

## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## **UAE participates in Morocco's Tan Tan Moussem festival**

DUBAI: The UAE took part in the 2023 edition of Tan Tan Moussem in southwest Morocco, an annual festival of nomadic peoples of the Sahara that gathers a number of tribes from around the country, Emirates News Agency reported.

The festival includes a range of cultural mediums such as musical performances, popular chanting, games and poetry contests.

A pavilion organized by the Abu Dhabi Cultural Programmes and Heritage Festivals Committee will represent the UAE during the six-day festival.

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## **US central command says it killed Daesh leader in Eastern Syria**

CAIRO/AMMAN: The US Central Command said on Sunday it conducted a drone strike on July 7 that killed a Daesh leader in Eastern Syria.

It used the same MQ-9 drones in the attack that had "earlier in the day been harassed by Russian aircraft in an encounter that had lasted almost two hours," it said in a statement.

"US Central Command conducted a strike in Syria that resulted in the death of Usamah Al-MuHajjir, an ISIS leader in eastern Syria," it said without giving any more details on Al-MuHajjir.