

# Trump is a white supremacist: Warren

He has done everything he can to stir up racial conflict and hatred, says Democratic candidate

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Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts said on Wednesday night that she believed President Donald Trump was a white supremacist, broadly accusing him of dividing Americans along racial lines and providing direct and tacit support to those who believe white people are superior to other races.

Asked in a brief interview with *The New York Times* if she thought Mr. Trump was a white supremacist, Ms. Warren responded without hesitation: "Yes."

"He has given aid and comfort to white supremacists," Ms. Warren said during a campaign swing in western Iowa. "He's done the wink and a nod. He has talked about white supremacists as fine people. He's done everything he can to



**In attack mode:** U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren speaking at the 2020 Public Service Forum in Las Vegas. ■ AFP

stir up racial conflict and hatred in this country."

Ms. Warren's comments amounted to one of the starkest condemnations to date from a leading Democratic presidential candidate about Mr. Trump's language toward minorities and immigrants.

She spoke hours after former Rep. Beto O'Rourke of Texas gave the same assessment of Mr. Trump. Asked by MSNBC if Mr. Trump was a white supremacist, Mr. O'Rourke replied, "He is."

"He's dehumanised or sought to dehumanise those

who do not look like or pray like the majority here in this country," Mr. O'Rourke said.

Mr. Trump has a history of using race for his own gain, and his time as President has been no exception.

**'Invasion of migrants'**

In his campaign for the presidency, he denigrated Mexicans, immigrants and other people of colour, including continuing to push the "birtherism" lie about President Barack Obama.

As President, he sought to bar people from predominantly Muslim countries from entering the U.S.; said there were "very fine people on both sides" of a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia; and used a vulgarity to describe African nations and Haiti. He has warned of an "invasion" of migrants at the southern border. And just this summer,

he said that four Congresswomen of colour should "go back" to their countries; only one of them was born outside the U.S.

Mr. Trump has faced condemnations from Democratic presidential candidates in the wake of the mass shooting on Saturday in El Paso, Texas, which the suspect in the case is believed to have described in a manifesto as "a response to the Hispanic invasion of Texas" – echoing Mr. Trump's language.

Ms. Warren said Mr. Trump was intent on dividing people.

"Donald Trump has a central message," she said. "He says to the American people, if there's anything wrong in your life, blame them – and 'them' means people who aren't the same colour as you, weren't born where you were born, don't worship the same way you do." NY TIMES

# Maryam Nawaz arrested by Pakistan's anti-graft body

Action came as she was leaving after visiting her father

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
LAHORE

Maryam Nawaz, Pakistan's former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's daughter, was arrested from the Kot Lakhpat jail here on Thursday in a money laundering case while she was on her way back after visiting her father, who is lodged in the same prison, an official said.

On July 31, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) vice-president Ms. Nawaz was questioned by the anti-corruption agency officials in connection with the alleged money laundering and income beyond means charges against her and her family.

According to an official press release issued by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Ms. Nawaz and



Maryam Nawaz

her cousin Yousuf Abbas have been arrested in connection to the Chaudhry Sugar Mills (CSM) case.

"We have arrested Maryam Nawaz in the Chaudhry Sugar Mills (CSM) case as she was facing money laundering and income beyond means charges," an NAB official said.

Ms. Nawaz, 45, has been taken to the NAB headquarter

ters. Her father is serving a seven-year prison term since December 24, 2018 after he was convicted in one of the three corruption cases filed in the wake of the apex court's July 28, 2017 order in the Panama Papers case.

A team of doctors will conduct a medical examination on both of them, the *Dawn* reported.

As per the law, Ms. Nawaz and Mr. Abbas will be presented before an accountability court in Lahore for remand on Friday, the press release said.

Ms. Nawaz had been given a questionnaire based on six questions in the CSM case, which she was due to answer by 3 p.m. (local time) on Thursday. However, the NAB officials reached the jail and detained her.

# Syria rejects Turkey-U.S. plan, Kurds give guarded welcome

Proposal seeks to create a buffer zone in Northern Syria

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**  
DAMASCUS

Damascus said on Thursday it strongly rejects a proposed U.S.-Turkish buffer zone for northern Syria, blaming the "aggressive" project on Syria's Kurds, who gave the proposal a guarded welcome.

