<u>Israel urged to lift blockade on</u> <u>struggling Gaza fishing industry</u>

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GAZA CITY: Palestinians stand on the sides of tanks at Al-Bahar Fish Farm, waiting to pick up sea bream to cook at home, or have gutted and grilled in the adjoining restaurant.

Al-Bahar is one of three fish farms in the Gaza Strip adjacent to the Mediterranean, which were started by Palestinian investors to meet local market needs.

The fish is farmed in special tanks containing salt or freshwater, equipped with oxygen pumps and water purification devices.



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US special envoy for Yemen travels to Saudi Arabia, Jordan

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RIYADH: US special envoy for Yemen Tim Lenderking is traveling to the

capitals of Saudi Arabia and Jordan to continue diplomatic efforts in support of the truce in Yemen.

The trip, starting on Monday, follows US President Joe Biden's recent visit to Jeddah during which Yemen figured prominently in discussions, the US State Department said in a statement.

"In close coordination with the UN special envoy and our regional and Yemeni partners, special envoy Lenderking will continue our efforts to help advance peace," the statement said.



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An old political prisoner warns against new Tunisian constitution

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TUNIS: Hamma Al-Hammami knows the peril Tunisia risks if it slides back into autocracy, as he and opposition parties warn it may do if President Kais Saied passes his draft constitution in a referendum on Monday. Hammami, a leftist political leader, was repeatedly imprisoned and tortured

from 1972 until the 2011 revolution that brought democracy to Tunisia — a moment he experienced from inside an Interior Ministry cell hearing the crowd roar outside.



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Angry gatherings at Sunday mass protest against arrest of Lebanon archbishop

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BEIRUT: Patriarch Bechara Boutros Al-Rahi has expressed the church's increasing dismay over the arrest of a senior Lebanese Maronite religious leader.

The move "purposely constitutes an attack on the Maronite Patriarchate and its powers," Al-Rahi told a crowd of protesters gathered in the church's courtyard at the patriarch's place of residence in Dimane on Sunday.



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Child killed, 11 wounded in Houthi artillery attack in Taiz

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AL-MUKALLA: A six-year-old Yemeni boy died on Sunday after Houthi shelling of a residential area in the besieged city of Taiz, a local medic told Arab News.

From their positions outside the city, the Houthis on Saturday afternoon fired an artillery barrage at houses in the densely populated city, fatally wounding Albara Murad Abdullah Al-Sharef and 11 more children who were playing outside their houses.



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