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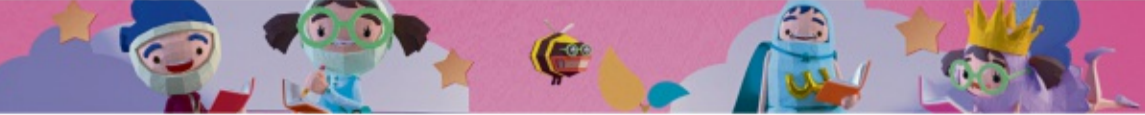


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■ Palestinian protesters flee from stun grenades thrown by Israeli police in front of the Dome of the Rock mosque in Jerusalem's Al Haram Al Sharif following Friday prayers yesterday.

# Clashes at Al Aqsa as Gaza truce holds

The truce between Israel and Hamas faced an early test yesterday when clashes broke out between Palestinians and Israeli police following Friday prayers at Jerusalem's Al Haram Al Sharif. Palestinians rallied by the thousands in Gaza and the West Bank, with many viewing it as costly, but clear victory for Hamas. Israel vowed to respond with a "new level of force" to any further rocket attacks. The US and Egypt, which mediated the truce, have now turned their focus on the Gaza humanitarian crisis | **MIDDLE EAST, P9**

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Fears that the Olympics would turn into a super-spreader event persist in Japan, ensuring opposition by the majority of the public to holding the Games this year. Japan yesterday expanded a state of emergency to Okinawa as authorities approved two more vaccines to speed a lagging inoculation campaign. The state of emergency imposed in nine prefectures, including Tokyo and Osaka, will be in effect from Sunday until June 2 | **P2**



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