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Chancellor Jeremy Hunt delivers Spring Budget in the House of Commons on Wednesday. Photo UK Parliament courtesy

The ruling Conservatives, or the Tories, unveiled this year's Spring Budget at the House of Commons in London, offering a mixed bag of goodies and with some bad news on Wednesday amid news of an increasing number of MPs - more than 50, including a former Prime Minister - are stepping down and will not stand for election.

However, the Budget was immediately criticised by the business and the housing industry, describing it as "disappointing" as it fails to help home buyers and mortgage borrowers. This is a thumbs down for the

Sunak Government. Housing industry experts Zoopla say the Government lost its chance to boost its popularity ahead of the polls this year.

In what is interpreted as a give-away budget by euphoric Tory supporters, Chancellor of the Exchequer Jeremy Hunt delivered a series of tax cuts on the National Insurance - 2 pence extra on top of the employee's National Insurance contributions, a reduction of a fifth of the current rate of 10 per cent to 8 from 6 April when the new financial years kicks in. Millions of workers will benefit from this, and the Government says the average

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## Israeli road splitting Gaza in two has reached the Mediterranean coast, satellite imagery shows

A road being built by the Israeli military splitting Gaza in two has reached the Mediterranean coast, a CNN analysis of satellite imagery shows.

It's part of a security plan to control the territory for months and possibly years to come, Israeli officials have

said. A satellite image from March 6 reveals that the east-west road, which has been under construction for weeks, now stretches from the Gaza-Israeli border area across the entire roughly 6.5-kilometer-wide strip, dividing northern Gaza, in-

cluding Gaza City, from the south of the enclave. About 2 kilometers includes an existing road, while the rest is new, according to CNN's analysis. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) told CNN they were using the route to "establish (an) operational foothold

in the area" and allow "the passage of forces as well as logistical equipment."

When asked about the route's com-

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# Deployment of SADC troops in DRC threat to Nairobi, Luanda peace processes

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## Worth Noting:

- **“SAMIDRC is fighting alongside a FARDC-led coalition which includes the FDLR genocidal forces, ethnic-driven local armed groups allied to FDLR under the umbrella of Wazalendo, and Burundian armed forces under a bilateral arrangement, as well as European mercenaries and Private Military Security Companies including one associated with the former Blackwater, as reported by the United Nations Group of Experts on DRC in December 2023,” Biruta said earlier this week.**

- **SADC Heads of State and Government okayed the deployment of SAMIDRC at an Extraordinary Summit held in Windhoek, Namibia, on May 8, 2023.**



Rwanda has warned that the deployment of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission in the DRC (SAMIDRC) will further exacerbate the ongoing conflict in the Central African state.

The concern comes at a time when the Congolese Armed Forces (FARDC) and allied troops have been battling the M23 rebels in fightings that have put the eastern part of the country in a fragile state and worsened humanitarian situation.

Kigali said earlier this week that the subsequent endorsement of the peace mission by the African Union (AU) Peace and Security Council will reverse the gains made by the Nairobi and Luanda processes, spearheaded by former Kenya President Uhuru Kenyatta and Angola's President Joao Lourenco.

In a protest letter addressed to the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, Rwandan Foreign Minister Vincent Biruta highlighted the potential for heightened tensions be-

tween the SADC and East African Community (EAC) blocs.

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SADC States deployed SAMIDRC on December 15, 2023, after the East African Community Regional Force (EACRF) formally ended its mission to DRC with the last batch of the multinational security force leaving on December 21.

Biruta underscored concerns that SAMIDRC's collaboration with alleged criminal elements, including the FDLR genocidal forces and other armed groups, could hinder efforts towards a political resolution.

“SAMIDRC currently supports the Government of DRC's belligerent posture, focusing on a military solution against the spirit of all regional peace initiatives, including the EAC-led Nairobi Process and the Angola-led Luanda Process,” Rwandan Foreign Minister added.

He accused President Felix Tshisekedi's administration of obstructing the political process and of reorganizing and arming the FDLR militia groups.

Rwanda further accused the international community of overlooking root causes of the conflict, such as support for the FDLR and the failure of the DRC government to address grievances of the Congolese Tutsi community.

Advocating for a peaceful solution, Kigali urged the

AU Chairperson to leverage diplomatic channels to encourage President Tshisekedi's administration to prioritize the Nairobi and Luanda peace processes.

Kigali called on those taking part in peace restoration efforts to conduct visit to the region to get a clearer picture of the 'desperate' situation on the ground.

“To this end, the Government of Rwanda encourages members of the Peace Security Council (PSC) to conduct a field visit to the Great Lakes Region to witness the reality on the ground and gain real insights into the ongoing conflict,” he said.

On February 22, Faki warned the West against “interfering with the internal affairs” of the DRC and Rwanda amid simmering tensions between Kinshasa and Kigali.

The AUC Chairperson reiterated his call for rapid de-escalation and cessation of hostilities between DRC and Rwanda while urging foreign entities to refrain from meddling in African state affairs.

“It (AUC) calls on all for-

eign powers to completely refrain from any interference in the internal affairs of all African countries, particularly those of the African Great Lakes,” AUC Chairperson said in a statement.

Amidst the tension between Rwanda and DRC, Kigali has demanded the demobilization and repatriation of the DRC-backed Democratic FDLR rebel group as a condition to de-escalate a simmering conflict with Kinshasa.

The demand came after the United States called on Rwanda to immediately withdraw its troops from the DRC and remove its surface-to-air missile systems, citing concerns over civilian safety and commercial flight operations in eastern DRC.

However, President Kagame has maintained that he will not back down, emphasizing that DRC support for FDLR “is a matter of state policy, not the choice of individual actors.”

“Ending Congolese state support for FDLR, and ensuring their demobilization and repatriation to Rwanda, is a non-negotiable requirement to protect Rwanda's territorial integrity and guarantee the preservation of our hard-won national unity for future generations,” he said, asserting that Rwanda reserves the right to take any legitimate measures to defend itself so long as the threat exists.

Kagame has been strengthening his military position on the border with DRC amid mounting tension with President Felix Tshisekedi's regime.

He attributed recent M23 advancements to the DRC's expulsion of the East African Community Regional Force in December 2023, tasked with overseeing ceasefire efforts.

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# Africa day of school feeding: Food for education's game plan to combat childhood hunger among Africa's 400mn children

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## Worth Noting:

- Here in Kenya, 1 in every 4 children under 5 is stunted and 43 percent of the country's population, which consists of primary school-age children is at risk of being left behind because they are unable to learn and reach their full potential effectively.
- Every child represents an opportunity to create a better world tomorrow and therefore we must put them first, ensuring that their bodies and minds are nourished.
- Our investments will make a lifetime of difference for children and consequently advance Africa's prosperity goals.



By: Wairimu Nyandia

Hunger is one of the biggest challenges that nearly 90 percent of children on the African continent face.

Due to food insecurity and a persistently high cost of living, the majority of families in low-income communities struggle to provide nutritious meals for their children.

Only 13 percent of children who receive regular school meals worldwide are in Africa.

The short and long-term effects of hungry and undernourished children are high. Here in Kenya, 1 in every 4 children under 5 is stunted and 43 percent of the country's population, which consists of primary school-age children is at risk of being left behind because they are unable to learn and reach

their full potential effectively.

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Over the past 12 years, Food for Education has been 'feeding the future' – reaching underserved children in public primary schools across Kenya's urban, semi-urban, and rural areas. Founded by Kenyan Nutritionist Wawira Njiru, the organization's solution is simple – a daily, nutritious, affordable school meal sourced from local farmers.

Since its inception, the school feeding program has served over 38 million meals across 5 counties in Kenya. It is one of Africa's school feeding programs creating impact for children sustainably and at scale.

Food for Education takes on an integrated school feeding approach to reach children. Its model focuses on five core components which are: local sourcing, central cooking, smart distribution, nutrition, and smart technology.

Working with over 100,000 local smallholder farmers across Kenya, Food for Education sources fresh, nutritious ingredients to use.

In addition, it leverages economies of scale to freshly cook all meals at central kitchens designed by the organization.

The food is distributed in

safe, insulated thermal containers to schools.

Children access nutritious meals via Tap2Eat, an NFC-enabled wrist watch which is also a virtual wallet that also allows their parents to contribute micro-payments for the meals.

Every meal served is hot and nutrient-dense, containing at least 4 out of the 7 minimal dietary diversity food groups and essential micronutrients such as zinc, which boosts children's immunity and metabolism, as well as iron which is essential for young adolescent girls.

Communities that Food for Education serves are seeing the impact of the program.

There are 3000 jobs created already and for teachers, they see up to 20 percent increase in school enrolment rates.

As a result, Food for Edu-

cation has strong backing from parents and the government towards creating a sustainable model.

Parents willingly contribute to the children's meals and the organization has built 3 government partnerships toward scaling and mainstreaming school feeding.

