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49 dead in separate attacks in Yemen

**By Layli Foroudi, Reuters**

The number of dead in a series of attacks involving Yemeni government forces and Houthis—now at 49—has already surpassed the death toll from an earlier attack on a military camp in the coastal city of Mukalla.

The attack is one in a string of violence in which the Houthis and their allies are using rocket-propelled grenades, mortar rounds, and drones to target security forces and civilians in Yemen.

The Houthis have been fighting the Yemeni government for control of the southern province of Lahij, where they have launched a series of attacks in recent weeks.

The attack on the military camp came after three days of heavy fighting between the Houthis and government forces, with both sides claiming to have gained ground.

The Houthis have also been targeting civilians in the city of Aden, killing dozens in a series of suicide bombings and drone attacks.

The conflict in Yemen has been ongoing since 2015, when a Saudi-led coalition介入 the fight against the Houthis, who overthrew the Yemeni government in 2012. The conflict has since evolved into a regional conflict involving Iran and its proxies, as well as a humanitarian crisis affecting millions of people in the country.

The Houthis have been accused of violating international law and human rights norms, while the Saudi-led coalition has also faced criticism for targeting civilians and infrastructure.

The United Nations has called for a political solution to the conflict and for all parties to respect international human rights and humanitarian law.

The Houthis have rejected calls for a political solution and have continued to launch attacks against government forces and civilians.

The conflict has now entered its sixth year, with no end in sight and increasing international pressure on all parties to resort to a political solution.
Mozambique govt, opposition Renamo sign historic peace pact

A new government under a new president was sworn in Wednesday in Mozambique, bringing an end to 15 years of civil war and bringing a sign of hope to a war-ravaged southern African country.

Mozambique's new President Filipe Nyusi and Renamo opposition leader Ossufo Momade yesterday signed a landmark agreement in the Middle East. The agreement was signed in the capital, Maputo, in the presence of the UN secretary general and the leaders of Mozambique's two main political parties.

The agreement provides for the formation of a new government, with Nyusi as president and Momade as vice-president, and for the release of political prisoners and the demobilization of the army.

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**Biden comes under fire in Democratic debate**

Democrats in the Senate have passed a $1.8 trillion reconciliation bill that boosts health-care spending and expands social programmes, according to an official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Bangladesh struggles with worst outbreak of dengue fever

Despite the government's efforts, the country is facing a severe outbreak of dengue fever. The government has taken various measures, including spraying, to control the disease, but the outbreak continues to worsen. The health ministry has advised people to take preventive measures such as using mosquito nets, wearing long sleeves, and using repellents.

US warns dams give China ‘control’ of Mekong river

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo warned that dams built by China on the Mekong river could give China control over downstream water flows. The US has also expressed concerns over China’s plans to build dams on the Mekong river, which flows through six countries.

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Australia has pledged $55 million to fight human trafficking in Southeast Asia. The money will be used to support joint investigations into human trafficking and to assist victims of trafficking.

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President Rodrigo Duterte lifted the threat to close Boracay, a popular tourist destination in the Philippines. The closure was announced last year as part of efforts to improve the island's conditions.

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Diplomacy

US envoy urges Cambodia to respect ‘Indo-Pacific’ programme

The US diplomat, Mike Pompeo, urged Cambodia to respect its ‘Indo-Pacific’ programme and called for an end to military exercises in the region.

Australia’s foreign minister says US officials can ‘pack up and leave’

Australia’s foreign minister, Julie Bishop, said that US officials could ‘pack up and leave’ if they do not like the situation in the region. She was responding to a previous statement by a US diplomat who said that US officials could ‘pack up and leave’ if they do not like what is happening in the region.

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Disability experts say the situation in Hong Kong is "alarmingly serious", warning that "less than a year" is needed for a time bomb to explode on the streets of the semi-autonomous Chinese city.

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The Korean Central News Agency said the weapon had been tested "with success" and would be deployed in the near future.

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**BRITAIN**

**Conservative rebels vow to block Brexit deal**

A campaign called Stand Up 4 Brexit has the signatures of 60 Conservative MPs on a statement calling on the prime minister to “consider the idea of the EU on October 31 and abandon Theresa May’s withdrawal agreement.”

The statement says that the government should “stop the deal that removes the backstop, which is an insurance mechanism to maintain current customs arrangements and avoid a hard border in the event of no deal on the Irish border.”

