

UN envoy to Sudan says over 180 killed in 3 days of fighting

KHARTOUM: The UN envoy to Sudan said Monday that more than 180 people have been killed in fighting between forces loyal to the country's top two generals.

Volker Perthes said more than 1,800 people have been wounded in the fighting that erupted early Saturday.

The Sudanese military and a paramilitary group known as the Rapid Support Forces have been battling with heavy weapons and even aircraft in the capital Khartoum and other locations. Civilians have been caught in the crossfire, as many shelter at home.

Kuwait crown prince says reinstated parliament to be dissolved, new elections held

RIYADH: Kuwait's crown prince said the parliament reinstated based on a Constitutional Court ruling last month would be dissolved and that new legislative elections would be held in coming months, Kuwait News Agency reported on Monday.

Parliament had been dissolved last year and early elections were held in September. The Constitutional Court in March annulled the polls and restored the previous assembly.

Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah made the announcement in an address delivered on behalf of Emir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Best chance for peace in Yemen in eight years: UN envoy

UNITED NATIONS: Yemen faces its best chance to strike a peace deal since the country's civil war started over eight years ago, although much work remains to be done, UN envoy Hans Grundberg said Monday.

"One year on since the parties agreed to a truce under UN auspices, Yemen is again at a critical juncture," Grundberg, the secretary-general's special envoy for Yemen, told the United Nations Security Council via video-link.

"The truce has continued to deliver well beyond its expiration six months

ago. And the parties are engaging on next steps.”

World Food Programme halts operations in Sudan after 3 employees killed

CAIRO: The United Nations’ World Food Programme (WFP) said on Sunday it had temporarily halted all operations in Sudan after three of its employees were killed in clashes between the Sudanese army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) a day earlier.

“While we review the evolving security situation, we are forced to temporarily halt all operations in Sudan,” WFP executive director Cindy McCain said in a statement.

Daesh attack in Syria kills at least 26 people: monitor

BEIRUT: Suspected Daesh group militants on Sunday killed at least 26 people in central Syria, a war monitor reported, the latest in a spate of attacks targeting people foraging for desert truffles.

The UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said “civilians and at least 10 pro-regime fighters” were among “the 26 people killed in an attack by Daesh fighters while they were collecting truffles in the desert east of (the central city of) Hama.”