have been marred by chaotic scenes and neutrality concerns, while many Gazans have been left with few other options to obtain

In a statement yesterday, GHF interim executive director John Acree said that the organisation was "delivering aid at scale, securely and effectively... But we cannot meet the full scale of need while large parts of Gaza remain closed."

He added: "The people of Gaza desperately need more aid and we are ready to partner with other humanitarian groups to expand our reach to those who need help the most."

"We are working with the government of Israel to honour its commitment and open additional sites in northern Gaza."

Mob kills eight wedding guests

AFP | Jos, Nigeria

A mob stormed a bus carrying mostly Muslim wedding guests in central Nigeria's volatile Plateau state, killing eight people in the latest attack to hit the region, local sources said yesterday.

Residents in the area had been on edge after a series of bloody attacks in recent days, with ethnic Fulani nomadic Muslim herders suspected of killing dozens of people in Plateau's Mangu local government area.

Fulani herders in the state have long clashed with settled farmers, many of whom are Christian, over access to land and resources.

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Bahrain, Egypt seek talks to end Israel-Iran crisis

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the escalating conflict between broader Middle East. Israel and Iran, calling for dialogue and peaceful solutions to need for all parties to exercise prevent further destabilization restraint, act responsibly, and in the region.

The joint stance came during a solving the crisis. telephone conversation between which the two leaders discussed the critical importance of an imthe latest regional developments. mediate ceasefire and the unim-

Both leaders warned that any further expansion of the con-Bahrain and Egypt have ex-pressed deep concern over dangerous consequences for the They stressed the urgent

pursue peaceful avenues for re-The discussion also touched His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa on the situation in the Gaza Al Khalifa and Egyptian Presi- Strip, with HM King Hamad and dent Abdel Fattah El Sisi, during President El Sisi emphasizing



President El Sisi

peded delivery of humanitarian aid to civilians in the enclave.

His Majesty expressed appreciation to President El Sisi for the phone call and for Egypt's continued efforts to de-escalate tensions and support regional peace and stability.

The leaders reaffirmed the strength of Bahraini-Egyptian relations and their mutual commitment to enhancing cooperation across various sectors, in support of the development and prosperity aspirations of both nations and their peoples.

Citizens Flown Home

Emergency response rescues Bahrainis

Number of citizens returned is 667 in total. 504 by land and 163 by air

Royal directives ensured repatriation

Foreign Ministry played key role

Mahir Haneef TDT | Manama

tranded Bahraini citizens sador, received have been flown back to wide praise the Kingdom as authorities for their carried out emergency repatria- support. tion efforts following the sudden closure of regional airspaces due waiting for this to heightened geopolitical ten- effort from

The return operation was ship. It felt launched under royal direc- like the tives issued by His Majesty end of a King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa nightand implemented by His Roy- mare," al Highness Prince Salman bin s a i d Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown one of

Prince and Prime Minister.

nels, the Ministry of Foreign forgets its people." Affairs led efforts to identify and assist citizens who had been left stranded after flights were

foreign missions and airport media platforms, returning authorities to fast-track documentation and arrange flights back to Bahrain. Among those brought home were citizens stuck in Türkiye, where Bahrain's diplomatic staff, including the Ambas-"We were

our leader-

the returnees. Another added, Working through Bahraini "This wasn't just a flight back. embassies and diplomatic chan- It was proof that Bahrain never

Emotional return

In emotional scenes capdisrupted in multiple countries. tured at Bahrain International Officials coordinated with Airport and shared on social



passengers were seen thanking

the leadership for what many 'life-saving' inter-

rest until the last flight any crisis.

had taken off.

"We're just so grateful someone thought of us," said a returnee. "The embassy stayed with us described as a all the way to the boarding gate."

Authorities confirmed that repatriation efforts would con-Some kissed the tinue in phases, depending on ground on arrival, developments in the region. The while others praised Foreign Ministry reiterated its the professionalism of commitment to ensuring the Foreign Ministry of- safety of Bahrainis abroad, sayficials who reportedly ing the Kingdom will respond stayed on duty without rapidly to protect its citizens in

US stealth bombers fly over Pacific Ocean

Trump mulls Iran strikes

AFP | Washington

Us stealth bombers were flying yesterday across the Pacific Ocean, according to tracking data and media reports, fueling speculation over their intended mission as President Donald Trump considers joining Israel's attack on Iranian nuclear sites.

Multiple B-2 bomber aircraft left a base in the central United States overnight and were later tracked flying off the California coast along with aerial refueling jets, The New York Times and specialist plane an Iranian strike in Beit She'an. (AFP) tracking sites reported.



Israeli soldiers and first responders check the damage caused to a building from

The B-2 is capable of carrying America's heaviest payloads, yesterday evening to hold an nounced a day earlier.

including the bunker-busting GBU-57, a 30,000-pound (13,607 kg) warhead capable of penetrating 200 feet (61 meters) underground before exploding.

Such a bomb, which Israel is not known to possess, is the only weapon capable of destroying Iran's deeply buried nuclear fa-

When reached for comment, Meeting." the Pentagon referred AFP to the White House, which did not immediately respond.



unspecified "National Security

The president said on Friday that Iran had a "maximum" of two weeks to avoid possible Trump, who rarely spends US air strikes, indicating he weekends in Washington, is due could take a decision before the to return to the White House fortnight deadline he had an-