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Palestinians look for survivors in a building destroyed in Israeli bombardment in Rafah refugee camp in Gaza Strip on Tuesday.

# Blast kills hundreds at Gaza hospital

## Hamas, Israel trade blame, as Biden heads to region today

#### BY NAJIB JOBAIN, SAMYA KULLAB, RAVI NESSMAN AND MATTHEW LEE

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip (AP) — A massive blast rocked a Gaza City hospital packed with wounded and other Palestinians seeking shelter Tuesday, killing hundreds of people, the Hamas-run Health Ministry said. Hamas blamed an Israeli airstrike, while the Israeli military said the hospital was hit by a rocket misfired by Palestinian militants.

The Gaza Health Ministry said at least 500 people were killed. Video that The Associated Press confirmed was from the hospital showed fire engulfing the building and the hospital's grounds strewn with torn bodies, many of them young children. Around them in the grass were blankets, school backpacks and other belongings.

Outrage over what many believed was an Israeli strike flared across the region, a day before President Joe Biden was due to arrive to show support for Israel and try to prevent the war from spreading. The carnage unfolded as the U.S. tried to convince Israel to allow the delivery of supplies to desperate civilians, aid groups and hospitals in the tiny Gaza Strip, which has been under a complete siege since Hamas' deadly rampage in southern Israel last week.

Hamas called Tuesday's hospital blast "a horrific massacre," saying it was caused by an Israeli strike.

The Israeli military blamed

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# AMSTERDAM Nearly centuryold boat donated to city



# AMSTERDAM Inclusive art show set for Wednesday, 150 artists displayed

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#### BY ASHLEY ONYON

Riverlink Park has a new attraction with the donation of a nearly 100-year-old work boat by the state Canal Corporation for permanent display.

"For many years, Tender 4 plied the waters of the Erie Canal supporting our workforce as they maintained the navigable waterway, and now through this donation to the city of Amsterdam, we are ensuring residents and park visitors alike learn firsthand about canal operations," said Brian Strattion, director of the Canal Corporation, in a prepared statement.

The vessel was hoisted by crane from the Mohawk River onto dry land near the docks in Riverlink Park on Tuesday. Educational signs about the craft, the state Canal System and the city's history as a port community are expected to be installed next year.

"This vessel and the story of how it served the Canal's operational needs over the years will make both a positive visual and educational addition to our waterfront," Mayor Michael Cinquanti said in a prepared statement.

Tender 4, spanning 40-feet long by 11-feet wide, was built ASHLEY ONYON

Tender 4, a nearly 100-year-old retired work boat, is readied for permanent display at Riverlink Park. The state Canal Corporation donated the boat to the city of Amsterdam.

by the American Boiler Works in Pennsylvania in 1926. It was among nine of the mid-size support boats made for the state at the time largely used to transport workers and supplies on the waterway.

Smaller than a tugboat and larger than a buoy boat, tenders are more maneuverable with more carrying capacity than their counterparts. The versatile vessels are sometimes used to remove debris from locks or to move other crafts.

Other tenders built around the same time remain in use, but Tender 4 was retired in recent years after previously being converted from a diesel engine to a battery-powered all-electric powertrain system as part of a pilot program by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and state Department of Transportation. That initial effort to convert existing fleets into zero emission vehicles was ultimately discontinued and the batteries in Tender 4 are no longer operational.

Since there are other tenders still in use, John Joyce, director of policy and program development at the Canal Corporation, said it didn't make sense to put millions into the boat to make it ship shape once again.

Instead, Joyce said the Canal Corporation focused on finding the next best life for the nearly century-old vessel, as the agency does each time it retires a historically significant craft.

"Our plan was always to give it to a community and to have it preserved aesthetically as a display item," Joyce said.

The donation to the city is the first of several expected to

be made to canalside communities statewide over time. Each donation must be reviewed by the state Historic Preservation Office.

"At the end of all of this ... We're going to have a vessel trail where those people who like our boats or are interested in that history, if they travel the Canal they can stop at any number of communities and they'll see our vessels," Joyce said.

