

# 2nd Kim-Trump summit agreed

*Pompeo hails progress after meeting North Korean leader in Pyongyang*

AFP, Seoul

Kim Jong Un has agreed to hold a second summit with US President Donald Trump as soon as possible, Seoul said yesterday, after Washington's top diplomat held "productive" talks on denuclearisation with the North Korean leader in Pyongyang.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met with Kim yesterday morning for around two hours of talks followed by a lunch in the North's capital, before flying to Seoul on a whirlwind diplomatic visit to the region.

Pompeo said "he agreed with Chairman Kim to hold the second US-North Korea summit at the earliest date possible," South Korea's presidential office said in a statement, although no specific time or location has yet been agreed.

Pompeo and Kim also discussed "denuclearisation steps that will be taken by North Korea and the issue of attendance by the US government," as well as "corresponding measures" to be taken by the US, the statement said.

The visit was Pompeo's fourth to



North Korea.

US President Donald Trump met Kim in Singapore in June for the first-ever summit between the countries' leaders, resulting in what critics say was only a vague commitment by Kim towards denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula.

"We continue to make progress on agreements made at Singapore Summit. Thanks for hosting me and my team," Pompeo tweeted.

Kim also praised their "nice meeting", telling Pompeo via an

interpreter following the morning's talks that it was "a very nice day that promises a good future ... for both countries."

Since the Singapore summit, the road towards warmer ties has been bumpy.

Washington and Pyongyang have sparred over the exact terms of the vaguely-worded agreement in Singapore, with the US pushing to maintain sanctions and pressure against the North until its "final, fully-verified denuclearisation".

Last month the North's foreign minister told the United Nations there was "no way" his country would disarm first as long as tough US sanctions remain against his country.

After a previous visit to Pyongyang in July, Pompeo had said the two foes made progress on key issues -- but within hours of his departure the North condemned "gangster-like" demands from the US, raising questions over how much the two sides really saw eye to eye.

Another planned trip by Pompeo to Pyongyang was scrapped after what Trump said was insufficient progress towards implementing the terms of the Singapore declaration.

An official on Sunday's latest visit to Pyongyang with Pompeo said the trip was "better than the last time", but added: "It's going to be a long haul."

Analysts say Washington may now consider new options as China, Russia and South Korea seek to relax sanctions.

After Seoul, Pompeo ends his trip today in China, North Korea's political and economic lifeline.

# Missing Saudi journalist killed in consulate: Turkey

REUTERS, Ankara

Turkish authorities believe Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi was killed inside his country's consulate in Istanbul last week, Turkish sources said, in what they described as the deliberate targeting of a prominent critic of the Gulf kingdom's rulers.

Khashoggi, a former newspaper editor in Saudi Arabia and adviser to its former head of intelligence, left the country last year saying he feared retribution for his growing criticism of Saudi policy in the Yemen war and its crack-down on dissent.

On Tuesday he entered the Saudi consulate in Istanbul to get documents for his forthcoming marriage. Saudi officials say he left shortly afterwards but his fiancée, who was waiting outside, said he never came out.

"The initial assessment of the Turkish police is that Mr Khashoggi has been killed at the consulate of Saudi Arabia in Istanbul. We believe that the murder was premeditated and the body was subsequently moved out of the consulate," one of two Turkish officials told Reuters on Saturday.

An adviser to Turkey's President Tayyip

Erdogan, Yasin Aktay, said authorities had concrete information about Khashoggi's case, and he believed the journalist was killed in the consulate.

A Saudi source at the consulate denied that Khashoggi had been killed at the mission and said in a statement that the accusations were baseless.

Another Turkish security source told Reuters that a group of 15 Saudi nationals, including some officials, had arrived in

Istanbul in two planes and entered the consulate on the same day Khashoggi was there, and later left the country. The source said Turkish officials were trying to identify them.

Khashoggi is a familiar face on political talk shows on Arab satellite television networks and used to advise Prince Turki al-Faisal, former Saudi intelligence chief and ambassador to the United States and Britain.

Over the past year, he has written columns for newspapers including the Washington Post criticising Saudi policies towards Qatar and Canada, the war in Yemen and a crackdown on dissent which has seen dozens of people detained.