As the world today marks Africa Day of School feeding under the theme "Investing in Home-Grown School Feeding to transform education systems – for an inclusive, and prosperous future of the African Continent" Food for Education is renewing its commitment to eradicating hunger for every African child.

Aiming to serve 1 million children per day by 2027, the organization is creating a blueprint school feeding model of excellence for scale and replication across Africa.

A model that has proven profound health, education, and economic benefits for Africa's fast-growing economies.

It is Africa's true homegrown pathway to achieving AU's Agenda 2063, which looks at school feeding as an opportunity to promote education and prevent the high rates of school dropouts due to hunger.

*The author serves as the Chief Operations Officer at Food for Education.*

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# Achievements Of A Gallaoral Athlete

By: Xolmurodov Samandar  
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On March 16-20, 2017 in the city of Anapa, the Republic of Russia, among teenagers born in 1999-2000, at the International Boxing tournament, student of teacher-coach Eshkuvatov Sherzod, member of the national team of Uzbekistan Kholmurodov Samandar Akmal's son won the 1st place in the 49 kg weight category.

On July 1-7, 2017, he won the 1st place in the 49 kg weight category at the Asian Youth Boxing Championship in Bangkok, Thailand. On October 3-10, 2017, he won the 2nd place in the 52 kg weight category at the Boxing Championship of Uzbekistan in Olmalik, Tashkent region.

On April 18-30, 2018, in Bangkok, Thailand, young people took a proud 2nd place in the 52 kg weight category at the Asian Boxing Championship. On August 20-30, 2018, he participated in the 52 kg World Youth Boxing Championship in Budapest, Hungary. 10-2018 - On December 18, he took part in the Boxing Championship of Uzbekistan among adults in the 52 kg weight category in the city of Samarkand.

On November 22-29, 2019, in the city of Tashkent, he participated in

the Boxing among adults of Uzbekistan took a proud 3rd place in the 56 kg weight category at the championship. On February 20-25, 2020, he took a proud 1st place in the 56 kg weight category at the International boxing tournament among adults in the city of Chirchik, Tashkent region.

Currently, he is a member of the national boxing team of Uzbekistan. Kholmurodov is the son of Samandar Akmal. On March 16-20, 2017, teenagers born in 1999-2000 in Anapa, Russia The son of Uzbekistan national team member Kholmurodov Samandar Akmal, a student of teacher-coach Eshkuvatov Sherzod, won the 1st place in the 49 kg weight category at the International Boxing Tournament.

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## Inspiration

# Fear And Reason



By: Rakhimova Zilola Zarif

What is fear? That question is a puzzle that lives and hesitates inside a person. The word "fear" in a general sense means the loss of loved ones and things necessary for life, which people consider important for themselves and always cherish. I agree that the only reason for such losses is that a person cannot overcome his terrible fear.

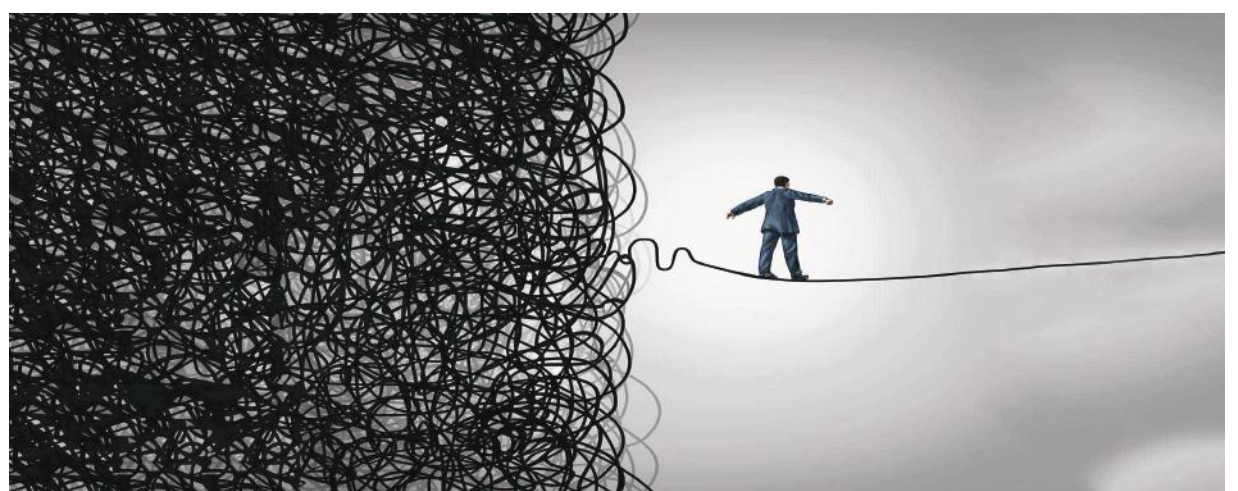
The fact that the human race reaches the end of its destiny in this world and the soul leaves the body at some point is the divine criterion for losing the right to be a scientist. To be recognized is the same sweetness of the soul in everyone's body. For this reason, in the past, when man came to appreciate the value of man and did not become a slave to inanimate objects, i.e. artificial intelligences created by man himself, and consciously oriented his life to a purpose and promoted a peaceful way

of life, the number of people living would be incalculable. In particular, man is a conscious being, different from animals. In fact, there is no one in life who is flawless and different from an angel.

It is worth noting that if we make a mistake in some work, it is natural for internal fear to appear. Internal fear not only changes the human condition but also causes strong excitement. He does not want to admit his mistake. The reason is that he avoids the consequences of his mistake and uses false words to find a way out of the situation. In particular, it is not permissible to be afraid, it is a mark of inadmissible stupidity to judge what you want without knowing it, that is, to do it.

There is no benefit to fear. The reason is that a person who knows how to fear can suppress his fear and realize that the consequences of the mistake will be bad, so he will not take the mistake that is considered unacceptable to himself. Those who fear evil deeds and walk away from impurity are the strongest and wisest people. At the same time, lying also has its own side.

The reason is a simple example, knowing that the condition of a seriously ill person is serious, we do not give up hope of life saying that it is impossible for you to recover, because to tell the truth, we are mak-



ing his condition worse, and by doing this, we are making him enmity. Although you will recover and stand on your feet, may God heal you, we wish you the best if we can cheer you up a little bit.

You can make him happy with an unexpected gift using an excuse. In other words, if a person tells you that we have prepared a gift for your holiday and we will wait for you here, that person may not go and reject the offer. Among other things, he can go to various fantasies and be afraid. What is the meaning of fear? He can think that he is giving me this gift as a bribe or for some purpose, and then if he thanks me, what will I do? possible Another reason for the main fear of a person is that if a person sees someone as the perfect per-

son he knows and likes him to the extent that he ignores his shortcomings, that is, mistakes, even though he does not trust that person, he is afraid of losing him and loves him.

Even if there is no valid reason for this, because he likes him, he agrees with his thoughts, puts himself in an uncomfortable situation and trusts him, and loses something else or a job. In particular, if all of us are strong-willed and patient and always believe in our own strength and knowledge and strive for useful and good deeds and sweat for great goals, then we will be able to achieve great success without any fear.

Rakhimova Zilola Zarif, was born on July 2, 2001, in Kosari village, Vobkent district, Bukhara region. After

graduating from the 9th grade of secondary school No. 10 named after Gagarin in her village, She studied for 3 years at the painting department of the Mukhtar Ashrafiy Art College of Bukhara, and after graduating from the specialty of the head of the fine arts group, in the same year, 2020, Bukhara State She was recommended to be a student at the university's art faculty on the basis of a contract, and She is currently a student of the 4th stage, and at the same time, from the beginning of the September 2023 academic year, She will be a painter of the general secondary education school No. 6 in Khajuvon neighborhood of Vobkent district She work as an art teacher.

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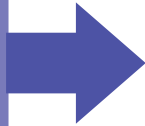
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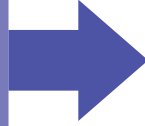
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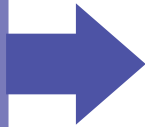


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## Motivation

## One Step To The Goal...



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## Worth Noting:

- A person receives different knowledge from different teachers during his life. We have never seen the knowledge we learned from our teacher in Shahriz, and no other teacher had this level of skill. Despite the fact that our teacher was young, he was able to start students like us on the path of knowledge. In the very first lesson, our teacher's high level and broad level of thinking was demonstrated.

- The graduates of the 3rd season of the project are: Mehribon Bozorboyeva, Zafarbek Akhmedov, Jurakulov Mirjalal, Sherzodbek Karimjonov, Gulshoda Bakhtiorova, Mahfuza Madaminova, Nodira Shukurullayeva, Akhmadaliyeva Rukhshonabanu, Egamberganova Fazilat, Khudoyberganova Gulnoza.

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There is a great miracle created by Allah, which no one can compare to. They have different looks and different characters. Such a great miracle is called man.

