

## **Thousands rally in Amman for Gaza ceasefire**

AMMAN: Some 5,000 Jordanians protested Friday in the capital Amman, calling on King Abdullah II to press for a ceasefire in fighting between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, AFP correspondents said.

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## **UAE warns against regional spillover from Gaza war**

DUBAI: The UAE warned on Friday against the risk of a regional spillover from the Israel-Hamas fighting in Gaza, highlighting its efforts to secure an "immediate and full" humanitarian ceasefire to facilitate aid. Speaking at the World Policy Conference in Abu Dhabi, Noura Al-Kaabi, the UAE minister of state at the ministry of foreign affairs, said it was important to look at the war within the broader context of the rising geopolitical challenges and the underlying issue of terrorism.

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## **Be consistent in ceasefire calls, do not 'customize the narrative,' Palestine envoy tells UN officials**

NEW YORK CITY: Palestine's envoy to the UN on Friday slammed the organization's humanitarian chiefs for failing to call clearly for a ceasefire in Gaza.

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## **Jordan says Gulf ministers, Egyptian FM, Palestinians to meet Blinken Saturday**

AMMAN: Jordan said on Friday the kingdom will host a meeting on Saturday between US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and his Saudi, Qatari, Emirati and Egyptian counterparts, along with participation of the Palestinians. The ministers will stress during the talks the "Arab stance calling for an

immediate cease-fire, delivering humanitarian aid and ways of ending the dangerous deterioration that threatens the security of the region," a foreign ministry statement said.

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## **UN aid chief Griffiths: 'Some progress' in talks on letting fuel into Gaza**

GENEVA: The UN aid chief said on Friday that there had been "some progress" in ongoing negotiations to allow fuel into the Israeli-besieged Gaza Strip for the first time since hostilities began on Oct. 7.

"I heard just this morning as I came in, there has been some progress on allowing some more fuel in through these negotiations," Martin Griffiths told a briefing for member states at the United Nations in New York, referring to ongoing negotiations between the global body, Israel, Egypt and the United States. "I hope to see that confirmed during today."