

French inquiry into Beirut port blast begins as Lebanon grapples with economic, political crises

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BEIRUT: Lebanese people took to the streets on Tuesday to protest against the deteriorating economic and social conditions in different regions of the country.

The protests coincided with the presence of European judges in the Justice Palace in Beirut investigating the central bank and Riad Salameh, its governor, over alleged corruption, money laundering, tax evasion, and use of forged documents.

A French judicial delegation is also in Lebanon to investigate the Beirut port explosion.



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Rights groups slam rise in Palestinian shooting deaths, protection for Israeli soldiers

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RAMALLAH: Palestinian human rights organizations have accused the Israeli army of modifying firing orders against Palestinians resulting in an unprecedented number of killings since December. The move has followed the formulation of a far-right Israeli government under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The shooting victims had posed no threat to the lives of Israeli soldiers, the rights groups claimed.



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Germany summons Iran envoy again over

executions

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BERLIN: German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock has summoned Iran's ambassador to Berlin for the second time in a week over a rash of executions by Tehran, her spokesman said.

The spokesman, Christofer Burger, confirmed the move when asked about reports the envoy had been summoned "over massive human rights violations and a wave of executions."

Iran said on Saturday it had executed a British Iranian dual national sentenced to death for spying for the United Kingdom, drawing strong condemnation from Western governments and international rights groups.



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Iran's Revolutionary Guards allocated \$3bn amid crippled economy

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LONDON: Iran's regime is to plough billions of dollars into the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps as the regime bolsters its security apparatus amid

protests, soaring inflation and a collapsing economy.

The militia was allocated \$3 billion in the national budget, representing a 28 percent increase on last year, The Times reported. However, some experts estimate its actual income could be as high as \$17 billion.



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[Yemeni women post pictures in traditional garb to defy Houthi dress regulations](#)

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AL-MUKALLA: Yemeni women have taken to social media to publish images of themselves dressed in colorful traditional gear, defying Houthi clothing restrictions and the militia's escalating crackdown in regions under their control.

Using the hashtag #Yemeni_identity, scores of women inside and outside the country have posted pictures of themselves on Facebook and Twitter. Activists often take to social media to voice their protests.



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