A person lives in the world to wear, eat, drink, and achieve some goals in life. Nothing happens by itself. To achieve a goal, you must wait patiently for it. After all, Jaloliddin Rumi also has a wonderful line: "Everything waits for its time. A flower does not bloom before its time, nor does the sun rise before its time. Wait! What is yours will surely come to you".

I think that we, the students of the "Success Formula" course, learned and sought knowledge at the auspicious time that God has written in our destiny. "Success Formula" is a 1-month online course. This course teaches the skills of writing journalistic and scientific articles, obtaining a certificate after completing training courses of international organizations. It allows you to participate in various international Olympiads in your field and gain many achievements. Sitora Hazratova and Shahrizoda Kuziyeva - project manager. Sitora Hazratova was born on September 8, 1992 in Navoi region. She is a highly educated pedagogue, the author of 2 poetry books, a graduate of the online course ALISON Advance Learning Interactive Systems Online Ireland (with a course certificate), The Open University (OU) a graduate of the online courses of the state research university and the largest university in Great Britain by the number of students (with a course certificate), an official member of the "Double Wing" inter-

national creative foundation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, an ambassador of the British SPSC organization, Saylor Academy (USA) online course graduate (with academy certificate), Metropolitan School of Business and Management (MSBM) (London) online course graduate (with course certificate), "Initiator of Science" badge awarded among CIS countries was awarded with the "Intellectual Seeker" badge held among the CIS countries.

The owner of the "For International Services" badge of "Double Wing". Because of their projects, we have achieved great success by participating in this course. Since our course was online, there were students from different regions and different age groups. Despite this, we all have the same goal. Shahrizoda Kuziyeva, the person who motivates us every step of the way, who wants to make the students who are ready to go through all the difficulties on the way to their goal, to their dreams as soon as possible, is our course leader.

Kuziyeva Shahrizoda born on January 1, 2000 in Khorezm region.

Owner of Navoi state scholarship; Holder of Islam Karimov state scholarship; The holder of a preferential grant for the master's degree was recognized as the "Youngest scientist" among the CIS countries

Author of more than 70 scientific and popular articles, 2 monographs, 3 educational and methodological manuals, author of 1 creative book, creative works published in about 100 international newspapers, anthologies, republican newspaper-magazines, graduate

of "Shine Girls Academy", an official member of international organizations of countries such as Egypt, Pakistan, India, Argentina, Kazakhstan, Kerala, head of Khorezm region department of "Double Wing" international creative foundation. Volunteer of Portugal's Himan Right organization. The holder of the international title of "Captain of Good Deeds" is the founder of the "From sky to Intellectual" project. "Student of the Year"-2023.

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Saylor Academy, 8 certificates from "Unicef", 8 certificates from "Great Learning" and 3 certificates from "Europe Academy". During this course, we achieved a total of 20-25 international achievements.

After studying in this course, we made sure that it was really successful. Shahrizoda Kuziyeva is a skilled pedagogue. First of all, they introduced us to their activities and achievements. This gave us more strength to reach our goal faster, we involuntarily envied them. It is worth setting our teacher as an example to people without a goal who turned back from their goal halfway. We have learned to speak beautifully and innocently, to express our thoughts openly and to work tirelessly.

"Success Formula" gathered students and taught them unity and harmony. People who did not know each other at all completed the tasks given by the teacher during the course, asked each other for help, began to fulfill the tasks and became responsible people. "The formula of success" has been the scene of our achievements for us.

A person should not think, because until you think of a goal and plan, others are taking risks and succeeding. It's not always necessary to think things through. Sometimes you can take a step towards your goal even with risk. Sometimes dreams are very difficult to achieve. As Shams Tabrizi said: "Do you know what desperation is?" The inability of your body to reach the place where your heart has taken wings is "helplessness". In any case, regardless of the situation, a person should take a bold step towards a goal, and let

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The students of the "Success Formula" course learned to be enthusiastic, enthusiastic, responsible, and help each other, even if they are strangers.

As a person grows up, his dreams increase. Some of our dreams and goals have increased after studying the course. Yesterday we finished our 1-month course. Now we don't spend hours on social networks to listen to the lesson time, our teacher's beautiful voice, and his advice. Our teacher made our last lesson more meaningful than ever. After the last lesson, we are full of energy and once again we are glad to have attended this course.

In conclusion, we should note that the "Success Formula" course teaches the formula of real success, and through this formula you can easily realize your future dreams and goals. The instructors of this course will help you achieve great things. And the course will give you a lifetime of memories and great moments. If you want to discover the path of success for yourself, then join us and create the most beautiful parts of your life. Because where there is effort, there will be success.

Jorayeva Marjona Bakhtiyar's daughter,

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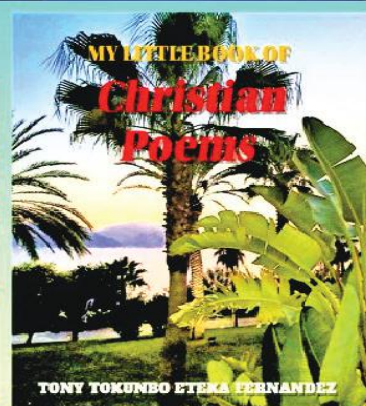
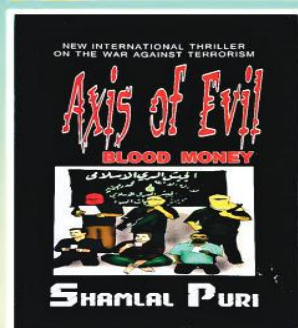
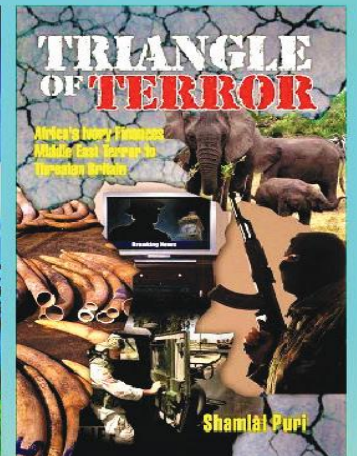
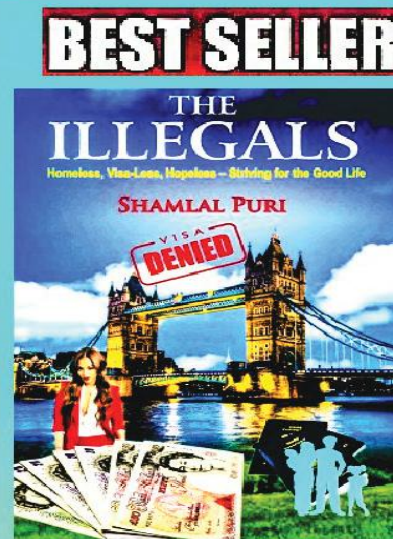
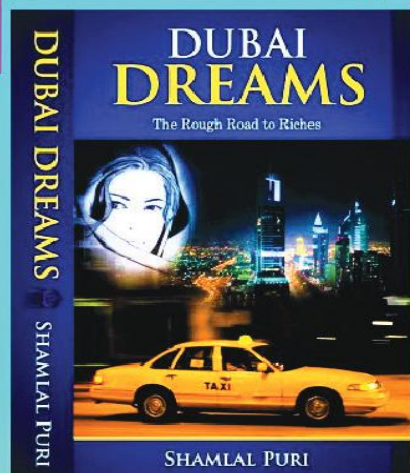
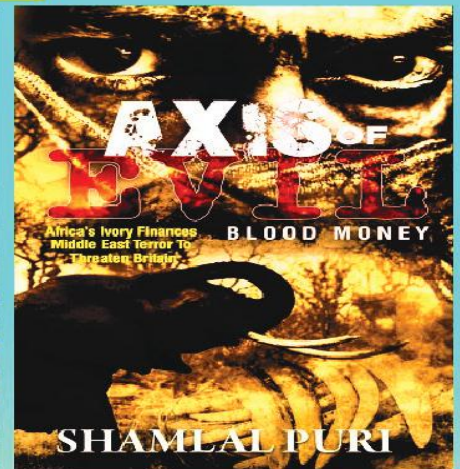
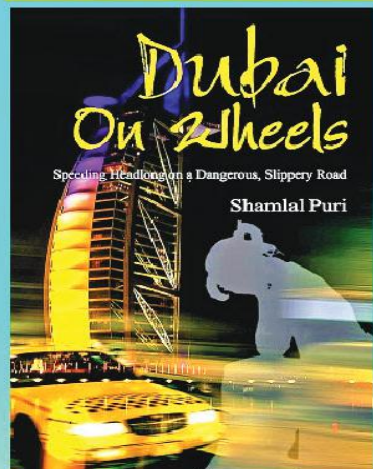
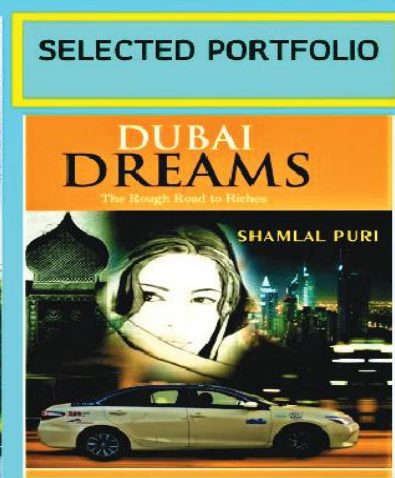
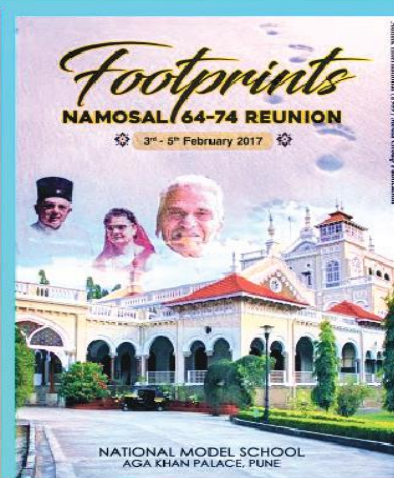
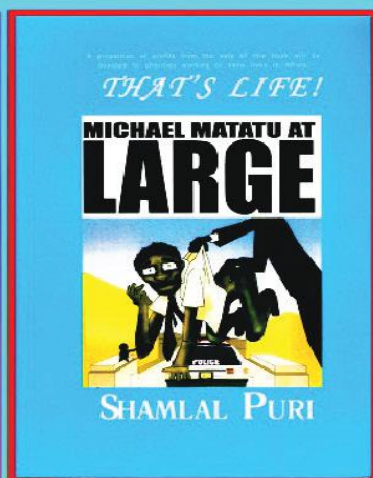
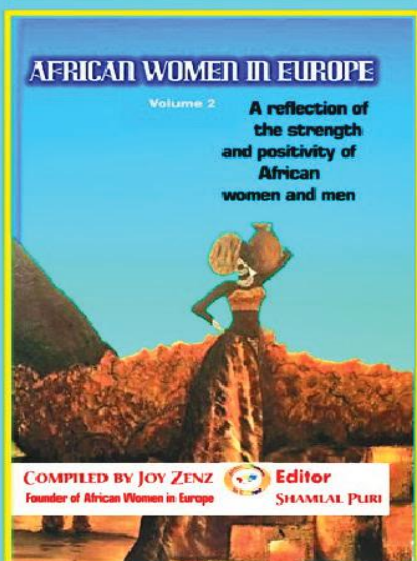
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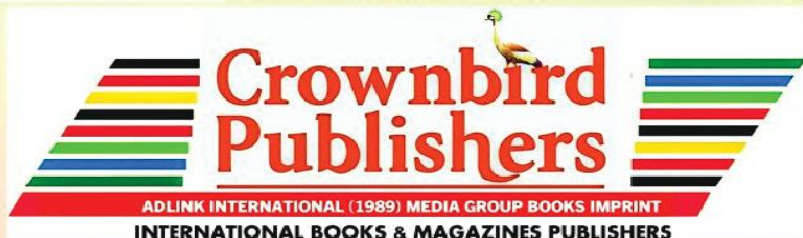
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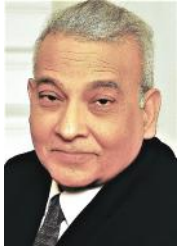
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worker will be better off by £900.

