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world**MH17 investigators name three Russian suspects, one Ukrainian**

Fred Westerbeke

Nieuwegein, Netherlands

International investigators said Wednesday they were issuing arrest warrants for three Russians and one Ukrainian suspect over the downing of flight MH17 in July 2014.

The Dutch-led probe said it was going to prosecute Russian nationals Igor Girkin, Sergey Dubinskiy and Oleg Pulatov as well as Ukrainian Leonid Kharchenko over the downing of the Malaysia Airlines plane.

"Today we will send out international arrest warrants for the first suspects that we will prosecute. They will also be placed on national and international wanted lists," Wilbert Paulissen, chief constable of the Netherlands National Police, told a press conference.

Dutch prosecutor Fred Westerbeke said they were the "four who will be held accountable for bringing the deadly weapon, the BUK Telar, into eastern Ukraine".

The same investigation team said in May 2018 that the BUK anti-aircraft missile which hit the Boeing 777 had originated from the 53rd Russian military brigade based in Russia's southwestern city of Kursk.

Promised \$9 million online, US teen killed 'best friend': police

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Los Angeles, United States

An American teenager has been charged with conspiring to murder her "best friend" after a man she met online offered her \$9 million to commit the crime.

According to investigators, Denali Brehmer, an 18-year-old from Alaska, was recruited to kill her friend by a man a few years her elder, 21-year-old Darin Schillmiller of Indiana.

The pair had previously hooked up online, with Schillmiller assuming a fake identity and posing as a millionaire named "Tyler."

Court documents say that during the course of their online relationship, they discussed a plan to rape and murder someone in Alaska.

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Brehmer then proceeded to recruit four other teens and the group settled on Cynthia Hoffman -- who considered Brehmer to be her best friend -- as their victim.



From left, Kayden McIntosh, 16, Denali Brehmer, 18, and Caleb Leyland, 19, have been charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of 19-year-old Cynthia Hoffman near the Thunderbird Falls trail last week. (courtesy of ADN)

Victim: Cynthia Hoffman

Local news reports said Hoffman's father has described his daughter as having a learning disability and the mindset of a 12-year-old

On June 2, authorities say, 19-year-old Hoffman was lured to a hiking trail northeast of Anchorage where she was bound with duct tape and shot once in the back of the head before being pushed into a river.

Her body was discovered on June 4. Police say the victim was driv-

en to Thunderbird Falls by Brehmer and Kayden McIntosh, a 16-year-old boy, under the guise of going on a riverside hike.

McIntosh allegedly shot Hoffman with Brehmer's gun and dumped her body in the water.

Authorities say Brehmer communicated with Schillmiller throughout the murder, sending him "Snapchat photographs and videos of Hoffman tied up and of the body afterward."

'Internet a dark place'

Both Brehmer and McIntosh have been arrested and charged

in relation to the murder. Schillmiller has also been arrested along with three others accused of assisting in the planning or execution of the killing.

A grand jury last Friday indicted all six defendants for first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder in the first degree, two counts of second-degree murder and other charges.

Schillmiller and Brehmer were also indicted Tuesday on federal child pornography and child exploitation charges.

Police said that a search on Brehmer's phone during their

investigation into Hoffman's death revealed videos of the teen sexually abusing a 15-year-old girl at Schillmiller's behest.

Court documents say Schillmiller admitted to attempting to blackmail Brehmer after the murder into sexually assaulting young girls. Both face up to life in prison on the child pornography charges.

They also face up to 99 years in prison on each of the other murder-related charges.

Schillmiller had previously tried to befriend other people online through a practice known as catfishing, authorities said.

Russia, China, block US effort to halt North Korea fuel deliveries**United Nations, United States**

Russia and China yesterday blocked an American initiative that aimed to halt fuel deliveries to North Korea, which Washington accuses of exceeding its annual ceiling for 2019, diplomatic sources said.

Moscow and Beijing said more time was needed to study the US request, which was backed by 25 UN members including Japan, France and Germany, according to the sources.

A week ago, the United States, in a report, accused North Korea of breaching the United Nations-imposed ceiling on fuel imports by carrying out dozens of ship-to-ship transfers.

The cap on fuel imports is among a series of tough sanctions adopted by the UN Security Council in

response to North Korea's ballistic missile and nuclear tests.

The United States insists that "maximum pressure" from the sanctions must remain on North Korea until it agrees to dismantle its weapons program.

Washington had asked that a United Nations sanctions committee rule that the annual cap of 500,000 barrels had been exceeded and order all countries to halt fuel deliveries.

Countries on the sanctions committee, including Russia and China, had until Tuesday to raise objections to the request to cut off fuel shipments to North Korea.

The issue "should be decided... on the basis of solid and credible facts and through abundant discussion and study," said Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang at a press briefing in Beijing yesterday.



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Yoga day for 'Climate Action'**TDT | Manama**

Millions of yoga enthusiasts around the world are set to roll out their mats to celebrate the fifth annual International Yoga Day on Friday.

This year, the Day will be celebrated by the United Nations with the theme 'Climate Action'.

The Day of Yoga aims to raise awareness worldwide of the many benefits of practising yoga.

The UN recognises that yoga 'provides a holistic approach to health

and well being'.

The yoga path of wellness has only been growing in popularity, with athletes and non-athletes alike adopting this ancient practice across the world.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has been instrumental in making yoga popular in different parts of the world, appreciated the efforts which people are taking for Yoga Day. He had earlier urged citizens to make yoga an integral part of their lives.

PM Modi suggested June 21 as the International Day of Yoga as it is the longest day of the year in the Northern



A Yoga enthusiast in Durban, South Africa



Recognising its universal appeal, on 11 December 2014, the United Nations proclaimed 21 June as the International Day of Yoga on the recommendation of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Hemisphere.

The draft was first introduced by India's Permanent Representative Asoke Mukherji in the UNGA and 177 nations co-sponsored the resolution.

In India, the main event will be held in Ranchi in Jharkhand on Friday. Modi will perform Yoga along with 18,000 peo-

ple, including Chief Minister Raghuraj Das, Ministers and senior officials of the state.

Apart from India, there's a lot of excitement for Yoga Day around the world.

In Bahrain, the Indian Embassy with the support of Youth and Sports Ministry at Khalifa Sports City, Isa Town is organising a Yogafest21 on Friday from 7pm to 9pm.

In Abu Dhabi, the Yoga Day event will be held at Umm Al Emarat Park at 7 p.m. on Thursday. Shaikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan, the Minister of Tolerance of UAE, would be the chief guest, said Indian Ambassador to the UAE Navdeep Singh Suri.

Similar events will be held in Sharjah and Ajman on Friday. In Umm Al Quwain and Ras Al Khaimah, the celebrations will be held on Saturday.

In Saudi Arabia, yoga enthusiasts of various nationalities laid down their mats and relaxed on Saturday as part of the Yoga Day. Indian consulate in Jeddah in collaboration with Arab Yoga Foundation celebrated it at the auditorium of International Indian School of Jeddah.