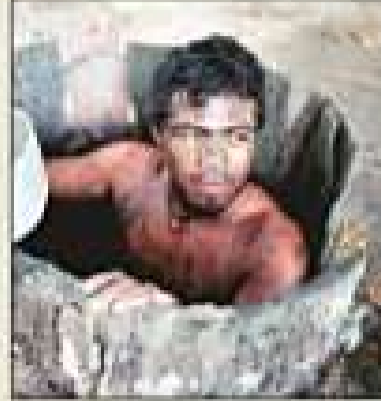


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Paulo Paulino Guajajara

BRAZIL
'Guardian of the forest' killed in Amazon ambush

Sao Paulo: A Brazilian land defender was killed and a second injured in an ambush by loggers in the Amazon rainforest, regional authorities reported. Indigenous leader Paulo Paulino Guajajara and his partner Laercio were members of "guardians of the forest", a group who attempt to protect their land from illegal logging. The two men had left their village on Friday night to look for water when the attack occurred, the Human Rights Secretariat of the Maranhao governorate said on Twitter. Paulo Paulino was shot in the neck and died in the jungle, according to the International Survival organisation, who said his partner was injured but managed to escape. A logger has also been reported missing.

MALI
IS claims attack that killed 49

Bamako: The Islamic State on Saturday claimed responsibility for a devastating raid that killed 49 Malian troops as well as a blast that led to the death of a French soldier who became the latest casualty in the conflict-torn region. The strikes underscored the fragility of an area straddling several West African countries battling increasing jihadist violence that has claimed hundreds of lives. Friday's assault on a Malian military outpost at Indelimane in the eastern Menaka region near Niger killed 49 soldiers, wounded three and left 20 survivors, the Malian Armed Forces (FAMA) said on Saturday.

NEPAL
15 killed in bus accident

Kathmandu: At least 15 people died in a bus accident in Nepal's border district of Sindhupalchowk on Sunday. The accident occurred when the bus, which was going to Kathmandu from Maga Deurali area of Dolakha, skidded off the Araniko Highway and plunged 100 metres down into Sunkoshi River at Sukute area near the Nepal-Tibet border, police said. Some three dozen people, who sustained injuries in the incident, are undergoing treatment at Dhulikhel Hospital.



Police scuffle with protesters at New Town Plaza in Sha Tin, Hong Kong, on Sunday. Reuters

Hong Kong mall clashes end in bloodshed

Several injured in knife attack; politician's ear bitten off

JESSIE PANG & CLARE JIM
HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 3

HONG KONG anti-government protesters crowded a shopping mall in running clashes with police on Sunday during which a man with a knife slashed several people and apparently bit off part of a local politician's ear. A human chain in Cityplaza, in the eastern suburb of Tai Koo Shing, turned into a face-to-face conflict with police, running up and down escalators where families with young children had been window shopping just minutes before and watching skating on the ice rink. Police said protesters had

Police fired pepper spray at reporters when they got too close. One journalist was arrested

vandalised a restaurant in the mall after a peaceful chanting of slogans in the 22nd straight weekend of protests by Hong Kong people furious at perceived Chinese meddling. Several people were wounded, with one man in a white tee-shirt, believed to be the knife man, being beaten with sticks by protesters. Another man lay in a pool of blood outside the mall.

Democratic district councillor Andrew Chiu was among the wounded, blood dripping from his ear. Democratic Party lawmaker James To told reporters the knife man had bitten off part of Chiu's ear and slashed other people. Police made several arrests as protesters shouted "black police!", a reference to their perceived brutality. The standoff lasted into the night, with residents jeering police from the roadside and balconies of nearby apartments, chanting "leave now" and more colourful Cantonese expletives. Police fired pepper spray at reporters when they got too close. One journalist was arrested. REUTERS

EXPLAINED
Protesters target big business

IN RECENT weeks, protesters have targeted multinational brands that they believe have close ties with China. Apart from a minority of protesters vandalising outlets, there is also a boycott movement against such businesses. With protests now moving into malls, businesses already facing a recession are under even more pressure.

Judge blocks Trump health insurance rule for immigrants

May have barred 375,000 legal immigrants a year: Lawyers

AIMEE ORTIZ
NOVEMBER 3

A US federal judge Saturday blocked the Trump administration from implementing a policy that would require immigrants to prove they have insurance or the financial resources for medical costs in order to obtain a visa, according to an official from a group battling the policy in court. The ruling, by Judge Michael Simon of the US District Court in Portland, Oregon, was the latest in a string of court decisions to derail administration initiatives that would limit the admission of certain legal immigrants into the US. Simon issued a nationwide temporary restraining order preventing the government from carrying out a proclamation by President Donald Trump that would have gone into effect Sunday, said Belle Woods, a spokeswoman for one of the groups, the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Trump's Oct. 4 proclamation ordered consular officers to bar immigrants who could not prove they had health insurance or the ability to pay for medical costs once they become permanent residents of the United States. The President had justified



