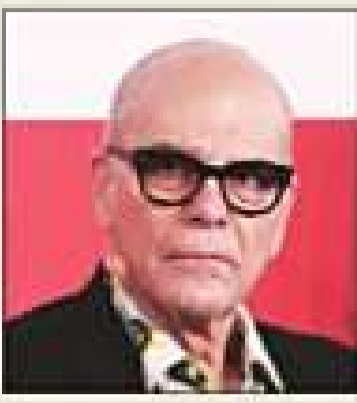


TOP OF THE WORLD



Reimann family spokesman Peter Harf

GERMANY
Wealthy family to donate \$11m after learning of Nazi past

Berlin: One of Germany's richest families says it plans to give millions of euros to charity after learning about ancestors who enthusiastically supported the Nazis and used forced labour. Bild newspaper reported Sunday that documents revealed Albert Reimann Sr. and Albert Reimann Jr. used Russian civilians and French POWs as forced labourers. Family spokesman Peter Harf, who heads the Reimanns' JAB Holding Company, says recent internal research confirmed Bild's findings. He says the family never spoke of the Nazi era but the evidence shows the father and son, who died in 1954 and 1984, "belonged in jail." Harf says the heirs plan to publish the research and donate 10 million euros (\$11.3 million) to charity.

SUDAN
Blast kills 8 kids while collecting scrap metals

Cairo: Sudanese officials say eight children have been killed in an explosion near a military facility where they were searching for scrap metal to resell. The officials say the explosion happened Saturday in Omdurman, the twin city of the capital, Khartoum. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to brief reporters. The Central Committee of Sudan Doctors, an independent professional union, says seven children died at the scene and the eighth succumbed to wounds later.

MEXICO
107 Central American migrants held

Mexico City: Mexican police and federal officials on Saturday detained 107 Central American migrants seeking to enter the US in the border city of Reynosa, the government of the state of Tamaulipas said. Following a tip-off, police intercepted a group of migrants who had been taken out of trucks in a western part of the city, which lies across the border from McAllen, Texas. At the scene, unidentified gunmen began shooting at police, and one of the attackers was killed in the ensuing exchange of fire, the Tamaulipas government said in a statement.

UAE
Govt's plan to help employees lose weight

Dubai: The UAE Government has launched a programme for the overweight employees to shed extra kilos and adopt a healthy lifestyle, according to a media report. Titled "Lose to Win", the programme has been launched by the Ministry of Health and Prevention and encourages those struggling with weight issues to learn how to induce positive changes in their lifestyle, Gulf News reported.

BRITAIN'S PM UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE OVER BREXIT

Ministers plot to oust May, report says as MPs try to take control of EU exit

Brexit could be softened by Parliament; changing PM now wouldn't help, says finance minister

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LONDON, MARCH 24

THE UNITED Kingdom's exit from the European Union was in disarray on Sunday as Prime Minister Theresa May faced a possible plot by ministers to topple her and parliament prepared to grab control of Brexit from the government.

At one of the most important junctures for the country since World War Two, British politics was at fever pitch and, nearly three years since the 2016 referendum, it was still unclear how, when or if Brexit will ever take place.

With May humiliated and weakened, ministers insisted she and the British government were still in charge of the country, and that the best option was still for parliament to ratify May's twice-defeated Brexit divorce deal.

As hundreds of thousands of people marched in central London on Saturday to demand another Brexit referendum, May was the



Theresa May leaves church, near High Wycombe, northwest of London, on Sunday. Reuters

subject of what *The Sunday Times* said was a "coup" by senior ministers seeking to oust her.

The newspaper cited 11 unidentified ministers and said they had agreed the PM should stand down, warning she has become an erratic figure whose judgment has "gone haywire".

When asked by Sky about reports in *The Sunday Times* and

other newspapers of a plot, Finance Minister Philip Hammond said: "No. I don't think that is the case at all."

