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Geneva

A delegation from the Al Ghufraan Tribe, one of the biggest tribes in Qatar, staged a protest yesterday in front of the United Nations in Geneva to denounce the crimes of the Qatari regime, which has revoked their nationality, displaced and tortured members of the tribe.

The tribe called on the international community to take a decisive stand on the Tamim regime, whom, they claim, have violated a number of international conventions and treaties through its racist policy against the Al Ghufraan tribe.

"Our issue with the Qatar regime is purely humanitarian and not political, this is why we came here to present our case

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and our demands to the United Nations Human Rights Council. Our demands are clear: The Qatar regime should be held accountable for the crimes that it has committed against us and other Qataris, and the restoration of our rights," Hamad Khaled Al Marri, a member of the tribe, who took part in the

stand, stated.

A delegation representing Al Ghufraan tribe, one of the biggest tribes in Qatar, which has been subject to systemic discrimination at the hands of the Qatari authorities, handed a letter Monday to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, discussing their deteriorating situation.

The tribe representatives, who had previously submitted a complaint to the Commissioner on September 21, 2017, asked the UN office to stop Qatari authorities' continuous, systematic discrimination against them, and to protect the tribe's members, restore their lost rights and to punish the Qatari regime for human rights violations.

Mangkhut misery



Rescuers continue their search for missing miners in a landslide caused by Typhoon Mangkhut at a small-scale mining camp in Itogon, Benguet in the Philippines. Mangkhut, the most powerful storm to hit the country this year, left at least 74 people dead and dozens of others missing, mostly in the avalanche in the gold-mining town. The storm later blew on to Hong Kong and southern China, where it caused more deaths and damages. See page 6

Imran Khan in Saudi Arabia

Riyadh

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan arrived in Saudi Arabia yesterday on his first official foreign visit. He will also visit UAE at the invitation of the two countries leaderships, the Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

It is the prime minister's first foreign visit since he took office in August. Khan will be accompanied by the foreign minister, the finance minister and his commerce adviser, the Foreign Ministry said.

The PM visited the Prophet (PBUH)'s mosque in Madinah and offered prayers, Saudi Press Agency reported.

Deadly friendly fire

Russia says Syria shot down one of its military planes, blames Israel for the 'disaster'

The Ministry of Defence said 15 Russian military service people had died because of what it described as Israel's irresponsible actions.

Moscow

Russia's Ministry of Defence said yesterday that the Syrian military had accidentally shot down a Russian military plane over Syria, but said

it blamed the incident on Israel, the RIA news agency reported.

The ministry had previously said that the plane had vanished from radar screens over Syria at the same time as Israeli and French forces were launching strikes on targets in Syria.

Yesterday, the ministry accused Israeli military planes of deliberately creating a "dangerous" situation near the Syrian city of Latakia — which is close to a Russian air base where it said the Il-20 aircraft was preparing to land, RIA reported.

The Ministry of Defence said



The Il-20 aircraft was returning to a Russian base on the north-western coast of Syria.

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only warned it one minute before launching the strikes, RIA reported.

In another development, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Russian President Vladimir Putin sought to defuse the crisis.

Putin said it was the result of "tragic accidental circumstances."

Israel said it had targeted a Syrian military facility where weapons manufacturing systems were "about to be transferred on behalf of Iran" to Lebanese Shiite group Hizbollah.

LITMUS TEST

Koreas aim at locking deal to unlock nuke talks

Pyongyang has given no indication it is willing to give up its nuclear arsenal unilaterally and is seeking relief from tough international sanctions.

Seoul

Leaders of South and North Korea plan to announce steps aimed at rekindling stalled nuclear talks and deepening bilateral ties after they meet for a second day of summit talks in the North's capital Pyongyang.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in kicked off their third meeting yesterday, during which Kim said his "historic" summit with US President Donald Trump in June had improved regional



South Korean President Moon Jae-in and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attend an official welcome ceremony at Pyongyang Sunan International Airport.

stability and raised hopes for further progress.

A joint statement expected from the

two leaders at the conclusion of their talks today will provide clues to whether negotiations between North Korea

and the United States over dismantling Pyongyang's nuclear programs could regain momentum.

The outcome will also be a litmus test for another meeting Kim has recently proposed to Trump.

Kim pledged to work toward the "complete denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula" during his first meeting with Moon in the Demilitarised Zone that separates the two Koreas in April, and at his summit with Trump in June.

But discussions over how to implement the vague commitments have since faltered, with Washington demanding concrete action toward denuclearization by North Korea before agreeing to a key goal of Pyongyang - declaring an end to the 1950-53 Korean War.

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