

[Iraq launches air strikes against Daesh in Syria](#)

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BAGHDAD: Iraq launched an air strike on an Daesh target inside neighboring Syria on Tuesday, its military said on Monday.

F-16 fighter jets destroyed a building where members of the ultra-hard-line Sunni militant group were storing weapons, killing 10 of them, the Iraqi military said in a statement.

A second air strike destroyed a building housing 30 Daesh fighters, the statement said.



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Anti-Daesh coalition raids kill 43 in east Syria: monitorSyrian government troops take southern district from Daesh

Lebanese foreign ministry: will stand by Carlos Ghosn

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BEIRUT: Lebanon's foreign ministry said on Tuesday it would stand by Nissan and Renault boss Carlos Ghosn, who is of Lebanese descent and holds Lebanese citizenship, a day after his arrest in Japan on financial misconduct allegations.

Ghosn, one of the best-known leaders in the car industry, was arrested after Nissan Motor Co. said he had engaged in wrongdoing, including personal use of company money and under-reporting how much he was earning for years. The Japanese carmaker plans to remove him as chairman this week.

France moved on Tuesday to oust Ghosn from the helm of Renault but sought to defend the carmaker's alliance with Nissan, which has been rocked by the scandal..

Lebanon's caretaker Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil has asked the ambassador in Tokyo to meet with Ghosn and follow up on the case, the ministry said in a statement.

"Carlos Ghosn is a Lebanese citizen who represents one of the Lebanese successes abroad and the Lebanese foreign ministry will stand by him in his adversity to ensure he gets a fair trial," it said. Ghosn, who has Lebanese roots, was born in Brazil and is also French citizen.



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Ghosn's arrest casts doubt on future of Renault-Nissan alliance
Nissan chairman Ghosn arrested, to be dismissed by company

[US cuts in Palestinian refugee aid mitigated by new pledges](#)

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JORDAN: The UN agency for Palestinian refugees says it has nearly closed its funding gap after securing new donor pledges to make up for US aid cuts. Pierre Kraehenbuehl, the head of the UN Relief and Works Agency, said Monday that the shortfall was reduced from \$446 million to \$21 million, singling out donors from Europe and the Gulf region.

He says the agency no longer faces the “critical situation” created by a US decision earlier this year to cut nearly \$300 million of aid. The agency provides health care, education and social services to 5.4 million Palestinian refugees and their descendants in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. The agency was created after the mass displacement of Palestinians during the 1948 war over Israel’s creation.



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Trump aid cuts embolden Israel but hurt peace prospects: Analysts
Across the Mideast, Palestinians brace for Trump aid cuts

[Airbnb to remove listings in West Bank settlements](#)

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JERUSALEM: Home-renting company Airbnb Inc. said on Monday that it had decided to remove its listings in Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank, enclaves that most world powers consider illegal for taking up land where Palestinians seek statehood.

A statement on Airbnb's website said: "We concluded that we should remove listings in Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank that are at the core of the dispute between Israelis and Palestinians."

It did not say when the decision, which according to Airbnb affects some 200 listings, would take effect.



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Paris official seeks to outlaw Airbnb rentals in city center
Palestinians in West Bank strike over Israel's nation law

Spanish PM visits Morocco to boost migration cooperation

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RABAT: Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Monday made his first official visit to Morocco, where he pushed for greater cooperation between the two countries on tackling migration.

Spain has this year become the main entry point for migrants crossing the Mediterranean, the majority departing from Morocco.

"Migration is a shared responsibility and we must reinforce our cooperation in this area," Sanchez said following talks with his Moroccan counterpart Saad Eddine el Othmani.

More than 50,000 migrants have crossed into Spain so far this year, according to figures from the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Madrid has for months been pressing the European Union to unlock funds for Morocco to better tackle people smuggling into the bloc.

Throughout the year, numerous Spanish ministers and officials have traveled to Rabat to discuss security issues and migration.

Sanchez was accompanied by a government delegation for his first visit to the North African nation since taking office in June.

Othmani said Morocco was doing "all that is in its power regarding the fight against illegal immigration."

Moroccan authorities say that between January and the end of September they stopped some 68,000 illegal attempts to cross into Europe and dismantled 122 people smuggling gangs.

"The migration question is complex and it cannot be resolved solely through a security approach, despite its importance, it's necessary to favor the development of departure countries in Africa," said Othmani.

Many seeking to reach Europe are from sub-Saharan Africa, but in recent years there has been an increasing number of Moroccans seeking to leave the country.

While the majority of migrants have taken the perilous sea journey in rubber dinghies, others have scaled fences into the Spanish territories of Ceuta and Melilla which border Morocco.



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