Turkish and U.S. officials agreed on Wednesday to establish a joint operations centre to oversee the creation of a safe zone to manage tensions between Ankara and U.S.-backed Kurdish forces in Syria.

No details were provided on the size or nature of the safe zone, but the deal appeared to provide some breathing room after Turkey had threatened an imminent attack on the Kurdish People's Protection Units, which control a large swathe of northern Syria.

"Syria rejects the agreement on the establishment of a so-called safe zone" in northern Syria, a Foreign Ministry source said.

"Syria's Kurds who have accepted to become a tool in this aggressive U.S.-Turkish

project bear a historical responsibility," the source added, urging Kurdish groups to return to the fold.

Turkey has already carried out two cross-border offensives into Syria in 2016 and 2018, the second of which saw it and allied Syrian rebels overrun the Kurdish enclave of Afrin in the northwest.

Aldar Khalil, a senior Syrian Kurdish official, gave the deal a guarded welcome. "This deal may mark the start of a new approach but we still need more details".

# Two dead in Russia rocket explosion

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
MOSCOW

Russia's Defence Ministry said two people died and four others were wounded when a rocket engine exploded during a test.

The Ministry said the explosion occurred at a military shooting range in the northwestern Arkhangelsk region, causing a fire.

It said a total of six servicemen and civilian engineers were injured, and two of them later died of injuries. Around 16,500 people fled their homes.

The Ministry said there was no release of radioactive or toxic substances.

# China decries U.S. ban on its firms

Federal agencies can't buy telecom equipment from Chinese companies

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**  
BEIJING

China on Thursday denounced rules unveiled by the U.S. that ban technology giant Huawei and other Chinese firms from government contracts as "abuse of state power" in the latest move in the escalating China-U.S. trade war.

The interim rule, which will preclude any U.S. federal agency from purchasing telecom or technology equipment from the firms, is part of efforts by Washington to restrict Huawei, which officials claim is linked to Chinese intelligence.

"The abuse of state power



The U.S. unveiled rules banning Huawei and other Chinese technology firms from government contracts. ■ REUTERS

by the U.S. to unscrupulously and deliberately throw mud at and suppress specific Chinese enterprises seriously undermines the image of

the U.S. and its own interests," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying.

"We firmly support the re-

levant Chinese companies in taking up legal weapons to safeguard their legitimate rights and interests," she said.

The ban on Chinese tech firms comes amid a heated dispute between the two economic powers over international trade rules.

Meanwhile, the U.S. hit China with new import duties on Thursday on more than \$4 billion in imported wooden cabinets and vanities, after finding manufacturers there benefit from unfair subsidies. Last week, it announced new tariffs on \$300 billion in Chinese imports.

## ELSEWHERE



**Maduro freezes talks with opposition**

CARACAS

Venezuela's government will skip a round of Norway-brokered talks to protest against sanctions imposed by the U.S. on Monday, meant to force President Nicolas Maduro from power. The talks were to be held in Barbados on Friday. REUTERS

**Russia freezes assets of Navalny's anti-graft group**

MOSCOW

Russia on Thursday froze the assets of an anti-corruption group, Foundation for Fighting Corruption, that top opposition figure Alexei Navalny set up to expose the questionable wealth of top government officials, his spokeswoman said. AFP

# Food supply is at dire risk: UN

Half a billion people live in places that are turning into desert, says report

**CHRISTOPHER FLAVELLE**

The world's land and water resources are being exploited at "unprecedented rates", a new UN report warns, which, combined with climate change, is putting dire pressure on the ability of humanity to feed itself.

The report, prepared by more than 100 experts from 52 countries and released in summary form in Geneva on Thursday, found that the window to address the threat is closing rapidly. Half a billion people live in places that are turning into desert, and soil is being lost between 10 and 100 times faster than it is forming, according to the report.

Climate change will make those threats even worse, as



**Time to act:** A particular danger is that food crises could develop on several continents at once. ■ RITU RAJ KONWAR

floods, drought, storms and other types of extreme weather threaten to disrupt, and over time shrink, the global food supply. Already, more than 10% of the world's population remains undernourished, and some authors of the report warned in interviews that food shortages could lead to an increase

in cross-border migration.

