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# 131 killed in Gaza and Lebanon in 24 hours

HORROR AS ISRAEL HITS GAZA HOSPITAL; MEN BURNED ALIVE

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**W**ith Israel ramping up its brutal attacks on Gaza and Lebanon, killing at least 131 people in the past 24 hours, Hezbollah launched a barrage of rockets at the north Israeli town of Safed yesterday. Israeli strikes across southern regions and the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon resulted in at least 69 deaths in 24 hours, marking one of the deadliest days in recent weeks, according to the Lebanese health ministry.

In Gaza, 62 people were killed, including in a horrific strike on Al Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir Al Balah where a disturbing videos showed a man being burned alive as helpless bystanders looked on.

## European Union condemns Israeli attacks

As Israeli jets pounded Lebanon and Gaza, Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez yesterday urged other members of the European Union to respond to Madrid and Ireland's request to suspend the bloc's free trade agreement with Israel over its actions.

Meanwhile, European Union's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell denounced as "completely unacceptable" a series

## UNDER SIEGE JABALIA



**1** Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in Jabalia are without food or water.

**2** Intense shelling and closed roads have prevented aid deliveries, choking off vital supplies to medical facilities.

**3** Residents are asked to leave for south and those who remain will be considered combatants.

of Israeli attacks that have injured United Nations peacekeepers in southern Lebanon.

Following a deadly drone strike on a military base in Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday vowed to strike Hezbollah without mercy, and retaliation would extend to targets in Beirut.

"We will continue to mer-

cilessly strike Hezbollah in all parts of Lebanon — including Beirut. All this according to operational considerations. We have proven it recently and we will continue to prove it in the days to come," he said while visiting the military base hit by a Hezbollah drone on Sunday night.

The Israeli army later said air raid sirens were activated across central Israel, including the commercial hub of Tel Aviv, as projectiles were fired across the border from Lebanon.

## 'Woke up to smoke, flames'

The Israeli airstrike on the hospital compound in central Gaza early yesterday unleashed flames through tents sheltering displaced families, killing at least four and injuring 70 people. "What happened was that we woke up to smoke, flames, fire and burning pieces falling on the tents from every direction. The explosions terrified us in our tents and outside where we live behind Al Aqsa Hospital," Om Ahmad Radi, a survivor at the scene, told Al Jazeera.

"The fire was very fast and burned all the tents. I saw three people burning, dozens of injuries and hundreds of families running and screaming and searching for their children," he said.

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Courtesy: Dubai Media Office

■ Shaikh Mohammad tours the pavilions at Gitex Global 2024, which kicked off yesterday at Dubai World Trade Centre. The event brings together over 6,500 exhibitors from more than 180 countries.

## Mohammad tours Gitex Global 2024

'We have a vision to advance UAE's leadership in digital and tech landscape'

**DUBAI**

**H**is Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, toured Gitex Global 2024, the world's largest tech and startup event, which commenced at the Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC) yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion of the global event, Shaikh Mohammad said, "As the UAE embarks on a new phase of economic growth, driven by strategic investments in future industries, the nation is rapidly consolidating its position as a global hub for advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence. We have a clear vision to advance the UAE's leadership in the global digital and technology landscape, making it the world's most future-ready nation."

He added: "The remarkable increase in international participation at Gitex Global is a

testament to this vision. By fostering a culture of innovation and excellence, we are unlocking new opportunities for both established industry players and emerging entrepreneurs to grow and thrive. While we remain dedicated to nurturing home-grown talent and expertise, we are equally focused on forging strong partnerships with global technology leaders to accelerate progress and shape the future of this vital sector."

Shaikh Mohammad visited several key pavilions that showcased cutting-edge AI solutions and digital innovations. — WAM

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