

Duterte plays down sinking of fishing boat

The sinking of a Filipino fishing boat by a Chinese vessel in the disputed South China Sea was "just a collision", Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said on Monday as he moved to soothe anger over the crash. "That is just a collision of boats. Do not make it worse," he said, as he addressed the Philippine Navy, reiterating that the country was not ready to go to war against China. AFP

Pak. blogger, who was critical of military, killed

Muhammad Bilal Khan, 22 a Pakistani blogger known for criticising the country's powerful military and spy agency ISI, was hacked to death by an unidentified men here, police said on Monday. Mr. Khan was with his uncle Ehtesham, when he received a phone call after which a man took him to the nearby forest on Sunday night, Dawn News quoted police as

China reaffirms backing for Carrie Lam

Protests seeking Hong Kong leader's ouster have continued despite suspension of a controversial Bill

REUTERS

Beijing won't let Hong Kong's leader, Carrie Lam, step down even if she wanted to, a senior city government official close to her said on Monday, adding that a divisive extradition law she delayed on the weekend was effectively withdrawn.

Opposition to the proposed law allowing extradition to mainland China has sparked the city's biggest and most violent street protests in decades over the past week.

Withdrawal of Bill

Beijing-backed Chief Executive Ms. Lam indefinitely delayed the legislation on Saturday. But her gesture failed to mollify the protesters who have become increasingly outraged over the prospect of legislation that lawyers and judges say risks exposing people to the mercy of a mainland justice system.

The Bill, which will cover Hong Kong residents and foreign and Chinese nationals living or travelling through the city, has also sparked concern that it would threaten the rule of law that un-



No let-up: Protesters calling for Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam's ouster near the city's Legislative Council on Monday. • AP

derpins Hong Kong's international financial status.

A crowd of what organisers said was more than two million protesters, many dressed in black, swarmed over swathes of Hong Kong island on Sunday, chanting for Ms. Lam to quit.

But despite the anger, she was unlikely to go, said the government official, who declined to be identified given the sensitivity of the matter. "It's not going to happen," said the official, who has been involved in meetings on the political crisis. "She's appointed by the central government, so for her to step down requires a very high level of considered discussion and deliberation at the main-

land level," the official said. Ms. Lam was voted in by an electoral college of Beijing-approved delegates, after Beijing rejected demands for universal suffrage in the city. Her resignation now, even if Beijing thought it was time, and the search for a new leader, would likely rekindle the debate about democracy.

"It would create more sorts of problems than it solves, at all sorts of levels," the source said of the prospect of Ms. Lam quitting.

Germany, U.K. warn Iran against reneging on deal

EU dismisses threats by Tehran

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Activist leaves

jail, vows to

join protests

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Hong Kong democracy ac-

tivist Joshua Wong walked

free from prison on Mon-

day and vowed to join his-

toric anti-government prot-

ests rocking the finance

hub, as activists kept up

pressure on the city's em-

battled pro-Beijing leader.

child of the huge pro-de-

mocracy "Umbrella Move-

ment" protests of 2014, be-

came the latest voice to call

for Chief Executive Carrie

Lam's resignation as he

was released from a sen-

tence imposed over his lea-

dership of those demon-

"She is no longer quali-

fied to be Hong Kong's

leader," said Mr. Wong,

who was sent to prison in

May but released early for

good behaviour. "I will also

fight with all Hong Kongers

to oppose the evil China ex-

strations.

tradition law."

Mr. Wong, the poster

Germany and Britain on Monday warned Tehran not to breach uranium stockpile limits set by the 2015 nuclear deal, as the EU's diplomatic chief dismissed Iranian threats as "political dialectics".

Iran set a 10-day countdown on Monday to exceed the 300-kg limit set on its enriched uranium stocks, dealing another blow to the crumbling nuclear accord signed by Tehran and six international powers.

Saving the agreement

The EU has battled to save the agreement since U.S. President Donald Trump withdrew and reimposed sanctions, but Iran said it would step back from exceeding the 300-kg limit on June 27 only if "other parties up commitments".

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas rejected the Iranian ultimatum and insisted Tehran must stick to its commitments under the deal. "We have already said in the past that we will not



Heiko Maas. • AFP

accept less for less. It is up to Iran to stick to its obligations," Mr. Maas said after talks with EU Foreign Ministers in Luxembourg.

A spokesman for the British government echoed the call, saying the E3 - the European signatories to the deal - has "consistently made clear that there can be reduction compliance".

The EU's diplomatic chief Federica Mogherini said the bloc would not act on the basis of Iranian rhetoric but wait for reports by the UN's nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Xi Jinping to visit North Korea ahead of G20 summit in Japan

It will be the first such trip by a Chinese President since 2005

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Xi Jinping will make the first trip to North Korea by a Chinese President in 14 years this week, state media said on Monday, as Beijing tightens relations with Pyongyang amid tensions with the United States.

Mr. Xi will visit Pyongyang on Thursday and Friday at the invitation of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, said Chinese broadcaster CCTV.

The timing is likely to raise eyebrows at the White House as it comes one week before the G20 summit in Ja-



Chinese President Xi Jinping. • REUTERS

pan, where U.S. President Donald Trump expects to meet with Mr. Xi to discuss their protracted trade war.

Less than an hour after the trip's announcement, a caused a small, 1.3-magnitude earthquake in northeast China, near the border of North Korea.

