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TOPSHOT - Indigenous people perform a Mayan ritual Guatemala City on January 31, 2018 to commemorate the 38th anniversary of the assault by security forces to the Spanish embassy in the Guatemalan capital, during the country's 1960-96 civil war. In 2015 former Guatemalan police chief Pedro Garcia Arredondo was sentenced to 90 years in prison for the murder of 37 people, including the father of Guatemalan Nobel Peace Prize laureate Rigoberta Menchu, who burnt to death in the embassy in 1980. / AF

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Sit back and have a read of The Daily Star's pick of today's five features from around the world worthy of your attention.

1. Special Forces are in Lebanon only to support Army: Votel

"I won't go into too many details about what specific operations we are supporting, but our general role there is to help build capacity in the Lebanese Armed Forces and help their fight against terrorism," chief of the U.S. Central Command Gen. Joseph Votel said. To read more about the presence of U.S. troops in Lebanon and military relations between the two countries, click [here](#).

2. Amal Movement calls for end to pro-Berri protests

"It's the easiest thing for someone to carry the [Amal] Movement's flag and protest, but did they receive an order from us? Of course not," a source close to Speaker Nabih Berri said, following protests Wednesday night over leaked comments by Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil about the speaker. To read more political tensions between the Amal and Free Patriotic Movement, click [here](#).

3. CAS, ILO launch landmark labor force, living conditions study

Lebanon's largest study on labor force and living conditions will soon survey over 40,000 households analyzing a range of demographic, economic and social characteristics of households, including education, health, employment and amenities. To read more about the upcoming report and its aims, click [here](#).

4. From literature to family to canvas

"I was always a passionate reader and I had the idea one day to paint every book that

marked me," Sacha Abou Khalil, a Lebanon-based artist, said of his first solo exhibition. To read more about Abou Khalil's work and his influences, [click here](#).

5. UN agencies vow to ramp up fight against sexual harassment

"There is no place for sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, especially in an organization dedicated to serving and protecting others," a UNHCR spokesman said by email in the wake of the #MeToo campaign. To read more on the efforts by U.N. agencies to combat sexual harassment and accusations of misconduct in the UN, [click here](#).

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