

Jodie Whittaker to return as 'Doctor Who' in 2020

Actress Jodie Whittaker will return in her groundbreaking role a female timelord in "Doctor Who", set to be back on global screens in early 2020.

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HH Shaikha Noora mourned
 Manama

The Royal Court yesterday announced the sad demise of Her Highness Shaikha Noora bint Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

The Royal Court prayed to Allah the Almighty to rest the soul of the late HH Shaikha Noora bint Salman in eternal peace, and to bless her relatives with patience and fortitude.

Condolences will be offered at the Al Zaher Palace on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 12 pm, and from 3 pm to 4 pm.

Two killed in France shooting
 Strasbourg

At least two persons were killed and eight people were wounded in a shooting near a Christmas market in the French city of Strasbourg yesterday, police sources said.

"There were gun shots and people running everywhere," one local shopkeeper told BFM TV. "It lasted about 10 minutes."

A source at the prosecutor's office said the motive behind the shooting was not immediately clear and that an investigation was under way to see if it was terrorism-related.

France remains on high alert after a wave of attacks commissioned or inspired by Daesh militants since early 2015, in which about 240 people have been killed.

Yemen govt, Houthis swap names of 15,000 prisoners

Rimbo

Yemen's government and rival militia announced yesterday plans for a mass prisoner swap, exchanging some 15,000 names, as UN-brokered talks on ending the country's war entered their seventh day.

Nearly four years into a war that has pushed 14 million Yemenis to the brink of mass starvation, the Saudi-backed government of Abedrabbo

Mansour Hadi and Houthi militia, linked to Iran, began talks Thursday in the rural town of Rimbo in Sweden. The talks are expected to last a week.

The Houthi militia announced that the names of a total of 15,000 detainees and prisoners had been exchanged. A source in the government delegation said their side had released the names of 8,200 detainees but declined to comment on the combined total.

His Majesty receives Giuliani



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received former New York mayor and adviser to US President Donald Trump, Rudy Giuliani and the accompanying delegation at the Safriya Palace. HM the King praised the longstanding Bahraini-US relations, noting keenness of the two countries to constantly develop them. Topics of joint interests were also discussed.

Iran shows fangs

Tehran confirms carrying out missile tests; threatens US

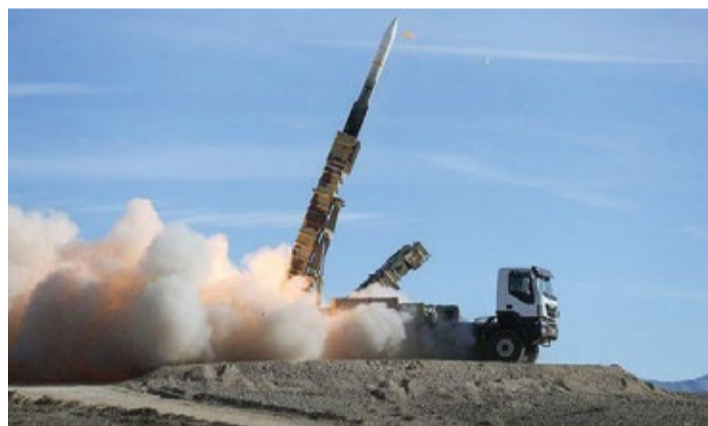
● Iran reined in most of its nuclear programme under a landmark 2015 deal with major powers, but has continued to develop its ballistic missile technology.

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Tehran

Iran confirmed yesterday that it had carried out a recent missile test after Western powers sharply criticised a December 1 launch of medium-range ballistic missiles.

"We are continuing our missile tests and this recent one was a significant test," the Fars news agency reported, citing



A Sayad missile being fired from the Talash missile system during an air defence drill at an undisclosed location in Iran.

Revolutionary Guards aerospace commander Brigadier General Amirali Hajizadeh.

"The US reaction showed that it was a big thing for them and that it upset them," Hajizadeh said, adding that Iran carried out between 40 and 50 missile tests a year.

He said the test had put Washington "under pressure," Fars reported.

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mark 2015 deal with major powers, but has continued to develop its ballistic missile technology.

A UN Security Council resolution adopted after the agreement calls on Iran to refrain from testing missiles capable of carrying a nuclear weapon, but does not specifically bar Tehran from missile launches.

The Security Council convened at the request of Britain and France on December 4 to discuss the latest test, which

both governments described as "provocative" and "inconsistent" with Resolution 2231.

Britain said that the types of missiles fired had capabilities that "go way beyond legitimate defensive needs".

Iran insists the missiles are for defensive and deterrent purposes only.

It has twice fired its medium-range missiles in anger in recent months.

The first was against a Kurdish rebel base in neighbouring Iraq in September following a series of cross-border attacks.

The second was against an extremist base in eastern Syria

in October following a deadly attack on a military parade in the Iranian city of Ahvaz.

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In its report, Fars did not specify the date of the latest test or say which types of missile were fired.

Washington, which quit the nuclear deal in May, described the test as an outright "violation" of Resolution 2231 and called on the Security Council to condemn it.

But veto-wielding Moscow has defended Tehran's right to carry out missile tests, and the December 4 meeting ended with no joint statement or any plan for follow-up action.

The council is due to meet again on December 19 for a regular review of the resolution's implementation.

US President Donald Trump cited both issues as factors in his decision to abandon the nuclear deal with Tehran.

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Egypt probes images of naked couple atop pyramid

Cairo

Egyptian authorities have launched an investigation into images said to show a naked couple who scaled the Great Pyramid that has sparked outrage in the conservative Muslim country, an official said yesterday.

In a video titled "Climbing the Great Pyramid of Giza," Danish photographer Andreas Hvid appears to scale the 4,500-year-old tomb on the outskirts of Cairo at night with an unidentified woman who is later seen taking off her top.

Hvid says the video was tak-



The pyramids in Giza is a Unesco heritage site.

en in late November but it was published on YouTube on December 8.

A photograph released by Hvid appears to show the couple completely naked on top of each other while looking in the direction of a nearby pyramid

with the horizon illuminated.

"The public prosecution is investigating the incident of the Danish photographer and the authenticity of the photos and video of him climbing the pyramid," Mostafa Waziri, the secretary general of Egypt's supreme

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antiquities council, said.

If the video was actually filmed at the top of the pyramid, that would make it a "very serious crime," Waziri said.

The nearly three-minute video has taken social media by storm

and has been the subject of late night talk shows. It has notched up almost three million views on YouTube alone.

"A 7,000-year-old civilisation has turned into a bed sheet," a Twitter user in Egypt lamented.

Another protested that "they want to soil the dignity and pride of Egyptians because the pyramid reflects the glory and grandeur of the Egyptian people."

The authenticity of the images has been disputed with some arguing the photograph showing the pair naked appears to be very bright whereas the video showed them scaling the pyramid at night.



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