Rain douses Cyprus wildfire that burned thousands of acres

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KANTARA, Cyprus: In the end, it was Mother Nature that extinguished a wildfire that scorched thousands of acres and forced the evacuation of villages in the north of divided Cyprus, officials said Saturday. Aircraft from both sides of Cyprus, as well as British military and Israeli personnel, had responded to calls for help to fight the fire which began Tuesday in the Kantara area of the Kyrenia mountain range.



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UNRWA in 'early warning mode' after shortfall at pledging conference

UNITED NATIONS: The solution to the chronic underfunding of the UN agency helping Palestinian refugees lies in a "political will" that matches declarations of support for its work, the head of the UN Relief and Works Agency told Arab News.

Philippe Lazzarini's comments came at a press briefing a day after a pledging conference that raised \$160 million from international donors.



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<u>Mikati urges Lebanese to unite and put</u> <u>country on path to recovery</u>

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BEIRUT: Lebanon's newly reappointed prime minister-designate Najib Mikati has called on the Lebanese to leave their differences aside and put the country on the path to recovery.

Mikati, currently serving as caretaker PM, was named prime minister-designate by President Michel Aoun on Thursday after binding parliamentary consultations.

The billionaire, who has already served in the role three times, received the support of 54 of 128 MPs.



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Morocco: 5 migrants dead in stampede in bid to enter Melilla

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RABAT, Morocco: Moroccan authorities said that five migrants were killed and scores of migrants and police officers were injured in a "stampede" of people trying to cross into the Spanish North African enclave of Melilla on Friday. About 130 migrants breached the border between Morocco and Melilla on Friday, the first such incursion since Spain and Morocco mended diplomatic relations last month.

A spokesperson for the Spanish government's office in Melilla said about 2,000 people attempted to enter the North African city.



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<u>Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque 'in danger of collapsing' due to Israeli</u> excavation work: Site official

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RAMALLAH: Officials at Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem have raised deep concerns over Israeli excavation work at the holy site which they claim has caused cracks and other damage to the building's structure.

And Azzam Al-Khatib, director general of the city's Islamic Awqaf and Al-Aqsa Mosque Affairs department, has warned that the mosque could be in danger of collapse if the digging continued at its current intensity.



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