

[GCC chief meets with Bahrain FM in Manama](#)

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RIYADH: The Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council Nayef Falah Al-Hajraf met with Bahrain's Foreign Minister Abdullatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani in Manama on Sunday.

The meeting came as the GCC chief approaches the end of his tenure at the council.

Al-Zayani praised Al-Hajraf's great efforts to support joint GCC action, its unity and solidarity, and his service to its causes.

The foreign minister also hailed the endeavours of the secretary general to cement the progress of the council in order to meet the aspirations and ambitions of member states.



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'Extraordinary' OIC meeting to discuss Israeli attacks on Al-Aqsa

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RIYADH: The Organization of Islamic Cooperation will hold an extraordinary open-ended meeting of its Executive Committee in Jeddah on Tuesday to discuss Israeli attacks on the Al-Aqsa Mosque in East Jerusalem, Saudi Press Agency reported.

The meeting follows escalating Israeli activity in occupied Jerusalem, most notably a "provocative" visit by Israel's far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir to the mosque compound on Tuesday. It also comes in light of Israel's attempts to alter the legal and historical status of the holy site.



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Israel's persecution of Palestinian

[social-media activists slammed by rights groups](#)

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RAMALLAH: Israel's security authorities are cracking down hard on Palestinian social-media activists and users for allegedly inciting violence, Palestinian human rights groups claim.

The groups say that Israeli authorities significantly escalated their persecution of Palestinians on social-media platforms, especially Facebook, in 2022. Around 410 Palestinians were detained over the year because of their social-media activities, according to the Palestine Center for Prisoners' Studies.



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[Algerian poet denies claims he will challenge president's reelection bid](#)

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ALGIERS: Algerian poet Azzedine Mihoubi, a former minister and presidential candidate, has announced he is quitting politics, denying claims he will challenge President Abdelmadjid Tebboune's re-election bid in 2024. "My name has been cited by several publications ... alongside speculation that has no truth to it," Mihoubi said in a message shared this week on social media.



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[Poor participation at Houthi rally confirms lack of support, says Yemeni minister](#)

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LONDON: Poor participation at a rally called by the Iran-backed Houthis on Friday confirms the lack of political support for the militia, Yemeni Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism Moammar Al-Eryani said on Saturday.

The Houthis called for its supporters to take to the streets in Yemen's northwestern city of Saada and other areas to protest against the internationally-recognized government.



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