

Rescue ship saves 86 migrants off Libyan coast: charity

MARSEILLE, France: The migrant rescue ship Ocean Viking rescued 86 people off the coast of Libya on Tuesday as their vessel foundered while trying to reach Europe, its French-based operator said.

"The rescued, mainly from Gambia and Senegal, were suffering from dehydration, exhaustion and fuel burns," a spokesman for the charity told AFP.

He added that most of the migrants were minors, trying to cross the Mediterranean on their own, without family.

Eid Al-Adha in Egypt: Celebrations amid exams, summer breaks at the coast

CAIRO: The Eid Al-Adha festival in Egypt has unique hues of celebration. This is not just down to the holiday's inherent joyous spirit, but also due to its timing which coincides with the start of the general secondary examinations and the onset of the summer season.

The distinct customs and traditions of Egyptians further add flavor to the Eid festivities.

Many Egyptian families choose to kick-start the sweltering summer by heading to coastal locations.

These serve as refreshing retreats, providing relief from the seasonal heat.

Sudanese army chief announces 'unilateral' cease-fire on first day of Eid

KHARTOUM: The head of the Sudanese army, General Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, made a televised speech on Tuesday to announce a "unilateral" cease-fire on the first day of Eid Al-Adha.

"The conspiracy requires of everyone to be awake and ready to respond to the existential threats to our country, and so we call on all the young men and who can defend to not hesitate to play this role, either from where he lives or by joining the armed forces," Burhan said during the speech.

[Netanyahu says invited to China, with US-Israel ties tense](#)

JERUSALEM: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Tuesday he had been invited to China and his office had informed close ally the US about the planned trip to Beijing.

The announcement comes during tense ties between Israel and the US, whose President Joe Biden failed to invite Netanyahu for a visit after the Israeli's reelection in November.

"The projected visit will be Prime Minister Netanyahu's fourth visit to China," Netanyahu's office said in a statement, noting "the American administration was updated one month ago."

[Eid feast a distant dream in war-torn Sudan](#)

WAD MADANI: For many Sudanese struggling to survive the war, a taste of the sheep people traditionally sacrifice for the feast of Eid Al-Adha is but a distant memory.

The conflict, now in its third month, has brought death and turmoil and displaced millions in the country that was already poverty-stricken before the fighting erupted.

Like many Khartoum residents, Hanan Adam fled with her six children when the battles broke out in mid-April between the regular army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces or RSF.