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Five people killed in Philippine quake AFP, Manila

Five people were killed and dozens were injured after a powerful earthquake hit the southern Philippines, authorities said vesterday The 6.4-magnitude quake struck the Mindanao region on Wednesday night, reducing dozens of houses to rubble on the southern third of the Philippines. Yesterday afternoon, authorities said five people were killed and 53 injured mainly in a cluster of small farming towns. The disaster council's spokesman Mark Timbal told local television it had not received any reports of missing people from any of the quake-hit

Thai king postpones royal barge procession AFP, Bangkok

Thailand's newly crowned king has postponed next week's final event marking his historic coronation -- a royal barge procession down Bangkok's Chao Phraya river -- by almost two months, a deputy premier announced yesterday. The 52-barge procession was scheduled for October 24, and yesterday Thai oarsmen donning hats and goldflecked attires rowed down the Chao Phrava river for the first full-dress rehearsal.

Japan to defer imperial parade over typhoon AFP, Toky

Japan plans to postpone a major imperial parade celebrating the new emperor's ascension to the throne because of a devastating typhoon, Prim Minister Shinzo Abe said yesterday. The parade was scheduled for October 22 as part of a series of events marking the officia proclamation of Emperor Jaruhito's enthronement But "given the disaster situation, we are examinin a postponement of the parade", Abe told reporters after he visited shelters in Fukushima to meet

INTERNATIONAL A lawmaker jumps on furniture as he tries to follow Hong Kong's Chief Executive Carrie Lam (not pictured), as Lam leaves the Legislative Council in Hong Kong yesterday. *Inset*, a pro-democracy lawmaker is escorted by security from the

FP, Kabul

009, the report said.

end of 2014.

1,174 civilians die

Blames Taliban for spike in deaths

An "unprecedented" number of civilians were killed or

vounded in Afghanistan from July to September this year,

the United Nations said in a new report released yesterday,

The figures -- 1,174 deaths and 3,139 injured -- represent

42 percent increase over the same time period last year,

the report said, laying most of the blame for the spike at

July alone saw more casualties than in any other month

on record since the United Nations Assistance Mission in

The first six months of the year had seen casualties drop

But the violence has surged so far in the third quarter

The UN recorded 8,239 civilian casualties in total in the

that it vanked the overall total for the year back on par with

the bloodiest since Nato withdrew its combat forces at the

first nine months of 2019 -- 2,563 killed and 5,676 injured

Afghanistan (UNAMA) began documenting the violence in

the feet of "anti-government elements" such as the Taliban

calling the violence "totally unacceptable"

omewhat compared to previous years

in July-Sept: UN



Qatar approves new minimum wage law

Scraps mandatory exit visas for all workers **RELITERS**, Beirus

mandatory exit visas for all workers, part of also underway to enable employees to a broad labour reform program ahead of its change employers more easily. hosting of the 2022 World Cup

The Gulf state, which relies on about some foreign migrant workers, but rights million migrant workers for the bulk groups considered the reform incomplete as of its labour force, is also planning to ease curbs

administrative

on changing employers,

development, labour and

Qatar, along with other

vealthy Gulf Arab states,

has come under fire for

social affairs ministry said.

Qatar's

The measure aims at ending 'kafala' labour system: ILO

Qatar relies on about 2m migrant workers

what rights groups describe as poor labour conditions. Doha is keen workers" to show it is tackling allegations of worker ending the "kafala" (sponsorship system). exploitation as it prepares to host the 2022 soccer World Cup, which it hopes will where large portions of the population boost its economy and development. The statement said the cabinet had obtain their employers' consent before adopted new legislation related to the draft changing jobs, which advocate groups say law on a minimum wage, though it did not leaves them open to abuse.

disclose what level the wage could be. It added it passed another draft law Qatar last year eliminated exit visas for

> it did not apply to domestic workers and allowed companies to keep the visa requirement for up to 5% of The International Labour Organization described the measures as "a momentous step forward in upholding

the rights of migrant and said they were aimed at This system is common in Gulf states is foreign. In Qatar it requires workers to