Khashoggi visited Saudi consulate on Tuesday, then disappeared

Security source says 15 Saudis flew to Istanbul on same day



## 'I don't always agree what he tweets'

Melania on Trump

SKY NEWS ONLINE

Melania Trump has said she often disagrees with what her husband tweets and she tells him so - but he doesn't listen.

The First Lady was talking to reporters in Egypt at the end of a tour of Africa during which she has been viewing American aid projects and talking to African leaders.

It comes after the US president allegedly called some African countries "shitholes" during a White House meeting on immigration in January.

Melania responded to a question about her role and whether the places she visits could be seen as "poking" at her husband by saying: "I don't always agree what he tweets. I tell him that."

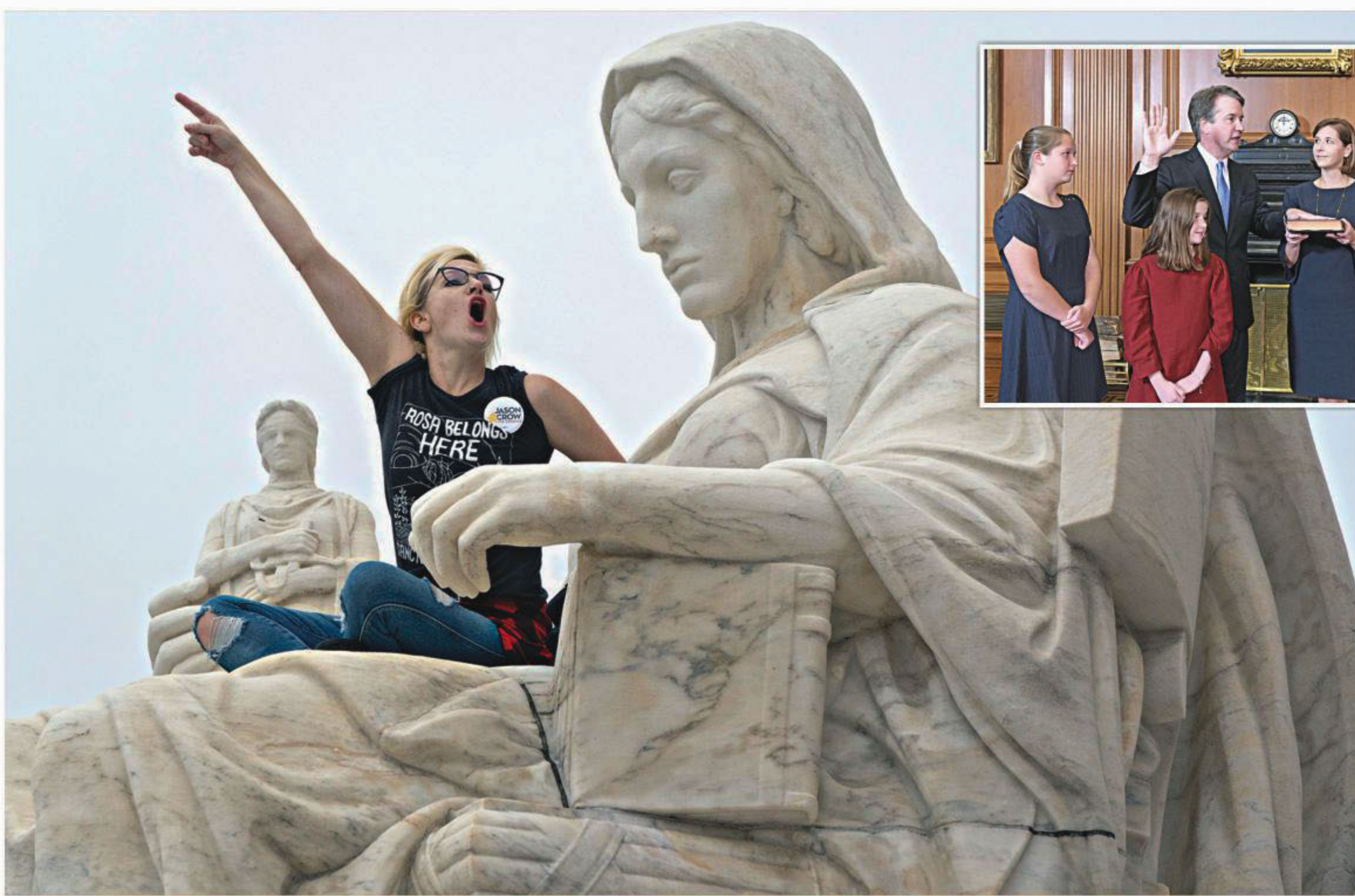
"I give him my honest opinion and honest advice. And sometimes he listens and sometimes he doesn't. But, I have my own voice and my opinions and it's very important for me that I express what I feel."

