

## 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.

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## 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.

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## 'Yemen poised for change' but serious breakthrough is needed for war to end, UN says

NEW YORK CITY: Although a truce agreed between the Yemeni government and the Iran-backed Houthis expired more than 10 months ago, the people of Yemen continue to reap its benefits, including a decrease in the number of child deaths, and the ongoing flow of fuel shipped through Hodeidah's port, the UN said on Monday.

It also allowed the first commercial flight in seven years carrying Hajj pilgrims from Sanaa to Saudi Arabia to take place, the organization added.

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## Tens of thousands of students take exams in Lebanon, including Syrians and Palestinians

LEBANON: More than 43,000 students in Lebanon – including the children of Syrian and Palestinian refugees – sat the official exams for the baccalaureate certificate.

The participation rate exceeded 97 percent on the first day, and the exams – covering general sciences, life sciences, economics, sociology and humanities – will continue until Thursday.

The Ministry of Education described the successful completion of the first day of exams as “an achievement” in light of the collapse of the country and its education sector.

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## Israeli occupation has turned Palestine into an ‘open-air prison,’ says UN expert

LONDON: The Israeli military occupation has turned Palestine into an “open-air prison” where Palestinians are “constantly confined, surveilled and disciplined,” according to a UN expert.