> Satellite pics reveal China's aircraft carrier 'factory' REUTERS, Hong Kong

High-resolution satellite nages show that the nstruction of China's first ıll-sized aircraft carrier progressing steadily nfrastructure work that analysts say suggests he ship will be the first several large vessels roduced at the site. The images of the ngnan shipyard outside anghai were taken last nonth and provided to Reuters by the non-partisan Centre for Strategic and

expansive

ternational Studie CSIS), building on satellite hotos it obtained in April nd September last year. Noting a series of re-fabricated sections ulkheads and other omponents stacked nearby

CSIS analysts say the hull should be finished within 2 months, after which it is kely to be moved to a newly reated harbour and whar before being fitted out. The vast harbour on the Yangtze River estuary ncluding a wharf nearly kilometre long and large uildings for manufacturing ship components, is nearly complete. Much of the harbour area appeared to be

ages CSIS analysed. It dwarfs an existing harbour nearby, where warships are docked. "We can see slow but stead

abandoned farmland just a

progress on the hull, but I think the really surprising "It is hard to imagin

US President Donald Trump's son-in- all this is being done for and or other larger vessels.

and broadcast it via video instead, 5,700 "angry" emojis had been posted not to seek revenge.

city, with no end in sight to more Hong Kong has been battered by than four months of anti-government four months of protests, driven by into chaos yesterday, with lawmakers

underscores the political rift in the compared with 1,300 "likes".

Legislative Council, as Lam takes questions from lawmakers regarding her policy

security forces as Lam heckled for second day

we are facing, we need to be united against violence, say no to violence," am said in the chamber and again defended her efforts to end the crisis.

Lawmakers call for inquiry into attack on pro-democracy leader Amnesty says attack sends

chilling signal

"I have mentioned that we will be this entire thing is part of a plan to set up an expert commission to find a social media show him lying sprawled way out of the current situation we are on the ground, bleeding from his facing," she said.

The second day of turmoil in the forced to cut short her annual policy answer pre-submitted questions. After knees and elbows. speech on Wednesday due to heckling 30 minutes of the one hour event,

concerns Beijing is eroding freedoms | Qatar's government said yesterday it adopted which will lead to the scrapping of exit "Regarding the current situation granted when Britain handed the city | a new minimum wage law and will scrap permits for all workers, adding work was back to China in 1997. Protesters have five core demands

which include universal suffrage and an independent inquiry into police behaviour. Rights group Amnesty International

said the "horrifying attack" on Sham, head of the Civil Human Rights Front (CHRF), would send a "chilling signal" and urged authorities to investigate.

Police said they would Sham was attacked in the gritty Mong Kok district by five men with numble, listen to different voices and knives and hammers. Photographs on

Lam later staged a Facebook Live CHRF said he suffered three Legislative Council, after Lam was event to air her policy address and wounds to the head and has swollen From hospital Sham urged people

typhoon survivors. 'Simply groundless'

protests," she said.

REUTERS, Hong Kong

Hong Kong's parliament descended

dragged out by security guards for

heckling leader Carrie Lam as they

demanded an inquiry into a brutal

attack on a prominent human rights

The knife and hammer attack on

Jimmy Sham, which left him bloodied

and lying in the street on Wednesday

night, was designed to intimidate

protesters and incite violence ahead

of Sunday's march, pro-democracy

practically on the eve of the call for yet

another massive protest in Hong Kong

on Sunday. We can't help feeling that

shed blood on Hong Kong's peaceful

"This very vicious attack took place

lawmaker Claudia Mo told reporters

activist ahead of a major rally.

China slams US restrictions on Chinese diplomats AFP, Beijing and Beijing -- the world's two largest

China yesterday slammed as "groundless" a US decision to order Chinese diplomats to notify the State Department before meeting with local officials, in the latest spat to strain bilateral relations.

Washington -- which called the move 'reciprocal" -- announced the decision Wednesday in response to the inability of US diplomats to meet with a range of Chinese officials and academics, a senior there," the US official told reporters. State Department official said, speaking anonymously

"What the US has said about China institutes," the official said. "We have to simply groundless," said foreign ministry often denied." spokesman Geng Shuang, adding that China "consistently supported" US diplomats in the country.

mistakes, revoke the relevant decision, and before any visits to colleges or research and provide support and convenience institutions. for Chinese diplomats in the US... rather than artificially setting up barriers," just to get closer to a reciprocal situation," he told reporters at a press briefing in the official said, emphasizing that Chinese Beijing.

