

# [Palestinians outraged as Israeli archaeologists dig up village](#)

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RAMALLAH: Palestinians have expressed outrage after teams from an Israeli university launched a series of archaeological excavations in a village north of Ramallah.

Residents of Nabi Saleh said the excavations were taking place on their property, although representatives from both Bar Ilan University and the Israeli Civil Administration said the site was classified as “state land” under Israeli control.



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# [Tunisians firmly backed new constitution: final results](#)

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TUNIS: The final results of a controversial referendum granting unchecked

powers to the office of Tunisia's President Kais Saied showed 94.6 percent of votes in favor, the electoral authority said Tuesday. Voters overwhelmingly approved the new constitution, the electoral board said, officially announcing definitive results from the July 25 poll. The charter was approved by just over 2.6 million people, the board's president Farouk Bouasker told reporters. Turnout was considered very low at 30.5 percent.



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## [Greece locates refugees in Evros; trapped for days between Greece, Turkey](#)

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ATHENS: Greek police said on Monday afternoon they had located 38 Syrian refugees in the Lavara area of Evros, among them one pregnant woman and seven children.

The refugees had been trapped for days on a small islet in the Evros river along the border between Greece and Turkey, according to media reports and

activists.

Greece had said on Sunday that after repeated searches it had not located any people on the islet that was outside Greek territory and had alerted Turkish authorities over the issue. The Turkish Interior Ministry declined comment.



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## [Tunisia intercepts more than 650 migrants](#)

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TUNIS: Tunisian authorities said on Monday they intercepted or rescued more than 650 migrants trying to reach Europe by sea at the weekend, the latest of numerous such cases in the past two months.

Tunisia and Libya are the main points of departure for migrants trying to reach Europe from Africa. Sea crossing attempts tend to increase during spring and summer.

The Italian island of Lampedusa is just 140 km from Tunisia's east coast.



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## [Ankara, Damascus discuss potential normalization after years of broken in ties](#)

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ANKARA: Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu's revelation that he met his Syrian counterpart Faisal Mekdad last October on the margins of the Non-Aligned Movement summit hinted at the possibility of Ankara and Damascus seeking political rapprochement after 11 years of a rupture in ties.

Cavusoglu reportedly talked with his counterpart in Serbia's capital Belgrade about the need to come to terms with the opposition and the Assad regime in Syria for a lasting peace.



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