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TUNISIA
Tunisians cast their ballots in the country's second democratic presidential election since the 2011 Arab Spring, choosing among 26 candidates for a leader who can safeguard its young democracy and tackle its economic despair. AP

Tropical storm lashes rain on hurricane-hit Bahamas
MIAMI
Tropical Storm Humberto lashed the Bahamas with rain and wind on Saturday, slowing down relief efforts in the wake of the devastation wrought less than two weeks ago by Hurricane Dorian, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said. AFP

2,000 foetal remains found at doctor's home
JOLIET
More than 2,000 medically preserved foetal remains have been found at the Illinois home of Dr. Ulrich Klopfers, a former Indiana abortion clinic doctor who died last week, authorities said. The clinic closed after the State revoked the clinic's license in 2015. AP

Iran rejects U.S. charge that it was behind attacks on Saudi oil plants

Tehran says U.S. bases, aircraft carriers in the region are within its missiles' range

REUTERS
DUBAI

Iran dismissed accusations by the United States that it was behind attacks on Saudi oil plants that risk disrupting global energy supplies and warned on Sunday that U.S. bases and aircraft carriers in the region were in range of its missiles.

Yemen's Houthi group claimed responsibility for Saturday's attacks that knocked out more than half of Saudi oil output or more than 5% of global supply, but U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the assault was the work of Iran, a Houthi ally.

'Oil price may rise'

The drone strikes on plants in the heartland of Saudi Arabia's oil industry, including the world's biggest petroleum processing facility, were expected to send oil prices up \$3-\$5 per barrel on Monday as tensions rise in the West Asia.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi, speaking on state TV, dismis-



Crude shock: Smoke emanating from the Aramco facility in the eastern city of Abqaiq, Saudi Arabia. •REUTERS

sed the U.S. allegation as "pointless". A senior Revolutionary Guards commander warned that the Islamic Republic was ready for "full-fledged" war.

"Everybody should know that all American bases and their aircraft carriers in a distance of up to 2,000 km around Iran are within the range of our missiles," the semi-official Tasnim news agency quoted commander Amirali Hajizadeh as saying.

State oil giant Saudi Aramco said the attack cut output by 5.7 million barrels per day, about half the kingdom's production, at a time

when Aramco is trying to ready itself for what is expected to be the world's largest share sale.

Aramco gave no timeline for output resumption but said early on Sunday it would give a progress update in around 48 hours. A source close to the matter told Reuters the return to full oil capacity could take "weeks, not days".

Traders and analysts said crude may spike to as high as \$100 if Riyadh fails to quickly bring back supply.

The kingdom, the world's top oil exporter, ships more than 7 million barrels of oil

to global destinations every day.

Riyadh said it would compensate for the loss by drawing on reserves which stood at 188 million barrels in June.

Saudi ready to act

Mr. Pompeo said there was no evidence the attack came from Yemen, where a Saudi-led coalition has been battling the Houthis for over four years in a conflict widely seen as a proxy war between rivals Sunni Muslim Saudi Arabia and Shi'ite Iran.

Riyadh has accused Iran and its proxies of being behind previous attacks on oil pumping stations and the Shaybah oilfield, charges Tehran denies.

White House adviser Kellyanne Conway said the attacks "did not help" prospects for a meeting between the two leaders during the United Nations General Assembly this month but did not rule out the possibility.

"I'll allow the President (Trump) to announce a meeting or a non-meeting."

Hong Kong protesters call on U.K. to protect them from China

Police fire tear gas, water cannon to disperse demonstrators

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HONG KONG

Pro-democracy protesters rallied outside Britain's consulate in Hong Kong on Sunday, urging London to do more to protect its former colonial subjects and ramp up pressure on Beijing over sliding freedoms.

Hundreds of demonstrators sang *God Save the Queen* and *Rule Britannia* outside the consulate, waving the Union Jack as well as Hong Kong's colonial-era flags.

The protest came as another large rally made its way through the city streets on Sunday afternoon in defiance of a ban by police, who warned the gathering was illegal.

"We have a right to go to protests, to the streets, and we have to voice our demands to the government," a secondary school student at the rally who gave his name as Alvin, said.

