<u>Jewish-led peace activists protest at</u> <u>Statue of Liberty to demand Gaza</u> cease-fire

NEW YORK: Hundreds of protesters, many from the group Jewish Voice for Peace, staged a sit-in on Monday outside New York's Statue of Liberty, calling for a cease-fire in the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip.

Video on social media, including footage posted by the group itself, showed throngs of activists sitting at the base of the statue chanting, "Never again for anyone, never again is now," echoing a Jewish rallying cry in the aftermath of the Holocaust.

<u>Sudan's military conflict is getting</u> <u>closer to South Sudan and Abyei, UN</u> <u>envoy warns</u>

UNITED NATIONS: The "unprecedented" conflict between Sudan's army and rival paramilitary force now in its seventh month is getting closer to South Sudan and the disputed Abyei region, the UN special envoy for the Horn of Africa warned Monday.

Hanna Serwaa Tetteh pointed to the paramilitary Rapid Support Force's recent seizures of the airport and oil field in Belila, about 55 kilometers (34 miles) southwest of the capital of Sudan's West Kordofan State.

Netanyahu says Israel will take 'overall security responsibility' of Gaza after war

WASHINGTON: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that his country will take "overall responsibility" of Gaza's security for an indefinite period after its war with Hamas ends.

"Israel will, for an indefinite period, will have the overall security responsibility," he said in a television interview with ABC News broadcast on Monday.

"When we don't have that security responsibility, what we have is the eruption of Hamas terror on a scale that we couldn't imagine," he added.

Explainer: What is Gaza's Ministry of Health and how does it calculate the war's death toll?

JERUSALEM: How many Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since the war between Israel and Hamas started?

With Israel besieging and bombing territory at a scale never seen before, arriving at a precise answer isn't easy. Cell service is spotty. Internet and power are out. Airstrikes have pulverized roads and leveled neighborhoods, slowing rescue work.

<u>Jordan open to 'all options' as Gaza</u> conflict intensifies

AMMAN: Jordan said on Monday it was leaving "all options" open in its response to what it called Israel's failure to discriminate between military and civilian targets in its intensifying bombardment and invasion of the Gaza Strip.

Prime Minister Bisher al Khasawneh did not elaborate on what steps Jordan would take, days after it recalled its ambassador from Israel in protest at Israel's offensive in Gaza after a cross-border Oct. 7 attack by Hamas.