The Chancellor was generous to those parents who got Child Benefit – a small weekly government allowance to help meet the necessities for newly born children up to their pre-school days.

Savers were given the added benefit of increasing their tax-free savings from £20,000 maximum to £25,000.

While there may be the Government's genuine reason to build confidence among savers, cynics suspect this could be a back-door method of enticing people to come out in the open with their cash hidden in the house for future taxation.

For those who sell a second home, their capital gains tax will be reduced from the current 28% by 4% to 24%. Drinkers and smokers are usually hit during budgets with tax increases to raise revenues, but the Chancellor has frozen alcohol duty until 1 February 2025.

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The United Kingdom is hotting up for the general election this year, but Prime Minister Rishi Sunak keeps the nation guessing when people will go to the polls. The election date is a secret only known to a privileged few in the Government.

However, much speculation is drawn from hints dropped by Tory politicians in the media. The Prime Minister says it is in the Autumn. Others say it is as early as May.

Sunak will announce the date at the appropriate time.

The business community criticised the Budget.

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The image of the Conservatives, or the Tory Party, has been bruised under Sunak in recent weeks.

The Government is nervous because it has been trashed in the media. It is losing favour with the electorate with lack-lustre performance under Sunak, the worst since Tories came to power in 1975, the first woman Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher's golden era.

The Party's popularity has waned.

Three Prime Ministers entered Downing Street — career journalist Boris Johnson, Liz Truss, and finance expert Rishi Sunak in just one year, and things have not gone well with the Tory Party since then.

Infighting, conspiracies, resignations, the rise of the right-wing elements in the Party, political backstabbing, acidic criticism against the leadership, and lack of loyalty have rocked the Par-



Beleaguered Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's pet project, Stopping Boats with illegal migrants, is going through choppy waters in the House of Lords



Former Prime Minister Boris Johnson's leadership lost steam after the Partygate scandal



Former Prime Minister Liz Truss, in office for 50 days, is accused of crashing the British economy, which Rishi Sunak was tasked with resuscitating



Britain's solidarity for Ukraine is seen in this British Rail train coach in the Midlands. Photo SHAMLAL PURI

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ty. How Boris Johnson was removed from Downing Street by the people in his administration, who pulled the rug from under him, is still a sore point in Tory politics. This bleak chapter of history is a constant reminder of those dark days and that one does not trust politicians—they are chameleons regarding loyalty.

When Boris won the last general election in 2019 by what is seen mainly as a “landslide victory” for the Tories, he stood outside Downing Street uttering those memorable words in his first speech as Prime Minister, assuring Britons of his commitment, hard work, and transparent rule saying he would be answerable to the British voters. “The buck stops here.”

But those words turned out to be as hollow as an eggshell. What brought him down was the Partygate scandal sleaze during the Covid pandemic, where he imposed lockdowns restricting people from mixing, while at the same time, he held booze-fuelled parties in 10-Downing Street, flaunting his own rules.

There was what critics said: one rule for the Premier and one rule for the rest of the country. The Government could do what it wanted: break its rules.

The Government ordered the public to close their business, which hit the economy like a bombshell, and the country is still rising from the ashes of those pandemic lockdowns.

Boris was so deeply mired in sleaze that he had to go.

Liz Truss took over from Boris in a bruising test of loyalties.

She created an almighty mess with the economy with her mini Budget devised with her Chancellor, Kwasi Kwarteng, which shook the economy like a tsunami.

The Pound suffered a disastrous fall, forcing the Bank of England to pump in millions of Pounds to prop up the British currency from a downward slide.

The total cost of that disaster was £30 billion.

The country is still recovering from that almighty economic crash.

Critics believe the economy is so shaky that it is down on its knees until it is resurrected with tax increases.

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The war in that part of Eastern Europe came to haunt the United Kingdom, and London stood in solidarity with the Ukrainians and their President, Vladamir Zelensky.

This support started during the time of Boris Johnson, and he happily showed the UK’s support for the Ukrainians, even extending aid costing billions of Pounds.

As this happened, Liz Truss was booted out of Downing Street.

After one failed bid against Liz Truss, Rishi Sunak, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Boris Johnson government, was successful in his bid to be the Prime Minister. That was on 25 October 2022.

He undoubtedly inherited the mess Truss created and the Tory Party’s shattered image.

He had a mission. He declared that his leadership would be based on five pledges: Halve inflation, grow the economy, get debt falling, and cut NHS waiting lists. Stop the boats carrying migrants and asylum seekers.

Ironically, he failed to achieve any of his set pledges.

He chose to concentrate on his pledge to slash migration and stop the migrant boats operated by people traffickers in the English Channel from across mainland Europe.

The Rwanda Asylum pact, initiated during the Boris era, was taken over by Sunak, who made it his pet



Former Prime Minister Theresa May, now Dame May, announced on Friday that she will not stand in the 2024 General Election, ending her 27-year political career



Waiting in the wings... Leader of the Opposition Labour Party, Sir Keir Starmer, is confident his party will win the General Election this time

ment. However, another embarrassing rejection awaited his Government as the second version of the Pact raised severe objections in the British Parliament because of legal cliffhangers.

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people the UK deports to Rwanda, but this is not yet over.

It is estimated that the Government’s insistence on pushing the Rwanda Asylum pact would cost Britain £500 million.

