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Israeli leaders split over post-war Gaza governance

JERUSALEM

NEW divisions have emerged among Israel's leaders over post-war Gaza's governance, with an unexpected Hamas fightback in various parts of the Palestinian territory including Jabalia piling pressure on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The Israeli army has been battling Hamas militants across Gaza for more than seven months while also exchanging near-daily fire with Iran-backed Hezbollah forces along the northern border with Lebanon. But after Hamas fighters regrouped in northern Gaza, where Israel previously said the group had been neutralised, broad splits emerged in the Israeli war cabinet in recent days.

Netanyahu came under personal attack from Defence Minister Yoav Gallant for failing to rule out an Israeli government



Israeli soldiers during a military operation in the Gaza Strip on Saturday | AFP

in Gaza after the war. The Israeli premier's outright rejection of post-war Palestinian leadership in Gaza has broken a rift among top politicians

wide open and frustrated relations with top ally the United States. Experts say the lack of clarity only serves to benefit Hamas,



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Heavy bombardments, clashes rock Rafah

Heavy clashes and bombardment Saturday rocked Gaza Strip's southern city of Rafah as the Israeli military announced the first humanitarian aid had entered the besieged territory via a US-built pier. The military said its air forces "struck over 70 targets" across the Gaza Strip over the past 24 hours while ground troops "continue precise operations" in eastern Rafah

whose leader has insisted no new authority can be established in the territory without its involvement. "Without an alternative to fill the vacuum, Hamas will con-

tinue to grow," International Crisis Group analyst Mairav Zonszein told AFP. Emmanuel Navon, a lecturer at Tel Aviv University, echoed this sentiment. "If only Hamas

is left in Gaza, of course they are going to appear here and there and the Israeli army will be forced to chase them around," said Navon. "Either you establish an Israeli military government or an Arab-led government." Gallant said in a televised address on Wednesday: "I call on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to make a decision and declare that Israel will not establish civilian control over the Gaza strip."

The premier's war planning also came under recent attack by army chief Herzi Halevi as well as top Shin Bet security agency officials, according to Israeli media reports.

Netanyahu is also under pressure from Washington to swiftly bring an end to the conflict and avoid being mired in a long counterinsurgency campaign. Washington has previously called for a "revitalised" form of the Palestinian Authority to govern Gaza after the war.

ASIA MATTERS

COP KILLER ACTED ON HIS OWN: MINISTER

The man who attacked a Malaysian police station and killed two officers was a recluse and is believed to have acted on his own despite suspected links to the Jemaah Islamiyah extremist group, the country's home minister said Saturday. The man stormed the police station in southern Johor state near Singapore in the early hours of Friday with a machete. He hacked a police constable to death and then used the officer's weapon to kill another. Police initially said the man could have attempted to take firearms from the station.

LAWSUIT

Russia seizes Deutsche Bank, UniCredit assets worth 702 euros

MOSCOW

A Russian court has ruled that Deutsche Bank and UniCredit's assets in the country are to be seized, documents showed.

European banks have largely exited Russia after Moscow launched its offensive on Ukraine in 2022.

A court in Saint Petersburg ruled in favour of seizing 239 million euros (\$260 million) from Deutsche Bank, documents dated May 16 showed.

The same day, it ordered the seizure of around 463 million euros of assets belonging to Italy's UniCredit.

Both decisions were issued in answer to a request from RusKhimAlians, which was planning to build a major gas processing and liquefaction plant in cooperation with German company Linde, which pulled out of the project due to Russia's military campaign.

RusKhimAlians sued UniCredit and Deutsche Bank — both guarantors of the project. Deutsche Bank said it would "need to see how this claim is implemented by the Russian courts and assess the immediate operational impact in Russia".

UniCredit said it "has been made aware" of the decision and was "reviewing" the situation in detail. UniCredit was one of the European banks most exposed to Russia when Moscow started its campaign in Ukraine, with a large local subsidiary operating in the country. It began preliminary discussions on a sale last year, but the talks haven't advanced.

Chief executive Andrea Orcel said UniCredit wants to leave Russia, but added that gifting an operation worth three billion euros was not a good way to respect the spirit of Western sanctions on Moscow over the conflict. AFP

Oil tanker hit by missile off Yemen coast

DUBAI

A crude oil tanker was hit by a missile off the coast of Yemen's southwestern city of Mokha overlooking the strategic Bab al-Mandeb strait, a maritime security firm said Saturday.

"A Panama-flagged crude oil tanker was reportedly 'attacked'" about 10 nautical miles southwest of Mokha, Ambrey said, adding that information "indicated the vessel was hit by a missile and that there was a fire" in the ship's rear.

The firm later said it had "received information that indicated that the tanker had received assistance. One of the steering units of the vessel was reportedly functional."

The British navy's maritime security agency said earlier it had received a report of a vessel "sustaining slight damage after being struck by an unknown object".

"The vessel and crew are safe and continuing to its next port of call," United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) added.

It said the incident occurred 180 kilometres south of Yemen's Hodeidah, without specifying the type of vessel involved.

Iran-backed Huthi rebels who control much of Yemen have launched dozens of attacks on vessels in and around the Red Sea since November in a campaign they say is in solidarity with Palestinians in war-torn Gaza. The attacks have prompted reprisal strikes by US and British forces and the formation of an international coalition to protect the vital shipping lanes through the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea. Yemen's Houthi rebels on Friday claimed to have shot down an American drone, hours after footage circulated online of what appeared to be the wreckage of an MQ-9 Reaper drone. The two incidents likely represent just the latest attacks by the Houthis as they press their campaign over the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza.

Houthi military spokesman Brig. Gen. Yahya Saree claimed that rebels shot down the Reaper on Thursday with a surface-to-air missile. He described the drone as "carrying out hostile actions" in Yemen's Marib province, which remains held by allies of Yemen's exiled, internationally recognised government. The Houthis later released footage they claimed showed the surface-to-air-missile being launched at night, along with night-vision footage of the missile hitting the drone. AFP

FLASH FLOODS KILL AT LEAST 68 IN WESTERN AFGHANISTAN

KABUL

FLASH flooding has killed at least 68 people in western Afghanistan, provincial police said on Saturday, with some reaching safety on higher ground mere minutes before the water hit.

The floods on Friday also destroyed about 2,000 houses, and damaged thousands more homes and businesses, Ghor police spokesman Abdul Rahman Badri said in a statement.

The fresh flooding in the country—which has experienced above-average rainfall this spring—comes after flash floods on May 10 in northern Baghlan province washed away hundreds. Survivors there were still searching for missing relatives days after the disaster.

"Fifty residents of Ghor province were killed by the floods on Friday and a number of others are missing," Badri said. "These terrible floods have also killed thousands of cattle... They have destroyed hundreds of hectares of agricultural land, hundreds of bridges and cul-

verts, and destroyed thousands of trees." A resident of Firozkoh district in Ghor told AFP he and his family raced to higher ground when they were alerted by the sound of aerial firing and urgent warnings over mosque loudspeakers of oncoming flash floods.

"Within five minutes of our escape, a huge and horrible flash flood came and washed away everything. I watched the flood destroy my house with my own eyes," Zahir Zahid told AFP over the phone. "Women and children, everyone was crying," he said.

"In our area, around a hundred houses have been washed away by the flood, nothing is left, the flood has taken everything away," Obaidullah Muradian, the head of the province's disaster management department, said it was an "emergency situation". The floods hit several districts in the province, including the capital Chaghcharan, where the streets "are full of mud", he said, adding that victims were in need of shelter, food and water. AFP

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