

## Kuwaiti diplomat says arbitrary usage of veto compromises UN Security Council credibility

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NEW YORK: The majority of veto appliance cases at the UN Security Council in the past three decades have been related to causes in the Arab region, a Kuwaiti diplomat has said.

Fahad Mohammad Al-Hajji, the first secretary in Kuwait's mission, was addressing the UN General Assembly during a debate on just representation in the UNSC and prospects of increasing its members, reported Kuwait's News Agency on Saturday.

Al-Hajji said he deeply regretted that the majority of veto cases involved the Arab region.



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## Omani mediators fail to convince

## [Houthis to renew truce](#)

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AL-MUKALLA: Omani mediators have been unable to persuade the Iran-backed Houthis to renew a truce brokered by the United Nations, which ended last month, as the Yemeni government confronts mounting public pressure to begin military operations to punish the Houthis for hitting oil facilities, a government official told Arab News on Saturday.

Oman – which hosts Houthi officials – intervened after other mediators, including the UN Special Envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg, had tried and failed to get the Houthis to agree to prolong the truce.



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## [Palestinians unimpressed with Azerbaijan decision to open embassy in Tel Aviv](#)

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RAMALLAH: Azerbaijan's decision on Friday to open an embassy in Tel Aviv sparked astonishment and condemnation among Palestinians.

Azerbaijan shares a long border with Iran and is a major buyer of Israeli weapons systems. It is now set to become the first country with a Shiite majority and government to have a mission in Israel. While some former Palestinian diplomats and political analysts sought to play down the move at a time of intense diplomatic struggles between Palestinians and Israel, others saw it as a victory for Israeli diplomacy.



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## [Iranians protest at funeral for child killed in shooting](#)

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DUBAI: A large anti-government protest erupted in Iran on Friday at the funeral of a child killed in a shooting that his mother blamed on security forces. It's the latest in a wave of demonstrations that have flared across the country over the past two months.

Videos circulating on social media showed hundreds of protesters at the funeral for 9-year-old Kian Pirlfalak in the southwestern city of Izeh. Protests also erupted in the eastern city of Zahedan, which has seen the deadliest violence since the nationwide demonstrations began.



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## [Mourning as house fire kills 21 in Gaza Strip](#)

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GAZA CITY: Crowds on Friday mourned the deaths of 21 Palestinians who perished in a tragic fire in their apartment in Jabalia refugee camp on Thursday evening.

Tens of thousands on Friday took part in the funeral of the victims – most of whom were women and children – of the house fire that struck the Abu Raya family in the northern Gaza Strip.

The Jabalia camp is the largest of eight camps in the Gaza Strip, with a population of more than 2 million Palestinians living in harsh economic conditions.



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