But the rally descended into violence when small groups of hardcore activists - known within the movement as "braves" - tried to attack the city's main go-



Fire and fury: A protester catches fire while trying to throw Molotov cocktail over the barricades in Hong Kong. •REUTERS

vernment complex. Police fired tear gas and deployed water cannon trucks after Molotov cocktails and rocks were thrown over security barriers surrounding the complex, which has become a frequent flashpoint in the ongoing protests.

As evening set in, protesters retreated, chased by riot officers and water cannon firing blue-dyed water.

The once-stable international hub has been convulsed by weeks of huge, sometimes violent rallies calling for greater democratic freedoms and police

accountability.

The movement is the biggest challenge to China's rule since the city was handed back by Britain in 1997 and shows no sign of ending, with local leaders and Beijing taking a hard line. Under a deal signed with Britain ahead of the city's handover to China, Hong Kong is allowed to keep its unique freedoms for 50 years.

Democracy activists accuse Beijing of renegeing on those promises by tightening political control over the territory and refusing calls for universal suffrage.

Hulk-inspired Boris says he will get U.K. out of EU

'Is the EU supposed to be scared by this?'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Prime Minister Boris Johnson insisted on Sunday that "huge" progress was being made in Brexit talks and declared Britain would break out of the European Union just like the comic book hero "The Incredible Hulk".

The Conservative leader made the comments ahead of meetings with European Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker and EU negotiator Michel Barnier in Luxembourg on Monday.

Mr. Johnson told the *Mail on Sunday* he was "very confident" of getting a divorce deal at an EU summit on October 17, in time for Brexit on October 31.

In an odd analogy, he compared Britain to the Marvel Comics character Hulk - the destructive alter ego of scientist Bruce Banner who turns into the ferocious green giant when enraged or stressed.

"The madder Hulk gets, the stronger Hulk gets and he always escaped, no matter how tightly bound in he seemed to be - and that is the case for this country," he said.

But Mr. Johnson is facing strong opposition in Parliament to his threat to leave the EU without a deal on October 31 if his negotiations fail.

Many of the rebels are on



Boris Johnson

his own side and on Saturday night, one of his Conservative MPs defected to the pro-European Liberal Democrats.

Former Universities Minister Sam Gyimah, who briefly ran against Mr. Johnson for the party leadership, condemned him for "veering towards populism".

The Lib Dems, who now have 18 MPs in the 650-seat House of Commons, on Sunday voted at their party conference to reverse Brexit if they ever won a majority in Parliament.

'Infantile comparison'

His comparison with Hulk drew derision from Guy Verhofstadt, Brexit coordinator for the European Parliament.

"Even to Trumpian standards the Hulk comparison is infantile. Is the EU supposed to be scared by this? The British public impressed?" he tweeted.

Israel approves new settlement in West Bank on the eve of polls

Netanyahu seeks to boost turnout among his right-wing base

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JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government approved a new settlement in the occupied West Bank on Sunday, his office said, just two days ahead of a general election.

The approval came as Mr. Netanyahu and his main opponent Benny Gantz sought to rally supporters, with final rallies planned for Sunday evening.

Mr. Netanyahu is seeking

to boost turnout among his right-wing base, and he has made a flurry of announcements in recent days that could boost turnout.

On Sunday, the Cabinet agreed to turn the wildcat settlement of Mevoot Yericho in the Jordan Valley into an official settlement, the premier's office said.

All settlements are viewed as illegal under international law, but Israel distinguishes between those it has approved and those it has not.

Around 30 families live in the outpost, which was established in 1999.

Israeli settlers regularly set up caravan homes at sites in the West Bank with the hope of eventually gaining government approval as a settlement, which has repeatedly occurred.

The latest approval follows Mr. Netanyahu's pledge last week to annex the Jordan Valley, which amounts to one-third of the West Bank, if he wins elections.

For expelled Jews, a Berlin trip may help heal hearts

A programme in place since 1970 has successfully brought Holocaust survivors on one-week trip to Germany

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BERLIN

Berlin was the last place Helga Melmed had expected to see again.

