Hady Amr describes appointment as US envoy to Palestine as 'unprecedented step'

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CHICAGO: Hady Amr, the new US Special Representative for Palestinian Affairs, described his appointment as an "unprecedented" move that will "elevate" the American relationship with the Palestinian people.

It will also help to coordinate engagement with the US Office of Palestinian Affairs in Jerusalem, which was established in June, he added.

Amr was appointed to his new post Nov. 22. He previously served as deputy assistant secretary for Israeli and Palestinian affairs in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs within the US Department of State.



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'Our work in Syria is motivated purely by the humanitarian imperative,' Ambassador Mona Juul of Norway tells Arab News

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NEW YORK CITY: While the world's media may have stopped counting the dead and injured in the Syrian conflict, the widespread destruction of civilian infrastructure and the second largest number of internally displaced people in the world both drive home the point that the war is far from over.



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Man reportedly shot dead in Iran after
celebrating national team's World Cup
elimination

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LONDON: A man was killed by Iranian security forces in Bandar Anzali on Tuesday as anti-government protesters celebrated the national football team's elimination from the World Cup following a 1-0 defeat by the USA, nongovernmental organization Iran Human Rights reported.

Many Iranians chose not to support their national football team during the tournament in Qatar because they viewed it as a symbol of the Islamic Republic, the BBC reported.



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Russia sends reinforcements to northern Syria

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QAMISHLI, Syria: Russia deployed troop reinforcements Wednesday to an area of northern Syria controlled by Kurdish fighters and government troops,

residents and a war monitor said, amid fears of a Turkish ground incursion. The move by Damascus ally Moscow comes after Ankara launched air strikes on Kurdish targets in Syria and Iraq on November 20, a week after a deadly Istanbul bombing that it blamed on Kurdish militants, who have denied responsibility.



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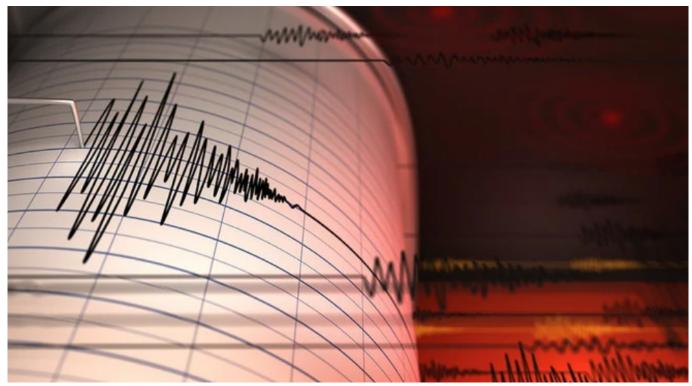
<u>Earthquake of magnitude 5.6 strikes</u> <u>southern Iran; felt in UAE — EMSC</u>

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DUBAI: An Earthquake of magnitude 5.6 struck southern Iran on Wednesday and was felt in the United Arab Emirates, the European-Mediterranean Seismological Center (EMSC) said.

Iranian state TV reported that rescue teams were dispatched to the quake-hit area and added there were no casualties.

The quake was at a depth of 10 km (6 miles) and about 88 km northwest of Ras Al Khaimah City in the UAE, EMSC added.



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