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It turns out that American actor Katie Holmes and her beau actor Jamie Foxx are maintaining their relationship perfectly. | P13

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China 'Jade Rabbit' wakes from 'nap'

Beijing, China

China's lunar rover got back to work on the far side of the moon yesterday after waking from a five-day hibernation, its official social media page announced.

"Afternoon nap is over, waking up and getting moving," the Yutu-2 (Jade Rabbit-2) posted on the Twitter-like Weibo.

The rover on Saturday went into standby mode to protect itself from temperatures reaching towards 200 degrees Celsius (390 degrees Fahrenheit), the China Lunar Exploration Program under the China National Space Administration (CNSA) said.

The 140-kilogram (308-pound) rover has since resumed activities, which will include taking a picture of the front side of the lander and exploration missions.

The Chang'e-4 mission -- named after a moon goddess -- made the world's first soft landing on the moon's far side on January 3.

The rover, named after the moon goddess's pet rabbit, successfully separated from the lander and drove onto the moon's surface last Thursday.

Asian Cup



Bahrain's goalkeeper Sayed Shubbar Ebrahim Alawi defects the ball during the 2019 AFC Asian Cup group A football match between Bahrain and Thailand at the Maktoum Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Stadium in Dubai. Chanathip fired Thailand to only a second Asian Cup win in their history as they beat Bahrain 1-0 to reignite their campaign (full story on page 16)

Five soldiers killed in Houthi drone attack

Agencies

An attack by pro-Iranian Houthi militias targeting a military parade by the Yemeni National Army killed at least five soldiers yesterday.

Chief of staff General Abdullah al-Nakhi, his deputy, Saleh al-Zandani, and Lahij governor Ahmad Abdullah al-Turki were all at the base at the time of the attack, a pro-government source said.

The governor of Lahaj and the head of army intelligence unit were also injured in the attack.

The Houthis used a drone to attack the parade taking place

in Al-Anad military base in Lahaj province, said Al Arabiya.

Al-Anad, which lies some 60 kilometres (40 miles) north of Yemen's second city Aden, was the headquarters for US troops overseeing a long-running drone war against Al-Qaeda until March 2014.

Earlier, on Wednesday, in a failed attempt to fire a ballistic missile in the al-Tayyar district in Saada governorate north of Yemen, targeting Saudi Arabia, as many as 15 members of the militias were killed.

According to Al Arabiya, the missile exploded when Houthis were trying to launch the ballistic missiles.

Expel Iranians

Pompeo vows US would work to expel Iran troops from Syria

AFP | Cairo, Egypt

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo vowed yesterday the United States and its allies would work diplomatically to expel all Iranian troops from Syria, urging Middle East nations to forge a common stand against Tehran.

America "will use diplomacy and work with our partners to expel every last Iranian boot" from Syria and bolster efforts "to bring peace and stability to the long-suffering Syrian people," Pompeo at a keynote address in Cairo.

The top US diplomat was in Egypt on the latest leg of a regional tour aimed at shoring up Washington's Middle East policy following President Donald Trump's shock decision to withdraw 2,000 US troops from Syria.

In his speech at the American University in Cairo, Pompeo said the US is creating an anti-Iran front -- the Middle East Strategic Alliance -- bringing together Gulf countries as well as Egypt and Jordan.

Pompeo said the US would ensure Israel has the military capacity to "defend itself against the Iranian regime's aggressive adventurism."

He stressed the troop pullout from Syria would go ahead, despite comments in recent weeks appearing to walk back Trump's decision, but said that the US



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo holds a joint press conference with his Egyptian counterpart following their meeting at the ministry of foreign affairs

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MIKE POMPEO

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, after arriving in Cairo late Wednesday on his longest trip since taking office last year which has already taken him to Jordan, Baghdad and the Iraqi Kurdish regional capital Arbil.

The tour will also take Pompeo to Gulf countries including the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

As he arrived in Egypt, the State Department described the country as a "steadfast partner in the anti-terror fight, and a courageous voice in denouncing the radical Islamist ideology that fuels it".

Pompeo's tour is aimed at urging regional allies to continue to confront the "significant threats" posed by Iran and Islamic State group (IS) jihadists.

ILLUSIONS OF TRUTH

Older people, conservatives more likely to share fake news

Washington, United States

Facebook users aged 65 plus and conservatives are more likely to share fake news on the platform than younger or more liberal counterparts, according to a new study published Wednesday.

Researchers from Princeton University and New York University analysed the Facebook posts of nearly 1,200 people who agreed to share their data in the aftermath of the 2016 US presidential election.

They then compared links the respondents had shared on Face-

book with several lists -- including one compiled by BuzzFeed -- of websites known to share false information.

The study, published in Science Advances, found less than only 8.5 per cent of respondents shared a link from one of these websites.

However, those that did tended to be older and self-identified as being on the conservative end of the political spectrum.

In fact, users over 65 -- regardless of political affiliations -- shared "nearly seven times as many articles from fake news domains" as 18 to 29-year-olds,



Representative picture

the youngest age group studied. "No other demographic characteristic seems to have a consistent effect on sharing fake news," the authors reported.

The authors also suggested the impact of aging on memory could have an effect.

Although the study found that Republicans shared more fake news than Democrats, and ideologically, conservatives shared the most fake news stories -- this could be due to the fact that most fake news articles produced during the 2016 presidential campaign favored US President Donald Trump.



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