

**Morgan sinks Afghanistan**

England captain Eoin Morgan set a new world record of 17 sixes in an individual one-day international innings as the World Cup hosts thrashed Afghanistan by 150 runs yesterday. **P 16**

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**45 killed in Syria clashes**  
 Beirut

Clashes between pro-government forces and extremist-led groups that control Syria's northwest killed at least 45 combatants yesterday, a war monitor said. The fighting flared on the edge of Hama province when extremist group Hayat Tahrir Al Sham launched a dawn attack on regime positions, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. At least 14 pro-government forces died in ensuing clashes, said the Britain-based monitor. "Regime forces foiled the attack," Observatory head Rami Abdul Rahman told AFP. State news agency SANA also said the offensive had been thwarted.

**Debate clash over Brexit deadline**  
 London

Tory leadership rivals have clashed in a live BBC TV debate on whether the UK can leave the EU, no matter what, by the 31 October deadline. Asked for a guarantee he would do this, Boris Johnson described the deadline as "eminently feasible". Sajid Javid said the deadline "focused minds" while Michael Gove and Jeremy Hunt said extra time might be needed.



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**HRH Premier's visit puts focus on Thailand ties**

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**Bangkok**

His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa attended a dinner banquet hosted by General Surayud Chulanont, Acting Chief Advisor of Thailand King's Privy Council, in the presence of Thailand's Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai. The reception was hosted in



HRH the Premier attends an official banquet in Bangkok.

recognition of HRH the Prime Minister's role in boosting Bahrain-Thailand relations and the Arabian Gulf ties with Thailand to wider areas of co-operation that reflected on the economy, investment and development. HRH the Premier expressed deep gratitude and apprecia-

tion to General Chulanont for his warm welcome and gracious hospitality that reflect the deep-rooted amicable ties between the two countries and peoples. During the banquet, the conversation touched on the deep-rooted friendship ties and ways of boosting them at all levels as well as on the latest regional and international developments. General Chulanont welcomed HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, praising the key role of His Royal Highness in consolidating co-operation in various fields, affirming his country's keenness to bolster it, wishing Bahrain and its people further progress and prosperity.

**Pressure campaign**

US will put all efforts to deter Iranian aggression in the region, says Pompeo

● Fears of a confrontation between Iran and the US have mounted since Washington blamed Iran for last Thursday's attacks on two oil tankers.

**New York**

The US will maintain its pressure campaign on Iran and continue to deter aggression in the region, but does not want the conflict with Tehran to escalate, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said yesterday.

"We have been engaged in many messages, even this moment right here, communicating to Iran that we are there to deter aggression," Pompeo told reporters at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida. "President Trump does not want war and we will continue to communicate that message while doing the things that are necessary to protect American interests in the region."

Pompeo called on other nations to help safeguard tanker traffic in the Arabian Gulf.

He said shipping security in the Gulf was not exclusively a US problem.



President Trump does not want war. But we will do everything necessary to protect US interests in the region. POMPEO

"You have China that depends enormously on energy transiting the Strait of Hormuz. You have South Korea, Indonesia, Japan, all of whom have an enormous interest in ensuring there's free-

dom of navigation throughout this waterway," the secretary of state said.

"The United States is prepared to do its part, but every nation that has a deep interest in pro-

tecting that shipping lane so that energy can move around the world and support their economies needs to make sure they understand the real threat." Fears of a confrontation between Iran and the US have mounted since Washington blamed Iran for last Thursday's attacks on two oil tankers near the strategic Strait of Hormuz shipping lane. In an interview with Time magazine released Tuesday, Trump said he was prepared to take military action to stop Tehran from having a nuclear bomb but left open whether he would sanction the use of force to protect Gulf oil supplies.

**STRANGE SEARCH**

**Throwing surprise, Google Doodle celebrates falafel**

**Dubai**

One of the Middle East's favourite dishes has been featured in a Google Doodle as the site apparently took a break from the Women's World Cup. Google had been running a series of doodles about the major sporting event, but yesterday - apparently randomly - fo-

cus on what the search giant described as the "best thing that ever happened to chickpeas." "We don't know why they chose Tuesday to run the Doodle - June 12 having been International Falafel Day. "But the Middle East's claim to these mouthwatering balls of chickpeas, onions, herbs and spices is undeniable."



It is believed falafels originated in Egypt, where they were called ta'ameya and made of fava beans, about a thousand

years ago, by Coptic Christians who ate them during lent as a meat substitute. Another version of the story suggests that it goes further back to Pharaonic times - traces of fava beans were said to be found in the tombs of the Pharaohs, according to website Egyptian Streets, and that there were paintings from ancient Egypt showing people making the food.