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EU leaders open to Brexit delay, but May faces storm at home

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BRUSSELS, MARCH 21

EUROPEAN UNION leaders meeting for a Brexit summit are likely to grant Britain a short extension, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Thursday, if the UK government can win Parliamentary support next week for its divorce deal.

But the early signs of that happening were not good. British Prime Minister Theresa May angered many legislators with a televised speech late Wednesday blaming a divided Parliament for an impasse that has left Britain eight days away from crashing out of the bloc. One lawmaker slammed her remarks as "toxic".

May has a tough day ahead as she arrives in Brussels to lobby her European partners to extend the Brexit date from March 29 until June 30 to push through the agreement she reached with the

EXPLAINED Call for revoking Brexit gains momentum

A PETITION calling for the cancellation of Brexit gained more than 900,000 signatures and caused the UK Parliament's petitions website to crash briefly due to the high traffic. Any petition that garners more than 100,000 signatures must be considered for debate in Parliament. With May asking the EU for a three-month delay for Britain's exit from the EU, the call for reversing Brexit has gained momentum. Last year, the European Court of Justice had ruled that Britain can unilaterally decide to remain in the EU without the approval of the 27 other members. However, this remains an unlikely scenario.

EU in November.

Her deal has been roundly rejected twice by the UK Parliament, and EU leaders are being asked to take the risk that May can convince the lawmakers next week.

That looked more uncertain after her speech on the eve of the summit, in which May told a

Brexit-weary public: "You want this stage of the Brexit process to be over and done with. I agree. I am on your side."

May accused lawmakers of "infighting," "political games" and "arcane procedural ruses," but acknowledged no personal role in creating the impasse. AP

CHRISTCHURCH MOSQUE ATTACKS AFTERMATH

New Zealand PM announces ban on military-style semi-automatic guns

Ardern says more gun restrictions to follow; \$138-million buy-back scheme for banned weapons

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CHRISTCHURCH, MARCH 21

NEW ZEALAND will ban military-style semi-automatic and assault rifles under tough new gun laws following the killing of 50 people in its worst mass shooting, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said on Thursday.

In the immediate aftermath of last Friday's shootings at two mosques in the city of Christchurch, Ardern labelled the attack as terrorism and said New Zealand's gun laws would change.

"On 15 March our history changed forever. Now, our laws will too. We are announcing action today on behalf of all New Zealanders to strengthen our gun laws and make our country a safer place," Ardern told a news conference.

"All semi-automatic weapons used during the terrorist attack on Friday 15 March will be banned." Ardern said she expected the new laws to be in place by April 11 and a buy-back scheme costing up to NZ\$200 million (\$138 million) would be established for banned weapons.

All military style semi-automatics (MSSA) and assault rifles would be banned, along with parts used to convert weapons



At a burial service of a victim from the March 15 mosque shootings, in Christchurch on Thursday. Reuters

into MSSAs and all high-capacity magazines.

Ardern said more reforms would cover the firearm registry and licensing.

Under existing gun laws, a standard A-category gun licence allows semi-automatics limited to seven shots. Live-streamed video of a gunman in one of the mosques showed a semi-automatic weapon modified with a large magazine.

Australia banned semi-automatic weapons and launched a gun buy-back after the Port Arthur massacre in 1996 in which 35 people were killed.

Ardern said that similar to Australia, the law would allow

for strictly enforced exemptions for farmers for pest control and animal welfare. "I strongly believe that the vast majority of legitimate gun owners in New Zealand will understand that these moves are in the national interest, and will take these changes in their stride."

Mosques to reopen for Friday prayers

The first victims of the attacks were buried Wednesday and burials continued on Thursday, with the funeral of a school boy. A mass burial is expected on Friday.

The bullet-riddled Al Noor mosque was being repaired, painted and cleaned ahead of



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Friday prayers.

Ardern will attend the Muslim call to prayer and a two-minute silence at Hagley Park, opposite the mosque. The call to prayer will be telecast nationally.

Armed police have been guarding mosques around New Zealand since the attacks. Police said there would be a "heightened presence" on Friday to reassure those attending weekly prayers. Thousands of worshippers are expected at the Al Noor mosque, where the majority of victims died. REUTERS

Police probe attacks on four mosques in UK's Birmingham

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LONDON, MARCH 21

FOUR MOSQUES in the central English city of Birmingham have been attacked overnight, with a man wielding a sledgehammer seen smashing windows at two places of worship, the police said on Thursday.

Counter-terrorism officers are investigating attacks on the mosques in four different areas in the north of the city, West Midlands Police said.

"At the moment we don't know the motive for last night's attacks," said Chief Constable Dave Thompson in a statement. Officers were first alerted in the early hours of Thursday to reports of a man smashing windows with a sledgehammer at one of the places of worship, police said. Following reports of a similar attack at another mosque in a nearby neighbourhood, officers launched targeted patrols and discovered "further damage" at two other sites.

