

Hamas armed wing discussed releasing 70 hostages in return for 5-day truce

CAIRO: The armed wing of Palestinian militant group Hamas said on Monday they told Qatari mediators that the group is ready to release up to 70 women and children held in Gaza in return for a five-day truce.

“The truce should include a complete cease-fire and allowing aid and humanitarian relief everywhere in the Gaza Strip,” Abu Ubaida, the spokesman for the armed wing of Hamas, Alqassam Brigades, said in a recorded audio published on the group’s Telegram channel.

He went on to accuse Israel of “procrastinating and evading” the price of the deal.

Jordan, Morocco sign medical cooperation agreement

AMMAN: Officials from the Jordan Medical Association and Morocco’s National Council of the Order of Physicians (CNOM) have signed a cooperation agreement, the Jordan News Agency reported on Monday.

The deal was inked by JMA chief, Ziad Zoubi, and CNOM president, Mohammadin Boubekri.

A Moroccan medical delegation visited Jordan on Sunday to establish a framework for developing programs in areas of mutual interest.

Israeli army confirms identity of soldier held hostage by Hamas

JERUSALEM: The Israeli army confirmed on Tuesday the identity of a soldier being held hostage by Hamas, after the armed wing of the Palestinian group published a video showing the young woman in captivity.

“Our hearts go out to the Marciano family, whose daughter, Noa, was brutally kidnapped by the Hamas terrorist organization,” the army said in a statement released shortly after midnight.

“We are using all means, both intelligence and operational, to bring the hostages home.”

MSF doctor warns of ‘inhuman’ conditions in main Gaza hospital

GAZA STRIP, Palestinian Territories: Hundreds of people stranded in Gaza’s biggest hospital were enduring “inhuman” conditions on Monday while heavy fighting raged around them, a doctor said as Israel declared Hamas had “lost control” over the Palestinian territory.

“Terrorists are fleeing southward. Civilians are looting Hamas bases. They don’t have faith in the government anymore,” Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said on Israeli television without providing evidence.

Turkish ship carrying field hospitals docks in Egypt near Gaza

ISMAILIA, Egypt: A Turkish vessel carrying materials for field hospitals arrived Monday in Egypt’s port of El-Arish near the Rafah border crossing with the war-ravaged Gaza Strip, a port official said.

It is the first such aid vessel to arrive in Egypt since war broke out on Oct. 7 when Hamas militants in Gaza launched an attack on Israel.

Israel has responded with a furious bombing campaign and ground invasion that officials in the Hamas government say has killed over 11,000 people, also mostly civilians and including thousands of children.