

[Children evacuated from orphanage where dozens died in Sudan's capital](#)

CAIRO: About 300 children have been evacuated from an orphanage in Sudan's capital Khartoum where dozens of orphans were found last month to have died since mid-April due to nearby fighting between rival military factions. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which facilitated the evacuation late on Wednesday, said the children aged between 1 and 15 had been taken to a safer location in Wad Madani, about 200 kilometers (125 miles) southeast of Khartoum.

[UN seeks agreement on Libya vote sticking points](#)

TRIPOLI: The United Nations said Thursday it would work toward helping Libya's rival factions agree on contested points preventing long-delayed presidential and legislative elections being held in the conflict-scarred nation.

Early Wednesday, envoys of Libya's factions said after more than two weeks of talks in Morocco they had agreed on the legal steps required for new elections.

But they stopped short of signing an agreement, indicating that they had differences that still need to be resolved.

[Lebanon presidential nominee temporarily steps away from IMF role](#)

BEIRUT: International Monetary Fund official Jihad Azour, who has been nominated for the long-vacant Lebanese presidency, has "temporarily relinquished" his responsibilities at the lender, an official at the body said Thursday.

"In order to avoid any perception of conflict of interest, the director of the Middle East and Central Asia department has temporarily relinquished his responsibilities at the IMF," said the organization's director of strategic communications Julie Kozack, referring to Azour.

"He is on leave," she added.

Denmark signs funding deal with UN's agency for Palestinian refugees worth \$75.2m over 5 years

LONDON: Authorities in Denmark have signed an agreement to provide the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East with funding of more than \$15 million a year between 2023 and 2027.

Danish sources said the agreement, signed on Wednesday and worth a total of \$75.2 million, builds on the existing partnership between the agency and Denmark, following a similar agreement covering 2017-2021, and reaffirms Denmark's commitment to providing financial assistance for the agency and the country's ongoing support for Palestinian refugees.

Jordanian PM meets UNWTO secretary-general, Arab tourism ministers

AMMAN: Jordanian Prime Minister Bisher Al-Khasawneh on Thursday welcomed UN World Tourism Organization Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili and Arab tourism ministers in Amman, Jordan News Agency reported.

The Arab ministers and Pololikashvili are taking part in the 49th meeting of the UNWTO Regional Commission for the Middle East, which began on Wednesday near the Dead Sea.