The move comes as Washington "permission" for their visits.

economies -- are locked in a bitter trade A partial deal is now being put in writing, President Donald Trump said Wednesday, while Beijing said both sides were working

towards "an early agreement". "Unfortunately in China, US diplomats do not have unfettered access to a range of

folks that are important for us to do our job "That includes local and provincial level officials, academic institutions, research

restricting the activities of US diplomats is seek permission and such permission is Chinese diplomats will henceforth be required to tell the State Department in advance of any official meetings with US

"We urge the US to correct its diplomats, local or municipal officials, "What we're trying to achieve here is

diplomats were not being asked to get



Palestinian protesters throw stones at an armoured Israeli security vehicle amidst clashes during a demonstration against construction on an Israeli outpost near the Palestinian village of Turmus Ayya and the Israeli settlement of Shilo, north of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, yesterday

Back Trudeau for another term |Saudi, Palestinians agree Obama urges Canadians, calls the PM an 'effective leader'

AFP, Washington

Former US president Barack Obama on Wednesday urged Canadian voters to back Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for another term, calling him an "effective leader." "I was proud to work with Justin Trudeau as President.

He's a hard-working, effective leader who takes on big issues like climate change," Obama said in a tweet. "The world needs his progressive leadership now, and I

hope our neighbors to the north support him for another term." Trudeau, who is running neckand-neck with Conservative leader Andrew Scheer ahead of the October 21 ballot, tweeted back: 'Thanks my friend, we're working hard to keep our progress going." His Liberal Party also

promoted the endorsement or social media. The pair first met as leaders

of their respective countries at an Asia-Pacific Economic month after the Canadian won his first general election.

Four months later, Trudeau became the first Canadian Obama's endorsement is appropriate. leader in 20 years to make an official pomp-filled visit to the White House

The warmth of the encounter triggered a flood of against backing leaving the European Union.

online jokes and tongue-in-cheek reports of a budding "bromance" between the two men. Obama saluted Trudeau as his political and generational kin, even though the American is 10 years older. Both | Saudi Arabia and the Palestinians yesterday the first time on Tuesday, with the Saudi champion the importance of issues like health care, gay agreed to establish a joint economic side having previously refused to enter the rights and climate change.

"He campaigned on a message of hope and of change," Obama once said. "From my perspective, what's not to like." They last met for a beer reportedly in May when Obama

Their relationship stands troubled ties with current US | Palestinians' behalf. President Donald Trump. The former president has

long been popular with many Canadians. Trudeau's Liberal Party posted Obama's message into a party fundraising pitch that was emailed directly to potential donors

Trudeau's rival, Conservative leader Andrew Scheer, said (SPA) Cooperation (APEC) summit in November 2015, one that he is "not very interested what former foreign leaders are saving". He said he would let Canadians judge whether

Obama also endorsed Emmanuel Macron for president in France's 2017 election, and he warned British voters

committee and a business council, as the territory as part of its boycott of Israel. Palestinian Authority faces a financing gap

that could top \$1.8 billion. Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas's was in Ottawa to deliver a speech. PA has been in deep financial crisis since the second quarter of 2019, the World Bank February when Israel froze transfers of said last month in a report. stark contrast to Trudeau's | VAT and customs duties it collects on the

> austerity measures, cutting almost half the through its ports, and it is supposed to salaries of its employees. Abbas, who arrived in Riyadh on

It added that the leaders reached "an at all. agreement on the establishment of a joint economic committee and on a Saudi-Palestinian business council".

The report did not elaborate further. The announcement came days after economy

on joint business council Saudi Arabia's football team played

Palestine in the occupied West Bank for

Israel's cuts have hit hard on the Palestinian territories, already suffering | year ago, according to earlier unemployment of around 26 percent in

Israel collects around \$190 million a destroyers and month in customs duties levied on goods His administration had to impose destined for Palestinian markets that transit

transfer the money to the PA. In February, Israel decided to deduct | thing these images show is Wednesday, met with King Salman and around \$10 million a month from the the extensive infrastructure Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, revenues -- the sum the PA paid inmates in | buildup that has gone on according to the official Saudi Press Agency Israeli jails or their families -- prompting simultaneously," said CSIS the Palestinians to refuse to take any funds | analyst Matthew Funaiole.

