

## Man arrested over 'drill battery' explosion

Reuters | London

A man has been arrested over a small explosion at a London underground station on Tuesday which police said was likely to have been caused by a battery malfunction.

Five people needed medical treatment after the incident, described as minor explosion, at a station in north London on Tuesday evening.

Police said there was no indication of terrorism and it was believed to have been caused by a faulty drill battery. The man has been released pending further inquiries.

## Mozart manuscript 'The marriage of Figaro' fails to sell at Paris auction

Paris

The first draft of music Mozart wrote for the last act of his opera "The Marriage of Figaro" failed to find a buyer when it went under the hammer in Paris yesterday.

The manuscript -- which experts had billed as "exceptional", dating from the height of the composer's career in 1786 -- was expected to sell for half a million euros (\$578,000).

But a draft of Schumann's oratorio "Scenes from Goethe's Faust" did go for 650,000 euros.

## Germany foiled bio attack with Tunisian arrest, says Police

Berlin

A Tunisian man arrested in Germany in possession of the deadly poison ricin and bomb-making material was planning a biological attack, the national police chief said yesterday.

"Very concrete preparations had been made for an act with a ... biological bomb, which is a first for Germany," Holger Muench, head of the Federal Criminal Police Office, told public broadcaster ARD.

## Amazon files patent for a Jellyfish drone for warehouses

Mailonline | London

Amazon has increasingly been moving towards automatizing its supply chain, and new publicly released patents show a strange drone with airbags and claws.

The patent for the "Collaborative Unmanned Aerial Vehicle For an Inventory System" was filed nearly three years ago, but just became part of the public domain.

# Man held for cheating Qatar

Kerala man held for cheating Qatar royal family of \$7,60,000

● **Police received a complaint from the Qatar Museum Authority on June 13.**

Hindustan Times | TMM

The Kerala police yesterday arrested a Gulf-returnee for allegedly cheating the Qatar royal family of Rs 5.60 crore (\$7,60,000) by faking e-mail IDs of the royals.

Police said they started investigation into the case with the help of the cyber wing after receiving a complaint from the Qatar Museum Authority on June 13.

Within two days the account in which the amount was de-



Representative picture

posited was traced and frozen, a senior police officer on the condition of anonymity.

Since then police were on lookout for the account holder, Sunil Menon (47) from Thrissur, who

went on hiding after his account was frozen. He will be produced in the court on Thursday.

"We were told that by faking e-mail IDs of members of the royal family, he had sent a mail to the museum asking them to deposit \$7,60,000 (Rs 5.60 crore) to a purported account of an American art firm as an advance for drawing a gold-framed portrait of the King," said Koudungalur police inspector Biju Kumar, who is probing the case.

The museum authorities transferred the money into the account mentioned in the mail.

As the delivery of the portrait was delayed, Qatar authorities reportedly made inquiries with the US firm only to find that they were cheated.

Later Qatar IT authorities tracked the mail and account

with the help of the service provider and traced the beneficiary to Kerala.

Police said Menon worked in middle-east countries for many years as an auditor before switching over to online trading of paintings and artefacts.

He returned to India last year after his business failed.

"During questioning, Menon told us he used a website (Emkei.cz) to breach the official site of the royal family and managed their IDs and other details. He also managed details of the US firm to fix the deal," the officer said. "We are yet to find out whether more persons were involved in the cheating," he said.

With the swindled money, he said, Menon purchased an SUV recently and gave Rs 20 lakh as soft loans to his relatives.

## Trump no longer 'moral leader of free world'

● **The Council of Europe said amid global outrage over the family separation**

AFP | Oslo

US President Donald Trump is "no longer the moral leader of his country or the world", the human rights watchdog, the Council of Europe, said yesterday amid global outrage over the White House's policy of separating migrant children from their parents.

"What is happening at the border where he (Trump) is separating children from their parents is a sign that he is no longer the moral leader of his country or the world," the Council of Europe's secretary general, Thorbjorn Jagland, told Norwegian broadcaster TV2. "Everything he does



Donald Trump

excludes him from the role American presidents have always had," Jagland said during a trip to Moscow.

"He can not speak on behalf of the so-called free world."

The Council of Europe is a Strasbourg-based international human rights organisation with 47 signatory states.

Jagland is also one of the five members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee which annually awards the Nobel Peace Prize.

## Kim hails 'unity' with China

AFP | Beijing

Kim Jong Un concluded a two-day whirlwind visit to China yesterday, where he declared North Korea's unstinting "friendship" with Beijing in a show of loyalty to his mainly ally following a landmark summit with US President Donald Trump.

It was Kim's third official visit to China, designed to reassure Beijing that Pyongyang will not neglect its interests as Trump and the young autocrat move into uncharted diplomatic terrain.

The performance is part of a delicate balancing act for Kim, who analysts say is seeking to play US and Chinese interests off each other while maintaining good relations with Beijing, his economic patron and diplomatic protector.

China and the US both hope to see the Korean peninsula free of nuclear weapons.

But Beijing is concerned Washington and Pyongyang

might move closer at its expense, a possibility that China sees as threatening to its economic and security interests in the region.

While China was not present at the June 12 summit in Singapore, it lent Kim a plane to travel

to the city-state, a clear sign that it remains an influential force in the diplomatic shuffle.

The Cold War-era allies have sought to repair ties strained by Pyongyang's nuclear tests and Beijing's support of subsequent UN sanctions.

## Pyongyang may soon return remains of the US soldiers

AFP | Washington

North Korea may soon return a first out of 200 sets of remains of American soldiers who died during the Korean War, after an agreement reached last week by Kim Jong Un and Donald Trump, a US official said Tuesday.

"Preparations continue" to receive the remains, the US official told AFP on condition of anonymity. "It could

happen in the next few days."

The US and North Korean leaders agreed to the repatriations during their historic June 12 summit in Singapore.

"On several occasions in the past, DPRK officials have indicated they possess as many as 200 sets of remains they had recovered over the years," the Pentagon said in a factsheet updated Monday about those reported missing in action during the Korean War of 1950-1953.

## Baby monkey is reunited with its parents



Baby monkey got stuck inside a 20ft-deep well

Mailonline | Maharashtra

A baby monkey was rescued with the help of kindhearted villagers after it got stuck inside a 20ft-deep well.

A group of apes had gone down the nearly-dried well in search of water in Maharashtra, India. After quenching its thirst, one of the monkeys appeared to get scared and didn't know how to climb back up again. It was

then that the villagers came to its rescue after dropping a rope tied to a wooden block outside the well in order to help the monkey climb out.

In the video, the little ape holding the rope and climbing up while its mother waits near the edge of the well.

As soon as the baby monkey reaches near the top, the mother extends her hand and pulls it up. Later another monkey

followed to check if the baby needed an extra hand.

They both then look down the well to assure everyone was out and then make off.

One of the villagers who rescued the baby said: "The baby monkey got stuck inside in fear and didn't know how to climb."

"We then dropped a rope in order to help it, it was quite risky as there were no steps inside the well."

## Restorers unveil original face of 'Mystic Lamb'



This picture shows a close up of the restored original of "Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" altarpiece by Van Eyck brothers at the art gallery in Ghent

AFP | Ghent

A painstaking restoration of the "Mystic Lamb", a 15th-century Flemish masterpiece by the Van Eyck brothers, was unveiled on Tuesday, revealing a "much more expressive and intense" version of the central image of the gi-

ant altarpiece.

Restorers from Belgium's Royal Institute for Cultural Heritage began working on the altarpiece in 2012, but in recent months focused on removing the over-painting from the central part of the work which includes the head of the lamb.