She was 14 when the Nazis forced her and her family onto a train from their home in the German capital to the Jewish ghetto in Lodz, Poland, in 1941.

That started a gruesome odyssey that later saw her imprisoned at Auschwitz and Neuengamme outside Hamburg before she was finally freed by British soldiers in 1945 from Bergen-Belsen in northern Germany, a 46-

pound walking skeleton.

For years, she never considered returning to Germany until she was invited on a trip by the city of her birth, in a reconciliation programme meant to help mend ties with former Berliners who had been forced out by the Nazis.

Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, the programme has successfully brought people like Melmed on one-week trips to Berlin to reacquaint themselves with the city. Some 35,000 people have accepted the invitation since it was first issued in 1969, and while the numbers



Helga Melmed

are dwindling a few new participants still come every year.

"I thought I'd never come back," Ms. Melmed, 91, who emigrated to the U.S. via

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
JOHANNESBURG

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has sent high-ranking emissaries on a mission to reassure African countries after a wave of xenophobic attacks, the presidency said on Sunday.

At least 12 people have been killed in the surge of mob violence targeting foreign-owned businesses and homes, mainly in and around Johannesburg since the start of the month.

Hundreds of economic migrants from neighbouring Zimbabwe and Mozambique have fled to shelters and Ni-

geria has flown 600 of its citizens back home after they were targeted in the violence.

The mission, led by former Minister Jeff Radebe, left South Africa on Saturday and will visit Nigeria, Niger, Ghana, Senegal, Tanzania, DR Congo and Zambia, the presidency said.

Mr. Ramaphosa was jeered at on Saturday during his speech at Zimbabwe ex-leader Robert Mugabe's funeral in Harare before he apologised for the attacks, which have been prompted by unemployment and poverty.

Uproar after Malala seeks UN help for Kashmiri girls



Malala Yousafzai

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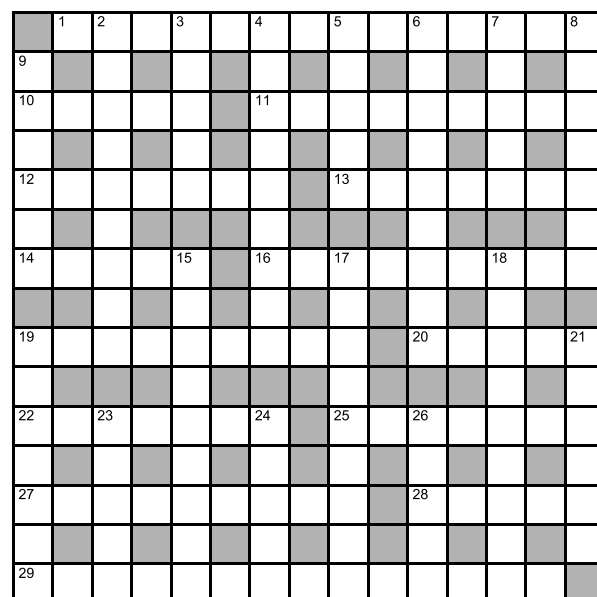
Nobel Peace Prize winner and Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai has urged the UN to work towards peace in Kashmir and help children in the Valley get back to their schools.

Taking to Twitter, Ms. Malala, 22, said she was deeply concerned about reports that Kashmiri students "have not been able to attend schools for more than 40 days" and "about girls who are afraid to leave their homes".

Ms. Malala's remarks drew criticism from Indian members, including politicians.

"Sincere request to the Nobel winner to spend some time speaking with the minorities of Pakistan. To speak against the forceful conversation & persecution of the minority girls in her own country!" BJP leader Shobha Karandlaje said in a tweet.

