Harriet Tubman arrives in Auburn, New York, on her last mission to free slaves, having evaded capture for eight years on the Underground Railroad

Earthquake strikes Messina in Italy, killing nearly 80,000 people and causing widespread destruction and a devastating tsunami in the Strait of Messina



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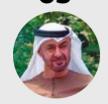
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s we remember Saint Astephen, the first Martyr, we seek his intercession for strengthening our faith and supporting the communities that suffer most for their Christian witness. May his example of humility, courage and forgiveness accompany those who, in situations of conflict, are committed to promoting dialogue, reconciliation and peace.

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US strikes targeted IS militants, Lakurawa jihadists, **Nigeria** says

Exact targets of the strikes had been unclear



Residents and a motorcyclist move between destroyed structures in Offa

Islamic State Sahel **Province group is active** in neighbouring Niger

It was unclear who among those targeted were killed

AFP | Abuja, Nigeria

try to work with the Lakura- it is fighting a bloody insurgengangs, a spokesman for the Nigerian president told AFP yesterday.

strikes, launched overnight worried about the spread of puted those links, however, and Thursday into Friday, had been armed groups from the Sahel research on Lakurawa is com-

Washington and Abuja pre-

geria's myriad armed groups axis," Bwala said. were attacked.

a spokesman for President Bola ISIS from the Sahel to that part." Tinubu, told AFP on Saturday.

"ISIS found their way through Lakurawa and the bandits with added. supplies and with training," he

s strikes in Nigeria this The Islamic State Sahel Prov- to -- has puzzled analysts, since week targeted Islamic ince (ISSP) group is active in Nigeria's jihadist insurgency State militants from the neighbouring Niger, as well as is mostly concentrated in the Sahel who were in the coun- Burkina Faso and Mali, where northeast. those countries.

linked militants, without pro- you have the bandits and the viding details on which of Ni- Lakurawa parading around that

"The intelligence the US gov-"ISIS, Lakurawa and bandits ernment gathered, also, is that were targeted," Daniel Bwala, there is a mass movement of

There were casualties, but it was unclear who among those the Sahel to go and assist the targeted were killed, Bwala

The site of the strikes -- in Nigeria's northwest state of Soko-

Researchers have recently wa jihadist group and "bandit" cy against the governments of linked some members of the armed group known as Lakura-While Nigeria has long bat- wa -- the main jihadist group tled its own, separate jihadist located in Sokoto State -- to the The exact targets of the conflict, analysts have been ISSP. Other analysts have disinto the west African country. plicated as the term has been "The strike was conducted at used to describe various armed viously said they targeted IS- a location where, historically, fighters in the northwest.

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The NAS model of interministry co-operation



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'n the critical minutes following a tomedical emergency, the boundary between tragedy and recovery is often measured by the speed and precision of a system. For decades, Bahrain's emergency response relied on a decentralized network of hospital-based fleets. However, the maturation of the National Ambulance Service (NAS)—a flagship collaboration between the Ministry of Interior (MOI) and the Ministry of Health (MOH) has redefined the Kingdom's commitment to public health and safety, positioning

it as a regional leader in pre-hospital care.

The genius of the NAS lies in its structural synergy. By placing the National Ambulance Centre under the operational command of the MOI while maintaining the clinical standards of the MOH, Bahrain has effectively bridged the gap between security and healthcare. This unified command, accessible through the 999 emergency line, eliminates the confusion of the past. It ensures that whether a call originates from a bustling Manama street or a quiet suburb in the Southern Governorate, the response is governed by a singular, high-standard protocol.

The progress witnessed by late 2025 is a testament to this vision. The expansion toward 21 strategically placed centers ensures that life-saving intervention is never more than a few minutes away. Perhaps the most innovative leap in recent months has been the deployment of

motorcycle first-responder units. By bypassing the gridlock of urban traffic to deliver immediate stabilization for cardiac or trauma patients, the NAS has demonstrated an agile, "patient-first" philosophy that transcends traditional logistics.

Furthermore, the integration of real-time electronic data sharing between ambulances and major institutions like Salmaniya Medical Complex and the BDF Hospital ensures that emergency departments are prepared before the wheels even stop. No longer is an ambulance merely a transport vehicle; it is a mobile intensive care unit.

As we look toward the goals of Bahrain's Vision 2030, the NAS stands as a blueprint for inter-ministerial success. It proves that when the state's security apparatus and healthcare experts align their goals, the result is a safer, more resilient society.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human **Rights and Counterterrorism)**

Gaza hospital says receives fuel but only for about two days

AFP | Khan Yunis, Palestinian **Territories**

major Gaza hospital that Amajor Gaza noop..... had suspended several services due to diesel shortages said it resumed some operations on Friday after receiving fuel but warned the supplies would only last about two days.

Ravaged by more than two years of war, the Al-Awda Hospital in central Gaza's Nuseirat district cares for around 60 in-patients and receives nearly 1,000 people seeking medical treatment each day.



A displaced Palestinian boy squats holding a water container in the Khan Yunis refugee camp in the southern Gaza Strip

Earlier Friday, a senior offi- pital's ability to deliver basic cial involved in managing the services". hospital, Ahmed Mehanna, said "most services have been Al-Awda Hospital consumes temporarily stopped due to a between 1,000 and 1,200 litres shortage of the fuel needed for of diesel per day, but it only had the generators".

"Only essential departments services running.

pose a direct threat to the hos- Sunday."

Under normal conditions.

some 800 litres available. Later Friday, Mehanna said remain operational: the emerthat "this evening, 2,500 litres gency unit, maternity ward and of fuel arrived from the World paediatrics," he had told AFP, Health Organisation, and we adding that the hospital rented immediately resumed operaa small generator to keep those tions." "This quantity of fuel will last only two and a half He had warned that a pro- days, but we have been promlonged fuel shortage "would ised an additional delivery next