

Lebanese MPs bicker as deadline nears to elect new president

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BEIRUT: Lebanon's parliament speaker has called a Thursday session to elect a new president, despite a political deadlock caused by a splintered chamber failing to agree on a candidate.

Nabih Berri's announcement comes weeks before Michel Aoun is due to leave office, and as rival parliamentary blocs refuse to nominate or even discuss who should replace him.

Lebanon's Parliament of 128 MPs contains two main blocs after elections earlier this year: The Hezbollah-aligned March 8 Alliance with 60 MPs, and their opponents, the March 14 Alliance with 38.



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ANKARA: Turkey has blamed the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) for a deadly attack on a police guesthouse in the country's southern coastal Mersin province.

One policeman was killed and another injured in the attack reportedly carried out by two women who opened fire with long-barreled weapons and detonated bombs late on Monday.

Another bomb, found in a bag near the guesthouse, was defused.

One of the assailants has been identified as Dilsah Ercan, codenamed Zozan Tolan, who joined the PKK in 2013 in Mersin, the Turkish Interior Ministry said.



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AL-MUKALLA: Hans Grundberg, the UN envoy for Yemen, arrived in Houthi-held Sanaa on Wednesday for talks as he pushes the Yemeni militia and the internationally recognized government to extend the UN-brokered truce for six months and implement truce elements.

Grundberg is expected to meet Houthi leaders to persuade them to extend the truce and accept his latest proposal for opening roads in Taiz, among other things.



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[US condemns Iranian attacks in Iraqi Kurdistan region](#)

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WASHINGTON: The United States on Wednesday condemned Iran's use of ballistic missiles and drone attacks against the Iraqi Kurdistan region and called it "an unjustified violation of Iraqi sovereignty and territorial integrity." Iran's Revolutionary Guards said on Wednesday they fired missiles and drones

at militant targets in the Kurdish region of neighboring northern Iraq, where an official said nine people were killed.



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[Yusuf Al-Qaradawi is dead but his poison lives on](#)

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JEDDAH: Yusuf Al-Qaradawi, the spiritual leader of Egypt's outlawed Muslim Brotherhood who died on Monday at the age of 96, has left behind a poisonous legacy of hatred and Islamic supremacy.

Al-Qaradawi was formally the chairman of the International Union of Muslim Scholars, a position he held for 14 years from its establishment in 2004.

More importantly, he was one of the fountainheads of the Muslim Brotherhood, a religious-political organization that has been sanctioned and proscribed by Gulf states and many Western countries.



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