

# Israel 'approves hundreds of new homes'

REUTERS, Jerusalem

Israel has given final building approval for 352 homes in settlements in the occupied West Bank, an anti-settlement movement said yesterday - construction that Palestinians see as jeopardising their prospects for statehood.

The Peace Now group said a meeting on Wednesday by a planning committee of Israel's military-run Civil Administration for the West Bank also moved plans for 770 other settler homes to more advanced stages.

Settlements are one of the most heated issues in efforts to revive Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, frozen since 2014.

"I think what Israel is doing is a purposeful, well-planned process of destruction of the two-state solution and possibility of the establishment of a Palestinian state," Mustafa Barghouti, a Palestinian lawmaker, said of the committee's decision.

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A construction site is seen in this file photo of the Israeli settlement of Givat Zeev in the occupied West Bank.

PHOTO: REUTERS

# Europe urges Trump to keep Iran nuke deal

CNN

Senior European diplomats have urged the US not to kill off the Iran nuclear deal, as President Donald Trump mulls whether to reimpose sanctions on the country ahead of a Friday deadline.

Trump had vowed to rip up the agreement during his election campaign and has repeatedly referred to it as "the worst deal ever," accusing Iran of violating the "spirit" of the pact. He must sign a series of waivers every few months to maintain the suspension of sanctions on Iran, and to keep the deal fully intact.

After a meeting of European diplomats in Brussels on Thursday, French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian made a direct appeal to the US to sign the latest waiver, due Friday. He said France remained dedicated to the agreement.

"All parties should uphold the deal," he said, speaking through a translator. "It is also necessary that our US allies do the same and should be seen doing the same," Le Drian said after meeting with his Iranian, British, German and French counterparts.

The 2015 agreement was brokered by the Obama administration -- along with the UK, Russia, France, Germany and China -- obliging Iran to limit its nuclear program in exchange for the suspension of sanctions that had for years crippled its economy.

Yesterday's meeting in Brussels was convened by the European Union chief foreign affairs representative, Federica Mogherini, who said the deal was essential in preventing a nuclear arms race.

"The deal is working, it is delivering on its main goal which means keeping the Iranian nuclear program in check and under close surveillance," Mogherini said after the meeting.

"Iran is fully complying with the commitments made under the agreement."

# The tattoos gave it away



REUTERS, Bangkok

A 74-year-old Japanese man accused of a gang murder in Japan 15 years ago has been arrested in Thailand after pictures of his tattoos went viral on social media, Thai police said yesterday.

Shigeharu Shirai was arrested on Wednesday evening in Lopburi province, 150 km (95 miles) north of the capital, Bangkok. Police said he had confessed to being part of the Yamaguchi-gumi gang within Japan's Yakuza, but not to murder.

Shirai is accused of being one of eight gangsters involved in the murder of another gang leader in 2003. The other seven have been arrested but Shirai escaped to Thailand in 2005.

"He admitted that the victim had been bullied and there might have been plots within the Yakuza subgroups to kill him ... but he has not confessed to murdering the fellow gang leader," said Wirachai Songmetta, Thailand's deputy police chief.

It was not possible to contact Shirai or a representative for comment.

# Farage open to 2nd Brexit referendum

REUTERS, London

Brexit campaigner Nigel Farage yesterday said he was warming to the idea of holding a second referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union, arguing that another vote would see "Leave" win again and end the debate.

"Maybe, just maybe, I'm reaching the point of thinking that we should have a second referendum ... on EU membership," Farage told Channel Five's "The Wright Stuff" show.

"I think if we had a second referendum on EU membership we'd kill it off for a generation. The percentage that would vote to leave next time would be



very much bigger than it was last time round."

Farage, a former leader of the UK Independence Party (UKIP), was a key figure in both the decision to hold a referendum in 2016, and the shock 52 to 48 percent outcome in favour of leaving.

Asked about Farage's comments, Prime Minister Theresa May's spokesman said: "We will not be having a second referendum."

Britons remain divided over the leaving the EU, with some, including former Labour Prime Minister Tony Blair saying the decision should be overturned. A number of lawmakers are arguing for a second public vote on the terms of the exit deal.

