<u>Israeli minister sees possible attack</u> <u>on Iran 'in two or three years'</u>

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JERUSALEM: Israel could attack Iranian nuclear sites in two or three years, its defense minister said on Wednesday, in unusually explicit comments about a possible timeline.

With international efforts to renew a 2015 nuclear deal having stalled, the Iranians have ramped up uranium enrichment, a process with civilian uses that can also eventually yield fuel for nuclear bombs — though they deny having any such design.



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Iranian chess player appears at

Kazakhstan tournament without hijab for second day

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ALMATY: An Iranian chess player on Wednesday took part in an international tournament in Kazakhstan without a hijab for the second day running, according to a Reuters journalist present.

A Reuters witness at the FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan, saw Sara Khadem competing without a headscarf, a violation of Iran's laws governing female dress code.



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<u>Italy summons Iranian envoy over</u> <u>protests</u>

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ROME: Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani has summoned the Iranian ambassador to protest the "unacceptable" response to women-led protests in the Islamic republic, his office said Tuesday.

Ambassador designate Mohammad Reza Sabouri has been called in to a meeting on Wednesday, the foreign ministry said in a note to the media.

Tajani has previously condemned the situation in Iran as an "unacceptable shame," saying Rome took a "hard line" in defense of women.



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Anger in West Bank over Israel's 'disrespect' of dead prisoners

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RAMALLAH: At least 11 people were injured on Tuesday in Jerusalem as Israeli forces clashed in the north of the city with protesters demanding the release of the bodies of Palestinians who died in custody at Qalandia checkpoint.

Soldiers fired bullets and used tear gas to disperse the crowd as dozens of Palestinians marched from Al-Amari refugee camp, south of Ramallah, toward the checkpoint.



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<u>Kurds seek 'courageous' candidate in</u> <u>Turkiye's election</u>

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DIYARBAKIR, Turkiye: Bullet marks reveal the spot where a rights lawyer was shot in the head at the height of clashes in the southeastern Turkish city of Diyarbakir between Kurdish militants and security forces in 2015.

Much of the Kurdish-majority city of over one million had to be rebuilt after the street battles, in which Tahir Elci, the president of the local bar association, died near a famous mosque.

But the wounds still fester as Turkiye heads into an election due by June from which the main pro-Kurdish party could be excluded.



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