

'It's a new era for Arab space exploration,' Emirati astronaut Sultan AlNeyadi tells Arab News

DUBAI: Manned missions launched by the UAE and Saudi Arabia signal "a new era in Arab space exploration," Emirati astronaut Sultan AlNeyadi has told Arab News from the International Space Station.

As the first Arab astronaut deployed on a long-term space mission, having arrived on the ISS in March alongside three Americans and three Russians, and the first Arab to perform a spacewalk, AlNeyadi is blazing a trail for the Arab world's budding space industry.

Sudan's official death toll described as 'tip of iceberg'

JEDDAH: A tally of death figures recorded by local activists and volunteer groups indicates that the civilian death toll in Khartoum State may be more than double the official count, underscoring the devastating impact of the more than 100-day long war on the Sudanese people.

Egyptian Heba Ashraf rides wave of success as delivery woman

CAIRO: With busy riders forced to negotiate traffic-choked streets in all weathers day and night – and arrive with a smile on their face – it is no surprise that food delivery in Egypt has been a male domain.

But now one fearless woman is winning widespread admiration after breaking with tradition and taking on the challenges of the job.

Heba Ashraf from the city of Minya, about 245 km south of Cairo, said that "love for my family and a desire to help them" led to her decision to become a food delivery woman.

Turkish strikes kill 8 Kurdish fighters

BAGHDAD: Kurdish-led armed groups in Iraq and Syria have alleged that Turkish airstrikes killed a total of eight of their fighters.

The counterterrorism service of the regional government in the semi-autonomous Kurdish region in northern Iraq said in a statement that four members of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, were killed and another wounded in a Turkish drone strike in Sharbazher district in Sulaymaniyah in the Kurdish region of Iraq. The drone targeted a vehicle carrying PKK fighters near the village of Rangina, it said.

Powerless and dejected: Egypt's small-business owners hit by electricity crisis

CAIRO: Frequent power outages have sparked frustration and anger across Egypt, and the owners of small businesses are among the worst affected.

"The electricity is cut off about three times a day, for an hour each time, bringing work to a standstill," Jamal Sayed, who owns a small supermarket in the Faisal area, told Arab News.