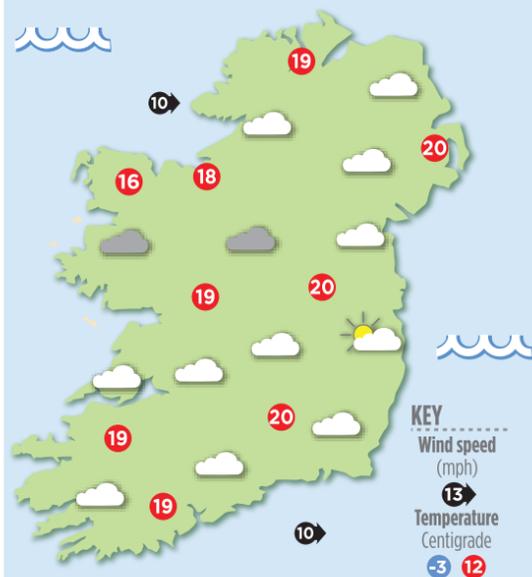


Weather



FORECAST

GENERAL FORECAST

Early rain in the east will clear. Plenty of cloud elsewhere, although some sunshine will break through at times, especially in the south-east. A few showers are possible. A dry evening with late sunshine. Gentle westerly winds.

REGIONAL FORECASTS

Leinster: Early rain will clear. It will then be fairly cloudy with the odd shower possible. A dry evening with late sunshine. Tonight, clear periods. Max temp 21C (70F). Min temp 12C (54F).

Dublin: A dull and damp start is expected, but turning drier and brighter during the day with some late sunshine. Tonight, clear periods. Max temp 20C (68F). Min temp 12C (54F).

Ulster: Early rain will clear to leave plenty of cloud and a few showers. A drier evening with late sunshine. Tonight, clear spells. Max temp 21C (70F). Min temp 12C (54F).

Connacht: Fairly cloudy with the odd shower, although some sunshine will break through at times, mainly later. Tonight, variable cloud. Max temp 19C (66F). Min temp 12C (54F).

Munster: Cloudy with sunny spells, lengthiest early and late. The odd shower cannot be ruled out. Tonight, clear spells. Max temp 21C (70F). Min temp 12C (54F).

WEEK AHEAD

Sunny spells tomorrow in the east, but more cloud further west with the odd spot of drizzle in coastal areas. On Tuesday, apart from the rain in the far west, it will be a fine day for many with sunny spells and patchy cloud. Rain is expected to push into western areas during the course of the day on Wednesday. However, eastern areas should stay dry and fine with sunny periods. A mixed day is expected on Thursday, with variable cloud and scattered showers. A risk of thunder.

SIX-DAY FORECAST

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
DUBLIN	☁ 21	☁ 22	☁ 22	☁ 22	☁ 22	☁ 21
CORK	☁ 19	☁ 19	☁ 20	☁ 20	☁ 20	☁ 20
BELFAST	☁ 21	☁ 22	☁ 22	☁ 22	☁ 22	☁ 21
GALWAY	☁ 20	☁ 23	☁ 21	☁ 20	☁ 21	☁ 20
LIMERICK	☁ 21	☁ 22	☁ 20	☁ 21	☁ 21	☁ 21
DERRY	☁ 21	☁ 23	☁ 24	☁ 21	☁ 22	☁ 22
KILKENNY	☁ 21	☁ 22	☁ 22	☁ 22	☁ 22	☁ 21

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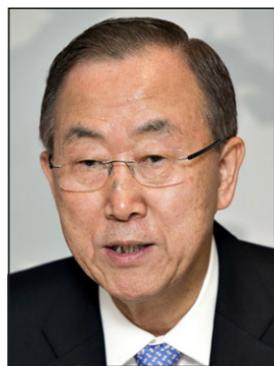
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RAGE:
 Flag burned outside Israeli embassy in Dublin



TALKS: UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon

By Eamon Donoghue

THOUSANDS of people protested worldwide against the conflict in Gaza yesterday, including in Dublin where an Israeli flag was burned outside of the embassy.

In Northern Ireland, protesters clashed, while elsewhere crowds gathered from as far as Paris to Indian-controlled Kashmir to protest against the Israeli offensive in Gaza.

'We fled with nothing but our clothes'

Despite global condemnation, the Israeli army continued with the second day of the ground invasion in Gaza, with troops claiming to have uncovered more than a dozen cross-border tunnels.

Gaza officials said at least 335 Palestinians, including 70 children, had been killed in the 12-day conflict - about 100 in the last 48 hours alone. On Israel's side, three soldiers and two civilians have died.

Hundreds of people have been injured, including patients and nurses at al-Wafa hospital, which was shelled by Israeli tanks on Thursday.

With both the Israeli and Egyptian borders sealed off, those living in Gaza say they

Thousands all over the world protest over Gaza offensive

Israeli flag is burned at Dublin embassy

have few places to which they can escape.

The largest United Nations agency in Gaza, UNRWA, said about 61,500 people had sought refuge in its buildings, mainly schools.

'My family and I left the house with nothing but the clothes we were wearing at two in the morning,' Kareem Ramadan, 45, an unemployed father of three, told Reuters while resting in an UNRWA school in northern Gaza.

UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon plans to travel to the region this weekend as part of a growing international effort to end hostilities.

Meanwhile, French foreign minister Laurent Fabius met officials in Egypt and Jordan to discuss the crisis.

'Our absolute priority is to have a ceasefire. Egypt has put forward a good initiative,' Mr Fabius said.

However, Egypt said yester-

day it had no plans to revise the ceasefire proposal, which Hamas has already rejected.

Several thousand people took part in the protest in Dublin city centre, which ran from the Spire on O'Connell Street to the Dáil and then to the Israeli embassy in Ballsbridge.

The protest, organised by the Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign, is thought to be one

'Our priority is to have a ceasefire'

of the largest pro-Palestinian marches in recent years, with approximately 3,000 people taking part.

Protesters lay down in front of Leinster House in a symbolic 'die-in' gesture in respect of the recorded 335 Palestinians killed so far in the region.

While gardaí reported a 'very peaceful protest', an Israeli flag was burned outside the embassy and one protester was stopped by gardaí as he tried to make his way into the embassy.

In the North, riot police were forced to separate protesters in Belfast as tempers flared after an Israeli flag was waved by unionist groups.

In London, pro-Palestinian demonstrators were ejected from the Cabinet Office.

There was further violence in Paris, as police used tear gas on protesters who defied a ban on marching to protest against the violence in Gaza.

There was also Government interference with protesters in Indian-controlled Kashmir as the armed forces fired at protesters, killing a teenage boy in Khudwa ni, a village south of Srinagar, the main city in Indian Kashmir.

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