

[Two women fighters killed in Turkish drone strike: Syria Kurds](#)

BEIRUT: Two women fighters of a military council linked to the US-backed, Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces were killed in a Turkish drone strike Friday, their command said.

Ankara routinely carries out drone strikes against targets in Kurdish-controlled areas of Syria and neighboring Iraq but has sharply expanded them in recent weeks.

[Sudan conflict puts Darfur's history of ethnic bloodletting on rewind](#)

NAIROBI, Kenya: Darfur, a part of Sudan that is no stranger to ethnic violence and genocide, is once again making similar headlines, following the discovery of mass graves amid a prolonged power struggle between two Sudanese generals that has reduced entire cities to rubble and triggered a humanitarian crisis of epic proportions.

The UN Joint Human Rights office said it has received credible reports of at least 13 mass graves in the city of El-Geneina and the surrounding areas, the head of the UN's Sudan mission said on Wednesday.

['Worst enemy': Morocco quake brings new hardships for farmers](#)

INEGHEDE, Morocco: Mohammed Al Moutawak's village was destroyed by Morocco's powerful earthquake and his apple harvest ruined, but he refuses to leave the land that is vital to small farmers like him.

Drought and extreme weather have long taken a toll on the North African kingdom's growers, but the quake spells new challenges that are just beginning to come into focus.

"We thought hail was our worst enemy, but now we've got another," said the 56-year-old farmer from the mountain village of Ineghede in the worst-hit Al-Haouz region south of Marrakech.

Sudan's rapid support forces will form authority in areas under its control if army chief's actions continue

CAIRO: Sudanese paramilitary leader General Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo said the rapid support forces will start consultations to form civilian authority in areas under its control if Sudan's army chief General Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan "keeps claiming false legitimacy."

Burhan forming a new government in Port Sudan would lead to a scenario "where two parties control different areas," Daglo said in a recorded speech on Thursday.

Sudan conflict 'could be turning into full-scale civil war'

NEW YORK: The UN special envoy for Sudan who was declared unwelcome by the country's military rulers resigned in a final speech to the UN Security Council, warning that the conflict between Sudan's rival military leaders "could be morphing into a full-scale civil war."