

[Sudan war spreading as death toll tops 9,000](#)

WAD MADANI: A paramilitary attack on Jabal Awliya south of Khartoum killed at least 10 people on Saturday, activists reported, as the death toll from Sudan's six-month war hit more than 9,000.

"Bombs fell inside civilian homes" in the small town some 50 km south of the city, the local "resistance committee" said.

The volunteer group is one of many across Sudan that used to organize pro-democracy protests.

Since the war broke out between the army and paramilitaries on April 15, these groups have helped people caught up in the conflict.

[Concerns over US-Turkiye relations after drone incident](#)

ANKARA: The downing of a Turkish drone by US forces in northeastern Syria on Thursday night has raised concerns over its ramifications for the already-fragile relationship between Ankara and Washington. But both parties have moved quickly to de-escalate tensions.

['Proud of my mother,' says Nobel Peace Prize winner's son](#)

PARIS: The son and husband of imprisoned Iranian women's activist Narges Mohammadi on Friday paid tribute to the winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

"I am very, very proud of my mother, very happy," said her 17-year-old son, Ali Rahmani, at a Paris news conference also attended by his father and twin sister.

He had not seen his mother in eight years, he added.

"This prize is an award for her struggle," he said.

Turkish drone downed over Syria 'was 500 meters from US forces'

JEDDAH: The US and Turkiye held high-level talks on Friday to de-escalate growing tension in northeast Syria between the two NATO allies.

Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan spoke to US Secretary of State Antony Blinken a day after a US fighter jet shot down a Turkish combat drone that was targeting Kurdish forces backed by Washington. The Pentagon said the drone had been less than 500 meters from US troops, and was deemed a threat.

Anti-migrant hostility mounts in Lebanon amid Syrian refugee surge

BEIRUT: A surge in Syrian refugees entering Lebanon has ignited anti-migrant hostilities in the country, with some municipalities calling for a boycott of Syrian-operated shops and the expulsion of undocumented workers.

In regions with Christian majorities, municipalities shut down Syrian-operated shops, demanding the government enforce Lebanon's labor laws.

Amid concern over public hostility against Syrian refugees, the Lebanese Army organized a media tour of the northern border to examine illegal crossings in Wadi Khaled.