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Israeli forces kill dozens in Gaza as U.S. Embassy opens in Jerusalem

GAZA/JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Israeli troops shot dead dozens of Palestinian protesters on the Gaza border on Monday as the United States opened its embassy to Israel in Jerusalem, a move that has fueled Palestinian anger and drawn foreign criticism for undermining peace efforts. It was the bloodiest single day for Palestinians since the Gaza conflict in 2014. Palestinian Health Ministry officials said 52 protesters were killed and more than 2,200 injured either by live gunfire, tear gas or other means. The bloodshed drew calls for restraint from some countries including France and Britain, and stronger criticism from others, with Turkey calling it "a massacre". The Israeli military said it was responding to violence from the protesters to defend Israel's border. In contrast to the scenes in Gaza, Israeli dignitaries and guests attended a ceremony in Jerusalem to open the U.S. Embassy following its relocation from Tel Aviv. The move fulfilled a pledge by U.S. President Donald Trump, who in December recognized the holy city as the Israeli capital. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thanked Trump for "having the courage to keep your promises".

"What a glorious day for Israel," Netanyahu said in a speech. "We are in Jerusalem and we are here to stay." Palestinians seek East Jerusalem as the capital of a state they hope to establish in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Israel regards all of the city, including the eastern sector it captured in the 1967 Middle East war and annexed in a move that is not recognized internationally, as its "eternal and indivisible capital".

Most countries say the status of Jerusalem - a sacred city to Jews, Muslims and Christians - should be determined in a final peace settlement and that moving their embassies now would prejudice any such deal.

Peace talks aimed at finding a two-state solution to the conflict have been frozen since 2014.

Trump, in a recorded message, said he remained committed to peace between Israel and the Palestinians. He was represented at the ceremony by his daughter Ivanka and his son-in-law Jared Kushner, U.S. envoy to the Middle East.

Kushner said it was possible for both sides in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to gain more than give in any peace deal. "Jerusalem must remain a city that brings people of all faiths together," he said in a speech.

But Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said the United States had opened an "American settlement outpost in East Jerusalem". He called the deaths in Gaza a massacre and announced a general strike on Tuesday.

In Gaza, Palestinian protests quickly turned into bloodshed. Tens of thousands had streamed to the edge of the coastal enclave's land border, some approaching the Israeli fence. "Today is the big day when we will cross the fence and tell Israel and the world we will not accept being occupied forever," said Gaza science teacher Ali, who declined to give his last name.

Clouds of black smoke from tyres set alight by demonstrators rose in the air. Demonstrators, some armed with slingshots, hurled stones at the Israeli security forces, who fired volleys of tear gas and intense rounds of gunfire.

Netanyahu said Israel's actions on the Gaza border were self-defense against the enclave's ruling Hamas group. "Every country has an obligation to defend its borders," he wrote on Twitter. "The Hamas terrorist organization declares it intends to destroy Israel and sends thousands to breach



Palestinian demonstrators take cover from Israeli fire and tear gas during a protest against U.S. embassy move to Jerusalem and ahead of the 70th anniversary of Nakba, at the Israel-Gaza border in the southern Gaza Strip



Palestinian demonstrators run for cover from Israeli fire and tear gas during a protest against U.S. embassy move to Jerusalem and ahead of the 70th anniversary of Nakba, at the Israel-Gaza border in the southern Gaza Strip

the border fence in order to achieve this goal. We will continue to act with determination to protect The Israeli military said in a statement: "Rioters hurled firebombs and explosive devices at the security fence and Israeli troops". The soldiers' response, it said, was in accordance with "standard operating procedures". The 52 deaths included 6 people under 18 years of age, including one girl. The total number of fatalities since a series of protests to demand Palestinians' right to return to their ancestral homes in Israel is now 97. They also included a medic and a man in a wheelchair who had been pictured on social media using a slingshot. The Israeli military said three of those killed were armed militants who tried to place explosives near the fence. Throughout the day sirens of ambulance vehicles carry-

