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## Weekly Highlights



This week, our focus is on Gaza. Despite six months of relentless attacks, Israel finds itself no closer to victory than it was since it began its bombing campaign in October last year. Its plans in Gaza, beyond the ongoing assault, remain unknown, while the death toll keeps rising.

Additionally, we also look at what could be Iran's likely response to a suspected Israeli attack on its consulate in Syria's Damascus last week.

Finally, in the Philippines, residents in the remote island of Itbayat are finding themselves directly in the eye of any potential conflict between China and Taiwan.



### [Israel may have started a forever war in Gaza](#)

As Israel continues attacking the besieged territory, with no indication of a victory, it risks fomenting endless conflict.



### [How will Iran respond to Israel's attack on its Damascus consulate?](#)

Analysts say Iran is under pressure to respond in kind to the killing of a senior Iranian commander in Damascus, but its options are limited.



### [Indigenous people in Philippines's north 'ready to fight'](#)

Amid the rising tensions, the military is bolstering its defence of Batanes, the northern island province that includes Itbayat.



### [What do Texan red heifers have to do with Al-Aqsa and a Jewish temple?](#)

Temple Movement's plan to sacrifice the cattle seen as a step towards its goal of building the Third Temple over Al-Aqsa Mosque.

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[WATCH: Why India's election is such a big deal | Start Here](#)

India is about to hold the world's biggest election. Start Here explains how it will work and why PM Narendra Modi and his BJP are expected to win again.



[PODCAST : How do the hungry mark Eid al-Fitr in Gaza?](#)

Palestinian Muslims celebrate the Eid al-Fitr holiday while enduring the ongoing violence of Israel's war.



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