

# [Kurds seek 'courageous' candidate in Turkiye's election](#)

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DIYARBAKIR, Turkiye: Bullet marks reveal the spot where a rights lawyer was shot in the head at the height of clashes in the southeastern Turkish city of Diyarbakir between Kurdish militants and security forces in 2015.

Much of the Kurdish-majority city of over one million had to be rebuilt after the street battles, in which Tahir Elci, the president of the local bar association, died near a famous mosque.

But the wounds still fester as Turkiye heads into an election due by June from which the main pro-Kurdish party could be excluded.



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# [Houthi oil facility attacks blamed for Yemeni riyal's new slide](#)

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AL-MUKALLA: The Yemeni riyal began plummeting in government-controlled areas

this week, days after the head of the Presidential Leadership Council said his government will be unable to pay public employees due to Houthi strikes.

The riyal was exchanged at 1,200 per dollar in Aden, Al-Mukalla and other liberated areas on Tuesday compared to 1,170 last week, erasing months of improvement over the previous nine months.



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## [Lebanese MP calls for crackdown on currency smugglers](#)

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BEIRUT: A Lebanese MP has called for action against smugglers who are worsening the economic crises by smuggling already scarce US dollars out of the country to Syria.

Hadi Abu Al-Hassan said the smugglers, who are capitalizing on the weak Lebanese pound, were worsening the availability of hard currency and causing “insane” rises in exchange rates.



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## [Omani mediators leave Sanaa empty-handed as Houthis reject truce renewal](#)

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AL-MUKALLA, Yemen: Efforts to renew the UN-brokered truce and bring peace to Yemen have been dashed after Omani mediators left Sanaa without any reported progress, and the Iran-backed Houthis threatened to renew the fight if their demands are not met.

The Omani mediators, who arrived in Sanaa last week, departed the city on Sunday after meeting top Houthi officials and hearing their requests for extending the ceasefire and participating in peace negotiations to end the conflict.



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## [Aid group says tribal clashes kill 12 in Darfur](#)

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CAIRO: Tribal violence in Sudan's long-restive region of Darfur killed at least 12 people over the past few days, an aid group said.

The clashes between herdsmen and farmers in the Beleil area in South Darfur province also wounded at least 42 people, said Adam Regal, spokesman for the General Coordination for Refugees and Displaced in Darfur.

Local authorities said the clashes grew out of an attempt by herdsmen to loot a motorized rickshaw known as a tuk-tuk in the village of Amouri, killing one person.



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