This is the cause of disagree-

and its leadership. Theoretically, these by-elections do not mean much to the ruling Conservatives

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## Africa

# Kagame challenger Habineza ready to 'face the worst' in Rwanda

*"You cannot change anything when you are just sitting aside doing armchair politics," he told AFP during an interview in the Rwandan capital Kigali.*

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Chairman of the Democratic Green Party of Rwanda and opposition leader Frank Habineza poses for a portrait at his home in Kigali on January 29, 2024. (Photo by AFP)

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- She was arrested in 2010 while campaigning against Kagame.
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Frank Habineza has received death threats, been imprisoned, forced into exile and defeated during previous attempts to unseat Rwanda's veteran President Paul Kagame, but he is determined to try again, even if he deems the contest "unbalanced". "You cannot change anything when you are just sitting aside doing armchair politics," he told AFP during an interview in the Rwandan capital Kigali. "You need to be inside the game, fighting the game." The East African nation will hold presidential and parliamentary elections on July 15, with Kagame expected to extend his iron-fisted rule over a country he has led for around a quarter of a century. A former rebel chief, the 66-year-old became president in April 2000 but has been the landlocked country's de facto leader since the end of the 1994 genocide. He was returned to office -- with more than 90 percent of the vote -- in elections in 2003, 2010 and 2017. Habineza secured only 0.45 percent of the ballot in the 2017 election, coming third

in polls that rights groups criticised over irregularities and voter intimidation. The contest is "unbalanced for us", the 47-year-old MP conceded, accusing the authorities of failing to provide a "fair" playing field for his party. - Fear of repercussions - Habineza's Democratic Green party -- registered in 2013 -- is Rwanda's only permitted critical opposition party and won two seats in parliament for the first time in 2018. All other registered opposition parties routinely back Kagame. The only other potential challenger to Kagame, Victoire Ingabire, leader of the unregistered Dalfa Umuruzi (Development And Liberty For All) movement, is blocked from the presidential race due to a past conviction. She was arrested in 2010 while campaigning against Kagame. Ingabire was subsequently found guilty of crimes including "divisionism" after publicly questioning the government narrative of the 1994 genocide targeting the Tutsi that killed around

800,000 people. She spent eight years in prison, before the remainder of her 15-year sentence was commuted by Kagame, who also presided over controversial constitution amendments enabling him to stay in power until 2034. A court decision on whether she will be allowed to contest the presidency is set for March 13. The "land of a thousand hills" lays claim to being one of the most stable countries in the region and bills itself as "Africa's Singapore". But systematic repression of the opposition, free speech and the media remains rife in the country of 13 million people, said Habineza, who is also an environmental activist. "People are not free to express themselves as they would wish to because they fear repercussions." - 'Gone through fire' - Kagame initially won praise for bringing order and stability to the shattered nation but his rights record has come under fire. Habineza himself was a member of Kagame's ruling

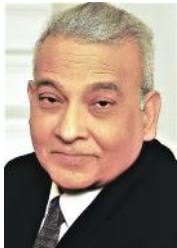
Rwandan Patriotic Front before defecting in 2009 to introduce "genuine and authentic political opposition", according to his party's website. "We still have issues with poverty reduction. Many people have no jobs with nothing to eat." He is also a vocal critic of the controversial deal between Kigali and London to send UK-bound migrants to Rwanda. His commitment to unseating Kagame has led him into rough waters. The body of his party's vice president Andre Rwisereka was found nearly decapitated before the 2010 polls. Kigali has denied involvement in the gruesome killing, which remains unsolved to date. Habineza fled to Sweden a month later, but decided to return to Rwanda in 2012 "for the sake of democracy", leaving his young family behind. He gave up his Swedish citizenship in order to run in the 2017 election. "I just decided to come back to face the worst." Habineza is hoping to woo

voters with a plan to stop the backsliding of human rights, promising to boost free speech and the media. "We also want to foster good and lasting relationships with our immediate neighbouring countries," he said of his manifesto, which also promises subsidies for agriculture, a key plank of the Rwandan economy. Relations have been frosty for years between Rwanda and its neighbours, especially the Democratic Republic of Congo over Kigali's alleged support of M23 rebels in the region, claims backed by the UN and several Western nations. But he must first shake off accusations from some observers that his candidacy means little and is a front to appease Western donors. "We have fought for what we have," he said, pointing out that some members of his party are "still living in exile". "We have gone through fire and have survived."

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because they have a respectable majority in the Parliament to help them pass the Bills.

By-elections are held to fill a vacant parliamentary seat in a constituency but are also a reliable guide to the country's changing mood.

The Tories might shrug off these losses publicly, but the failures will cause gloom in the Party.

However, one recent by-election in Rochdale, a town in Greater Manchester, left red faces in both the mainstream Labour and Conservative parties when George Galloway, a former Labour Party member who is now with his own lesser-known The Workers Party of Britain, won trouncing the main parties.

His victory caused a significant ripple in Britain because Galloway is known as a maverick and his antisemitism, a charge he denies.

But his critics say Galloway knows where his political bread is buttered – supporting the Middle East and the Islamic diaspora. He has long been outspoken about the issues in the Middle East, By admission in 1977, he pledged to devote his life “to the Palestinian and Arab cause.”

It is not easy to gauge how much Muslim support Galloway received in the recent Rochdale by-election, though going by figures, the population of Rochdale is 227,000, of which some 60% are Christians, with the second highest population of Muslims estimated at around 30,000.

It is a known fact in politics that people ignore voting in by-elections, but Galloway garnered good support here from the Muslims.

The question of antisemitism is disconcerting, but religion will play a big part in this general election.

The Sunak government is rightly alarmed at the fear of antisemitism erupting and causing lasting damage to inter-faith tranquillity the UK has so far primarily enjoyed.

However, there are small pockets of religious rivalries, such as the Leicester riots between Hindus and Muslims after a cricket defeat led to taunts and the violence it sparked in that Midlands city. There is an uneasy calm there.

Tories are very uneasy as they struggle to maintain

their prominent position in the 2024 general election.

Their popularity continues to plummet every day. According to a recent IPSOS poll for The Standard, the Tories have dropped to a devastatingly low approval rating of just 20%. This is the worst result since the political track began in 1978.

Rishi Sunak is getting a thumbs down for returning as Prime Minister because of his devastatingly mediocre performance in office, the current recession, and failure to deliver on his pledges. His critics say that his leadership is worse than the Truss Prime Ministership.

The public has booed Sunak, which is not a good sign for his return to Downing Street.

The rise of the right-wing within the Tories threatens their unity. A miracle can now save them from losing.

A devastating number of Conservative MPs know the game is over for their Party, which is set to lose the next General Election. On Friday, former Prime Minister Theresa May announced that she would step down at the next election – 59 Conservative MPs are stepping down

or, as one Labour supporter said sarcastically, jumping ship because they will get a political drubbing in the polls.

The opposition parties are gearing up for action when Downing Street announces the election date.

Labour is confident that it will win.

Labour is not any better. They have shortcomings, leadership issues, and sleaze, which erupt slowly.

If the Tories lose the general election, be ready to hear Rishi Sunak passing the buck for his failure in the previous leadership. He will blame everyone else except himself, as his predecessors have done.



Former Home Secretary Suella Braverman is a right-wing Tory who has slammed Rishi Sunak over his immigration policy and incompetence as Prime Minister



The battle for the key of Downing Street will begin as soon as the official date of the 2024 General Election is announced



The House of Lords which rejected the Rwanda Bill, making five amendments

## GAZA

# Israeli road splitting Gaza in two has reached the Mediterranean coast, satellite imagery shows

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## Worth Noting:

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pletion, the IDF said the road existed before the war and was being “renovated,” due to armored vehicles “damaging it.”

It added that there was: “No beginning and ending.”

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It also appears to connect with Al Rashid Road, which runs along the coast, satellite imagery shows. Palestinians told CNN that they remember the so-called “Netzarim junction” existed before 2005; back then, it was largely only accessible to Israeli settlers.

Israeli Minister for Diaspora Affairs Amichai Chikli told CNN that the new road will “make it easier” for the Israeli military to launch raids north of Gaza City and south, to the central area of the Gaza Strip.

The road, which he said will be used for at least a year, will have three lanes: one for

heavy tanks and armored vehicles, another for lighter vehicles and a third for faster movement.

It will be possible to drive on the Netzarim Corridor from Be’eri, an Israeli kibbutz near the Gaza border, to the Mediterranean Sea in seven minutes, he said.

Chikli is not involved in Israeli military policy. But, in January, Chikli, along with other members of Israel’s parliament, the Knesset, proposed a plan to defeat Hamas that included steps to gain control over strategic parts of the strip.

In it, they said that the Netzarim Corridor would be used “to enable treatment of the underground infrastructure of Hamas and its resistance pockets in the north of the Gaza Strip.”

“The residents of the Gaza Strip should not be allowed to return to the north at least until the demolition of all the underground infrastructure and the complete demobilization of the area,” they said in the proposal.

