

leaders to break deadlock

Israel's President Reuven Rivlin invited the two main victors – Benjamin Netanyahu and Benny Gantz from the country's neckand-neck election to meet on Monday, seeking to break a deadlock that has complicated his task of trying to choose the country's next Prime Minister, AP

Trial opens in France over weight loss pill deaths

France's medicines watchdog and pharma firm Servier went on trial on fraud and negligence charges on Monday over the use of a diabetes pill prescribed for weight loss. At least 500 people are thought to have died in France after taking the drug Mediator in a health scandal that was the subject of a 2016 French movie called 150 Milligrams. AFP

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President Donald Trump on

Monday dismissed the threat

of impeachment over allega-

tions that he tried to pres-

sure Ukraine's leader into in-

vestigating his 2020 election

threat from some Democrats

seriously, Mr. Trump an-

swered: "Not at all seriously."

vealed that an intelligence

community whistleblower

had filed a report after be-

U.S. media reports re-

Asked if he was taking the

rival Joe Biden.

40 Afghan civilians killed in raid near wedding party

House used by the Taliban was located next to the bride's home

REUTERS HELMAND/KABUI

At least 40 civilians attending a wedding party were killed by explosions and gunfire during a raid by U.S.backed Afghan government forces on an Islamist militant hideout, officials in Helmand province said on Monday.

The raid, days after a U.S. drone strike aimed at militants hiding among farmers killed 32 pine nut harvesters, showed how civilians have borne the brunt of a war that has re-intensified since U.S.-Taliban peace talks collapsed two weeks ago.

Afghan officials said a house being used by the Taliban to train suicide bombers was located adjacent to the bride's home that came under fire during Sunday night's commando assault in the Musa Qala area of Helmand province.

'Not worried about impeachment'

pressure Ukrainian Presi-

dent Volodymyr Zelensky in

that he discussed what he

Mr. Trump has confirmed

a phone call.

U.S. President says 'it's just a Democrat witch hunt'



Villagers carrying a body on a stretcher outside a hospital in Lashkar Gah, Afghanistan, on Monday. • AFP

On Monday, 30-year-old Musa Qala resident Mohammad Salim carried bodies of cousins and relatives to a burial ground from a house decorated for his sister-in-

law's wedding. Mr. Salim and two senior provincial government officials said 40 people, including 12 children, were killed at the wedding venue when Afghan forces swooped on the

but denies applying pressure

call," he told reporters. "Eve-

rybody knows it's just a De-

Mr. Trump has spent

much of his first term fight-

ing off allegations that he be-

nefited from Russian-spon-

sored interference during his

surprise 2016 win over oppo-

We had a perfect phone

on Mr. Zelensky.

mocrat witch hunt."

house used by Taliban and Al-Qaeda militants to train suicide bombers. "We were going to the bride's house for the henna ceremony, some of us were outside and some inside, (when) suddenly the battle began... We told the security forces that we were not members of the Taliban," Mr. Salim said.

"But both sides ended up killing civilians," he said.

Xi may visit Nepal after Huawei deal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Chinese President Xi Jinping is expected to visit Nepal in October, according to sources. The possible visit comes days after Nepal's Chaudhary Group (CG) signed a deal with Chinese telecom major Huawei for 5G-ready network in the Himalayan country.

The tie-up comes in the backdrop of continued discussion in India over whether to let Huawei enter into 5G domain in view

President Donald Trump labelled as "very aggressive" a statement from Prime Minister Modi (on Pakistan's role in terror) at the 'Howdy, Modi!' event at Houston on Sunday. Mr.

Trump calls Modi's statement

on Pak. terror 'very aggressive'

U.S. President Donald Trump with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan in New York. • NYT

'Will raise Kashmir issue at UN'

SUHASINI HAIDAR NEW YORK

Vowing to take up what he called his "worries" about "Hindu supremacy" in India and the situation in Kashmir post-revocation of Article 370 with leaders at the United Nations General Assembly, Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan said here that he wanted a "reset in ties" with India, but had been rebuffed. In his first reaction to the mega-rally by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Trump on Sunday, Mr. Khan said the Modi government was "carrying out an RSS agenda" against Pa-

"After the Pulwama attack, I had said [to the Indian government], please give us any indication a Pakistani was involved. India

strikes]," Mr. Khan said at the Council of Foreign Rela-

bombed us instead [Balakot

Links to terrorism

While he didn't react directly to PM Modi's comments on Pakistan's links to terrorism in the 9/11 attacks and 26/11 attacks Mr Khan said he disagreed with President Trump's assertion that India and the U.S. would together combat "radical Islamic terrorism". "There is only one Islam, not moderate or radical," he said, indicating that he had watched the rally of Indian-Americans at Houston's NRG centre.

Mr. Khan made the comments ahead of his bilateral meeting with President Trump in New York, his first since the talks with Taliban

were called off. He admitted that he had only learned of the U.S. decision to cancel a possible deal with the Taliban only through Mr. Trump's tweet, and hoped the talks could be restarted. Both PM Modi and PM Khan will address the UN General Assembly on Friday.

