

7th EU-UNRWA Strategic Dialogue held in Brussels

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BRUSSELS: The 7th Strategic Dialogue between the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the EU was held on Thursday in Brussels.

The strategic dialogue is an annual forum for both organizations to assess and evaluate their cooperation in line with their signed joint declaration for 2021-2024.



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Is the Arab world ready for the uncertain age of AI-powered web tools?

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DUBAI/RIYADH: Silicon Valley startup OpenAI caused a sensation when it released ChatGPT, an artificial intelligence-powered chatbot tool capable of formulating detailed, human-like answers on a seemingly limitless range of

topics. In retrospect, that was just the start.

Google has since announced its own web tool, Bard, in an apparent bid to compete with the viral success of ChatGPT. Both tools are built on large language models, which are trained on vast troves of data in a way that they can generate impressive responses to user prompts.



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[Iran arrests school poisoning suspects as cases top 5,000](#)

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TEHRAN, Iran: Iran announced Tuesday it had made the first arrests in a spate of mystery poisonings of schoolgirls that has affected more than 5,000 pupils since late November.

Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei had called Monday for the perpetrators of the “unforgivable crime” to be tracked down “without mercy” as public anger mounts.

The interior ministry said in a statement on Tuesday “a number of people” suspected of manufacturing hazardous substances had been arrested in six provinces, including a pupil’s parent.



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[Three dead in Israel strike on Syria's Aleppo airport: monitor](#)

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BEIRUT: : Israeli warplanes killed three people in a raid on Syria's Aleppo airport Tuesday, a war monitor said after the strike which, according to a Syrian official, halted earthquake aid flights.

The airport has been a major conduit for relief flights since a February 6 earthquake devastated swathes of southeastern Turkiye and neighboring Syria. A transport ministry official in Syria said the aid flights were among those brought to a stop from Aleppo, Syria's second city.



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[Captagon pills found inside sunflower seeds delivered to inmate at Lebanese Prison](#)

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LONDON: Lebanon's Internal Security Forces foiled an attempt to smuggle narcotic pills into a prison in the north of the country by hiding them inside sunflower seeds.

A 25-year-old Lebanese man who tried to deliver three bags of the seeds to an inmate at Batroun Prison, south of Tripoli, has been arrested, officials said on Tuesday. The sunflower seeds had been removed from their husks and replaced with captagon and Artane (benzhexol) pills that were split in half. The security forces shared on Twitter a short video showing the seized drugs.



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