

Verhoeven at Patiala House Court
(Source: Express Photo)

India sends frenchwoman back home

New Delhi **I**ndia yesterday freed Frenchwoman Marie-Emmanuelle Verhoeven, wanted in Chile in connection with the assassination of a senator, and put her on a plane to France, sources said.

The Indian foreign ministry said Verhoeven, who had been held in the country since February 2015, was released at France's request on health grounds.

Verhoeven's Indian lawyer confirmed that proceedings against her had been halted.

"The government withdrew the extradition

proceedings against her and the matter was closed," Ramni Taneja, Verhoeven's lawyer, said.

A source close to the case said the Frenchwoman, 57, had been put on a plane to Paris.

A court hearing on Verhoeven's case was held in New Delhi on Wednesday and the Chilean government had complained at India's failure to hand her over.

The Indian foreign ministry said: "Having considered the matter in its entirety, including the French request, the deteriorating mental and physical health of Ms. Marie

Emmanuelle Verhoeven and the commitment of the French Government in the matter, the government decided ... to withdraw its inquiry order."

It added the government "discharged Ms. Marie Emmanuelle Verhoeven on medical and humanitarian grounds".

The ministry said that the French government also committed to "subsequent bilateral examination of the matter with the country directly concerned" while requesting for her return to France on health grounds. (AFP)

Prince William leaves pilot job

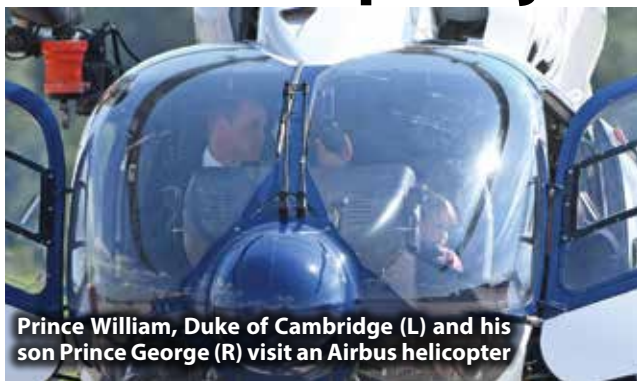
London

Britain's Prince William will retire from the air ambulance service, after two years in which he witnessed "appalling tragedies", in order to turn his full attention to royal duties.

The Duke of Cambridge, second in line to the British throne, will finish his brief career as an air ambulance pilot in the east of England with a night shift.

The move comes as his grandmother Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, take a step back from royal duties and leave the younger generation to take their place.

Reflecting on his time flying medical crews from a base at Cambridge Airport, William



Prince William, Duke of Cambridge (L) and his son Prince George (R) visit an Airbus helicopter

praised the dedication of those who work for the emergency services.

"As part of the team, I have been invited into people's homes to share moments of extreme emotion, from relief that we have given someone a fighting chance, to profound

grief," he wrote in an editorial published by The Eastern Daily.

Residential gardens, school fields and beaches have all been used as makeshift landing pads as the air ambulance crew rushed to the most serious medical emergencies.

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Do you think Israel should completely back off from the Al Aqsa mosque compound which is under Jordan's custody?

Yes No Cant Say



"The landlord (China) has rented a house to me (Hong Kong) and then realised he didn't have enough space and asks me, can you rent a room to me? He has that right."

Rimsky Yuen
Hong Kong Justice secretary

Rest in sight

US gives surveillance planes to Philippines



The United States donated surveillance aircraft and began delivering weapons to the Philippines to help its Asian ally fight Islamist militants.

Massive fires 'under control' in France

Huge fires that forced mass evacuations of residents and holidaymakers in southern France were being brought under control, although new blazes were still starting.

China releases four of six detained Japanese: govt

Four Japanese detained in China in March for alleged "illegal activities" have safely returned home, though two others are still being held.

Trump names new US ambassador to Vietnam

President Donald Trump has nominated Daniel Kritenbrink, a career diplomat with extensive experience in Asian affairs, to be US ambassador to Vietnam

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Another four arrested in Pakistan revenge rape

Multan

Pakistan police yesterday arrested four more men involved in the rape of a teenage girl as punishment for a rape committed by her brother.

The latest arrests, which include the man who allegedly committed the 'revenge rape', brings the total number detained to 18, a police source confirmed.

A jirga (village council) in a suburb of the central city of Multan had ordered the

rape of the 16-year-old girl as a punishment, after her brother sexually assaulted a 12 year-old.

Family member Muhammad Bilal, 25, said that after they learned of the first rape -- which was committed last week -- they went to the 12-year-old's family to seek forgiveness.

"Their women started shouting and their men asked us to first bring Umar's sister (the 16-year-old) then they will talk about it," he said.

Baby sold by father in B'desh returns to mother

Chittagong

A Bangladeshi woman whose daughter was sold off by her drug-addicted husband described her joy yesterday at being reunited with the infant.

The 10-month-old was returned to her mother in emotional scenes after a court in Chittagong ruled the child had been taken without her permission and sold to a childless couple.

"I am extremely happy that I got my daughter back," the girl's mother, Nusrat Jahan, said.

"I could not sleep all these months after she was snatched from my lap."

Jahan launched legal action in April after suspecting her husband's role in their daughter's disappearance.

Her husband, a methamphetamine addict, is accused of stealing the baby from the couple's home Haliashahar, a neighbourhood in Chittagong.

He has been detained and will face charges relating to kidnapping and selling the infant.

Michael Jackson producer Jones wins from estate



Los Angeles

Quincy Jones, the legendary producer behind Michael Jackson's top hits, yesterday won \$9.4 million in damages from the late superstar's estate over posthumous works.

A jury in Los Angeles sided with the 84-year-old producer but gave him only part of the \$30 million he was seeking.

Jones has arranged songs for some of the biggest names in music including Jackson, producing his "Thriller" in 1982 which remains the top-selling album of all time.

The producer filed suit over the use of songs in "This

Is It" -- a 2009 documentary about Jackson's rehearsals for a series of concerts in London that ultimately were never to be due to the star's sudden death -- as well as two Cirque du Soleil circus shows.

Jackson sued MJJ Productions Inc., one of the companies that runs the late King of Pop's estate, in 2013.

Jones said he had no quarrel with Jackson personally but that he had reached contracts in 1978 and 1985 that gave him first priority to Jackson's music, including maintaining the right to be the first to mix original recordings.