

Sudan delays signing of deal to usher in civilian government

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KHARTOUM: Sudan's military leaders and pro-democracy forces will delay the signing of an agreement to usher in a civilian government, both sides said in a joint statement issued early Saturday.

The postponement of the signing – which had been scheduled for later Saturday – comes as key security reform negotiations between the Sudanese army and the country's powerful paramilitary Rapid Support Forces appear to have reached a deadlock.



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Iran's judiciary chief threatens to

prosecute 'without mercy' unveiled women

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TEHRAN: Faced with an increasing number of women defying the compulsory dress code, Iran's judiciary chief has threatened to prosecute "without mercy" women who appear in public unveiled, Iranian media reported on Saturday.

Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei's warning comes on the heels of an Interior Ministry statement on Thursday that reinforced the government's mandatory hijab law.



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Mohammed Bin Rashid Library launches

[‘A World Reads’ initiative](#)

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DUBAI: The Mohammed Bin Rashid Library has launched the “A World Reads” initiative, in conjunction with UAE Reading Month, to support and enrich libraries, reported Emirates News Agency on Friday.

The initiative is said to have been launched in collaboration with local publishers, special-publication institutions, and a select group of authors and writers to develop school libraries, readers clubs, cafes and government departments.



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[Abraham Accords prove no such thing as ‘permanent enemies,’ says former Trump adviser Kushner](#)

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MIAMI: The US-brokered Abraham Accords signed in 2020 between Israel and

several Arab neighbors under then-president Donald Trump have shown that there is “no such thing as permanent enemies,” Jared Kushner said on Friday.

Speaking at the FII Priority conference in Miami, the former senior Trump adviser said the peace deals were hugely important for the stability of the Middle East.



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[Tunisia introduces water quota system due to severe drought](#)

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TUNIS: Tunisia on Friday introduced a quota system for potable water and banned its use in agriculture until Sept. 30 in response to a severe drought that has hit the country, the agriculture ministry said. Tunisia, which is suffering a fourth straight year of serious drought, recorded a drop in its dam capacity to around 1 billion cubic meters, or 30 percent of the maximum, due to a scarcity of rain from September 2022 to mid-March 2023, senior agriculture ministry official Hamadi Habib said.



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