

[UN experts urge forces of powerful Libyan commander to stop evicting residents, demolishing homes](#)

CAIRO: United Nations-commissioned experts on Monday called for forces of a powerful Libyan military commander to stop evicting residents and demolishing their homes in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi.

The experts said in a statement that the Libyan National Army, commanded by Khalifa Haftar, has since March removed more than 20,000 residents from their homes "at a very short notice."

They also said the destruction in the city center "is spreading in an alarmed manner," with residents expelled and forced to give up their property or their ownership documents.

[UN 'alarmed' by clashes at Eritrean protests in Israel](#)

GENEVA: The United Nations' rights chief said Monday he was "alarmed" by the high number of injuries during recent clashes in Israel involving Eritrean protesters.

Trouble erupted on Saturday when a demonstration against an Eritrean government event turned violent, injuring nearly 140 people, including a dozen Eritrean asylum seekers who were hit by Israeli police gunfire.

"Alarmed at high number of injuries during protests involving opposing Eritrean protesters, particularly in Israel," UN human rights chief Volker Turk said on X, formerly known as Twitter.

[Syria's Assad scraps notorious military field courts](#)

BEIRUT: Syrian President Bashar Assad announced Sunday the scrapping of military field courts where thousands are thought to have been sentenced to death without due process, but activists remained cautious about the move's impact.

Assad issued a legislative decree "ending the work" of the original 1968 proclamation that created the courts, the presidency said in a statement.

[Iran sentences two women journalists to jail time](#)

TEHRAN: Two female Iranian journalists will spend around a month behind bars as part of a three-year partly suspended prison sentence for “conspiracy” and “collusion,” local media reported on Sunday.

Under the sentence, Negin Bagheri and Elnaz Mohammadi will serve one-fortieth of the term, or less than a month, in prison, their lawyer Amir Raisian told the reformist Ham Mihan daily newspaper, where Mohammadi works.

[Algeria says jet skiers ‘refusal to comply’ led to shooting; victims’ kin to file action in France](#)

ALGIERS: Algeria said Sunday its security forces had opened fire this week after a group of jet skiers from Morocco ignored warning shots and refused to comply with orders to stop.