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US SEEKS SECURITY COUNCIL NOD FOR CEASEFIRE PLAN

President Biden putting pressure on Israel and Hamas to accept the truce

UNITED NATIONS

THE United States urged the UN Security Council on Monday to support the three-phase plan announced by President Joe Biden aimed at ending the nearly eight-month war in Gaza, freeing all hostages and sending massive aid into the devastated territory.

US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield said the United States circulated a draft resolution to the 14 other council members to back the proposal for ending the conflict.

"Numerous leaders and governments, including in the region, have endorsed this plan and we call on the Security Council to join them in calling for implementation of this deal without delay and without further conditions," she said in a statement. The brief draft resolution would welcome the May 31 deal announced by Biden and call on Hamas "to accept it fully and implement its terms without delay and without condition."

Hamas has said it views the proposal "positively." It makes no mention of Israeli acceptance of the deal.

When Biden made the announcement he called it an Is-



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Israel says four more hostages died in Gaza

Four more hostages kidnapped on October 7 were declared dead by the Israeli military including three older men seen in a Hamas video begging to be released. The announcement heightens pressure on the Israeli government to agree to a US ceasefire proposal that could secure the return of the hostages still held in Gaza.

Awaiting signal from Israel, Hamas, Qatar

Doha: Mediator Qatar said on Tuesday it was waiting for a "clear position" from Israel on a proposed Gaza ceasefire and hostage release deal outlined by US President Joe Biden. "We have yet to see a very clear position from the Israeli government towards the principles laid out by Biden," foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari said, adding there was no "concrete approval" from either side. "We have read and seen contradictory statements coming in from Israeli ministers, which doesn't give us much confidence," he said.

raeli offer that includes an "enduring ceasefire" and Israeli withdrawal from Gaza if Hamas releases all hostages it is holding. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his hardline governing partners Monday the proposal announced by Biden would meet Israel's goal of destroying Hamas, according to local media.

The ultranationalists have threatened to bring down his government if Netanyahu agrees to a deal that doesn't

eliminate Hamas.

Netanyahu said that Biden gave an outline of the deal but not all the details, and there are "gaps" in it. In Washington, Biden is looking past resistance from Israelis as he presses Israel and Hamas to agree to a three-phase agreement that could immediately bring home dozens of Israeli hostages, free Palestinian prisoners and perhaps even lead to an endgame in the nearly eight-month-old Gaza war.

Children unfed all day, sanitation plagues Gaza

PARIS

PALESTINIANS displaced by the Gaza war are living in "appalling" conditions, with children sometimes going for a whole day without food and thousands sharing the same toilet. Oxfam warned on Tuesday it said more than two-thirds

of Gaza's population is estimated to be crammed into less than a fifth of the besieged territory. "Despite Israeli assurances that support would be provided for people fleeing, most of Gaza has been deprived of humanitarian aid," the aid agency said. "A food survey by aid agencies in May found that 85% of chil-

dren did not eat for a whole day at least once in the three days before the survey was conducted," it added.

Since Israeli troops launched their ground assault on Rafah on May 6, an average of eight aid trucks per day have entered, Oxfam said, citing UN figures.

EXPRESS READ

Taliban evicts 800 families from Kabul

Taliban authorities in Afghanistan have evicted thousands of displaced people in the capital Kabul and demolished their informal settlements, making more than 800 vulnerable families homeless, an aid group said Tuesday. The Norwegian Refugee Council urged Taliban to halt ongoing evictions until appropriate longer-term solutions for relocation have been identified.

Sri Lanka freezes funds of LTTE, other outfits

Sri Lanka has frozen all funds, other financial assets and economic resources belonging to 15 entities, including the LTTE, and 210 persons involved in terrorist and extremist activities, a media report said here on Tuesday. The entities include the National Thowheeth Jama'ath and the Jamatheh Millathu Ibraheem, Tamil Rehabilitation Organisation, the Tamil Coordinating Committee, and World Tamil Relief Fund.

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Pre-poll drama: Protesting tractors return

BEERSEL, BELGIUM

THE far-right Flemish Interest party had set up the demonstration in the picture-pretty rolling fields south of Brussels, ahead of the four-day European Union election starting Thursday. The goal was clear: Decrying how farmers would lose fertile land to what they see as overbearing environmentalists try-

ing to turn it into a chain of woods, killing off a traditional way of life.

It was also another show how agriculture has been instrumentalised by the populist and hard right groups throughout the 27-nation bloc.

In a final push on Tuesday, militant agricultural groups from more than a half dozen nations were converging on Brussels in a show of force that they hoped would sweep the progres-

sive Green Deal climate pact off the table and give farmers the leeway they had for so long in deciding how to till the land. There too, the impact of the far right was clear, with representatives from several EU nations attending the protest that drew hundreds of tractors. At last week's small protest south of the capital, farmer Eduard Van Overstraeten was growling. "As a farmer, you have just been turned into a number," he said.

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