<u>Caution in crisis-hit Israel as talks</u> <u>set to start</u>

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TEL AVIV: Caution prevailed in Israel Tuesday ahead of the first talks between the government and opposition after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu paused controversial judicial reforms which sparked a general strike and mass protests.

With the crisis far from over, President Isaac Herzog's office said he had invited representatives of the ruling coalition and the two main opposition parties "for a first dialogue meeting" at his residence from 7:30 p.m. (1630 GMT).



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Photographer Platon and UN produce

film to humanize refugees and shed light on their plight

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THE HAGUE: British photographer and storyteller Platon and the UN Refugee Agency have unveiled a collaborative film and multimedia project that explores the plight of refugees.

"Portrait of a Stranger," an 18-minute film that features interviews with more than 20 refugees who fled conflicts and persecution around the world, premiered at the Movies That Matter International Human Rights Film Festival, which is taking place this week in The Hague, the Emirates News Agency reported.



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The Hotel Show to take place in Dubai in May

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DUBAI: Around 13,000 people from the hospitality industry are set to gather in Dubai on May 23 for The Hotel Show, Emirates News Agency reported.

The three-day exhibition, which will be held at the Dubai World Trade Centre, coincides with a regional expansion in hospitality investment led largely by the UAE and Saudi Arabia.



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UN rights investigator says EU aided and abetted abuse of migrants in Libya

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GENEVA: A member of the UN fact-finding mission to Libya investigating rights abuses said on Monday that European Union support for Libyan authorities that stop and detain migrants had "aided and abetted" the commission of rights violations against migrants.

"We're not saying that the EU and its member states have committed these crimes. The point is that the support given has aided and abetted the commission of the crimes," Chaloka Beyani said in a news conference while unveiling the mission's report.



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If Tunisia is not helped, Muslim Brotherhood may 'create instability': Italian FM

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ROME: The international community runs the risk of "having the Muslim Brotherhood create instability" in Tunisia if the country is not promptly granted "substantial financial help," Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said at a conference attended by Arab News.

"We can't afford the radicalization of the Mediterranean," he added, saying Tunisia is on the verge of "economic collapse," and negotiations for a loan of nearly \$1.9 billion from the International Monetary Fund have "stalled" over President Kais Saied's recent policies.



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