"Changing Prime Minister wouldn't help us," Hammond said. "To be talking about changing the players on the board, frankly, is self-indulgent at this time."

Hammond said the best way forward would be for Parliament

EXPLAINED
Crucial week ahead as Parliament could change Brexit course

A SERIES of measures set to come up in Parliament this week could change the course of Brexit. Through a number of 'indicative votes', pro-EU MPs are likely to push for a softer Brexit, which will face stiff opposition from the Eurosceptic camp. PM May could also put her deal to the test in Parliament for the third time. Depending on which side triumphs, Brexit could face a variety of different fates: Brexit with May's deal, no Brexit, no-deal Brexit, Brexit under a single customs union with the EU, Brexit with a separate free trade agreement, or a second Brexit referendum.

to back May's deal, although he said that it might not be approved and so Parliament should then try to find a way to end the impasse.

If May's deal is dead, then Parliament will try to find a different option. That opens an array of possibilities including a much softer divorce than May had intended, a second referendum, a revocation of the Article 50 di-

voice papers or even an election.

Brexit had been due to happen on March 29 before May secured a delay in talks with the EU. Now a May 22 departure date will apply if Parliament rallies behind the British PM and she is able to pass her deal. If she fails to do so, Britain will have until April 12 to offer a new plan or decide to leave the EU without a treaty. REUTERS

134 Fulani herders dead in central Mali's worst violence yet

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BAMAKO, MARCH 24

GUNMEN KILLED at least 134 Fulani herders in central Mali on Saturday, a local mayor said, the deadliest such attack of recent times in a region reeling from worsening ethnic and jihadist violence.

The assaults on the villages of Ogossagou and Welingara took place as a UN Security Council mission visited Mali seeking solutions to violence that killed hundreds of civilians last year and is spreading across West Africa's Sahel region.

Moulaye Guindo, mayor of the nearby town of Bankass, said armed men, dressed as traditional Donzo hunters, encircled and attacked Ogossagou at about 4 am.

"We are provisionally at 134 bodies recovered by the gendarmes," Guindo told Reuters by telephone from Ogossagou.

He said another nearby Fulani village, Welingara, had also been attacked, causing "a number" of deaths, but he did not yet know how many.

Security sources said the dead included pregnant women,

children and elderly people.

One Ogossagou resident, who asked not to be identified, said the attack appeared to be in retaliation for an al Qaeda affiliate's claim of responsibility on Friday for a raid last week that killed 23 soldiers.

That group said that raid was payback for violence by Mali's army and militiamen against the Fulani.

Jihadist groups linked to al Qaeda and Islamic State have exploited ethnic rivalries in Mali and its neighbours Burkina Faso and Niger in recent years to boost recruitment and render vast swathes of territory ungovernable.

French forces intervened in Mali, a former French colony, in 2013 to push back a jihadist advance from the desert north but the militants have since regrouped and expanded their presence into central Mali and the neighbouring countries.

Some 4,500 French troops remain based in the wider Sahel, most of them in Mali. The US also has hundreds of troops in the region. Security Council ambassadors met with Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita and other government officials on Friday evening to discuss the violence. REUTERS

Thai junta party takes shock lead in first polls since 2014 coup

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BANGKOK, MARCH 24

THAILAND'S RULING junta took an unexpected lead in the country's first election since a 2014 coup with more than 90 per cent of ballots counted, putting it on course to return to power at the expense of the kingdom's pro-democracy camp.

Sunday's election was held under new laws written by the military to smooth its transformation into a civilian government.

While it had set the rules of the game in its favour, analysts had not expected the party to win the popular vote, given mounting anger at junta rule and due to the enduring popularity of Pheu Thai, the party of ex-premier Thaksin Shinawatra.

The Army-linked Phalang Pracharat party, which wants junta chief Prayut Chan-O-cha to return as premier, gained more than 7.3 million votes with 91 per cent of ballots tallied, according to the Election Commission — nearly half a million more than Pheu Thai.

