

## [Sudan violence rages as paramilitaries deny Darfur war crimes](#)

WAD MADANI, Sudan: Air strikes pummelled Khartoum on Sunday and fighting raged in Sudan's western Darfur region, witnesses said, as a three-month war between the army and rival paramilitaries showed no signs of abating. In the capital's east and northwest, army fighter jets "targeted bases" belonging to the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) who "responded with anti-aircraft weapons," witnesses told AFP.

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## [Controversy over cybercrimes bill before Jordan parliament](#)

AMMAN: With Jordanian lawmakers scheduled to weigh up changes to the cybercrimes law, journalists and rights activists have warned of a major setback in public freedoms if parliament passes the controversial bill referred from the government.

The government recently referred the 2023 amendments to the law to the lower house of parliament with an "urgency status" note.

The law is on the agenda of the parliament's current extraordinary session.

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## [Frankly Speaking: What will it take for Houthis to assist in demining Yemen?](#)

RIYADH: The normalization of relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran has so far failed to improve the behavior of the Houthi militia in relation to its use of landmines in Yemen, Ousama Al-Gosaibi, managing director of Masam, the Saudi Project for Landmine Clearance, has said.

He says he is optimistic about the Saudi-Iran deal, but as of yet there has been little impact of the agreement on landmine clearance in Yemen.

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## [GCC, Japan agree to resume talks on free-trade agreement](#)

RIYADH: The Gulf Cooperation Council and Japan signed on Sunday an agreement to resume negotiations on a free-trade deal between both sides. The signing took place on the sidelines of a meeting between GCC Secretary-General Jassem Mohamed Albudaiwi and Japanese Prime Minister Kishida Fumio in Jeddah, Kuwait News Agency reported. The two officials discussed relations between the GCC and Japan, and ways to enhance them in line with their common interests.

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## [Libya border guards rescue migrants in desert near Tunisia](#)

AL-ASSAH, Libya: Libyan border guards have rescued dozens of migrants who have been left in the desert by Tunisian authorities without water and food, and their numbers are "rising," an officer said Sunday. Hundreds of migrants from sub-Saharan African countries were forcibly taken to desert and hostile areas bordering Libya and Algeria after racial unrest in early July in Sfax, Tunisia's second-largest city.