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- Republican frontrunner Mitt Romney has easily won Nevada's presidential contest, further taking command of the party's race to pick a challenger to President Barack Obama. Romney's win on Saturday was his second in a row and third in the first five contests in the state-by-state Republican nominating battle. The well-funded and organised Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, crushed rivals Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul and Rick Santorum. (Al-Jazeera)
- Western and Arab powers have reacted angrily to Russia and China's veto of a Security Council resolution on the Syria crisis, but Moscow and Beijing insisted the text had needed more work. Russia and China on Saturday vetoed a UN Security Council resolution condemning the Syrian government's deadly crackdown despite reports by Syrian activists that troops overnight had killed dozens of civilians in the city of Homs. (Al-Jazeera)

#### Currencies Against USD

EUR	1.3148
GBP	1.5818
JPY	76.55
CHF	0.9181
AUD	1.0767
NZD	0.8348
CAD	0.9936

### World Markets

Index	Value	% Change
DOW	12862	1.23
NASDAQ	2905.7	1.61
S&P 500	1344.9	1.46
CAC 40	3427.9	1.52
DAX	6766.7	1.67
FTSE 100	5901.1	1.81
BOVESPA	65217	0.97
MXC (IPC)	38093	1.01
NIKKEI 225	8831.9	-0.51
HANG SENG	2330.4	0.77
S&P/ASX 200	4251.2	-0.39

### Global News

**A surge in hiring in the world's largest economy** last month drove the Nasdaq to an 11-year high on Friday as optimism grew that the labor market is on a steady path to recovery. The broad-based gains on solid trading volume also sent the Dow Jones industrial average near a four-year high. The S&P 500 extended its 2012 advance to about 7% and was at its highest level in more than six months. The U.S. economy created jobs at the fastest pace in nine months in January and the unemployment rate dropped to nearly a three-year low of 8.3%, the government said. (Reuters)

**Gold** fell 1% on Friday, its biggest one-day loss in over a month, after encouraging U.S. payrolls data smashed hopes of extra stimulus from the Federal Reserve, which had been priced into bullion's recent rally. Wall Street and industrial commodities plus U.S. Treasury yields, all rose on news the U.S. economy created jobs in January at the fastest pace in nine months. (Reuters)

#### Major Commodities

Oil (Brent)	114.58
Gold	1725.8
Silver	33.59
Platinum	1617.5

#### Three Month LIBOR

USD	0.527
EUR	1.03171
JPY	0.19571
CHF	0.075
GBP	1.07738

### Regional News

**The UAE central bank** has lifted a freeze on Libya's assets, in compliance with UN resolutions, The National has reported. The apex lender has instructed financial institutions to "cancel the freeze on accounts in the names of central bank of Libya, Libyan Arab Foreign Bank and related bank accounts, and Libyan Oil Supply DMCC," said Abdulrahim Mohamed Al Awadi, the UAE central bank's executive director and head of anti-money laundering. (AMEinfo)

**Foreign investment** grew by 100 percent in the current Iranian year (to end March 19) compared to the figure for the previous year, announced head of the Investment, Economic and Technical Assistance Organization on Saturday. Speaking in a press conference, Behrouz Alishiri noted some \$2 billion and \$5 billion in foreign investment have been absorbed and approved respectively since the beginning of the current year, IRNA reported. (Zawya)

Index	Value	% Change
Abu Dhabi	2476.6	0.43
Dubai	1436	-1.21
Saudi Arabia	6733.7	1.05
Kuwait	5856.4	-0.15
Bahrain	1136.8	-0.02
Qatar	8636.4	0.77
Oman	5561	0.06
Egypt	469.73	-2.2
Palestine	479.19	0.26
Lebanon	1166.9	0.06
Tunisia	4725.2	0.06
Morocco	11361	0.84

#### Helpful Hints

##### Austerity

A state of reduced spending and increased frugality in the financial sector. Austerity measures generally refer to the measures taken by governments to reduce expenditures in an attempt to shrink their growing budget deficits.



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## LOCAL NEWS

**His Majesty King Abdullah** on Saturday reiterated that Jordan will continue its support for the Palestinian people in their efforts to reach a permanent peace that restores their legitimate rights, a Royal Court statement said. During a meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in Aqaba, as part of continuous consultations between Jordan and the Palestinian National Authority, the two leaders discussed developments in efforts to achieve peace between the Palestinians and the Israelis, according to the statement. The two sides evaluated the current situation in general, particularly the outcome of the exploratory meetings held recently in Amman between Palestinian and Israeli negotiators, and Jordan's contacts with various international parties concerned with the relaunch of peace negotiations that deal with all final status issues. (Jordan Times)

**Clashes broke out** on Friday between security forces and supporters of a former deputy who was arrested Thursday on charges of "undermining the regime", as pro-reformers cancelled a planned protest in the capital. Relatives of former MP Ahmad Oweidi Abbadi converged on the eighth circle Friday evening to hold an open-ended sit-in shortly after a rally at the tribe's nearby diwan in support of the ultranationalist activist, who was arrested late Thursday following his public call last month for the establishment of a "Jordanian Republic." Upon their arrival, Abbadi's supporters clashed with anti-riot forces who had cordoned off the Eighth Circle- a vital west Amman intersection and, according to eye witnesses, used use tear gas to disperse the protesters. Following the clashes, Abbadi supporters attempted to close the intersection by setting fire to trash cans, damaging nearby commercial outlets in the process, according to a Public Security Department (PSD) statement published by the Jordan News Agency, Petra. The PSD said nine persons were arrested for attempting to close the intersection and their involvement in the clashes, which left "several" security officers and policemen injured. (Jordan Times)

**Trading value** for Thursday 02/02/2012 reached JD(5.4) million. (8.4) million shares were traded through (4,131). The shares price index closed at (1945.00) point, a decrease of (0.31%). (ASE)

Top 3 most active traded stocks in terms of JOD			
Symbol	Closing Price	Change %	Volume JOD
UINV	0.74	0	515,457
DKHS	0.45	2.27	481,478
ARBK	7.15	-0.69	419,076
Top 3 most active traded stocks			
Symbol	Closing Price	Change %	Volume
REDV	0.23	4.55	1,189,005
DKHS	0.45	2.27	1,074,259
SECO	0.18	-5	804,920
3 Biggest Gainers			
Symbol	Closing Price	Change %	Volume JOD
FRST	0.18	5	12,757
SNRA	2.31	5	370
MHFZ	0.43	4.88	1,033
3 Biggest Decliners			
Symbol	Closing Price	Change %	Volume JOD
IEAI	0.08	-5	1,747
GLCI	0.15	-5	466
SECO	0.18	-5	150,485

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