Mr. Xi's visit will be the first trip there by a Chinese President since Hu Jintao went in 2005. "China-DPRK relations have opened a new chapter," CCTV said, adding that Mr. Xi and Mr. Kim have reached a "series of important consensus" in past

Mr. Xi and Mr. Kim will "push for new progress" in a political resolution of the Korean peninsula issue, according to CCTV, which cit-

30 killed in northeast Nigeria suicide attack

3 bombers took part in the incident

REUTERS

At least 30 people have been killed in a triple suicide attack in northeast Nigerian State of Borno, state emergency officials said on Monday, in the biggest mass killing this year by suicide bombers. No group has yet claimed responsibility.

The Boko Haram group and its Islamic State (IS) splinter group have often carried out attacks targeting civilians and the military in

"Yesterday around 8 p.m. (1900 GMT) it was reported that there was a very loud

explosion in (the village of) Konduga. On reaching the scene of the incident, we found there was a lot of causalties. In fact, the death toll was over 30 and the injured over 42," said an emergency service official.

Earlier, the village head, Bulama Kalli, said three suicide bombers had taken part in the attack, targeting a place where villagers had gathered to watch a soccer match on a large screen. Boko Haram regards

soccer as 'un-Islamic'. Konduga is located some

25 km from Maiduguri, the

Egypt's ex-President Morsi dies after fainting during court hearing

He was in prison since his ouster in 2013 over many cases

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Former Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi died on Monday in a Cairo hospital after fainting during a session in court, judicial and security sources said. "He was speaking before the judge for 20 minutes then became very animated and fainted. He was quickly rushed to the hospital where he later died," a judicial source said.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, a strong ally of Mr. Morsi, paid tribute to him and called him a "martyr". The official Al-Ahram news website also re-



Mohamed Morsi. • AP

ported the death of Mr. Morsi, 67, who was Egypt's first democratically elected President but spent just one turbulent year in office after the 2011 uprising before the Army toppled him in 2013.

The Islamist leader has

been in prison since his ouster on trial for several cases including for spying for Iran, Oatar and militant groups such as Hamas in the Gaza Strip. He was also accused of plotting terror acts.

Since Mr. Morsi's overthrow on July 3, 2013, his successor Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has waged an ongoing crackdown targeting his supporters from the Muslim Brotherhood.

Mr. Morsi's turbulent rule was marked by deep divisions in Egyptian society, a crippling economic crisis and often-deadly opposition protests.

Saudi Arabia not to execute Shia teenager after outcry

Qureiris was facing death sentence for multiple offences; some of them dated back to when he was 10

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A Saudi Shia teenager who was arrested at the age of 13 and faced the death penalty will not be executed, activists said on Monday, after his case drew international criticism.

Saudi prosecutors had sought the death sentence for Murtaja Qureiris, now 18, for a series of offences, including participating in antigovernment protests, rights groups reported this month.

Some of those offences dated back to when Mr. Qu-

reiris, who is from the kingdom's minority Shia community, was 10 years old, they said. The teenager will not be executed and could be released by 2022, according to campaigners including the European Saudi Organization for Human Rights, which has tracked his case for years. The teenager has been sentenced to 12 years in prison, which includes time already served since his arrest and four years suspended, CNN reported citing a Saudi official.

3 more years in jail That effectively leaves him with three more years in jail.

"The news that Murtaja Qureiris will not face execution is a huge relief for him and his family, but it is utterly outrageous that the Saudi Arabian authorities were seeking the death penalty for someone arrested under the age of 13 in the first place," said Amnesty International's research director Lvnn Maalouf.

"Use of the death penalty

against people under 18 at the time of the crime is a flagrant violation of international law."

In April, 37 people, mostly Shias, were executed in what experts called one of the largest mass executions of the minority sect in the kingdom's history.

Some of them were minors at the time of their alleged crimes, activists said.

U.S. Mayor apologises over black family's arrest

Videos show police issuing threats

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The Mayor of Phoenix apologised on Sunday after videos emerged showing police in the southwestern U.S. city violently arresting a black family with young children.

The videos, shot by bystanders when the arrest happened last month, show police using foul language while shouting at the family to get out of their car, and threatening to shoot them.

A woman later emerges from the vehicle with two young children. She hands them over to a bystander before being arrested. Separately, an officer is shown kicking the legs of another man who he is handcuffing against a police car.

'Inappropriate action'

"I, like many others, am sick over what I have seen in the video depicting Phoenix police interacting with a family and young children," Mayor Kate Gallego tweeted. Calling the officers' actions "inappropriate" and "clearly unprofessional," she wrote, "There is no sit-



of Phoenix.

uation in which this behavior is ever close to acceptable. "As a mother myself, seeing these children placed in such a terrifying situation is beyond upsetting," she said. "I am deeply sorry for what this family went through, and I apologize to our community."

Phoenix police chief Jeri Williams said the officers had responded to a report of shoplifting when they encountered the family.

"Every time I look at that video it's extremely unsettling. It's not in keeping with what I expect from our employees," Ms. Williams told ABC15. The family has filed a \$10 million claim against the city, alleging civil rights violations.

Sri Lanka misusing UN law: activists

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Media activists on Monday accused Sri Lankan police of using a UN convention on hate speech to crack down on media freedom and the country's Muslim minority.

The Free Media Movement rights group said the police Special Task Force (STF) attempted to arrest a respected journalist for his writing on anti-Muslim riots and Buddhist extremists using the UN-backed law. The STF told a magistrate on Friday they were pursuing freelance writer Kusal Perera under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Act.

Award winning author and poet Shakthika Sathkumara has been held since April under the ICCPR act for his work hinting at homosexuality among the Buddhist clergy.

The Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna party said police have arbitrarily detained several Muslim men and women since the Easter Sunday attacks that killed 258 people.

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