

# Tunisian Islamist party protests arrest of senior leader

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TUNIS: Supporters of the Tunisian Islamist movement Ennahda demonstrated on Friday in front of the Justice Ministry in the capital to denounce the arrest of one of its senior leaders, suspected of being involved in sending Tunisians to fight with extremists in Syria.

Protesters demanded the release of former Prime Minister Ali Larayedh, vice president of Ennahda, saying the arrest earlier this week was politically motivated. They called it part of efforts by President Kais Saied to marginalize the popular movement and distract the public from his political troubles.



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# [UAE Public Prosecution orders arrest of company director who faked employment of 40 Emiratis](#)

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ABU DHABI: The UAE Public Prosecution has ordered the arrest of a private-company director found to have faked the employment of Emirati citizens. The suspect allegedly forged e-documents, faked employment contracts, and falsely stated that his company had hired Emirati citizens, the Emirates News Agency reported on Friday.

It was claimed he intended to obtain the benefits and financial support provided by the Nafis (a UAE private-sector jobs initiative) and various Emiratization programs.





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## [Turkiye: Sweden still has requirements to meet to join NATO](#)

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ANKARA: Turkiye appreciates Sweden's steps so far to to get approval to join NATO but is not even "halfway" through fulfilling a list of commitments it made to secure Ankara's support, the Turkish foreign minister said Thursday.

Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said a Swedish court's decision not to extradite a man wanted by Turkiye for alleged links to a 2016 failed coup had "poisoned" a positive atmosphere in negotiations on Sweden's membership in the military alliance.



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## [Netanyahu regime under US pressure to contain far-right tactics in West Bank](#)

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RAMALLAH: Washington has informed Tel Aviv that it will not grant entry visas to the US for Israeli security personnel or settlers who engage in violence in the West Bank, according to Israeli sources.

The US also indicated it may reduce its military aid to Israel, or may not grant annual guarantees for \$33 billion in assistance for the next 10 years, if used against Palestinians in the West Bank.

This development coincided with incoming Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announcing success in forming a new government.



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## [Chinese diplomats visit Aden to support Yemeni government](#)

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AL-MUKALLA, Yemen: A group of Chinese diplomats is visiting Yemen's southern city of Aden for the first time in eight years, the latest in a series of foreign visits to the country's temporary capital and seat of the internationally recognized government.

The Chinese delegation, led by Chu Ch'ing, the acting Chinese ambassador to Yemen, met with Prime Minister Maeen Abdul Malik Saeed and other government officials, and also visited the Chinese Consulate in Aden.



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