

MacKenzie Bezos to donate half her fortune

NEW YORK MacKenzie Bezos, soon-to-be ex-wife of Amazon chief Jeff Bezos, will donate half her fortune to charity, joining the ranks of wealthy philanthropists, the Giving Pledge said on Tuesday. The charitable group, founded by Warren Buffett and Bill Gates, listed her among 19 new signatories. AFP

Sri Lankan monk vows to denounce Islamists

Hard-line Buddhist monk Galagoda Aththe Gnanasara said on Tuesday that he planned to denounce Islamist militants after he was freed from prison last week by presidential pardon. He said Sri Lankan followers of Wahhabism were indirectly responsible for the April 21 bombings. AFP

2 killed, including a schoolgirl, in Japan mass stabbing incident

17 others, mostly students, injured in attack that occurred early in the morning

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE KAWASAKI

Two people, including a schoolgirl, were stabbed to death and more than a dozen injured in Japan on Tuesday in a rampage that targeted children as they waited for a bus.

The attacker, a man in his 50s who has not yet been identified, crept silently up behind a group of children at the bus stop and slashed randomly at them before fatally stabbing himself in the neck.

Rare crime

Police said an 11-year-old schoolgirl named Hanako Kuribayashi and a 39-yearold parent, identified as government official Satoshi Oyama, died in the attack, which shocked a country where violent crime is rare. Seventeen more people, mainly young children, were



Tragic Tuesday: Locals in Kawasaki praying for the victims of Tuesday's stabbing at the site of the incident. ■REUTERS

injured, said authorities. Koji Shimazu of the St. Marianna University School of Medicine, said that one woman in her 40s and three schoolgirls had to undergo surgery for knife wounds to the head and neck. "It is a very harrowing case. I feel strong anger," Japan's Prime

Minister Shinzo Abe said in televised remarks. "I offer my heartfelt condolences to the victims and hope the injured recover quickly."

The attack occurred during the busy early morning commute as workers headed to their offices and children to school. Fire department officials said they received the first emergency calls shortly before 8.00 a.m.

Teiko Naito, principal of the school's elementary section, said in an emotional, televised news conference: "A man carrying knives in his both hands came from a convenience store and slashed children in the queue one-by-one."

Assistant principal Satoru Shitori, who was on the scene, said the attacker crept silently up behind the children before launching his attack. The director of Caritas Gakuen, Teturo Saito, said 18 of her pupils were involved. The bloodshed came as

President Donald Trump wrapped up a state visit to Japan, and he offered his "prayers and sympathy" to the victims as he met troops outside Tokyo.

Foreign occupation should end, says Taliban

'U.S. presence an obstacle to peace'

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Senior Taliban officials, including the group's top political adviser, met with Afghan political figures in Moscow on Tuesday, saying that they were committed to peace in Afghanistan - even as U.S.-led talks appear to have stalled.

Taliban co-founder and political leader Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar said that the insurgents want an end to 18 years of conflict but would only sign a deal after foreign forces quit Afghanistan. The Taliban are "really committed to peace, but think the obstacle for peace should be removed first", Mr. Baradar said in a rare televised appearance at the start of the two-day meeting marking 100 years of diplomatic ties between Russia and Afghanistan.

"The obstacle is the occupation of Afghanistan, and that should end," he added.



Taliban leader Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar. • AP

Tuesday's Moscow meeting once again cut out senior members of President Ashraf Ghani's government.

However, Afghan politicians - including former President Hamid Karzai and candidates challenging Mr. Ghani in a presidential election slated for September were present. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, who opened Tuesday's meeting, said Russia and Afghanistan have "a shared aim - fighting terrorism" and reiterated that Moscow supports a complete withdrawal of foreign forces.

Attacks on Afghan schools tripled: UN

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The number of attacks on schools in Afghanistan nearly tripled last year, UN-ICEF said on Tuesday, cutting children's access to education amid worsening security in the nation.

Attacks on Afghan schools increased from 68 in 2017 to 192 in 2018, the first increase in such incidents since 2015.

Afghanistan's war resulted in more than 1,000 schools being closed by the end 2018, UNICEF said, depriving some 5,00,000 children of their right to learning. "Education is under fire in Afghanistan," said UNICEF executive director Henrietta Fore.

About 3.7 million school children between the ages of seven and 17 - accounting for almost half of all children in Afghanistan of school-going age – are not attending school, according to the UN agency.

Malaysia to send back 450 tonnes of plastic waste

Minister urges developed nations to 'stop shipping garbage to our country'

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Hundreds of tonnes of imported plastic waste will be shipped back to where it came from, Malaysia said on Tuesday, insisting that the country did not want to be a global dumping ground.

China had previously taken a large amount of waste for recycling, but abruptly stopped last year, saying it wanted to improve its own environment.

Now, Southeast Asian countries that stepped in to plug this gap say they have had enough. "We urge deve-

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The German government

has called on people to wear

the Jewish *kippah* ahead of

an anti-Israel protest as a de-

monstration of solidarity

and as Jews face a spike in

At the weekend, Felix

Klein, the country's com-

missioner on anti-Semitism,

sparked an uproar when he

said in an interview that he

could not "advise Jews to

wear the kippah everywh-

ere all the time in Germany."

Klein reversed course after

Chancellor Angela Merkel's

"The state must see to it that

intervened.

