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CELEBS **Fashion icon Karl** Lagerfeld dead at 85

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Iconic fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld, the creative director of luxurious fashion brands Chanel and Fendi, died here on Tuesday. He was 85. An official statement issued on Lagerfeld's offical Instagram account confirmed the news of his demise. P14





Paris Hilton to release new music

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Saudi King, Putin discuss relations Riyadh

ustodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman

bin Abdulaziz Al Saud held a phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin yesterday

Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said that the two leaders reviewed outstanding bilateral relations binding the two countries, in addition to other issues of mutual interest.

They also discussed fruitful cooperation between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Russian Federation, towards maintaining the stability of oil markets and spurring global economic growth.

EU-Arab summit to focus on ties **Brussels**

European Union High Representative Federica Mogherini expressed her optimism that the EU-Arab League summit in Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt at the end of this week will be a success.

"The EU Arab summit is a personal achievement. It always looked strange to me that the EU has held summits with Latin America, with Africa, with Asia and not with the Arab world that is our first neighbour," she told reporters ahead of an EU foreign ministers meeting in Brussels.



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New Delhi

rown Prince Mohammed bin Salman arrived in India yesterday for the second stage of his Asia tour.

He was greeted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi after hisplane touched down at Air Force Station Palam in New Delhi at about 9.15 pm local time.

The two men hugged warmly on the tarmac and the crown prince was presented with flowers before being driven away.

"India is delighted to welcome HRH Mohammed Bin Salman, the



Modi receives Saudi Crown Prince in New Delhi.



India is delighted to welcome HRH Mohammed Bin Salman, the Crown **Prince of Saudi Arabia.**

Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia," Modi said on Twitter.

The crown prince is expected to announce a \$1 billion investment in India's infrastructure and farming sectors during his first visit to

He is accompanied by leading state visit.

Saudi businessmen and officials. India is hoping the crown prince will announce an investment in its National Investment Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), a sovereign wealth fund that includes private companies and foreign investors.

The Kingdom is India's top energy supplier and home to more than 3.5 million Indian expatri-

Saudi Arabia's embassy in New Delhi tweeted a collection of Indian citizens welcoming the crown prince to their country for his first

Hodeidah pullout deal

India rolls out red carpet welcome for Saudi Crown Prince

Yemen government, Houthis to start first phase of pullout from the port city

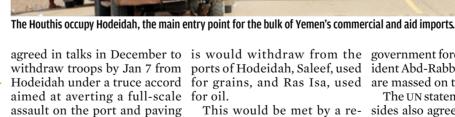
The UN statement said the two sides also agreed "in principle" on Phase 2, entailing full redeployment of both parties' forces in Hodeidah province.

Disagreement on withdrawal had delayed opening humanitarian corridors in Yemen.

New York

emen's government and the Houthi militias have agreed on the first stage aid, the United Nations said.

The Iran-aligned Houthi on what was agreed. movement and the government



the four-year-old war. of a mutual pullout of forces agreement on Phase 1 of the mufrom the port city of Hodeidah, a tual redeployment of forces," the key entry point for humanitarian UN spokesman's office said in a statement without giving details deidah, the main entry point for timeline or on a mechanism for

agreed in talks in December to is would withdraw from the government forces loyal to Presfor grains, and Ras Isa, used are massed on the outskirts.

the way for negotiations to end "The parties reached an Hodeidah, where battles raged in Hodeidah province. before a ceasefire went into effect on Dec 18.

Under Phase 1, the Houth- and aid imports, while Yemeni at the ports and city.

ports of Hodeidah, Saleef, used ident Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi

This would be met by a re-sides also agreed "in principle" treat of Saudi-led coalition forc- on Phase 2, entailing full redees from the eastern outskirts of ployment of both parties' forces within 7-10 days on where they

Two sources involved in the negotiations said both sides had The Houthis occupy Ho- yet to agree on a withdrawal

"The UN is still discussing how to reduce the gap between the two sides on how to choose The UN statement said the two the forces that will control the city," one source told Reuters.

million people rely

on humanitarian aid

to survive in Yemen,

according to UN.

The parties could decide would reposition forces, said the other source, adding that Houthi fighters could pull back as far as 20 km from the port.

Disagreement on withdrawal the bulk of Yemen's commercial local forces to take over security had delayed opening humanitarian corridors in Yemen.

TECH WOES

Schoolgirl, 15, buys a £90 copying robot to write homework

Beijing

Chinese student who got away with using a 800 yuan (£90) copying robot to write her homework for her was only caught because her assignment had been done 'too quickly'.

The ninth-grader in Harbin, Heilongjiang province surprised her mother after The 800 yuan copying robot.



completing all her holiday assignments in two days - with perfect handwriting and zero mistakes, according to Chinese

The mother grew suspicious and eventually discovered the machine - a metal frame attached to a pen - in her daugh-

The furious mother broke the copy device and scolded her daughter following the discovery, according to Qianjiang Evening News.

The girl admitted to using pocket money received during Chinese New Year to purchase the robot online, the report added.