

[Iraq judiciary dismisses Al-Sadr's demand to dissolve parliament](#)

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BAGHDAD: Iraq's judiciary said Sunday it lacks the authority to dissolve parliament as demanded by populist Shiite Muslim cleric Moqtada Sadr, who is engaged in an escalating standoff with political rivals.

Followers of Sadr, in defiance of his Shiite rivals of the pro-Iran Coordination Framework, have been staging a sit-in protest at Iraq's parliament.

In the latest twist to the political turmoil, the firebrand cleric has urged the judiciary to dissolve parliament by the end of this week to pave the way for new legislative elections.



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Saudi Arabia, OIC offer sympathy following Cairo church fire

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RIYADH: Saudi Arabia's foreign ministry expressed "great sadness and sorrow" following a huge fire which engulfed the Abu Sefein Church in Cairo on Sunday, Saudi Press Agency reported.

The fire ripped through the Coptic church in the Egyptian capital, killing at least 41 people and injuring several others.

The ministry offered its deepest and sincere condolences to the government and people of Egypt, wishing the injured a speedy recovery, and security and safety for Egypt and its people.



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Seven injured, two seriously, in attack on Jerusalem bus: police,

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JERUSALEM: Seven people were injured, two of them critically, after a shooting attack on a bus in Jerusalem's Old City, Israeli police and the national emergency medical services said early Sunday.

"The police were informed of a shooting of a bus ... Police have cordoned off the scene and are searching for a suspect who fled," police said.



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[Four Yemeni soldiers killed, 25 wounded in Houthi attacks during truce](#)

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JEDDAH: Yemen's army claimed on Saturday that four of its soldiers were killed and 25 more wounded in Houthi attacks, accusing the Iran-backed militia of breaching a United Nations-brokered truce hundreds of times in the past week.

The international community is pressing the Houthis to open roads in Taiz and

turn the truce into a lasting peace settlement to end the war.



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[Background of Rushdie attacker sheds light on Khomeini sympathizers in US](#)

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CHICAGO / NEW YORK / WASHINGTON, DC: Hadi Matar, the 24-year-old New Jersey suspect charged with attempted murder over a vicious knife attack on author Salman Rushdie on Friday, is believed to have been motivated by pro-Iranian regime sympathies and the death fatwa placed on the novelist in 1989 by the late Ayatollah Khomeini.

Rushdie was speaking at a literary festival in upstate New York when Matar rushed onto the stage and stabbed the prize-winning author multiple times, including in the face, arm and abdomen, police allege.



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