

# [Why Daesh is still not a spent force despite facing terminal decline in Iraq](#)

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IRBIL, KURDISTAN: Having once controlled roughly a third of the country at the height of its power, including several major cities and oilfields, there are now growing signs that what remains of the Daesh terrorist organization in Iraq is in terminal decline.

Unable to attract new recruits to shore up its dwindling numbers, nor able to mount significant offensive operations, the group that had in 2014 proclaimed its own “caliphate” today looks like a spent force – in Iraq at least.



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## [Egypt hopes to attract 30m tourists by](#)

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CAIRO: Egypt's Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Ahmed Issa hopes the promising rise in tourists this year will translate into a 30 percent increase by the year-end, bringing the total to 15 million.

Issa said there was an increase of 34 percent in the number of tourists over the past two months compared to the same period last year.

He made the remarks during a symposium organized by the Egyptian-Lebanese Businessmen Association titled "Tourism and Industry: Promising Opportunities for Economic Development."



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**[UNHCR launches Islamic Philanthropy Report with Abdulaziz Al-Ghurair Refugee Education Fund at joint event](#)**

## in Dubai

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DUBAI: The UN High Commissioner for Refugees has launched its annual Islamic Philanthropy Report for the first time in partnership with the Abdulaziz Al-Ghurair Refugee Education Fund at a joint event in Dubai.

The report details the importance of engaging Islamic philanthropy tools and their increased role in attending to the needs of displaced people globally.

There are now more than 100 million forcibly displaced people worldwide, according to the UN. The number is likely to reach 117 million by the end of the year.





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## [Yemeni government and Houthis agree to release hundreds of detainees](#)

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NEW YORK CITY: The Yemeni government and the Houthis on Monday agreed to release 887 detainees, following 10 days of negotiations in Geneva, the UN and the International Committee of the Red Cross said.

They added that both sides have also agreed to visit each other's detention facilities, grant the delegations full access to all detainees during those visits, and to meet again in May to discuss further prisoner swaps.



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## [Jordan summons Israeli envoy to protest over flag of expanded Israel](#)

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AMMAN: Jordan on Monday summoned the Israeli ambassador to protest over the behavior of an Israel minister who spoke at a podium that had an Israeli flag with expanded borders that incorporated the kingdom and the Palestinian territories.

Earlier Amman condemned the ultra-nationalist Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich's move saying it was a provocative move by an "extremist" and "racist" minister that violated international norms and Jordan's peace treaty with Israel.



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