

## **Iran, Taliban fight on border with Afghanistan as sound of gunfire heard**

DUBAI: The Taliban and Iran reportedly exchanged gunfire Saturday on the Islamic Republic's border with Afghanistan, an advocacy group said, as tensions rise over water rights between the two nations.

Neither Iranian state media nor Taliban-controlled media in Afghanistan acknowledged the fighting on the border of Iran's Sistan and Baluchestan province and the Afghan province of Nimroz.

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## **Yemeni government resumes airlifts from Sudan**

AL-MUKALLA: A Yemenia Airways plane carrying 192 Yemeni evacuees landed at Sanaa airport on Saturday as the Yemeni government resumed emergency flights to evacuate more than 1,200 Yemenis stuck in war-torn Sudan.

The Yemen embassy in Sudan said that the plane carrying 192 people, including 14 newborns, departed Port Sudan at 8:38 a.m., bound for Houthi-held Sanaa. Another plane carrying roughly the same number of people was scheduled to travel to government-controlled Aden later on Saturday.

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## **Officials: UN chief 'shocked' by letter from Sudan's military ruler demanding removal of UN envoy**

CAIRO: The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was "shocked" by a letter from Sudan's military ruler, demanding the removal of the UN envoy to the country, Sudanese and UN officials said Saturday.

The letter by Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, Sudan's top military official and head of the ruling Sovereign Council, comes as Sudan plunged into further chaos after worsening tensions between military rivals exploded into an open fighting last month.

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## **Kuwaiti health care prize shows care for elderly, minister tells 76th World Health Assembly**

GENEVA: The Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Prize for research in health care for the elderly reflects their position as a major development priority in health programs, Kuwait's Health Minister Dr. Ahmad Al-Awadhi said on Friday.

"The elderly deserve care and attention in recognition of their sincere efforts during their (lives)," Al-Awadhi told the 76th World Health Assembly at the award ceremony this week, reported Kuwait News Agency.

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## **Turkiye's forex reserves turn negative ahead of critical runoff vote**

ANKARA: As Turkiye heads to a critical runoff vote to determine the nation's president on Sunday, the central bank's net foreign exchange reserves turned negative for the first time since 2002, dropping to minus-\$151.3 million on May 19, due to increased market demand since the first round of the elections.