

[American researcher has been rescued from deep Turkish cave more than a week after he fell ill](#)

TASELI PLATEAU, Turkiye: Rescuers pulled an American researcher out of a Turkish cave on Monday, more than a week after he became seriously ill 1,000 meters (more than 3,000 feet) below its entrance, said the Speleological Federation of Turkiye.

Teams from across Europe had rushed to Morca cave in southern Turkiye's Taurus Mountains to aid Mark Dickey, a 40-year-old experienced caver who became seriously ill on Sept. 2 with stomach bleeding. He was on an expedition to map the cave, which is the country's third deepest.

[Ceasefire declared after days of intense fighting in Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee camp](#)

BEIRUT: Following days of fighting in Lebanon's largest camp for Palestinian refugees, which left several people dead and dozens wounded, a ceasefire was declared on Monday.

It followed a meeting between Brig. Gen. Elias Al-Baysari, Lebanon's acting general security chief, and representatives of the Joint Palestinian Action Committee, which includes members of rival Palestinian factions and the Hamas movement, Lebanon's General Security Directorate said.

[Morocco earthquake killed young boy as family sat at dinner table](#)

TAFEGHAGHTE, Morocco: Hamid ben Henna had just asked his young son Marouane to fetch a knife to cut a melon for the family's evening meal when Morocco's earthquake hit on Friday night.

With the weekend beginning, they had been enjoying a lamb and vegetable tagine stew and Marouane had been telling his father what materials he would need for the coming school year.

"That's when it struck," Ben Henna said. The room began to shake, the lights went out and rubble started falling from the ceiling of their traditional house in a remote village of the High Atlas mountains.

[UN envoy urges donor support for Syria](#)

DAMASCUS: The UN special envoy for Syria has urged donors not to reduce their funding as the war-torn country's economic crisis spirals.

Syrian President Bashar Assad's decision last month to double public sector wages and pensions further skyrocketed inflation and fueled ongoing protests that shook the southern Druze-majority province of Sweida and nearby Daraa.

Initially sparked by deepening economic misery, angry residents in greater numbers began to call for the fall of Assad, similar to that of the country's 2011 uprising that turned into an all-out civil war.

[68 migrants rescued from Mediterranean](#)

MARSEILLE: The Ocean Viking, a rescue ship chartered by SOS Mediterranee, rescued 68 stranded migrants in international waters off Libya on Sunday, the France-based humanitarian NGO announced.

"The Ocean Viking rescued 68 shipwrecked people from a double-decker wooden boat that left Zouara in Libya last night," the NGO said.

"Several of them are suffering from seasickness and are currently being treated by the medical team of SOS Mediterranee and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) on board the Ocean Viking," it added.