

# Sala killed by head and trunk injuries: inquest

London, United Kingdom

Argentine footballer Emiliano Sala died of “head and trunk injuries”, an inquest in England heard yesterday as it began to examine his death in a plane crash in the sea.

Sala, 28, had signed for English Premier League side Cardiff City and was flying to his new team from his old club Nantes in France when his plane went missing over the Channel on January 21.

The wreckage was located on the seabed. The striker's body was recovered but pilot David Ibbotson is still missing. The plane remains under the sea.

In a brief hearing in Bournemouth on the south coast, an inquest into Sala's death was opened, and adjourned until November 6 pending further inquiries. The post-mortem presented at the hearing gave Sala's cause of death as “head and trunk injuries”.

Sala was formally identified by fingerprints.

In English law, inquests are held to examine sudden or unexplained deaths.

They set out to determine the identity of the deceased, the



Yellow flowers are displayed in front of the portrait of Argentinian forward Emiliano Sala at the Beaujoire stadium in Nantes

place and time of death as well as how the deceased came by their death, but they do not apportion blame.

## ‘You shouldn't give up’

Senior coroner's officer Ian Parry told the hearing that the plane “was located on the seabed in international waters.”

“Following a closer examination of the site a body, later identified as Mr Sala, was found and recovered.”

“To date the pilot, Mr Ibbotson, has not been found.

“Police, the Air Accidents Investigation Branch and the Civil Aviation Authority are continuing with their inquiries,” he said.

A fundraising campaign to restart the search for Ibbotson is already more than half way to its £300,000 (\$385,000, 340,000 euro) target.

“If you've got hope then you shouldn't give up,” his daughter Danielle told ITV television.

“He wouldn't stop searching for me.”

Nantes gave a final rousing send off to Sala with a series of

moving gestures in their Ligue 1 match against Nimes on Sunday.

Known as the Canaries due to their yellow kit, Nantes played in a one-off full black outfit with Sala's name on the back of each shirt.

Tickets for the game were sold at a symbolic nine euros (\$10) in memory of the player's shirt number, which they have also withdrawn.

Before Saturday's Premier League match between Southampton and visitors Cardiff, a minute's silence was observed.

## Trump takes border campaign to El Paso



A metal fence marked with the US Border Patrol sign prevents people from getting close to the barbed/concertina wire covering the US/Mexico border fence, in Nogales, Arizona

El Paso, United States

President Donald Trump takes his politically explosive push for walling off the Mexican border to the frontier city of El Paso yesterday, four days before a deadline for Congress to meet his demands.

According to Trump, illegal immigrants pose a national security risk to the United States and can only be stopped by dramatic extensions of current barriers.

Trump chose El Paso as a historic crossing point where, he says, walls have eradicated an out-of-control influx of criminals from Mexico and made the city a model for what

could happen elsewhere on the

border. But there'll be a counter-message a short distance from where Trump speaks when rising Democratic star Beto O'Rourke -- a possible challenger to Trump in 2020 -- holds his own rally.

A former congressman who excited grassroots Democrats last November with an against-the-odds near upset of Republican Senator Ted Cruz, O'Rourke is from El Paso.

“While some try to stoke fear and paranoia, to spread lies and a false narrative about the US-Mexico border and to demand a 2,000 mile wall along it at a time of record safety and security, El Paso will come together for a march and celebration that highlights the truth,” O'Rourke's office said.

## 4 killed as hospital torched in Cameroon's anglophone west

Douala, Cameroon

Four people died when gunmen raided a hospital and burnt it to the ground in western Cameroon where anglophone separatists have been fighting troops, witnesses and a local official said yesterday.

The incident occurred in Kumba, a town which serves as the commercial hub for the anglophone region and which has been badly hit by the violence between separatists and Cameroon troops that began in October 2017.

“Attackers killed four peo-

ple and burnt down the hospital,” said an administrative official in the Kumba region, confirming information from a witness.

It was not immediately clear whether the victims were shot or died in the fire, nor whether they were patients at the facility.

The incident occurred on National Youth Day, the anniversary of the 1961 referendum which saw Cameroon's western English-speaking areas joined onto the francophone areas which had just won independence from France.

## Russia jails IS pair for 15 years

Moscow, Russia

A Russian court on Monday jailed two members of the Islamic State group for 15 years for planning attacks on a mall and public transport in Moscow, news agencies reported.

Bakhtiyor Makhmudov and Zafarkhon Rakhmatov from Muslim-majority Tajikistan will serve their sentences in a “strict regime camp”, a court statement said.

Russia's FSB security service arrested the duo in December 2017.

## War on drugs



A Pakistani official uses a steamroller to crush bottles of liquor beside a burning pile of drugs on the outskirts of Karachi, during an event organised by the Pakistan Coast Guards to destroy seized illicit alcohol and drugs smuggled into the country.



## Zain Bahrain B.S.C.

### Recommendation

The Board of Directors of Zain Bahrain B.S.C. proposes the distribution of dividends for the year ending 31 December 2018 to the Ordinary Equity Shareholders who are registered on the date of the AGM. The proposed distribution is as follows:

Cash Dividend: 5% of the paid-up capital equivalent to 5 fils per share and amounting to a total dividend amount of BD 1,819,000.

Shaikh Ahmed Bin Ali Abdulla Al Khalifa  
Chairman of the Board of Directors