She added: "I tell him my opinions and maybe in some of them we don't agree. I'm not elected. He's the president."

No one in Africa brought up the "derogatory comments" Trump was alleged to have made, she added.

She was asked about her decision the day before to wear a safari hat that some people have criticised for its "colonial" associations, but refused to be drawn.

She said: "We've just completed an amazing trip. We went to Ghana. We went to Malawi. We went to Kenya. Here we are in Egypt. I want to talk about my trip and not what I wear."



## 'Explosion' scare for Rahul Gandhi

AFP, New Delhi

Rahul Gandhi, India's opposition leader and scion of the political Nehru-Gandhi dynasty, had an explosion scare after balloons at a political roadshow burst into flames near his vehicle, police said Sunday.

Gandhi, head of the main opposition Congress party, was leading the campaign event in Madhya Pradesh state when the bunch of balloons held one political worker touched oil lamps held by another.

Leaders on top of the campaign vehicle including Gandhi, 48, can be seen reeling back at the sudden ball of fire in a video that has gone viral on social media.

"We have checked. There was no security breach or real scare for anyone. No one received even minor injuries," local police chief Amit Singh told AFP.

"The people carrying the celebratory campaign balloons and lamps as a mark of respect for the leader are Congress party activists, and it was just a minor accident," Singh added.



The Nehru-Gandhi family has dominated Indian politics since independence from Britain in 1947, when Jawaharlal Nehru became the country's first prime minister.

The dynasty has produced three prime ministers and a member of the family has been in charge of the country for nearly 50 of the 71 years since independence.

In 1984, Nehru's only daughter Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards when she was prime minister. She had groomed her younger son Sanjay to be her political heir, but he was killed in 1980 when the small plane he was piloting crashed.

Her eldest son Rajiv -- father of Rahul -- reluctantly took over her political mantle, and served as prime minister from

1984 to 1989. He too was assassinated in 1991.

Rahul is facing questions over his leadership after a string of electoral setbacks for Congress since 2014.

But he hopes to silence his critics in five state votes in November and December ahead of general elections due in 2019 when Prime Minister Narendra Modi will run for a second term.

## UK PM seeks support as others draw battle lines

REUTERS, London

Prime Minister Theresa May appealed to wavering British voters yesterday ahead of a defining few months in which she hopes to secure a Brexit deal and face down opponents who say her EU exit plan is too hard, too soft, or just plain wrong.

May yesterday launched an unusual plea for the backing of centre-ground voters who had previously backed the Labour Party but felt alienated by a shift to the left under current Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn.

"I want voters who may previously have thought of themselves as Labour supporters to look at my government afresh. They will find a decent, moderate and patriotic programme that is worthy of their support," May wrote in an article for the Observer newspaper.

Yesterday, Scottish National Party

leader Nicola Sturgeon said her 35 lawmakers would likely vote against the deal, and could instead support a second public vote on the terms of Britain's EU exit.

Labour's left-wing leadership have promised to vote against May's deal unless it meets their tests - which it currently is unlikely to do.

The 10 votes of the Northern Irish Democratic Unionist Party which May relies on to prop up her minority government are also in doubt.

If May fails to win a vote in parliament, Britain faces an unmanaged exit from the bloc, which businesses and economists fear could badly damage the economy.

Meanwhile, British musicians including Ed Sheeran and Rita Ora yesterday wrote an open letter to May warning that Brexit is "serious madness" and threatens "every aspect of the music industry".

**BREXIT DEAL**

## Naxalism will be eliminated in 3 yrs

*Says Indian home minister*

THE INDIAN EXPRESS ONLINE

Left Wing Extremism (LWE) will be eliminated from the country in about three years time, Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh said on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of the Rapid Action Force (RAF) in Lucknow yesterday.

"The day is not far, maybe in a time period of 1-2 or 3 years, that the LWE will be wiped out from the country and this would happen due to your (CRPF) determination, courage, and hard work and that of the state police forces," said Singh.