ing casualties to hospitals were almost non-stop. In Gaza mosques, loudspeakers mourned the dead, who were carried for burial in funeral marches. Israel military spokesman Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus said the number of casualties was so high because Hamas was pushing people toward the fence. Trump's recognition of contested Jerusalem as Israel's capital in December outraged Palestinians, who said the United States could no longer serve as an honest broker in any peace process with Israel. The killings have drawn international criticism since the series of protests began, but the United States has echoed Israel in accusing Gaza's ruling Hamas movement of instigating violence, an allegation it denies.

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By Craig Hlavaty

About 1 in 5 Houston-area millennials live at home with their moms, up from 1 in 8 of young adults in 2005, a new report shows.

This cohort of 24- to 36-year-olds are choosing to return home (though some have never left) likely because of rising rents, incomes that haven't kept up and a sluggish job market for young adults, according to data released this week from Seattle-based real estate listing and data firm Zillow. In the Houston metro, 22.3 percent of millennials live with their moms, up from 13 percent of young adults in 2005. Among them, 12 percent are unemployed.

The median apartment rent in Houston is \$1,558 per month -- compared with \$1,447 nationally -- and renters here typically spend 29 percent of their monthly income on rental housing.

"As rents outpaced incomes over the past decade, young people turned to their families in large numbers to ease the housing cost crunch," said Zillow senior economist Aaron Terrazas. "But even as the labor market has improved, the family safety net has yet to unwind. Living with parents may allow young adults to pursue work or a passion that



may not be especially lucrative, or save enough money for first and last month's rent or a down payment on a home of their own."

Woof Gang Bakery opens West U store

Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming will hold a grand opening of its store near West University Place Saturday.

The location will be the second one for franchise owners Erin and Markos Hernandez, who also operate a store in Sugar Land. The store at 3135 W. Holcombe Blvd. offers pet grooming and pet foods, gourmet baked treats, toys, supplies and accessories.

"Besides teaching customers about nutritious food, my favorite products to sell are iced cookies and cakes," Erin Hernandez said in an announcement. "I bake everything fresh in the store, including customized birthday cakes for dogs."

The store opens at 9 a.m. on May 19 and will offer complimentary house-made decorated treats for dogs who attend. The first 20 dogs in the store will win free Woof Gang Bakery gourmet treats for a year.

The Hearts of Houston and Glass Slipper Animal Rescue pet rescue organizations will be on site with animals available for adoption. The store also will host a pet food drive to benefit local shelters.

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Israeli soldiers attempt to extinguish a fire in a field on the Israeli side of the border fence between Israel and Gaza near kibbutz Mefalsim



Iraqi people show their ink-stained fingers after casting their votes at a polling station during the parliamentary election in Basra



FILE PHOTO: Robotic arms assemble Tesla's Model S sedans at the company's factory in Fremont



Actor Terry Crews from the NBC series "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" leaps as he poses for photographers at the NBCUniversal UpFront presentation in New York City



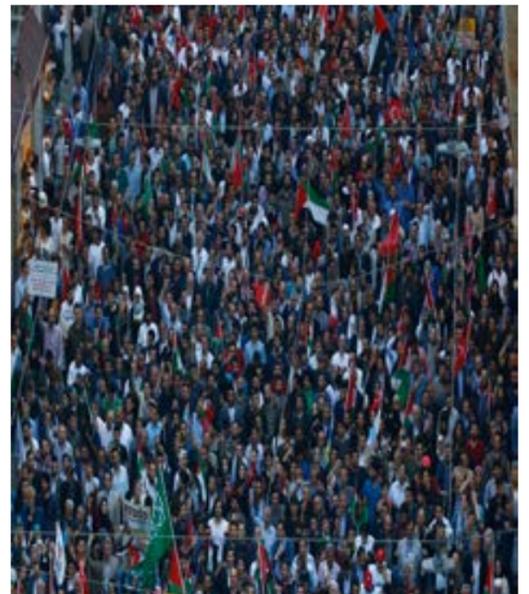
A worker drinks water from a container as he stands on rubble of damaged buildings in Raqqa



