

S Arabia risks going broke in 5 yrs: IMF

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Saudi Arabia risks running out of financial assets in less than five years amid a drop in oil prices, the International Monetary Fund has warned.
The IMF said oil-exporting countries are facing tough choices as they brace for a \$360 billion fall in revenues this year.
Among the hardest hit is the world's largest oil exporter, Saudi Arabia, which generates about 90 percent of its income from the sector.
The IMF estimates the kingdom will post a budget deficit of more than 20 percent of gross domestic product this year, amounting to between \$100 billion to \$150 billion.
This compared to less than two percent last year, the lowest in the world.
Under current policies, Saudi Arabia "would run out of buffers in less than five years", the IMF said, adding that for the UAE, Kuwait and Qatar, however, they will last for more than 20 years.
The IMF's Middle East economic outlook report, launched on Wednesday, said reforms in Gulf Arab countries that create more jobs and diversify economies outside the oil sector are 'all the more urgent.'
Masood Ahmed, IMF director of the Middle East and Central Asia, said: "There are difficult decisions that will need to be made in terms of cutting spending."
Ahmed said the six oil-exporting countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council could gain \$70 billion if they raised local energy prices to international market rates.



Migrants and refugees protect themselves from the rain as they walk to board a bus near Gevgelija, yesterday after they crossed the Greece-Macedonia border. More than 12,600 migrants arrived in Slovenia over a 24-hour period, police said, a record that surpasses even that in Hungary at the height of the crisis in September. PHOTO: AFP

Two dead in Sweden school 'sword attack'

REUTERS, Stockholm
A masked man wielding "knife-like weapons" walked from classroom to classroom to stab students as they opened the door, killing a teacher and a boy and wounding two others at a school in western Sweden before being shot dead by police yesterday.
Local media showed what it said was a picture of the assailant carrying a sword and dressed in a black trench coat and helmet, posing for pictures with students shortly before the attack.
"We thought it was a joke, a Halloween prank or something, but it wasn't," one witness student told TV4. The suspect, in his early 20s, died later of his injuries at a hospital. He had no criminal record and the motive for the attack was not known.
Police arrived minutes after the attack, following blood trails smeared across the school corridors to find the assailant.
The incident occurred at the Kronan school in Trollhättan, an industrial town of about 50,000 inhabitants north of Gothenburg. The town has been plagued by high employment after the demise of car company Saab which was headquartered there.
"This is a black day for Sweden," Prime Minister Stefan Lofven said in a statement.
Photos by a local news agency showed several ambulances and police cars on the scene as emergency service staff dealt with distraught adults and teenagers.
Police said they had responded to an emergency call saying a masked man with a sword was on the premises and that a person had been attacked at a cafeteria.
Attacks in schools are rare in Sweden, with the last similar attack taking place near Gothenburg in 1961.

Israel 'using excessive force'

Accuse rights groups; Kerry pushes peace amid raging violence

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Israeli forces have been using "disproportionate violence" against Palestinian children as they killed at least ten this month during the ongoing unrest that engulfs Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory.
"Amid escalating violence and an increasingly militarised environment where Israeli forces and settlers operate with complete impunity, Palestinian children have been subject to disproportionate violence," Brad Parker, attorney and international advocacy officer at Defence for Children International (DCI)- Palestine, told Al Jazeera.
Between October 6 and 12, at least 201 Palestinian children were injured by Israeli soldiers or settlers in the West

Bank and Gaza, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.
Triggered last month by Israeli incursions into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, protests against Israel's ongoing occupation have given way to a spike in violence in Israel, the West
TREATMENT OF CHILDREN
Bank and the Gaza Strip.
Israeli forces have used tear gas, stun grenades, rubber-coated bullets and live ammunition against demonstrators, including children.
Since October 1, Israeli army and police have killed at least 52 Palestinians - among them alleged

attackers, unarmed protesters and bystanders - while a series of Palestinian attacks have left eight Israelis dead.
Critics have argued that the children could have been apprehended without the use of lethal force.
Meanwhile, US Secretary of State John Kerry yesterday urged Palestinians and Israelis to halt all incitement and violence, kicking off a flurry of diplomatic activity through talks with Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu aimed at ending the escalating unrest.
The meeting came as another Israeli was wounded in a new knife attack west of Jerusalem. Among the attackers, one was shot dead and the other was injured.
Kerry said he had spoken on the phone with Jordan's King Abdullah II