**Towns evacuated after dam damaged**

Police evacuated thousands of residents from a town in Britain after letters warning of a “dangerous situation” were found near the dam. Some of these signatories are: "Residents who have been at the scene. However, this was not taken lightly and we appreciate the serious situation."
**Moscow set to deploy new weapons as INF pact ends**

The Kremlin has not commented on the incident.

The critic of the Kremlin was rushed to hospital with what his doctors described as the head of his huge military arsenal.

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**Poles mark 75 years since Warsaw Uprising**

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**Dutch ban on burqas in public places takes effect**

The Netherlands banned the wearing of a face-covering veil, such as the burqa in public buildings and at public events in a controversial law that the government says is needed to fight terrorism.

The Dutch law does not apply to religious services, public institutions and public transport."

People light fireworks yesterday in Warsaw as they observe a minute of silence to mark the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

**Kremlin critic Navalny says he was poisoned while in custody: lawyer**

The Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny regained consciousness after being poisoned in custody, his lawyer Viktor Verzilov said on social media yesterday.

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Gadkari fainted at Marathwada event

Union transport minister Nitin Gadkari fainted at a public function in Solapur on Wednesday. He was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Free power up to 200 units for Delhiites, Kejriwal announces

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced free power up to 200 units for Delhiites as a move to reduce the burden of electricity bills.

IMA Jewellers’ founder remanded to custody

The special judge under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) remanded the accused, Gajanan Bhor, to judicial custody till November 6 in connection with a case under the PMLA.

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This month, in a statement, the Vale company said it was following the order of an inquiry into the cause of death of the Amazonian man who died in a recent massacre of environmentalists in the region. Vale has been linked to the massacre and is accused of being responsible for it.

The company said it will be able to provide information on the circumstances of the death of the Amazonian man, who was reportedly killed in a confrontation with police. The statement did not provide any details on the exact cause of death, which is being investigated as an “accidental death”.

Last week, the company said it had identified the cause of death of the Amazonian man as “cardiac arrest”.

The statement also said that the company is “fully cooperating” with the authorities and has already provided all the information requested by the authorities.

The family of the Amazonian man has expressed their desire to have the cause of death investigated by an independent body, as they believe the death was caused by a violent act.

However, the company has rejected this claim, saying that it is investigating the cause of death and will provide all the necessary information to the authorities.

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\[ \text{Q.} \text{O Allah, I want to perform Haj, but I am not capable of doing it.} \]

\[ \text{A.} \text{Then perform Haj by proxy.} \]

\[ \text{Q.} \text{What is Haj by proxy?} \]

\[ \text{A.} \text{It means performing Haj on behalf of someone else.} \]

\[ \text{Q.} \text{If I perform Haj by proxy, will I get its rewards as if I had performed it myself?} \]

\[ \text{A.} \text{Yes, you will get the same rewards as if you had performed Haj personally.} \]

\[ \text{Q.} \text{But how can I perform Haj by proxy?} \]

\[ \text{A.} \text{You can perform Haj by proxy if you find someone who is capable of performing Haj and are willing to perform it for you.} \]

\[ \text{Q.} \text{What if I do not have anyone to perform Haj by proxy for me?} \]

\[ \text{A.} \text{Then you should perform Haj yourself if you are capable of doing so. If you are not capable, you should ask Allah for guidance and seek the advice of a knowledgeable person.} \]

\[ \text{Q.} \text{Can I perform Haj by proxy for someone who is not a Muslim?} \]

\[ \text{A.} \text{Yes, you can perform Haj by proxy for a non-Muslim if they request you to do so.} \]

\[ \text{Q.} \text{What if I perform Haj by proxy for a non-Muslim who is not capable of performing Haj?} \]

\[ \text{A.} \text{You should perform Haj by proxy as long as you are performing it for a person who is capable of performing Haj.} \]

\[ \text{Q.} \text{How do I know if someone is capable of performing Haj?} \]

\[ \text{A.} \text{You should consult with a knowledgeable person to determine if the person is capable of performing Haj.} \]

\[ \text{Q.} \text{Can I perform Haj by proxy for a Muslim who is incapable of performing Haj?} \]

\[ \text{A.} \text{Yes, you can perform Haj by proxy for a Muslim who is incapable of performing Haj, as long as you are performing it for someone who is capable of performing Haj.} \]

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Female founders can boost global economy: study

Increasing support for female entrepreneurs could boost the global economy by trillions of dollars, according to research released yesterday that found women who start businesses face more challenges than men. Helping women start their own businesses could immediately increase global economic output by as much as 10%, about the size of Japan’s economy, and the study, which found there are more male than female entrepreneurs in almost every country, said.

