

## Kuwait urges UNESCO to fulfill its commitment to institutions in Palestine, Sudan

PARIS: Kuwait on Monday called on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to make every effort to guarantee that the organization's decisions and obligations to educational and cultural institutions in Palestine and Sudan are carried out.

This came in a speech by Kuwaiti Permanent Representative to UNESCO Dr. Adam Al-Mulla during the 216th session of the UNESCO Executive Board in Paris, Kuwait News Agency reported

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## UN secretary-general praises Egypt, Qatar, Lebanon, US for helping to secure Gaza truce

DOHA: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has praised Egypt, Qatar, Lebanon, and the US for their roles in the reaching of an agreement on a ceasefire between the Islamic Jihad movement in Gaza, and Israel, the Qatar News Agency reported on Monday.

Guterres welcomed the agreement and urged all parties to respect its provisions.

The secretary-general conveyed his deep condolences to the families of those killed in the violence, noting that the hostilities led to unjustified human suffering.

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## Lebanon's central bank chief expected to be no-show in Paris court

BEIRUT: Riad Salameh, the governor of Lebanon's central bank, Banque du Liban, is not expected to appear as scheduled before a European financial investigation at a Paris court on Tuesday.

He was summoned by French Judge Aude Buresi two weeks ago. It is thought the

session was scheduled to bring charges against Salameh over allegations that he accumulated a fortune in European accounts, including cash and real estate, through a complex system of financial arrangements and the embezzlement of large amounts of Lebanese public funds.

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## **Turkiye faces runoff election for president as Erdogan survives first test**

ANKAR: Türkiye appeared headed for a runoff presidential election after neither Tayyip Erdogan nor rival Kemal Kilicdaroglu cleared the threshold to win outright on Sunday, in a poll seen as a verdict on Erdogan's 20-year rule and increasingly authoritarian path.

With almost 91 percent of ballot boxes counted, both sides claimed to be ahead and contested the figures, warning against any premature conclusions in a deeply polarized country.

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## **80 percent of Palestinians welcome Chinese offer to mediate with Israel, US seen as least favorite option**

LONDON: Majority of Palestinians view China and Russia as potentially effective mediators for their peace talks with the state of Israel, a recent survey revealed.

The survey, conducted by YouGov in May at the request of Arab News, showed that Palestinians' most preferred potential peace broker was Russia, followed closely by the European Union and China, while the US proved far from popular among the residents of the West Bank and Gaza.