



US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson(L) listens to Mexican Foreign Minister Luis Videgaray

# US vows 'no mass deportations'

## Mexico City

**U**S officials promised Mexico no "mass deportations" or use of military force to expel immigrants, moving to calm tensions over President Donald Trump's vow to crack down on "bad dudes" illegally residing in his country.

US Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson met with Mexican ministers who expressed "concern and irritation" over Trump's combative stance on trade and migration ties with Mexico.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on Tuesday issued new orders to step up the arrest and deportation of illegal immigrants, many of them Mexicans.

But Kelly promised at a news conference in Mexico City that "there will be no, repeat, no mass deportations. Everything we do in the DHS will be done legally."

"There will be no use of military force for immigration operations," he added.

Mexican Foreign Minister Luis Videgaray, who met with Tillerson, repeated his vow not to let the United States impose migration reforms on it "unilaterally."

"There is concern and irritation among Mexicans about what are seen as policies that could be detrimental for Mexicans in Mexico and abroad," he said.

Tillerson said the two sides "reiterated our joint commitment to maintaining law and order along our shared border by stopping

potential terrorists and dismantling the transnational criminal networks moving drugs and people into the United States."

But he agreed that cooperation on security had to work both ways.

"We underscored the importance of stopping the illegal firearms and bulk cash that is originating in the United States and flowing into Mexico," he said.

Kelly said the two countries were also cooperating on ways to stop US-bound migrants traveling up through Mexico from the impoverished and violent nations of Central America.

Meanwhile, a few dozen protesters gathered in front of the US embassy to demand a halt to Trump's rhetoric against Mexico. -(AFP)

# Boy saved by massive anti-venom dose

## Sydney

**A** 10-year-old Australian boy has survived a bite from one of the world's deadliest spiders after taking a record 12 vials of anti-venom.

Matthew Mitchell was helping his dad clear out the back shed at their home north of Sydney when he was bitten on the finger by a funnel-web spider, that had been lurking in his shoe.

"It sort of clawed onto me and all the legs and everything crawled around my finger and I couldn't get it off," he said.

His family used his shirt as a compression bandage to try and slow the venom's spread and rushed him to hospital.



Deadly funnel-web spider

He experienced convulsions but survived after being given 12 vials of anti-venom,

which local media said was an Australian record.

The funnel-web spider is among the world's deadliest spiders. Its venom attacks the nervous system causing foaming at the mouth, muscle spasms and potentially death.

The spider was caught and taken to the Australian Reptile Park where it will be milked as part of their program to develop anti-venom.

The 10-year-old was "as lucky as they get", said Australian Reptile Park general manager Tim Faulkner.

Australia is home to a startling number of the world's deadliest creatures, including snakes, spiders and octopuses.

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The police found that the rail accident killing 148 people in last November was a conspiracy hatched across the border

Narendra Modi India's prime minister

## Rest in sight

Le Pen snubs questioning in 'fake jobs' probe



French presidential candidate Marine Le Pen refused to attend questioning over claims she broke the rules on the use of Parliament funds.

Pakistan says gas leak behind Lahore blast

An explosion that killed seven people and caused panic in Lahore was caused by a gas leak and not a bomb as police had earlier stated, officials said yesterday.

Protest in Bangladesh over Greek goddess statue

Hundreds of supporters of a hardline Bangladesh group staged protests yesterday calling for the statue of a Greek goddess installed at the Supreme Court to be destroyed or removed.

Japan PM denies involvement in land deal

Rare scandal was swirling around Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe yesterday as he was forced to deny involvement in a shady land deal by a religious school.

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# Cash handler held over toy notes in India ATM

## New Delhi

**I**ndian police have arrested a cash handler after notes in a bank ATM were replaced with children's toy bills, an officer said yesterday.

Mohammad Isha is accused of stealing the real cash and substituting it with fake bills earlier this month when he was refilling the State Bank of India machine in New Delhi.

"After entering the ATM with the cash bag, Isha removed the notes from the ATM tray and replaced them with the dummy cash," said the officer on condition of anonymity.

"We interrogated him at



Representation image length and he has confessed to the crime."

The dummy 2,000-rupee (\$30) bills were marked 'Children Bank of India' -- and carried the misspelt pledge "I promise to pay the barer two thousand coupons".

Isha will face trial for cheating and theft.

# Five year jail term for Hitler-inspired extremist

## London

**A** right-wing extremist from London who described Adolf Hitler as "his God" was jailed for five years for terrorism and hate crimes over his social media posts.

Sean Creighton was sentenced at a court in London after using social media to call for Muslims and Jews to be killed.

An investigation was launched after a photograph was posted of Creighton holding a rifle and standing in front of a Nazi flag.

The probe uncovered his wider hate campaign, including leaving offensive stickers in public and ownership of a "White Resistance Manual 2.4" document with details of weapons and explosives.

Creighton was described as a "committed racist" by prosecutor Jonathan Sandiford.

"He was enthralled by Nazism and Adolf Hitler, whom he told police in his interviews was his God," Sandiford told the court.

# Plane turns back as door not totally closed



## Jakarta

**A**n Indonesian passenger plane carrying 192 people from China to Bali was forced to turn back after the crew realised one of its doors was not properly closed.

The Boeing 737 operated by Sriwijaya Air was 1.5 hours into the five-hour flight when its system detected that a passenger door at the front of the aircraft had not shut properly, said spokesman Agus Soedjono.

"The system did not detect this prior to the flight, but when the plane was up in the air, it was detected," he said.

The plane returned to the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou, where it had set out from, and was checked for 30 minutes before taking off again for Denpasar, the capital of the resort island of Bali.

The plane was carrying 180 passengers and 12 crew members. No one was hurt or injured in the incident.