# 'Clean up your country': Lebanon's Environment Ministry launches 100-day campaign

BEIRUT: The Lebanese Ministry of Environment launched a campaign on Sunday bearing the slogan "Clean up Your Country."

Municipalities, dozens of nongovernmental organizations and volunteers took part in the campaign that started from the Beirut waterfront.

Environment Minister Nasser Yassin said: "It's a message to prohibit throwing waste randomly.

"It is also a way to affirm that the role of municipalities is crucial in cleaning up their cities, towns and forests, and to support them, in order to spread environmental awareness."

## Thousands take to streets in Gaza in rare public display of discontent with Hamas

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip: Several thousand people briefly took to the streets across the Gaza Strip on Sunday to protest chronic power outages and difficult living conditions, providing a rare public show of discontent with the territory's Hamas government. Hamas security forces quickly dispersed the gatherings.

Marches took place in Gaza City, the southern town of Khan Younis and other locations, chanting "what a shame" and in one place burning Hamas flags, before police moved in and broke up the protests.

#### <u>Business booms for Gaza repairman as</u> heatwave fans demand

GAZA: While soaring temperatures across the Middle East are causing discomfort for many, Gaza electrical appliance repairman Mustafa Abdou is enjoying a boom in business amid surging demand for electric fans. "I have been in the business for 40 years, it has never been so hot," said the 70-year-old, sitting in the middle of piles of broken fans and other

### <u>Sudan fighters evict Khartoum</u> residents

KHARTOUM: Sudan's paramilitaries have ordered civilians to vacate homes in the capital's south, several residents said on Sunday, as fighting between the forces of rival generals raged in the western Darfur region.

"Members of the Rapid Support Forces told me I had 24 hours to leave the area," said Khartoum resident Fawzy Radwan.

He had been guarding his family's home since fighting began in the city more than three months ago between the RSF and the regular army.

#### Houthis target government troops in Taiz

AL-MUKALLA: Yemen's military officials said on Sunday that the Iran-backed Houthis had launched attacks on government troops outside the besieged city of Taiz and fired reconnaissance drones in the last 48 hours, the latest in a series of Houthi military efforts to make headway toward the city's downtown.

Abdul Basit Al-Baher, a Yemeni military official in Taiz, told Arab News that the Houthis had targeted Yemeni army positions on the city's eastern, northeastern, and western outskirts with mortar bombs and heavy machine guns.