

## UN studying Syria aid approval before resuming deliveries

UNITED NATIONS: The United Nations has not yet resumed using a shuttered border crossing to deliver aid to northwest Syria from Turkiye that Syria said it could use for another six months after UN Security Council approval of the route expired on Monday

The UN aid deliveries would have to be “in full cooperation and coordination with the Syrian Government,” Syria’s UN Ambassador Bassam Sabbagh wrote in a letter on Thursday to the Security Council.

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## Lebanese turn to hiking to escape the economic gloom and ease stress

BEIRUT:As the people of Lebanon continue to suffer the effects of a long-running economic crisis, public spaces in Beirut are increasingly plastered with posters advertising businesses and groups that offer hiking trips in the country.

The ads, complete with scenes of joyful people enjoying relaxing and stress-free adventures in the great outdoors, are widely shared on social media.

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## Sudanese displaced by conflict swell ranks of migrants from sub-Saharan Africa stranded on Libya-Tunisia border

JUBA: Several hundred African migrants and asylum seekers, including children, are stranded in a remote, militarized buffer zone at the Tunisia-Libya border, where they have been denied assistance or legal protection.

In this arid landscape, a humanitarian crisis is fast unfolding, as these people, fleeing violence and persecution in their home countries, including Sudan, have found themselves trapped in limbo, unable to enter Libya or return to Tunisia.

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## Jordan, Egypt interior ministers discuss security cooperation

AMMAN: Jordan's Interior Minister Mazen Al-Faraya discussed security cooperation with his Egyptian counterpart Mahmoud Tawfiq during an official visit to Cairo on Friday.

Jordan News Agency reported that the meeting focused on cooperation between the two ministries as well as the latest developments in security issues. Al-Faraya lauded the technical, scientific and training capabilities that he witnessed during his visit to the Egyptian Interior Ministry.

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## Communication cuts, disease rife in Sudan as fighting rages

KHARTOUM: War-torn Sudan's capital experienced a communications blackout for several hours on Friday, residents said, as the army and paramilitary forces waged intense battles across Khartoum and humanitarian groups warned of worsening crises.

"Violent clashes" shook the capital, witnesses told AFP over the phone, after residents woke up to an outage of vital Internet and mobile phone connections.

The source of the malfunction was not clear, though mobile and Internet networks were restored by the afternoon.