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SHARJAH
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There will be no extension of the amnesty period for residency violators to get their visa status adjusted, Major General Suhail Saeed Al Khaili, Director-General of the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs & Port Security (ICP) announced in Sharjah yesterday.

Major General Al Khaili said strict legal measures will be taken against those found in violation of residency rules once the grace period ends. This includes reinstating previous fines for those who failed to correct their status during the given amnesty period.

Stricter measures

Addressing a media gathering, Major General Sultan Yusuf Al Nuaimi, Director General of Residency and Foreign Affairs at ICP said stricter measures will be enforced following the end of the amnesty period, which will include deportation of violators and their inclusion in the no-entry list.

He told *Gulf News* that dedicated teams are monitoring violators across these locations.

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Israel relentlessly pounds Gaza on war anniversary

‘WE’VE ENDURED A YEAR UNDER BOMBARDMENT AND FEAR IN MY CHILDREN’S HEARTS’

DUBAI
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Israel marked the first anniversary of the Gaza war with relentless bombing of the besieged enclave, resulting in at least 39 deaths in the last 24 hours.

“Last night, we were terrorised by bombardments from quadcopters and tank shells,” said Hawajri, who has been displaced 10 times with his family of seven over the past year.

“We have endured a whole year in the north under bombardment, terror, and fear in my children’s hearts,” he told AFP news agency, noting that he remained in Gaza’s devastated north because “there is no safe place in the entire Strip.”

Long war of attrition

Hamas, meanwhile, fired a barrage of rockets toward Tel Aviv and the group’s armed wing vowed yesterday to keep fighting what it described as a “long war of attrition”.

“We choose to keep up the fight in a long war of attrition, one that is painful and costly for the enemy,” said Abu Obeida, spokesman of the militant group’s armed wing, in a video broadcast on Al Jazeera.

The Israel Defence Forces said five projectiles were launched from Gaza and sirens



AFP

■ Palestinian civil defence firefighters extinguish a blaze in a building in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday on the first anniversary of the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas.

sounded across central Israel, with two people reportedly injured.

Israel is engaged in a multi-front war with no clear end in sight, deploying troops back to northern Gaza and maintaining intense aerial attacks, along with limited ground ma-

noeuvres in Lebanon. Israel’s military said that Hezbollah had fired some 135 projectiles into Israel yesterday and air defences intercepted a missile fired from Yemen.

In Washington, US President Joe Biden and Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Har-

ris mourned the bloody Hamas attack on Israel while deploring heavy civilian losses of Palestinians in the subsequent Israeli operation. “Far too many civilians have suffered far too much during this year of conflict,” Biden said in a statement.

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