

[Jordan rejects Israeli 'lies' over West Bank at UN Security Council](#)

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AMMAN: Jordan has said that it never occupied the West Bank, as claimed by Israel, insisting its presence in the disputed territory was part of an administrative arrangement with the Palestinians.

During the UN Security Council's special session on Jerusalem on Thursday, the Tel Aviv ambassador claimed that Jordan occupied the West Bank in 1950, a suggestion described by his Jordanian counterpart as "lies and misleading information."



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[Israel building concrete wall to protect highways near Gaza Strip](#)

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GAZA CITY: Israel has started construction on a concrete wall to protect

highways near the Gaza Strip from anti-tank missiles.

The country's Ministry of Defense said on Thursday that the building of the 4.6-kilometer-long wall bordering the Gaza Strip aimed at protecting Israeli towns against attacks.

It added that work had begun on the security corridor project in the Gaza Strip, which aims to allow the movement of residents in times of emergency without fear of attack.



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[EU delegation set to open investigation into governor of Lebanon's central bank](#)

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BEIRUT: A judicial delegation from France, Germany and Luxembourg will open its investigation into the activities of Lebanon's central bank and its governor, Riad Salameh, in Beirut on Monday. It is expected to continue until Friday.

Salameh is facing prosecution in cases relating to money transfers from

Lebanon to banks in those European countries, the sources of the funds and the extent to which they might be linked to corruption, money laundering and financial crimes in Europe.



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[Power struggle: Political row threatens Lebanon with total shutdown](#)

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BEIRUT: Lebanon's only functioning power plant has been shut down as a result of a worsening political dispute between caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati and the rival Free Patriotic Movement, which controls the country's energy ministry.

The closure threatens to plunge Lebanon into almost complete darkness.

Electricite du Liban, known as EDL, urged the authorities to solve the issue by opening the necessary credits to unload fuel ships after a row over advanced payments led to a delay in gas oil shipments.



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[Yemen govt rejects Zenith Netherlands oil acquisition](#)

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AL-MUKALLA, Yemen: The internationally recognized government of Yemen has flatly denied a statement by international oil company Zenith Netherlands regarding the acquisition of oil fields managed by OMV in Yemen's southern province of Shabwa, saying that the company is ineligible to acquire oil assets in the country.

Yemen's Oil Ministry said that it had not authorized the sale of OMV oil facilities in Yemen to the Dutch company, accusing both companies of releasing "misleading" information.



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