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13,000 Palestinians injured – 3,500 by live ammo – since Gaza demos began on Mar. 30, UN official says

By Nour Abu Aisha

GAZA CITY - Israel intentionally targeted Palestinian protesters near the Gaza-Israel security fence last week, Pierre Krahenbuhl, head of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), said Tuesday. Speaking at a press conference in Gaza City, Krahenbuhl described the nature of injuries sustained by Palestinian protesters as “shocking”. Krahenbuhl said the Israeli army had deliberately targeted protesters’ lower

limbs, knees, backs and heads. He added that the number of protesters injured since Palestinians began holding rallies near the Gaza-Israel fence on Mar. 30 now exceeded the number of those injured during Israel’s destructive 2014 military onslaught on the coastal enclave. Israel’s 2014 offensive left more than 2,250 Palestinians dead and thousands more injured -- mostly civilians -- while leaving much of Gaza’s infrastructure in ruins. Of the 13,000 Palestinians injured since... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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Palestine asks ICC to investigate Israel’s ‘war crimes’



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Turkey calls for abolishing health restrictions on Gaza

By Fatih Erel

GENEVA - Turkey on Tuesday urged the World Health Organization and other UN agencies to take measures to stop restrictions on the movement of patients, health staff and essential medicines in the besieged Gaza Strip. “People in the occupied Palestine territory are in dire need of medicines, medical equipment and beds,” Turkish Health Ministry Undersecretary Eyup Gumus said on Tuesday at the World

Health Organization’s (WHO’s) 71st annual World Health Assembly in Geneva. Noting the recent Israeli attacks which killed scores of people and injured about 3,000 people within the last week, Gumus said: “The restrictions imposed on the movement of patients, health staff, essential medicine and medical consumables have hindered the functioning of health system. “These restrictions are illegal, inhumane and unacceptable. [MORE DETAILS](#)

RAMALLAH - Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad al-Malki on Tuesday requested the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate Israel’s settlement building and alleged war crimes. Al-Malki has submitted a so-called “referral” to the Office of the ICC Prosecutor in The Hague to start

an investigation into “Israel’s settlements and war crimes in the Palestinian territories”, according to a statement by the Palestinian Foreign Ministry. “The Palestinian referral seeks an investigation into Israeli crimes in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem since 1967,” al-Malki told... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey-Afghanistan air trade corridor opens

KABUL - Turkey and Afghanistan on Tuesday launched an air corridor to boost bilateral trade. Afghanistan’s Minister of Industry and Commerce Humayoon Rasaw, Minister of Agriculture Nasir Ahmad Durrani, Turkish Ambassador to Kabul Oguzhan Ertugrul and Turkey’s flag carrier Turkish Airlines’ Kabul manager, Ahmet Uludag attended the opening ceremony at Hamid Karzai

International Airport. Speaking at the event, Rasaw said Afghanistan wants to increase trade cooperation with Turkey and that his country will provide convenience to Turkish businesspeople. Pointing that the trade volume between the two countries will increase following the opening of air corridor between Istanbul and Kabul, Rasaw said: “A total of 15 tons of goods... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Police seize over 120 kg of heroin in Turkey

KOCAELI/TEKIRDAG - Police seized 129 kilograms (284 pounds) of heroin during an anti-drug raid in northwestern Kocaeli province on Tuesday, police sources said Tuesday. The heroin was found concealed in pipes in the trailer’s bed after anti-narcotics teams stopped the vehicle on Anadolu Highway

near Kartepe district, the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to media restrictions, said. Three suspected drug traffickers were arrested after search of the trailer, the sources said. In separate drug raids in western Tekirdag province, seven people were arrested for using and drug... [MORE DETAILS](#)