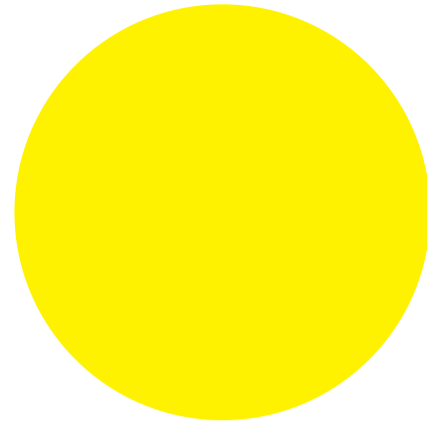


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## UN chief: Gaza situation 'appalling' sign of deadlock in global relations

Antonio Guterres says the level of death and destruction in Gaza is shocking in itself, and the war is also spilling over borders across the region and affecting global trades.

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## A world of inaction

EDITORIAL

Nearly four and a half months have passed since Israel launched a full-blown war on the Gaza Strip to take revenge against a surprise strike by the Palestinian resistance group Hamas. The devastating invasion which has sparked outcries from several Western nations and non-Muslim countries, appears to have become a marginal issue for the majority of the Muslim world. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which came into existence in 1969, in the first place to throw the weight of Muslim nations behind the people of Palestine in their battle to end the Israeli occupation of their motherland, has failed to take any practical measures to stop the Israeli death and destruction in Gaza. The Arab League, another major Muslim organization, has merely issued a few statements without making any real steps to put an end to the plight of their Arab comrades.

Egypt, a key state in the Arab world, is the only nation sharing a border with the war-battered Gaza Strip. But the country, which once led a military coalition to fight Israel, now even refused to open the Rafah border crossing to let in a million and a half people displaced by the Israeli aggression to take refuge in the border area in order to be safe from unabating bombardments.

Except for a few nations such as Iran, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Yemen, the rest of the Muslim states have preferred to remain in their comfort zones, turning almost a blind eye to the Israeli massacre of the Palestinians in Gaza. Thumbs up for some non-Muslim states like Colombia and Chile, who recalled their ambassadors from Israel, and Bolivia that cut ties with the regime over its "aggressive and disproportionate Israeli military offensive."

South Africa put up a legal fight against Israel at the International Court of Justice over "genocide" in the Palestinian enclave. Moving to Europe, Spain and Ireland called for an investigation into "possible" Israeli violations of human rights in Gaza and revision of an economic agreement with Tel Aviv in case breaches are proven.

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## Iran resumes gas supply to Iraq: Envoy

Iran's ambassador in Baghdad announced the resumption of exporting natural gas to Iraq under the current agreement on a daily supply of 40 million to 50 million cubic meters (mcm).

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## Iran Media Expo to welcome 1,700 media people

The 24th edition of the Iran Media Expo will open today, welcoming 1,700 media people nationwide over the four-day event.

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