> law Jared Kushner during a conference in just one ship," he added Bahrain dangled the prospect of \$50 billion | "This looks more like a of investment into a stagnant Palestinian | specialised space for carriers



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'Don't be a fool AFP, Washington

"Don't be a fool," Donald Trump warned his counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan in an extraordinary letter sent the day Turkey launched its incursion into northeastern Syria -- warning history risked branding him a

"devil."

Three days after appearing to greenlight an invasion by pulling US troops from the Kurdishdominated region, Trump told the Turkish president he would wreck Ankara's economy if the invasion went too far.

In language shorn of diplomatic niceties, Trump began with an outright threat

"Let's work out a good deal," Trump wrote in the letter dated October 9, whose authenticity was confirmed to AFP by the White House.

"You don't want to be responsible for slaughtering thousands of people, and I don't want to be responsible for destroying the Turkish economy -- and I will."

"History will look upor vou favorably if you get this done the right and humane



way," Trump said. "It will look upon you forever as the devil if good things don't happen." The US leader told Erdogan a "great deal" was possible if he negotiated with the head of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, Mazloum Abdi, whom Turkey has labelled a

"terrorist" for his ties to the Kurdish PKK militants in Turkey. "Don't be a tough guy. Don't be a fool," he finished adding: "I will call you later."

Trump has come under intense fire for effectively giving Turkey a green light to invade northern Syria, but he dismissed those concerns.



INTERNATIONAL

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson salutes French President Emmanuel Macron (R) as he arrives for a round table meeting as part of a European Union summit at European Union Headquarters in Brussels, yesterday. Britain and the European Union reached a new divorce deal yesterday that could allow Brexit on October 31, but faced immediate opposition among MPs in London -- who can still block it.

Trump: Kurds 'not angels'

US president defends his Syria decision as Congress issues bipartisan rebuke

US President Donald Trump has hailed his surprise decision to withdraw US troops from Syria as "strategically brilliant", declaring that the Kurds were 'not angels'

Speaking to reporters at the White House on Wednesday, Trump said the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which has waged a decades-long armed campaign against Ankara, were probably" a bigger "terrorist threat" han the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, or ISIS) armed group. "Now the PKK, which is part of

the Kurds, as you know, is probably worse at terror, and more of a terrorist hreat in many ways than ISIS," he said in a war between Turkey and Syria, Trump calls Pelosi a 'third-rate

politician' after 'meltdown' UNSC warns of Syria jihadists 'dispersion' risk



against the YPG, which it considers a

overwhelmingly condemned the move

denounced the withdrawal of US troops

from northern Syria in a 354-60 vote.

Despite his defence of the decision,

terrorist" group

the

designated a terrorist group by the US, EU and Turkey. "I'm not going to get involved

erring to the group which has been especially when, if you look at the

Kurds, and again I say this with great in a rare bipartisan rebuke. A total of respect, they're no angels," he added. The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF),

spearheaded by the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG), was founded in 2015 and has helped the United States in its fight against ISIL

against Kurdish militants in Syria. In a sign of Trump's deteriorating elationship with Congress, where the House is conducting an impeachment nquiry, Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate minority leader Charles Schumer walked out of what they said was an acrimonious White House meeting with Trump. Schumer said Trump had called

Pelosi a "third-rate politician" while the speaker said the president had experienced a "meltdown. Frump then took to Twitter, accusing Pelosi of having her own "meltdown,"

while adding that the Democratic eader "needs help fast!' "There is either something wrong with

House of Representatives her 'upstairs,' or she just plain doesn't like our great Country," the president wrote. The president denied he gave green 129 members of Trump's Republican light to President Erdogan for the Party joined Democrats as the House

Trump emphasized to reporters that US troops were out of harm's way and The joint resolution called on that the fallout from the US withdrawal Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was for Syria, Turkey and Russia to Ankara says its military operation is to immediately halt military operations work out among themselves.

