Lebanon says it will get final draft of maritime border demarcation proposal within hours

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BAEIRUT: Lebanon's President Michel Aoun said on Sunday that he will be sent a final draft of a proposal to demarcate Lebanon's maritime border with longtime foe Israel within hours.

US mediator Amos Hochstein has drawn up the final text.

In a statement, the Lebanese presidency said Beirut will study the final text and take "the suitable decision."



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<u>German FM calls for EU sanctions over</u> <u>Iran crackdown</u>

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BERLIN: Germany's foreign minister is calling for European Union entry bans and asset freezes against those responsible for what she described as brutal repression against anti-government protesters in Iran.

The most sustained protests in years against Iran's theocracy are now in their fourth week. They erupted Sept. 17 after the burial of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, a Kurdish woman who died in the custody of Iran's feared morality police. Amini had been detained for an alleged violation of strict Islamic dress codes for women.



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Egypt sees increase in number of foreign tourists

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CAIRO: Tourists from Spain and France are leading an increase in visitors to Egypt from a number of European countries.

The US is also contributing to the growing demand as Luxor benefits from a tourist boom.

Mohamed Othman, head of the Cultural Tourism Marketing Committee at the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism, told Arab News: "There has been an increase in the tourist traffic coming from a number of European countries, especially

Spain and France. Spanish tourism companies are currently doing around 48 trips per month to Luxor.

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<u>Tunisian coast guard struggles to rein</u> <u>in illegal migrant boats</u>

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SFAX: As dawn breaks over the Mediterranean, Tunisian coast guards intercept a flimsy craft packed with migrants, bringing their dream of reaching Europe to an end — for now.

"This is your final warning: stop!" an officer shouts.

Some two dozen migrants, wearing inflated inner tubes as makeshift life preservers, look downcast as they realize the game is up.

But Fatim, an 18-year-old from the Ivory Coast who spent a year working as a cleaner in Tunis to raise €1,250 (\$1,100) in smugglers' fees, says she will try again.



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<u>Houthis kill 6 Yemeni soldiers in</u> nationwide attacks

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AL-MUKALLA: At least six Yemeni government troops and an unknown number of Houthis were killed in heavy clashes and exchanges of fire across the country over the past 24 hours, local military and government officials said on Saturday.

Fighting in the country has intensified as the international community tries to persuade the Iran-backed Houthis to renew the UN-brokered truce that expired last week.



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