

## [Five killed in Aden blast targeting security official](#)

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AL-MUKALLA: At least five people were killed and several others wounded on Wednesday when a blast targeted a security official in Yemen's southern city of Aden, the country's interim capital and the seat of its internationally recognized government, a local security source and residents said.



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## [Populist Turkish politicians stoke tensions over Syrian refugees as elections loom](#)

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ANKARA: A toxic and dangerous anti-refugee discourse is gaining momentum in Turkey. Umit Ozdag, the leader of the nationalist Zafer (Victory) Party, was recently stopped from entering the southern border town of Hatay after he pledged to place a "symbolic" mine at the border with Syria to prevent crossings.

Turkish police, the gendarmerie and officials from the Hatay governorate prevented Ozdag from entering the city, as his move could provoke hatred and incitement against the refugee population in the city. Hatay is home to some 400,000 Syrians.



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## [Iraq announces first cholera death since new outbreak](#)

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BAGHDAD: A cholera outbreak in Iraq claimed its first victim Tuesday, with 17 new cases recorded in the country within 24 hours, a health ministry spokesperson said.

The death was recorded in the northern province of Kirkuk, the ministry's Seif Al-Badr was quoted as saying by state media.

"Over the past 24 hours, 17 new cases were detected, bringing the total to 76 cases registered in Iraq since the start of the year," he said.

The outbreak was first officially reported earlier this month, with Kirkuk accounting for one of the 13 cases confirmed at that time.



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## [New talks in final bid to save Iran nuclear deal](#)

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JEDDAH: Iran and the US resumed indirect talks on Tuesday aimed at rescuing Tehran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers.

Tehran's top nuclear negotiator Ali Bagheri Kani met EU official Enrique Mora in Doha, and Mora began passing messages to Rob Malley, the US special representative for Iran.

Qatar's Foreign Ministry said the talks aimed to reestablish the deal "in a way that supports and enhances security, stability and peace in the region and opens new horizons for broader regional cooperation and dialogue" with Iran.





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## [Mikati continues consultations on draft government as delay extends](#)

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BEIRUT: Lebanese Prime Minister-designate Najib Mikati, who has been tasked with forming a new Lebanese government at the end of his non-binding parliamentary consultations on Tuesday, said that he “went over the opinions of the MPs and we will take most of what they said into consideration, but what matters is that national interest prevails.”

Mikati said that the opinions shared by the MPs “are in the national interest, even if from different angles.”



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