

Protests, tanks and official silence

Tuesday marks the 30th anniversary of the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown in Beijing when Chinese troops fired on peaceful protesters, drawing global condemnation

Political unrest

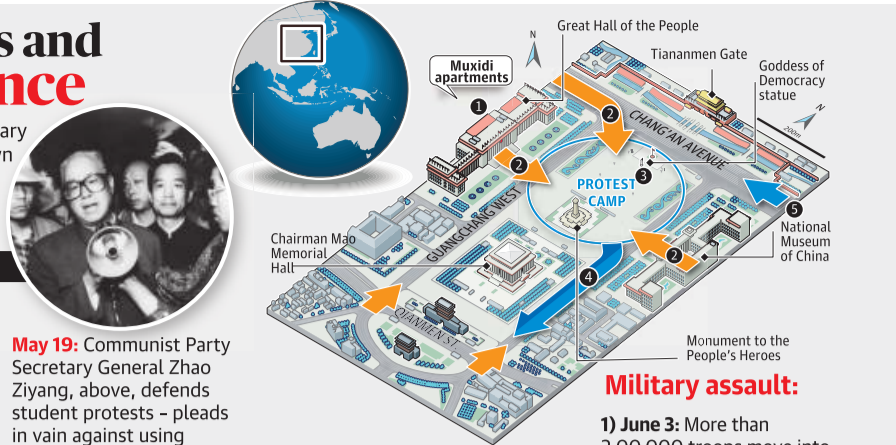


May 19: Communist Party Secretary General Zhao Ziyang, above, defends student protesters - pleads in vain against using police force

April 17, 1989: Thousands of people gather at Tiananmen Square to mourn the death of Hu Yaobang, above in picture, a leading reformist and anti-graft campaigner

April 27: Up to 1,00,000 students march to Tiananmen Square, breaking through police lines

May 15: Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev arrives on state visit. Protesting students force embarrassing cancellation of government welcome at Tiananmen Square



May 20: Deng Xiaoping imposes martial law. Tens of thousands of students set up barricades and stop advancing convoys

May 24: Authorities order Army to withdraw

May 29-30: A 'Goddess of Democracy' statue is erected, facing the portrait of Mao Zedong

June 2: 10,000 troops move covertly into the Great Hall of the People and buildings behind museum

Official 200-300 deaths

Death toll

Chinese Red Cross 2,600 deaths

Military assault:

1) June 3: More than 2,00,000 troops move into Beijing, killing 36 protesters near Muxidi apartments

2) June 4, 1.30 a.m.: Army units enter Tiananmen Square

3) 4.00 a.m.: 'Goddess of Democracy' statue is toppled

4) 4.30 a.m.: Students retreat - armoured personnel carriers open fire, run down and crush protesters

5) June 5: A lone protester, later called 'tank man', below, defiantly steps in front of tanks on Chang'an Avenue



Source: Graphic News, AFP

As a vaccination for the Chinese society, the Tiananmen incident will greatly increase China's immunity against any major political turmoil in the future



PEOPLE'S DAILY, COMMUNIST PARTY MOUTHPIECE

After insulting London Mayor, Trump meets Queen Elizabeth

Calls Sadiq Khan a 'stone cold loser'; Khan's spokesman terms the remark 'childish'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE LONDON

U.S. President Donald Trump met Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace on Monday after he kicked off his state visit to Britain by branding the London Mayor a "loser" and weighing in on the Brexit debate.

With the sound of a 41-gun royal salute ringing across the lawn from nearby Green Park, the Queen welcomed Mr. Trump and his wife Melania before they were treated to a military guard of honour.

Private lunch

The monarch later hosted a private lunch for the couple and showed them the royal art collection, ahead of a glittering state banquet in the evening.

But the day began with controversy as, even before his plane touched down, the President lambasted London Mayor Sadiq Khan, who has been highly critical of the



A royal welcome: U.S. President Donald Trump with Britain's Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace on Monday. •AFP

red carpet welcome. Mr. Trump called the Mayor a "stone cold loser", adding: "Khan reminds me very much of our very dumb and incompetent Mayor of NYC, (Bill) de Blasio, who has also done a terrible job - only half his height".

