

[UN and Lebanon hold memorial for killed Irish peacekeeper](#)

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BEIRUT: The Lebanese army and UN peacekeepers held a memorial at the Beirut airport on Sunday for an Irish soldier killed by a mob that opened fire last week at two vehicles belonging to the UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon, a traditional stronghold of the militant Hezbollah group.

The attack that killed 24 year-old Pvt. Seán Rooney of Newtowncunningham took place near the southern town of Al-Aqbiya on Wednesday night, as he and seven other Irish peacekeepers from UN peacekeeping mission, known as UNIFIL, were on their way to the Beirut airport.



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Questions raised over legality of Lockerbie suspect's extradition

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LONDON: The family of the Libyan accused of bringing down Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie have said the US staged an abduction using a local militia leader, The Observer reported on Sunday.

Mohammed Abouagela Masud was charged last week in the US more than 30 years after the 1988 bombing that killed 270 people.

The 71-year-old's family say he was kidnapped from his home in Tripoli in November by gunmen led by a local warlord on the orders of the US.



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Seven Iraqi police killed in suspected

[Daesh attack: Police sources](#)

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KIRKUK: At least seven members of Iraq's federal police were killed Sunday during an attack near Kirkuk in the country's north, where remnants of Daesh group militants are active, police and government sources said.

A bomb blast initially targeted a truck transporting the men. It was followed by "a direct attack with small arms," near the village of Chalal Al-Matar, a federal police officer who attributed the assault to Daesh, said on condition of anonymity.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.



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[Mother tongue: Proficiency in Arabic 'should be prerequisite for govt](#)

[jobs,' Egyptian academy says](#)

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CAIRO: Proficiency in Arabic should be a prerequisite for those seeking government jobs in Egypt, according to an organization seeking to save the language.

The Egyptian Arabic Language Academy has made a number of recommendations to education ministries aimed at protecting the language from the influence of foreign technology and education, which it says is harming the language skills of children and students.



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[Egypt adopts biogas technology in search for eco-friendly energy](#)

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CAIRO: Egypt has confirmed plans to use biogas technology to meet its energy needs.

Biogas is a renewable energy source that uses gases produced from raw materials including agricultural and municipal waste. It is already used in hundreds of places around the world.



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