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Deaths in fresh strikes on Gaza 'appalling': UN

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The United Nations yesterday called the deaths in Israel's new military strikes on Gaza "appalling", as it urged all sides not to let peace "slip from our grasp".

Israel said it had carried out strikes on dozens of Hamas targets following the death of a soldier, with the Gaza Strip experiencing its deadliest night of bombing since a US-brokered truce went into effect earlier in October.

UN rights chief Volker Turk said the attacks had reportedly hit schools, homes and tents for internally displaced people within the Palestinian territory.

"Reports that over 100 Palestinians were killed overnight in a wave of Israeli airstrikes mainly on residential buildings, IDP tents and schools across the Gaza Strip, following the death of an Israeli soldier, are appalling," he said in a statement.

460 killed in Sudan hospital

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The World Health Organization said yesterday it was appalled at reports of more than 460 patients and their companions being killed at a hospital in the Sudanese city of El-Fasher.

The capture of El-Fasher was marked by starvation and bombardment.

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Security alliance success



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa praised the successful conclusion of the third International Security Alliance joint exercise, hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain, describing it as a key milestone for regional and global cooperation, security, and stability. The remarks came as HM the King, in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received Lieutenant General His Highness Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of the United Arab Emirates, along with his accompanying delegation, at Sakhir Palace. (Detailed report on Page 2)

Media milestone

HM King Hamad ratifies Press and Electronic Media Law marking new era of press freedom

TDT | Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has described the newly ratified Press and Electronic Media Law as a "new and important milestone" in Bahrain's ongoing efforts to modernise and develop its legislative and institutional frameworks.

"The Press and Electronic Media Law reflects Bahrain's forward-looking approach and its commitment to supporting the growth of national journalism and media," HM the King said.

He emphasised the law's role in reinforcing the constructive role of media in nation-building and safeguarding the rights of

journalists.

Commitment

HM King Hamad underscored that the legislation enables media professionals "to carry out their work with increased efficiency, ease, and professionalism," highlighting Bahrain's commitment to a modern, transparent, and accountable press.

Law (41) of 2025 amends certain provisions of Decree-Law (47) of 2002 on the Regulation of the Press, Printing, and Publishing, following approval by the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives.

The law introduces comprehensive updates to the legal framework governing print and digital media, including licens-



HM the King

ing, ownership, editorial responsibilities, and accountability of editors-in-chief and media managers.

Congratulations

HM the King extended congratulations to all members of the press and media, noting, "I

"The law will reinforce the constructive role of media in nation-building and safeguarding the rights of journalists."

- HM KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA

express my appreciation for the dedicated citizens working in journalism and digital media for their commitment to spreading awareness and knowledge."

He also praised the coordination between the government, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al

Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and the Legislative Authority in enacting the law, saying, "Their efforts strengthen this vital sector and recognise the contributions of its practitioners in serving the nation and society."

Highlighting the Kingdom's commitment to freedom of opinion and expression, His Majesty reiterated, "We remain unwavering in our dedication to advancing the national and constructive role of the press and media, recognising its importance as a key pillar and an active partner in supporting sustainable development, highlighting national achievements, informing society, and raising public awareness."

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