

# [How Israel, Jordan and Palestine can cooperate to slow Dead Sea's demise](#)

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AMMAN: From Greco-Roman times, the Dead Sea's unique equilibrium was finely balanced by nature. Fresh water from nearby rivers and springs flowed into the lake, combining with rich salt deposits and then evaporating, leaving behind a brine of 33 percent salinity.

Now, owing to a combination of climatic and man-made factors, this balance has been disrupted. As a result, the Dead Sea has been receding at an alarming rate over the past half century, endangering its very existence.



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## [Houthi officials accused of abusing and isolating 'critically sick'](#)

# journalists

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AL-MUKALLA, Yemen: The family of a Yemeni journalist taken captive by the Iran-backed Houthis has accused Houthi officials of torturing their son by beating him and placing him in solitary confinement, making another urgent plea to rights organizations and international mediators to persuade the militia to release him.



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## GCC education bureau to partner with Jordanian teaching academy

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RIYADH: Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Assimi, director general of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States, and Dr. Osama Obeidat, CEO of Jordan's Queen Rania Teacher Academy, signed an agreement to strengthen partnership through teacher training, exchanging expertise and establishing joint programs for professional development, the Saudi Press Agency reported on Sunday.

The move is in line with the ABEGS framework on boosting cooperation with specialized organizations and institutions.





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## [Morocco reaps cash, clout from fertilizer supply shock](#)

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RABAT: A global fertilizer supply shock deepened by Russia's Ukraine invasion has brought boom times for the North African phosphate superpower Morocco and earned the country new diplomatic capital.

Rabat is using the leverage especially in the decades-old fight over the disputed desert territory of Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony also claimed by Algeria-backed rebels, analysts say.



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## [Palestinian Santa brings festive cheer to Jerusalem](#)

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JERUSALEM: In Jerusalem's Old City there are dozens of churches, but as Christmas beckons there is just one Santa Claus – a towering Palestinian former basketball player.

Each December, the streets sparkle green and red as Christian pilgrims and others arrive to celebrate Christmas in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem.

Seven years ago one resident, Issa Kassissieh, transformed the ground floor of his 700-year-old home into a grotto, complete with candy, mulled wine and a chance to sit on Santa's lap.





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