

Two dead in clashes between Hezbollah and Christian villagers after truck crash

BEIRUT: At least two people were killed on Wednesday in clashes between armed Hezbollah fighters and Christian residents of a mountain village, after a militia truck overturned on the road between Damascus and Beirut.

Shots were fired after Hezbollah operatives who were escorting the vehicle surrounded the truck, which crashed on a downhill turn near Kahaleh, about 15km from the Lebanese capital. Security sources said one of the dead was a Hezbollah member and the other was villager Fadi Bejjani, 60.

Rescue mission for Yemen's deteriorating SF0 Safer tanker nears completion

AL-MUKALLA: The long-awaited operation to resolve the issue of the ageing tanker SF0 Safer, currently decaying off the coast of Yemen, is set to end in the coming days, with over 96 percent of the ship's oil cargo transferred to a replacement tanker, the Yemeni government said on Wednesday.

Why Morocco is emerging as Europe's renewable-energy partner of choice

JUBA, South Sudan: Blistering heatwaves across the Northern Hemisphere throughout this summer are a stark reminder of the need for sustainable energy solutions. The good news is that one Arab country has positioned itself as a potential supplier of solar power to energy-hungry Europe.

Morocco has developed a vibrant solar energy sector, making use of year-round sunshine, wide open spaces for infrastructure projects, and access to millions of euros in EU development funding.

Lebanese farmers demand action after smuggled Syrian onions flood market

BEIRUT: Lebanese farmers have raised concerns over dumping after huge quantities of smuggled Syrian onions appeared on the Lebanese market at prices lower than local offerings.

The farmers are demanding that Lebanese customs authorities pursue the smugglers.

Ibrahim Tarshishi, head of the Bekaa Farmers Association, told Arab News: "The Lebanese customs cooperated with us and began confiscating the smuggled goods, but the matter will not stop. Soon, Syrian potato products will be smuggled."

Syria's pharmacies syndicate says drug prices to increase 50 percent

DAMASCUS: The Syrian government decided to increase prices of drugs by 50 percent, the head of the pharmacies syndicate in Damascus said Tuesday, as the Syrian pound hit new a low in recent days.

Hassan Derwan did not give a reason for the price hike in his interview with the pro-government daily Al-Watan. Earlier this year, prices were raised by between 50 percent and 80 percent.