

[Biden brands Israeli ministers 'extreme'](#)

LONDON: US President Joe Biden has described Israel's government as having "some of the most extreme" members he has ever seen.

When asked by CNN why Benjamin Netanyahu had yet to visit the White House since his election victory last December, Biden said Israel's prime minister had "problems in terms of his coalition."

The US president also said the Palestinian Authority had "lost its credibility" and "created a vacuum for extremism among the Palestinians."

[Yemeni government threatens Sanaa airport, Hodeidah port shutdown over Houthi 'economic war'](#)

AL-MUKALLA: Yemen's internationally recognized government has threatened to close Sanaa International Airport and restrict ship movements through Hodeidah unless the Iran-backed Houthis stop their "economic war" and end their escalating military operations across the country.

Moammar Al-Eryani, Yemen's minister of information, said the most recent Houthi economic measures against the Yemeni government and businesses in Sanaa threaten to exacerbate the already dire humanitarian crisis and jeopardize Yemen's peace prospects.

[2 Yemeni demining workers killed in Saada explosion](#)

AL-MUKALLA: Two Yemeni demining workers have been killed while attempting to disarm stacked landmines laid by the Iran-backed Houthis in the northern province of Saada.

Casualties monitoring group, the Yemeni Landmine Records, said the workers were operating as part of a team in the government-controlled Al-Bouqa area when two anti-tank mines placed on top of each other exploded as they tried to defuse them.

Maronite Patriarch Al-Rahi rejects 'appointments of necessity'

BEIRUT: Maronite Patriarch Bechara Al-Rahi has accused Lebanese officials of "causing problems and then seeking to solve them in a way that violates the constitution," in a sermon on Sunday

In his address, Al-Rahi expressed regret over "what the majority of officials are doing by destroying the political work without any conscientious deterrent or consideration for the internal and external public opinion."

His remarks came as concerns grew that the Lebanese central bank might be left leaderless amid a deep financial crisis.

Jordan, Algeria discuss parliamentary, economic cooperation

AMMAN: Jordanian Senate President Faisal Fayez met Algerian Ambassador to Jordan Abdulkarim Behha on Sunday to discuss cooperation in the parliamentary and economic fields, Jordan News Agency reported.

Fayez stressed the importance of Jordanian-Algerian relations and encouraged the removal of any barriers to bilateral investment and trade.

Behha conveyed his country's pride in the advanced stage of Algerian-Jordanian relations. He emphasized the importance of strengthening and deepening ties in order to benefit both countries and their peoples.