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Israel targets mosque, agricultural areas in new Gaza strikes

GAZA CITY - Israeli warplanes continue to strike Gaza City Tuesday despite reports of a ceasefire. According to witnesses, the Israeli bombardment targeted a post belonging to the Izzeddin al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of the Hamas movement, in the town of Beit Hanun in the northern Gaza Strip, causing a huge fire at the nearby Omar bin Abdulaziz Mosque. It was also reported that Israeli warplanes and artillery units are continuing to strike a large number of agricultural areas in southern, northern and central Gaza. The Israeli army confirmed that its warplanes had carried out 15

bombardments in the Gaza Strip. The army stated that the attacks were carried out in response to rockets launched from the Gaza Strip on Monday. Hamas announced late Monday that Egypt had managed to secure a ceasefire between Israel and Gaza-based resistance factions. Neither Israel nor Egypt have officially confirmed the reported ceasefire arrangement. On Monday morning, rocket fire emanating from Gaza reportedly left seven Israelis injured. Israel responded by pounding Hamas positions across the Gaza Strip, to which Palestinian resistance factions responded in turn by firing rockets at... [MORE DETAILS](#)



Israel's political gains under Trump rule

ANKARA - U.S. President Donald Trump enjoys unprecedented approval ratings in Israel -- much higher than in his home country. His ratings have soared especially after recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel in 2018 and Israel-occupied Golan Heights as

sovereign Israeli territory this week. Both unilateral actions were slammed by the international community and governing bodies, the UN and EU in particular. Israeli lobbies in the U.S. were cautious of a Trump presidency in the run up to the 2016... [MORE DETAILS](#)

EU backs Afghanistan peace process

KABUL, Afghanistan - The EU foreign policy chief on Tuesday expressed full support for an Afghan-owned peace process during her visit to capital Kabul. Federica Mogherini met Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani at the Arg (presidential palace). Addressing a joint news conference with Ghani, Mogherini announced the EU

is ready to serve as guarantor of the peace deal in the war-ravaged country. She stressed the Constitutional framework must be upheld to achieve sustainable peace. "First and foremost the process belongs to the Afghan people and the Afghan institutions and there is no step backwards when it comes to democracy, the constitutional... [MORE DETAILS](#)

Turkey, Iran conduct joint operation against

ANKARA - Around 600 Turkish and Iranian forces recently carried out a joint operation against the PKK on Turkey's eastern border, the country's interior minister said Monday. "We completed an operation in coordination [with Iran] that we had discussed for a long time in Igdir, Hakkari, Van and Agri provinces," said Suleyman Soylu, adding the operation was conducted between March 18 and 23. The two sides said they

are determined to continue carrying out such joint counter-terrorism operations. Last week, Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister Muhterem Ince and his Iranian counterpart Hussein Zulfikari said they were pleased to have reached an agreement on launching a simultaneous operation against terror groups that threaten the security of both countries, Turkey's Interior Ministry said in a statement. In its more... [MORE DETAILS](#)



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