

GCC affirms support for creation of Palestinian state, condemns Israeli incursions into Al Aqsa Mosque

RIYADH: Gulf Cooperation Council ministers on Thursday affirmed their position for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, amid increasing illegal occupation by Israeli settlers of Palestinian territories.

In a statement issued at the close of its 57th session in the Saudi capital, the GCC Ministerial Council condemned Israel's continued construction of settlement units in the occupied Palestinian territories, "in clear violation of international legitimacy resolutions, including UN Security Council Resolution No. 2334."

Durra gas field belongs to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, say GCC ministers

RIYADH: Al-Durra gas field is exclusively owned by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and they alone have the right to its natural resources, Gulf ministers said on Thursday.

The Gulf Cooperation Council foreign ministers gathering in Riyadh also rejected "any claims that any other party has rights in this field or the submerged area adjacent to the area divided by its designated borders between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Kuwait," in a statement issued by the bloc.

New fighting in eastern Syria 'risks re-emergence of Daesh'

JEDDAH: Fighting between rival militias that has killed at least 90 people in eastern Syria risks the re-emergence of Daesh in the region, analysts warned on Thursday.

UAE minister named among Time's 100 most influential people in AI

LONDON: An Emirati minister has been named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the field of artificial intelligence.

The list highlights leaders, innovators, shapers and thinkers “who are shaping today’s AI landscape.”

Omar Al-Olama, 33, was appointed the UAE’s minister of state for AI, digital economy and remote work applications in 2017.

He was recognized by Time in the “shaper” category.

Dubai to host Business and Philanthropy Climate Forum during COP28

LONDON: The UAE will welcome more than 500 policymakers, business leaders and philanthropists from around the world when it hosts the Business and Philanthropy Climate Forum on Dec. 1-2 in Dubai.

The aim of the meeting is to advance cross-sectoral progress toward net zero and nature-positive goals, the Emirates News Agency reported on Thursday.

Attendees will discuss key priorities such as ensuring a fair energy transition, accelerating technology transfer, de-risking green investments and enabling effective nature conservation investment, it said.