

# [Iran ramps up drone production](#)

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LONDON: Iran has stepped up the production of military-capable drones, delivering its technology to militant groups across the Middle East as well as to countries such as Venezuela and Sudan, the US has warned.

The New York Times cited Iranian media outlets, satellite images and US defense experts to suggest that Tehran is trying to increase its influence in the drone market.



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# [Iran hijab protests a Western conspiracy: Khamenei](#)

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LONDON: Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei has derided Iranian women protesting against wearing of the hijab as victims of a Western conspiracy orchestrated by the UK and US, The Times reported on Friday.

He said Britain and “especially” the US had deployed their media to “attack” the strict dress code imposed by authorities upon women in Iran.

“The enemies’ goal is to spread doubt among the people and shake their faith, which is the main factor in maintaining the country and the Islamic system,” Khamenei told imams.



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## [Palestinian lawyers ramp up protests against Abbas governing by ‘decree’ amid the presidency’s silence](#)

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RAMALLAH: Palestinian lawyers are standing firm against legislation delivered by presidential decree that “curbs rights and freedoms.”

The lawyers’ dispute with the Palestinian Authority has deepened a month after the launch of protests over the approval of dozens of “decisions by law” issued by President Mahmoud Abbas.

These are considered illegal and reportedly strengthen the control of the president’s office, while disregarding citizens’ rights.





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## [Angry protesters storm Lebanon's Ministry of Energy to protest power cuts](#)

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BEIRUT: Lebanese Army Commander Gen. Joseph Aoun stated that security forces "will not allow chaos or strife to find its way to our country," addressing military personnel on the occasion of 77th Army Day.

Pledging to thwart any attempts to destabilize the state, he said: "We are concerned with our institution's cohesion and continuity in carrying out its missions, along with Lebanon's security and stability."



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## [Ukraine says Syrian ship docks in Lebanon with stolen grain](#)

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BEIRUT: A Syrian cargo ship, sanctioned by the United States and carrying what Ukraine says is stolen barley from the war-torn country, has docked in Lebanon, the Ukrainian diplomatic mission in the Mideast nation said Thursday.

According to the Ukrainian Embassy in Beirut, the cargo vessel Laodicea docked in the port of Tripoli, Lebanon's second-largest city. It was carrying 5,000 tons of flour and 5,000 tons of barley, the embassy said.





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