

[Tunisia says 82 migrants intercepted or rescued](#)

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TUNIS: Tunisian authorities intercepted five new migration attempts and rescued or intercepted 82 people, the Interior Ministry said on Friday. National Guard units “from the north, center, south and coast” of Tunisia foiled the attempts “as part of the fight against irregular migration,” a statement said.

Tunisia is a key departure point for migrants hoping to reach Europe – usually Italy – and sea crossing attempts tend to increase during spring and summer.



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[Drought tightens its grip on Morocco](#)

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OULED ESSI MASSEOUD, Morocco: Mohamed gave up farming because of successive droughts that have hit his previously fertile but isolated village in Morocco and because he just couldn't bear it any longer.

“To see villagers rush to public fountains in the morning or to a neighbor to get water makes you want to cry,” the man in his 60s said.

“The water shortage is making us suffer,” he told AFP in Ouled Essi Masseur village, around 140 km from the country’s economic capital Casablanca.



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[Beirut bank gunman still behind bars as family takes to the street in protest](#)

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BEIRUT: The Lebanese man who held eight bank employees hostage at gunpoint while demanding the release of his frozen savings remained behind bars on Friday pending further inquiries.

Bassam Al-Sheikh Hussein was arrested after voluntarily leaving the Federal Bank branch in Beirut on Thursday evening following a seven-hour standoff.

On Friday, members of his family blocked Al-Ouzai Road in Beirut in protest at his continued detention saying it was in breach of an agreement made the night before.



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[Hundreds linked to Daesh transferred from Syria to Iraq](#)

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BEIRUT: Syria's autonomous Kurdish region transferred to the Iraqi government more than 600 relatives of Daesh group members who were detained at the notorious Al-Hol camp, a monitor said Friday. It is the fourth operation of its kind this year from the camp, which lies less than 10 kilometers from the Iraqi border. In the latest transfer, around "620 people, relatives of Daesh members, left Al-Hol," coordinated between the camp administration and the Iraqi government, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said in a statement.



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[Assassins Creed: Why the plot to kill John Bolton is in the DNA of the Iranian regime](#)

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QAMISHLI, Syria/JEDDAH: For the past year, unbeknown to the citizens of Washington D.C., an assassin had allegedly been stalking the streets of the US capital searching for a prime target: A former high-ranking American official whose killing would shake the world and serve as a symbol of vengeance against the West.

This alleged plan was revealed to have been foiled when, on Wednesday, the US Department of Justice officially charged an Iranian citizen with plotting to kill John Bolton, a senior national security adviser under both the Bush and Trump administrations.



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