

Bahrain add five more medals in Konya

Kingdom's national athletics team wrap up competition on the track and in the field by winning two more gold, two silver and one bronze at fifth Islamic Solidarity Games in Turkey | P12

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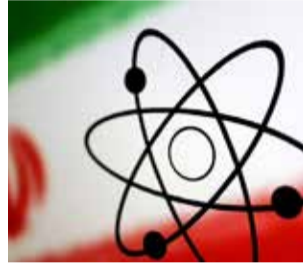
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Iran may accept EU proposal to revive nuclear deal if demands met, IRNA reports



Reuters | Dubai

A European Union proposal to revive the 2015 Iran nuclear deal "can be acceptable if it provides assurances" on Tehran's key demands, the state news agency IRNA said yesterday, quoting a senior Iranian diplomat.

The EU said on Monday it had put forward a "final" text following four days of indirect talks between US and Iranian officials in Vienna.

A senior EU official said no more changes could be made to the text, which has been under negotiation for 15 months. He said he expected a final decision from the parties within a "very, very few weeks."

IRNA quoted the unidentified Iranian diplomat as saying Tehran was reviewing the proposal. "Proposals by the EU can be acceptable if they provide Iran with assurance on the issues of safeguards, sanctions and guarantees," the diplomat said.

The Islamic Republic has sought to obtain guarantees that no future US president would renege on the deal if it were revived, as then-President Donald Trump did in 2018 and restored harsh US sanctions on Iran.

Rushdie stabbed in the neck in western New York

Reuters

Salman Rushdie, the Indian-born novelist who spent years in hiding after Iran urged Muslims to kill him because of his writing, was stabbed in the neck onstage at a lecture in New York state on Friday and airlifted to a hospital, police said.

He was alive and in surgery, according to his literary agent, Andrew Wylie.

A man rushed to the stage at the Chautauqua Institution and attacked Rushdie, 75, as he was being introduced to give a talk on artistic freedom to an audience of hundreds, eyewitnesses said. A New York State Police



Author Salman Rushdie is treated by emergency personnel after he was stabbed on stage before his scheduled speech at the Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York

trooper present at the event took the attacker into custody, police said.

"A man jumped up on the

stage from I don't know where and started what looked like beating him on the chest, repeated fist strokes into his chest and

neck," said Bradley Fisher, who was in the audience. "People were screaming and crying out and gasping."

Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," fell to the floor when the man attacked him, and was then surrounded by a small group of people who held up his legs, seemingly to send more blood to his upper body, as the attacker was restrained, according to another witness attending the lecture.

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Wanted terrorist blows himself up in Jeddah

The suicide blast injures four including three state security force members

● SPA identifies the man as Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Bakri Al-Shehri

● Al-Shehri detonated the explosive belt on Wednesday night in Jeddah's Al Samer neighbourhood

● Al-Shehri was wanted for the 2015 bombing that killed 11

TDT | Manama

A man wanted by Saudi Arabian state security in connection with a deadly 2015 bombing blew himself up, killing himself and injuring four others in Jeddah.

The man detonated an explosive belt in the Al Samer neighbourhood in Jeddah when secu-



Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Shehri

riety forces attempted to arrest him, Saudi News Agency in a report yesterday said.

SPA also identified the bomber killed in the blast Wednesday night as Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Shehri.

Al-Shehri had been sought by authorities for seven years, according to state TV.

"The wanted terrorist Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Bakri Al-Shehri killed himself by detonating an explosive belt, said a spokesman of the Presidency of

Bahrain affirms solidarity with Saudi Arabia in fight against terrorism

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Bahrain yesterday expressed full solidarity with Saudi Arabia in facing threats against its security and stability. Foreign Ministry said the Kingdom backs

all measures it takes to ensure the safety and security of the citizens and residents of Saudi Arabia. The ministry wished a speedy recovery for all those injured in the suicide blast carried out by the wanted terrorist.

State Security.

The Presidency of State Security said the operation confirms the Kingdom's determination to crack down on terrorists and ensure the safety of all citizens and residents.

The three people injured in the blast were members of the security forces and a Pakistani national.

SPA said police rushed the injured to hospitals without giving details of their injuries.

Saudi forces suspect Al-Shehri as a member of a domestic terrorism cell that coordinated the 2015 suicide bombing of a mosque in Abha, targeting security force members.

That blast killed eleven members of the security forces and four Bangladeshi nationals and injured 33 people.

The Saudi government named Al-Shehri in early 2016 as one of six Saudi nationals wanted in connection with the bombing. He is the brother of another wanted man Majed al-Shehri.

Reports say Saudi Police had killed five of the nine-member cell and arrested another in a security operation in Bisha. Security officials have said the arrest of Uqab Al-Otaibi had dealt a severe blow to ISIS operation in the region.

Taya Salem al-Sai'ari, one of the most dangerous in the cell, and their leader Saeed al-Shahrani was also declared 'eliminated' by Saudi forces.



Presidency of State Security is a Saudi Arabian security body created in 2017 by combining the counterterrorism and domestic intelligence services under one roof. The new body is concerned with all matters related to state security, and is overseen by the king.

Unknown toxic substance

Mass fish die-off in German-Polish river

Reuters | Berlin/Warsaw

An unidentified highly toxic substance in the Oder river, which runs through Poland and Germany, appears to be the cause of a mass die-off of fish in the waterway, officials from both counties said.

An analysis of river water tak-



Dead fish float on the surface of the Oder river

en this week showed evidence of "synthetic chemical substances, very probably also with toxic effects for vertebrates," the German state of Brandenburg's environment ministry said on Thursday, adding that it remained unclear how the substance entered the water.

According to local German broadcaster rbb, the state laboratory found high levels of mercury in the water samples.

However, Wladyslaw Dajczak, the head of Poland's Lubusz province, quoted by PAP news agency said that tests run on Aug. 10 and 11 showed mer-

cury was found only in "trace amounts", well within allowed levels.

The head of Poland's national water management authority said the situation was serious and that by Thursday evening Poland had collected over 11 tonnes of dead fish.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

10216837

ACTIVE CASES

4321

DEATHS

1512

DISCHARGED

659959

NEW CASES

700

CRITICAL

2

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