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GAZA: (Left) Relatives mourn over the bodies of two children killed in a Zionist strike at Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip on Oct 29, 2025. (Center) Palestinian Mahmud Shakshek is comforted by a relative as he mourns over the bodies of his children, Fadi and Sarah, who were killed in Zionist strikes, at Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City on Oct 29, 2025. (Right) Palestinian Sanaa Al-Safadi mourns over the body of her son Abdul Rahman, 15, who was killed in Zionist strikes, at the Al-Shifa Hospital. — AFP

AI chip giant Nvidia becomes world's first \$5tn company

NEW YORK: AI chip juggernaut Nvidia became the world's first \$5 trillion company on Wednesday, as investors remain confident that artificial intelligence will deliver a new wave of innovation and growth. The California-based tech giant saw its share price rise by 4.91 percent to \$210.90 at the open of trading on Wall Street, pushing Nvidia's market capitalization past the never-before-seen threshold.

By way of comparison, the level was greater than the GDP of France or Germany or higher than that of Tesla, Meta (Facebook) and Netflix combined. Microsoft and Apple, the two other largest global market capitalizations, only just exceed \$4 trillion in valuation each. The surge in Nvidia's share price follows continued strong sales, a flurry of new deals — including a partnership with Europe's Nokia announced on Tuesday — as well as expectations that the company may soon regain access to China.

The company is "largely ahead of any competitor who finds it hard to catch up in the world that Nvidia lives in," Art Hogan of B Riley Wealth Management told AFP. "While it's almost unfathomable to think about a company reaching this milestone, it comes from a company with so many operational efficiencies that seems to announce massive deals on a daily or weekly basis."

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang is expected in South Korea this week, where he will attend the sidelines of the APEC summit at which US President Donald Trump will meet his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, with issues related to AI development expected to be discussed. At current prices, CEO Huang's stake in Nvidia would be worth about \$179.2 billion, according to regulatory filings and Reuters calculations. He is the world's eighth-richest person, per Forbes' billionaire list.

Born in Taiwan and raised in the United States from age nine, Huang has led Nvidia since founding it in 1993. Under his leadership, the company's H100 and Blackwell processors have become the engines behind large-language models powering tools such as ChatGPT and Elon Musk's xAI. While Nvidia remains the clear front-runner in the AI race, Big Tech peers such as Apple and Microsoft have also crossed \$4 trillion in market value in recent months. — Agencies

GAZA: The Zionist entity struck in Gaza on Wednesday, hours after the deadliest night of bombing since the start of a US-brokered truce, warning it would continue to operate to take out perceived threats. The military announced it had carried out a strike on a site in the Beit Lahia area of northern Gaza. Zionist troops, it said, would remain deployed in "accordance with the ceasefire agreement and will continue to operate to remove any immediate threat".

Sharaa: Syria nets \$28bn in investments

RIYADH: Syrian President Ahmed Al-Sharaa said on Wednesday his country had managed to secure \$28 billion worth of investments in the 10 months since the 2024 overthrow of Bashar Al-Assad's government, touting it as a trade corridor that is ripe for even more foreign investment. The president cited the figure while speaking in Saudi capital Riyadh at the Future Investment Initiative (FII) conference,

South Korea fetes Trump with gold crown, top honor

GYEONGJU, South Korea: US President Donald Trump may be facing "no kings" protests back home, but in South Korea officials had the perfect gift for the monarch-loving magnate — a replica golden crown. Trump met South Korean counterpart Lee Jae Myung on Wednesday, part of a visit in which he is expected to hold tense trade talks with China's Xi Jinping.

RSF vows Sudan unity via 'peace or war' amid killings

PORT SUDAN: The head of the Rapid Support Forces paramilitary group vowed on Thursday that Sudan would be unified through "peace or through war", after his forces captured a key city. "The liberation of El-Fasher is an opportunity for Sudanese unity, and we say: Sudanese unity through peace or through war," Mohammad Hamdan Daglo said, three days af-

Gaza's civil defense agency told AFP that one Palestinian was killed in the latest strike — and that 104 — including 46 children and 24 women — had died in the previous night's bombardment. The Zionist military launched a wave of bombing after one of its soldiers was killed in Gaza on Tuesday. By mid-morning on Wednesday it said it had begun "renewed enforcement of the ceasefire".

Both US President Donald Trump and regional

mediator Qatar said they expected the ceasefire to hold, but inside Gaza displaced families were losing hope. "As I understand it, they took out an Israeli soldier," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One. "So the Israelis hit back and they should hit back. When that happens, they should hit back," he added. "Nothing is going to jeopardize" the ceasefire, Trump said.

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where he was a special guest during the ninth edition of the forum. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, a major supporter of Sharaa, joined the audience at the panel where the Syrian president was speaking.

Since Assad's fall, "investments amounting to approximately 28 billion dollars have entered" the country, Sharaa said. "The opportunity in Syria is enormous, and there's room for everyone," he added in a bid to assure potential investors at the conference. "I believe that today the world will benefit greatly from Syria. It will be an important commercial hub for transporting goods," said the president.

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And capping a lavish welcome ceremony in the historic capital Gyeongju, Trump was presented with a replica of a crown worn by the kings of Silla, the dynasty that ruled from 57 BC to 935 AD. The gift was a replica of "the largest and most extravagant of the existing gold crowns" from the Silla period, Trump was told. It represented "the divine connection between heavenly and earthly leadership".

Seoul's presidential office said the headgear symbolizes "peace, coexistence, and shared prosperity on the peninsula — values that mirror the Silla dynasty's long era of stability".

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ter his forces captured the city the strategic western city, giving them control of the vast region of Darfur.

The World Health Organization (WHO) urged Sudan's warring factions should halt fighting in which hundreds of civilians have been reported killed, including 460 in a hospital, since paramilitaries captured El-Fasher. The Sudanese army-aligned government, meanwhile, accused the RSF of targeting mosques and Red Crescent aid workers in the city, where Yale University's Humanitarian Research Lab said satellite images showed evidence of "continuing mass killing".

The WHO said it "is appalled and deeply shocked by reports of the tragic killing of more than 460 patients and companions at Saudi Maternity Hospital



RIYADH: Syrian President Ahmed Al-Sharaa is welcomed by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as Donald Trump Jr looks on during the Future Investment Initiative conference on Oct 29, 2025. — AFP



GYEONGJU: US President Donald Trump meets South Korean President Lee Jae Myung during a ceremony, where he was presented with the "Grand Order of Mugunghwa" and a replica of a crown worn by the kings of Silla, at the Gyeongju National Museum on Oct 29, 2025. — AFP



TAWILA, Sudan: A displaced woman rests in the country's war-torn western Darfur region on Oct 28, 2025 after fleeing El-Fasher. — AFP

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