

Kuwait affirms countries' right to maintain independence, territorial sanctity

NEW YORK: Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah affirmed countries' right to maintain sovereignty, independence and territorial sanctity in a speech during a UN Security Council session. Addressing a session on safeguarding global peace on the margins of the 78th UN General Assembly, Al-Sabah emphasized nonintervention in states' internal affairs, resolving conflicts peacefully and abstaining from the use of force, as well as people's right to self-determination, and encouraging respect for human rights.

International community must help stop Houthi militias: Yemeni president

NEW YORK: The world must do more to stop the flow of arms and resources to Iran-backed Houthi militias, Rashid Al-Alimi, the chairman of Yemen's Presidential Leadership Council, said on Thursday.

Al-Alimi, the opening speaker at the 8th plenary meeting of the 78th UN General Assembly's general debate in New York, strongly condemned human rights violations committed by the Houthis since the conflict erupted in Yemen almost a decade ago.

For many displaced by clashes in Lebanon's largest Palestinian camp, return is not an option

SEBLINE, Lebanon: Nearly a week after a cease-fire agreement between warring factions in Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee camp brought a fragile peace, hundreds of displaced residents see no immediate prospects of return. Some have lost their houses, while others do not trust that the calm will hold. For many, it's not the first time they have been forced to flee their homes.

Among them is Munira Abu Aamsha, 63, who left the camp near the city of Sidon in southern Lebanon with her family, ducking from alleyway to alleyway under a rain of bullets.

US-Iran rapprochement offers avenue to Mideast peace: Oman FM

NEW YORK: Rapprochement between the US and Iran offers an avenue for regional peace, Oman's foreign minister said on Wednesday.

Sayyid Badr Al-Busaidi added that the recent prisoner exchange between Washington and Tehran would lead to further dialogue and closer ties in the coming months.

He was addressing the inaugural Middle East Global Summit in New York, organized by Semafor and Al-Monitor, and attended by Arab News.

Investment key to navigating Mideast's 'critical crossroads': Jordan's king

NEW YORK: The Middle East is at a "critical crossroads," but a new narrative based on peace and prosperity can be created through economic investment, Jordan's King Abdullah II said on Wednesday.

The country is battling the twin threats of surging numbers of refugees and a booming drug- and weapon-smuggling trade along the Syrian border, he warned.

The king was the keynote speaker at the inaugural Middle East Global Summit in New York, organized by Al-Monitor and Semafor, and attended by Arab News.