

Russia says coalition drones flew dangerously close to Russian warplanes over Syria

DAMASCUS: Two drones of the US-led coalition in Syria dangerously approached Russian Su-35 military jets on Sunday, Rear Admiral Vadim Kulit was quoted as telling RIA news agency.

According to Kulit, who serves as deputy head of the Russian Reconciliation Center for Syria, both close interactions occurred in the morning – one over Raqqa and the other one over the Mediterranean Sea.

Torrential rain destroys hundreds of homes in Sudan

WAD MADANI, Sudan: Torrential rain has destroyed more than 450 homes in Sudan's north, state media reported Monday, validating concerns voiced by aid groups that the wet season would compound the war-torn country's woes.

Changing weather patterns saw Sudan's Northern State buffeted with heavy rain, causing damage to at least 464 houses, state-run SUNA news agency said. It described the vast region bordering Egypt and Libya as "a desert area that rarely received rain in the past, but has been witnessing devastating rains for the past five years."

Residents near Sudanese capital ordered to evacuate over fighting

WAD MADANI, Sudan: Residents of an area near Sudan's capital on Monday were ordered to evacuate, locals said, as fighting between the army and paramilitary forces continues to shake the capital.

"Heavy artillery fire" fell on densely populated areas of the Sudanese capital and nearby areas, witnesses told AFP. In adjacent Omdurman, Khartoum's battle-scarred twin city, shelling fell on residential homes.

[WHO flags contaminated India-made syrup in Iraq](#)

GENEVA: The World Health Organization on Monday flagged a batch of contaminated common cold syrup, manufactured by an Indian company, the latest in a series of warnings by the agency about substandard medicines from the country.

The United Nations agency said the batch of the syrup, branded Cold Out, found in Iraq was manufactured by Fourrts (India) Laboratories for Dabilife Pharma, and had higher than acceptable limit of contaminants diethylene and ethylene glycol.

[Egyptian, Jordanian prime ministers call for more cooperation in Amman talks](#)

CAIRO: The regional dimension remains one of the main axes of cooperation with Jordan, Egypt's Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly said on Monday.

His remarks came as the 31st session of the Higher Jordanian-Egyptian Committee concluded at the Jordan prime minister's headquarters in Amman.

Madbouly and Jordan's Prime Minister Bishr Al-Khasawneh witnessed the signing of 12 documents in areas that enhanced bilateral cooperation between both countries.