

## **Bodies line Gaza hospital wall and surgeons operate in corridors**

GAZA: Dozens of bodies lay shrouded in white, lined up against the side of Gaza Strip's Indonesian Hospital on Tuesday from what health authorities in the Hamas-run enclave said was an Israeli airstrike on a Palestinian refugee camp.

The hospital had already been struggling under an influx of patients badly wounded by Israeli bombing, with medics setting up an operating room in a corridor because the main surgical theaters were full, they said.

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## **Can Syria sit out the shadow war between Israel and Iran as Gaza bombardment intensifies?**

LONDON: Syrians are growing increasingly concerned that repeated Israeli airstrikes and incursions could drag the country into the intensifying Israel-Hamas war, extending Syria's decade-long existence as a proxy battleground.

In the three weeks since Hamas' deadly assault on sites across the Israeli border of the Gaza Strip, Israel has launched attacks against Syria's civilian airports in Aleppo and Damascus, including a simultaneous strike on Oct. 12.

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## **Gaza now a 'graveyard' for thousands of children: UN**

JERUSALEM/GENEVA: The Gaza Strip has become a graveyard for thousands of children, the UN said on Tuesday, as it feared the prospect of more dying of dehydration.

Israel has heavily bombarded Gaza since Hamas gunmen stormed across the border on Oct. 7, killing 1,400 people, mostly civilians, and kidnapping at least 240 others, according to Israeli officials.

The Health Ministry in the Hamas-run Gaza Strip said the strikes have killed more than 8,500 people, mainly civilians.

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## [Hezbollah steps up attacks on Israeli military targets](#)

BEIRUT: Hezbollah on Tuesday intensified its military operations against Israeli forces by targeting army positions across the southern border of Lebanon. It came as Israel stepped up its ground assault on the Gaza Strip.

Israeli forces responded to the Hezbollah activity by launching air and artillery strikes on Lebanese villages and towns, reportedly using phosphorus shells. The use of such weapons in civilian areas is prohibited under international law.

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## [Five convicted of 'terrorism' escape prison near Tunis](#)

TUNIS: Five prisoners convicted of "terrorism" escaped Tunisia's largest prison on Tuesday, the interior ministry said in a statement. It called for Tunisians to be vigilant following the escape from Mornaguia prison just outside the capital Tunis.

"Five dangerous individuals serving prison sentences related to terrorist cases" escaped Mornaguia prison at dawn on Tuesday, the ministry said.