

Baykar plans production of new air combat drone next year

ISTANBUL: Turkish defense firm Baykar aims to begin production of its new unmanned combat aerial vehicle or UCAV next year which is already attracting international interest, its chairman Selcuk Bayraktar said.

Baykar has come to prominence internationally in recent years because of the company's light drone TB-2, which has been used in Ukraine, Azerbaijan and North Africa and has been a huge export success, catapulting the firm to becoming one of the largest Turkish defense exporters.

Second group of Yemeni evacuees from Sudan arrives in Jeddah

AL-MUKALLA: A second group of Yemenis rescued from Sudan arrived in Jeddah on a Saudi ship on Saturday, as hundreds of their compatriots stranded in the country pleaded for immediate evacuation.

Yemen's Foreign Ministry said on Saturday that the second group was transported from Port Sudan to Jeddah on the Saudi-flagged passenger vessel Amanah.

The ministry gave no details on the number of evacuees, but added that many Yemenis traveled by road from Sudanese cities to Port Sudan on the Red Sea to await rescue.

Palestinian students arrive in Gaza from Khartoum

RAFAH: Palestinians embraced at the Egyptian border with the blockaded Gaza Strip as students returned home after fleeing the eruption of violence in Sudan.

Gaza's Crossing and Border Authority said "172 students arrived in the homeland through the Rafah border crossing, as the first batch of students coming from Sudan."

There were hugs and tears at the southern gateway to Gaza as relatives greeted young Palestinians fleeing the fighting.

"The situation was really difficult, it hit everywhere in Khartoum," university student Nasser Qishta said.

[Iranian plane arrives in Saudi Arabia to relocate evacuees from Sudan](#)

JEDDAH: An Iranian airplane landed at the King Abdullah Air Base on Saturday to transport 65 evacuees from Saudi Arabia back to Iran.

The people rescued, including Iranians and others of different nationalities, had arrived Saturday morning in Jeddah from Sudan on board a Saudi ship.

The plane is scheduled to transport the evacuees to Iran after they safely disembarked at the Saudi seaport.

[US says convoy brought its citizens, others to Port Sudan](#)

WASHINGTON D.C.: A US-organized convoy carrying American citizens, local staff, and nationals from allied countries arrived Saturday in Port Sudan, the State Department said, as an exodus from war-torn Sudan continued. From that Red Sea port, the statement added, "we are assisting US citizens and others who are eligible with onward travel to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia where additional US personnel are positioned to assist with consular and emergency services."