



The jet packs can go at speeds of up to 136km/h (85mph)!

I AM IRON MAN!

READY, JET, GO!

HERE'S an event we'd love to see added to school sports days in the future – Dubai has hosted what it reckons is the world's first-ever jet pack race!

Seven racers gathered in the city, which is in the United Arab Emirates, and strapped on jet packs designed by a company called Gravity Industries.

Each pack has 1,700 horsepower, making them more powerful than most luxury sports cars, and they use the same fuel that's pumped into huge passenger jet planes.

The racers then took to the skies and whizzed around a 1km (0.6 mile) course marked out at Dubai Marina with 12

inflatable obstacles, completing it in around 90 seconds.

Each racer looked a bit like Iron Man in his famous super suit. "We've got the closest I think anybody's ever got to delivering that for real," said Richard Browning, the founder and chief test pilot for Gravity Industries.

They're not all as slick as Tony Stark, though. "We had just utter chaos, in a great way," Browning added. "If you mess it up, you just fall in the water. It's a little bit expensive to repair, but everybody's fine."

Three British competitors – Issa Kalfon, Paul Jones and Freddie Hay – finished first, second and third.

Gaza turns to pet food to fight hunger



A civilian in Gaza collects flour sent in by the United Nations

ISRAEL has been urged to increase the flow of food into Gaza as its people go to desperate lengths to fight hunger.

Israel is at war with Hamas, the terrorist group that controls Gaza. As a result, there are very strict border checks on goods being delivered into the region, and this has made it hard for aid charities and other countries to get food to the civilians trapped there.

US Vice President Kamala Harris said this week that people there "are starving", and added: "We have seen reports of families eating leaves or animal feed... and children dying from malnutrition and dehydration."

Aid organisation Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) said that some of its staff are "resorting to pet food to survive", while a lack of water is leading to diseases.

Another tragedy struck last week when at least 112 people were killed as they rushed toward lorries that were

delivering food near Gaza City. Hamas' health ministry says another 760 people were injured.

Israeli soldiers were accused of firing bullets at the crowd, but Israel says they only fired "warning shots" to disperse the crowd, and that people were killed as a result of pushing and trampling.

UK Foreign Secretary David Cameron demanded an investigation to find the truth and called the shortage of food supplies arriving into Gaza "simply unacceptable".

The war is playing a big part in UK politics. Outspoken politician George Galloway was voted to become the new MP for Rochdale last week. His campaign focused heavily on the conflict. In his victory speech, he said: "This is for Gaza," having accused the Conservatives and Labour of not doing enough to help its civilians.

You can read more about the conflict at [first.news/IsraelGaza](https://www.first.news/IsraelGaza).

Child homelessness soars

GOVERNMENT statistics show that, over the course of one year, nearly 17,000 more children have become homeless in England.

The number of kids living in temporary accommodation is thought to be 142,490 now – a record high.

On top of that, rough sleeping in England has doubled since 2010, with 3,898 people recorded sleeping on the streets on a given night. This is despite a Government promise

in 2019 to end rough sleeping by this year at the latest.

Polly Neate, the chief executive of Shelter, said the "shameful" figures showed the Government had turned a "blind eye" to the housing emergency.

She said: "The only lasting solution is for... all political parties to commit to build genuinely affordable and good quality social homes – we need 90,000 a year."



IN social homes, the rent is linked to the typical income of people in the area. This makes them more affordable.

EDITOR'S COMMENT



Nicky Cox MBE

BEING scammed online is everything we all need to watch out for (front page).

Just like in the real world, there are criminals online who are trying to steal from us – it might be money or our personal information.

Sometimes, scammers might create fake websites or emails that look real, but they're not. They might ask you to click on a link or download something that could harm your computer or steal your information.

Always double-check with your parents or a trusted adult if you're not 100% sure about something online. By being smart and cautious, you can have fun and stay safe online.



Gerhard Berger

A FERRARI belonging to an ex-Formula One racer has been found by police, almost 29 years after it was stolen! Gerhard Berger, from Austria, was competing in the San Marino Grand Prix in 1995 when the car was taken. The Metropolitan Police discovered it had been shipped to Japan after being stolen, and had arrived in the UK at the end of last year. It's worth £350,000.

GOOD WEEK

Wonka fans

AN event in Glasgow called Willy's Chocolate Experience went viral – but not in a good way. Children left in tears and parents demanded refunds on their £35 tickets when they arrived to find a warehouse scattered with a handful of props and a small bouncy castle. Police were called, and the event was quickly cancelled.



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