

Yemen rebel strike on mosque kills at least 22

AFP, Marib

At least 22 people were killed in a Houthi rebel missile strike on a mosque south of the strategic Yemeni city of Marib, officials said yesterday.

"Twenty-two people, including children, were killed and 19 others were injured in a Houthi missile attack on a mosque... in Al-Jawba district" on Sunday night, a pro-government military official told AFP.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the mosque also had a religious school.

The Huthis began a major push to seize the city of Marib in February and, after a lull, they have renewed their offensive in recent weeks.

The Saudi-led coalition has been conducting an aerial bombing campaign since October 11 to prevent the rebels from reaching Marib city. Since then, more than 2,200 Houthi fighters have been killed in Al-Jawba and two other districts, according to the coalition.



Oxfam activists dressed as a Scottish pipe band and representing (L-R) Russian President Vladimir Putin, Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi, French President Emmanuel Macron, US President Joe Biden, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping pose during their "Big Heads" protest stunt at the Royal Exchange Square in Glasgow yesterday on the sidelines of the COP26 UN Climate Summit. More than 120 world leaders meet in Glasgow in a "last, best hope" to tackle the climate crisis and avert a looming global disaster.

PHOTO: AFP

COP26 CLIMATE SUMMIT: WHO SAID WHAT

World leaders were told to help "save humanity" on Monday at the COP26 climate summit and warned that failure was "immoral" and would sow bitterness for generations. Here is a selection of quotes from the leaders' gathering, which kicks off the UN conference in Glasgow:

UN CHIEF ANTONIO GUTERRES:

"It's time to say: enough," the UN Secretary-General said. "Enough of brutalizing biodiversity. Enough of killing ourselves with carbon. Enough of treating nature like a toilet. Enough of burning and drilling and mining our way deeper. We are digging our own graves." He urged the delegates to: "Choose ambition. Choose solidarity. Choose to safeguard our future and save humanity."

UK PRIME MINISTER BORIS JOHNSON:

The British Prime Minister warned delegates of "uncontainable" public anger if the conference fails and said future generations "will not forgive us". "They will know that Glasgow was the historic turning point when history failed to turn," he said. "They will judge us with bitterness and with a resentment that eclipses any of the climate activists of today -- and they will be right."



ITALY PRIME MINISTER MARIO DRAGHI:

The Italian prime minister, who has just hosted G20 leaders in Rome, said COP26 "must now go further" than that conference. "COP26 must be the start of a new momentum, a quantum leap in our fight against climate change," he said.

PRINCE CHARLES:

"We need a vast military-style campaign to marshal the strength of the global private sector. With trillions at its disposal," the heir to the British throne said.

SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH:

"Perhaps the fact that the people most affected by climate change are no longer some imaginary future generations but young people alive today... perhaps that will give us the impetus we need to rewrite our story, to turn this tragedy into a triumph."

SOURCE: AFP

BARBADOS PRIME MINISTER MIA MOTTEY:

The Barbados Prime Minister said failure to provide nations with the funds to protect themselves and adapt to climate change was "measured in lives and livelihoods in our communities". "That my friends is immoral and it is unjust," she said. "We want to exist in a hundred years from now. And if our existence is to mean anything, then we must act in the interest of all our people who are depending on us."

France's Macron says Australia PM lied over submarine deal

REUTERS, Sydney

French President Emmanuel Macron said Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison lied to him over the cancellation of a submarine building contract in September, and indicated more efforts were required to rebuild trust between the two allies.

In Rome for the G20 summit, the two leaders were meeting for first time since Australia scrapped the multi-billion dollar deal with France as part of a new security alliance with Britain and the United States unveiled in September.

The alliance, dubbed AUKUS, which could give Australia access to nuclear-powered submarines, caught Paris off guard, prompting it to recall ambassadors from Washington and Canberra amid accusations that France had been betrayed.

"I don't think, I know," Macron said in response to a question whether he thought that Morrison had lied to him.

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he said in comments on Sunday to a group of Australian reporters who had travelled to Italy for the summit of leaders of the top 20 economies.

"I have a lot of respect and a lot of friendship for your people. I just say when we have respect, you have to be true and you have to behave in line, and consistently, with this value."

