

## [Egypt population reaches 105m](#)

Cairo: Egypt's population reached 105 million on Saturday, according to the population clock linked to the government's birth and death registration database.

On Oct. 1, 2022, the database put the population at 104 million, meaning that there has been an increase of 1 million in 245 days – eight months and five days.

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## [Tunisian FM hails Italy's support over IMF loan](#)

ROME: Tunisia's foreign minister has hailed "Italy's clear understanding of the ... need to support the ... economic recovery underway" in his country.

Nabil Ammar was speaking on Friday night at a ceremony in the residence of Italy's ambassador in Tunis on the occasion of Italy's National Day. The event was attended by representatives of Tunisia's government and business community.

Ammar thanked Italy for all its efforts to explain Tunisia's viewpoint to other countries regarding negotiations for a loan of nearly \$1.9 billion from the International Monetary Fund.

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## [180 dead from Sudan fighting buried unidentified: Red Crescent](#)

KHARTOUM: Persistent fighting in Sudan's twin flashpoints of Khartoum and Darfur has forced volunteers to bury 180 bodies recovered from combat zones without identification, the Sudanese Red Crescent said.

Since fighting between Sudan's warring generals erupted on April 15, volunteers have buried 102 unidentified bodies in the capital's Al-Shegilab cemetery and 78 more in cemeteries in Darfur, the Red Crescent said in a statement Friday.

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## **Iraq and Syria to reopen Semalka border crossing after 3 week closure**

LONDON: The Semalka Border Crossing between Iraq and Syria is set to reopen on Monday after being closed since May, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported on Saturday.

The Semalka administration announced that work will be resumed at the border crossing for humanitarian organizations and specific personnel only and will operate three days a week, as per the old mechanism, including Saturday, Monday and Wednesday.

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## **France urges Lebanon to lift immunity of envoy accused of rape, violence**

BEIRUT: Lebanon's ambassador to France is being investigated over rape and assault allegations following complaints by two former embassy employees, with French authorities requesting the lifting of his diplomatic immunity. The Lebanese Foreign Ministry claimed on Saturday that it did not receive any French request to lift immunity for Rami Adwan, 48.