

NEWS IN BRIEF

UK police arrest man over Birmingham mass stabbings

A 27-year-old man has been arrested in connection with the mass stabbings in Britain's second city Birmingham that left one person dead and two critically wounded, police said yesterday. The man was held on suspicion of murder and seven attempted murders that were carried out after midnight Saturday, West Midlands Police said. The suspect was detained in the Selly Oak area of the city at around 4.00am and he remained in police custody for questioning. A 23-year-old man suffered fatal injuries in what was believed to be a random attack, while a man and a woman, aged 19 and 32, are in a critical condition in hospital. "Officers worked through yesterday and into the early hours of this morning in a bid to trace the man," said Birmingham police chief Steve Graham.

Navalny out of artificial coma after 'poisoning'

Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, who Germany says was poisoned by a weapons-grade Novichok nerve agent, is now out of a medically induced coma and being weaned off mechanical ventilation, the Berlin hospital treating him



said yesterday. The 44-year-old anti-corruption campaigner and one of President Vladimir Putin's fiercest critics, fell ill on a domestic flight last month and was treated in a Siberian hospital before being evacuated to Berlin. He is responding to verbal stimuli," Charite hospital said, reporting that the 44-year-old's condition "has improved". However, the hospital said it was too early to determine the impact of poisoning.

Assange extradition hearing to resume in London

A London hearing resumed yesterday to decide if WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange should be extradited to the United States to face trial over the publication of secrets relating to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. The 49-year-old Australian, who is currently being held on remand at a high-security jail, faces 18 counts from US prosecutors that could see him jailed for up to 175 years. The hearing at the Central Criminal Court, the Old Bailey, is due to last three to four weeks. It had been due to go ahead in April but was delayed due to the coronavirus outbreak. Any ruling is "almost certain" to be appealed by the losing side, according to John Rees, of the Don't Extradite Assange Campaign, raising the prospect of more time behind bars for the former hacker.

SOURCE: AFP, TNN



A relative places khadaks, a white piece of silk cloth, over the pyre of Tenzin Nyima, a senior rank Tibetan official from India's Special Frontier Force, during his cremation ceremony in Leh, India yesterday. Tenzin was killed in the latest border showdown with Chinese troops on their contested Himalayan border. The Indian military has alerted China of allegations that five men were abducted by the People's Liberation Army from an area near the disputed border, a minister said.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Saudi wants 'fair solution'

King Salman tells Trump on Palestinian cause following UAE's decision to normalise ties with Israel

AFP, RIYADH

Saudi Arabia supports a "fair solution" for the Palestinian cause, King Salman has told Donald Trump in a phone call, as the US President praised the kingdom for opening its airspace to Israel-UAE flights. Saudi Arabia has said it will not follow the United Arab Emirates, which announced last month it would establish diplomatic ties with Israel, until the Jewish state has signed an internationally recognised peace accord with the Palestinians. In a phone call to Trump on Sunday, King Salman affirmed the "kingdom's keenness to reach a lasting and fair solution to the Palestinian cause to bring peace", the official Saudi Press Agency reported. Last week, Saudi Arabia agreed to permit UAE flights to "all countries" to overfly the kingdom, as Israeli premier Benjamin Netanyahu announced the launch of regular direct flights linking the UAE



with the Jewish state. The announcement came just days after the first direct commercial flight from Tel Aviv to Abu Dhabi passed through Saudi airspace, marking the normalisation of Israel-UAE ties under a US-backed deal known as the Abraham Accords. Riyadh's decision marked another concrete sign of Saudi Arabia's cooperation with Israel even after it publicly refused to follow the UAE's move.

"President Trump... welcomed the opening of Saudi air space to flights between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, beginning with last week's historic commercial flight from Tel Aviv to Abu Dhabi," said a White House readout of the phone call. "President Trump highlighted the significance of the Abraham Accords and discussed ways to enhance regional security and prosperity."

BELARUS PROTEST

Key opposition figure Maria 'abducted'

AFP, MINSK

Belarus said yesterday that police had detained more than 600 people at weekend protests and the opposition said a senior figure had been snatched off the streets, as authorities intensified efforts to end weeks of demonstrations. The opposition's Coordination Council said one of its high-profile members Maria Kolesnikova had been "abducted by unknown people in central Minsk" along with a spokesman and executive secretary. "Their whereabouts are unknown," it said, accusing President Lukashenko's regime.

Frenchman blows up house to kill a fly

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A French pensioner blew up his kitchen while trying to kill a fly that was disturbing his dinner. The incident took place in the Dordogne village of Parcoul-Chenaud, north east of Bordeaux, on Friday. Irritated by the fly, the 80-year-old, who has not been named, took out an electronic bug zapper. The contraption - which looks like a tennis racquet - is designed to burn insects the moment there is contact. "On this occasion, gas was leaking into the man's house," said an investigating source. "The very hot zapper ignited the gas, causing a sudden explosion. "The man was lucky to get away with a burned hand after diving on the floor, but the kitchen was destroyed along with part of the roof." The man was treated in hospital in Libourne following the disaster, which happened at around 7:45pm. He has not been allowed to return to the house, and is instead staying in a local campsite until repairs are carried out. It is not known whether the fly survived the blast, but it appeared that it had at least escaped being incinerated by the zapper.

ROHINGYA REFUGEES ON WOODEN BOAT

Nearly 300 land in Indonesia

REUTERS, LHOKSEUMAWA

Almost 300 Rohingya refugees believed to have been at sea for six months landed in Indonesia's Aceh province in the early yesterday, Indonesian authorities have confirmed.

Acehnese police said a wooden boat carrying the Rohingya was spotted by local fishermen several kilometres (miles) off the coast of Lhokseumawe, before landing at Ujung Blang Beach just after midnight

"There are 297 Rohingya according to the latest data, among them 181 women and 14 children," Iptu Irwansya, a local police chief, told Reuters.

Junaidi Yahya, head of the Red Cross

in Lhokseumawe, said the group was currently being held in a temporary location.

"We hope they can be moved to the evacuation centre today, but their health, especially related to Covid-19, is our main concern," said Yahya.

Among the group was one sick 13-year-old who police said was taken to hospital in an ambulance.

Images of the Rohingya arrivals show lines of women in masks carrying their possessions in plastic bags, and men huddled on the floor of a thatched roof shelter.

Yesterday's arrival follows the arrival of another vessel in late June when Acehnese fishermen rescued more than

100 Rohingya refugees, including 79 women and children, after Indonesian authorities had initially threatened to push them back.

Fleeing persecution in Myanmar and refugee camps in Bangladesh, the Rohingya have for years boarded boats in an attempt to seek refuge in other Southeast Asian nations.

Chris Lewa, director of the Arakan Project, a non-profit group focusing on the Rohingya crisis, said the passengers that arrived in Aceh yesterday had set sail from southern Bangladesh at the end of March or early April, bound for Malaysia. But both Malaysian and Thai authorities pushed them back, she said.



San Miguel County Firefighters battle a bush fire along Japatul Road during the Valley Fire in Jamul, California, US on Sunday. The fire in the valley burned 4,000 acres overnight with no containment and 10 structures destroyed. More than 500 firefighters and four helicopters were battling the blaze east of San Bernardino, which started Saturday morning.

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