

[Morocco calls for resumption of Western Sahara talks](#)

NEW YORK: Morocco's permanent representative to the UN on Tuesday called for a resumption of negotiations over the situation in Western Sahara.

Speaking on the final day of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly, Omar Hilale said Morocco is resolute in finding a solution to the "fabricated regional conflict" as an aid to promoting peace and stability in the region and Africa more widely.

[25 dead in fierce new fighting in Deir Ezzor](#)

JEDDAH: At least 25 people have died in two days of fierce clashes between fighters loyal to the Assad regime and Kurdish-led forces in the Dheiban area of Deir Ezzor province in eastern Syria.

The Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces said they had "driven out the regime gunmen who had infiltrated the area" after gun battles erupted on Monday. At least 90 people were killed in the same area this month in 10 days of fighting between the SDF and armed Arab tribesmen.

[At least 100 killed, 150 injured in fire at Iraq wedding party](#)

NINEVEH, Iraq: At least 100 people were killed and 150 were injured in a fire at a wedding celebration in the district of Hamdaniya in Iraq's Nineveh province, Iraqi state media said early on Wednesday, with local sources saying the toll was expected to rise.

The fire ripped through a large events hall in the north-eastern region after fireworks were lit during the celebration, local civil defense said, according to state media.

[Iraq wants to overcome dispute with Kuwait over maritime waterway, PM says](#)

Iraq is keen to overcome a dispute with Kuwait on maritime navigation in the Khor Abdullah waterway between the two countries, Iraq's prime minister said on Tuesday.

In comments carried by Iraq's state news agency, Prime Minister Mohammed Shia Al-Sudani said the country wants a solution that does not conflict with its constitution or with international law.

[Sudan's displaced millions struggle to survive as economy seizes up](#)

PORT SUDAN: About two months after heavy clashes around his home in Sudan's capital drove Sherif Abdelmoneim to flee, soaring rent and food costs forced the 36-year-old and his family of six to return to a city where fighting still rages.

Most of those who fled Khartoum after war between the army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces broke out in mid-April have not returned. They face malnutrition, floods and scorpions as they depend for survival on handouts and meager aid relief, the generosity of host communities stretched increasingly thin.