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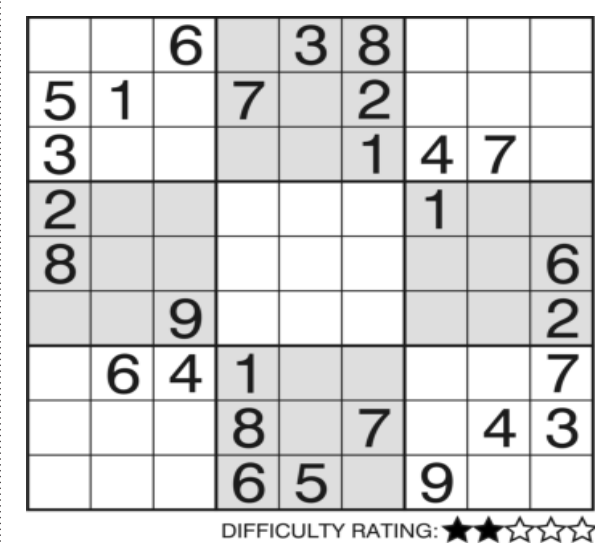
ACROSS

- 1 Fixed in pole, shifted to ancient city (14)
- 10 Queen almost returned to the country (5)
- 11 Claims missile lost direction, but he is loaded (9)
- 12 Root of English drinks originally (7)

(set by Arden)

- 13 Rent by day, admit it's a disappointment (7)
- 14 A dolt's back, all alone (5)
- 16 Return transport, remain making sandwich (9)
- 19 Transported door with key (9)
- 20 Walk is allowed (5)
- 22 Come back with final words and broken toes (7)
- 25 Cutter's home is in semi-circle (7)
- 27 Random search goes through, but it's capital (9)
- 28 Correct, head out to slander (5)
- 29 Dame Fonteyn free to take to a period of penance (3,2,9)
- 5 It's part of Alpine county, rolling hills (5)
- 6 Strange thing, will come down at dusk (9)
- 7 Terrace becomes quiet at ten (5)
- 8 Soul of a city is church (7)
- 9 Imagine one away breaking wartime code (6)
- 15 Standard workers for hoisting the tricolour (9)
- 17 Not good to make money on sport (9)
- 18 Middle finger is not used for eating (9)
- 19 Decked out, stole finally (7)
- 21 Train, train one to get capital (6)
- 23 Soft, distasteful and fussy (5)
- 24 Put up before court (5)
- 26 Atlantic has massive ridge in the middle (5)

SUDOKU



Solution to puzzle 12730
E S P E C I A L S N I P P Y
F L L P E A E
F L A R E U P P A P Y R U S
U Y A R R O V M
S U P E R P O S E T H E T A
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W A S T E E X T R A T I M E
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S Y L V A N A S K A F T E R

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku
7 6 3 9 2 4 8 5 1
8 2 1 5 6 7 4 3 9
5 4 9 8 1 3 6 7 2
2 3 8 6 4 1 7 9 5
9 7 6 2 5 8 1 4 3
1 5 4 3 7 9 2 6 8
6 9 2 4 8 5 3 1 7
3 8 7 1 9 6 5 2 4
4 1 5 7 3 2 9 8 6

FAITH

Gunas lead to actions

In the 14th chapter of the Bhagavad Gita, Lord Krishna describes the qualities of sattva, rajasa and tamasa, and says one of them could be the predominant quality in a person. A person's next birth is determined depending upon which quality predominates in him at the time of his death, said Valayapet Ramachariar in a discourse. If sattva guna is the dominant quality at the time of death, then he is born in a family which has atma jnana in his next birth. In the next birth, he will worship the Lord, and will acquire more of sattva. If rajasa is the dominant quality at the time of death, then in the next birth he is born in a family which engages in actions, with a view to attaining certain results. He will then perform more actions to enjoy the fruits thereof. This behaviour keeps repeating. How can such a man experience anything but sorrow? If at the time of death, tamasa dominates, then in the next birth, he is born as an animal, or bird or even a piece of vegetation, thereby being devoid of the ability to acquire knowledge. The man with sattva guna, in his next birth is born in a family whose members have jnana, and he too moves higher up getting closer to the state of being a sthitapragnya. He eventually attains liberation. The man with rajasa performs tasks to enjoy the results, and he reaches svarga, is reborn, and again dies and so the cycle repeats in his case. The man with tamasa keeps moving lower down, until he is born not even as an animal, but as a lower form of life, like an insect or worm or a blade of grass. Lord Krishna says that the person who understands that it is the gunas which make us perform acts, will attain His state. In other words, when one knows that the gunas are the motivators to action, then one is released from repeated births and deaths.