TRUMP BOOED AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN: US President Donald Trump was loudly booed on Saturday for the second time in a week at a sporting event as he attended a UFC fight in New York's Madison Square Garden arena on Saturday night. The President was attending the fight night with sons Donald Jr and Eric. Reuters

the policy on the grounds that immigrants were more likely to be uninsured, and that "costs associated with this care are passed on to the American people in the form of higher taxes, higher premiums and higher fees for medical services," the measure said. Legal immigrants are three times as likely as US citizens to be uninsured, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation study. Lawyers from Justice Action

Center, Innovation Law Lab and the American Immigration Lawyers Association argued that the policy was "plainly illegal" and that it would cause immediate and irreparable harm. "This new requirement rewrites our immigration and health care laws," the lawyers wrote in a motion seeking a restraining order. They noted that the policy could effectively bar up to 375,000 "otherwise qualified immigrants each year." NYT

Supreme Leader of Iran renews ban on talks with US

PARISA HAFEZI
DUBAI, NOVEMBER 3

IRAN WILL not lift its ban on talks with the United States, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Sunday, describing the two countries as implacable foes on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the seizure of the US embassy in Tehran. "One way to block America's political infiltration is to ban any talks with America. It means Iran will not yield to America's pressure," Khamenei, who is Iran's top authority, was quoted by state TV as saying. "Those who believe that negotiations with the enemy will solve our problems are 100 per cent wrong."



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IRAN'S SUPREME LEADER

Relations between the two foes have reached a crisis over the past year after US President Donald Trump abandoned a 2015 pact between Iran and world powers under which Tehran accepted curbs to its nuclear programme in return for lifting sanctions. Washington has reimposed sanctions aimed at halting all Iranian oil exports, saying it seeks to force Iran to negotiate to reach a wider deal. Khamenei has banned Iranian officials from holding such talks unless the United States returns to the nuclear deal and lifts all sanctions. The anniversary of the seizure of the US embassy shortly after Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution is marked in Iran

with annual demonstrations of crowds chanting "Death to America" across the country. The embassy capture cemented the hostility between the two countries which has remained a central fact in Middle East politics and an important part of Iran's national ideology. Iran, which accused the United States of supporting brutal policies of its ousted Shah, held 52 Americans for 444 days at the embassy, which it called the Den of Spies. "The US has not changed since decades ago... it continues the same aggressive, vicious behaviour and the same international dictatorship," Khamenei said. "Iran has a firm, iron will. It will not let America return to Iran." REUTERS

BANGLADESH PLANS TO RELOCATE REFUGEES FROM CROWDED CAMPS

Rohingya island move uncertain after UN doubts

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DHAKA, NOVEMBER 3

BANGLADESH SAID Sunday plans to relocate thousands of Rohingya living in overcrowded refugee camps to a remote island were "uncertain" after authorities failed to gain support from UN agencies. Dhaka had wanted to begin its long-held plan this month to move 100,000 people to the mud-silt island of Bhashan Char, amid growing frustration with the presence of the squalid tent settlements in its southeastern



Rohingya at a camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Reuters file

border towns. Bangladesh has said thou-

sands of Rohingya families have volunteered to relocate, with some

3,500 of the Muslim minority due to be moved between mid-November to February during calm seas. But the plan was in doubt as the UN has not supported the relocation so far, Bangladesh disaster management and relief minister Enamur Rahman said. "This has become uncertain," Rahman said of the relocation to the island, which takes around three hours to reach by boat. "They (UN agencies) still haven't agreed to the relocation plan." Aid agencies which held meetings with the government, told him the island was "isolated" and "flood-prone".

Nobel winner Yunus gets bail in labour court

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DHAKA, NOVEMBER 3

A COURT in Dhaka has granted bail to micro-credit pioneer and Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus over the firing of three employees by Grameen Communications, where he is chairman. The third Labour Court in Dhaka granted the bail on Sunday when Yunus appeared before the court. Last month, Bangladesh's High Court had set a Nov 7 deadline for him to appear in person. The labour court had earlier issued an arrest warrant for Yunus after he failed to appear because he was abroad. The three employees filed the cases in July, saying they were terminated illegally after seeking to form a trade union.

