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HM thanks well-wishers for attending wedding



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We will all move forward together, never giving in to terror or allowing the voices of hate & evil to drive us apart

@theresa_may

Today's Weather		
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	26°C	19°C



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Man held for driving car at crowd

Antwerp **B**elgian security forces arrested a man yesterday after he drove into a shopping area at high speed in the port city of Antwerp, officials said.

Authorities found a rifle and bladed weapons in the car after the suspect, identified by prosecutors as 39-year-old Mohamed R., tried to flee and was detained in the northern city.

The man was "under the influence of something" but it was not clear what substance, a source close to the investigation said.

11th Hour

Palestinian teen shot dead by Israeli troops

Ramallah

Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian teenager yesterday in the occupied West Bank and seriously wounded three other Palestinians, the Palestinian health ministry said in a statement. It did not give the circumstances, but said the shooting happened near the Jelazoun refugee camp.

250 feared dead in migrant boat sinkings

Around 250 African migrants are feared to have drowned in the Mediterranean after rescue boat found five corpses and two partially submerged rubber dinghies off Libya. Spanish charity Proactiva said its boat Golfo Azzuro had recovered the five dead bodies close to the dinghies, about 15 miles off the Libyan coast.

Three get death for Qurrayah bombings

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The High Criminal Court yesterday sentenced three persons to death and four to life in prison for their role in the terror bombings in Qurrayah that targeted police officers.

The court also sentenced eight persons to 15 years and two to 10 years and ordered the confiscation of all materials seized in their possession. The 16th and 17th accused received 10 years in prison each. Two of the eight accused were also

ordered to pay a combined BD1541. The accused were arrested in connection with detonating explosives in Qurrayah in which several police officers were injured.

According to court files, the accused targeted police officers and spread panic among citizens and residents of the Kingdom. The court files said the third accused was spearheading the group, while the first and second accused were providing him with the necessary guidance and support. The third accused,

after he was arrested, guided police officers to a place where explosives and locally-made weapons were stashed. Police officers also unearthed arms from the 14th accused, court files of the case revealed.

The 13th accused revealed the explosives storage location and the 15th accused disclosed details about a Kalashnikov and an ammunition-holding magazine.

The accused persons' conviction was established based on their statements,

witnesses' testimonies and technical proofs.

According to the court documents, the accused had formed and joined a terror cell that made explosive devices and firearms and used them against policemen in acts of terror in the Northern Governorate.

They used the weapons to inflict heavy casualties among the public security forces and material damage in order to cause panic and spread chaos among citizens and residents, the court documents said.

'IS soldier' attacked London

London

British police yesterday identified the man who killed three people in a rampage outside parliament as a 52-year-old with a string of convictions but none for terror offences.

The Islamic State claimed the assailant behind the deadliest attack on British soil in 12 years was one of its "soldiers" acting on a call to target countries in the US-led coalition fighting jihadists.

Police named him as English-born Khalid Masood and said he had convictions for assault including grievous bodily harm, possession of offensive weapons and public order offences ranging from 1983 to 2003. However, authorities said Masood had never been convicted of any terrorism offences.

"(He) was not the subject of any investigations and there was no prior intelligence about his intent to mount a terrorist attack."

Some media said Masood, reportedly a married father-of-three, was believed to have worked as an English teacher and had given that as his occupation when he rented the car in a town outside Birmingham used in Wednesday's rampage.

"He was a nice guy. I used to see him outside doing his garden," Iwona Romek, a former neighbour said. Police said five men and three women arrested in overnight raids in the central city of Birmingham and London were being investigated "on suspicion of preparation of terrorist acts". - AFP

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