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## Sudan's Bashir transferred to prison: family source

Khartoum, Sudan

Ousted Sudanese president Omar al-Bashir has been transferred to a Khartoum prison following his toppling by the army last week, a source from his family said yesterday.

"Last night, Bashir was transferred to Kober prison in Khartoum," the source said without revealing his name for security reasons.

Witnesses said there was a heavy deployment of soldiers and members of the paramilitary Rapid Support Force outside the prison in north Khartoum.

"There are troops in vehicles mounted with machine-guns near the prison," a witness said.

Kober prison was built by the British during colonial rule and is located on the east bank of



Omar al-Bashir (file)

the Blue Nile in a northern district of the capital where Bashir grew up.

The area was previously known as Kober, taking its name from the prison, but Bashir later changed the name to Omar al-



**Bashir was ousted by the army last Thursday after four months of protests against his three decades of iron-fisted rule. The country's new military rulers had said he was being held "in a secure place".**

Mukhtar after a hero of Libya's struggle against Italian colonial rule.

The brick-built prison, which is surrounded by a high concrete wall, holds hundreds of inmates at any one time, many of them crammed in tiny cells.

It has a special wing for political prisoners where several opposition leaders and activists were held during the four months of protests which led up to Bashir's overthrow.

The wing is run by the feared National Intelligence and Security Service rather than the police.

"In those small cells, they keep six to seven people, mostly smugglers, black marketeers, human traffickers and petty criminals," said a correspondent who was detained in the prison during previous protests against Bashir's rule in January 2018.

"There is a bathroom in each cell but no beds -- only mattresses and mosquitoes."

## Saudi king hosts Abu Dhabi crown prince



King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman discussed regional developments with Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed. (Courtesy of Al Arabia/Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia's King Salman yesterday hosted Abu Dhabi's crown prince for talks, state media said, after the Gulf allies threw their support behind Sudan's military rulers who ousted veteran leader Omar al-Bashir.

Abu Dhabi's Prince Mohammed bin Zayed discussed "regional developments" with the king and his son, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the official *Saudi Press Agency* said in a brief report.

Saudi Arabia and the UAE on Sunday released a brief reaction to Bashir's toppling following months of street pro-

tests, calling for "stability" and a "peaceful transition".

Saudi Arabia and the UAE both voiced backing for Sudan's Transitional Military Council, with Riyadh promising an aid package to Sudanese people.

A senior Sudanese military official on Monday said troops from his country will remain in Yemen until the Arab alliance achieves its goals.

The Gulf powerhouses are also following events in Libya, where forces loyal to warlord Khalifa Haftar launched an offensive on Tripoli, now controlled by a UN-recognised government and an array of militias.

## China seizes nearly 2,750 elephant tusks

Beijing, China

Chinese authorities have seized 7.5 tonnes of ivory -- 2,748 elephant tusks -- in one of the biggest busts in recent years as the country cracks down on the sale of illegal wildlife products.

The country banned ivory sales at the end of 2017 in an attempt to rein in what used to be the product's largest market in the world. Imports were banned in 2015.

The smuggled tusks were confiscated last month in an operation by customs officers and police across six provinces, according to the General Administration of Customs.

## 300 arrested at climate protests in London

London, United Kingdom

Nearly 300 people have been arrested in ongoing climate change protests in London that brought parts of the British capital to a standstill, police said Tuesday.

Demonstrators began blocking off a bridge and major central road junctions on Monday at the start of a civil disobedience campaign that also saw action in other parts of Europe.

The protests were organised by the campaign group Extinction Rebellion, which was established last year in Britain by academics and has become one of the world's fastest-growing environmental movements.

London's Metropolitan Police said that by Tuesday evening, 290 arrests had been made.

"We expect demonstrations to continue throughout the coming weeks," the police statement said.

The arrest figure includes three men and two women who were detained at the UK offices of energy giant Royal Dutch Shell on suspicion of criminal damage.

Campaigners daubed graffiti and smashed a window at the Shell Centre building.

The majority arrested were seized for breaching public order laws and obstructing a highway.

The protest saw more than a thousand people block off central London's Waterloo Bridge and lay trees in pots along its length. Later, people set up camps in Hyde Park in preparation for further demonstrations throughout the week.

## Police restrictions

The police have ordered the protesters to confine themselves to a zone within Marble Arch, a space at the junction of Hyde Park, the Oxford Street main shopping thoroughfare and the Park Lane street of



Police remove a climate change protestor from the roof of a DLR train at Canary Wharf station on the third day of an environmental protest by the Extinction Rebellion group, in London



Climate change protestors practice yoga on Waterloo Bridge on the third day of an environmental protest by the Extinction Rebellion group, in London

plush hotels.

"We so far have 55 bus routes closed and 500,000 people affected as a result," the police said.

London mayor Sadiq Khan said he was "extremely concerned" about protesters' plans to disrupt the underground on Wednesday.

"Targeting public transport in this way would only damage the cause of all of us who want to tackle climate change," he said in a statement.

Campaigners want governments to declare a climate and ecological emergency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2025, halt biodiversity

loss and be led by new "citizens' assemblies on climate and ecological justice".

Extinction Rebellion spokesman James Fox said the group had attempted to maintain a blockade overnight at four sites in central London before the police came to impose the new restriction.

Protesters attached themselves to vehicles and to each other using bicycle locks, said the spokesman.

"We have no intention of leaving until the government listens to us," he said.

"Many of us are willing to sacrifice our liberty for the cause."

## Italy arrests two men planning IS attacks



Representative picture Rome, Italy

Italy police yesterday arrested two men planning attacks in the name of the Islamic State (IS) group.

The 24-year old Italian and 18-year old Moroccan were nabbed in northern Italy after posting IS images and videos on social networks, police said.

The pair were "ready to attack", according to media reports citing prosecutors, which said they had been plotting an attack on Italian soil after their plans to travel to Syria to fight were thwarted by the defeat of IS.

The suspects had downloaded video instructions on how to carry out bombings and suicide attacks, police said.

## Pet deer kills man, leaves woman fighting for life in Australia



Paul and Mandi McDonald were attacked by their pet deer at their property

Sydney, Australia

A pet deer killed a man and left a woman critically injured at a rural property in Australia yesterday, police said.

Emergency services were called to the outback home in Victoria state early in the morning and found the badly gored couple, both aged 46.

"The man died at the scene," police said in a statement.

"The woman has been airlifted to a hospital in Melbourne with life-threatening injuries and remains in a critical condition."

National broadcaster ABC said the man was attacked when he went to feed the animal and his wife was injured when she came to his rescue.

A teenage son saved his mother by hitting the deer

with a lump of wood, it said.

The animal was then killed "due to concerns for the paramedic's safety on scene", police said.

The ABC reported the stag had been kept at the property for six years.

The Australian Deer Association said it was rare for deer to attack people.

"It is unusual, but not unheard of, for captive deer to attack humans, particularly during the Autumn mating season," the association said in a statement.

Deer were introduced into Australia in the 19th century, largely for hunting purposes.

But feral populations have since expanded across the country with increasing calls for greater controls in many areas where they are considered a pest.