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## MOHAMMAD BIN ZAYED MEETS PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER

President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, meets with Anwar ul Haq Kakar, Prime Minister of Pakistan, at Al Shati Palace, yesterday. They discussed cooperation between the two countries and ways to expand its horizons and reviewed regional and international issues. **SEE ALSO P6**



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## MOHAMMAD BIN RASHID RECEIVES DEWA DELEGATION

His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, receives Emirati experts from Dewa's R&D centre in the presence of Shaikh Hamdan Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of The Executive Council of Dubai.

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# Gaza ceasefire extended by two days

HAMAS OFFICIAL SAYS TRUCE EXTENSION TO FOLLOW SAME CONDITIONS AS FOUR-DAY PAUSE

GAZA/JERUSALEM

**M**ediator Qatar said yesterday a deal had been reached to extend a truce between Israeli and Hamas forces in Gaza by two days, continuing a pause in seven weeks of warfare that has killed thousands and laid waste to the Palestinian enclave.

"An agreement has been reached to extend the humanitarian truce for an additional two days in the Gaza Strip," a Qatari foreign ministry spokesperson said in a post on social

media platform X. Hamas also said it had agreed a two-day extension to the truce with Qatar and Egypt, who have been facilitating indirect negotiations between the two sides. There was no immediate comment from Israel.

"An agreement has been reached with the brothers in Qatar and Egypt to extend the temporary humanitarian truce by two more days, with the same conditions as in the previous truce," a Hamas official said in a phone call with Reuters.

Before the statements, the

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head of Egypt's State Information Service, Diaa Rashwan, had said an extension agreement was close and would include the release of 20 Israeli hostages from among those seized by Hamas during its Oct. 7 assault on southern Israel. In

exchange 60 Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails would be freed, he said.

The initial truce was due to end yesterday night.

With the release of 11 Israeli hostages expected yesterday, negotiations remain ongoing for the release of 33 Palestinians, Rashwan added.

**Much-needed pause**

The truce agreed last week was the first halt in fighting in the seven weeks since Hamas attacked Israel, killing 1,200 people and taking about 240 hostages back into Gaza, ac-

cording to Israeli tallies. In response to that attack, Israel has bombarded the enclave and mounted a ground offensive in the north. Some 14,800 Palestinians have been killed, Gaza health authorities say, and hundreds of thousands displaced.

Wide areas of the Hamas-ruled enclave have been flattened by Israeli air strikes and artillery bombardments, and a humanitarian crisis has unfolded as supplies of food, fuel, drinking water and medicine run out.

— Reuters

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