Amsterdam was selected to receive Tender 4 in part due to its connection to the community along the route of the Barge Canal, which opened in 1918. The third generation of the Canal System took advantage of the rivers like the Mohawk to carry the waterway, which required the use of motorized

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#### **BY INDIANA NASH**

For many artists, exhibiting their work is a rite of passage. More than 150 local and not-so-local artists will have that chance on Wednesday in Amsterdam.

The exhibit, called "Creative Expressions Art Show," will be on view at The Century Club and is organized by Liberty ARC.

It brings together artists from a variety of ages and abilities, including those working with Liberty ARC, which provides support and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The show also features artists from Autism Services in Buffalo, The Center for Discovery in Harris, The ArcLexington in Gloversville and The Arc of Oneida-Lewis in Utica, as well as artists from the communities they serve in.

Most of the work featured in "Creative Expressions" was done by 125 Capital Region artists. It's the fifth iteration of the show, which is part of Liberty ARC's "Liberty Through the Arts" program.

"Art programs like Liberty Through the Arts bring out a creativeness in people we support, and the art show is a way to celebrate their artwork," said Amy Devendorf, who leads Liberty ARC's art program. "It's wonderful to watch people's personalities just blossom with confidence when they see the results of their work and creativity on display."

"Creative Expressions" was created as a chance for artists at

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PHOTO PROVIDED

Liberty ARC staff set up for the agency's 5th Annual Creative Expressions Art Show at the Century Club in Amsterdam.

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# Ukraine claims a major strike on Russian airfields

#### **BY ILLIA NOVIKOV**

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine on Tuesday claimed to have carried out one of the most destructive attacks on Russian air assets since the beginning of the war, with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy saying the assault used longer-range ballistic missiles donated by the United States.

Zelenskyy's announcement came hours after a U.S. official revealed that the longer-range ballistic missiles sought for months by Kyiv and promised by President Joe Biden had been delivered quietly and are in battlefield use.

Ukraine's Special Operations Forces claimed it destroyed nine Russian helicopters at two airfields in Russia-occupied regions in a nighttime attack on targets in eastern and southern Ukraine.

It also hit military equipment, an air-defense system, ammunition warehouses and runways, a statement said. Dozens of Russian military personnel were injured in the attack codenamed Operation Dragonfly, it said.

Several U.S. officials said that Washington provided Ukraine with a small number of the Army Tactical Missile System, known as ATACMS, making good on a promise made by Biden last month.

Zelenskyy offered "special thanks" to the United States for sending the ATACMS. "Our agreements with President

Biden are being implemented," Zelenskyy said in his usual evening address to the nation, saying the ATACMS "have proven themselves."

The weapons development piles pressure on the Kremlin as both sides look for battlefield advantages ahead of winter and what is shaping up as a protracted war of attrition.

While some versions of the missiles can go as far as about 180 miles (about 300 kilometers), the ones sent to Ukraine have a shorter range and carry cluster munitions, which, when fired, open in the air, releasing hundreds of bomblets rather than a single warhead. According to a U.S. official, the ones delivered to Ukraine have a maximum range of a bit more than 100 miles (roughly 160 kilometers).

The Ukrainian statement didn't say how the targets were hit. Russian authorities didn't comment on the report. It wasn't immediately possible to verify the two sides' battlefield claims.

The airfields, in the Luhansk and Berdyansk regions, are located behind the front line. The Russian military apparently thought that they were at a safe distance from Ukrainian attacks.

Meanwhile, Russia is throwing more units into its effort to take a key eastern Ukraine city, Western analysts say, after apparent setbacks that have slowed its dayslong onslaught. The attempt to storm Avdiiv-



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A Ukrainian soldier in his position in Avdiivka, Donetsk region, Ukraine, on Aug. 18, 2023. Russia is throwing more units into its effort to take this key eastern Ukraine city, Western analysts say, after apparent setbacks that have slowed its dayslong onslaught. The attempt to storm Avdiivka, a city that stands in the way of Moscow's ambition of securing control of the entire Donetsk region, is Moscow's most significant offensive operation in Ukraine since the start of the year, the U.K. defense ministry said Tuesday.

