<u>Azerbaijan to evacuate embassy in Iran</u> <u>on Sunday after fatal shooting</u>

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BAKU: Azerbaijan will evacuate embassy staff and family members from Iran on Sunday, the foreign ministry said, two days after a gunman shot dead a security guard and wounded two other people in an attack Baku branded an "act of terrorism."

Police in Tehran have said they had arrested a suspect and Iranian authorities condemned Friday's incident, but said the gunman appeared to have had a personal, not a political, motive.



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Yemen crisis: WFP gives Marib's displaced fewer, lighter food packets

AL-MUKALLA: The World Food Programme in Yemen has lowered the quantity and weight of humanitarian supplies to thousands of internally displaced Yemenis in the central city of Marib, despite the severe winter and ongoing influx of displaced persons, local authorities and impacted individuals told Arab News on Sunday.



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<u>Challenge for Tunisian democracy:</u> <u>Getting voters to show up</u>

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TUNIS: Tunisia was once the Arab world's hope for a new era of democracy. Now it's in the midst of an election that's more of an embarrassment than a model.

Barely 11 percent of voters turned out in the first round of parliamentary elections last month, boycotted by opposition groups and ignored by many Tunisians disillusioned with their leaders.

Ten candidates secured seats in the legislature even though not a single voter cast a ballot for them, simply because they ran unopposed. In seven constituencies, not even one candidate bothered to run.



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<u>Strong quake kills at least two people</u> in northwest Iran

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DUBAI: An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.9 struck northwest Iran near the border with Turkiye on Saturday, killing at least two people and injuring dozens, Iranian media reported.

"There are 122 injured so far in the city of Khoy... and unfortunately two dead," emergency services spokesperson Mojtaba Khaledi told state television. Iranian emergency officials said rescue teams were despatched to the area in Iran's West Azerbaijan province and hospitals were put on alert, according to state media.



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UN agency warns of record rates of hunger in Syria

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BEIRUT: The World Food Programme has warned that hunger rates in Syria have soared to record highs after more than a decade of devastating conflict.



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