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■ **European Union Calls for Humanitarian Aid Corridors in Gaza**

European Union leaders, in a summit held in Brussels, have unanimously called for the establishment of 'humanitarian corridors and pauses' to facilitate the urgent delivery of aid to the Gaza Strip. This decision comes in response to the mounting concerns over the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza, with United Nations Humanitarian Chief, Martin Griffiths, highlighting the inadequate flow of aid into the region, despite the international community's efforts. Riyad Mansour, the Palestinian Ambassador to the United Nations, appealed to global leaders to intervene and halt the bombings in Gaza, while Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Gilad Erdan, reiterated Israel's stance that it is engaged in a conflict solely with Hamas.