

## [UN Security Council votes to shut down Sudan political mission](#)

NEW YORK: At the request of Sudanese authorities, the UN Security Council on Friday ended the world body's political mission in the African country ravaged by more than seven months of fighting between two rival generals.

Taking note of a letter from Khartoum demanding an immediate end to the UN Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS), the Security Council adopted a resolution terminating its mandate as of Sunday.

Fourteen of the council's 15 members adopted the resolution, while Russia abstained.

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## [Gaza war makes environmental threats even more severe: Jordan king](#)

DUBAI: Jordan's king said on Friday that war was making the threats from climate change even worse in the Gaza Strip.

King Abdullah II told the UN's COP28 climate talks in Dubai that "we cannot talk about climate change in isolation from the humanitarian tragedies unfolding around us."

He said: "In Gaza, over 1.7 million Palestinians have been displaced from their homes. Tens of thousands have been injured or killed in a region already on the front lines of climate change."

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## [Israel's Herzog meets UAE counterpart to push for hostage release](#)

DUBAI: Israeli President Isaac Herzog met his Emirati counterpart on the sidelines of UN climate talks on Thursday as part of a diplomatic push to release hostages held by Hamas.

Herzog's visit to the United Arab Emirates comes nearly eight weeks into the Israel-Hamas war and coincides with a day-long extension to a truce that has seen Israeli hostages freed in exchange for the release of Palestinian prisoners.

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## **Egypt's FM expresses confidence in UAE leadership in promoting climate action agenda**

CAIRO: Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry has expressed confidence in the leadership of Dr. Sultan Al-Jaber, president of the UN Climate Change Conference, in promoting the climate action agenda and achieving common goals.

He added that last year's COP27 Conference in Sharm El-Sheikh opened the way for a new era of implementation in the fight against climate change.

Shoukry made his comments at COP28's opening session in Dubai on Thursday.

He delivered his speech as COP27 president as he handed over Egypt's conference presidency to the UAE.

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## **Jordan's king calls on Israel to allow more aid into Gaza**

AMMAN/RAFAH: Jordan's King Abdullah on Thursday urged UN aid officials and international groups to pile pressure on Israel to allow more aid into the beleaguered Gaza enclave where the humanitarian situation is worsening, officials and aid workers said.

They said the monarch told an emergency meeting in Amman of UN officials, heads of Western non-governmental organizations and representatives of Arab donors it was unacceptable that Israel continued to hold back sufficient aid flows.