"In any event, I look forward to being a great friend to the United Kingdom."

Mr. Trump's three-day visit comes at a difficult time for Britain, with Prime Minister Theresa May due to step down within weeks over her handling of her country's exit from the EU.

Support for Boris

Mr. Trump weighed in on the divisive issue at the weekend, declaring that former

Foreign Minister Boris Johnson would make an "excellent" new Premier. In a round of British newspaper interviews, he also recommended Ms. May's successor walk away from talks with Brussels, refuse to pay Britain's agreed divorce Bill and leave the EU with no deal.

The U.K.-U.S. 'special relationship' is already under strain over different approaches to Iran, the use of Chinese technology in 5G networks, climate change, and Mr. Trump's personal politics. Labour's Mr. Khan has led opposition to Mr. Trump's trip, writing a newspaper article on Sunday in which he compared the U.S. leader to European dictators from the 1930s and 1940s. "Donald Trump is just one of the most egregious examples of a growing global threat," he wrote.

Mr. Khan's spokesman called Mr. Trump's tweets "childish" and "beneath the President of the U.S."

China warns students of 'risks' of studying in U.S.

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE BEIJING

China on Monday warned students and academics on the "risk" of studying in the U.S., citing an uptick in visa denials and delays amid a trade war and other tensions with Washington. The warning comes as negotiations to resolve the trade spat have stalled.

In recent months, U.S. officials and lawmakers have voiced concerns that Chinese students and academics could be used for espionage

purposes by the Communist government.

The Chinese Education Ministry, in a statement, said students applying to U.S. universities should brace themselves for visa troubles and "strengthen risk assessment... and make relevant preparations".

Chinese students and academics have recently experienced visa restrictions, delays in obtaining them, and visas with shorter duration, according to the Ministry.

13 killed as Sudan military breaks up sit-in

Heavily armed security force personnel deployed around the capital

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE KHARTOUM

Sudan's military rulers forcefully broke up a weeks-long sit-in outside Khartoum's Army headquarters on Monday leaving at least 13 dead, a doctors' committee said as gunfire echoed from the site. Heavily armed security forces in pick-up trucks mounted with machine guns were deployed in large numbers all around the capital.

The Central Committee of Sudanese Doctors, which is close to the protesters, up-



Violent interruption: A protester in front of burning tyres near Khartoum's Army headquarters on Monday. •AP

dated the death toll "raising the number of martyrs to 13" in a Facebook statement.

"The Rapid Support Forces and the army and police and militia battalions dis-

persed the peaceful sit-in," the Alliance for Freedom and Change, the protesters' umbrella group, said. The Sudanese Professionals Association, which spearheaded the protests that started in December, said it amounted to a "bloody massacre".

Talks between protest leaders and the ruling military council have broken down, as the two sides have failed to agree on whether a planned transitional body would be headed by a civilian or a military figure.

Swedish court rejects request to detain Assange

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE UPPSALA

A Swedish court on Monday rejected a request to detain whistleblower Julian Assange over a 2010 rape case, complicating the prosecutor's efforts to request his transfer from Britain.

The court said it shared the prosecutor's opinion that Mr. Assange was suspected of rape and "that there is a risk that [he] will fail to appear or in some other way avoid participation in the investigation".

But it ruled in favour of Mr. Assange's lawyer and said a detention order was not "proportionate," given that he is imprisoned in Britain and the prosecution could therefore proceed with the investigation in other ways.

Swedish deputy director of public prosecutions Eva-Marie Persson had asked the court to order Mr. Assange's detention in his absence, a standard part of Swedish legal procedure if a suspect is outside the country.

