

Fewer than 1 percent of Syrian refugees in Jordan want to return home: UNHCR study

AMMAN: As Jordan steps up efforts to prepare for a voluntary return of Syrian refugees, a UNHCR study found that only 0.8 percent of them are willing to go back home.

According to the recently published survey by the UN refugee agency, the majority of Syrian refugees in Jordan prefer to stay in the resource-poor kingdom.

The survey revealed that around 97 percent of Syrian refugees in Jordan have no intention of going back home in the coming 12 months, attributing the reasons to security and economic concerns, including a lack of housing and basic amenities in Syria.

UN experts condemn Houthis for abducting Baha'is, demand their release

AL-MUKALLA: A group of UN experts has expressed concern that more than a dozen Yemenis from the Baha'i religious minority being held by the Houthis face a high risk of torture, other human rights violations and even death.

UAE named country most young Arabs would want to live in

DUBAI: For the 12th consecutive year, the UAE has been voted the country where most young Arabs would want to live, Emirates News Agency reported on Tuesday.

The Arab Youth survey found Arabs aged 18 to 24 also named the UAE as the country they would most want their own nations to emulate.

The annual survey, conducted by communications consultancy ASDA'A BCW, is the largest study of its kind of the Arab world's largest demographic, with over 200 million youth.

Tunisian security guard stabbed outside Brazil embassy

TUNIS: An attacker stabbed a security guard on Monday outside Brazil's embassy in Tunis before being shot and arrested, the Tunisian interior ministry said.

The guard "was wounded by a sharp object" wielded "by a person he was questioning over the reason for his presence in the perimeter of the embassy", the ministry said in a statement.

Security forces fired at the suspect, wounding him in the leg, before taking him into custody, the statement added, without indicating a motive for the attack.

At least 4 Palestinians are killed during Israeli raid in West Bank

JERUSALEM: Israeli commandos backed by a military helicopter killed four Palestinians, including a teenager, and wounded at least 29 others during a fierce clash in the occupied West Bank on Monday, local gunmen and medical officials said.

Israel's military said it had launched the raid on Jenin to detain Palestinians suspected of attacks and that troops had exchanged fire with gunmen, hitting several of them.