

Kiwis praise team but query 'cruel' rules

Heartbroken New Zealanders expressed pride yesterday in the Black Caps' fighting spirit after defeat to England in the Cricket World Cup final, but also bemusement at the obscure rules that cost them the match. **P16**

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Italy seizes missiles

Rome

Anti-terrorism police in northern Italy have seized an air-to-air missile and other sophisticated weapons during raids on far-right extremist groups.

Three people were arrested, two of them near Forlì airport. Neo-Nazi propaganda was also seized, in the raids.

The raids were part of an investigation into Italian far-right help for Russian-backed separatist forces in eastern Ukraine, local media said.

The missile was one of those used by the Qatari army, Italian police said.

The Turin special police force, called Digos, led the operations, assisted by police in Milan, Varese, Forlì and Novara.

Italian media named those arrested as Fabio Del Bergiolo, 50, an Italian ex-customs officer and far-right Forza Nuova party activist; Alessandro Monti, 42, a Swiss national; and Fabio Bernardi, 51, also Italian.

The missile appears to be a French-made Matra Super 530 F.

"During the operation, an air-to-air missile in perfect working order and used by the Qatari army was seized," police said in a statement.

On July 3, a court in Genoa jailed three men who were found guilty of fighting alongside the Russian-backed separatists who control a large swathe of Ukraine's Donetsk and Luhansk regions.



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New vision for housing labourers

Special areas may be assigned exclusively for labour camps



HRH the Premier chairs the Cabinet.

● The move follows many lawmakers complaining about the spread of labour camps into residential neighbourhoods.

● HRH the Premier gave directives to speed up measures to support licensed shrimpers.

Manama

The Cabinet chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday directed to address the issue of labour camps spreading into residential neighbourhoods meant for families.

HRH the Premier also instructed the Minister of Labour and Social Development to carry out inspections into the accommodation facilities of expat labourers to prevent them staying in old or dilapidated buildings.

The Cabinet noted that the

55 convicts have been replaced with alternative punishments by courts until now.

safety of labourers is of utmost importance.

The move follows many lawmakers complaining about the spread of labour camps into residential neighbourhoods, creating a panic over social security.

The Premier also asked the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning and the Ministry of Labour and Social Development to submit their visions and recommendations in this regard.

Among other things, HRH the Premier gave directives to speed up taking measures that would support licensed shrimpers who had been affected by the shrimp

trawling ban decision.

The Ministerial Committee for Financial, Economic and Fiscal Balance Affairs has been asked to submit the necessary administrative and financial recommendations to implement the Premier's directives, a post-session statement by the Cabinet Secretary-General, Dr Yasser Al Nasser, said.

HRH the Premier was informed about the progress of the implementation of his directives to increase stocks of stored food, oil, water and medicines, and to achieve self-sufficiency in some food and animal products.

In line with the Royal directives on the effective application of alternative punishment, and HRH Premier's instructions to ministries to devise programmes to expand the scope of their implementation,

The Cabinet was informed about several kinds of community service work proposed at the Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry, as part of the alternative punishment programme set for about 55 convicts, and expected to last between one month and one year.

Yemen sides agree Hodeidah 'ceasefire mechanism'

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Jeddah

Yemen's warring sides have agreed on a "mechanism and new measures to reinforce the ceasefire and de-escalation" around the flashpoint port of Hodeidah, as well as technical aspects of a troop pullback, the United Nations said yesterday.

Representatives of the Yemeni government and Houthi militia were picked up at different locations by a UN ship and held talks in the Red Sea off Yemen, the first such meeting since February, a UN statement said.

The agreement came as the UN special envoy to Yemen Martin Griffiths said he held a "productive meeting" with Saudi Arabia's deputy defence

minister Prince Khalid bin Salman on Monday in Jeddah.

Tweeting about the meeting, Griffiths said he discussed with Prince Khalid how to keep Yemen out of ongoing regional tensions and how to make progress in the implementation of the Stockholm agreement with the support of the Kingdom.

Also Monday, the UN Security Council voted unanimously to extend its ceasefire observation mission in Hodeidah by six months, until Jan 15, 2020.

It also called on Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to deploy a full contingent of observers "expeditiously" in the mission, which is mandated to have 75 staff but currently only has 20 on the ground.

The text adopted Monday stressed that the UN mission should "monitor the compliance of the parties to the ceasefire in Hodeida governorate and the mutual redeployment of forces from the city of Hodeida and the ports of Hodeida, Salif and Ras Issa."

The monitors should work with the parties so that the security of the area "is assured by local security forces in accordance with Yemeni law."



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MR GRIFFITHS

Fuel price rise claims denied

Manama

The National Oil and Gas Authority has denied allegations being circulated on several social media accounts about fuel price rise in the Kingdom.

Several social media accounts have circulated allegation saying that starting from

yesterday onwards the premium 95 octane fuel would be increased to become 234 fils/litre, the good 91 octane fuel to become 152 fils/litres and 190 fils/litre for the diesel fuel.

The National Oil and Gas Authority affirmed that the premium and good fuel prices are maintained at 200 fils/litre and 140 fils/litre respectively.

SPY CHARGE

Franco-Iranian academic arrested in Iran

● The news of her arrest comes at a difficult time amid heightened tensions between Iran and the US and other Western countries.

Tehran

A Franco-Iranian academic based at Paris' prestigious Sciences Po

university has been arrested in Iran and denied contact with consular staff, the French foreign ministry said yesterday.

"France calls on the Iranian authorities to shed full light on Mrs Fariba Adelkhah's situation and repeats its demands, particularly with regard to an immediate authorisation for consular access," it said in a statement.

Foreign-based Iranian media reported Adelkhah, an anthropologist, was arrested on suspicion of espionage.

France has yet to be given



Iran has detained Franco-Iranian dual national Fariba Adelkhah, an anthropology professor at Paris' prestigious Sciences Po university.

"satisfactory information" on her status, the statement also

said.

"The French authorities in this difficult context have taken steps with Iranian authorities to get information from them on her situation and the conditions of her arrest and asked for consular access," foreign ministry spokeswoman Agnes von der Muhll said in a statement.

"No satisfactory response has been given to these requests. France calls on the Iranian authorities to bring to light Mrs Adelkhah's situation and reiterates its requests, in particular

the authorisation of consular access without delay," she added.

The news of her arrest comes at a difficult time amid heightened tensions between Iran and the US and other Western countries. Sciences Po, the elite school where Adelkhah works, confirmed her arrest but refused to comment.

Iran's state-run IRNA news agency quoted government spokesman Ali Rabiei on Sunday acknowledging a dual national had been arrested, without elaborating.