

Iranians mark Jerusalem Day to support Palestinians

TEHRAN, Iran: Tens of Thousands of Iranians, some chanting “death to America” and “death to Israel,” marched in the capital of Tehran on Friday to mark Jerusalem Day, an annual show of support for the Palestinians.

Senior Iranian officials attended the rally, including President Ebrahim Raisi.

Since Iran’s Islamic Revolution in 1979, the rallies marking what is also known as Al-Quds Day have typically been held typically held on the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan.

‘Real face’ of ancient Egyptian man: Ministry comments on latest research

CAIRO: The Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities has disputed the credibility of research used to reimagine the face of the Nazlet Khater skeleton – Nazlet Khater man.

The face of an ancient Egyptian who died more than 30,000 years ago was recently reconstructed by scientists.

The skeleton is currently on display at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo and the suggestions of two of the researchers recently raised interest on social media.

Houthis and Yemeni government begin prisoner swap

SANAA, Yemen: A multi-day operation to exchange nearly 900 prisoners from Yemen’s war held by the Houthi militia and the Yemeni government began Friday, the International Committee for the Red Cross said.

“Our team has assessed the health of the detainees and confirmed they are fit to travel,” tweeted the Red Cross on Friday.

Tunisia should get some IMF funds before reforms: Italy

ROME: Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said Thursday that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) should approve an initial, unconditional bailout package for Tunisia, with further payments dependent on reforms. Tunisia reached a deal in principle in October with the IMF for nearly \$2 billion to shore up its sinking economy but the bailout still needs approval by the IMF board, which is pressing for reforms, primarily on the economy.

Death toll from migrant boat disaster off Tunisia rises to 24

TUNIS: Tunisia has recovered 14 bodies of migrants from sub-Saharan Africa in the Mediterranean, bringing to 24 the number of dead after their boat headed for Europe sank, the coast guard said Thursday.

The coast guard had announced on Wednesday that it had recovered 10 bodies of sub-Saharan African migrants after the shipwreck the day before off the coastal city of Sfax.

But on Thursday it said 14 more bodies of migrants were discovered, including six women, during search operations, as well as the body of the boat's Tunisian captain.