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Israel agrees to pause fighting daily

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THE White House said Israel has agreed to put in place four-hour daily humanitarian pauses in its assault on Hamas in northern Gaza starting on Thursday, as the Biden administration said it has secured a second pathway for civilians to flee fighting.



Palestinians families fleeing Gaza City and other parts of northern Gaza towards the southern areas on Thursday | AP

President Joe Biden had asked Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to institute the daily pauses during a Monday call. US National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said that the first humanitarian pause would be announced Thursday and that the Israelis had committed to announcing each four-hour window at least three hours in advance.

Israel, he said, also was opening a second corridor for civilians to flee the areas that are the current focus of its military campaign against Hamas, with a coastal road joining the territory's main north-south highway.

Biden also told reporters that he had asked the Israelis for a 'pause longer than three days' during negotiations over the release of some hostages held by Hamas, though he said there was 'no possibility' of a general cease-fire.

Asked if he was frustrated by Netanyahu over the delays instituting humanitarian pauses, Biden said, 'It's taken a little longer than I hoped.' Kirby told reporters Thursday that pauses could be useful to 'getting all 239 hostages back with their families to include the less than 10 Americans that we know are being held. So if we can get all the hostages out, that's a nice finite goal.'

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken had warned Israel last week that it risked destroying an eventual possibility for peace unless it acted swiftly to improve humanitarian conditions in Gaza for Palestinian civilians as it intensifies its war against Hamas.

In a blunt call for Israel to pause military operations in the territory to allow for the immediate and increased delivery of assistance, Blinken said the situation would drive Palestinians toward further radicalism and effectively end prospects for any eventual resumption of peace talks to end the conflict.

French President Emmanuel Macron had opened a Gaza aid conference on Thursday with an appeal for Israel to protect civilians, saying that 'all lives have equal worth' and that

fighting terrorism 'can never be carried out without rules'.

On Tuesday, the German government said it will provide 20 million euros in new funding, in addition to releasing 71 million euros already earmarked for the UN agency for Palestinian refugees following a review it launched after the Hamas attack.

European Council President Charles Michel and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen are also attending the conference. The 27-nation bloc is the world's top aid supplier to the Palestinians. It has sent almost 78 million euros this year.

France is expected to announce some additional funding. Since the Hamas attack on October 7, Paris has provided an additional 20 million euros.

France President Macron opens aid conference, asks Israel to protect civilians

PARIS

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron opened a Gaza aid conference on Thursday with an appeal for Israel to protect civilians as it fights Hamas, saying "all lives have equal worth" and that fighting terrorism "can never be carried out without rules."

The gathering in Paris brought together officials from Western and Arab nations, the United Nations and nongovernmental organizations,

with the aim of providing urgent aid to civilians in the Gaza Strip that is being pounded by Israel in its war against Hamas. Israeli authorities weren't invited but have been informed of the talks, Macron's office said.

Macron reiterated calls for a humanitarian pause in Israel's operations. He said that by attacking Israel on October 7, Hamas 'shouldered the responsibility for exposing Palestinians to terrible consequences, and he again defended Israel's right

to defend itself. But Macron also stressed that civilians must be protected. "It's absolutely essential. It is non-negotiable," he said.

"All lives have equal worth and there are no double standards for those of us with universal and humanist values," he said. "Fighting terrorism can never be carried out without rules. Israel knows that. The trap of terrorism is for all of us the same: giving in to violence and renouncing our values," he added.



Garment workers clash with police personnel during a rally in Gazipur on Thursday | AP

Bangladesh police clash with 25,000 garment workers

DHAKA

Up to 25,000 garment workers clashed with police in Bangladesh on Thursday, officials said, as protests rejecting a government-offered pay rise forced the closure of at least 100 factories outside Dhaka. A government-appointed panel raised wages on Tuesday by 56.25 percent for the South Asian nation's four million garment factory workers, who are seeking a near-tripling of their monthly wage.

Bangladesh's 3,500 garment factories account for around 85 percent of its \$55 billion in annual exports, supplying many of the world's top brands including Levi's, Zara and H&M.

But conditions are dire for many of the sector's four million workers, the vast majority of whom are women whose monthly pay starts at 8,300 taka (\$75). Police said violence broke out in the industrial towns of Gazipur and Ashulia outside the capital after more than 10,000 workers staged protests in factories and along highways to reject the panel's offer. "There were 10,000 (protesting) workers at several spots. They threw bricks and stones at our officers and factories, which were open," Mahmud Naser, Ashulia's deputy industrial police chief, told AFP. "One of our officers was injured. We fired rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse the workers," Naser said. He said more than 100 factories were shut down in Ashulia and surrounding areas.

Thousands of workers also clashed with the elite Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) and police at Konabari and Nadjore in Gazipur, with police using batons and tear gas to drive them into alleys, AFP said. "Some 15,000 workers blocked the road at Konabari, and vandalised vehicles and other properties.

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BRAVERMAN IN TROUBLE AFTER REMARK ON POLICING DURING PRO-PALESTINE PROTESTS

London: UK interior minister Suella Braverman's position looked increasingly precarious on Thursday after she criticised policing of pro-Palestinian marches in comments made without Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's approval. Sunak was facing mounting calls to sack his home secretary after she suggested officers "play favourites" when policing protests and claimed they largely ignored "pro-Palestinian mobs". According to people familiar with the matter, the speech was sent to Sunak's office, which requested changes that were not made



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