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Cyclist Ahmed Madan and Kingdom's 4x400m Mixed Relay team each capture gold to bring Bahrain medal tally to 15 in fifth Islamic Solidarity Games in Konya, Turkey | P16

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Executive Committee meeting



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday chaired the 432nd Government Executive Committee meeting. HRH Prince Salman discussed a proposal to upskill Bahraini citizens working in the ICT sector and developments on the National Genome Project and the Afforestation Plan.

Armed man tried to breach FBI building in Cincinnati

Reuters

Police were locked in a standoff yesterday with an armed man who tried to breach the FBI building in Cincinnati, Ohio, earlier in the day before fleeing and exchanging gunfire with officers, authorities said.

The incident began at about 9:15 a.m. (1315 GMT) when the suspect unsuccessfully tried to enter the FBI's visitor screening facility. He then fled the area in a white vehicle, heading northbound on Interstate 71, the FBI said.

About 20 minutes later, a state trooper spotted the vehicle in nearby Warren County. A chase ensued as the suspect fired his weapon. The vehicle eventually came to a stop and gunfire was exchanged between the suspect and police officers, he said. No police were injured, Dennis said.

Frozen funds spark 6hr hostage drama

Armed man takes six people hostage at Lebanese bank, gets partial payout

- Demands access to \$200,000 in his frozen bank account
- Siege ended after partial access to account

TDT | Agencies



A hostage situation in a Beirut, Lebanon, bank ended yesterday after authorities agreed to grant a Lebanese gunman partial access to his frozen funds in exchange for releasing all six hostages.

Bassam al-Sheikh Hussein, 42, entered the Federal Bank of Lebanon branch in the Hamra neighbourhood of west Beirut with a firearm just before noon yesterday, Reuters quoting a security source said.

"He demanded access to around \$200,000 he had in his bank account. When the employee refused the request, he began screaming that his relatives were in the hospital. Then he pulled out the gun," the source said.

A man who security sources said is armed and holding hostages while demanding the return of his bank deposits, is seen through the door of the Federal Bank of Lebanon in Hamra, Lebanon.

The hostage situation ended after six hours when the bank agreed to give the man around \$30,000, his sister and the head of a local banking association told local media.

It was not immediately clear if the terms of the settlement included any criminal charges.

Some bank customers managed to flee before he shut the doors on the rest, said the source.

At least one elderly man was released from the bank because of his age and government negotiators were deployed to begin talks with the hostage taker, the interior ministry said.

The remaining six hostages comprised one customer and five bank employees, including bank manager Hassan Halawi, who spoke to Reuters by phone within the branch.

"I'm in my office. He (the hostage taker) gets agitated, then calms down, then gets agitated again," Halawi said by phone before he was released.

Lebanese media station Al-Jadeed said at least two shots had been fired. The Lebanese Red Cross said they had deployed an ambulance to the scene.

During the hostage situation, a crowd gathered outside the bank, many of them chanting, "Down with the rule of the banks!"



Since Lebanon's financial crisis took hold in 2019, Lebanese banks have limited withdrawals of hard currency for most depositors during the country's three-year financial meltdown, which has left more than three-quarters of the population struggling. Banks say they make exceptions for humanitarian cases including hospital care but are rarely implemented.

UK-UAE coordination on Ukraine important, Johnson says

Reuters | London

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has told UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan on a call that cooperation between the two countries on Ukraine and regional stability was "hugely important for the world", Johnson's spokesperson said.

"The Prime Minister praised the Crown Prince's success in bringing prosperity to both the UAE and the Gulf more generally," the Downing Street spokesperson said on Thursday.

Airline luggage lag foils Israeli drug smuggling bid

Reuters | Jerusalem

The global backlog in airline baggage loading has had a silver lining for Israeli police, who discovered a drug haul hidden in a suitcase that was X-rayed after it arrived a day late and went unclaimed.

The tinfoil-wrapped 7 kg (15 lb) of amphetamines worth some \$600,000 were in a false bottom of the bag, which police allowed to be sent from Ben Gurion Airport to the Jerusalem address its owner had listed in his lost-and-found complaint, Kan TV said.

High on 'mad honey'

Disoriented bear cub rescued in northwest Turkey

Reuters | Istanbul

A disoriented brown bear cub, believed to have been intoxicated after eating an excessive amount of "mad honey", was



rescued in northwestern Turkey's Duzce province yesterday.

Footage showed the bear wobbling and whining as she sat belly-up in the back of a pick-up truck, after people rescued the

visibly-debilitated animal from the forest.

Mad honey, or "deli bal" in Turkish, is a type of rhododendron honey that can have hallucinogenic effects. The bear was

brought to a vet, where she was receiving treatment and would likely be released into the wild in the coming days, local authorities said, adding that she was in good condition.