The EC said it would announce full results on Monday, including the numbers of Lower House seats won by each party. The election pitted a royalist junta and its allies against the election-winning machine of billionaire Thaksin — who was toppled in a 2006 coup — and featured an unpredictable wave of millions of first-time voters.

There was a high turnout as voters flocked to schoolyards, temples and government offices across the nation, their enthusiasm fired



PM Prayut Chan-O-cha votes in Bangkok. Reuters

by years of denied democracy.

The Election Commission's announcement late Sunday diminished prospects of a pro-democracy alliance nudging it from power. But still supporters clung on in hope.

Sunday's crunch vote was foreshadowed by a cryptic last-minute warning from King Maha Vajiralongkorn to support "good" leaders to prevent "chaos".

Thailand is a constitutional monarchy and the palace is nominally above politics. But the institution retains unassailable powers and is insulated from criticism by a harsh royal defamation law.

While King Maha Vajiralongkorn gave no further clues as to who those "good people" might be, the phrase — "khon dee" in Thai — is habitually attached to royalist and establishment politicians.

Another royal command in February torpedoed the candidacy of the king's elder sister Princess Ubolratana for PM of a party linked to Thaksin. That party was dissolved earlier this month, crippling the Shinawatra's electoral strategy.



STRANDED CRUISE SHIP TOWED TO PORT

The Viking Sky cruise ship arrives at a port in Molde, Norway, on Sunday after it sent out a Mayday signal because of engine failure in windy conditions. Rescue services had airlifted 479 people to safety and towed the vessel to a nearby port. The luxury cruise liner carried 1,373 passengers and crew when it had engine trouble Saturday afternoon off the western coast of Norway. AP

A second survivor of Florida school massacre commits suicide: Report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
WASHINGTON, MARCH 24

A SECOND student from the Florida high school where 17 were shot dead in 2018 has committed suicide within a week, US media reported Sunday.

The *Miami Herald* said police in Coral Springs told the paper that a current student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in nearby Parkland had died of "apparent suicide" late Saturday.

The student was not identified by the police but the *Miami*



Students of Stoneman Douglas High School at a memorial last year. Reuters

Herald said it was a male sophomore or second-year student.

Last weekend Sydney Aiello, 19, who survived the Parkland

massacre and graduated last year, killed herself reportedly out of grief and "survivor's guilt".

Two of Aiello's best friends, Meadow Pollack and Joaquin Oliver, were among the dead when former student Nikolas Cruz raked the school on February 14, 2018 with a semi-automatic weapon, killing 14 students and three staff members.

Aiello's parents told local news channel CBS4 that she had been treated for PTSD and suffered from survivor's guilt, when a victim fixates on why he or she managed to live, not someone else.

UK mosque attacks: Suspect held under Mental Health Act

ADITI KHANNA
LONDON, MARCH 24

A MAN arrested after attacks on five mosques across the city of Birmingham earlier this week has been detained under the UK's Mental Health Act, West Midlands Police said on Sunday.

The 34-year-old handed himself into a Birmingham police station on Friday after counter-terrorism officers launched an investigation into the smashing of windows and vandalism at five mosques in the

Driver working with NBC News killed in Syria

Baghouz: A driver working with NBC News reporters in Syria was killed Saturday by an explosive device in eastern Syria, where several media outlets are covering the liberation of the last sliver of territory held by the Islamic State group.

Noah Oppenheim, the president of NBC News, said in a statement that NBC employees escaped unharmed, and expressed "deepest sympathies" to the driver's family and loved ones.

"We are still gathering information from today's events, and are in touch with the driver's family to support them however we can," he said.

