US troops in Iraq, Syria attacked 55 times in past month

WASHINGTON: American forces deployed in Iraq and Syria have been attacked 55 times over the past month, causing minor injuries to dozens of US troops, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

Washington has blamed the spike in violence on Tehran-backed forces and carried out strikes on sites in Syria it said were linked to Iran on three separate occasions, but the drone and rocket attacks have continued.

<u>Israel raids Gaza's Al-Shifa Hospital</u>

The Israeli military said it was carrying out a raid on Wednesday against Palestinian Hamas militants in Al-Shifa Hospital, the Gaza Strip's biggest hospital, and urged them all to surrender.

Less than an hour earlier, around 1 a.m. local time (2300 GMT), a Gaza health ministry spokesman said Israel had told officials in the enclave that it would raid the Shifa hospital complex "in the coming minutes."

<u>Gaza official warns of possible</u> <u>Israeli raid on Al Shifa hospital</u>

GAZA: Gaza's health ministry spokesperson warned on Wednesday of a potential Israeli raid on the enclave's Al Shifa hospital complex, saying Israel informed Gaza health officials that its forces would raid the facility. The Israeli military, asked for comment, said it was looking into the matter. The Gaza health ministry spokesperson, Ashraf Al-Qidra, told Al Jazeera that Israel "informed us that it will raid Al Shifa hospital complex in the coming minutes."

<u>Israeli military seizes broader</u> <u>control of northern Gaza and captures</u> <u>key government buildings</u>

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip: The Israeli military seized broader control of northern Gaza on Tuesday, including capturing the territory's legislature

building and its police headquarters, in gains that carried high symbolic value in the country's quest to crush the ruling Hamas militant group. Meanwhile, Palestinian authorities called for a cease-fire to evacuate three dozen newborns and other patients trapped inside Gaza's biggest hospital as Israeli forces battled Hamas in the streets just outside.

<u>Israel approves some fuel for UN</u> trucks in Gaza: Reuters

BEIRUT: Israel has given approval for 24,000 liters of diesel fuel to be used by trucks for United Nations operations in the Gaza Strip, a humanitarian source said on Tuesday.

The fuel is only meant for UN trucks, and not for hospitals, the source said. The United States pressured the UN to accept the fuel, the source added. The Israeli military had no immediate comment. There was no immediate comment from Hamas.