ELSEWHERE



'Palestinians not ready yet to govern themselves'

JERUSALEM U.S. President Donald Trump's son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner has suggested that the Palestinians are not ready to govern themselves ahead of the expected release of his peace plan. "The hope is, is that over time, they can become capable of governing," he said. •AFP

Death sentence for two more French IS suspects

BAGHDAD A Iraqi court on Monday sentenced to death two more French nationals for joining the Islamic State (IS) group, leaving all 11 Frenchmen transferred from Syria facing the gallows. Bilel Kabaoui and Mourad Delhomme join nine other French citizens and a Tunisian national already on death row after trials over the past week. •AFP

North Korea's former nuclear envoy Kim Yong-chol reappears

There were reports that he was sent to a labour camp

REUTERS SEOUL

North Korea's former top nuclear envoy Kim Yong-chol accompanied leader Kim Jong-un to an art performance, state news agency KCNA said on Monday, signalling that the former spy-master is alive and remains a force in the power structure.

Sunday's appearance followed conflicting reports of shake-ups in the team that led engagement with the U.S. last year, only for nuclear talks to collapse after Mr. Kim and President Donald Trump failed to strike a pact at a February summit.

Art performance

KCNA named Mr. Kim Yong-chol as the 10th person among a group of 12 "leading officials" who accompanied Mr. Kim and his wife, Ri Sol-ju, to an amateur art performance by wives of officers in the North Korean Army on Sunday.

On Friday, South Korean



North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un with envoy Kim Yong-chol. •REUTERS

newspaper *Chosun Ilbo* had said Mr. Kim Yong-chol, the leader's right-hand man and a counterpart of U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo before the failed summit, had been sent to a labour camp, citing an unidentified North Korean source.

Asked on Sunday about the last U.S. contact with Mr. Kim Yong-chol and North Korea in general, Mr. Pompeo declined to answer, saying: "We conduct our negotiations in private."

Asked about reports of a "shake-up" of North Korea's negotiating team in a May 5 interview with ABC News, Mr. Pompeo said it did appear that his future counterpart would be somebody else, adding "But we don't know that for sure."

He said: "Just as President Trump gets to decide who his negotiators will be, Chairman Kim will get to make his own decisions who he asks to have these discussions."

As Mr. Kim's point man for the nuclear talks, Mr. Kim Yong-chol was stripped of a key party post in apparent censure for the summit's collapse, a South Korean lawmaker said in April.

In April, an official photograph from a session of North Korea's legislature showed Mr. Kim Yong-chol standing behind Mr. Kim, but he did not accompany Mr. Kim on his summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin later that month.

Rouhani rules out talks till U.S. acts 'normal'

'The enemy should realise its mistake'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE TEHRAN

Iran's President on Monday ruled out negotiations with Washington until it acts "normal", after Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the U.S. is ready to talk to Tehran without preconditions.

"The party that has left the negotiating table, the party that has trampled the pact must return to a normal" behaviour, Hassan Rouhani said. "If the enemy truly realises that the path it took was wrong, that will be the day to sit at the negotiation table and fix any issue," he added.



Iranian President Hassan Rouhani. •REUTERS

On Saturday, Mr. Rouhani had insisted that Iran would not be "bullied" into talks with the United States, saying "total respect" was needed for negotiations to take place.

Divers pull out body from Hungarian river

It could be of a boat crash victim

REUTERS BUDAPEST

A body was pulled from the Danube more than 100 km downstream from Budapest, officials said on Monday, the first apparent victim recovered since the night of a boat crash.

South Korean and Hungarian divers prepared on Monday for an attempt to recover bodies from the wreck of *The Mermaid*, which sank on Wednesday carrying 33 South Korean tourists and two Hungarian crew.

The Mermaid capsized after being struck from behind by a large cruise liner

near a bridge. The bodies of seven South Koreans were recovered on the night of the disaster and seven were rescued alive. Nineteen other Korean passengers and the two crew members have been missing since the accident and presumed dead.

"One body, looks like Korean, already found 100 km from here," the South Korean Embassy's Defence Attache Shun-Keun-song said. Hungarian Police spokesman Kristof Gal said authorities were still trying to identify the body and could not yet confirm that it was from *The Mermaid*.

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