

[Egypt supporting South Sudan's development, minister says](#)

CAIRO: Development projects launched by Egypt in South Sudan are a "model for cooperation," Hani Sewilam, Egypt's minister of water resources and irrigation, said on Wednesday.

Sewilam met Moatez Mostafa Abdelkader, Egypt's ambassador to South Sudan, with the pair reviewing joint water projects between the two countries.

The depth of Egyptian-South Sudanese relations "pushes us to further work on strengthening the bonds of cooperation, integration and investment in various fields," Sewilam said.

[Egypt allocates \\$97m budget for restoration of antiquities](#)

CAIRO: Authorities in Egypt have set a budget of about 3 billion Egyptian pounds (\$97 million) for the maintenance and restoration of antiquities during the financial year 2023-2024, according to Ahmed Issa, the country's minister of tourism.

Most of this cost will be self-financing, he added, funded by income generated from entry fees for the attractions.

[Residents fearful as clashes rock Palestinian camp in Lebanon](#)

AIN AL-HELWEH, Lebanon: Fruit and vegetable seller Ismail Akkawi had no choice but to brave days of intermittent but deadly fighting in Lebanon's biggest Palestinian refugee camp in order to make ends meet.

The produce market at the heart of the restive Ain Al-Helweh camp – in the southern coastal city of Sidon – is usually bustling with vendors, but few have ventured out since clashes broke out in the camp late Saturday.

"I have to leave the house, despite the horrific circumstances for selling vegetables," said Akkawi, who is in his sixties.

[Halted Ukraine grain deal, funding shortages rattle UN food aid programs](#)

BEIRUT: A halted landmark grain deal that allowed Ukrainian grain to flow to countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, along with donor's fatigue, is rattling the operations of the United Nations food agency, its deputy executive director said Tuesday.

"What we have to do now is to look elsewhere (for grain) of course," Carl Skau, deputy executive director of the World Food Program told The Associated Press. "We don't know exactly where the market will land, but there might well be an increase in food prices."

[Judge rejects military contractor's effort to toss out Abu Ghraib torture lawsuit](#)

FALLS CHURCH, Virginia: A federal judge has again refused to dismiss a lawsuit brought by former Abu Ghraib inmates against a military contractor they accuse of being complicit in torture at the infamous Iraqi prison. The horrific mistreatment of prisoners there two decades ago sparked international outrage when photos became public of smiling US soldiers posing in front of abused prisoners.