

OIC calls for cease-fire in Sudan during emergency meeting in Jeddah

RIYADH: The Organization of Islamic Cooperation on Wednesday held an emergency meeting in Jeddah to discuss the developments in Sudan, following an escalation in military clashes that killed and injured many civilians. During the meeting, which was called for at the invitation of Saudi Arabia – the current chair of the Executive Committee, the OIC affirmed the need to resolve conflicts through peaceful means, calling for solidarity in Sudan and affirming support for the Sudanese people, Saudi Press Agency reported.

Sudan's descent into chaos shatters illusion of safety for war-weary Syrians

LONDON: From the beginning of the protracted conflict pitting the regime against its opponents, Syrians fled their country in droves. Some risked life and limb to smuggle themselves and their families out of Syria over land, by sea, or any other routes available to them.

Since 2014, hundreds of thousands of Syrians from diverse ethnic backgrounds have managed to escape the violence and atrocities of the civil war by moving to foreign countries.

UN states urged to support call for International Court of Justice opinion on Israeli occupation

NEW YORK CITY: The UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of Palestinian People met on Wednesday to discuss a UN request for the International Court of Justice to issue an advisory legal opinion on the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories. The request was prompted by a letter from the Palestinian government to the General Assembly.

US military targets top Al-Qaeda terrorist in Syria

BEIRUT: The US-led coalition carried out a drone strike on Wednesday in northwestern Syria targeting a senior Al-Qaeda leader, the US military said.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor, said the strike hit a chicken farm near the town of Harem, killing one person. It said the dead man has not been identified yet.

The strike was the latest of a series of similar attacks over the past years that have killed senior members of the Daesh group or Al-Qaeda.

Saudi Arabia 'does not accept' presidential vacuum threatening Lebanon's stability: envoy

BEIRUT: Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Lebanon on Wednesday said it was vital Lebanese political leaders elected a new president as soon as possible to safeguard the crises-hit country's stability.

After meeting Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, envoy Walid Al-Bukhari highlighted the need to "expedite the election of a president capable of fulfilling the aspirations of the Lebanese people."

He added: "We do not accept the ongoing presidential vacuum that threatens the stability and unity of the Lebanese people."