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MOHAMMAD ARRIVES IN MOSCOW ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT

President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan is welcomed by Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Novo-Ogaryovo state residence outside Moscow yesterday. Earlier, upon his arrival at Vnukovo International Airport, an official reception ceremony was held for Shaikh Mohammad with the national anthems of both the UAE and Russia played and an honour guard assembled to welcome him.

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Israeli army commander killed in Gaza

WARPLANES HIT LEBANON BORDER VILLAGE 14 TIMES IN 15 MINUTES

DUBAI
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The commander of the IDF's 401st Armored Brigade, Col Ehsan Daqsa, was killed during fighting in Gaza Strip, the military announced yesterday. Daqsa's tank and another tank were hit by explosive devices during operations in Jabaliya. Three other officers were injured.

Daqsa is the fourth colonel and one of the most senior officers to be killed in the Gaza Strip since the start of war.

73 killed

Meanwhile, at least 73 Palestinians were killed, with many more still trapped under the rubble, after Israeli jets flattened entire blocks of residential buildings in the town of Beit Lahia in northern Gaza yesterday, in what UN peace process co-ordinator described as the "nightmare in Gaza is intensifying".

"We arrived in Gaza from Beit Lahia during the bombardment. We don't know where to go or stay. There's no place for us and our families. We can't live like this. It's like dying slowly," Ibrahim Hamuda, 66. told AFP.

Lebanese official media, meanwhile, reported 14 Israeli strikes within 15 minutes on the border village of Khiam and three Lebanese soldiers died when a vehicle they were travelling in was attacked by an Israeli warplane.

The media also accused Israel of planting explosives and detonating buildings on a wide-scale in three border villages.

Hezbollah said it launched rockets at the main north Israeli city of Haifa yesterday. The strikes came as Israel is preparing to attack Iran and Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu accused Hezbollah of attempting to assassinate him by targeting his residence.

Iran attack plans leaked

In a related development, the United States said it had launched an investigation into the leak of classified documents that detail Israel's military plans for a potential strike against Iran.

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Dh390m facelift for Dubai countryside

Plan aims for 600% jump in number of visitors by 2040

DUBAI
Gulf News Report

Dubai's countryside is set to undergo a Dh390 million facelift. Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the UAE, and Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai, yesterday approved 37 projects to develop Dubai's countryside.

Five-year project

The projects will be implemented over the next five years to provide high-quality services and advanced facilities to meet the needs of residents and visitors.

The ambitious plan includes the development of five service and recreational stations to provide an exceptional tourist experience for residents and visitors. These projects will be implemented in partnership with the private sector.

"Our goal is to increase the number of visitors by 600 per cent to reach over 3 million by 2040," said Shaikh Hamdan. "We continue to launch unique projects to consolidate Dubai's status as one of the world's best cities for quality of life and ensure our citizens, residents and visitors enjoy the highest levels of well-being."

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