

[Houthis impose gender segregation at Sanaa university college](#)

AL-MUKALLA: The Iran-backed Houthis have implemented gender segregation at Sanaa University's Mass Communication College as part of a morals campaign in Yemeni regions under the militia's control.

Male students will now be required to report to the college on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, while female students must attend on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, according to a decision circulated by the college's Houthi-backed students' union.

[GCC secretary-general stresses importance of Gulf-Chinese partnership](#)

RIYADH: Jassem Mohamed Albudaiwi, secretary-general of the Gulf Cooperation Council, stressed the importance of strengthening the prospects of strategic partnership relations between the GCC and China.

The statement was made when Albudaiwi received the Chinese Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Chen Weiqing on Wednesday in Riyadh.

[Tunisia protest marks two years since president's power grab](#)

TUNIS: Around 300 protesters rallied in Tunis Tuesday to mark the second anniversary of President Kais Saied's adoption of sweeping powers, and to demand the release of about 20 detained opposition figures.

"Down with the coup, freedom for all the prisoners," the protesters chanted. Addressing the crowd that gathered in the heart of the capital, braving temperatures that topped 45 degrees Celsius (113 Fahrenheit), veteran politician Ahmed Nejib Chebbi denounced a "total failure" of Saied in managing the state.

[Nature's fury: Algeria battles raging wildfires that have killed 34](#)

ALGIERS: Algerian firefighters were on Tuesday battling blazes that have killed 34 people across the tinder-dry north, destroyed homes and coastal resorts and turned vast forest areas into blackened wastelands.

Witnesses described fleeing walls of flames that raged "like a blowtorch" as TV footage showed charred cars, burnt-out shops and smoldering fields and scrubland.

Severe fires have raged through the mountain forests of the Kabylia region on the Mediterranean coast, fanned by winds amid blistering summer heat that peaked at 48 degrees Celsius on Monday.

[16 killed as homes hit in Sudan strikes](#)

WAD MADANI, Sudan: Airstrikes and artillery barrages from Sudan's warring generals killed at least 16 people in a Khartoum neighborhood on Tuesday, a neighborhood group reported.

After more than 100 days of war, the latest bombardments added to a toll of at least 3,900 killed nationwide.

"Sixteen citizens died today in this senseless war" when shells hit civilian homes in the Ombada area of Khartoum's northwest, the neighborhood group said.