

Syria's White Helmets say volunteer killed by missile

ATAREB, Syria: A member of Syria's volunteer White Helmets was killed in northern Syria on Tuesday by a missile fired by government forces that targeted his vehicle, rescuers and a monitor said. The first responder was killed "while conducting inspections in areas that had been targeted by artillery shelling from regime forces," the group posted on Twitter. It said Abdul Basset Ahmed Abdel-Khalek "fell victim to a missile deliberately aimed at the rescue team's car in southeast Atarib," west of Aleppo.

Under pressure, Tunisia takes back hundreds of migrants trapped in a border zone with Libya

TUNIS: At least 500 migrants from sub-Saharan Africa have been transferred back to Tunisia after being pushed into a dangerous no-man's-land on the Libyan border and trapped for a week there without access to basic necessities, aid agencies said Tuesday.

The group was driven out earlier this month amid a spike in anti-migrant and racism-fueled tensions linked to a killing in the Tunisian port city of Sfax, a hub for traffickers organizing risky and sometimes deadly boat journeys across the Mediterranean Sea to Italy.

COP28 president-designate meets EU ministers to discuss climate plans and targets

DUBAI: Sultan Al-Jaber, the president-designate of the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference, COP28, met EU energy and environment ministers to discuss plans and objectives for the event, which is scheduled to begin in Dubai on Nov. 30.

The aim of the meetings was to generate momentum and enhance cooperation with the EU in efforts to drive action on climate finance and triple the global capacity of renewable energy, the Emirates News Agency reported on Tuesday.

Israel evicts east Jerusalem Palestinian family after legal fight

JERUSALEM: Police evicted a Palestinian family from their home in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem Tuesday to make way for Jewish settlers after a long legal battle, officials and an AFP correspondent said.

Since 1978, the Sub Laban family had fought in the Israeli courts against their eviction from their home in the Muslim Quarter of the walled Old City. But early on Tuesday, police arrived to remove the family from their home following a court order.

"They do not have the right to expel me from my house," Nora Sub Laban, 68, told AFP.

US formally rejoins UNESCO after five-year absence

WASHINGTON: The United States on Tuesday formally rejoined the UN's scientific, educational and cultural organization after a five-year absence. The US return to the Paris-based UNESCO was based mainly on concerns that China has filled a leadership gap since the US withdrew during the Trump administration. UNESCO's governing board voted last week to approve the Biden administration's proposal for the US to rejoin.