The study, by consulting firm Boston Consulting Group (BCG) and the Cherie Blair Foundation for Women, found more working-age men start businesses than women in every country except Vietnam, Mexico, Indonesia and the Philippines.

“It is a gap that has been there for a long time — and not just in developing but in women’s ability and access to resources to keep those businesses running and to sustain and grow those businesses,” said BCG Managing Director and former Facebook executive Umol Khatun.

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In 40% of the countries analysed, including Switzerland, Uruguay and South Africa, however, the gap has widened.

Unequal access to finance is one of the key factors holding women back, with companies founded or co-founded by women in less than half the $1.3mn invested in companies started by men, according to BCG analysis of 2018 data from MassChallenge, a US-based global network of accelerators.

In the UK, a quarter of companies and public sector bodies have a pay gap of more than 20% in favour of men, according to new gender pay gap figures, according to The Guardian report in April this year.

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Coffee baron’s death fuels India Inc anger

Coffee Day Enterprises Ltd founder VG Siddhartha’s apparent suicide is prompting a fresh probe into tax evasion allegations against the coffee giant.

Siddhartha, along with three colleagues, had been missing for almost a week, with the police attempting to reach his family-owned coffee plantation in Southern India.

His family has denied any involvement in undeclared income from the company.

As the police and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) search for Siddhartha, questions are being raised about the conduct of the tax authorities.

Aditya Kalra, a partner at law firm Pratibha Jain, said: “Any enforcement agency first looks at the matter strictly and then looks at the investigation matters.

Tax collectors are also under pressure from rich capitalists. “There is a thin line between duty and harassment. The enforcement agencies have a responsibility to act,” he said.

“Any investigation is supposed to be conducted keeping in mind the concept of ‘equitable administration’ and the concept of ‘non-discrimination’,” Mr. Kalra said.

The government has appointed a high-level panel to look into the spiralling tax collection targets.

Aftab Ahmed

The apparent suicide of India’s coffee baron VG Siddhartha, whose coffee empire has been valued at $2.1bn, is widening the gender gap in entrepreneurship.

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The report has found that women in all but four countries have less access to business resources, as well as role models and support elements, that are crucial to starting businesses successfully.

A global study of 60 countries showed that while the number of women-founded businesses has doubled over recent years, women are still more likely to fail to launch their ventures than men.

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Economic growth and the US presidential election

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E
tic economic growth in the United States is not only crucial for the US economy but, according to the latest US presidential election campaign, also for the success of a candidate in the 2020 presidential election. The economic growth in the US has been steady over the past few years, and the US presidential campaign has highlighted the importance of economic growth as a key issue in the election.

The campaign has been characterized by a focus on the impact of economic growth on the US economy and the potential costs and benefits of different policies. The US presidential candidates have both emphasized the importance of economic growth for the US economy, and the impact of economic growth on the US presidential election.

Despite the importance of economic growth, the candidates have also highlighted the need for a more inclusive and sustainable economic growth model. The candidates have discussed the need for policies that support small and medium-sized businesses, as well as the need for policies that support workers and the middle class.

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MME intensifies food inspections ahead of Eid al-Adha

The municipality of Doha, represented by the Doha Municipality, has started a food inspection campaign ahead of Eid al-Adha. The campaign aims at ensuring hygiene and food safety during Eid al-Adha celebrations. It has been designed to tighten control measures and increase inspections at all food facilities, shops and places where food items are processed and prepared, including slaughterhouses and restaurants.

The inspection tour that began last July will continue until August 6. The food unit at the Central Region of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) will conduct checks to detect administrative violations and carry out the legal procedures to penalize those involved.

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The food unit at the Central Region of the Criminal Investigation Department, in addition to the Department of Health Management, will carry out food inspections at all outlets including local and imported products.

In addition, the health department will inspect the progress of work at the slaughterhouses from 5am-5pm daily. At the canals and at the slaughterhouses, officials will hold daily inspections, and the results will be posted on the Ministry's website.

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