

[Palestinian Authority facing year of critical challenges](#)

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RAMALLAH: The Palestinian Authority is facing critical challenges and existential threats that could endanger its existence, Palestinian officials and experts have claimed to Arab News.

They pointed to the most worrying threat as the new Israeli government, which includes extreme right-wing ministers and a prime minister whose policies deny Palestinian rights and weaken an already fragile PA.



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[‘Floating book fair’ opens new chapter in Egyptian tourism](#)

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CAIRO: The floating library MV Logos Hope – the world’s largest ocean-going

book fair – will dock in the Port Said tourist port this week on only its second visit to Egypt in more than 12 years.

The ship will open its floating exhibition to thousands of daily visitors in what the Suez Canal Economic Zone media office described as a major cultural event.

More than 350 passengers on board will also disembark to make tourist visits to Cairo.



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[Egypt's leader urges caution for Netanyahu's new government](#)

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CAIRO: Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi on Sunday urged Israel's new

hard-line government to refrain from “any measures” that could inflame regional tensions, in a phone call congratulating Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on his return to office.

The leaders spoke days after Netanyahu’s new Cabinet was sworn in, promising in its coalition guidelines to make settlement construction in the occupied West Bank a top priority.



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[2022: ‘Worst year in terms of number of Palestinians killed by Israel’](#)

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RAMALLAH: Most Palestinians will remember 2022 as a painful year in terms of the scale of human loss, the increase in Israeli aggression, and the election of an extreme right-wing Israeli government that will further deny them their rights.

Ibrahim Melhem, spokesman for the Palestinian government, told Arab News that 2022 was “the worst year in terms of the high number of Palestinians killed by the Israeli army.”

According to official figures, 225 people were killed in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip over the past 12 months.



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[Syria records lowest annual death toll since war began](#)

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BEIRUT: At least 3,825 people have died in Syria's war in 2022, the lowest yearly toll since the start of the conflict more than a decade ago, a war monitor said on Saturday.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights had put the death toll at 3,746 throughout 2021, before revising it up to 3,882.

After years of deadly battle and bombardments following the brutal suppression of 2011 anti-regime protests, the conflict has largely abated in the last three years.



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