Over 30,000 starving to death in S Sudan: UN

AFP, Nairobi
Over 30,000 people in South Sudan's war-zone regions face death by starvation, the United Nations said yesterday, warning that tens of thousands more are on the brink of famine.
While an official famine has not been declared, the report describes the worst conditions yet seen in a 22-month civil war marked by atrocities and accusations of war crimes, including the blockading of food supplies.
"At least 30,000 people are living in extreme conditions and are facing starvation and death," the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the UN children's agency UNICEF and the World Food Programme (WFP) said in a joint statement.
Those worst affected are in the northern

battleground state of Unity, once the country's key oil producing region, but now scene of some of the heaviest fighting, including the mass abduction and rape of women and children.
Some 3.9 million people are in crisis -- a third of the country's population -- a massive 80 percent rise compared to the same period last year, the UN said.
Famine is a technical measure, assessed by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), which classifies hunger on a scale of one to five.
While large parts of South Sudan's Unity and Upper Nile regions were already classified as being just one step short of famine, termed "Emergency" or "phase four", areas in Unity have been declared to be in "phase five" for the first time, with 860,000 people in those extreme conditions.



North Koreans (in the bus) grip hands of their South Korean relatives as they bid farewell at the Mount Kumgang resort on the North's southeastern coast, yesterday. North and South Korean families divided by war for more than 60 years said a final, traumatic farewell after a reunion event that, for most, marked the last time they will ever see each other. PHOTO: AFP


Czechs accused of abusing migrants

UN says migrants face strip-searches, forced to pay for their own detention

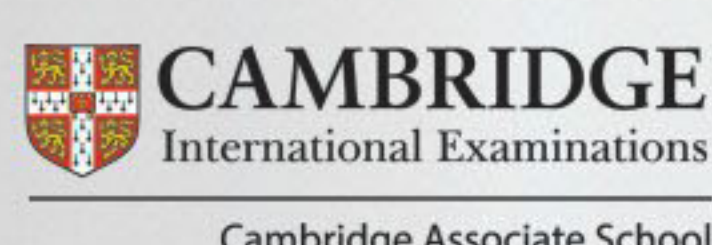
REUTERS, Geneva/prague
UN human rights chief Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein yesterday accused the Czech Republic of committing systematic human rights violations by detaining refugees for up to 90 days and strip-searching them for money to pay for their own detention.
Human rights violations "appear to be an integral part of a policy by the Czech Government designed to deter migrants and refugees from entering the country or staying there," he said in a statement.
He also expressed alarm that the detention policy was accompanied by increasingly xenophobic public statements, including "Islamophobic" statements by President Miloš Zeman and a public petition "Against Immigration" launched by former President Václav Klaus.
Zeman rejected the criticism and his

spokesman said: "The president has long warned of the threat of Islamic fundamentalism. He stands by his opinion and he will not change it under pressure from abroad."
The UN refugee agency UNHCR says the vast majority of those making the northward journey from Turkey through Greece, often hoping to reach Germany, are refugees rather than economic migrants, and have a right to protection and asylum.
Most come from Syria, and Zeman has warned that they would impose sharia law, stoning women to death for adultery and chopping thieves' hands off.
"We will lose women's beauty because they will be covered head to toe in burqas, with only a fabric net over the face," the CTK news agency quoted him as saying last week.
Zeman's views have echoed Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor


Orban, who has vowed to protect Christian values by fighting to stem immigration from Muslim countries.
The center-left Czech government has not used similar rhetoric to that of the 71-year-old president, but remains unique in detaining refugees for so long - routinely for 40 days and sometimes for 90, Zeid said.
"International law is quite clear that immigration detention must be strictly a measure of last resort," he said. Detaining children "on the sole basis of their migration status, or that of their parents, is a violation, is never in their best interests, and is not justifiable," he said.
Courts had released people who had challenged their detention, but most did not know their rights and were unable to exercise them, partly because their mobile phones were taken away when they were detained, Zeid said.



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