



**Israeli President invites leaders to break deadlock**  
JERUSALEM

Israel's President Reuven Rivlin invited the two main victors — Benjamin Netanyahu and Benny Gantz — from the country's neck-and-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**

## 'Not worried about impeachment'

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

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
UNITED NATIONS

President Donald Trump on Monday dismissed the threat of impeachment over allegations that he tried to pressure Ukraine's leader into investigating his 2020 election rival Joe Biden.



Donald Trump

Asked if he was taking the threat from some Democrats seriously, Mr. Trump answered: "Not at all seriously." U.S. media reports revealed that an intelligence community whistleblower had filed a report after becoming alarmed at Mr. Trump's alleged attempt to

pressure Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in a phone call.

Mr. Trump has confirmed that he discussed what he says was corruption by Mr. Biden's family during the call

## Russia formally accepts 2015 Paris climate accord

It first signed the deal in April 2016

REUTERS  
MOSCOW

Russia said it would implement the 2015 Paris Agreement to fight climate change after 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 were.

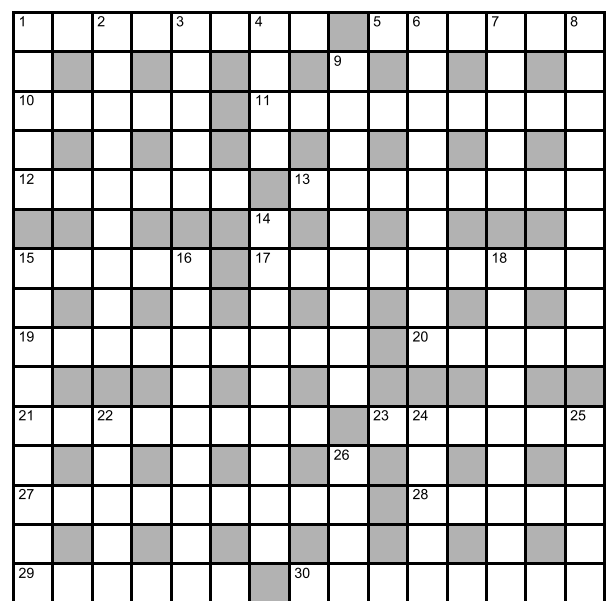
Russia is the world's fourth largest emitter of greenhouse gases and the

biggest emitter not to have ratified the landmark global climate deal.

In Monday's government resolution, Russia said it did 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.

## THE HINDU CROSSWORD 12738



**ACROSS**

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

**DOWN**

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

(set by Incognito)

- 12 Put an end to a kind of whiskey (6)
- 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 fleet (6)
- 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 birthday suit, perhaps, around commencement of dance after noon (6)

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

# Trump calls Modi's statement on Pak. terror 'very aggressive'

U.S. President reiterates offer to mediate

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NEW YORK

U.S. 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 also said he did not realise the statement would be made and said it was well received in the room.

"You have two big countries and they are warring countries, and they've been fighting. I heard a very aggressive statement yesterday, not to say that I was there. I didn't know I was going to hear that statement...but I was sitting there, I heard a very aggressive statement yesterday, from India, from the Prime Minister, and I will say it was very well received within room... that was a big room 59,000 people. But it was a very aggressive statement," Mr. Trump said.

Mr. Trump's comments were made to the press, which he addressed along with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan prior to their bilateral meeting. Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and Ambassador to the United States Asad Majeed Khan were also present.

**Mediation role**

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 on the issue.

"I also have a very good relationship with India. I



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 Pakistan.

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

bombed us instead [Balakot strikes]," Mr. Khan said at the Council of Foreign Relations.

**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 out."

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 de-

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

# GoT and Fleabag take top prizes at the Emmys

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

JOHN KOBLIN  
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



Glittering gala: (Left to right) Andrew Scott, Phoebe Waller-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.

zón'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 Mrs. Maisel*, won two awards, with Alex Borstein winning for best supporting actress and Tony Shalhoub taking the prize for best supporting actor.

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 said.

As if to emphasise Ama-

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.

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**

## 20 killed in protests in Indonesia

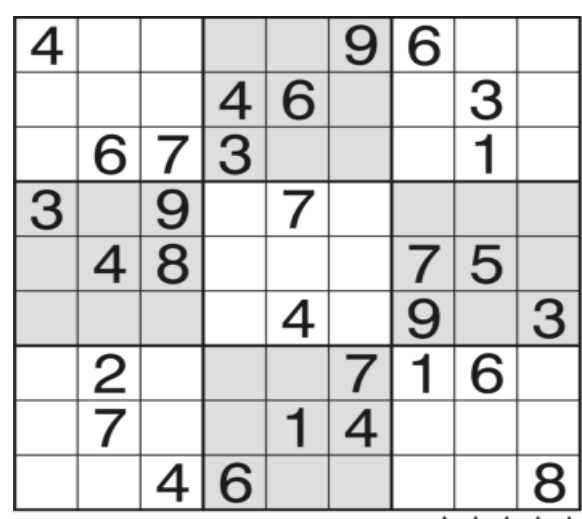
AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
JAKARTA

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 self-rule 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 were trapped in burning kiosks."

## SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

**Solution to puzzle 12737**

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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

## 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 Vainateya (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.