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PUNE CANTONMENT BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public is hereby informed that the Property known as House No. 17-A, Sholapur Bazar, GLR Sy. No. 390/3066 admeasuring 966.000 Sq. Ft. in Pune Cantonment is Class B-3 land held on lease in Schedule IV of CLAR 1937. The recorded lessee is Mrs. Noor Jahan M. B. Kazi. Now, Shri. Imran Badiuzzaman Kazi has applied to delete the name of Mrs. Noor Jahan M. B. Kazi from the GLR and transfer of leasehold rights in the property on his name on the basis of the following documents:-
1. Death certificate of late Noorjahan Badiuzzaman Kazi expired on 27-09-2015.
2. Affidavit executed on 23-12-2016 at Sr. No. 5232/2016.
Thus after mutation, the name of lessee to be recorded in the General Land Register will be as follows:-
Shri. Imran Badiuzzaman Kazi.
If any person is having any objection to the aforesaid change he / she may file his / her objection in writing to the Lands Section of Pune Cantonment Board within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.
Pune signed on this 14th day of March 2019.
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PUNE CANTONMENT BOARD (DR. D. N. YADAV)

CENTRAL RAILWAY SOLAPUR DIVISION
e-Tender Notice No. : 14-2019-DENS
DRM(W)'s, Central Railway, Solapur on behalf of the President of India Invites E-tender from the reputed firms / Contractor for the following work.
Sr.No. 01. Name of work with its locality :- Repairs to Br No. 431/1, 436/1, 454/2, 511/2 and 471/2, 473/2, 474/3, 490/1, 494/4, 499/1, 486/1, 486/2, 487/3, 488/3, 502/2, 508/3, 508/4, 514/1 (14 Nos.) under ADEN/T/SUR sub division (Re-invitation).
02. Approximate cost of work :- Rs. 13266100.00.
03. Earnest Money :- Rs. 216300.00.
04. Completion period of the work :- 06 (Six) Months, 05. Maintenance period :- 12 (Twelve) Months, 06. Cost of Tender form:- Rs. 5000/-.
07. Date and time for submission for tender on www.ireps.gov.in website :- 12.04.2019 up to 15.00 hrs. 08. Date and time of opening of tender on www.ireps.gov.in :- 12.04.2019 after 15.45 hrs., 09. Website particulars :- www.ireps.gov.in. 10. Note : The Prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any change / corrigendum issued for this tender website :- www.ireps.gov.in
Date: 18.03.2019
Place : Solapur. AST/SUR/163
Dial 138 for Rail-related Suggestions/Complaints

GeM TENDER NOTICE
OUTSOURCING OF VARIOUS SERVICES ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS FOR THE FY 2019- 20 AT AFMC, PUNE
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The Director & Commandant, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune-40 on behalf of President of India invites Bids from all registered vendors on GeM portal .

Details of bid is as under :-
Bid No : GEM/2019/B/205784
Bid start date and time : 16 March 2019 from 1131 hrs
Bid end date and time : 26 March 2019 till 1400hrs
Services required and categories under which bids called for on GeM are as under :-

Category/ services as required by the College	Category/services against which bidding processed on GeM	No of Employees
Skilled Categories (47 Nos)		
Library & Info Offr	Library Coordinator	1
Audio Visual Tech	Tech Audio visual Aid	1
Technician	Multipurpose health Worker	1
Supervisor Fire	Lift cum fireman	1
Cashier	Accts Clerk	1
Stenographer	Stenographer	25
Clerk(UDC)	Clerk	7
Leading Hand Fire	Lift cum fireman	4
Case worker	Medical Social Worker	2
Sr Computer services	Computer operator	1
Jr Computer services	Computer operator	3
Clerical Categories(30 Nos)		
Sr. Store Keeper	Store Keeper	4
Clerk (LDC)	Clerk	18
Clerk Record	Clerk	4
Sr. Hindi Translator	Office Assistant	1
Asst Librarian	Jr Librarian	1
Computer Operator	Computer operator	2
Semi-Skilled Categories(48 Nos)		
Fire Engine Driver	Driver HMV	4
Fireman	Lift cum fireman	16
Driver	Driver HMV	1
Library Attd	Library Restorer	5
Daftary	Office Helper	1
Catloguer	Office Helper	1
Documentists	Office Helper	2
Lab Attd	Lab Asst/Attd	8
Dissection Hall Attd	Mortuary Supervisor	6
Photographer	Artist /Photographer	1
Barber	Barber	3
Un-Skilled Categories(145 Nos)		
Cook	Cook	15
Messenger	Courier Messenger	5
Gardener	Mail	7
Watchman	Sweeper cum Guard	8
Tailor	Tailor	1
Waiters (Hostel)	Multi-Tasking Staff	30
Masaich	Kitchen Asst	10
Mazdoor(Tradesman mate)	Multi-Tasking Staff	20
Sweeper(Housekeeping)	Housekeeping Male/female	38
Telephone Attd	Operator	6
Cycle Repairer	Multi-Tasking Staff	3
Bootmaker	Bootmaker	2
	Total	270

Director & Commandant AFMC, Pune-40

6 killed, over 30 injured as blast rocks China chemical plant

KJM VARMA
BEIJING, MARCH 21

A POWERFUL explosion ripped through an industrial park in eastern China on Thursday, killing at least six people and injuring over 30 others as it knocked down factory buildings, local officials said.

