

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.

Hezbollah seeks restriction on UN's Lebanon peacekeepers

BEIRUT: The head of Lebanon's powerful Shiite armed group Hezbollah warned on Monday evening against renewing on the same terms the mandate of the United Nations peacekeeping force in the country's south.

The mandate of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon, which expires Thursday, was extended last year with a slight modification that Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah criticized at the time as "a violation of Lebanese sovereignty." He did so again on Monday.

UAE's PureHealth to buy UK hospital operator Circle Health Group for \$1.2bn

DUBAI: Abu Dhabi-based PureHealth has signed an agreement to buy British hospital operator Circle Health Group for 4.41 billion UAE dirhams (\$1.2 billion), Emirates News Agency reported.

PureHealth is the UAE's largest healthcare provider and the acquisition marks its first foray into the UK market.

According to the report, Circle Health Group has the UK's largest network of private hospitals and was the first European healthcare provider to enter the Chinese market.

New appeal over fate of Lebanese missing in Syrian prisons

BEIRUT: Several associations and 46 MPs in Lebanon have called for the Lebanese missing in Syrian prisons to be included in the remit of a UN-created body that seeks to establish the fate of people who have been forcibly disappeared during Syria's civil war.

The UN General Assembly has already approved the creation of the Independent Institution on Missing Persons in Syria.