

Weinstein indicted on additional charges

Disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein has been indicted on three additional felony sex charges, two of which carry the potential of life in prison. **P17**

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New adviser to Saudi Crown Prince named

Riyadh

Klaus Kleinfeld, who was tasked with developing the NEOM project in northern Saudi Arabia, has been appointed as an adviser to Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the Kingdom announced.

Kleinfeld "will take over wider responsibilities to enhance the economic, technological and financial development of Saudi Arabia," said a statement.

The German, who is former chairman and CEO of Alcoa Inc., and former president and CEO of Siemens AG, is set to begin his role on August 1, 2018, with new NEOM CEO Nadhmi Al-Nasr taking the helm of the ambitious Saudi project on the same day.

Israeli move to freeze funds for prisoners' families denounced

Ramallah

A top Palestinian official yesterday strongly denounced a new Israeli law that will freeze money transfers to the Palestinian Authority for paying stipends to Palestinians jailed by Israel, their families, and the families of those killed by Israeli forces.

Saab Erekat, secretary-general of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, said the move threatened the existence of the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority (PA).

Israel enacted the law on Monday, which gives it the powers to withhold an amount of money based on what is paid to the prisoners and their families by the PA.

The 120-seat Parliament voted 87-15 in favour of the legislation that orders holding back part of the roughly \$130 million in tax



Protesters flee from incoming tear gas canisters fired by Israeli forces in Gaza yesterday.

revenues that Israel collects on behalf of the Palestinians each month under interim peace

agreements.

"This is a very dangerous decision that amounts to the cancel-

lation of the Palestinian Authority and is piracy and theft," Erekat said.

"Israel is stealing the land and money of the Palestinian people and that is a result of the decisions of President (Donald) Trump, who supports Israel."

The PA headed by President Mahmoud Abbas has limited self-rule in the occupied West Bank where Israel retains overall security control. Palestinians seek a state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip with East Jerusalem as its capital. Hamas, bitter rival of Abbas' more secular Fatah faction, controls the Gaza Strip.

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million American dollars is the amount Israel collects on behalf of the Palestinians each month under interim peace agreements.

Syrian opposition in talks with Russia

Amman

Syrian opposition negotiators began a new round of talks with Russian officers yesterday over a peace deal in southern Syria under which they would hand over weapons and allow Russian military police to enter opposition-held towns.

Accompanied by a major Russian aerial bombing campaign, Syrian pro-regime forces have marched swiftly into insurgent territory in Daraa province over the past two weeks.

Opposition spokesman Ibrahim Al Jabawi said the opposition had carried to the negotiating table their "response to a list of Russian demands" that include the handing over of weapons and settling the status of rebels in a deal that ends the fighting.

Rouhani's charm offensive

Iran aims to win friends in Europe while struggling to offset the US sanctions

● The Iranian president is in Europe to gather support ahead of a meeting later this week between Iran and the five global powers that are still party to the 2015 nuclear deal.

● The United States pulled out of a multinational deal in May to lift sanctions against Iran in return for curbs to its nuclear programme.

Bern

Iran President Hassan Rouhani appeared on Tuesday to threaten to disrupt oil shipments from neighbouring countries if Washington presses

ahead with its goal of forcing all countries to stop buying Iranian oil.

The comments, published on Iran's presidential website on Tuesday and partially repeated at a later news conference in Switzerland, could be open to interpretation.

However, when asked whether he intended to make a threat, Rouhani declined to provide a clarification.

Iranian officials in the past have threatened to block the Strait of Hormuz, a major oil shipping route, in retaliation for any hostile US action against Iran.

"The Americans have claimed they want to completely stop Iran's oil exports. They don't understand the meaning of this statement, because it has no meaning for Iranian oil not to be exported, while the region's oil is exported," the website, president.ir, quoted him as saying.

When asked at a news conference in Bern later on Tuesday whether those



Iran president...isolated

comments constituted a threat to interfere with the shipping of neighboring countries, Rouhani said: "Assuming that Iran could become the only oil producer unable to export its oil is a wrong assumption ... The United States will never be able to cut Iran's oil revenues."

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nuclear programme. Washington has since told countries they must halt all imports of Iranian oil from November 4 or face US financial measures, with no exemptions.

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"Iran will remain committed to the deal, as long as its interests are preserved," Rouhani said. Tehran said its foreign minister would meet counterparts from US allies Britain, France and Germany, as well as Russia and China, in Vienna on Friday to discuss ways of maintaining the nuclear deal.

The five other powers have all said they still support the deal despite the US decision to withdraw. Iran has asked the European countries to come up with a new economic package to offset the US sanctions and preserve the accord.

RACIAL WOES

Trump administration reverses Obama-era guidance on use of race in college admissions

● Last year, Sessions announced that he was ending the practice of the Justice Department issuing "guidance documents" that have the "effect of adopting new regulatory requirements".

Washington

The Trump administration yesterday rescinded a set of Obama-era policies that promoted using race

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to achieve diversity in schools, teeing up new battle lines over admissions standards.

While the decision does not change current US law on affirmative action, it provides a strong illustration of the administration's position on an issue that could take on renewed



A CNN file picture shows a protest in New York demanding affirmative action in college admissions during the seventies.

attention with the departure of Justice Anthony Kennedy from the Supreme Court.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions made the official announcement yesterday after-

noon.

"The American people deserve to have their voices heard and a government that is accountable to them. When issuing regulations, federal agencies must abide by constitutional principles and follow the rules set forth by Congress and the President," Sessions said.

"In previous administrations, however, agencies often tried to impose new rules on the American people without any public notice or comment period, simply by sending a letter or posting a guidance document on a website. That's wrong, and it's not good government."



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