The explosion occurred at about 2.48 pm following a fire in a fertilizer factory in a chemical industrial park in Yancheng, Jiangsu province, the government of Xiangshui county said.

Eye-witnesses said several workers were trapped after buildings were knocked down by the shockwave stated to be a mild tremor caused by the blast which took place in a pesticide plant. The blast also shattered windows of nearby residential houses.

They said many workers were seen running out of the factory covered in blood after the blast, which also shattered windows of many nearby houses and damaged cars in the vicinity. PTI

At least six killed in blasts as Kabul marks Persian New Year

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KABUL, MARCH 21

AT LEAST six people were killed by blasts in Kabul Thursday during Persian New Year celebrations in a Shiite area of the Afghan capital, authorities said, in the latest violence to hit the war-torn city.

"Twenty-three were wounded and six people were martyred (killed) in today's explosions in Kabul," health ministry spokesman Wahidullah Mayar said, with the interior ministry confirming the toll.

The Taliban denied responsibility for the attack, which police said had been caused by three remote-controlled mines—one placed in the washroom of a mosque, one behind a hospital, and one in an electricity meter.

The blasts were near Kabul University and the Karte Sakhi shrine, where many Afghans gather every year to mark Nawrooz, which is the traditional Persian New Year holiday but considered un-Islamic by Muslim fundamentalists.



A man removes broken glass from a pavement after multiple explosions in Kabul on Thursday. Reuters

"As we celebrate this auspicious day to bind us together our fellow citizens witnessed another devastating day in #Kabul," President Ashraf Ghani wrote on Twitter.

"We lost peaceful citizens to a coward enemy that knows no bounds." Kabul police spokesman Basir Mujahid said the fourth mine was defused near Kabul University, and that authorities were searching for any others that may have been placed in the area. But he added

that the mines were far from the main site of the celebrations.

Exactly one year ago, a blast near a crowd celebrating at the shrine killed 33 people in an attack claimed by the Islamic State.

IS, which regularly targets Shiites in an attempt to stir up sectarian violence in Sunni-majority Afghanistan, has also attacked the shrine once before, in October 2016, when its gunmen killed 18 people gathered there to mark Ashura, an important date for many Muslims, especially Shiias.

ETHIOPIA, INDONESIA CRASHES

Doomed planes lacked two safety features that Boeing sold as extras

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NEW YORK, MARCH 21

AS THE pilots of the doomed Boeing jets in Ethiopia and Indonesia fought to control their planes, they lacked two notable safety features in their cockpits.

One reason: Boeing charged extra for them.

For Boeing and other aircraft manufacturers, the practice of charging to upgrade a standard plane can be lucrative. Top airlines around the world must pay handsomely to have the jets they order fitted with customized add-ons.

Sometimes these optional features involve aesthetics or comfort, like premium seating, fancy lighting or extra bathrooms. But other features involve communication, navigation or safety systems, and are more fundamental to the plane's operations.

Many airlines, especially low-cost carriers like Indonesia's Lion Air, have opted not to buy them — and regulators don't require them.



Standard 737 Max planes are not equipped with a so-called angle of attack indicator or an angle of attack disagree light. NYT

Now, in the wake of the two deadly crashes involving the same jet model, Boeing will make one of those safety features standard as part of a fix to get the planes in the air again.

It is not yet known what caused the crashes of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 on March 10 and Lion Air Flight 610 five months earlier, both after erratic takeoffs. But investigators are looking at whether a new soft-

ware system added to avoid stalls in Boeing's 737 Max series may have been partly to blame. Faulty data from sensors on the Lion Air plane may have caused the system, known as MCAS, to malfunction, authorities investigating that crash suspect.

That software system takes readings from two vanelike devices called angle of attack sensors that determine how much the plane's nose is pointing up

or down relative to oncoming air. When MCAS detects that the plane is pointing up at a dangerous angle, it can automatically push down the nose of the plane in an effort to prevent the plane from stalling.

Boeing's optional safety features, in part, could have helped the pilots detect any erroneous readings. One of the optional upgrades, the angle of attack indicator, displays the readings of the two sensors. The other, called a disagree light, is activated if those sensors are at odds with one another.

Boeing will soon update the MCAS software, and will also make the disagree light standard on all new 737 Max planes, according to a person familiar with the changes, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they have not been made public. The angle of attack indicator will remain an option that airlines can buy.

Neither feature was mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration. All 737 Max jets have been grounded. NYT