It also included a second corridor further south that he called the Sufa Corridor. The plan has not been adopted by the IDF, but it includes elements that are coming into existence, including the Netzarim Corridor.

### Cutting the strip in two

A series of satellite images from before and after October 7 show how Israel is extending an existing road to build the corridor.

An image from February 29, provided by Maxar Technologies and reviewed by CNN, shows newly bulldozed sections of road to the east and the west of the existing one. And the satellite image from March 6, provided by Planet Labs, shows the new construction reaching all the

way to the coast.

The Israeli military began bulldozing a path for its armored vehicles soon after declaring war against Hamas on October 7, following the militant group’s attack on Israel.

Satellite imagery from November shows the tracks emerging, at a time when the military’s focus turned to surrounding Gaza City, advancing from the east.

In early October, Israel ordered the evacuation of 1.1 million people from northern Gaza to south of Wadi Gaza, a strip of wetlands bisecting the enclave.

The Israeli military gave right-wing Israeli TV Channel 14 a tour of the Netzarim Corridor in February, revealing what it called a “buffer” that is being worked on around the road.

The report showed forces from the Israeli Engineering Corps operating tractors, trucks and engineering tools.

Lt. Col. Shimon Orkabi, commander of Battalion “601” of the Combat Engineering Corps, told Channel 14 that the soldiers were busy destroying any remaining infrastructure in the buffer area.

“It basically opened up this entire space of territory to us, allowing us to control everything that happens in this corridor,” he said.

He added that the Israeli military used a “large amount of mines and explosives” to demolish buildings in the buffer zone, and that the remaining buildings in the area will “probably disappear soon.”

The Channel 14 report shows the Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital, about 380 meters away from the road, partly in ruins and soldiers operating in the

area.

In a video shared on TikTok, geolocated and verified by CNN, Israeli soldiers can be seen destroying what appears to be the entrance of the Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital.

Posted by an Israeli soldier on the social media platform on February 22 and since deleted, the video also shows troops in an armored vehicle driving into the medical complex.

The IDF told CNN it had destroyed part of a “tunnel network” beneath the Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital, which it claimed was “connecting the north and south of the Gaza Strip.” UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk said in February that the IDF’s reported destruction of residential buildings and other civilian structures elsewhere in the Gaza Strip, could amount to a war crime.

### ‘A barrier of humiliation’

Emily Harding, director of the Intelligence, National Security, and Technology Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, DC, told CNN that the Netzarim Corridor is an attempt “to control population movement.”

A road splitting the strip will make it easier to “screen people moving back and forth between the north and south and try to figure out if any of them are Hamas fighters,” she added.

Harding said Israel’s biggest challenge since they started the operation in Gaza is to try to root out Hamas militants hiding amongst a civilian population: “The only way you do that is with really good tactical on the ground intelligence, and then preventing them from actually moving around.”

Many people in Gaza remember what such controls on movement were like before Israel withdrew from the strip.

During a Palestinian uprising against the Israeli occupation from 2000 to 2005, known as the Second Intifada, the so-called “Netzarim junction” was closed off entirely, Jamal Al-Rozzi, a teacher from Gaza City, told CNN.

It became known as a hotspot for clashes between Palestinians and Israelis, he said.

“Israeli soldiers were stationed at the junction full-time, and because Israeli settlers used it, we Palestinians mostly could not,” he said.

During this period, Israel tightened its “internal closure” policies, mostly for the security of settlements, according to a 2004 Human Rights Watch (HRW) report, leaving only one route between the northern and southern halves of the Gaza Strip.

Along this route were the Abu Holi and Matahen checkpoints, which severely limited movement.

“The Abu Holi checkpoint was notorious,” Al-Rozzi said, recalling a route from Gaza City to the southern city of Khan Younis that “took days” to travel.

“They placed a traffic light there that would only turn red. From red to red. Can you imagine? I remember it vividly.”

Abu Holi was seldom open, Munther Al-Ashi, a lawyer from Gaza City, told CNN. He grew up there and recalls the “almost impossible” movement along the checkpoint in the early 2000s.

“It was a barrier of humiliation.”

“I remember at that time my brothers and I were selling clothes. We used to go out very early in the morning to head southward.

The checkpoint would be open sometimes, but on the way back, we would spend eight or nine hours on average. Sometimes it would remain closed, and people would spend their nights in the streets,” he said.

“The memories of that checkpoint are painful,” he said. “Imagine 200 to 300 cars waiting at the checkpoint to be granted passage by Israeli soldiers.”

The Israel-Hamas war has displaced both Al-Ashi and Al-Rozzi from the north to the southern city of Rafah.

“If our house in Gaza City has not been shelled, I would like to go back to it. How am I going to do that if there are gates and checkpoints in my way?” Al Rozzi said.

“More so, how do we function there if I manage to cross back in? Will there be infrastructure left? Roads I can use?” he said.

“I am a teacher. Will there be schools I can teach at? Am I going to be able to access them?”

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## America

# Haiti ex-coup leader Guy Philippe demands PM resign, wants presidency



Haitian politician Guy Philippe speaks during an interview with Reuters over Zoom from Haiti, March 8, 2024 in this still image taken from a video. REUTERS TV/ via REUTERS

## Worth Noting:

- Henry left Haiti last week to secure Kenya's leadership for a long-delayed U.N.-backed security mission he first requested in 2022 to help fight the gangs.
- He is believed to still be in Puerto Rico, where he arrived on Tuesday.
- The government extended on Thursday a state of emergency around the capital Port-au-Prince as the violence forced thousands to flee their homes and the main airport to close.
- Authorities first announced the state of emergency on Sunday after armed gangs broke thousands of inmates out of prison.
- U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken urged Henry on Thursday to support a political transition for the country, where the healthcare system is near collapse, children are unable to attend school, and thousands have been killed, kidnapped or driven from their homes.

By Reuters

Guy Philippe, who helped lead a coup in Haiti in 2004 and returned to the Caribbean island last year after serving a prison sentence in the U.S., demanded on Friday that the country's prime minister resign and said he wanted to become president. Months of violence have pushed the government in Haiti to the brink of collapse, with increasingly powerful gangs demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Ariel Henry who remains outside the country, seemingly unable or unwilling to return. "He should resign," Philippe, a 56-year-old former police chief, said in an interview with Reuters over Zoom from Haiti. "I think he should stay where he is now ... and let Haitians decide their fate."

Henry's spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Henry left Haiti last week to secure Kenya's leadership for a long-delayed U.N.-backed security mission he first requested in 2022 to help fight

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In 2004, Philippe was one of the main leaders in the successful overthrow of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. He had a failed run for president in 2006, before winning a senate seat in 2016, though he was arrested and extra-

ditioned to the United States before he could be sworn in. Philippe was deported from the U.S. to Haiti in November after serving six years of a prison sentence for money laundering derived from drug trafficking.

He said his conviction would not get in the way of his political future, citing the experiences of former South African leader Nelson Mandela, former Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Asked if he wanted to be president, Philippe said: "Yes! I'm going into politics. I was a senator, I've been elected by my people, I will go again in elections."

"Mandela was in prison, Hugo Chavez was in prison, Lula was in prison ... and so if my people believe and trust me, I will be their leader," he said.

Since his return to Haiti, Philippe has traveled the country rallying support and calling for the government to step down.

In a February report, the Geneva-based Global Initiative Against Transna-

tional Organized Crime named Philippe as an important figure among Haiti's "strongmen who straddle the line between vigilante leaders and political bosses, accumulating considerable power."

Philippe said his recent return to the country meant he did not have deep connections to the gangs and he was not behind the gang violence.

But he said there were some gang members that supported him because they liked what he had to say.

"They like my speech, and some want to follow me," he said.

He did not denounce the gangs and said he would seek to implement an amnesty for their leaders were he to take power.

"Who is worse? The one in the streets with the weapons or the ones in the office that call themselves prime ministers, president, ministers ... that are stealing everything this country has?" he said.

In recent months, Philippe has been seen at public events defended by members of BSAP - an envi-

ronmental police unit that security analysts say has effectively become a paramilitary group.

Philippe said the protection came from individual agents who believed in his message and wanted to protect him.

He stressed that he would seek to put his country's relationship with powers like the U.S., France and Canada on a more equal footing and criticized the international backing that he said had kept Henry in power.

"If Haiti is where it is now, it's partly because of them," he said.

"We are not enemies, we don't hate United States, we don't hate France or Canada... We know we need their help, we know Haiti is a poor country, but at least we would like to receive this help with dignity."

Asked if he thought there would be a civil war in Haiti, as one gang leader warned this week, Philippe said: "No... I know the Americans who are deciding everything here will be wise enough to understand that Haitians want some kind of change."

