

**Pakistan sack Sarfaraz as Twenty20, Test skipper**

Pakistan sacked Sarfaraz Ahmed from his post as Twenty20 and Test skipper yesterday, a week after he led the side to a shocking 3-0 home defeat against an inexperienced Sri Lanka. **P12**

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**Clashes hit Barcelona Madrid**

Fresh clashes between riot police and protesters have broken out in Barcelona amid continuing anger over the jailing of Catalan separatist leaders.

A general strike was announced and five marches, all peaceful, converged on the city centre, bringing the streets to a standstill.

Police estimated that more than 500,000 people had joined Friday's rallies.

Protesters also blocked a motorway on the Spain-France border, causing huge tailbacks.

**62 killed in mosque blast Kabul**

At least 62 people were killed by a blast inside an Afghan mosque during Friday prayers, according to officials, a day after the United Nations said violence in the country had reached "unacceptable" levels. **See page 2**



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**Strong US ties**



The Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, yesterday met with the US Treasury Secretary, Steven Mnuchin, on the sidelines of the minister's participation in the Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank Group (WBG) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The minister highlighted the long-standing bilateral ties between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United States of America. He stressed the importance of furthering the close economic and strategic co-operation between the two nations. They also reviewed Bahrain-US economic co-operation and means to further advance them across all levels.

**Beirut**

Thousands of protesters outraged by corruption and proposed tax hikes burned tyres and blocked major highways in Lebanon on Friday, prompting the premier to give his government partners three days to support a reform drive.

Demonstrations flared Thursday, partly sparked by a proposed tax on calls via messaging apps such as WhatsApp, and grew into the largest in recent years, threatening to topple Prime Minister Saad Hariri's fragile coalition government.

After his speech, clashes flared in central Beirut's Riyadh al Solh Square between demonstrators and security personnel, who fired volleys of tear gas to clear the plaza.

Thousands of people of all ages, sects and political affilia-

**'Only 72 hours to back reforms'**



**I understand the people's anger and I am trying to push through change.**

SAAD HARIRI

tions had brought the capital to a standstill Friday, with demonstrations reported across the country.

The protesters are demanding a sweeping overhaul of Lebanon's political system, citing grievances ranging from aus-

terity measures to poor infrastructure.

In a televised address Friday evening, Hariri said he understood their anger and was trying to push through change.

He called on his coalition partners to give a "clear, decisive and final response to convince me, the Lebanese people and the international community... that everyone has decided on reforms, or I will have something else to say."

He gave them a 72-hour deadline to do so, without directly threatening to resign.

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**Push for 'safe zone'**

**Erdogan announces plans for Turkish military presence across north-east Syria**

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● The deal was aimed at easing a crisis that saw Mr Trump order a hasty and unexpected US retreat.

**Istanbul**

Turkey will set up a dozen observation posts across north-east Syria, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said yesterday, insisting that a planned "safe zone" will extend much further than US officials said was covered under a fragile ceasefire deal.

Less than 24 hours after he agreed the five-day truce to allow Kurdish forces time to pull back from Turkey's military incursion, Mr Erdogan underlined Ankara's continued ambition to establish a presence along 300 miles of territory inside Syria.

On the border itself shelling could be heard near the Syrian



Turkish military vehicles near the Turkish-Syrian border.

town of Ras Al Ain on Friday morning despite Thursday's deal, and a spokesman for the Kurdish-led forces said Turkey was violating the truce, hitting civilian targets in the town.

A US official said most of the fighting had stopped, although it would "take time for things to completely quiet down".

Donald Trump said on Friday he had spoken with Mr Erdo-

**200,000** civilians have fled the area creating a new humanitarian crisis.

gan who told him there had been some "minor" sniper and mortar fire in north-east Syria despite the truce, but that it had been quickly eliminated.

"He very much wants the ceasefire, or pause, to work," Mr Trump said in a post on Twitter. "Likewise, the Kurds want it, and the ultimate solution, to happen."

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitari-

an Affairs described the situation as "reportedly calm in most areas, with the exception of Ras Al Ain, where shelling and gunfire continued to be reported earlier today," UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters in New York.

The truce, announced by US Vice President Mike Pence after talks in Ankara with Mr Erdogan, sets out a five-day pause to let the Kurdish-led SDF militia pull out of the Turkish "safe zone".

The deal was aimed at easing a crisis that saw Mr Trump order a hasty and unexpected US retreat, which his critics say amounted to abandoning loyal Kurdish allies that fought for years alongside US troops against ISIS.

Turkey's offensive created a new humanitarian crisis in Syria with 200,000 civilians taking flight, according to Red Cross estimates. It also prompted a security alert over thousands of ISIS fighters held in Kurdish jails.

Mr Trump has praised Thursday's deal, saying it would save "millions of lives". Turkey cast it as a victory in its campaign to control territory more than 30 km (around 20 miles) deep into Syria and drive out Kurdish fighters from the YPG, the SDF's main Kurdish component.

**COSTLY TUNES**

**World's most expensive guitar to be displayed at Abu Dhabi jewellery show**

**Abu Dhabi**

A US\$ 2 million guitar decorated with over 11,441 diamonds will be on display at the Jewellery and Watch Show, which will run from October 26-30 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.

The masterpiece is acknowledged by

the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's most expensive guitar.

Visitors to the event, which is being held under the patronage of Shaikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance, will be able to take a glimpse at the extravagant guitar, which is decorated with over 11,441 diamonds amounting to over 400 carats set in 1.6



The guitar is named 'Eden of Coronet'.

kilograms of white gold.

The guitar which is named the "Eden of Coronet" was designed by Mark Lui (also a renowned song writer), created by 68 artisans and took 700 man days to complete.

The brothers of Michael Jackson are just some of the music artists who have performed concerts using this distinctive instrument.