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The Kremlin's push to claim Avdiivka comes after months of fending off Ukraine's counteroffensive, which Kyiv launched some 16 months after Russia's full-scale invasion. The Russian forces deployed

Tuesday.

to Avdiivka are likely making slow progress and sustaining high casualties in what is proving a costly effort, the U.K. defense ministry said on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter.

The pace of Russia's attack

during community events at

Gina DaBiere-Gibbs, Am-

sterdam's community devel-

the park.

on the heavily fortified target has reportedly slowed in recent days since its launch last week, a Washington-based think tank said.

Russian officials made no immediate comment on developments around Avdiivka.

park and the surrounding com-

munity.

# Boat

Gaza

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Islamic Jihad, a smaller, more

radical Palestinian militant

group that often cooperates

with Hamas in their shared

struggle against Israel. The

military said Islamic Jihad

militants had fired a barrage

of rockets near the hospital at

the time and that "intelligence

from multiple sources" indicat-

ed it was "responsible for the

failed rocket launch that hit the

Hundreds of Palestinians

hospital."

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vessels for the first time. Tender 4, built less than a decade later, was among the motorized boats needed by the

state to support the modernization of the system. The craft has been through many changes to the canal over the decades and will now be a permanent part of more recent efforts to promote canalside tourism and recreation through the On the Canals program.

"This is another example of creating a new attraction, a new exhibit bringing folks down to the waterway and teaching the history of the Canal and the history of the city together," said Shane Mahar, spokesperson for

the state Power Authority and Canal Corporation.

City officials are still finalizing plans for the permanent display of Riverlink Park's newest attraction. It's possible the interior of the boat will even-

authorities said. Hundreds of people joined protests that erupted in Beirut and Amman, where an angry crowd gathered

outside the Israeli Embassy. Biden's visit in part aims to prevent the war from sparking a broader regional conflict. Violence flared Tuesday along Israel's border with Lebanon, where Iranian-backed Hezbollah militants operate and where Israel has evacuated nearby towns.

With tens of thousands of roops massed along the border, Israel has been expected to launch a ground invasion into Gaza, but its plans remained uncertain. "We are preparing for the next stages of war," military spokesman Lt. Col. Richard Hecht said. "We haven't said what they will be. Everybody's talking about a ground offensive. It might be something different."

opment and grants assistant, said the new attraction at Riverlink Park will add to the assets drawing visitors to the

civilians and at least one senior Hamas figure in the southern half of the Gaza Strip, where the Israeli military told fleeing Palestinians to go. An Associated Press reporter saw around 50 bodies brought to Nasser Hospital after strikes in the southern city of Khan Younis.

An airstrike in Deir al Balah reduced a house to rubble, killing a man and 11 women and children inside and in a neighboring house, some of whom had evacuated from Gaza City. Witnesses said there was no warning before the strike.

Shelling from Israeli tanks hit a U.N. school in central Gaza where 4,000 Palestinians had taken refuge, killing six people and wounding dozens, the United Nations Palestinian refugee agency said. At least 24 U.N. installations have been hit the past week, killing at least 14 members of the agency's staff.

"It will be a nice addition to the park," DaBiere-Gibbs said. Reach Ashley Onyon at

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wing, was in charge of Hamas militant activities in the central Gaza Strip, including coordinating activities with other militant groups.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sought to put the blame on Hamas for Israel's retaliatory attacks and the rising civilian casualties in Gaza. "Not only is it targeting and murdering civilians with unprecedented savagery, it's hiding behind civilians," he said.

In Gaza City, Israeli airstrikes also hit the house of Hamas' top political official, Ismail Haniveh, killing at least 14 people. Haniyeh is based in

from other strikes, said its director, Mohammed Abu Selmia. The wounded were laid onto bloody floors, screaming in pain.

"We are squeezing five beds into a single tiny room. We need equipment, we need medicine, we need beds, we need anesthesia, we need everything," Abu Selmia said, warning that the fuel supply for the hospital's generators will run out Wednesday. "I think Gaza's medical sector will collapse within hours."