A particular danger is that food crises could develop on several continents at once, said Cynthia Rosenzweig, a senior research scientist at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies and one of the lead authors of the report.

"The potential risk of mul-

ti-breadbasket failure is increasing," she said.

The report offered a measure of hope, laying out pathways to addressing the looming food crisis, although they would require a major re-evaluation of land use and agriculture worldwide as well as consumer behaviour. Proposals include increasing the productivity of land, wasting less food and persuading more people to shift their diets away from cattle and other types of meat.

Some authors also suggested that food shortages are likely to affect poorer parts of the world far more than richer ones. That could increase a flow of immigration that is already redefining politics in North America, Europe and other parts of the world. NY TIMES

# Pompeo, Saudi Crown Prince discuss Iran

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**  
WASHINGTON

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo discussed maritime security, Iran and Yemen with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in a phone call on Wednesday.

"The secretary discussed heightened tensions in the region and the need for stronger maritime security in order to promote freedom of navigation," State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus said in a statement.

Iran has seized three tanker ships in strategic Gulf waters in a month.

The U.S. has been struggling to piece together an international coalition to protect cargo ships travelling through the Gulf.

# Guam's Catholics reckon with decades of sex abuse

No clergy has been prosecuted so far

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
AGAT

Walter Denton wanted to grow up to be just like Father Tony Apuron, until the night he says the parish priest raped him in a church rectory. The pastor sent the sobbing 13-year-old altar boy away with a warning: "If you say anything to anybody, no one will believe you."

He told his mother, but says she accused him of making it up. He then told another priest, but that man did nothing and later turned out to be an abuser himself.

For decades, Apuron oversaw a culture of impunity where abusers went unpunished.

Now, thousands of pages of court documents, along with extensive interviews,

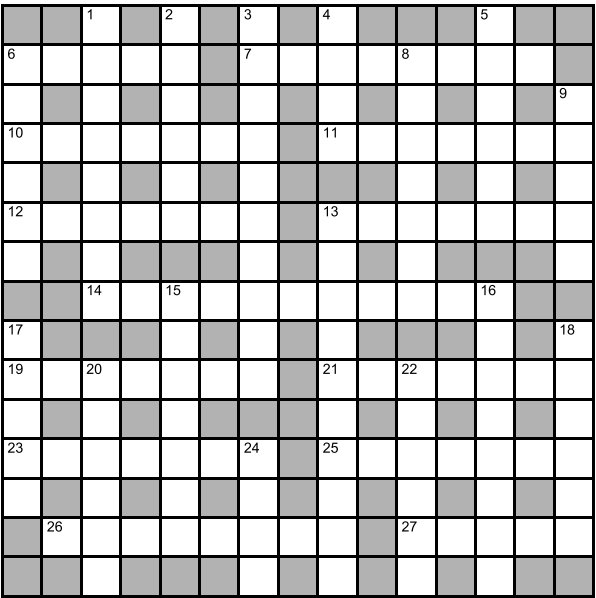
tell a story of systemic abuse dating from the 1950s to as recently as 2013.

The Archbishop stymied all efforts that could have exposed his past. It wasn't until Mr. Denton and other victims spoke out in 2016 that the Vatican finally suspended Apuron, nearly 40 years after Mr. Denton first reported his rape.

The Archbishop, now 73, insists all his accusers are liars. But in trial last year, the Vatican found him guilty of sex crimes against children, removing him from public ministry. He remains a bishop and receives a monthly stipend of \$1,500.

To this day, no member of the Catholic clergy on Guam has ever been prosecuted for a sex crime.

