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Mubarak breaks leg in

fall at hospital

Reuters, Cairo

Deposed

Egyptian

Mubarak

broke his

leg yester-

day after falling while

tal where he is being

held, his lawyer and a

military source at the

hospital told Reuters.

Mubarak, 86, fractured

the top of his left thigh

bone, both sources said.

Mubarak's lawyer Fareed

client was "in a very dan-

gerous situation after his

have a "major operation"

fall" and that he would

later in the day.

AFP, Peshawar

yesterday.

Islamic.

Pakistan female

singer shot dead

Unknown gunmen shot

singer in the northwestern

Pakistani city of Peshawar in

women artists, officials said

Gulnar, 38, famous under

dead a popular female

the latest attack against

her performing name

She died in hospital.

Muskan, was shot by four

gunmen who barged into

her house on Wednesday.

Attacks against female

singers are common in

Pakistan's conservative

Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa,

northwestern province of

where many consider the

performing arts to be un-

31 bodies found in

Mexico mass grave

The bodies of 31 people,

exhumed from a mass

Mexico's most blood-

some mutilated, have been

grave in Veracruz, a strong

hold of the Zetas, one of

thirsty cartels, a military

official said. The bodies

drug-related violence in

Mexico since 2006.

were of 24 men and seven

AFP, Cosamaloapan

El-Deeb said that this

walking to the bathroom

at a Cairo military hospi-

leader

Hosni

IRAN NUCLEAR TALKS

Racing against the clock, nuclear talks between Iran and six world powers appeared tough going with both sides warning of major differences as they tried to draft an accord.

The hoped-for agreement would see Iran scale back its nuclear programme, in order to ease fears Iran wants atomic weapons, and avert a conflict in the Middle East.

Iran wants painful UN and Western sanctions lifted. It denies wanting the bomb.

On a fourth day of talks in Vienna, Iran and the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany have started haggling over the wording of a deal, officials said.But beyond agreeing a title for the accord, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said that "fundamental differences" were dividing the two sides.

Differences between the two sides on uranium enrichment, the central issue not only in this fifth round of talks but for the past decade, remain "major," officials from both sides said.



A US soldier investigates the scene of a suicide attack at the Afghan-Pakistan border crossing in Torkham, Nangarhar province yesterday. Three Taliban suicide attackers set ablaze 37 Nato military vehicles in Afghanistan yesterday, local officials said, though the coalition confirmed only that several vehicles were damaged.

Ukraine leader to sign EU economic pact on June 27

Gets parliament boost for peace plan in restive east

Vladimir Putin.

AFP, Kiev

Ukraine's new pro-Western President Petro Poroshenko yesterday said he would sign the crucial trade and economic relations portion of an historic EU pact in Brussels on June 27.

The old Kremlin-backed leadership's rejection of the EU Association Agreement in November sparked months of deadly protests that led to the February ouster of president Viktor Yanukovych.

The interim government headed by Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk signed the political relations portion of the deal in Brussels on March 21.

But Kiev delayed signing the economic section because it demanded that Ukraine lift import barriers aimed at protecting its farmers and steel mills in

the east from direct EU competition. The Wall Street Journal had earlier reported that Poroshenko was considering until he stabilised the recession-hit economy and resolved the pro-Russian separatist

insurgency gripping the industrial east. led economic alliance of a few former Soviet

Dozens die in heatwave at Pak shrine

AFP, Karachi

Dozens of people have died at a religious festival at a shrine in southern Pakistan during a severe heatwave, officials said vesterday.

Hundreds of thousands of devotees attended the death anniversary of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar, a 13th century Muslim Sufi saint, at a shrine in Sehwan, 250 kilometres north of Karachi.

People were arriving for the past five days despite temperatures hovering around 47 degrees Celsius.

District health officer doctor Khalid Arain told AFP that 51 people had died since Sunday, including four women. Nearly 650 cases of sunstroke were brought to the local hospital in the same period, he

The Edhi Welfare Trust, a charity that runs one of Pakistan's largest fleets of ambulances, put the death

Felipe VI becomes Spain's king

King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia

invited to yesterday's ceremonies.

BBC ONLINE

King Felipe VI yesterday called for "a new Spain that we will build together" after being proclaimed head of state in a ceremony in parliament. Earlier, King Felipe received the royal sash from his father, Juan Carlos, at the Zarzuela

Palace near Madrid. He acceded to the throne at the stroke of midnight after King Juan Carlos formally

abdicated on Wednesday. The proceedings have been kept low key, as many Spaniards are suffering economic hardship. The swearing-in ceremony took the form of a proclamation rather than a coronation. It is

the first royal transition in Spain since democracy was restored in the 1970s.

The new king, 46, swore an oath promising to uphold the constitution.

The speaker of the lower house of parliament, Jesus Posada, then proclaimed him king, declaring: "Long live Spain! Long live

In a speech to parliament, Felipe said he had "great hope" for the future of Spain and

called for unity. "You will find in me a loyal head of state who is ready listen and understand, warn

and advise as well as to defend the public interest at all times," he said.