Airbnb bans 'party houses' after five killed in California shooting

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ORINDA, NOVEMBER 3

AIRBNB'S CEO said the company was taking actions against unauthorised parties in the wake of a deadly shooting at a Halloween party held at an Airbnb rental home in California. In a series of tweets, Brian Chesky said Saturday the San Francisco-based company is expanding manual screening of "high risk" reservations and will remove guests who fail to comply with policies banning parties at Airbnb rental homes. Five people died after a Thursday night shooting that sent some 100 terrified partygoers running for their lives in the San Francisco suburb of Orinda. The home had been rented

The home had been rented on Airbnb by a woman who told the owner her dozen family members had asthma and needed to escape smoke from a wildfire. They then held a Halloween party

on Airbnb by a woman who told the owner her dozen family members had asthma and needed to escape smoke from a wildfire, a source said. The owner, Michael Wang, said his wife reached out to the renter Thursday night after neighbours contacted them about the party. The renter said there were only a dozen people at the home but Wang said he could see more people on video from his doorbell camera. "We called the police. They were on the way to go there to

stop them, but before we got there the neighbour already sent us a message saying there was a shooting," he told the Chronicle. No arrests had been made and there was no immediate word on a motive for the attack. Two guns were found at the property, authorities said. Three people, all from the Bay Area, died at the scene and a fourth died at the hospital, authorities initially said. The party at the four-bedroom house apparently was advertised on social media as an "Airbnb mansion party".

Pak court acquits policemen in custodial death case after Hafiz Saeed mediation

MZULQERNAIN
LAHORE, NOVEMBER 3

A PAKISTANI court has acquitted all three police officials accused of killing an alleged ATM thief in police custody, a case that drew attention after UN designated terrorist Hafiz Saeed played the role of an arbitrator in it. Additional District and Session (Rahim Yar Khan) Judge Justice Zahid Hussain Bakhtiar acquitted police officials Mahmoodul Hassan, Shafaat Ali and Matloob Hussain this week in the murder of Salahuddin Ayubi. The court acquitted them after the family of Ayubi pardoned the suspects on the "wish" of Mumbai attack mastermind Saeed. Ayubi, who was mentally challenged, died in police custody in August due to alleged torture after his arrest on charges of stealing money from an ATM. Ayubi's death sparked outrage across the country. Saeed played the role of an arbitrator in the case between the police and the family of Ayubi. Saeed, who has been in Kot Lakhpat jail here since his arrest on July 17 on charges of terror financing, met the deceased man's family and convinced them to pardon the policemen. "Both the accused policemen, their officers and the victim's family members had a couple of meetings with Saeed in jail, after which the latter brokered the deal between them," an official source said. PTI

LAUDABLE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE OR PRISON-WORTHY CRIME?

Climate activists nab Macron portraits in case that divides French judges

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LYON, NOVEMBER 3

IS STEALING a presidential portrait a prison-worthy crime? Or a laudable act of civil disobedience? Courts around France are grappling with this question in response to an unusual new environmental movement that's aiming to push French President Emmanuel Macron to do more to fight climate change. One by one, environmental activists around France have removed Macron's official portraits

from more than 130 town halls this year, from the foothills of the Alps to the Left Bank of Paris. Their point: Even as Macron portrays himself on the global stage as Mr Climate, the centrist, business-friendly President isn't acting boldly enough to change his own country's planet-damaging ways. They're notably angry France has lagged on its international commitments to increase use of renewable energy and reduce emissions. France remains well behind its European neighbours in its use of renewable energy. The portrait-removers have

been facing trials around the country, with some fined, others acquitted. An appeals trial of the first court case was held last week in Lyon with the ruling still pending, and a new trial is scheduled later this month. The protesters don't fit a single mold — one's a math teacher, another works for the SNCF national rail company, another's an organic vegetable farmer. At last week's trial, defendant Helene Lacroix-Baudrion argued that the portrait removal was "an act aimed at taking care of life and our environment." "We just want Macron, who



Protesters have taken Macron's portraits from more than 130 town halls this year. AP

holds himself up as a climate defender, to respect France's commitments under the COP21 (the 2015 UN climate agreement signed in Paris)," she told The Associated Press. An expert working for the UN climate change agency testified as a defence witness at the trial, and climate activists gathered for a boisterous protest outside the courthouse. The trials themselves have turned into public debates on civil disobedience, France's rich tradition of protest — and of course, the environment. France is divided over how,

and how fast, to cut emissions blamed for worsening climate change. Macron argues that he's doing more than most, and has stood up to US President Donald Trump on the need for countries and corporations to cooperate to cut emissions. However, Macron backed down on a fuel tax last year meant to help wean France off fossil fuels, because the tax triggered the yellow vest protest movement against economic injustice, which saw months of violent protests that devastated some major shopping streets in Paris. So activists started targeting

Macron's portraits, symbolically dethroning him to demand action. Several brought stolen portraits to a march at the Group of Seven summit Macron hosted in Biarritz in August, to try to embarrass him at the global event. They brandished the pictures upside down, arguing that his climate policy is the opposite of what the planet needs. French law says the acts can be considered "group theft," which can be punishable by several years in prison. No court seems willing to go as far as locking up the portrait-removers, but the verdicts have been mixed. AP