



A file picture showing Eman in the hospital

# 'Eman weighs 171 kilos'

Indian doctors defend 500kg weight loss row

**Mumbai**  
Indian doctors yesterday angrily rejected claims that they had lied about the amount of weight an Egyptian once believed to be the world's heaviest woman had lost following surgery.

The sister of Eman Ahmed Abd El Aty alleged that her sibling, who previously weighed 500 kilogrammes (1,100 pounds), had not shed half her weight as specialists at a Mumbai hospital had claimed.

"Today Eman weighs 171 kilos," Muffazal Lakdawala, the doctor leading Abd El Aty's treatment, said, adding that the claim made by her sister Shaimaa Selim in a social media video post was

"complete hogwash". In videos provided last week by Saifee Hospital, where the 37-year-old had bariatric surgery last month, a visibly slimmer Abd El Aty could be seen sitting up and smiling while listening to music. In an accompanying statement doctors said the woman, who had not left her home in Egypt's Mediterranean port city of Alexandria for two decades until she arrived in India's commercial capital in February, had lost 250 kilos.

But in a video posted on Facebook and reported widely by Indian media on Tuesday, Selim accuses the hospital of lying, saying her sister had not lost as much weight as doctors had claimed.

"The pictures don't lie, the pictures can't lie," Lakdawala said, suggesting that Selim had only raised complaints after doctors suggested that Abd El Aty could soon leave India, where she has been receiving treatment free of charge, to return to Egypt.

Abd El Aty's family say that as a child she was diagnosed with elephantiasis, a condition that causes the limbs and other body parts to swell, leaving her almost immobile.

The Egyptian has suffered several strokes and faced a series of other serious ailments owing to her weight including diabetes, high blood pressure, hypertension and sleep deprivation. (AFP)

## Humans contaminate 'fossil' groundwater: new study

**Vienna**  
Human activity risks contaminating pristine water stockpiled deep underground since the age of the mammoths, said a study yesterday that warns of a looming threat to a critical life source. So-called "fossil" groundwater -- more than 12,000 years old -- trickled into sub-surface aquifers long before it could be tarnished by pollution from farming and factory chemicals.

Generally stored at depths of more than 250 metres (820 feet) under the Earth's surface, the ancient resource had been assumed to be shielded from



Representative picture

pollution by humans -- who rely on it more and more as shallower sources dry up.

Now, researchers have found traces of modern-era rainwater in wells that bring "fossil" groundwater to the surface -- pointing to a contamination risk.

"It's a bit like going to an old folks' home and suddenly realising there are also little kids running around. That's great, except if the little kids have the flu," said study co-author James Kirchner of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. (AFP)

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Yemen today is experiencing a tragedy of immense proportions. We are witnessing the starving and the crippling of an entire generation,"

Antonio Guterres  
UN Secretary General

### Rest in sight

20 dead as boat capsizes in Senegal



At least 20 people, almost all women, were killed when a wooden boat capsized off Senegal's central coast in a delta region popular with tourists.

### Mexico on alert after nuclear material theft

Authorities in Mexico put several states on alert Monday after thieves stole nuclear material used in medical equipment that is dangerous if not handled properly.

### Thailand sets date for king's cremation

Thailand will hold the cremation for its late king Bhumibol Adulyadej on October 26, the junta announced yesterday.

### Pakistan hangs four militants: military

Pakistan hanged four militants involved in attacks on civilians, police and troops after they were convicted by the military courts.

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## India plans to tag cows to curb smuggling

New Delhi

India could issue millions of cows with unique identification numbers, the latest effort to protect the sacred animals amid a spike in violence by Hindu vigilantes against farmers accused of cattle smuggling.

The government has told the Supreme Court that millions of cows will

be tagged with a tamper-proof plastic tag linked to a national database in a bid to curb smuggling within India and beyond its borders.

"Each animal will have a unique number that will have details like age, breed, sex, height, colour, horn type and special marks," a senior officer from India's home ministry said.

## Thai man murders child, kills himself on FB Live



Wuttisan pictured with his baby daughter who he killed live on Facebook

Bangkok

A man in Phuket filmed himself killing his child and then himself on Facebook Live, Thai police said yesterday, the latest example of the social network's live-streaming function being used to broadcast grisly crimes.

Officers on the southern resort island said they were alerted to the video by friends of the man and rushed to an abandoned hotel near the international airport on Monday afternoon.

"They had already died when I arrived there," Lieutenant Jullaus Suvannin,

one of the first on the scene, said, adding a smartphone was found propped up against a wall.

Police said they believed the man had previously argued with the mother of the murdered child, an 11-month girl. The man had hung himself and his daughter, they said.

Channel 3 television broadcast footage of the child's distraught mother, flanked by relatives, picking up both her daughter's body and the man's corpse from the local hospital on Tuesday.

Facebook was not immediately available for comment. (AFP)

## SK jails man who torched ex-president's birthplace

Seoul

A South Korean court jailed a man for setting fire to the birthplace of late dictator Park Chung-Hee in protest at the behaviour of his scandal-hit daughter, President Park Geun-Hye.

The 48-year-old surnamed Baek was sentenced to 54 months in prison by Daegu District Court for arson at the old home of Park Chung-Hee in the southern town of Gumi last December.

Baek told investigators he was angry that President Park Geun-Hye did not resign or "kill herself" following the emergence of a corruption scandal that finally saw her removed from office last month.

She is now in custody and on trial for bribery.

The memorial hall was gutted in the blaze, with portraits of Park Chung-Hee and his wife lost. No one was hurt.