

[Israeli government accused of increasing settlement activities](#)

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RAMALLAH: Senior Palestinian official sources have accused the Israeli government of speeding up settlement activities in the West Bank to harvest the votes of right-wing parties in the lead-up to Israeli parliamentary elections on Nov. 1.

Prime Minister Yair Lapid's caretaker government has stepped up plans to colonize Palestinian land and build hundreds of other settlement units, they said.



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[Syria reports Israeli missile attack on coastal region, three soldiers](#)

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DAMASCUS: Israeli air strikes on Syria killed three soldiers and wounded three others on Friday, state media said, after the latest such incident in the war-torn country.

“The aggression led to the death of three soldiers, the wounding of three others,” Syria’s official news agency SANA said, quoting a military source. Since civil war broke out in Syria in 2011, Israel has carried out hundreds of air strikes inside the country, targeting government positions as well as allied Iran-backed forces and Hezbollah fighters.



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[Iraq judiciary dismisses Al-Sadr's demand to dissolve parliament](#)

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BAGHDAD: Iraq’s judiciary said Sunday it lacks the authority to dissolve parliament as demanded by populist Shiite Muslim cleric Moqtada Sadr, who is engaged in an escalating standoff with political rivals.

Followers of Sadr, in defiance of his Shiite rivals of the pro-Iran Coordination Framework, have been staging a sit-in protest at Iraq’s

parliament.

In the latest twist to the political turmoil, the firebrand cleric has urged the judiciary to dissolve parliament by the end of this week to pave the way for new legislative elections.



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[Saudi Arabia, OIC offer sympathy following Cairo church fire](#)

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RIYADH: Saudi Arabia's foreign ministry expressed "great sadness and sorrow" following a huge fire which engulfed the Abu Sefein Church in Cairo on Sunday, Saudi Press Agency reported.

The fire ripped through the Coptic church in the Egyptian capital, killing at least 41 people and injuring several others.

The ministry offered its deepest and sincere condolences to the government and people of Egypt, wishing the injured a speedy recovery, and security and safety for Egypt and its people.



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[Seven injured, two seriously, in attack on Jerusalem bus: police, medics](#)

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JERUSALEM: Seven people were injured, two of them critically, after a shooting attack on a bus in Jerusalem's Old City, Israeli police and the national emergency medical services said early Sunday.

"The police were informed of a shooting of a bus ... Police have cordoned off the scene and are searching for a suspect who fled," police said.



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