

[Cart ride shows scale of massive destruction in Gaza's Khan Younis](#)

GAZA STRIP/RAMALLAH: Swerving to avoid a crater left in the road by a strike, a donkey trots along the debris-strewn streets of Khan Younis in the Gaza Strip, then slows to navigate a narrow passageway cleared through the rubble of destroyed apartment blocks.

With a dearth of fuel caused by Israel's blockade of Gaza since the start of its war against Hamas, donkey carts have become an essential mode of transport for people and goods in the bombarded Palestinian territory.

[Israel says investigating Hamas report of baby hostage death](#)

JERUSALEM: Israel's army said Wednesday it was investigating a report by Hamas's armed wing that a 10-month-old baby hostage, his four-year-old brother and their mother had all been killed in Gaza.

The military was "assessing the accuracy of the information," it said in a statement.

"Hamas is wholly responsible for the security of all hostages in the Gaza Strip," it added. "Hamas's actions continue to endanger the hostages, which include nine children."

[6 members of American UN aid worker's family killed by Israeli attack in Gaza](#)

CHICAGO: All 14-year-old Siwar Almadhoun wanted to do was play basketball. Her 9-year-old brother, Omar, dreamed of being a soccer star.

Their dreams died with them in the early hours of Friday, Nov. 24 when, as they slept, Israeli forces dropped a massive bomb on their home in Beit Lahia, in the Gaza Strip.

What chances do war-displaced Palestinians in Gaza have of returning to their homes?

LONDON: Following a seemingly successful pause in hostilities, questions are mounting over the fate of Palestinians displaced by the war in Gaza and what hopes they have of returning home if, and when, news breaks of a permanent cessation of hostilities.

In the more than 50 days of constant shelling, Israel's military has turned much of northern Gaza into a moonscape with entire neighborhoods reduced to rubble.

US Navy warship shoots down drone launched by Houthis from Yemen

WASHINGTON: A US Navy warship sailing near the Bab El-Mandeb Strait shot down a drone launched from Yemen, a US official said Wednesday, in the latest in a string of threats from the Iranian-backed Houthis.

The official said according to initial reports, USS Carney, a Navy destroyer, deemed the drone – an Iranian-made KAS-04 – to be a threat and shot it down over water in the southern Red Sea as the ship was moving toward the strait. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss a military operation not yet made public.