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Bahrain condoles with Egypt over road tragedy

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Bahrain expressed its sincere condolences to the government and people of Egypt over the victims of the traffic collision on the Suez-Tor Sinai road, which resulted in the death and injury of a number of people.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirmed the sympathy of Bahrain with the government and people of Egypt in this painful tragedy, praying to Allah the Almighty to have mercy on the victims of the accident, wishing a speedy recovery for the injured.

Protesters behind Lebanon blackout

Beirut

The Lebanese population was subjected to collective punishment on Saturday night after protesters stormed a key power station and tampered with the electrical equipment, inflicting power cuts on the whole country for hours.

Protesters stormed the main power station in the Aramoun area, 22 km from Beirut, and tampered with its contents to secure electricity for their neighborhoods, causing a problem that affected all power generation plants.

They claimed that there is discrimination in the distribution of electricity.

They said that "the electric current is available to areas under the authority of the Free Patriotic Movement, while it is totally absent from areas that are considered an incubator environment for the movement's opponents."

HRH Prince Salman receives new Israel Ambassador



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received the newly appointed Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Eitan Na'eh, at Riffa Palace. HRH Prince Salman extended his congratulations to Ambassador Na'eh on his appointment and wished him success in performing his duties which will contribute to strengthening cooperation and achieving regional and global peace, development, and stability. During the meeting, issues of common interest, as well as regional and international developments, were discussed. Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa also attended the meeting.

New 'deltacron' COVID-19 strain detected in Cyprus

Nicosia



A new strain of COVID-19 that is a combination of the delta and omicron variants, dubbed "deltacron," has been discovered in Cyprus.

Leondios Kostrikis, professor of biological sciences at the University of Cyprus and head of the Laboratory of Biotechnology and Molecular Virology described his findings in an interview with Sigma TV.

"There are currently omicron and delta co-infections and we found this strain that is a combination of these two," he said.

The new discovery was named "deltacron" after omicron-like genetic signatures were found in the delta genomes, Kostrikis said.

Around 25 cases of the new strain have been discovered, he said, but it is too early to say how damaging the "deltacron" strain might be.

Researchers around the world are discovering new strains as the COVID-19 virus mutates and spreads.

A study by French scientists from the IHU Mediterranee Infection published a study in December outlining the discovery of a new "IHU" variant.

'Severe consequences'

US sends stern warning to Iran if it carries out attacks against Americans

● Washington to work with allies and partners to 'retaliate'

● US nationals include any 52 people sanctioned by Tehran

Washington

The US said yesterday that Iran will face "severe consequences" if it attacks any Americans, including the 52 people Tehran imposed sanctions on a day earlier.

"We will work with our allies and partners to deter and respond to any attacks carried out by Iran," the White House said

in a statement, quoting National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan.

Iran on Saturday imposed sanctions on dozens more Americans, many of them from the US military, over the 2020 killing of Gen. Qassem Soleimani in a drone strike.

Sullivan said the US will protect and defend its citizens, including those currently serving the country and those who formerly served.

He added that the Iranian regime imposed the sanctions while its "proxy militias continue to attack American troops in the Middle East, and as Iranian officials threaten to carry out terror operations inside the United States and elsewhere around the world."

Soleimani, the commander of



US National Security Adviser Sullivan

Iran's Quds Force, the overseas arm of the elite Revolutionary Guards, was killed in Iraq in a drone strike on Jan. 3, 2020, or-

dered by then President Donald Trump.

Those added to Iran's sanctions list included US General

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Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and former White House national security adviser Robert O'Brien.

Iran and the US are currently holding indirect talks in Vienna on salvaging a 2015 nuclear deal.

UN confidential report

Iran 'smuggling weapons' to Yemen and elsewhere

Washington

The United Nations found thousands of weapons recently seized in the Arabian Sea likely came from a single port in Iran, evidence Tehran is exporting arms to Yemen and elsewhere, The Wall Street Journal reported.

Yemen has been wracked by civil war since 2014, pitting Iran-backed Houthi militia against the internationally recognised government.

The UN imposed an arms embargo on the Houthis in 2015.



The Iranian ship where thousands of weapons were seized

Citing a confidential report by a UN Security Council panel of experts on Yemen, the Journal wrote that boats and land transport were used to smuggle weapons made in Russia, China and Iran into Yemen.

The arms included rocket launchers, machine guns and sniper rifles, which had been seized by the US Navy in recent months. Boats used to transport the weapons had left from the southeastern Iranian port of Jask, the UN report found, based on interviews with the boat crew and data from the on-

board navigational instruments, the Journal said.

The militia's deputy information minister denied Iran was smuggling weapons into Yemen, according to the Journal, and Tehran said the weapons were not sold or transported to the country.

The UN estimates Yemen's war will have directly or indirectly killed 377,000 people by the end of the year.

More than 80 percent of the population of around 30 million require humanitarian assistance.

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 TOTAL TESTED
8233498
 ACTIVE CASES
11061
 DEATHS
1397
 DISCHARGED
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 NEW CASES
1694
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