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## Diaspora

# The Complex Dynamics of US-China Relations: A Call for Mutual Respect and Cooperation

*Since the establishment of the PRC and the retreat of the government of the Republic of China to Taiwan in 1949, the bilateral ties between these two global powers have been both complex and challenging.*

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Presidents Xi Jinping and his US counterpart Joe Biden shake hands at the G20 summit in Bali, Indonesia in November 2022

## Worth Noting:

• This sentiment was echoed by Liu Jieyi, the deputy secretary-general and spokesman for the second session of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. Liu emphasized the need for both the US and China to translate their commitment to cooperation into tangible action, working together to build a stable, healthy, and sustainable bilateral relationship.

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The relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China (PRC) has long been characterized by its fluidity, with moments of stability interspersed with periods of tension and strain.

Since the establishment of the PRC and the retreat of the government of the Republic of China to Taiwan in 1949, the bilateral ties between these two global powers have been both complex and challenging.

Despite the inherent complexities, one fact remains undeniable: the relationship between the US and China is one of the most important bilateral ties in the world today. As the world's factory, China's economic influence cannot be ignored by any nation, including the United States. For this relationship to flourish, both countries must prioritize mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and win-win cooperation.

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As President Xi Jinping stresses, the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative, and the Global Civilization Initiative require a common

approach.

These initiatives have, no doubt, garnered broad support from the international community due to their perceived benefit for all nations. However, he lamented that the United States appears to overlook the potential advantages of these proposals, contrasting with the majority of the international community's positive reception. Recent events, such as the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, highlight the importance of cooperation between the US and China on the global stage. While the US has accused China of failing to condemn Russian aggression, China has advocated for a negotiated solution to the crisis, emphasizing the need for dialogue over the continued escalation of violence. As Liu aptly stated, countries that contribute to the crisis by supplying weapons are only exacerbating the situation and causing harm to innocent people.

Moreover, China's global initiatives, such as President

Xi Jinping's proposed Global Development Initiative, Global Security Initiative, and Global Civilization Initiative, demonstrate China's commitment to addressing global challenges and promoting cooperation on a multilateral level. These initiatives have garnered support from the international community, highlighting the potential for collaboration between the US and China on critical issues facing the world today.

Despite differences in approach, both the Trump and Biden administrations have maintained a confrontational stance towards China. However, Beijing remains steadfast in its commitment to its economic system, governance model, and approach to international affairs. President Xi Jinping's call to unleash "new productive forces" reflects China's determination to accelerate development and innovation, positioning itself as a leader in emerging industries such as electric vehi-

cles, quantum technology, and commercial spaceflight. The relationship between the US and China is at a critical juncture, with opportunities for cooperation and collaboration. By embracing principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and win-win cooperation, both countries can navigate the complexities of their relationship and contribute to a more stable, prosperous, and peaceful world for future generations.

Both the US and China must prioritize dialogue and diplomacy in addressing their differences, recognizing the importance of cooperation in addressing shared global challenges and the earlier the US realised this, the better for the world.

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Historical Monuments Of Bukhara

**Annotation:** Bukhara was long an important economic and cultural center in Central Asia. The ancient Persian city served as a major center of Islamic culture for many centuries and became a major cultural center of the Caliphate in the 8th century.

**Keywords:** Monuments caliphate, historical, ancient

**Introduction part:** Bukhara Uzbekistan.

Bukhara was once one of the most prosperous cities in the region, with magnificent monuments constructed by the Sheibani dynasty in the 16th and 17th centuries. With imposing madrasas and intricately-decorated tombs, it drew in religious scholars from far across the Muslim world, and served as an important resting point for travellers. But Bukhara's significance today rests not in any particular building, but the consistency of its urban layout, which has been carefully preserved from the Middle Ages, making it the most complete medieval city that remains in Central Asia.

Located in central Uzbekistan on an oasis in the Zeravshan River Delta, Bukhara has long been a haven for travellers traversing the

Silk Road. Over the centuries, this encouraged many cultural, merchant, educational and religious exchanges from Persia, India, China, and Russia, and led Bukhara to serve as a major centre in Central Asia.

But the significance of the city also made it a target for the empires that expanded across the region throughout history, and Bukhara has changed hands many times. Each new conqueror and ruler left their mark on the city and, today, the historic centre feels like an open-air museum, representing every stage of its story.

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Poi-Kalyan group, the Lyabi-Khauz ensemble, the Kosh Medresseh and the Gaukushon medresseh in the Hodja-Kalon ensemble. Later buildings from this phase of Bukhara's history include monumental medressehs at important crossroads: Taki Sarafon (Dome of the Moneychangers), Taki-Tilpak-Furushan (Dome of the Headguard Sellers), Tim-Bazzazan, and Tiro-Abdullah-Khan. In the early 17th century fine buildings were added, including a new great mosque, Magoki Kurns (1637), and the imposing Abdullaziz-Khan medresseh (1652).

However, the real importance of Bukhara lies not in its individual buildings but rather in its overall townscape, demonstrating the high and consistent level of urban planning and architecture that began with the Sheibaniid dynasty.

The successful expansion of the Sheibanids was expressed through their beautification of Bukhara's cityscape and extensive monuments. Some of the most important constructions during this period include the Poi-Kalyan complex, consisting of mosques, minarets and madrasas; the Lyabi-Khauz ensemble, complete with a large plaza and pond;

the Kosh madrasa; the Gaukushon madrasa; and the Magoki Kurns madrasa.

Many of these buildings contain bazaars on the inside that sell traditional products such as jewellery, scarves, knives and ceramics. Each monument alludes to its function during its time of construction in history, and are beautifully decorated in intricate tilework, mosaics, and magnificent domes. From the 17th century, a succession of short-lived dynasties led to a weakness in Bukhara that gave neighbouring rulers the opportunities for continual raids and pillages.

In 1753, the city became the capital of a new Mangut dynasty that lasted until 1920 and Bukhara again was a major trading centre, although there were no construction projects to rival those of the Sheibaniid Dynasty. By the time it was incorporated into the Russian Empire in 1868, it had no fewer than 38 caravanserais, six trading arcades, 16 public baths, and 45 bazaars.

**Conclusion:** Bukhara, which is situated on the Silk Route, is more than 2,000 years old. It is the most complete example of a medieval city in Central Asia, with an urban fabric

that has remained largely intact. Monuments of particular interest include the famous tomb of Ismail Samani, a masterpiece of 10th-century Muslim architecture, and a large number of 17th-century madrasas.

With the exception of a few important vestiges from before the Mongol invasions of Genghis Khan in 1220 and Timur in 1370, the old town bears witness to the urbanism and architecture of the Sheibani period of Uzbek rule, from the early 16th century onwards. The citadel, rebuilt in the 16th century, has marked the civic center of the town since its earliest days to the present.

The example of Bukhara in terms of its urban layout and buildings had a profound influence on the evolution and planning of towns in a wide region of Central Asia

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# Ukraine and Kenya Embrace Art to Confront Legacies of War and Colonialism

By Anastasiia Kapranova

Culture and art hold a significant place in both Ukrainian and Kenyan societies, serving as powerful tools for expressing identity and rejecting the legacies of war and colonialism. Since February 2022, Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine has wreaked havoc on the country, with deliberate attacks on cultural sites aimed at erasing Ukrainian identity. The bombing of the Mariupol theater, serving as a shelter for civilians, stands as a stark example of this destruction.

UNESCO's recent verification has confirmed extensive damage to religious sites, historic buildings, museums, monuments, and libraries, underscoring the ruthless assault on Ukraine's heritage.

In Kenya, the painful experience of colonialism resonates deeply, with efforts to reclaim cultural heritage from imperial domination. Kenyan museums and galleries are actively striving to present a narrative free from the violence of colonialism.

Ukraine can draw inspiration from Kenya's journey in reclaiming its heritage. Amid the war, artistic expression in Ukraine has thrived, reflecting the nation's resilience and determination to defend its identity.



From Left to Right: President William Ruto of Kenya and President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine

Collaboration between Ukraine and Kenya in the arts can shed light on the impact of conflict and colonialism, fostering shared learning and understanding. A visit to Kenya by a Ukrainian delegation aims to forge partnerships and exchange cultural insights.

As Ukraine seeks to heal and reclaim its national identity post-conflict,

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The Grains of Culture mural project exemplifies the collaborative spirit between Ukrainian and Kenyan artists, illustrating themes of resistance

and peace.

In the face of war, Ukraine utilizes advanced technology to record and restore artifacts, offering to share this expertise with Kenyan museums. Kenya's efforts to repatriate colonial-era artifacts resonate deeply with Ukraine's struggle to reclaim its stolen heritage.

The meeting between President Wil-

liam Ruto and President Volodymyr Zelensky at the United Nations General Assembly in 2023 marked a commitment to strengthen ties and foster friendship between the two nations.

A long-term cultural partnership between Kenya and Ukraine holds immense potential, with opportunities for artistic exchanges, scholarships for Kenyan students, and the deepening of shared values and goals.

As Ukraine emerges from the shadow of war, cultural collaboration with Kenya offers a path to mutual understanding and appreciation, strengthening bonds between citizens of both nations.

