[Iraq top court invalidates decisions of Kurdish parliament](#)

BAGHDAD: Iraq's supreme court on Tuesday ruled as unconstitutional the extended mandate of autonomous Kurdistan's parliament, rendering invalid votes taken by the chamber since last year.
It is the latest controversy between Iraq's federal authorities and Kurdistan whose leaders had on Saturday denounced amendments in the federal budget affecting oil sales from the region in Iraq's north.

[UAE launches training initiative for nation's diplomats](#)

ABU DHABI: The Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy in Abu Dhabi has launched a new training platform to enhance UAE diplomats' knowledge of international relations.
Known as TRAIN@AE, the initiative was created in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Cabinet and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It aims to develop diplomats' skills in line with the UAE's foreign policy objectives and its international diplomatic profile, the Emirates News Agency reported on Tuesday.

[MENA has highest prevalence of diabetes](#)

LONDON: The Middle East and North Africa region has the highest prevalence of diabetes, research has revealed, with Kuwait and Egypt among the top 10 countries for rates of the condition worldwide in 2021, the Daily Mail reported on Tuesday.

The figures from Our World In Data used information from the International Diabetes Federation to measure the prevalence of diabetes among populations aged 20-79 in 211 countries.

[Operation to empty Yemen Safer oil tanker set to begin, UN says](#)

DUBAI: Operations to salvage 1.1 million barrels of oil from a decaying tanker moored off Yemen's coast will soon begin after a technical support ship arrived on site on Tuesday, the United Nations said.
UN officials have been warning for years that the Red Sea and Yemen's coastline was at risk as the Safer tanker could spill four times as much oil as the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster off Alaska.

[Yemeni govt, Houthis exchange bodies of 52 fighters killed in battle](#)

AL-MUKALLA: The internationally recognized government of Yemen and the Houthis have exchanged the bodies of 52 fighters killed on the battlefield, as the Iran-backed militia escalated their drone and ground attacks on Yemeni troops.

Hadi Jumaan, a local mediator, said the exchange took place this week in the northern province of Jouf, sharing photographs of several pickup trucks transporting piles of bodies wrapped in white burial shrouds through the desert.