BUS CRASH NEAR MADINA IN SAUDI ARABIA 35 foreigners killed

Asian pilgrims among dead; nationalities of victims not disclosed

AFP, Riyadh

Thirty-five foreigners were killed and four others injured when a bus collided with another heavy vehicle near the Muslim holy city of Madina, Saudi state media said vesterday The accident on Wednesday evening

involved a collision between "a private chartered bus... with a heavy vehicle" near the western city, a spokesman for Medina police said, according to the official Saudi Press Agency.

Those involved were Arab and Asian pilgrims travelling from Medina to Makkah, according to local Modi also sent his condolences. media, which carried pictures of the bus engulfed in flames and with its windows

blown out. The injured have been transferred to Al- Praying for a quick recovery of the injured, Hamna Hospital, SPA added. Authorities he tweeted.

The Okaz newspaper said that the victims were expatriates who lived in the kingdom and who were performing the umrah. The hajj and the umrah centre on Makkah and its surrounding hills and valleys, in the west of the kingdom, but

the itinerary also often takes in the other holy city of Madina. Prince Faisal bin Salman, the governor of Madina region, expressed his condolences, SPA said. The nationalities the victims was not

near Mecca in Saudi Arabia. Condolences to the families of those who lost their lives.



Students protest during a demonstration in Barcelona, yesterday. Catalan separatists were back out on the streets again yesterday, with students rallying as they kicked-off a two-day strike and thousands more pressing on with a long cross-country march towards Barcelona.

Ex- Nazi guard, 93, goes on trial

AFP, Hamburg

went on trial in Germany yesterday for complicity in the murder of 110,000 detainees, including many guard could do against Adolf Hitler's more than 5,000 people at a Nazi Jews. Some 65,000 people perished regime. concentration camp during World in the camp. War II, in what could be one of the last such cases.

Bruno Dey stands accused of abetting the murder of 5,230 people when he worked at the Stutthof camp near what was then Danzig, now Gdansk in Poland.

"As an SS guard at Stutthof concentration camp between August 1944 and April 1945, he is believed to have provided support to the gruesome killing of Jewish prisoners in particular," prosecutors said in a statement

During Dey's time at the camp, the "Final Solution" order to exterminate Jews was issued by the Nazi care, prosecutors said

A 93-year-old former SS guard the detention of Polish political killed no one and questioned what a prisoners. But it ended up holding 17-year-old forced to become a camp

Hamburg because he was 17 when he pushed inside.



first worked at Stutthof

Dey reportedly did not deny working at the camp during pre-trial questioning. But he said he ended up in the SS-Totenkopfsturmbahn leadership, leading to the systematic (Death's Head Battalion) that ran killing of inmates in gas chambers, the camp only because of a heart while others died of starvation or condition that prevented him from because they were denied medical being sent to the front, according to Tagesspiegel daily.

The Nazis set up the Stutthof Citing prosecution documents, the camp in 1939, initially using it for newspaper said Dey argued that he

Dey also reportedly confirmed he Despite his advanced age, Dey knew of the camp's gas chambers, is being tried by a juvenile court in where he saw SS prisoners being

Yesterday's trial is among a handful of the final such cases involving surviving SS personnel Since the landmark Demjanjuk

Auschwitz, and Reinhold Hanning, a | Madrid ruled was illegal, in 2017. complicity in mass murder.

imprisoned.

În April, a German judge | worst violence seen in Spain in years. suspended the trial of a former Stutthof concentration camp guard | reinforcements would be sent in with vote could be a regional election that would | and Burisma as two antiafter the 95-year-old defendant was | further protests planned, when unions be considered a plebiscite on independence | hospitalised with heart and kidney | have called a strike and protesters from - a move that could circumvent Madrid's | topics of importance for the

Catalonia should hold a new vote on independence in 2 yrs Says Catalan regional chief after night of violence

REUTERS, Barcelona Catalonia should hold a new vote on independence from Spain within two years, the head of the region's government said vesterday in a fresh challenge to Madrid cause was a peaceful movement.

following days of unrest by pro-separatist Nearly 100 people were injured across the northeastern region on Wednesday in a third day of violence after Spain's Supreme Court sentenced nine Catalan leaders to self-determination," he said. "If all parties | agenda might have also ruling, German courts have convicted | lengthy jail terms over their failed effort to Oskar Groening, an accountant at secure independence, with a referendum be able to finish this legislative term by

former SS guard at the same camp, for | Cars and rubbish bins were torched in the Catalan capital Barcelona overnight Both men were found guilty at | and Interior Minister Fernando Grande-

> Grande-Marlaska said security around the region are due to converge refusal to sanction a referendum.

