

When Charlize Theron made out with dolls

Oscar-winning star Charlize Theron says she started "making out" with herself and her dolls when she was seven. She said: "I was making out with myself at seven, I made out with dolls and with myself in the mirror." **P14**

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Iran 'ready to improve ties'

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Iran is ready to work with all of its neighbours to secure peace in the Middle East in the face of US and Israeli aggression, President Hassan Rouhani said yesterday.

But pressure is building on Tehran after President Donald Trump pulled the United States out of a 2015 nuclear deal with six world powers and re-imposed sanctions. Saudi Arabia welcomed the move.

Filipino remittances down by 15.3pc

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Money sent home by overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in the Middle East went down 15.3 per cent to \$6.62 billion in 2018 from \$7.81bn a year earlier, latest government data shows.

Lower crude prices, which affected most OFW host countries in the region, the job nationalisation schemes of Gulf states and a deployment ban last year of household service workers to Kuwait were the primary reasons for the decline, a reversal from the 3.4pc remittance growth recorded in 2017.



Labour Minister opens Pre-Employment 2018 expo

Expat, 62, dies on way back home

Sanity test for man accused of committing eight crimes a day



Saudi inks \$20bn in investment deals in Pakistan

Islamabad

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman yesterday oversaw the signing of unprecedented investment deals with Pakistan worth \$20 billion just a few hours after landing in Islamabad on his maiden state visit.

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan along with senior civilian and military officials received the Saudi leader at the Air Force base outside the capital city. Khan later himself drove him to the palatial prime minister's complex where the

“Pakistan is gonna be a very, very important country in the future and we want to be sure that we are part of that.”

HRH MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN

two leaders held formal talks before overseeing the signing of agreements between their two delegations.

The two leaders later addressed the ceremony and their



Imran Khan drives a vehicle as he receives Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on his arrival at Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Nur Khan Base in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

speeches were broadcast by state television. Crown Prince Salman, commonly known as MBS, noted his delegation signed "\$20 billion" worth of memorandum of understandings (MoUs).

"It's big for phase one and definitely it's gonna grow every month, every year in bigger numbers and will be beneficial for both countries," he said.

HRH Mohammed bin Salman underscored the importance of the bilateral relationship, saying he chose Pakistan on his first ever trip to the East since becoming the Crown Prince.

Scores of Houthis killed

Continued conflict stirred by Houthis threatens peace agreement

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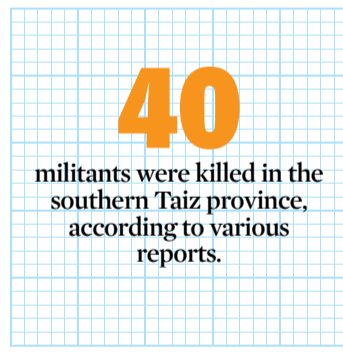
More than 85 Iran-backed Houthi militants were killed and more wounded in clashes with the Yemeni army supported by the Arab Coalition across the country, Saudi state-news agency SPA reported.

According to the reports, more than 40 militants were killed in the southern Taiz province, and 18 others were killed on the



Clashes with Yemen troops has led to the deaths of scores of Houthi militia.

Damt front in the southern Ad Dali province, while more than 30 were killed in clashes with the Hajour tribe northwest of the country.



Scores of militants were wounded, while the army seized military-grade equipment and ammunition.

Meanwhile, Yemen's Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Al Hadrami said that the continued

conflict stirred by the Houthis threatens the Swedish peace agreement and any progress in the political process.

In a meeting with UAE's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr Anwar Gargash on the sidelines of the 55th session of the Munich Conference of Security 2019, Al Hadrami said that the continued Houthi manipulation represents the failed opportunities for peace in Yemen.

For his part, UAE's Gargash stressed on the need to combine efforts and send clear messages to the international community revealing the truth behind the militia's violations on the ground.

RETURN PLEA

UK teen who joined Daesh gives birth in refugee camp

London

A teenager who joined the Daesh group in Syria, gave birth to a baby boy in a refugee camp, as European governments grapple with what to do with returning extremists ahead of a US troop pullout.

Shamima Begum, whose fate has stirred controversy ever since she and two friends fled London to join the terror network in 2015 aged just 15, told Sky News she had delivered a boy.

"I just gave birth so I'm really tired," the 19-year-old said as she made a renewed appeal to be allowed back to Britain with her newborn baby.

"I'm afraid he might even die in this camp. I feel a lot



Ms Begum fled to Syria with her two friends four years ago.

of people should have sympathy for me, for everything I've been through," she said.

"I didn't know what I was getting into when I left. I just was hoping that maybe for the sake of me and my child they let me come back," she added.

Her case comes as European nations struggle with how to deal with extremists eager to return home following the disintegration of Daesh's "caliphate" in eastern Syria. US President Donald Trump again demanded on Saturday that they take back hundreds of captured Daesh fighters.

Trump said on Twitter that the United States was asking Britain and other continental allies "to take back over 800 Daesh fighters that we captured in Syria and put them on trial."