

[Lebanon's bank strike extended](#)

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BEIRUT: The Association of Banks has extended its strike throughout Lebanon until the beginning of next week.

Arab News has been informed that the decision was taken on the advice of caretaker Interior Minister Bassam Mawlawi.

The banks closed on Monday following a series of holdups by a number of angry depositors who targeted branches and ended up receiving a sum of their deposits.



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UNITED NATIONS, United States: Britain's top diplomat called Wednesday on Iran's leadership to choose "another path" including embrace of a nuclear deal as protests grip the nation after the death of a young woman arrested by morality police.

"The Iranian leadership should notice that the people are unhappy with the direction that they have taken," Foreign Secretary James Cleverly told AFP at the United Nations.



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[Twilight of the Tigris: Iraq's mighty river drying up](#)

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BAGHDAD: It was the river that is said to have watered the biblical Garden of

Eden and helped give birth to civilization itself.

But today the Tigris is dying. Human activity and climate change have choked its once mighty flow through Iraq, where – with its twin river the Euphrates – it made Mesopotamia a cradle of civilization thousands of years ago.

Iraq may be oil-rich but the country is plagued by poverty after decades of war and by droughts and desertification.



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[Rights group relaunches app that helps Iranian women avoid 'morality police'](#)

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WASHINGTON: An Iranian human rights group has relaunched a smartphone app designed to help Iranian citizens, especially women, avoid harassment, arrest and punishment by the strict "morality police" who enforce religious observance and public morality, including standards of dress, in the country.



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[EU envoys 'gravely concerned' over crisis in Lebanon](#)

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BEIRUT: EU member states' ambassadors to Lebanon on Tuesday told President Michel Aoun of their "grave and growing concerns" over the deepening economic crisis in the country.

During a meeting with Aoun, the EU's envoy to Lebanon, Ralph Tarraf, urged the Lebanese leader to immediately implement the reforms needed to resolve the situation.



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