UN chief issues stark warning, Arab leaders pledge commitment to climate goals on opening day of COP27

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SHARM EL-SHEIKH: The world is on the "highway to climate hell," the UN secretary-general warned as he delivered an impassioned speech on the opening day of the Climate Change Conference in Egypt.

Addressing world leaders gathered in Sharm El-Sheikh for COP27, Antonio Guterres insisted humanity must either cooperate in the fight against global warming, or perish.

Guterres was unafraid to call out the world's two largest economies — the US and China — for not working together closely enough to tackle environmental issues.



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Frustration grows over Palestinian Authority's crackdown on political activists

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RAMALLAH: A crackdown on political activists by the Palestinian Authority has been condemned by human rights organizations and increased frustration among factions and popular groups.

The PA security services on Nov. 5 arrested Omar Assaf, the coordinator of the Popular Alliance, and accused him and his group of planning to create an alternative leadership for the Palestine Liberation Organization.



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<u>Lebanese forum delegates unite on implementing all terms of Taif</u>

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BEIRUT: The terms of a 1989 deal negotiated in Saudi Arabia to end Lebanon's civil war and return political normalcy to the country must be implemented in full, a former minister has claimed.

Rashid Derbas' comments echoed those of Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri who said on Monday that the Taif Agreement acted as a constitution providing equality among the Lebanese people.

Their remarks followed a recent forum, organized by the Saudi Ambassador to Lebanon Walid Al-Bukhari and held at the UNESCO Palace in Beirut, commemorating the 33rd anniversary of the accord.



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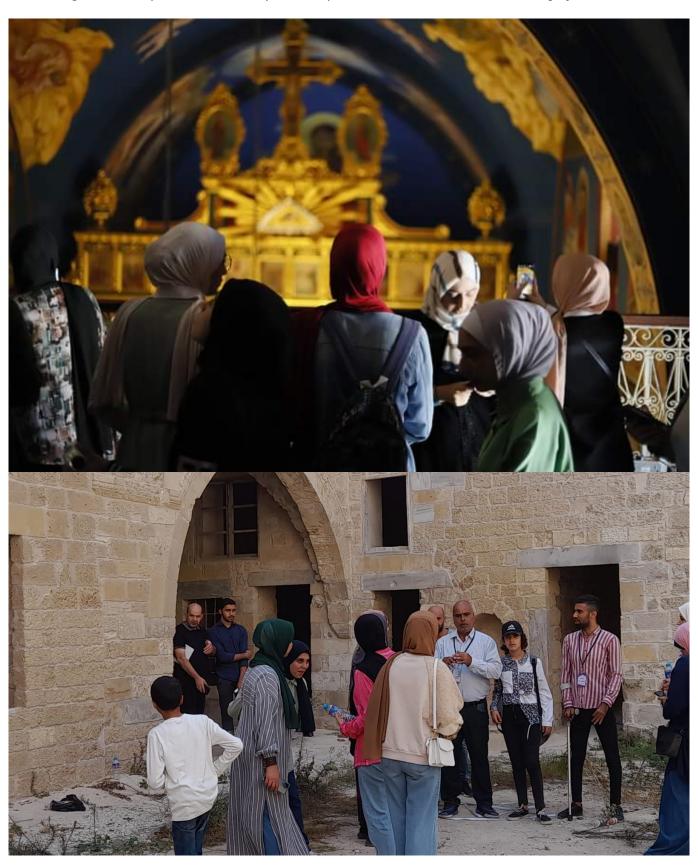
Gaza Tales: Palestinian student hosts tours to raise awareness of history of Gaza City

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GAZA CITY: Abdul Aziz Al-Balbisi, a 19-year-old Palestinian university

student, has launched an initiative called "Gaza Tales" to encourage young people in the Gaza Strip to learn more about the history of their city.

Once a week, between 30 and 50 young men and women gather in old Gaza for a 2 kilometer walk, during which they learn about ancient landmarks and buildings, an experience the participants describe as most enjoyable.







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<u>Israel's premier calls for unity after</u> <u>Netanyahu election victory</u>

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JERUSALEM: Israel's prime minister on Sunday issued a plea for national unity, days after he was defeated in national elections by the former premier, Benjamin Netanyahu, with the backing of a far-right ultranationalist party.

In a memorial ceremony for the assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, outgoing Prime Minister Yair Lapid warned of the deep divisions plaguing the country after the bitter campaign, Israel's fifth election since 2019.



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