

UN warns of disease threat in flood-hit Libyan city

DERNA: UN agencies warned Monday that Libya's flood-stricken city of Derna, where thousands were killed a week ago, faces the threat of disease outbreaks that could bring "a second devastating crisis."

The massive flash flood that has killed over 3,000 people and left thousands more missing came as the war-scarred North African country was lashed by the hurricane-strength Storm Daniel on September 10.

14 fighters dead in north Syria attack by Kurdish group

BEIRUT: A Syrian Kurdish armed group attacked an area controlled by pro-Turkish fighters in rebel-held northern Syria on Monday, killing at least 14, a war monitor and a factional leader said.

The Kurdish Afrin Liberation Forces took advantage of factional fighting that broke out after midnight on the outskirts of Al-Bab in Aleppo province, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Libya's leaders have a duty to 'close the chapter of division,' UN special envoy tells Arab News

NEW YORK CITY: Libya has been mired in conflict, instability and political fragmentation since the eruption of the Arab uprisings in 2011. The latest blow was dealt by a natural disaster, a Mediterranean storm on September 10 night that caused catastrophic flooding in many eastern towns, leaving at least 11,300 people dead and more than 10,000 missing.

Teenage cancer patients celebrate exam triumph

BEIRUT: Sixteen teenage cancer patients currently receiving or having completed treatment at a center in Lebanon have been celebrating passing

baccalaureate exams.

Their achievements were marked by the Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon at the American University of Beirut Medical Center during its 10th Path of Joy event.

The annual occasion highlights the accomplishments of children and young people with cancer and this year some of them danced, sang, or portrayed their treatment journey through paintings displayed in an exhibition.

Gulf states can deliver **'transformational results' for the** **world: Blinken**

NEW YORK: Gulf states' building of a "more stable, secure and integrated region" could reap "genuinely transformational results" for the world, the US secretary of state said at a meeting on the sidelines of the 78th UN General Assembly.

Antony Blinken was speaking on Monday at a meeting with the foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council states.

US-GCC partnerships have "benefited people in the Gulf, and also people around the world," he said.