

[Tunisia intercepts more than 650 migrants](#)

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TUNIS: Tunisian authorities said on Monday they intercepted or rescued more than 650 migrants trying to reach Europe by sea at the weekend, the latest of numerous such cases in the past two months.

Tunisia and Libya are the main points of departure for migrants trying to reach Europe from Africa. Sea crossing attempts tend to increase during spring and summer.

The Italian island of Lampedusa is just 140 km from Tunisia's east coast.



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[Ankara, Damascus discuss potential normalization after years of broken in ties](#)

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ANKARA: Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu's revelation that he met his Syrian counterpart Faisal Mekdad last October on the margins of the Non-Aligned Movement summit hinted at the possibility of Ankara and Damascus seeking political rapprochement after 11 years of a rupture in ties.

Cavusoglu reportedly talked with his counterpart in Serbia's capital Belgrade about the need to come to terms with the opposition and the Assad regime in Syria for a lasting peace.



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[Lebanon denounces the use of its airspace to bomb Syria](#)

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BEIRUT: The Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Monday condemned "the recent Israeli attack on Syria, and the Israeli enemy's use of the Lebanese airspace to bomb Syrian territory."

The previous evening, the Syrian Arab News Agency reported: "Israeli planes bombed sites in the Damascus countryside and the coastal governorate of Tartus, via the Lebanese airspace."



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[Head of US Central Command visits UAE Armed Forces chief of staff in Abu Dhabi](#)

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ABU DHABI: Lt. Gen. Hamad Mohammed Thani Al-Rumaithi, chief of staff of the UAE Armed Forces, on Monday received Lt. Gen. Michael Corella, commander of the US Central Command, at the Ministry of Defense in Abu Dhabi, the Emirates Press Agency reported.

During their meeting, they reportedly discussed the friendly relationship between their nations and various aspects of bilateral cooperation and coordination, particularly in the defense and military sectors. They also exchanged views on a number of issues of mutual concern.



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[Houthi weapon-smuggling ring reveals information about routes, techniques](#)

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JEDDAH: A newly busted smuggling cell loyal to the Houthis in Yemen has given more information about Iran's routes and techniques for transporting weapons and added more evidence of its military support to the militia, Yemeni officials have said.

The Yemeni government's Joint Forces, an umbrella term for three major military units on the country's western coast, released a video on Saturday showing confessions from four members of a Houthi cell who were involved in smuggling Iranian weapons into Houthi-controlled areas.



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