UN rights chief sounds alarm at number of Palestinian children killed, condemns lack of accountability

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NEW YORK: The UN's human rights chief, Michelle Bachelet, on Thursday expressed alarm at the "unconscionable" number of Palestinian children who have been killed or injured this year, and called for all incidents to be thoroughly investigated.

The figures soared last weekend during intense fighting between Israeli authorities and the Islamic Jihad group, and subsequent Israeli enforcement operations in the West Bank.

In the past week alone, 19 Palestinian children were killed in the Occupied Territories, raising the death toll since the start of the year to 37.



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Russian officials trained in Iran as part of drone deal, US says

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WASHINGTON: Russian officials trained in Iran in recent weeks as part of an agreement on the transfer of drones between the two countries, the US State Department said on Thursday.

US officials said last month that Washington had information that Iran was preparing to provide Russia with up to several hundred drones, including some that are weapons capable, and that Russian officials had visited Iran to view attack-capable unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).



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Heavy rains collapse 10 historic

buildings in Yemeni capital

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SANAA, Yemen: Heavy rains lashing Yemen's capital of Sanaa, which dates back to ancient times, have in recent days collapsed 10 buildings in the Old City, the country's Houthi rebels said Wednesday.

At least 80 other buildings have been heavily damaged in the rains and are in need of urgent repairs, said the rebels, who have controlled Sanaa since the outbreak of Yemen's civil war more than eight years ago.



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Yemen has enough wheat for two-and-a-half months, document shows

ID: 1660162854998955800 Wed. 2022-08-10 15:06 ADEN: Yemen has secured enough wheat to cover two-and-a-half months of consumption, a commerce ministry document dated Aug. 4 showed, as global disruptions and local currency instability risk deepening the war-torn country's hunger crisis.

A review by the internationally recognized government in Aden showed 176,400 tons of wheat available -70,400 stockpiled and 106,000 booked for August/September delivery - according to the document.



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Order to seize Lebanon MPs' property over port blast

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BEIRUT: Judicial authorities in Lebanon Wednesday ordered the temporary seizure of the property of two deputies in the case of the deadly explosion which destroyed Beirut port two years ago.

"Judge Najah Itani has issued a temporary seizure order worth 100 billion Lebanese pounds on the property of MPs Ali Hassan Khalil and Ghazi Zeaiter," a judicial source told AFP.



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