"We'll return to the ballot box again on and groups make it possible, we have to included an effort to prompt validating independence," he added. The regional parliament's term expires | son or to involve Ukrainians in December 2021. The Constitutional Court warned President's 2020 reelection

age 94 but died before they could be | Marlaska said 97 protesters had been Catalan officials on Wednesday of legal arrested since the outbreak of some of the consequences if they broke the law by pursuing independence.

known but Indian Prime Minister Narendra "Anguished by the news of a bus crash

have launched an investigation.

AGENCIES

Philippines' leader Duterte hurt in motorycle crash Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte hurt hi hip and suffered scratches in a motorcycle accident, senior aides of the 74-year-old leader said yesterday. Duterte, whose health has been the subject of intense public speculation, suffered the mishap at the Malacanang presidential palace compound late Wednesday, according to spokesman Salvador Panelo. The crash came 10 days after Duterte -- the oldest person to be elected Philippine president -- disclosed he is suffering from myasthenia gravis, an autoimmune disease that could potentiall have serious complications. A source said the president's injury will not require majo treatment. Duterte was trying to park the vehicle after driving around a courtyard Panelo said, adding the leader was now resting at the palace.

Two Americans detained in China on border charges

Two Americans from an English-teaching business in China have been detained and bailed in the east of the country on suspicior of "organising others to illegally cross the border," the foreign ministry said yesterday. Jacob Harlan, a father of five, and Alyssa Petersen were taken into custody in Jiangsu province on September 29 and then released on bail, said foreign ministry spokesman Gen Shuang. Their Idaho-based company China Horizons, which arranges for Americans to teach English in Chinese schools, said in a pos on its Facebook page on Saturday that the charges were "bogus". The detentions come amid diplomatic and trade tensions between China and the United States. But Geng denied the incidents are linked.



Senior Democratic Congressman Elijał ummings, who was at the center of the Frump impeachment inquiry, died early esterday at the age of 68, US media reporte/ he veteran Baltimore representative passe away at Johns Hopkins Hospital "due to complications concerning longstanding health challenges," reports said, quoting a statement from his office. As chairman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, Cummings was at the center of the impeachment inquiry into Presiden Donald Trump and had clashed with him. ummings had a number of clashes with the president over issues including detention of immigrants, attacks on three immigrant female US lawmakers. He was born in 1951, one of seven children to a couple who were sharecroppers SOURCE: AFP



US diplomat yesterday old Congress that President Donald Trump and his personal lawyer injected omestic politics into talks with Ukraine, including seeking a probe of a Jkrainian company with ties to the son of Trump's Democratic rival Ioe Biden US Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland congressional committees conducting an npeachment inquiry that rump ordered diplomats in May to involve his personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani in talks petween Washington and administration of President Volodymyr Zelensky.

Trump and Giuliani are accused of linking US nilitary aid to Ukraine to elensky's agreement to pen an investigation into Biden and his son Hunter, as zell as whether Ukraine was olved in meddling on ehalf of Democrats in the 2016 US election -- a popular widely discredited conspiracy theory.

"Mr Giuliani emphasized that the president wanted independence regional chief Quim Torra | a public statement from Zelensky committing Ukraine to look But he also pushed the case for forging into anticorruption issues," ahead with the stalled secessionist drive, | Sondland said in a prepared

> "I did not understand, until much later, that Mr Giuliani's the Ukrainians to investigate Vice President Biden or his lirectly or indirectly, in the campaign," he said

"Mr Giuliani specificall nentioned the 2016 election (including the DNC server) corruption investigator President," Sondland said.

on Barcelona, one of Europe's top tourist

Addressing the Catalan parliament, procriticised the rioting, saying the separatist | President

saving Monday's sentences would not deter | statement a new vote on independence.