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Weekly Highlights



This week, we focus on Gaza, after the Israeli army took control of the Rafah crossing on the border with Egypt, moving forward with an offensive in the crowded southern city where some 1.5 million Palestinians are sheltering.

The crossing is crucial for the entrance of much-needed aid and the departure of wounded people and patients in need of treatment.

The Israeli assault came just hours after Hamas said it had accepted a ceasefire deal proposal put forward by mediators. However, Israel insisted the proposal did not meet its core demands.



Israel takes control of Rafah crossing, Gaza's lifeline

The Israeli army is moving ahead with a ground operation in Rafah and has effectively sealed Gaza off from the rest of the region.



All to know about the truce proposal Hamas agreed to

The Palestinian group says it has agreed to an Egyptian-Qatari proposal, but Israel says it falls short of demands.



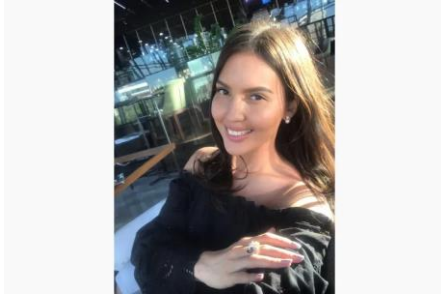
'The goal is to destroy Gaza': Why Israel rejects a ceasefire with Hamas

Israel has rejected a proposed deal and launched an operation in Rafah, raising fears that the war in Gaza could drag on.



Should India take from the rich, give the poor? A new election flashpoint

As India enters the second half of its mammoth election, wealth distribution has emerged as a central campaign faultline - and a battering ram for PM Modi to target the opposition.



In Kazakhstan, a 'storm' over domestic violence after minister killed wife

The former economy chief's livestreamed trial, for beating 31-year-old Saltanat Nukenova to death, has gripped the nation and its neighbours.



PODCAST 🎧: As Gaza ceasefire negotiations heat up, Rafah's invasion looms

The Israeli military has called for people in eastern Rafah to evacuate, intensifying fears of a full-blown assault on the city.


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