

[Yemen parliament speaks up against fuel, power, water price hike plan](#)

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AL-MUKALLA: Yemen's parliament has publicly condemned the government's plan to hike fuel and utility prices, among other revenue-generating methods, the latest in a string of outraged responses to the policies.

The Leadership Authority of the parliament stated that the government's decision to increase fuel prices, electricity and water bills did not take into account the worsening economic situation and the miserable living conditions of the population.



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[Netanyahu moving ahead on legal overhaul despite outcry](#)

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TEL AVIV: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday his government plans to charge ahead with an overhaul of the country's judicial system, despite fierce criticism from top legal officials and protests against the changes that drew tens of thousands of people.



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[Qatar, France discuss Syrian humanitarian cooperation](#)

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DOHA: Qatar and France are discussing joint cooperation in humanitarian and development aid for Syria, Qatar News Agency reported on Sunday.

Talks were held between officials from Doha's Foreign Ministry, Fund for Development, Education Above All Foundation and Qatar Charity, and French Special Envoy for Syria Brigitte Curmi, who is visiting the country.

The meeting was also attended by French Ambassador to Qatar Jean-Baptiste Faivre.



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[UK urged to expel Iranian diplomats over 'shocking' execution](#)

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LONDON: The UK must expel Iranian diplomats in response to the execution of a British-Iranian dual national, a relative of the deceased has told the Daily Telegraph.

Alireza Akbari, a former Iranian deputy defense minister, was charged with spying for Britain before his death.

He said he had endured 3,500 hours of brutal torture before confessing to the charges, leading to his hanging on Saturday.

The 61-year-old served in the reformist administration of former President Mohammad Khatami between 1997 and 2005.



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[Turkiye 'not in a position' to ratify Swedish NATO bid](#)

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ISTANBUL: Turkiye said on Saturday it was “not in a position” to ratify Sweden’s NATO membership, despite a series of steps taken by Stockholm to meet Ankara’s demands.

“We are not in a position to send a (ratification) law to the parliament,” said President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s foreign policy adviser Ibrahim Kalin. Sweden and Finland are unlikely to be able to join NATO before June, said the senior Turkish official.



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