No foreign leaders or royal families were

US President Barack Obama sent a note congratulating Felipe and the "valued ally"

Spain. He said he looked forward to "working closely" with the new king. On Wednesday, a teary-eyed Juan Carlos ended his reign by signing his act of abdication. He won respect for helping guide Spain to democracy after the death of General

Francisco Franco in 1975 and for thwarting an attempted military coup in 1981. But he has suffered from a scandal over an elephant-hunting safari he took in 2012 and

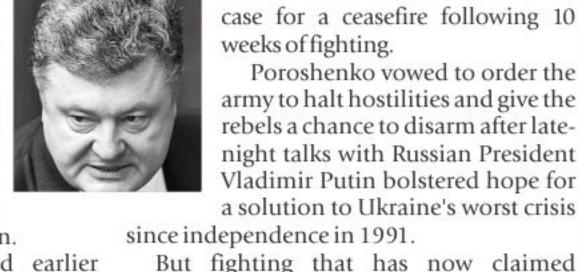
fraud allegations against his youngest daughter Cristina, 49, and her husband. By abdicating, Juan Carlos lost immunity from prosecution that notably saved him from

answering two paternity suits by people claiming to be his illegitimate children. Rajoy's government said it was drawing up measures to extend his protection after his reign.

women, the official said, pushing back the trade agreement's signature raising a toll of 28 given earlier by prosecutors. The government says 80,000 people have been killed in

The complete pact's signing will effectively cut Ukraine off from a Moscow-

nations championed by Russian President



But fighting that has now claimed around 360 lives continued unabated and one top militia leader dismissed Poroshenko's peace push as "meaningless".

Russia yesterday once again threatened to

Meanwhile, Ukraine's parliament yesterday

impose trade restrictions against Ukraine

confirmed Kiev's negotiator with Moscow as

foreign minister in a boost for the new

president's plan to end the bloody pro-Russian

Klimkin came as Poroshenko prepared to

The unanimous approval of Pavlo

host leaders from the restive rust

belt as he continued to build his

Poroshenko vowed to order the

insurgency gripping the separatist east.

should it sign the full EU deal.

A senior defence source told Kiev's respected Dzerkalo Tyzhnia news site that clashes on Wednesday near the Russian border killed 15 soldiers and left 13 others missing -- one of the deadliest days of the two-month campaign.

AFGHAN POLLS

Front runner

threatens to

reject result

Afghanistan's election crisis

deepened yesterday when

Abdullah Abdullah said he

because his claims of mas-

Abdullah's complaints

about alleged fraud in the

thrown the country's first

power into doubt ahead of

preliminary results due out

"From now onwards,

since (the election authori-

ties) have not responded to

our legitimate demands...

everything they do and the

result of their activities will

not be accepted by us," he

the stopping of the vote

count and the sacking of

head of the IEC secretariat

attempt to remove unused

ballots from the IEC head-

In a strong statement

described Abdullah's earlier

decision to suspend coop-

warned that if candidates

"abandon the legal process

and framework and appeal

directly to supporters (it)

could incite violence"

quarters on polling day.

late Wednesday, the UN

eration with the IEC as

"regrettable". The UN

over Amarkhail's alleged

Zia-ul-Haq Amarkhail,

Abdullah had demanded

told reporters.

run-off election have

democratic transfer of

sive fraud have failed to

stop the ongoing vote

presidential candidate

would reject the result

AFP, Kabul

count.

on July 2.

toll at 35.

Russia to ban high heels!

AFP, Moscow

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Extravaganza

Russian women may soon undergo a dramatic makeover if a Kremlin-friendly lawmaker has his way and pushes through a ban on a fashion item they perhaps cherish the most: high heels.

Oleg Mikheyev says vertiginous heels as well as trainers, ballet flats and men's loafers are bad for people's health and it's time to do something about it.

Mikheyev has sent a proposal to the Customs Union which also includes ex-Soviet Belarus and Kazakhstan, suggesting that the Moscow-led group introduce official standards stipulating the height of heels.

"Footwear should have heels that are two to four centimetres high, five centimetres high at the most," said the proposal, a copy of which was sent to AFP.

Speaking to AFP, Mikheyev said he was simply looking to raise awareness rather than ban heels outright. He said his proposal was a sign that he cared about Russian women and wanted to protect them against any deformities, flat feet and other afflictions.

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US arrests alleged Auschwitz guard

AFP, New York

A decade after a court ruling allowed him to live out his quiet, middle-class life in the US, an 89-year-old Philadelphia man faces possible extradition to Germany on charges he aided in the killing of 216,000 Jewish men, women and children at a Nazi death camp.

Johann "Hans" Breyer, a retired tool-and-die maker, is being held without bail on allegations stemming from his suspected service as an SS guard at Auschwitz during World War II. He was arrested on Tuesday outside his home in north-east Philadelphia.

Earlier that day, the district court in Weiden, Germany, issued a warrant charging him with 158 counts of complicity in the commission of murder. Each count represents a trainload of Nazi prisoners from Hungary, Germany and Czechoslovakia who were killed between May 1944 and October 1944, according to US prosecutors.

Attorney Dennis Boyle argued in a federal court in Philadelphia yesterday that Breyer is too infirm to be detained pending his extradition hearing on 21 August.

Breyer has mild dementia and heart issues and has previously suffered strokes, Boyle said.

Breyer has admitted he was a guard at Auschwitz in occupied Poland, but he told The Associated Press that he was stationed outside of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp part of the complex. He denied having anything to do with the wholesale slaughter of about 1.5 million Jews and others behind the gates.



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