

[Israel minister says Palestinian planned to kill him](#)

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JERUSALEM: Israel's controversial far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir said on Tuesday police had arrested a Palestinian who planned to assassinate him.

A statement from his office said the man, who was not identified, was arrested several weeks ago.

"The Arab suspect, a Jerusalem resident, who was planning to assassinate National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, was arrested a few weeks ago by police in cooperation with Shin Bet, the internal security service," the statement said.



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[Activists call on Trinidad to repatriate citizens in Syria](#)

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SAN JUAN: Human Rights Watch on Tuesday called on Trinidad & Tobago to

repatriate more than 90 of its citizens who have been detained as Daesh suspects and family members in war-torn Syria, noting that at least 56 of them are children.

Some of them were whisked to Syria as children by relatives, while others said they erroneously thought they were going to visit a Muslim utopia.

“These children never chose to live under Daesh, yet they are suffering because of their parents’ decisions,” said Jo Becker, the Human Rights Watch child advocacy director.



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[Baissari awaits approval to become Lebanon's acting security chief](#)

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BEIRUT: Lebanon is due to appoint a new acting head of its intelligence agency after the highest-ranking candidate was declared fit to take over from its retiring current chief.

The medical committee of General Security approved on Tuesday the extension of Brig. Gen. Elias Baissari's commission for nine months, amid questions over his fitness relating to injuries he suffered in a car bomb attack almost 20 years ago.



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[US remains committed to regional partners in battle against Daesh, officials say](#)

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WASHINGTON: The US government remains committed to defeating Daesh and its ideology in Iraq, Syria, the wider Middle East and all around the world, even though the extremist group no longer holds any territory, according to military and defense chiefs.



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[Lebanon security chief's term to end after authorities skip on renewal](#)

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BEIRUT: The term of Lebanon's powerful General Security chief Abbas Ibrahim is set to end this week as neither cabinet nor parliament have discussed a measure that would allow him to stay on after reaching the legal retirement age.

Ibrahim, who hails from southern Lebanon, has headed the General Security directorate since 2011 and is considered a key regional interlocutor who has good ties with the Iran-backed group Hezbollah and links with Western governments.



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