

Bahrain set up Serbia friendly

Senior men's national football team to take on FIFA World Cup 2022 participants in exhibition match at the National Stadium in Riffa on November 18 | **P12**

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Putin warns risk of 'catastrophe' at Ukraine nuclear plant

Reuters

Russian President Vladimir Putin warned his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron that the shelling of the Russian-controlled Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in southern Ukraine, which he blamed on Kyiv, could result in a large-scale

disaster. Moscow and Kyiv have accused each other of shelling Europe's largest nuclear power plant, which was captured by Russia in March but is still run by Ukrainian technicians. Only two of the facility's six reactors are working. "Vladimir Putin, in particu-

lar, stressed that the systematic shelling of the territory of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant by the Ukrainian military created the danger of a large-scale catastrophe that could lead to radiation contamination of vast territories," the Kremlin said in a readout of the call, which it said had been initiated

by Macron. The Kremlin said that Putin and Macron had stressed the importance of sending a delegation from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to the plant as soon as possible. Putin confirmed Russia's readiness to provide IAEA in-

spectors with the necessary assistance, according to the Kremlin. Ukraine's nuclear power operator said on Friday it suspected Moscow was planning to decouple the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant from Ukraine's grid, a complex operation that Kyiv says could cause a disaster.

Saudi King Salman thanks HM King, HRH Prince Salman
TDT | Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received cables of thanks from the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

King Salman thanked HM King and HRH Prince Salman for their condolences over the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Abdulrahman bin Nasser bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

NIHR launches fellowship research programme
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The ninth edition of the fellowship research programme in human rights has been officially launched.

The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) is holding the programme for trainees from the University of Bahrain, as well as the "Forsa", scheme which is run by the Ministry of Labour.

Iran nuclear deal closer to reality?

- Reports says the deal will be announced soon
- Allows Iran to sell 50 million barrels of Oil within 120 days of signing
- Removes several crippling sanctions

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Missiles are seen at an underground missile site of Iran's Revolutionary Guards



Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium is now at 60% enrichment, its highest ever and a huge leap from the 3.67% limit set out by the 2015 deal, formally called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action or JCPOA. The level required to be able to make a bomb is 90%. Commercial enrichment for energy use is between 2% and 3%.

Western countries and Iran are getting " tantalisingly " closer to signing the renewed version of the 2015 nuclear deal, reports said, which will now allow Iran to ship 50 million barrels of oil per day within 120 days of signing.

Reports say the EU and Iran are aiming to realise the deal in four phases over two 60-day periods.

However, the IAEA's demand for more cooperation from Iran into the traces of man-made nuclear particles found at several

Iran sites years ago continues as one of the main sticking points. Tehran wants it to shut down, something the agency itself, as well as Western governments, are opposed to.

Another is the US designation

of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), as a "foreign terrorist organisation."

The US and the deal's other signatories - France, the United Kingdom, Germany, China and Russia, are collectively known

as the P5+1.

The US had expressed its readiness to quickly seal the agreement if Iran accepts the "final text" proposal submitted by European Union last week.

Reportedly, the proposal stipulates lifting sanctions on 17 Iranian banks and 150 economic institutions on the day of signing the deal.

The deal, if signed, also requires Iran to immediately reverse the measures it took to advance its nuclear technology.

Another clause, reportedly, allows Iran to export 50 million barrels of oil per day within 120 days of signing the agreement.

The deal also allows the release of \$7 billion of Iran Funds held in South Korea.

Besides, the US will have a pay a fine if it withdraws from the agreement again.

Last week's attack on author Salman Rushdie and the indictment of an Iranian national in a plot to kill former national security adviser John Bolton had given the Biden administration new headaches as it attempts to negotiate a return to the 2015 nuclear deal.

Hezbollah chief vows 'escalation' if Lebanon does not get maritime rights
Reuters | Beirut

The head of Lebanon's Iran-backed group Hezbollah said yesterday the outcome of nuclear talks in Vienna would have no impact on maritime talks aimed at delineating Lebanon's border with Israel. "Whether a nuclear deal with Iran is signed or not, if the US mediator does not give Lebanon what it asked for in terms of its rights, we are heading towards an escalation - we are heading towards a problem," said Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah in a televised speech, without elaborating.

American appeals money laundering conviction in UAE
Reuters | Dubai

US citizen and civil rights attorney Asim Ghafoor has appealed to a United Arab Emirates court his conviction for money laundering, his lawyer said yesterday, a week after he was released from detention there and returned to the United States. Ghafoor last week paid a fine and was subsequently freed after the Abu Dhabi court upheld an earlier conviction but revoked a jail term.

Back to history

Low water levels on Danube reveal sunken WW2 German warships

Reuters | Prahovo, Serbia

Europe's worst drought in years has pushed the mighty river Danube to one of its lowest levels in almost a century, exposing the hulks of dozens of explosives-laden German warships sunk during World War Two near Serbia's river port town of Prahovo.

The vessels were among hundreds scuttled along the Danube by Nazi Germany's Black Sea fleet in 1944 as they retreated from advancing Soviet forces, and still hamper river traffic during low water levels.

However, this year's drought - viewed by scientists as a conse-



Wreckage of a World War Two German warship is seen in the Danube in Prahovo, Serbia

quence of global warming - has exposed more than 20 hulks on a stretch of the Danube near Prahovo in eastern Serbia, many

of which still contain tonnes of ammunition and explosives and pose a danger to shipping.

"The German flotilla has left

behind a big ecological disaster that threatens us, people of Prahovo," said Velimir Trajilovic, 74, a pensioner from Prahovo who wrote a book about the German ships. Workers in the local fishing industry are also at risk, including from Romania which lies just across the river.

Months of drought and record-high temperatures have snarled river traffic on vital arteries in other parts of Europe, including Germany, Italy and France. In Serbia, the authorities have resorted to dredging to keep navigation lanes on the Danube open.

By Prahovo, some of the hulks have narrowed the navigable



In March, the Serbian government invited a tender for the salvage of the hulks and removal of ammunition and explosives. The cost of the operation was estimated at 29 million euros (\$30 m).

section on this stretch of the Danube to just 100 metres (330 feet) from 180 metres.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

- TOTAL TESTED: 10242317
- ACTIVE CASES: 4063
- DEATHS: 1513
- DISCHARGED: 663571
- NEW CASES: 301
- CRITICAL: 2

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