

[Drone strike hits Syrian president's ancestral town](#)

DAMASCUS: A drone attack targeted Syrian President Bashar Assad's ancestral town of Qardaha on Friday with two projectiles, killing one person and lightly injuring another, Syrian state news agency Sana reported. The strike came a day after Sana reported a drone attack on Salhab, another government-held town in northwest Syria near rebel territory, that killed a woman and a child.

[Medical charity records hundreds of measles cases in Houthi-controlled Hajjah](#)

AL-MUKALLA: The international medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres said that its medical teams in Yemen's northern Hajjah province have recorded hundreds of measles cases, many critical, as the Iran-backed Houthis oppose the distribution of vaccines.

Between February and May this year, the Abs Hospital in Hajjah treated 341 measles patients, including 22 critical cases, while the other MSF-operated Al-Mahabisha Hospital in the same province admitted an increasing number of children with the illness, the organization said on Twitter.

[Indian Prime Minister Modi arrives in Egypt on a two-day visit to strengthen ties](#)

CAIRO: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi kicked off a two-day visit to Egypt on Saturday, a trip that underscores the growing ties between the two countries.

Modi's flight landed at Cairo's international airport Saturday afternoon, coming from a four-day trip to the US where he held talks with President Joe Biden, delivered a speech to the US Congress, and met with top American and Indian executives.

It's the first state visit to Egypt by an Indian prime minister since 1997.

[Air strikes, artillery, killings in Sudan as aid stalls](#)

KHARTOUM: Artillery fire, air strikes and gun battles rocked Sudan's capital on Saturday, witnesses told AFP, as the UN urged a stop to "wanton killings" that have left decomposing bodies in Darfur.

While fighting rages, relief efforts have stalled after more than two months of fighting between rival generals.

Houses in Khartoum shook from the fighting that continued unabated, residents said, with entire families sheltering in place, running low on vital supplies in the baking summer heat.

[Campaign in Egypt to educate beachgoers about perils of taking drugs](#)

CAIRO: The Egyptian government has launched a new campaign aimed at educating beachgoers about the perils of taking drugs.

The target audience includes vacationers on the beaches and in the cities of coastal provinces and their families, said Dr. Amr Othman, assistant minister of social solidarity.

Othman said that the Fund for Combating and Treating Addiction and Abuse, headed by Dr. Nevin Al-Kabbaj, had raised awareness of the harmful effects of drug abuse.