

Israel says US to announce it has joined Visa Waiver Program

JERUSALEM: Israel's Foreign Ministry said on Monday it expects the United States to announce this week that it will be admitted to the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), which would allow Israeli citizens visa-free entry to America as of November.

The deadline for Israel to show compliance with the US conditions is Sept. 30. If successful, it would offer a win for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's religious-nationalist government, whose relations with Washington have been strained over its plans to overhaul the judiciary as well as over its policies toward the Palestinians.

Eight migrants killed in Tunisia road accident

TUNIS: A road accident overnight in central Tunisia killed nine people including eight sub-Saharan African migrants, authorities said on Monday. It happened when the truck they were in overturned on a road between Nasrallah and Manzel Mhiri in the Kairouan region, a civil defense official said.

Another five people were injured in the accident, the majority of them migrants.

Road accidents are common in rural Tunisia, a country of around 12 million people, because of the poor state of some roads and vehicles.

Israel strikes Hamas post after violent protest in Gaza: army

GAZA CITY, Palestinian Territories: The Israeli army said it hit on Monday a Hamas military post, in the latest in a series of drone strikes on Gaza, after its troops were shot at during a violent protest.

The latest strike comes amid daily demonstrations at the border by Palestinians after Israel closed the Erez crossing from Gaza.

Two protesters were wounded by "Israeli bullets" in the clashes on Monday, the Hamas-controlled health ministry in Gaza said in a statement.

[Lebanese security forces detain man suspected of shooting outside US embassy](#)

BEIRUT: Lebanese security forces on Monday said they arrested a suspected gunman who fired a dozen bullets at the American embassy in Beirut, according to security sources in the country.

A source named the suspect as 26-year-old Lebanese national Muhammad Mahdi Hussein Khalil, who had worked for a delivery company. The source added Khalil had a criminal record for previously opening fired on a Lebanese Public Security center.

[Hundreds dead from dengue fever in Sudan](#)

PORT SUDAN: Outbreaks of dengue fever and acute watery diarrhea have “killed hundreds” in war-torn Sudan, medics reported Monday, warning of “catastrophic spreads” that could overwhelm the country’s decimated health system.

In a statement, the Sudanese doctors’ union warned that the health situation in the southeastern state of Gedaref, on the border with Ethiopia, “is deteriorating at a horrific rate,” with thousands infected with dengue fever.