

UN names three women to probe Iran protests crackdown

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GENEVA: The United Nations on Tuesday named three women to lead a rights investigation into Iran's violent crackdown on women-led protests that have rocked the Islamic republic for more than three months.

Bangladesh Supreme Court lawyer Sara Hossain, Pakistani law professor Shaheen Sardar Ali and rights activist Viviana Krsticevic from Argentina will be the independent members of the fact-finding mission, UN Human Rights Council head Federico Villegas announced.

Hossain, a long-time human rights activist, will chair the investigation, the council presidency added.



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Celebrities call for release of Oscar-winning actress arrested in Iran

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LONDON: Actors, novelists, directors and other members of the international arts community are demanding the immediate release of Iranian actress Taraneh Alidoosti, The Guardian reported on Tuesday.

Alidoosti, one of the country's most famous actresses, was arrested on Saturday on charges of spreading false information about nationwide protests sparked by Mahsa Amini's death.



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Berlin steps in to help Athens, Ankara mend ties

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ANKARA: A surprise high-ranking meeting in Brussels between Türkiye, Greece

and Germany has raised hopes that strained ties between Athens and Ankara can be improved through the mediation of the EU's political and economic powerhouse.

Turkish Presidential Spokesperson Ibrahim Kalin, German Chancellery Foreign and Security Policy Adviser Jens Ploetner and Greek Prime Ministry Diplomatic Office Director Anna-Maria Boura met in an effort to strengthen communication channels between Türkiye and Greece, two NATO allies.



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[Global cooperation, shared responsibilities key to tackling global refugee, migrant crisis: Egypt](#)

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CAIRO: Global cooperation and the sharing of responsibilities were essential in tackling the global refugee and migrant crisis, Egypt's Foreign Ministry said.

In a statement on Sunday to mark International Migrants Day, the Egyptian

government highlighted its approach to hosting 9 million refugees and migrants.

The annual awareness event aims to highlight the rights and challenges of migrants and their contribution to the communities in which they live.



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[Arab League urges world to recognize, protect migrants](#)

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CAIRO: The Arab League has urged countries around the world to recognize the value of immigrants but also tackle issues that result in the exploitation of people fleeing conflict and other disasters.

To mark International Migrants Day, held on Dec. 18 every year, the league said in a statement that many migrants contribute positively to the economies of the countries where they live.



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