

# US senators link Turkiye F-16 sale with NATO bid

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ANKARA: A bipartisan group of 29 US senators has told President Joe Biden that Congress cannot “green light” the \$20 billion sale of F-16 fighter jets to Turkiye until Ankara ratifies a request by Sweden and Finland to join NATO.

The move comes amid a diplomatic standoff between Turkiye and Sweden over what the former claims is Swedish support for terror groups and sympathizers.

Both Sweden and Finland announced their NATO bid last year following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.



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# Egypt targeting 2m rail passengers per day

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CAIRO: Egypt's rail system aims to accommodate up to 2 million passengers per day under new government plans.

On Sunday, the Egyptian Railways Authority will roll out a new fleet of Spanish Talgo trains on the Upper Egypt line.

Authority head Mohamed Amer told Arab News: "The Spanish Talgo trains constitute a huge quantum leap in the history of trains because they are similar to the trains operating in European countries."



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# Iranian protests are 'beginning of the end for regime in Tehran', says Nobel laureate Ebadi

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JEDDAH: Protests in Iran over the death in custody of a young Iranian Kurdish woman are the start of an irreversible "revolutionary process" that will

eventually lead to the collapse of the regime, one of Tehran's most eloquent critics said on Friday.

Shirin Ebadi, the distinguished Iranian lawyer and former judge who lives in exile in London, said the protests were the boldest challenge yet to the legitimacy of Iran's clerical establishment.



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## [Satellite photos: Damage at Iran military site hit by drone](#)

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TEHRAN: Satellite photos analyzed by The Associated Press on Friday showed damage done to what Iran describes as a military workshop targeted by Israeli drones, the latest such assault amid a shadow war between the two countries.



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## [Head of Lebanese Kataeb Party hits out at Hezbollah](#)

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The head of the Lebanese Kataeb Party, Sami Gemayel, has threatened to disrupt presidential elections if the other parties try to elect a president who would provide cover for Hezbollah's weapons.

Speaking at the party's general conference on Friday, Gemayel – a fierce opponent of Hezbollah – said that what was happening was an attempt to change the face of Lebanon.

The opening session of the general conference was attended by anti-Hezbollah political figures, who also expressed opposition to the party's recent actions.



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