

CIA chief in rare visit to Libya, meets Tripoli-based PM

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TRIPOLI: The CIA chief has met with one of Libya's rival prime ministers, the government in the country's capital of Tripoli said Thursday.

It was a rare visit by a senior US official to the war-torn country, currently split between two rival administrations.

The Tripoli-based government said CIA Director William Burns and Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah discussed cooperation, economic and security issues. It also posted a hand-shaking photo of the two on one of its social media pages.



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Israeli forces kill three Palestinians

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QALANDIA, Palestinian Territories: Israeli forces killed three Palestinians in two separate incidents in the occupied West Bank Thursday, the Palestinian health ministry said, as the army reported opening fire on fleeing suspects and troops being pelted with rocks during raids.

The uptick in West Bank violence continued the trend of 2022, which was the deadliest since UN records began in 2005.



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[Turkiye 'using laws to target dissent ahead of elections'](#)

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ISTANBUL: President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government has cracked down more aggressively on dissent and political opponents ahead of Turkish elections

with censorship and prison sentences, Human Rights Watch said on Thursday.

Presidential and parliamentary elections are set for no later than mid-June but Erdogan has said they could come earlier.

Polls show he and his AK Party could lose after 20 years in power.



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[Jordan truckers' strike exposes woes of impoverished south](#)

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MAAN, Jordan: Striking Jordanian trucker Suleiman Abu Al-Zait spent several long nights on a national highway along his native city of Maan, manning a picket line that created havoc to overland trade.

"Diesel is my lifeline," said 54-year-old Abu Al-Zait, who has seen his livelihood thrown into jeopardy by high fuel price rises since Russia invaded Ukraine.

The month-long sit-in cost Jordan tens of millions of dollars in losses when it paralyzed unloading at the Red Sea port of Aqaba, according to officials and industrialists.



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[Jordanian army investigates what might be remains of Jordanian soldiers found in Jerusalem](#)

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AMMAN: The Jordanian Armed Forces said on Wednesday that they are working with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to follow up on the discovery in Jerusalem of what might be the remains of 15 Jordanian soldiers.

It is believed they were killed in the town of Beit Hanina in northern East Jerusalem during the June 1967 war, the Jordan News Agency reported.

A JAF source said a military task force was sent on Wednesday to investigate and examine the remains but additional laboratory tests will be required to determine the identities of the individuals.



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