Art jeweler Lange makes jewelry out of Barbie parts in Beacon



Police officers walk on the plaza of the Supreme Court in Washington



Pro-Islamist demonstrators attend a protest in support of Palestinians and against the U.S. moving its embassy to Jerusalem, in Istanbul

A U.S. - Taiwan Flooding Mitigation Strategies Workshop was held at the International Trade Center in Houston on May 14, 2018.

The workshop mainly discussed a plan and strategies for promoting sustainable-city concepts both in the US and Taiwan.

The purpose of the workshop was to convene experts from the United States and Taiwan for 'round-table' discussions of the mission, vision, and strategies of the international collaboration on any hurricane-related projects as articulated above, to formulate changes as necessary, to identify academic alliances and partnerships that can help further the subject of sustainable, resilience city, and hurricane proofing in Houston. The workshop will mainly discuss and plan a strategy for promoting sustainable-city concepts both in the US and Taiwan.



Southern News Chairman Wea H. Lee gave the opening remarks.
In his opening remarks, Southern News Group and ITC Chairman Wea H. Lee welcomed the Hurricane Proofing Workshop to ITC co-sponsored by ITC and the University of Houston and the Taipei Economic and Culture Office in

U.S. - TAIWAN FLOODING MITIGATION STRATEGIES WORKSHOP HELD AT ITC

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Houston.

"Almost one year ago, Hurricane Harvey struck our city as a category 4 storm causing \$125 billion in damages," Lee said.

"Today our community is still recovering from this disasterous and historic storm.

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ty were in attendance.



Attendees at the "Hurricane Proofing" workshop at ITC.

Additional remarks provided by Peter Chen, Director General, Tipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, Neal Rackleff, Assistant Secretary Community Planning and Development, HUD Department, U.S. government., Interviews were conducted by James D. Noteware, ITC Co-Chair.

Additional presentations provided by Dr. Kh-Han Wang, professor at the University of Houston and Dr. Hao-Che Ho, Assistant Professor, National Taiwan University as well as Dr. Yiing-Yun You, Assistant Professor, National Taiwan University.

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Congressman John Culberson, U.S. House of Representatives, 7th District, Texas, and Dr. Hong-Yuan Lee, Professor from the National Taiwan Universi-

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The United States has formally opened its embassy in Jerusalem amid deadly protests in the Gaza Strip. The move on Monday followed a December 2017 decision by US President Donald Trump to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and relocate the US mission there from Tel Aviv.

Who attended the US embassy Jerusalem opening? May 14 event took place amid deadly protests at the Gaza-Israel border.



NETANYAHU THANKS TRUMP FOR KEEPING PROMISES TO MOVE U.S. EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM Sixty-nine years after Israel declared Jerusalem as its capital, and 23 years after the US Congress passed a law mandating that Washington move its embassy there, the US formally opened its embassy in the city on Monday afternoon, in a move Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called "courageous" and "momentous."



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called President Trump's decision to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem "courageous" and "momentous" in his remarks at the opening of the embassy. "What a glorious day. Remember this moment!" Netanyahu entreated the applauding crowd. "President Trump, by recognizing history, you have made history. All of us are

Thirty-Three Countries Attend U.S. Ceremony To Relocate Its Embassy To Jerusalem

U.S. Opens Embassy In Jerusalem

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Israel said all 86 countries with diplomatic missions in Israel were invited to the event. (Photo/Reuters)

deeply moved. All of us are deeply grateful." "Last December, President Trump became the first world leader to recognize Jerusalem as our capital, and today, the United States of America is opening its embassy right here in Jerusalem," Netanyahu said. "Thank you President Trump, for having the courage to keep your promises!"



