



# AID TRUCKS START TO ARRIVE IN GAZA



A truck crosses back into Egypt after dropping aid into Gaza

**TRUCKS** carrying aid to help people living in Gaza have begun crossing the border from Egypt, but UNICEF says it's a "drop in the ocean" compared to what's needed.

Israel is at war against Hamas, the armed group that runs Gaza. Shortly after Hamas launched a deadly attack in Israel, Israel cut off food, fuel and electricity to Gaza, which left people there dangerously short on supplies.

Israel is now allowing aid into Gaza. On Saturday (21 October), a first fleet of 20 trucks delivered food, bottled water and medical supplies, but Jeremy Hopkins from UNICEF said: "We need to have at least 100, 200 trucks going in per day." A second fleet of 14 trucks delivered more aid on Sunday, followed by a third fleet of 20 trucks on Tuesday, with 200 more trucks waiting on the border.

Martin Griffiths, from the United Nations, thanked aid workers and said the trucks were "a small glimmer of hope for the millions in dire need... but they need more, much more." Another issue is that the trucks aren't delivering fuel, which is needed to power generators in hospitals and to produce clean drinking water.

Gaza has a population of 2.3 million people and nearly half of them are children. Save the Children says that more than one million children are trapped in Gaza with no safe place to go, and that 2,000 have been killed there in the past few weeks.

Hamas fighters invaded Israel from Gaza on 7 October and killed 1,400 people. In response, Israel has been

hitting Gaza with airstrikes. Its forces say that, at the start of the week, they hit 400 targets over a period of just 24 hours "to dismantle Hamas' terrorist capabilities."

Last week, a rocket hit a hospital in Gaza with patients inside. Hamas blamed Israel but, after looking at evidence, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said: "The British Government judges that the explosion was likely caused by a missile... that was launched from within Gaza towards Israel." That could mean that Hamas is to blame. At least ten British people have died in the conflict since it began.

## Four hostages released

Israel says Hamas is holding more than 200 people as hostages in Gaza. On Monday, Hamas had released four of them – two elderly Israeli women, an American mother and her 17-year-old daughter. One of the Israeli women said she'd "been through hell".

World leaders are calling for all hostages to be released, as Israel's military says it is "ready and determined" for the next stage of the war.

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Volunteers in the UAE fill aid boxes

# Labour celebrates historic wins

**THE Labour Party** hopes that two huge by-election victories last week mean they're on track to beat the Conservatives in next year's general election.

By-elections are held when an MP (member of parliament) leaves the job in between general elections. When that happens, people in their area vote to choose a new MP to represent them.

Labour's candidates, Alistair Strathern and Sarah Edwards, won the by-elections in Mid Bedfordshire and

Tamworth, taking over from members of the Conservative Party, despite the fact the Conservatives won easily in both areas at the last general election in 2019.

Mr Strathern is taking over from Nadine Dorries, who quit her job in August. His win is said to be the biggest swing from one party to another in a by-election since 1945.

If Labour wins the general election next year, Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer will take over from Rishi Sunak as the UK's prime minister.

# Amazon drones to launch in 2024

**ONLINE** retailer Amazon will start using drones to deliver orders to customers in the UK next year.

It says it will work closely with the Civil Aviation Authority to make sure the drones obey airspace rules.

Amazon already uses drones to deliver lightweight items in some parts

of the USA, and David Carbon, the vice president of Amazon Prime Air, says it's "absolutely safe."

Would you want a drone to deliver your shopping?

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Amazon say drones will deliver parcels in under an hour

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

**OUR** thoughts are with the people caught up in the Israel-Hamas fighting.

And, we are not forgetting the adults and children in other wars taking place around the world. Ukraine is just one of the other countries where there is still an ongoing battle.

We hope that the adults, who are in positions of power, make a choice to lay down weapons, and let words sort out things instead.

I have always loved this quote from Aristotle, an ancient Greek philosopher (someone who thinks deeply and offers views on big questions). He said: "It is not enough to win a war; it is more important to organise the peace."

I hope a time will come soon when world leaders work harder at peace than war.



Nicky Cox MBE

## Chilli fans

**LIKE** spicy food? Farmer Ed Currie (what a perfect name!) has just grown the world's hottest chilli pepper. 'Pepper X' has pinched the Guinness World Record away from the Carolina Reaper pepper, also grown by Mr Currie. He ate Pepper X and said:

"I was feeling the heat for three and a half hours. Then the cramps came... I was laid out flat on a marble wall for an hour in the rain, groaning in pain."



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## Greta Thunberg

**THE** 20-year-old Swedish climate activist was arrested in London for campaigning outside a London hotel that was hosting a gathering for the oil and gas industry. She and other protesters blocked the hotel's entrance and chanted: "Oily money out!" Greta was released later but charged with a public order offence, which is usually for acts designed to intimidate people in public.



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