Late on Monday, Mr.

anti-Semitism.

spokesman

German government asks

Official's remarks had sparked uproar

people to wear kippah



Firm stand: Malaysia's Minister of Energy Yeo Bee Yin with a sample of plastic waste in Port Klang on Tuesday. •AP

loped countries to stop shipping garbage to our counsaid Yeo Bee Yin,

the free exercise of religion

is possible for all... and that

anyone can go anywhere in

our country in full security

wearing a kippah," said Stef-

fen Seibert. In his latest

statement, Mr. Klein said: "I

call on all citizens of Berlin

and across Germany to wear

the kippah next Saturday if

there are new, intolerable

attacks targeting Israel and

Jews on the occasion of al-

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Quds day in Berlin."

Malaysia's Minister of Energy, adding that it was "unfair and uncivilised". "We will return it back to the country of origin without any mercy," she said, after an inspection of several waste-filled containers at Port Klang, the country's busiest port.

Imports have tripled Plastic imports to Malaysia have tripled since 2016, to

8,70,000 tonnes last year, official data showed. The Ministry said 450 tonnes of contaminated plastic waste in 10 containers from Australia, Bangladesh,

Canada, China, Japan, Saudi Arabia and the United States will be shipped back. in" mediation.

China rejects U.S. call for

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U.S. Ambassador Terry Branstad's call to Beiling to engage in "substantive dialogue" with the Dalai Lama, saving that it was firmly opposed to "foreign interference" in Tibet and its internal affairs.

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No mediation for ties with U.S., says Iran

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Iran's Foreign Ministry on Tuesday insisted it did not currently see the need for mediation with the U.S., as it played down the chances of a military clash with Washington.

Spokesman Abbas Mousavi told reporters that Tehran "does not feel any tension or (the possibility of) clashes" and said concerns had been "created by others". He told journalists that the Islamic republic "does not presently believe

Iran is locked in a standoff with the U.S. which has beefed up its military presence in the West Asia over alleged threats from the Islamic republic.

U.S. President Donald Trump had said that U.S. would "like to talk" if Iran was ready.

Sri Lanka, Japan & India sign deal to develop container terminal

New Delhi's role in the project became a flashpoint in 2018

MEERA SRINIVASAN COLOMBO

Sri Lanka, Japan and India on Tuesday signed an agreement to jointly develop the East Container Terminal at the Colombo Port.

The joint initiative is estimated to cost between \$500 million and \$700 million, a senior official of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Southern Development told The Hindu.

As per the agreement signed on Tuesday, the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) retains 100% ownership of the East Container Terminal (ECT), while the Terminal Operations Company is jointly owned, the SLPA said in a statement.

Sri Lanka will hold a 51% stake in the project and the joint venture partners will retain 49%. The ECT is locat-

India issues fresh travel advisory

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India's Ministry of External Affairs on Tuesday issued a fresh advisory where it acknowledged that the security situation in Sri Lanka is gradually returning to normal. However, it also asked Indian nationals travelling to the country to be "careful and vigilant".

ed some three km away from the China-backed interna-

tional financial city, known popularly as "port city". "Japan is likely to provide a 40-year soft loan with a 0.1% interest rate," said Su-

darshana Gunawardana, di-

rector of development com-

panese loan" as "one of the best loan terms Sri Lanka has obtained". Details of India's contribution to the initiative are awaited, but New Delhi's interest in partnering the pro-

munications at the Prime

Minister's office. The SLPA

described the "envisaged Ja-

ject is well known. Over 70% of the trans-shipment business at the strategically located ECT is linked to India, according to official sources. However, last year, India's

possible role in developing the terminal had become a major flashpoint within the President government. Maithripala Sirisena had opposed any Indian involvement. Mr. Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe had a heated argument on the matter during a meeting in October.

dialogue with Dalai Lama Beijing opposes 'foreign interference'

Mr. Branstad, during his visit to Tibet last week, had asked the Chinese government to "engage in substantive dialogue with the Dalai Lama or his representatives without preconditions, to seek a settlement that resolves differences," according to a U.S. Embassy spokeswoman.

voy's call for dialogue with China on Tuesday rejected the Dalai Lama, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told media that Chi nese officials had briefed the Ambassador about China's religious and ethnic policies and also about socioeconomic development in

"The Chinese government's policy on dialogue and contact with the Dalai Lama and foreigners access to Tibet [were made clear to the Ambassador]. Finally, it was also stressed that China firmly opposes any foreign interference in Tibet affairs and in China's domestic affairs," said Mr. Kang.

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'Burnout is not a medical condition'

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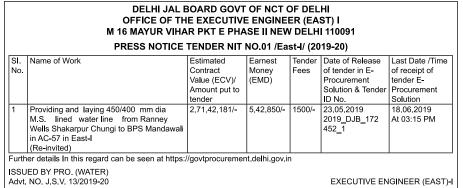
The World Health Organization said on Tuesday that "burnout" remains an "occupational phenomenon" that could lead someone to seek care but it is not considered a medical condition.

The clarification came a day after the WHO mistakenly said it had listed burnout in its International Classification of Diseases (ICD) for the first time.

The World Health Assembly, WHO's main annual meeting which wrapped up on Tuesday, approved at the weekend the latest catalogue of diseases and injuries, collectively known as the ICD-11.

While burnout was listed in the previous version, the ICD-10, its definition has been changed in the latest edition of the text.

WHO has now defined burnout as "a syndrome conceptualised as resulting from chronic workplace stress that has not been successfully managed".



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