Significantly, the Pakistani Prime Minister did not deny the presence of terrorists in Pakistan, and even suggested that Al-Qaeda chief Osama Bin Laden had links with Pakistan Army.

"I will say, the Pakistan Army trained al-Qaeda before 9/11, so there were always going to be links. Many in the Army didn't agree with the policy change post 9/11, when the same people we had trained were called terrorists," Mr. Khan said.

have a good relationship with both. So if they decide to use that feeling ...among both...I think we can help

The White House readout of the Trump-Khan bilateral said the two leaders had discussed de-escalation of India-Pakistan tensions and the importance of dialogue as well as combating terror.

"The two leaders discussed opportunities to dee-

pen mutually beneficial energy cooperation and trade ties. They also discussed ways to de-escalate tension between Pakistan and India, "the White House

coming alarmed at Mr. says was corruption by Mr. Trump's alleged attempt to Biden's family during the call Russia formally accepts

It first signed the deal in April 2016

2015 Paris climate accord

REUTERS

Russia said it would implement the 2015 Paris Agreeafter Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev on Monday approved a government resolution signifying Moscow's final acceptance of the deal.

The same resolution said Russia would not technically ratify the accord however due to a legal nuance. Mr. Medvedev said Moscow would adapt the accord to existing legal norms. It was unclear what, if any, the legal implications of failing to technically ratify the pact

Russia is the world's fourth largest emitter of greenhouse gases and the biggest emitter not to have ratified the landmark global

climate deal. In Monday's government esolution R not need to ratify the agreement because Moscow had already undertaken to honour its commitments when it signed the deal in April 2016.

Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Gordeyev said it was important for Russia to be part of the Paris accord so that it had a voice when it came to deciding any new measures to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. "And any regulatory measures that are drawn up will have to take into consideration our national interests as much as possible," he said.

nent Hillary Clinton. According to some reports Mr. Trump tried to pressure Mr. Zelensky to go after Biden by temporarily withholding U.S. military aid to

GoT and Fleabag take top prizes at the Emmys

U.S. President

reiterates offer

to mediate

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN

Trump also said he did not

realise the statement would

be made and said it was well

tries and they are warring

countries, and they've been

fighting. I heard a very ag-

gressive statement yester-

day, not to say that I was

there. I didn't know I was go-

ing to hear that statement-

...but I was sitting there, I

heard a very aggressive

statement yesterday, from

India, from the Prime Minis-

ter, and I will say it was very

well received within room...

that was a big room 59,000

people. But it was a very ag-

gressive statement," Mr.

were made to the press,

which he addressed along

with Pakistan Prime Minister

Imran Khan prior to their bi-

lateral meeting. Pakistan's

Foreign Minister Shah Meh-

mood Qureshi and Ambassa-

dor to the United States Asad

Majeed Khan were also

Mr. Trump also repeated his

offer to mediate, saying he

had a good relationship with

both leaders and was "ready,

willing and able" to mediate

relationship with India. I

"I also have a very good

Mr. Trump's comments

Trump said.

present.

Mediation role

on the issue.

"You have two big coun-

received in the room.

Billy Porter wins best lead actor in a drama while *Chernobyl* took home a total of 10 awards

LOS ANGELES

HBO's Game of Thrones made television history at the 71st Primetime Emmy Awards on Sunday, winning for best drama series. The sprawling fantasy series, which had its finale in May after eight seasons of blood and intrigue, won 12 Emmys for its swan-song season, adding to its record total for the most wins of any television drama ever.

The night was also huge for Amazon, which won the best comedy award, thanks to Fleabag, a series that grew out of a 2014 one-woman show by its creator, Phoebe Waller-Bridge.

Ms. Waller-Bridge won three Emmys on the night, including for best actress in a



Bridge, Sian Clifford and Brett Gelman in Los Angeles. •AFP

comedy, a win that came as an upset. The much-decorated Julia Louis-Dreyfus, the star of Veep, failed to win that award for the first time in the show's seven seasons. Ms. Waller-Bridge also won in the category of best writing for a comedy series.

She has said that the show's second season would be its last – and seemed to be sticking with her decision to end it. "To be honest, this feels like the most beautiful way to say goodbye," she

As if to emphasise Ama-

zon's strong performance, even Alexa made an appearance, announcing the name of the nominees for best actress in a comedy as part of a bit put on by Stephen Colbert and Jimmy Kimmel, who were presenters.

Amazon's *The Marvelous* Maisel, won two awards, with Alex Borstein winning for best supporting actress and Tony Shalhoub taking the prize for best supporting actor.

HBO steals the show

In keeping with Emmy tradition, HBO had a strong night overall, taking three of the top series awards, including a victory for a frequent winner, Last Week Tonight With John Oliver, as the year's best talk show. The network

also won in the category of best limited series for Chernobyl, which won 10 awards altogether.

HBO took the crown this year, earning 34 Emmy wins compared to Netflix's 27.

