

[Mossad chief accuses Iran of plotting deadly attacks, vows to hit perpetrators 'in heart' of Tehran](#)

JERUSALEM: The head of Israel's Mossad spy agency on Sunday said that Israel is prepared to strike "in the heart of Tehran" to track down the perpetrators of what he said were over two dozen Iranian attempts to hit Israeli and Jewish targets around the world.

Speaking at a security conference, David Barnea said that Israel and its allies had foiled 27 attacks over the past year in Europe, Africa, southeast Asia and South America.

[A US Navy veteran got unexpected help while jailed in Iran. Once released, he repaid the favor](#)

WASHINGTON: Michael White had only recently arrived in a grim Iranian jail when a curious fellow prisoner, an English-speaking Iranian, approached him in the courtyard for a conversation.

The American did not reveal much at first, but it was the beginning of an unlikely friendship between White, a Navy veteran imprisoned on spying charges he says were unfounded, and Mahdi Vatankhah, a young Iranian political activist whose positions on social issues had drawn his government's ire.

[Sudan army chief lambasts African Union as war deaths top 7,000](#)

WAD MADANI, Sudan: Sudanese army chief Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan said Saturday "we don't need" the African Union to resolve the country's nearly five-month conflict, as new figures put the death toll at over 7,000.

Diplomatic tensions have flared since the head of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, met last week with a political adviser to the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), prompting rebuke from Burhan's government.

Four major Libyan oil ports temporarily closed due to expected hurricane -sources

BENGHAZHI: Four major oil ports in Libya including Ras Lanuf, Zueitina, Brega and Es Sidra will be closed from Saturday evening for a period of three days due to an expected hurricane, two oil engineers told Reuters.

Israelis protest ahead of court hearing on legal reforms

TEL AVIV: Thousands of Israelis protested on Saturday against the hard-line government's judicial overhaul, ahead of a court hearing on a major element of the controversial reforms that have split the nation. Since Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition government unveiled its proposals in January, tens of thousands of Israelis have demonstrated weekly in what has become the largest protest movement in the country's history.