

# UK's Charles hails queen's kinship with Jordan late king

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AMMAN: Britain's Prince Charles paid tribute Wednesday in Amman to the kinship between his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, and Jordan's late King Hussein, both veteran monarchs.

"I feel this friendship in the most personal of ways, as Jordan has always been a part of my life," Charles said in a speech at the Jordan Museum.

"His Majesty King Hussein came to the throne in 1952, the same year as my dear mother, the queen," he said.

"They would be of great mutual support to each other through the decades ahead."

King Hussein died in 1999 as the world's longest ruling executive head of state.

The visit to Jordan by the prince who is heir to the throne started a day after Queen Elizabeth, 95, missed an annual remembrance service for fallen soldiers in London on Sunday "having sprained her back."

However, Elizabeth, Britain's longest-reigning monarch, on Wednesday made her first public appearance in almost a month, hosting a reception at Windsor Castle, west of London.

Prince Charles, accompanied by his wife Camilla met with Jordan's King Abdullah II, Hussein's son and successor, Tuesday at the start of a tour of Jordan and Egypt.

On Wednesday, they also visited the Greco-Roman archaeological site of Um Qais, north of Amman.

The couple are Thursday to travel on to Egypt, which is to host the next round of the UN climate summit in its Sharm el-Sheikh resort next year.

Prince Charles is the most senior royal who travels overseas, representing the Queen, who stopped overseas tours a few years back because of her age. There has been a heavy focus on him in recent weeks amid the concerns over the monarch's health.









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## [Syrian singer Souleyman detained in Turkey](#)

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ISTANBUL: Turkish police on Wednesday detained celebrated Syrian singer Omar Souleyman and questioned him about alleged ties to outlawed Kurdish militants, his manager told AFP.

Souleyman was brought in for questioning in the southern Turkish city of Sanliurfa, where he has been running a bakery since escaping Syria's decade-

long civil war in 2011, said the manager, who asked not to be identified.

Souleyman was being questioned over local media allegations that he had ties to the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which is proscribed as a terrorist organization by Ankara, the US and EU.

The PKK has been waging a decades-long insurgency against the Turkish state that has claimed tens of thousands of lives.

The manager said he expected Souleyman to be released later on Wednesday.

But Turkish media said Souleyman was detained on an arrest warrant issued for "membership of a terrorist organization," a charge that has seen tens of thousands jailed across Turkey in the past decade.

Souleyman has won international recognition for his melodic mix of dance and folk music, collaborating with artists such as Bjork and the Blur's frontman Damon Albarn.

He performed at a Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo in December 2013, and starred in a benefit concert at the prestigious South by Southwest (SXSW) festival in Austin, Texas earlier that year.

The official video for his 2013 song "Warni Warni" has received nearly 95 million views on YouTube.

Local administration officials in Sanliurfa did not immediately respond to request for comment from AFP.



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## [Israel launches two missiles at southern Damascus building -Syrian state TV](#)

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CAIRO: Israel launched two missiles targeting an empty building in southern Damascus from the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, Syrian state TV said early on Wednesday.

It said one of the missiles was shot down and there were no losses. There was no immediate confirmation from Israel on the strike.



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## [Biden, Xi discuss how to 'align' stances on Iran nuclear issue](#)

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WASHINGTON: US President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping talked about how they might harmonize their positions ahead of the Nov. 29 resumption of indirect US-Iranian talks on reviving the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, a top US official said on Tuesday.

Officials from Iran and the six nations that struck the pact – Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States – will meet in Vienna to see if Tehran and Washington can agree to resume compliance with the deal under which Iran curbed its nuclear program to gain relief from US, EU and UN sanctions.

In 2018 then-President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from the pact among the major powers known as the P5+1 and Iran and restored harsh US sanctions, prompting Tehran to begin violating its nuclear restrictions about a year later.

“The two presidents had the chance to talk about how we can align our perspectives heading into that (Nov. 29) meeting so that the P5+1 is united in dealing with Iran and trying to pave the way for a return to the (deal),” White House National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said in a virtual think tank appearance.

The US-Iranian talks are indirect, with officials from the other nations shuttling between them, because Iran refuses direct contact with US officials.

While China favors reviving the agreement, it has tended to place the onus on the United States, rather than Iran, blaming Washington for having abandoned the deal and giving Tehran an economic lifeline by buying Iranian oil despite US sanctions.





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## [The return of Syrian refugees key topic in Cavusoglu's talks in Lebanon](#)

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BEIRUT: Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu called for support for the Lebanese government in overcoming the country's crises and holding parliamentary elections at a press conference in Beirut on Tuesday.

Cavusoglu stressed that "the Lebanese people should not have to pay the price of regional bargains," referring to the issue of Syrian refugees in Lebanon. "Lebanon is waiting for urgent solutions to its problems."

Cavusoglu was speaking alongside his Lebanese counterpart Abdallah Bou Habib, after holding talks with President Michel Aoun, Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri and Prime Minister Najib Mikati.

He also devoted part of his visit to highlighting Turkey's presence in Lebanon through several development projects funded by Ankara.

Cavusoglu was on his fourth visit to Lebanon since 2016.

He said he was in Beirut to "stress Turkey's support for Lebanon, as well as to invite (Prime Minister) Mikati to visit Turkey and make preliminary arrangements for the visit.

"We discussed how to develop tourism and energy fields, especially since the Lebanese people's top destination is Turkey and the Turkish people are known for how much they love Lebanon."

The minister added: "We discussed regional issues, since our countries are the most affected by the Syrian crisis; the brotherly Lebanese people should not have to pay the price of regional bargains."

The Lebanese presidency's media office noted that Aoun told the Turkish official that he welcomed "any assistance that Turkey can provide to ease the return of Syrian refugees to their homes, most of which have become safe, in terms of pressuring the international community to provide aid to refugees inside Syria, to encourage return."

Aoun said he supported "coordinating regional efforts to that end with Turkey, Jordan and Iraq" and called for "increasing the share of Turkey's imports of Lebanese products, especially since the trade balance is currently tilting in Turkey's favor."

The president also raised "a request to Turkey to help return the Maronite Cypriots to their villages in the northern part of Cyprus, after the delay that occurred for reasons related to logistics and the COVID-19 pandemic."

On the parliamentary elections scheduled for next March, Cavusoglu stressed the need to hold them on time.

"We have always given importance to the sovereignty, independence and security of Lebanon and provided the necessary support after the explosions in Beirut and Akkar," Cavusoglu said. "We also support the army and security forces fighting for Lebanon's stability and security."

He added: "We renewed our support by extending (commitment to) the UN Interim Force in Lebanon for a year, and we have a unit working in this regard."

Bou Habib stated he wished Turkey "to open its markets for the export of Lebanese products."

The minister added that Lebanon "is keen on maintaining good relations with all countries and highly appreciates the Turkish support and aid, as well as its participation as a country within the UNIFIL."

He said: “We, and the Turkish foreign minister, signed a cooperation agreement to enhance rapprochement between the two ministries and are working on a memorandum of understanding in other areas.”

Bou Habib noted that “Lebanon and Turkey are suffering from the burden of Syrian refugee issue.”

He called for “the necessity of unifying efforts to tackle the refugees’ issue and asking the international community to share the burden fairly among them or work on their return to their country.”



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