For his work on Game of Thrones, Peter Dinklage won for the fourth time – the award for best supporting actor in a drama.

Billy Porter, one of the stars of FX's New York City 1980s ballroom-scene drama, Pose, won best actor in a drama.

It was the first time an openly gay black actor had won in the category.

Jodie Comer, a star of BBC America's Killing Eve, won for best actress in a drama. In doing so, she bested her castmate Sandra Oh. NY TIMES

Indonesia AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

20 killed in

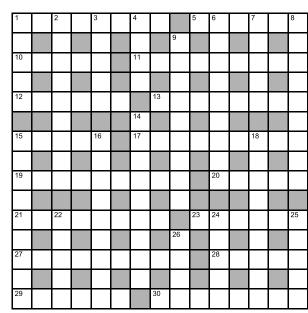
protests in

At least 20 people were killed and dozens more injured as fresh unrest erupted in Indonesia's restive Papua region on Monday, with some victims burned to death in buildings set ablaze by protesters, authorities said.

Papua, on the western half of New Guinea island, has been gripped by weeks of violent protests fuelled by anger over racism, as well as fresh calls for selfrule in the impoverished territory.

"Most of them died in a fire," said Papua military spokesman Eko Daryanto. "The death toll could go up because many trapped in burning kiosks."

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ACROSS

- 1 Madly hire taking on board sailor and pirate (8)
- 5 Nice is wrongly represented in Supreme Court ... it is picturesque (6)
- attraction (5)
- 10 Servant maid's initial
- 11 Accuracy of composition by Numero Uno on return (9)

- 12 Put an end to a kind of whiskey 13 Appropriate English spa town
- (not hot!) (8)
- 15 Strand engineer with a child (5)
- 17 Leave the decision to Penny (4,1,4)
- 19 Briefly record confusion in quadrilateral (9)
- 20 Edit and finish by morning (5)
- 21 I boarded hybrid car, catamaran and plane (8)
- 23 Fit weapons to a German aircraft-carrier, initially, in
- 27 Indian musical instrument's note is pure (9)
- 28 Banned material that may be found next to trunk (5)
- 29 He wears nothing except his hirthday suit, perhaps, around commencement of dance after noon (6)
- **30** State: "A Republican state" (8)

DOWN

- 1 Sells, I hear, wines (5)
- 2 RAF CO A. Jon's flying "The Maid of Orleans" (4,2,3)

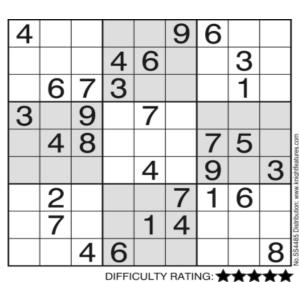
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- 3 Wag company's little microphone (5)
- 4 Spot English Bond, for example (4)
 - 6 Mince tail and poach to produce sausage (9)
 - 7 A person from Kerala has a note from Nigeria (5) 8 Anxious ... CERN should be covered by cone before
 - 9 Blue Force, indeed (9)

commencement of de-

- 14 Spreading grease/fat results in articulation difficulties
- 15 Wild pubs supported by
- 16 Spaces tall people need? Captain's cabins (9)
- 18 Musical tops for surgeons (9) 22 Drove around and wandered
- 24 Food secreted in Samurai tatami (5) 25 Sailor on Yankee ship shows
- deep chasm (5) 26 RIP ... a mourner may shed this (4)

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FAITH

A lesson for Garuda

In Srimad Bhagavatam, a yogiswara named Hari tells king Nimi about the characteristics of bhagavatas, said P.T. Seshadri in a discourse. Hari says that a bhagavatha will not think of a devotee as inferior because of his place of residence. Pillai Lokachariar, in his Srivachana Bhushanam, mentions an incident in the life of Vainateva (Garuda) as an example of what happens to those who think poorly of a devotee who does not reside in a pilgrim centre. While Pillai Lokachariar briefly mentions the episode, Manavala Mamunigal, in his commentary, elaborated on the story. The story is about a lady named Sandili who was devoted to Vishnu. Her story is found in the Mahabharata.

Galava was the sishya of Viswamitra. When the period of study was over, Galava asked the sage what he wanted as guru dakshina. Viswamitra said that he wanted nothing, but when Galava insisted, the sage lost his temper and said, "Get me 800 white horses. Every one of them must have one black ear." Garuda offered to help Galava find such horses. He carried Galava and they went to all the worlds looking for such horses. But they did not find any.

Then they rested in the Rishabha hills. In those hills lived a devotee of the Lord, named Sandili. Garuda was very impressed with her knowledge and thought to himself that he should take Sandili to a sacred pilgrim centre. That was the proper place for her, not a remote hill, he thought. At once Garuda's wings fell off. Garuda realised what his sin was. He had felt that the place where Sandili resided was not good enough for her. He had forgotten that a place where a devotee lives becomes a sacred place. Because he had forgotten this, his wings had dropped off. He then asks Sandili to forgive him and she does. And Garuda regained his wings.