Speaking at the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) camp, the union minister highlighted that districts affected by Naxal violence in the country have come down to about 10-12 as compared to 126 some time back.

The minister said the force has killed 131 Maoists and militants this year while it has apprehended 1,278 of them and has affected 58 surrenders during the same time.

Speaking about Jammu and Kashmir, the minister said, "Kashmir is ours, it was ours and it will be ours. No power of the world can snatch it from us."

He also lauded the troops' works in counterpoising Kashmiri youths who had been drawn into militancy. He said RAF's action should be rapid and quick but never "reckless." However, "if any person indulges in any terrorist activity, no power in the world can stop you [CRPF] from neutralising that person," Singh added.

## Missing toll soars to 5,000

*Death toll climbs to 1,763 in Indonesia; search ops to end Thursday*

AFP, Palu

The number of people believed missing from the quake and tsunami that struck Indonesia's Palu city has soared to 5,000, an official said yesterday, an indication that far more may have perished in the twin disaster than the current toll.

Indonesia's disaster agency say they have recovered 1,763 bodies so far from the 7.5-magnitude and subsequent tsunami that struck Sulawesi on September 28.

But there are fears that two of the hardest-hit neighbourhoods in Palu -- Petobo and Balaroa -- could contain thousands more victims, swallowed up by ground that engulfed whole communities in a process known as liquefaction.

"Based on reports from the (village) heads of Balaroa and Petobo, there are about 5,000 people who have not been found," agency



Agus Fardhan carries a portrait of his parents after he found it at his destroyed home where they died, in Palu, Central Sulawesi, yesterday.

spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho told reporters Sunday.

Nugroho said the search for the unaccounted would continue until October 11, at which point they would be listed as missing, presumed dead.

The figure drastically increases the estimates for those who disappeared when the disaster struck 10 days ago. Officials had initially predicted some 1,000 people were buried beneath the ruins of Palu.

### HAITI QUAKE KILLS 11

A 5.9-magnitude earthquake struck off the northwest coast of Haiti late yesterday, killing at least 11 people, injuring more than 130 others and damaging homes in the Caribbean nation, authorities said.

The epicenter of the quake was located about 19 kilometers northwest of the city of Port-de-Paix, the US Geological Survey reported.

The quake, which was felt across the country, struck at 8:10 pm (0010 GMT Sunday) at a shallow depth of 11.7 kilometers.

Two minor aftershocks were registered, the agency said, adding that no tsunami warning was issued in connection with the quake activity.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## NEWSIN brief

### Taliban kill 10 cops in Afghanistan

REUTERS, Kabul

At least 10 policemen were killed in clashes with Taliban fighters in the central Afghan province of Wardak, officials said yesterday, amid fighting to wrest control of arterial highways a day after Taliban fighters blew up bridges. The Taliban set fire to a government building in Wardak's Sayeed Abad district and killed the district police chief along with nine other policemen on Saturday night, a senior police official said.

### Iran passes counter-terror finance bill

AFP, Tehran

Iran's parliament yesterday approved a bill to counter terrorist financing that was strongly opposed by conservatives but seen as vital to salvaging the nuclear deal with European and Asian partners. The bill aims to bring Iran's laws in line with international standards and allow it to join the UN Terrorism Financing Convention.



### Israel PM's wife goes on trial

AFP, Jerusalem

The wife of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Sara Netanyahu, went on trial yesterday for allegedly using state funds to fraudulently pay for hundreds of meals, part of a list of legal troubles facing the family. Prosecutors accuse her of misusing state funds to pay for catered meals costing \$100,000 by falsely declaring there were no cooks available at the premier's official residence.

### Brazil votes for new president

AFP, Rio De Janeiro

Brazilians yesterday began casting ballots in their most divisive presidential election in years, with a far-right politician promising an iron-fisted crack-down on crime, Jair Bolsonaro, the firm favorite in the first round. If Bolsonaro gets more than 50 percent of the vote to lead the field of 13 candidates, he will win the presidency outright. Otherwise, a run-off will be held on October 28.

### Palestinian kills two Israelis in West Bank

AFP, Barkan Industrial Zone

A Palestinian shot dead two Israelis and wounded another at a West Bank settlement's industrial zone yesterday as security forces hunted the suspected assailant who also worked at the site. Speaking at Israel's weekly cabinet meeting, PM Netanyahu called the shooting "a very severe terror attack".