<u>Child soldiers aged 10 'are true men,'</u> <u>say Houthis</u>

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JEDDAH: Fighters from the Iran-backed Houthi militia have openly boasted of recruiting child soldiers as young as 10 to fight in the Yemen war.

New video footage on social media shows dozens of children in uniforms standing in military formation in a camp in Dhamar province, declaring allegiance to Abdul-Malek Al-Houthi.

"Soldiers of God," they shout. "We are coming."



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Egyptian leader affirms depth of country's strategic ties with EU

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CAIRO: Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi affirmed that his country is

"continuously working to deepen the partnership with the EU in order to achieve a qualitative leap in the relationship between the two sides."

In a joint press conference with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, El-Sisi said that the EU is a key partner for Egypt.



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<u>Syrians returning from Al-Hol camp</u> <u>stigmatized over Daesh ties</u>

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RAQQA, Syria: Noura Al-Khalif married a Daesh supporter and then wound up without her husband in a Syrian camp viewed by many as the last surviving pocket of the "caliphate."

The 31-year-old woman has been back in her hometown outside the northern city of Raqqa for three years but she is struggling to shake off the stigma of having lived in the Al-Hol camp.

"Most of my neighbors call me a Daesh supporter," she told AFP from her father's house near Raqqa, where she now lives with her two children.



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<u>Some World Cup fans in Qatar to be</u> housed in 'traditional tents'

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DOHA: Qatar hopes to house some of the 1.2 million fans expected to attend the FIFA World Cup later this year in 1,000 "traditional tents," organizers said on Tuesday.

"This is one of the options that will go live in the next two weeks," said Omar Al-Jaber, an official responsible for accommodation at the supreme committee organizing the tournament.

"It is real camping," he said during a briefing. "We need to give people the experience of a desert and tent in normal Bedouin style."



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Two dead, seven injured in Turkish airstrikes hitting Sinjar Resistance site in Iraq

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BAGHDAD: At least two people were killed and seven injured in Turkish airstrikes targeting the Sinjar Resistance Units or YBS, a militia affiliated with the Kurdistan Workers Party or PKK, in Iraq's northern province of Sinjar, security sources said on Wednesday.

They said one strike targeted an intelligence headquarters and another hit a civilian area, causing damage to nearby shops.

Videos on social media showed plumes of thick smoke and fires ablaze while people ran away in the street, though Reuters could not immediately verify the videos.



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