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## IRAN

# Iran arrests two young women for public dancing: report

By AFP

Two young women were arrested in Tehran after the publication of a video in which they danced to celebrate the coming of the Persian New Year, Iranian media said Saturday.

The clip of the two women hip shaking near Tajrish square, a popular gathering spot for young people in the north of the Iranian capital, went viral on social media.

"The Tehran prosecutor ordered the arrest of two women who broke social norms by dancing in Tajrish," the Tasnim news agency reported.

The two women were dressed up as Hadji Farouz, a red-clad folklore character whose dancing and songs announce the coming of Nowruz, the Persian New Year that will begin on March 20.

Islamic law as practised in Iran prohibits mixed dancing or women being alone in public.

Numerous videos of women dancing in public places, especially the metro, have gone viral in recent months in Iran, after a mass protest movement shook the country in late 2022 following the death in police custody of Mahsa Amini in September of that year.

A 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman, Amini had been arrested by the morality police in Tehran for not respecting the strict dress code in force in the Islamic republic.



# Urban agglomerations spur China's high-quality development

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Urban areas of Zhanjiang City in south China's Guangdong Province, May 25, 2023. /Xinhua

## Worth Noting:

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After more than 40 years of rapid growth, China's economy has shifted from a stage of high-speed growth to high-quality development. With the changes of the international market environment and domestic factors, China's original economic growth model is becoming more and more restricted, and it is necessary to optimize the economic structure and transform the growth drivers. What the engine of China's growth in the future is has become pivotal.

Modern growth theory in economics shows that the driving force of a country's economic growth is the expansion of the labour force and material capital in the take-off stages. After the initial stage, a country's economic growth steps into an innovation-driven economic development. Urban agglomeration is a kind of innovation that reconfigures economic factors such as population, capital, industry, commodities, trade, consumption and investment at the regional, urban and rural levels.

China has the biggest number of large cities and urban populations in the world. Urban agglomerations in the current Chinese economic development pattern can give full play to the comprehensive advantages of population and developmental conurbations in the self-reliance of national science and technology as well as industrial chain and supply chain security. This will promote China's economic efficiency and support China's high

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In the outline of the 14th

Five-Year Plan, China clearly pointed out that urban agglomerations are the main form of new-type urbanization, and are an important platform for supporting national economic growth, promoting coordinated development among regions, and participating in international competition and cooperation, focusing on promoting the construction of 19 conurbations.

Currently, the 19 major urban agglomerations account for 25 percent of the country's land area, 75 percent of its population and 88 percent of its GDP. Among the 19 major conurbations, the five pillar urban agglomerations, namely the Yangtze River Delta, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, the middle reaches of the Yangtze River and Chengdu-Chongqing economic circle, each have their own characteristics, with more outstanding strength and

development potential.

For example, "integration" and "high quality" are the two major characteristics for the Yangtze River Delta urban agglomeration, while "coordinated development" are the buzzwords for the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region.

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area is more positioned as a "gateway" to the region with vast openness and economic vitality in China. Cross-border connectivity and collaborative innovation under the "One Country, Two Systems" creates a new plateau for better opening-up.

The urban agglomeration in the middle reaches of the Yangtze River covers the largest area in China. The Chengdu-Chongqing economic circle has a prominent strategic position and is expected to become a national base of emerging industries and a financial center in the upper reaches of the Yangtze River.

According to preliminary calculations, by 2030, China's urbanization rate will reach 80 percent and there will be 200 million added to the urban population. It can be said that to seize urban agglomerations is to seize the new driving force for the Chinese economy.

The important functions of urban agglomeration are reflected in four areas: industrial agglomeration, scientific and technological innovation, boosting consumption and promoting opening up. In the future, China will make good use of the economic advantages of urban agglomerations in building a new development pattern to break market barriers and produce a "1+1 greater than 2" scale effect, thus creating new economic growth points for China's high quality development.

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Lujiazui area in the China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone in east China's Shanghai, January 10, 2023. /Xinhua

## Israeli tank in 'likely scenario' fired machine gun at reporters after deadly shelling, report finds

By: Reuters .  
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Soldiers sit in a military vehicle near the Israel-Gaza border, February 28, 2024.  
REUTERS/Amir Cohen

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An Israeli tank crew killed a Reuters reporter in Lebanon in October by firing two shells at a clearly identified group of journalists and then "likely" opened fire on them with a heavy machine gun in an attack that lasted 1 minute and 45 seconds, according to a report into the incident published on Thursday.

The report, opens new tab by the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO) - which was contracted by Reuters to analyse evidence from the Oct. 13 attack that killed visuals journalist Issam Abdallah - found that a tank 1.34 km away in Israel fired two 120 mm rounds at the reporters. The first shell killed Abdallah, 37, and severely wounded Agence France-Presse (AFP) photographer Christina Assi, 28.

A Reuters investigation in December covered TNO's preliminary finding that a tank in Israel had fired at the journalists.

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Neither of the two surviving Reuters reporters or another AFP journalist at the scene remembered the machine gun fire. All said they were in shock at the time.

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said it was working on a response to questions from Reuters about the incident.

Asked to comment on TNO's preliminary findings in December, the IDF said: "We don't target journalists."

A day after the Reuters investigation was published, it said the incident took place in an active combat zone.

International humanitarian law bars attacks on journalists as those in the news media have the full scope of protection granted to civilians and cannot be consid-

ered military targets.

"We condemn, in the strongest terms, the attack on a clearly identifiable group of journalists, working in the open. The attack killed our colleague Issam Abdallah and injured several others. We reiterate our calls on Israel to explain how this could have happened and to hold those responsible to account," Reuters Editor-in-Chief Alessandra Galloni said.

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AFP Global News Director Phil Chetwynd reiterated his call for a thorough and transparent investigation by the Israeli military.

"If reports of sustained machine gun fire are confirmed, this would add more weight to the theory this was a targeted and deliberate attack," he said.

Ihtisham Hibatullah, Al Jazeera's manager of international communications, urged the Israeli government to disclose the findings of its own investigation.

"This incident strongly indicates intentional targeting, as confirmed by investigations, including by TNO," he said.

Lebanon's Minister of Information did not respond to a request for comment.

TNO noted that the seven journalists were wearing

blue flak jackets and helmets, most with "PRESS" written on them in white letters.

They had been filming cross-border shelling from a distance in an open area on a hill near the Lebanese village of Alma al-Chaab for nearly an hour before the attack.

Video footage of the aftermath of the attack also showed a black car belonging to Reuters marked "TV" in large yellow letters made out of tape on both the hood and the roof.

TNO said there was a clear line of sight from where the tank rounds were fired to the scene of the attack.

In the live TV feeds ahead of the attack, one or more drones can be heard and an Israeli helicopter was also visible overhead in some footage.

The institute was able to determine exactly where the two tank rounds came from because it had video of the second round's muzzle blast and flight, in addition to audio files recorded at the scene of the incident.

TNO's analysis of the machine gun fire showed that the "only reasonable match" was for a 0.50 calibre weapon fired from 1.34 km away - the same distance as the tank rounds - but the audio recordings were not sufficient to determine the firing point.

However, the fact the bursts of bullets came so quickly after the tank rounds, coupled with the analysis, led TNO to conclude it was "likely" they came from the same place. The independent institute did not offer any other scenario for the origin of the machine gun fire.

About 30 seconds after the second tank round, there was a burst of some 25 shots from a machine gun, followed by bursts of nine and 12 shots.

Just over 30 seconds later, there were three shots, then a single shot and a metallic ping, which may have been the bullet hitting a low wall near the camera, TNO said. Reuters photographer Thamer Al-Sudani, 47 cameraman Maher Naze, 53, as well as

two journalists from Al Jazeera and another from AFP were also wounded in the attack.

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Several of the experts who reviewed the TNO report at the request of Reuters expressed divergent views about whether the tank crew had deliberately targeted journalists.

"The TNO report does conclude that it was likely, in addition to the two tank rounds, that machine gun fire came from the same location, and that adds to, or compounds the, deliberate-

ness with which they seem to have been targeted, directly," said Jessica Dorsey, an expert in international humanitarian law at Utrecht University.

"And I think that that, from a legal perspective, if this ever got to a courtroom, makes even more of a compelling argument that this was indeed a war crime," she said.

However, Nick Kaufman, a British-Israeli lawyer who served in the IDF Military Advocate General's Corps and has defended high-profile clients against war crime charges at international criminal tribunals, said it was still unclear why the tank had fired on the reporters.

"On the basis of the TNO report alone, it's not possible to conclude that this was intentional targeting of journalists as opposed to the pursuit of a legitimate military objective which went awry," he said.

"One would need to have a full inquiry and understand the military intelligence which underlay the deployment of the two rounds."

The day after the attack, Israel's military said it had visuals of the incident and it was being investigated. No results have been made public.