## THE HINDU CROSSWORD 12700



### ACROSS

- 6 Urge to return and adopt gold standard, say (5)
- 7 Work overtime, reduce Carbon by exposure to atmosphere (8)
- 10 Release snake, it goes under fence, mostly (7)
- 11 Labour leader follows the bank and church like a hawk (7)

- 12 A piece of bone, say in a Hindi movie (7)
- 13 Workers are taken in by a star... (7)
- 14 ...fate of American consumers lies with stargazers (5-6)
- 19 Subject on seaweeds without a support (7)
- 21 It couldn't take off, is dead copy (7)
- 23 Comfort in housing (7)
- 25 Criminal law – read about unfair treatment (3,4)
- 26 Countrymen get 50% share (8)
- 27 Agony chasing bars, when exposed it's all gas (5)

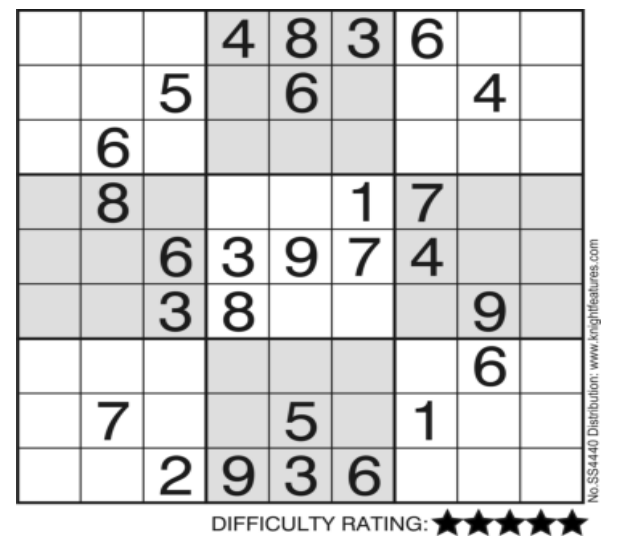
### DOWN

- 1 Capital city even sells some wine... (8)
- 2 ...tell them to sell (6)
- 3 Manoeuvre as in space over a water body (7,3)

(set by Arden)

- 4 Fuss about the fog (4)
- 5 Agree, these are missing from touch screen, possibly (6)
- 6 Fellow loses heart, gets back in a bad mood (6)
- 8 Stage at the middle, in that place (7)
- 9 Rich fabric (5)
- 13 "The Samurai" is shot in a very unprofessional manner (10)
- 15 Consider it a bold, free newspaper (7)
- 16 Extremely sadistic – punish and clean up (8)
- 17 Travesty right in front (5)
- 18 Magician takes flight (6)
- 20 Affable setter has got in a tangle (6)
- 22 Open to peacekeepers, but war breaks out quietly (6)
- 24 Hermes lost love, gained admiration (4)

## SUDOKU



**Solution to puzzle 12699**

S	E	T	A	S	I	D	E	D	O	L	M	E	N
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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

9	3	1	8	6	2	7	4	5
6	8	5	7	4	1	2	3	9
4	2	7	5	3	9	8	6	1
1	5	6	9	2	3	4	8	7
3	7	4	6	1	8	9	5	2
2	9	8	4	7	5	6	1	3
7	4	2	3	5	6	1	9	8
5	1	9	2	8	4	3	7	6
8	6	3	1	9	7	5	2	4

## FAITH

### Power of Maya

The most fascinating and intriguing aspect in creation is the power of the Lord's Maya. Maya is to be understood as the Lord's Sakti which is always coexistent with Him and in that sense it is real. But the irony is that Maya superimposes itself with such authenticity to keep people engrossed in worldly matters that they forget to focus on God, pointed out Sri B. Damodhara Dikshitar in a discourse. The spell of Maya is difficult to cross and is possible only by God's grace and the grace of the Guru. This truth is illustrated in the story about what happens to Narada when he asks Krishna to enlighten him about Maya and its effects.

Krishna asks him to fetch some water before He could explain about Maya. Narada goes in search of water and gets entangled in family life forgetting the purpose of his quest. Finally he comes out of this snare by God's grace and realises his folly when he sees Krishna patiently waiting for water. Adi Sankara explains how Maya is both real and unreal through the analogy of gold and gold ornaments. The latter are a modification of the original source and should be seen as such. The world and creation are only a manifestation of the Lord and the only reality is Him. Maya is also interpreted as ignorance that makes the self believe in its material nature more than in its inherent divine origin.

Under the sway of the three gunas the jiva passes through samsara believing in the reality of empirical experiences. All his actions in this life are an extension of the acts in his past lives. The samsaras from previous births determine his basic nature, attitude and beliefs in life. He enjoys the fruits of several karmas and is tossed about in a mixed state of pleasure and pain. Thus he is subject to birth and death repeatedly.