

Turkish teen filmed 'last moments' from quake-hit apartment

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ADIYAMAN: A 17-year-old high school student has captured Turkish hearts after he filmed a farewell message to his loved ones as he was trapped under the rubble of his home during last week's earthquake. Taha Erdem and his family were fast asleep when a 7.8 magnitude quake hit their hometown of Adiyaman on Feb. 6. Taha was abruptly woken by violent tremors shaking the four-story apartment building in a blue-collar neighborhood of the central Anatolian city.



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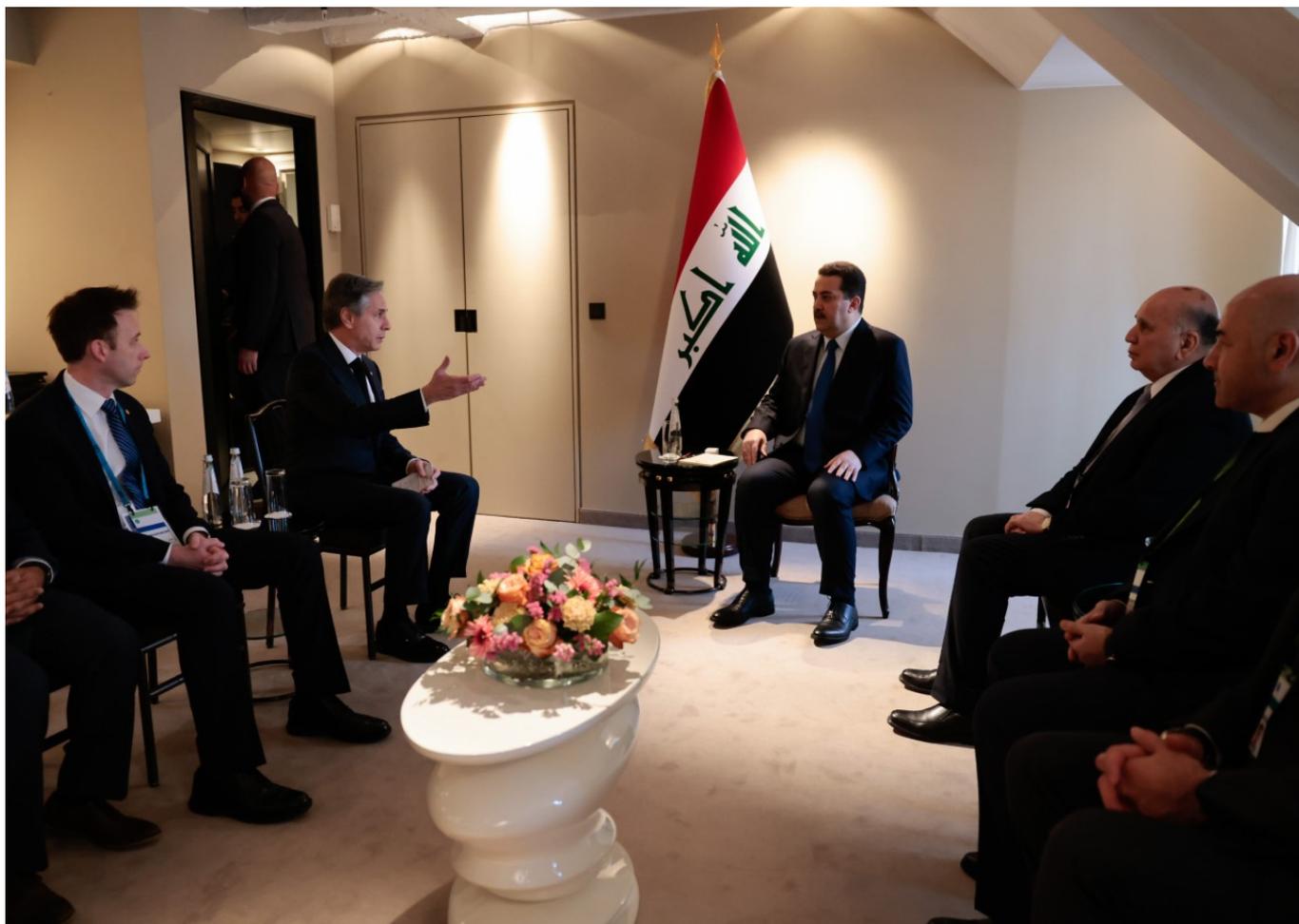
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US committed to Iraq's security, sovereignty: Blinken

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LONDON: Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Saturday reaffirmed his support for a stable, secure, and sovereign Iraq and the US' commitment to cooperate with Baghdad under the strategic framework agreement between the two countries.

His comments came during a meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Al-Sudani on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference in Germany, US State Department Spokesperson Ned Price said in a statement.



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[Bird man in Turkiye vows to tend to flock after quake](#)

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Murat Guzel scatters bird feed on the roof as the sun sets over the Antakya restaurant at which he used to work before the earthquake that destroyed the southern Turkish city.

Birds, mostly pigeons, some motley and scruffy, others pristine and plump, scabble for the feed as Guzel, 40, calls to them.

“We take care of our birds the way we take care of our children – and will continue to look after them,” he says.



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[Tunisia's Saied expels European trade union chief for taking part in protest](#)

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TUNIS: Tunisian President Kais Saied ordered the expulsion Saturday of Europe's top trade union official for "blatant interference" in the country's affairs, the latest escalation in a quickening showdown with labor activists. "On the orders of President Kais Saied, Tunisian authorities ordered the departure of Esther Lynch," head of the European Trade Union Confederation, the presidency said in a statement.



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Turkiye's deadly quake renews alarm for Istanbul

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ISTANBUL: The 7.8-magnitude earthquake that killed tens of thousands across Türkiye's southeast has reignited fears of an even more catastrophic death toll if a long-feared one hits Istanbul.

Seismologists warn that a massive earthquake is likely to strike Türkiye's biggest city – officially home to 16 million people but estimated to hold up to 20 million – by 2030.

The city lies on the northern edge of one of Türkiye's main fault lines and is densely packed.



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