Before the al-Alhi Hospital deaths, Israeli strikes on Gaza killed at least 2,778 people

ery day since, aiming at cities across Israel.

In protest over the purported airstrike, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas canceled his participation in a meeting with Biden, Jordan's King Abdullah II and Egypt's president set for Wednesday in Amman, Jordan to discuss the war. Abbas' Palestinian Authority runs parts of the West Bank.

Later, Jordan's foreign minister told state-run television that Jordan had canceled the summit, saying that the war between Israel and Hamas was "pushing the region to ink." He said the meeting the b

tually be open to the public with stun grenades. Others threw stones at Israeli checkpoints, where soldiers killed one Palestinian, West Bank

had taken refuge in al-Ahli and other hospitals in Gaza City in past days, hoping they would be spared bombardment after Israel ordered all residents of the city and surrounding areas to evacuate to the southern Gaza Strip.

Ambulances and private cars rushed some 350 casualties from the al-Ahli blast to Gaza City's main hospital, al-Shifa, which was already overwhelmed with wounded

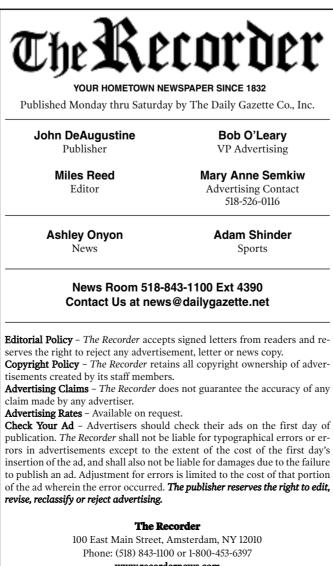
and wounded 9,700, according to the Gaza Health Ministry. Nearly two-thirds of those killed were children, a ministry official said. Another 1,200 people across Gaza are believed to be buried under the rubble, alive or dead, health authorities said.

Hamas' Oct. 7, attack in southern Israel killed more than 1,400 people, mostly civilians, and took some 200 captive into Gaza. Hamas militants in Gaza have launched rockets evwould be postponed.

The comments emerged as Biden boarded the plane for his Mideast trip. Reporters shouted questions at him about the Jordan summit, but Biden did not answer.

Hundreds of Palestinians flooded the streets of major West Bank cities including Ramallah, the seat of the Palestinian Authority, where protesters hurled stones at Palestinian security forces who fired back

Throughout the day Tuesday, airstrikes killed dozens of



The Israeli military said it was targeting Hamas hideouts, infrastructure and command centers.

A barrage of strikes crashed into the Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza, leveling an entire block of homes and causing dozens of casualties among families inside, residents said. Among those killed was one of Hamas' top military commanders, Ayman Nofal, the group's military wing said — the highest-profile militant known to have been killed so far in the war.

Nofal, formerly the intelligence chief of Hamas' armed

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Doha, Qatar, but his family lives in Gaza City. The Hamas media office did not immediately identify those killed.

With Israel barring entry of water, fuel and food into Gaza since Hamas' brutal attack last week, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken secured an agreement with Netanyahu to discuss creation of a mechanism for delivering aid to the territory's 2.3 million people. U.S. officials said the gain might appear modest, but stressed that it was a significant step forward.

Still, as of late Tuesday, there was no deal in place. A top Israeli official said his country was demanding guarantees that Hamas militants would not seize any aid deliveries. Tzahi Hanegbi, head of Israel's National Security Council, suggested entry of aid also depended on the return of hostages held by Hamas.

# Show

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Liberty ARC, as well as sister chapters of The Arc New York, to exhibit their artwork in a public setting. In 2018, the art show expanded by accepting submissions from artists in the community.

A reception for this year's show is set to run from 4–8 p.m. Wednesday, with an awards ceremony scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Awards will be given for first, second and third place, along with a "People's Choice," which Liberty ARC CEO Jennifer Saunders will present.

The Century Club is located at 130 Guy Park Ave. in Amsterdam. The show will be on view Wednesday only. For more information visit libertyarc.org.

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