

Mikati: Primary focus is safeguarding security and stability in southern Lebanon

BEIRUT: Caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati on Monday emphasized that his government's primary focus was safeguarding security and stability in southern Lebanon.

He highlighted Lebanon's position during talks with leaders of various nations, while calling for Israel's withdrawal from the remaining occupied Lebanese territories.

Concerns have recently intensified in Lebanon about the potential to become embroiled in the ongoing Gaza conflict.

Mikati reaffirmed the commitment of friendly countries to protect Lebanon from Palestinian turmoil.

How Gulf-developed large language models like Jais are bringing Arabic into the AI mainstream

DUBAI: When ChatGPT made its debut last year, the artificial intelligence program caused a global sensation, as users found themselves communicating with a machine that could pass as another human being.

However, the enthusiasm among techies in the Arab world was somewhat diminished by ChatGPT's limited grasp of Arabic, in part the result of the language's complexity, diacritical markings, inflection system and regional dialects.

UN Security Council meeting over Gaza escalation ends without unified

position

NEW YORK: Palestine's permanent observer to the UN on Sunday urged the international community not to let Israel "double down on its terrible choices," but to instead encourage it to change course and remind it that "there is a path to peace, where neither Palestinians nor Israelis are killed. And it is the one diametrically opposed to the one Israel has embarked on."

US deploying ships closer to Israel, sends munitions

WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden ordered US ships and warplanes to move closer to Israel in a show of support on Sunday, while sending fresh military aid after attacks by the Palestinian militant group Hamas.

The Pentagon said it was sending the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford and its accompanying warships to the eastern Mediterranean, while boosting fighter aircraft squadrons in the region. US Central Command confirmed Sunday afternoon that ships and planes had begun moving to their new posts.

UAE FM, US secretary of state discuss Israel-Hamas conflict

LONDON: UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Nahyan and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken discussed the latest regional developments and the ongoing escalation between Israelis and Palestinians, Emirates News Agency reported on Sunday.

During the phone call, Sheikh Abdullah emphasized the importance of exercising the utmost restraint, noting that the escalation could have dangerous regional repercussions.