

Quake hits near Iran nuclear power plant

AFP, Tehran
An earthquake struck Iran yesterday less than 50 kilometres (30 miles) from the country's only nuclear power plant, monitors said. There were no immediate reports of any casualties or damage. The US Geological Survey said the 5.1 magnitude quake struck 44 kilometres from the southwestern city of Borazjan and at a depth of 38 kilometres. Its reported epicentre is 45 kilometres east of the Bushehr nuclear power plant, on the southwest Gulf coast. The Bushehr plant, which produces 1,000 megawatts of power, was completed by Russia after years of delay and officially handed over in September 2013. There were no immediate reports of damage to the facility.



Iraqi anti-government protesters erect a burning roadblock in the southern city of Basra late Thursday. Despite concessions offered by the government protests persist in Iraq. Protesters want a total overhaul of a patronage system that distributes posts according to sect and are calling for the resignation of a political elite that has remained unchanged for 16 years.

PHOTO: AFP

Hundreds flee as cyclone passes Fiji

AFP, Wellington
Tropical Cyclone Sarai barreled off the coast of Fiji early yesterday, forcing hundreds of residents to move to higher ground ahead of possible flooding. The Category Two storm passed off the southwest of the main island of Viti Levu with forecast average winds of 95 kilometres per hour and gusts of 130 kph at the centre of the storm. The Fiji Meteorological Service warned of "damaging gale force winds" and heavy rain with coastal flooding expected in some areas as the cyclone intensified late Friday.

Philippines' typhoon toll jumps to 28

AFP, Manila
The death toll from Typhoon Phanfone's battering of the Philippines on Christmas Day has risen to 28, and will likely climb further, authorities said yesterday. The storm, with wind gusts of up to 200 kilometre per hour, swept across remote villages and popular tourist destinations in the central Philippines on Wednesday. Authorities yesterday confirmed 28 people had died, up from 16 on Thursday, as information came in from badly hit areas. They said at least 12 people were still listed as missing.

China launches one of the most powerful rockets

AFP, Beijing
China yesterday launched one of the world's most powerful rockets in a major step forward for its planned mission to Mars in 2020. The heavy lift Long March 5 rocket carrying a test satellite payload blasted off from the Wenchang launch site on the southern island of Hainan at 8:45 pm (12:45 GMT), a livestream from state broadcaster CCTV showed. "After more than 2,000 seconds, the Shijian 20 satellite was sent into its predetermined orbit," the official Xinhua news agency reported.

The rocket launch "tests key technologies related to future space missions," Xinhua said. The successful launch is a key part of China's ambitious plans for a mission to the Red Planet next year and hopes of having a crewed space station by 2022.

"The Long March 5 rocket is tasked with important missions," Wu Yanhua, the deputy head of China's National Space Administration, said in a video released by CCTV last week. "It will be tasked with a series of key missions including launching China's first Mars probe, the Chang'e-5 lunar probe and a core module for the manned space station."

The rocket is carrying a Shijian 20 test satellite, according to space news site NASASpaceFlight.com.

Yesterday's success comes after a previous attempt in July 2017 failed mid-launch. China successfully launched the first Long March 5 in November 2016, which it said at the time was the most powerful launcher it had yet developed. The Long March 5, which is capable of carrying up to 25 tonnes, is comparable in capacity to the US-made Delta IV Heavy and Russia's Proton-M, some of the most powerful launchers in existence, according to NASASpaceFlight.com. By contrast the US's Saturn V, which delivered astronauts to the Moon in 1969, was designed to deliver some 140 tonnes of payload into low Earth orbit.

Beijing has invested billions of dollars in its space programme in an effort to catch up with its rival the United States and affirm its status as a major world power. In 2003, the Asian giant, which now spends more than Russia and Japan on its civil and military space programmes, became only the third nation to put a human into orbit.

In January 2019, China became the first nation to land a probe on the far side of the Moon.

In November China completed a test of its Mars exploration lander, ahead of its first mission to the Red Planet slated for 2020 which is planned to deploy a rover to explore the Martian surface.

China also aims to have a manned space station in orbit in 2022.

Japan to send military vessel, planes to ME

AFP, Tokyo
Japan will send a military vessel and two patrol planes to help protect waterways in the Middle East but will not join a US-led coalition in the region, the government said yesterday.

The move comes after attacks this year on tankers in the Gulf including a Japanese tanker, as well as on Saudi Arabian oil installations.

Washington, other Western states and Saudi Arabia blame the attacks on Tehran, which denies any involvement.

Japan will send a destroyer to the region for intelligence activities along with two P3C patrol aircraft, chief cabinet secretary Yoshihide Suga, the top government spokesman, told reporters.

The move is "Japan's own measure aimed at peace and stability in the Middle East as well as ensuring safety of Japan-related vessels," Suga said, noting that 90 percent of crude oil Tokyo imports were from the region.

Middle East tensions have soared since early this year, when Iran was accused of attaching mines to several tankers off Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and then attacking or seizing others near the crucial Strait of Hormuz.

Treason or civic-minded? Iraqis split on president's threat to quit

AFP, Baghdad
Iraqis were divided yesterday by their president's threat to resign rather than accept a pro-Iran coalition's candidate for premier, with some saying it was unconstitutional but others praising his civic-mindedness.

Barham Saleh has resisted recent attempts by a pro-Iran coalition to put forward nominees for prime minister that included a resigned minister and a controversial governor.

On Thursday, Saleh said he was "ready to resign" rather than accept a candidate already rejected by the protest movement that brought down the previous government.

Some 460 people have been killed and 25,000 injured since the unprecedented demonstrations broke out in October demanding deep reform that shows no sign of abating.

In Baghdad's Tahrir Square -- the epicentre of the protest movement -- a banner was unfurled overnight alongside portraits of rejected candidates for the premiership with their faces crossed out in red.

"Thank you Barham for siding with the demands of the people and rejecting the candidates of corrupt parties. We are with you," it read.

But not all protesters shared this view. "This resignation will lead to chaos and give the political parties even more control over the country," said Ali Mohamed, a protesting teacher in Babylon province south of the capital.

Further south in the protest encampment in Diwaniyah, Mohamed Mehdi said he hoped Saleh's resignation would be accepted.

In the halls of power, reactions to Saleh's gambit were equally divided. The pro-Iran bloc that claims to be the largest in parliament -- and should therefore be entitled to nominate the premier -- called on lawmakers to "take legal action against the president for violating the constitution".

The deadlock is pitting the pro-Iran camp against determined protesters, who have shut down schools and public buildings across the south.

The civil disobedience will continue, protesters say, until they obtain what they have been demanding since October 1.

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	Paper - II	05.01.2020 (Sunday)		
	Paper - III	06.01.2020 (Monday)		

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	Paper - III	06.01.2020 (Monday)		

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