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in Jerusalem

The death toll in Gaza passed 57,000 yesterday, health authorities in the enclave reported, as reports of a potential new ceasefire agreement – announced by US president Donald Trump – remained unclear.

The Gaza health ministry said 142 bodies had been received by hospitals in the previous 24 hours, with the total death toll since October 7th, 2023 now at 57,012. Some 487 more people were injured, bringing the total number of injuries to 134,592.

Those killed yesterday included Dr Marwan Sultan, the director of the Indonesian Hospital in northern Gaza, who the Gaza health authorities said died “along with a number of his family members . . . after the occupation targeted his home in Gaza City”. Other reports said Dr Sultan’s wife and children were killed too. A spokesperson for the Israeli military said it “struck a key terrorist” and the “claim . . . uninformed civilians were harmed

is being reviewed”. On Tuesday evening, Mr Trump posted on his Truth Social platform saying Israel had “agreed to the necessary conditions” to finalise a 60-day ceasefire, “during which time we will work with all parties to end the War”. He said Hamas should take the deal “because it will not get better – IT WILL ONLY GET WORSE”.

Hamas said it was examining new ceasefire offers received from mediators Egypt and Qatar, but repeated that it wants an end to the war and the withdrawal of Israeli troops.

‘Eliminate Hamas’ Israeli prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu – who is due to meet the US president in Washington, DC next Monday – spoke publicly during a visit to the Eilat Ashkelon Pipeline Company for the first time since Mr Trump’s pronouncement. “We will eliminate Hamas down to its very foundations,” he said. “We will free all of our hostages.” The Israeli government press office says 20 of 50 hostages remaining in

Gaza are confirmed to be alive. Philippe Lazzarini, the head of the UN’s Palestinian refugee agency Unrwa, called a ceasefire deal “paramount”, saying “it’s so desperately needed and long overdue”. He also said that “principled, dignified and at scale humanitarian assistance needs to resume” under the UN.

More than 200 NGOs have called for an end to the US-backed Israeli-controlled aid distribution scheme, which has led to hundreds of deaths. The latest developments came as the Oireachtas Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade held hearings on the Occupied Territories Bill.

The Bill would prohibit the importation of goods from Israeli settlements on occupied Palestinian land. Campaigners are pushing for services to be added to the Bill, saying Ireland has an obligation to do so following an International Court of Justice advisory opinion last year.

Meanwhile, a senior United States politician accused Ireland of going down a “hateful, anti-Semitic path”. US Senate foreign relations committee chairman Senator Jim Risch said the Occupied Territories Bill “will only lead to self-inflicted economic suffering” for the State.

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Suddenly, from a standing start, DJ Carey jinked to his right and slipped into the empty space.

But instead of facing the uprights, he was in front of a judge, and about to rifle over a string of guilty pleas from inside the dock.

Had it really come to this?

One of the finest hurlers the game has ever produced, the former Kilkenny forward dazzled for almost two decades. He captivated crowds with his speed, skill and unerring eye.

A multiple All-Ireland medal winner, much garlanded GAA All Star and dashing role model for youngsters, this nice, unassuming hero ended a long inter-county career secure in his legacy.

A smooth pivot to the business world was the obvious progression. Naturally, he prospered in Celtic Tiger Ireland, his relationship with a millionaire businesswoman and their jet-set lifestyle chronicled in the social pages of the glossy magazines.

DJ had it all. DJ was a star. It’s all gone now, his life reduced to a squalid tale of deception.

A hero who went from scoring goals to scoring money from kind people by pretending he needed help to pay for his cancer treatment.

Yesterday morning, the extent of DJ Carey’s fall from grace was laid bare at a busy sitting of Dublin Circuit Criminal Court. He was hardly noticed in this clearing house of crime and punishment as the judge briskly worked her way through the day’s criminal list.

Only the presence of a large number of journalists in court number seven indicated something out of the ordinary.

Earlier, photographers and camera crews waited on the steps of the Criminal Courts of Justice for Carey to arrive. The 54-year-old was expected to stand trial on deception charges. But when it came to the crunch, DJ chose not to fight the case. He was spotted walking in the vicinity of the building before proceedings

began, as if looking for an entrance, talking on the phone. Finally, at the last minute, he walked quickly past the cameras and through the main doors.

After briefly consulting with his legal team, he sat alone on a side-facing wooden bench next to the dock. He hadn’t long to wait for his case to be called. “Denis Carey.”

“Carey now has ‘genuine’ health issues and had heart surgery last year

People have their own worries and their own business to conduct in this place. Few paid attention to just another defendant, the bald man in the dark suit, smoothly moving over from his seat to the stand.

But the reporters snapped to attention. The court was told a jury wasn’t needed. There would be no trial.

The defendant stood with his

arms down and hands clasped together, like a soccer player in a defensive wall bracing for a free kick. The court registrar read out the charges.

Guilty pleas “Guilty,” replied Carey, quietly. And to the next one. And the next. Ten times in all (with 10 more charges taken into account).

Guilty to faking cancer and dishonestly inducing people to give him money towards his imaginary treatment. Guilty to deceiving decent individuals who wanted to help a national sporting icon through a devastating illness.

One word stood out when defence counsel Colman Cody SC asked Judge Ryan to extend legal aid for his client who has “certain mental health issues”.

He said while the charges admitted involve fraudulent cancer claims, Carey has ongoing health issues which are “genuine” and significant and he had heart surgery last year. It is not unusual to hear such a serious procedure

■ DJ Carey arrives at the Criminal Courts of Justice where he pleaded guilty to inducing people to give him money after a fake cancer diagnosis. PHOTOGRAPH: PA

described as “significant”. But it is most uncommon to hear a heart operation classified as “genuine”.

That this even needed to be said pointed up the callousness of Carey’s crimes.

But then, he once staged a photo of himself lying in bed looking pathetic, apparently at death’s door, a white phone charging cable dangling like a drip from his nasal cavity and a strip of tape across his face supposedly keeping it in place.

There was a time when action pictures of Carey, who will be sentenced in October, appeared on the back pages of newspapers.

He’s front page fodder now.

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Withdrawn McGregor evidence referred to DPP

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Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Court of Appeal is referring to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) material concerning fresh evidence filed on behalf of Conor McGregor, for consideration of possible perjury.

The mixed martial arts fight-

er’s lawyers this week withdrew an application to admit fresh evidence for his appeal against a High Court civil jury finding in favour of Nikita Hand. Ms Hand sued him over allegedly raping her in Dublin’s Beacon Hotel on December 9th, 2018.

In sworn evidence, Samantha O’Reilly, a neighbour of Ms Hand’s in late 2018, claimed

she witnessed a physical altercation between Ms Hand and her then partner Stephen Redmond on the night of December 9th/10th, 2018.

Mr McGregor claimed this and other evidence bolstered his denial of responsibility for bruising on the body of Ms Hand noted by a doctor on December 10th, 2018. Ms Hand de-

scribed the evidence as “lies”.

The appeal court reserved judgment yesterday on Mr McGregor’s appeal over the civil jury finding he assaulted Ms Hand in the hotel, for which it awarded her €250,000 damages.

Mr McGregor denied raping Ms Hand and claimed they had consensual and “vigorous” sex.

Ms Hand’s senior counsel, John Gordon, asked the court to refer the fresh evidence matter to the DPP for consideration of possible perjury, including possible inducement by Mr McGregor of perjury.

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Weather

Today will be a mix of sunny spells and scattered showers. Highest temperatures 18-20 degrees.

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