

[Israeli forces kill Palestinian in West Bank: ministry](#)

RAMALLAH, Palestinian Territories: Israeli forces shot dead a Palestinian teenager Saturday at a refugee camp in the West Bank, the Palestinian health ministry said, in the latest violence to rock the occupied territory. The ministry identified the teenager as 16-year-old Milad Munther Al-Raee, and said he was killed at the entrance to Al-Arroub refugee camp near the city of Hebron. He was "shot in the back by the occupation (Israeli) bullets," the ministry said in a statement. The Israeli military did not immediately comment on the incident.

[Jordan, ASEAN countries plan economic forum as investments surge](#)

LONDON: Khalil Hajj Tawfiq, chairman of the Amman Chamber of Commerce, announced on Saturday that a Jordanian Economic Forum with several member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations will take place in March 2024, Jordan News Agency reported.

The forum aims to improve trade relations and boost investment opportunities between the two sides. It will be hosted in cooperation with ASEAN member states that have embassies in Jordan, including Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Brunei.

[US-backed Kurdish fighters say battles with tribesmen in eastern Syria that killed dozens have ended](#)

BEIRUT: A US-backed Syrian force declared its operations in eastern Syria completed Friday after almost two weeks of fighting with local tribesmen left dozens of people dead. The Syrian Democratic Forces said the fighting ended with its recapture of areas in Deir Ezzor province that the Kurdish-led force had lost during the battles triggered by the militia's arrest of a rival US-backed commander.

Tunisia press union denounces state 'censorship'

TUNIS: Tunisia's journalists' syndicate on Friday denounced state censorship of mass media and said authorities have "repressed" freedoms in the country reeling under a political and economic crisis.

"The freedom of the press is increasingly repressed and the authorities are adopting a policy of lockdown and censorship to enforce their control over the media, particularly state media," the head of the SNJT union, Mehdi Jelassi, told a news conference.

Magnitude 7 earthquake strikes Morocco – GFZ

RABAT: An earthquake of magnitude 7 struck Morocco on Friday, the German Research Center for Geosciences (GFZ) said. The quake was at a depth of 10 km (6.21 miles), GFZ said.