Morrison told a media conference later the same day that he had not lied, and had previously explained to Macron that conventional submarines would no longer meet Australia's needs.

Yesterday, Australian Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce urged France to view the matter in perspective.

"We didn't steal an island, we didn't deface the Eiffel Tower. It was a contract," Joyce told reporters in Moree, 644 km (400 miles) northwest of Sydney.

"Contracts have terms and conditions, and one of those terms and conditions and propositions is that you might get out of the contract."

Asked over what time frame France should back down, Truss said: "This issue needs to be resolved in the next 48 hours."

Paris has said it could ban British fishing boats from unloading in French ports, carry out additional licence checks on British vessels, tighten controls of trucks and reinforce customs and hygiene controls if talks fail.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Sunday he had been "puzzled" to read a letter from Paris to the European Union. Sent by French Prime Minister Jean Castex, it called on the bloc to demonstrate there was "more damage to leaving the EU than to remaining there".

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SOURCE: WEBSITES

Back down in 48 hours

Britain issues ultimatum to France as fishing row escalates

REUTERS, London

Britain yesterday told France that it must back down within 48 hours in a fishing row that threatens to spiral into a wider trade dispute or face tortuous legal action under the Brexit trade deal.

France says Britain has refused to grant its fishermen the correct number of licences to operate in British waters and has said it could impose targeted measures from Tuesday, including tightening some checks on trucks moving between the neighbours.

Britain says it is issuing licences to vessels that can prove they have previously fished in UK waters.

The row intensified last week when the French seized a British dredger, the Cornelius Gert Jan, in French waters near Le Havre, saying it did not have the required licences, though the boat's owner said it had all the appropriate documents.

"The French have made completely unreasonable threats, including to the

Channel Islands and to our fishing industry, and they need to withdraw those threats or else we will use the mechanisms of our trade agreement with the EU to take action," Foreign Secretary Liz Truss told Sky News.

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Erdogan skips climate summit in security dispute

Turkey's President Tayyip Erdogan has cancelled plans to attend the COP26 climate conference after Britain failed to meet Ankara's demands on security arrangements, two Turkish officials told Reuters yesterday.

Erdogan returned to Turkey from a G20 summit in Rome instead of travelling to the climate summit in Glasgow, the state-owned Anadolu agency said. The Turkish presidency gave no reason for his unscheduled return.

One official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there were protocol issues over the president's planned attendance at the meeting. Another Turkish official said British authorities had not met Turkey's requests over protocol and security.

S Korea, US quietly hold joint air exercises

South Korea and the United States kicked off joint aerial drills yesterday, a military official in Seoul said, amid tensions over North Korea's recent missile tests and calls for a restart of denuclearisation talks. The exercises, previously called Vigilant Ace, once mobilized tens of thousands of troops and hundreds of cutting-edge fighter jets, bombers and other warplanes. But the programme has been scaled back since 2017 to facilitate talks aimed at ending Pyongyang's nuclear and missile programmes in return for US sanctions relief. The allies began the drills, which will last five days, without announcing or naming them.

Biden tests Covid negative after spokeswoman's positive report

US President Joe Biden has tested negative for Covid-19 in the wake of his chief spokeswoman testing positive, the White House said yesterday. The president was tested as well, a PCR test yesterday, and he tested negative. Principal Deputy Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters aboard Air Force One, on the way to the UN climate summit in Glasgow. Jean-Pierre said Biden's test on Sunday was not in response to news of the positive result for Press Secretary Jen Psaki, but was done "independently" and was "required for entering the UK."

Thailand, Australia, Israel ease travel curbs

Thailand, Australia and Israel eased international border restrictions significantly yesterday for the first time in 18 months, offering a broad test of demand for travel worldwide amid the coronavirus pandemic. The relaxation contrasts with tightening lockdowns elsewhere, notably in eastern Europe where infections have hit record numbers, and in parts of China, which has taken a zero-tolerance approach to the pandemic despite relatively few cases. Britain yesterday removed the last seven countries on its coronavirus "red list", which required newly arrived travellers to spend 10 days in hotel quarantine. The United States will lift international travel restrictions for fully vaccinated travellers on Nov 8.

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