

[Erdogan has eye on local, global challenges with new Cabinet](#)

ANKARA: Türkiye's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan unveiled his new Cabinet on Saturday night during his inauguration ceremony, with the appointments providing some indication on the direction the new government is heading on the economy and foreign policy.

The fact that the new vice-president, Cevdet Yilmaz, has a background in economic governance may be an indication that the economy will be a priority as Erdogan embarks on his third decade at the helm of the nation.

[Israel prepares funerals for soldiers killed near Egyptian border](#)

JERUSALEM: Israel said Sunday it would investigate the shooting deaths of three soldiers at its border with Egypt, as it prepared to hold funerals for the slain trio.

On Saturday, three Israeli soldiers were killed by an "Egyptian policeman" who had entered the country and was shot dead in a rare cross-border incident, the army said.

Israel had sent Egypt a "clear message," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday at the opening of a cabinet meeting.

[Syrian top diplomat discusses aid on visit to key ally Iraq](#)

BAGHDAD: Syria's foreign minister on Sunday discussed humanitarian aid and combating the illegal drugs trade with key ally Iraq during a visit to Baghdad as Damascus emerges from years of diplomatic isolation.

The visit by Faisal Mekdad comes weeks after the Arab League agreed to end Syria's suspension from the 22-member bloc, bringing President Bashar Assad's regime back into the regional fold after years of civil war.

Dubai Customs seizes narcotics destined for Canada

DUBAI: Dubai Customs have aided Canadian authorities with the seizure of more than 547 kilograms of drugs destined for the country, Emirates News Agency reported on Sunday.

The narcotics were found in shipping containers originating from an Asian country. Officers used sophisticated systems for tracking suspicious shipments, the news agency said.

The drug seizure was in line with the authority's efforts to combat cross-border crimes and prevent the trafficking of illegal substances, it said.

Houthis fire Sanaa commerce chamber leaders over criticism

AL-MUKALLA: The Iran-backed Houthis have dismissed the leaders of Sanaa's Chamber of Commerce and Industry, days after the chamber issued a strongly worded statement condemning the militia's harsh measures against the private sector in areas under their control.

Yemeni government officials and local activists said that armed Houthis stormed the chamber building in Sanaa and replaced the chamber's chief and his deputy with allies.