

## [Tunisia's president defends constitution from 'dictatorship' accusations](#)

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TUNIS: Tunisia's President Kais Saied on Tuesday defended a draft constitution set for a referendum this month, after the drafting committee's chief disavowed a document he said could return the country to dictatorship.

The new constitution is the centerpiece of Saied's plan to remake the North African country's political system, over a decade after its pro-democracy revolt which sparked copycat uprisings across the region.



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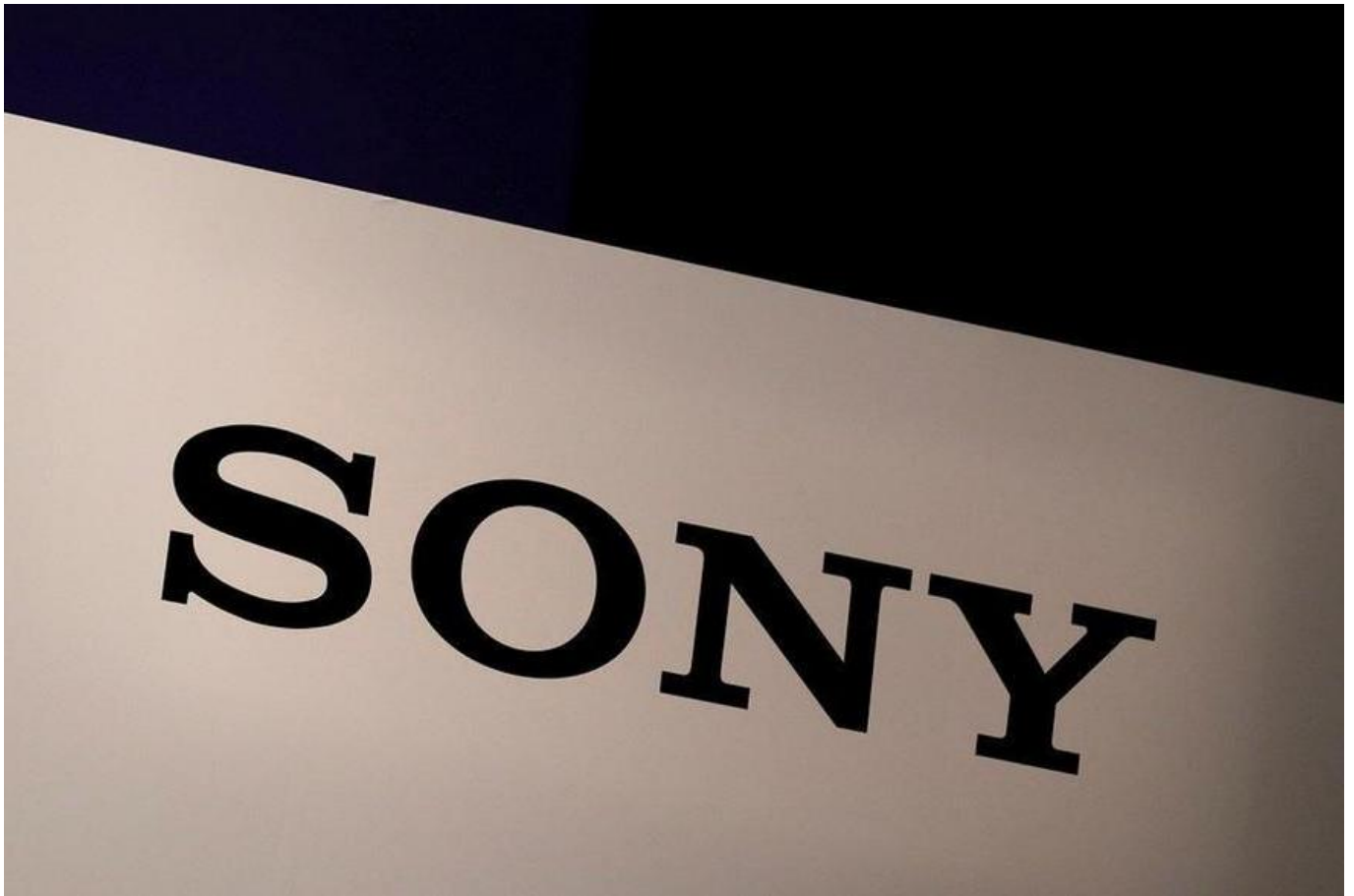
## [Ashrafs opens new Sony showroom at Bahrain City Center](#)

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MANAMA: Ashrafs Bahrain, one of the most popular shopping destinations in the Kingdom, is showcasing Sony's extensive product line at its new electronics

showroom at Bahrain City Center.

Chairman Farouk Yousif Almoayyed, YK Almoayyed & Sons, Executive Director Amal Yousif Almoayyed, Deputy Managing Director Ashrafs and Jobin Joejoe, and Sony Middle East and Africa were present at the showroom's opening.



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## [Weathering sandstorms, Iraqis grit teeth and battle on](#)

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BAGHDAD: Another sandstorm has darkened Iraqi skies and it's hard to breathe, but Baghdad motorcycle delivery rider Milad Mitti doesn't have the luxury of missing a day's work.

Like most people in the now blistering hot desert country, the 30-year-old battles on in frustration, wearing goggles and a grey neck warmer over his mouth and nose "so I can breathe."



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## [Pressure to enforce death penalty mounts in Jordan after brutal murders](#)

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AMMAN: Public anger in Jordan over a series of murders described as “stomach-churning” has led to growing calls for the enforcement of the death penalty.

There are 219 convicts on death row in Jordan, including 22 women.

In February 2019, Jordanian MPs passed an amnesty law, the third of its kind since King Abdullah II took office in 1999.

Under the law, about 8,000 prisoners were pardoned, including people convicted of crimes ranging from slander, abuse, cybercrimes and tax evasion.



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## [Hezbollah drones expose Lebanon to unnecessary risks, say prime minister and foreign minister](#)

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BEIRUT: Lebanon's prime minister and foreign minister have criticized Hezbollah for sending three drones over an Israeli gas installation last week, saying any interference in US-mediated talks to demarcate the country's maritime border with Israel was "unacceptable."

The comments followed the movement's launch of unarmed reconnaissance drones on Saturday toward the offshore Karish gas field.



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