

US-led forces resume normal patrols in Syria

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RMEILAN: A US-led coalition fighting jihadists resumed regular patrols in Kurdish-held areas of northeast Syria on Friday after earlier Turkish air strikes, an AFP correspondent and a Kurdish military source said. Patrols were reduced following the Turkish strikes that began on Nov. 20 in Kurdish-controlled areas of Syria and Iraq, in response to a deadly Istanbul bombing that Ankara blamed on Kurdish groups. The Kurds denied responsibility. Hundreds of American troops are in Syria as part of the fight against remnants of the Daesh group jihadists.



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Iran probes killing of man celebrating World Cup loss

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TEHRAN: Iran said on Thursday it had opened an investigation into the death of a man who was shot while celebrating Iran's World Cup defeat to arch enemy the United States.

The loss eliminated Iran's national football team from the tournament in Qatar on Tuesday night, drawing a mixed response from pro- and anti-government supporters.

Following the match, "a person named Mehran Samak died suspiciously after being hit by shotgun pellets in the city of Bandar Anzali," Gilan province's prosecutor Mehdi Fallahmiri said, quoted by the judiciary's Mizan Online website.



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Kuwait questions UN over 'allowing Israeli occupations' criminal violations'

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NEW YORK: The international community's inability to address the Palestinian cause and to hold Israel accountable is the biggest failure in UN history, a Kuwaiti diplomat said on Thursday.

Addressing a General Assembly session on the Palestinian issue, Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the UN Tarek Al-Bannai questioned the international community for "allowing the Israeli occupation (to) carry out systematic criminal violations without being held accountable or punished as if it is above the law.



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Turkiye calls for US understanding ahead of possible Syria operation

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ANKARA: Turkish Defense Minister Hulusi Akar called on the United States on Thursday to show understanding over a possible new Turkish military operation in Syria, after Washington voiced its "strong opposition" to such a move. Türkiye has been threatening a new incursion into northern Syria for months, and stepped up preparations last month after a deadly bomb attack in Istanbul it blamed on a Kurdish militants.



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Iran's World Cup team gets tepid welcome home, amid protests

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BAGHDAD: Iran's national soccer team received a subdued welcome home after their World Cup defeat against the United States, a match played against the backdrop of ongoing anti-government protests in Iran.

One Iranian man was shot dead celebrating the American victory.

The players returned from Qatar late Wednesday, a day after their 1-0 loss. Anti-government protesters, considering the team a symbol of Iran's clerical rulers, had celebrated the loss in some Iranian cities with fireworks and cheers.



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