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WASHINGTON: In his US Capitol office, Rep. Jason Crow keeps several war mementos. Sitting on a shelf are his military identification tags, the tailfins of a spent mortar and a piece of shrapnel stopped by his body armor.

Two decades ago, Crow was a 24-year-old platoon leader in the American invasion of Iraq. Platoon members carried gas masks and gear to wear over their uniforms to protect them from the chemical weapons the US believed – wrongly – that Iraqi forces might use against them.



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[Kuwait's Al-Najat Charity distributes iftar meals to Syrian refugees in Lebanon](#)

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BEIRUT: Kuwait's Al-Najat Charity has celebrated the advent of Ramadan by

distributing iftar meals among Syrian refugees in camps near the border in northeastern Lebanon, Kuwait News Agency reported. The charity's public relations officer, Tarek Al-Essa, said a delegation joined refugees in Aarsal to welcome Ramadan and hold Taraweeh prayers. A mobile kitchen prepared breakfast as part of the "One Million Fasting Meals" campaign, which includes Lebanon and other countries. Food baskets were also distributed to camps in the region.



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[Jordan urges international community to take a stand against hate speech fueling violence in occupied Palestine](#)

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AMMAN: Jordan's Deputy Prime Minister has called on the international community to take a clear stand against hate speech fueling violence and conflict in occupied Palestine.

Ayman Safadi, who is also Jordan's minister of foreign affairs and expatriates, pointed to the danger of extremist racist ideology, manifested in a "reckless and disgusting manner" in the statement of Israel's Minister

of Finance Betzalel Smotrich.



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[Three US Cyclone-class patrol boats handed over to the Egyptian Navy](#)

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CAIRO: The Egyptian Navy officially accepted delivery of three US Cyclone-class patrol boats during a special ceremony in Alexandria this week.

Adm. Ashraf Atwa, commander of the Egyptian Naval Force, and Adm. Brad Cooper, commander of the US Fifth Fleet, US Naval Forces Central Command, and the Combined Maritime Forces, signed the official handover document, according to Egyptian armed forces spokesperson Gharib Abdel-Hafez.



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[Palestinians and Israelis clash at UN over Netanyahu actions](#)

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UNITED NATIONS: The Palestinians and Israel clashed over the future intentions of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's far right-wing government at a UN Security Council meeting Wednesday, with the Palestinian UN ambassador pointing to an Israeli minister's statement "denying our existence to justify what is to come."

Israel's UN ambassador countered that the minister had apologized, and accused the Palestinian leadership of regularly inciting terrorism and erasing Jewish history.



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