# Six quakes hit Iran

AFP, Tehran

A series of six moderate earthquakes shook Iran yesterday, lightly injuring five people, the ISNA news agency reported, nearly two months after a powerful tremor killed more than 600 people.

A magnitude 5.1 quake was recorded in the southern province of Kerman at 6:48 am (0318 GMT), and five others with magnitudes of between 5.0 and 5.6 hit the western province of Kermanshah near the border with Iraq, the Iranian seismology centre reported.

The respective epicentres were in the areas of Hedjak, about 770 kilometres (475 miles) southeast of Tehran, and Sumar, 570 kilometres (350 miles) west of the capital, the centre said.

It said the quakes struck at depths of between eight and 12 kilometres.

ISNA said the five injured were in Kermanshah province, and state television reported no major damage.

# Trump's NL ambassador grilled at first press meet

CNN

President Donald Trump's new US Ambassador to the Netherlands held his first press conference with Dutch media at The Hague on Wednesday, and it was awkward.

Peter Hoekstra was peppered with questions regarding claims he made in 2015 that the "Islamic movement" had brought chaos to the Netherlands -- comments he has since denied making.

"Chaos in the Netherlands. There are cars being burned. There are politicians that are being burned ... and yes, there are no-go zones in the Netherlands," said Hoekstra at the David Horowitz Freedom Center's 2015 Restoration Weekend.

When pressed by Dutch reporters on Wednesday, Hoekstra refused to retract the statement or cite examples to back it up.

"Will you be visiting our 'no-go' areas?" one reporter asked.

"Can you mention any example of a Dutch politician who was burned in recent years?" another reporter added.

After failing to answer, other members of the press corps continued to volley follow-

up questions at Hoekstra.

"This is the Netherlands, you have to answer questions," one reporter told the former Michigan congressman.

At one point in the press conference Hoekstra pointed to his regrets over the comments, and said he was looking forward to "moving on" from the controversy over them.

"It is not about my personal views anymore. This is about the views and the policies of the United States of America as directed by this administration."

When asked in December about the same comments in an interview with CNN affiliate and Dutch broadcaster NOS in the US Capitol, Hoekstra claimed he had never made them.

"That is actually an incorrect statement; we would call it fake news," Hoekstra told NOS reporter Wouter Zwart. "I never said that."

Zwart's report on NOS' Nieuwsuur program included the specific portion of Ambassador Hoekstra's 2015 comments. Zwart told CNN he did not play video of the remarks for Hoekstra, saying he "can't imagine he did not know of its existence,"

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[আন্তর্জাতিক অপরাধ (ট্রাইব্যুনাল-১) কার্যপ্রণালী বিধিমালা- ২০১০ এর ৩১ বিধি অনুসারে অভিযুক্ত ব্যক্তির ট্রাইব্যুনালে উপস্থিতির নির্দেশ সম্বলিত নোটিশ]

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### ZAINAB AMIN'S KILLING

# Protests erupt in Pakistan

CNN

Protesters marched for a second day yesterday in the Pakistani city of Kasur over the rape and murder of a seven-year-old girl whose body was found dumped on a garbage pile.

Zainab Amin's killing has angered local people who say the authorities in Punjab province have done too little to keep their children safe after a series of similar killings.

At least two people died Wednesday as protesters clashed with police.

Punjab's Chief Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif ordered police to arrest the girl's killers in the next 24 hours and offered a 10 million Pakistani rupee bounty (over \$90,000) for anyone who helps identify those responsible.

He also asked police to provide full details of the 11 murders of young girls in the same area before that of



Zainab.

Amid rising anger, demonstrators ransacked the office of a local lawmaker for the ruling party, Naem Safdar, on Thursday and chanted slogans calling for the resignation of Shehbaz Sharif.

An autopsy has confirmed that Zainab was strangled and sodomized and suggests she was raped, the medical officer who carried out the examination, Dr Quratulain Atique, told CNN.

There were torture marks on her face and Zainab's tongue was crushed between her teeth, she said. The report suggests that when the autopsy was performed, she may have been dead for two or three days already.

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CNN's Pakistani affiliate Geo News reported that Zainab was taken from near her home in Kasur on January 4 while her parents were in Saudi Arabia on an Umrah

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