Several media outlets are in Syria to cover the military defeat of the IS group in the small eastern village of Baghouz. The US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces declared victory over IS on Saturday after clearing the militants from their last position in the village following weeks of heavy fighting. AP

MANHATTAN BUILDING'S FUTURISTIC LOCK SYSTEM OPENS DEBATE ABOUT PRIVACY, AGEISM AND RENTER'S RIGHTS

When an app opens your apartment door, but you just want a key

CORINA KNOLL
NEW YORK, MARCH 24

THE THIRD floor of the warehouse on West 45th Street in Manhattan was a sprawl of rotting wood when the two artists first arrived.

Yet, through the windows came north light, softened and diffused. The newlywed couple envisioned their future studios and moved in.

They put down bamboo floors, erected walls, built a kitchen and bathroom and raised two daughters in a home they have loved for over four decades.

Then a new set of digital locks that rely on a smartphone app arrived.

Now, the couple — Mary Beth McKenzie, 72, and Tony Mysak, 93 — find themselves waging a legal battle over access to their

home that has raised an analogue question: Do renters have the right to an old-school metal key?

A lawsuit filed in October in Housing Court in Manhattan by the couple and three other tenants of the building demands that the landlord give them access to all the entryways without having to use a smartphone app.

But it also has opened a wider debate over privacy, ageism and renter's rights that has inspired new legislation in Albany.

At the heart of the dispute is a keyless entry system designed by the company Latch that has been installed in more than 1,000 buildings across the city.

Founded in 2013, the New York-based company saw a need for tenants and landlords to share access with guests, such as visiting family members, the electrician or a delivery person. Users download the app, cre-



About 1,000 apartment buildings in New York City have installed keyless Latch systems that allow tenants to open doors with the press of a smartphone app. NYT

ate a profile and can unlock doors via their phone or a key card or by punching in a code on the device's numeric keypad. In some cases, the mechanism is compatible with an ordinary metal key.

Assemblywoman Linda

Rosenthal, a Democrat who represents the Upper West Side and parts of the Hell's Kitchen neighbourhood (where McKenzie and Mysak live), introduced legislation Wednesday that would require landlords to provide a "traditional"

method of entry in all areas for tenants who prefer not to use a smart access system. It also puts strict limitations on any personal data collected by Latch or any similar digital-access company.

"This is probably the wave of the future," Rosenthal said. "And so, we have to make sure as we gallop toward that brave new world that there are privacy protections and alternatives to using apps. That people who are older or disabled or have other issues are not being inconvenienced."

Michael P. Kozek, a lawyer for the Hell's Kitchen loft tenants, said residents had been given mechanical keys to entrances where Latch is not installed, including their individual apartment doors and side doors that access stairways. But if they want to enter the lobby that leads to the elevator and mailboxes, residents must use the keyless entry system.

"As a practical matter, this particular group of tenants happen to be elderly or close to elderly, and they're not really technologically savvy," Kozek said.

Charlotte Pfahl, a resident of the building and a plaintiff in the lawsuit, said she was not comfortable providing personal information on an app that she believes will also track her movement. She said she thinks the landlord is using it as a tactic to push longtime tenants out to make way for higher rents.

"They are trying to get rid of the rest of us," Pfahl, 67, said.

Latch is not a named party in the lawsuit, and the CEO and co-founder of the company, Luke Schoenfelder, would not comment on the court challenge.

Schoenfelder said the company did not capture, store or use GPS location data of users, nor did it share personal data with third

parties for marketing purposes. He said Latch was revising its privacy policy to remove any ambiguity.

Landlords can view only the history of entry into common areas, not residents' apartment units, and they are not permitted to revoke access to the building without an order of eviction, according to Schoenfelder. "It's just like going out and changing the locks in the middle of the night — to my knowledge we've never had an instance of that being done," Schoenfelder said.

Benjamin Dulchin, executive director of a coalition of affordable housing organisations, said this new frontier in digital access was worrisome. "There's a lot of reason for concern that high-tech apps actually take and track a lot of your personal information," Dulchin said. "I don't want my landlord to know when me or my kids are coming in or out." NYT