The New U.S. Embassy In Jerusalem

friendship to Israel, the Palestinians and to all of their neighbors. May there be peace. May God bless this embassy. May God bless all who serve here and may God bless the United States of America." Trump's son-in-law and senior advisor, Jared Kushner, took the stage, to declare that "When President Trump makes a promise,

he keeps it." "By moving our embassy to Jerusalem, we have shown the world once again that the US can be trusted. We stand with our friends and our allies, and above all we've shown that the US will do what's right, and so we have," Kushner said.

"The US stands with Israel because we both believe in freedom. We stand together because we both believe in human rights. We stand together because we both believe that democracy is worth defending. And the US stands with Israel because we know that it's the right thing to do." Kushner received resounding applause when he mentioned President Trump's decision last week to exit the Iran nuclear agreement, and when he gave thanks to UN Nikki Haley for her hard work.



President Trump's daughter, Ivanca, displays plaque on the wall of the new U.S. embassy in Jerusalem.

Kushner also reiterated the US's commitment to helping find a peaceful end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "Jerusalem must

remain a city that brings people of all faiths together," he said. "As Israel turns 70, the search for lasting peace turns over a new leaf: one of realism, and of courage to stand with our allies for what is right and what is true."

"If we dream big, if we lead with courage, we can change the trajectory for millions from hopeless to boundless."

In his address, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin thanked Republicans and Democrats alike for their love and support of Israel. He received a standing ovation when he said, "Every US president has promised to move the American embassy to Jerusalem. Finally we have a leader who promised this, and also kept his promise!"

"The Israeli people thanks you for keeping your word, for your courage, for your determination and for your firm, unwavering stance alongside the State of Israel," he continued. "We hope and expect that other nations will follow your path and your leadership. We will continue to safeguard Jerusalem as a city of peace, as a home to all those of faith, a city of all its residents and citizens, of all religions and communities, who share together one city, which is so greatly loved by everyone."



Ivanca Trump and Jared Kushner at the U.S. Embassy opening ceremony in Jerusalem.

In the final address before the benediction, Netanyahu, addressing the US delegation, said, "We have no better friends in the world, you stand for Israel and you stand for Jerusalem. Thank you!"

Reciting a chain of historic events that took place in Jerusalem, from David declaring it as capital to Israeli soldiers regaining the Temple Mount in 1967, Netanyahu said, "We are in Jerusalem, and we are here to

stay!" Netanyahu also saluted the Israeli troops defending Israel at all hours. "We gather here today to celebrate another historic day in the life of this city, which I know will take its place alongside other momentous decisions in the history of our people," he said.

"Thank you, President Trump, and thank you all, for making the alliance between America and Israel stronger than ever."

"My friends, this is a great day for Israel. It's a great day for America. It's a great day for our fantastic partnership... but I believe it's also a great day for peace," Netanyahu remarked. "The truth and peace are interconnected. A peace that is based on lies will only crash on the rocks of Middle Eastern realities. And the truth will always be that Jerusalem has always been, will always be, the capital of the Jewish state."

"May the opening of this embassy, in this city, spread this truth far and wide, and may the truth promote a lasting peace between Israel and all of our neighbors." (COURTESY JPOST.COM)

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Trump, In Message To Jerusalem Embassy Ceremony, Says US Is Fully Committed To Peace



President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shake hands after Trump's address at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem May 23, 2017.

U.S. President Donald Trump, in a recorded message at a ceremony opening the U.S. embassy in Jerusalem, said on Monday he remained committed to peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

"Our greatest hope is for peace," said Trump, whose recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital and relocation of the embassy to the holy city from Tel Aviv, has outraged Palestinians and drawn international concern.



"The United States remains fully committed to facilitating a lasting peace agreement," Trump said. "The United States will always be a great friend of Israel and a partner in the cause of freedom and peace."

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