

39 civilians killed in Sudan's Darfur: medics, witnesses

WAD MADANI, Sudan: Thirty-nine civilians were killed, most of them women and children, when shelling hit their homes on Tuesday in war-torn Sudan's vast western region of Darfur, medics and witnesses said.

The sources said the attack occurred in Nyala, the capital of Darfur South state, from which 50,000 people have been forced to flee since August 11, according to the United Nations.

Clashes in Kurdish-held east Syria kill 22: monitor

BEIRUT: Twenty-two people including three civilians have died in clashes in Kurdish-held northeastern Syria between US-backed fighters and members of an affiliated group whose leader was arrested, a war monitor said Tuesday.

"Sixteen local fighters and three members of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) have been killed" during the clashes in several villages in the east of Deir Ezzor province, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said, raising an earlier toll.

Three civilians including two children have also been killed in the violence, it added.

Algeria hands Canada dual national researcher, journalist jail terms

ALGIERS: An Algerian court on Tuesday sentenced an Algerian-Canadian researcher, as well as an Algerian journalist, each to two years in prison, one of their lawyers said.

Raouf Farrah, 36, and Mustapha Bendjama, 32, were convicted of publishing classified information by the court in the eastern city of Constantine, said Kouceila Zerguine, who represents Farrah.

Farrah was also found guilty of receiving funds "with the intention of committing acts that could undermine public order," the lawyer said on Facebook.

Syria's Aleppo airport to resume operations following air strike - ministry

CAIRO: Air traffic at Syria's Aleppo airport will resume on Tuesday following an Israeli air strike.

Operations will restart at the airport at midnight (2200 GMT), Syria's transport ministry said.

An Israeli air attack put the airport out of service on Monday, the Syrian defense ministry said, while regional intelligence sources said an Iranian arms depot was hit.

Egypt announces first direct flight from Cairo to Port Sudan

CAIRO: Egyptian national carrier EgyptAir announced it will operate its first direct flight from Cairo to Port Sudan starting Sept. 1, the Egyptian civil aviation ministry said on Tuesday.

The decision comes after Sudanese authorities re-opened the airspace in the eastern sector of the country, after closing the entire airspace since April 15 after war broke out.

Since then, humanitarian and evacuation flights have operated out of Port Sudan airport on the Red Sea coast.