<u>Lebanon's child welfare drive 'lacks laws, national strategy'</u>

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BEIRUT: A recent courtroom drama in which a judge offered to pay the bail amounts for two destitute brothers, who had been arrested in a financial dispute, has served to highlight the impact of Lebanon's economic crisis on children.

The arrested duo, who collect and sell tin cans and scrap from streets and landfill for a living, had been detained for a month following a row.

Dany Zeeny, the investigating judge, helped the minors and ordered their release from an Akkar police station in the far north of Lebanon.



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After climate talks, world leaders

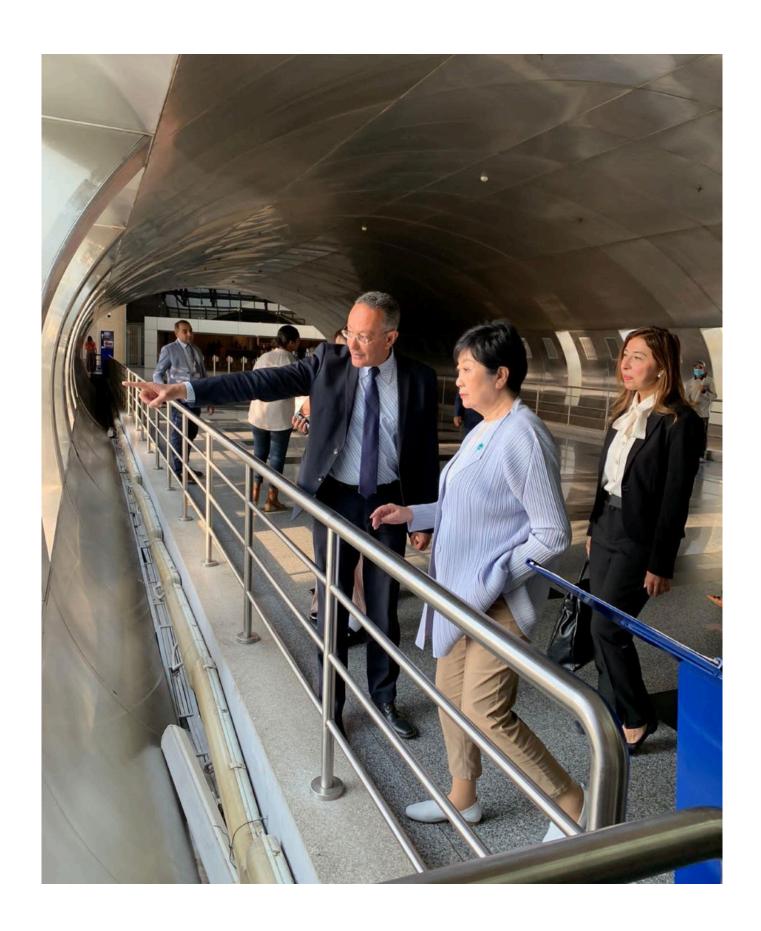
visit Egypt's tourist attractions

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CAIRO: Several kings, presidents, leaders, senior officials and diplomats packed their bags following their participation in the COP27 summit in Sharm El-Sheikh and headed to Egypt's archaeological sites, most notably the pyramids and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo.

Saint Catherine's Monastery in the Sinai received many VIPs, notably Andri Anastasiades, Cypriot first lady.







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Kuwaiti diplomat says arbitrary usage of veto compromises UN Security Council credibility

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NEW YORK: The majority of veto appliance cases at the UN Security Council in the past three decades have been related to causes in the Arab region, a Kuwaiti diplomat has said.

Fahad Mohammad Al-Hajji, the first secretary in Kuwait's mission, was addressing the UN General Assembly during a debate on just representation in the UNSC and prospects of increasing its members, reported Kuwait's News Agency on Saturday.

Al-Hajji said he deeply regretted that the majority of veto cases involved the Arab region.



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Omani mediators fail to convince Houthis to renew truce

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AL-MUKALLA: Omani mediators have been unable to persuade the Iran-backed Houthis to renew a truce brokered by the United Nations, which ended last month, as the Yemeni government confronts mounting public pressure to begin military operations to punish the Houthis for hitting oil facilities, a government official told Arab News on Saturday.

Oman — which hosts Houthi officials — intervened after other mediators, including the UN Special Envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg, had tried and failed to get the Houthis to agree to prolong the truce.



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<u>Palestinians unimpressed with</u> <u>Azerbaijan decision to open embassy in</u> <u>Tel Aviv</u>

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RAMALLAH: Azerbaijan's decision on Friday to open an embassy in Tel Aviv sparked astonishment and condemnation among Palestinians.

Azerbaijan shares a long border with Iran and is a major buyer of Israeli weapons systems. It is now set to become the first country with a Shiite majority and government to have a mission in Israel.

While some former Palestinian diplomats and political analysts sought to play down the move at a time of intense diplomatic struggles between Palestinians and Israel, others saw it as a victory for Israeli diplomacy.



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