

Kuwait's new emir calls for national unity ahead of elections



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Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Sabah called yesterday for national unity to meet challenges facing the Gulf state, in a speech to lawmakers ahead of elections on Dec. 5.

"National unity has proven to be our strongest weapon in facing challenges, dangers and crises," said the emir, who assumed power last month on the death of the previous ruler.

Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid al-Sabah, also addressing the opening of a supplementary legislative session, called for greater efforts to "diversify revenue sources and rationalize spending and consumption ... without detriment to citizens" in the cradle-to-grave welfare state.

He said the government was seeking more sustainable tools to finance the budget, in which public sector salaries and subsidies accounted for 71 per cent of spending for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Danish submarine killer caught after prison escape



Peter Madsen, who was convicted of killing Swedish journalist Kim Wall in a self-built submarine in 2017, is surrounded by police during his prison escape attempt, in Albertslund, Denmark

Madsen was sentenced to life in prison in 2018 for murdering, sexually mutilating and dismembering Wall aboard the submarine in Copenhagen harbour.

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Peter Madsen, who was convicted of killing Swedish journalist Kim Wall in a self-

built submarine in 2017, was caught by Danish authorities on Tuesday after he briefly escaped from prison, police said.

Danish police earlier said on Twitter they had arrested a man just outside the capital Copenhagen, after he had fled prison.

Footage released by tabloid Ekstra Bladet showed a man resembling Peter Madsen sitting up against a fence surrounded by police forces at a distance.



The submarine UC3 Nautilus is seen covered with green tarpaulin in Nordhavn.

Madsen was sentenced to life in prison in 2018 for murdering, sexually mutilating and dismembering Wall aboard the submarine in Copenhagen harbour.

Police later said the operation, taking place less than a kilometre from the prison where Madsen is serving his sentence, was over and that the man under arrest had been taken away.

News in brief

◆ **India posted its lowest daily coronavirus caseload in nearly three months, data from the health ministry showed on Tuesday, as new cases maintained decreasing trend from a peak in September.** The country reported 46,790 new infections in the last 24 hours, taking its tally to nearly 7.6 million - the second highest behind the United States. It also reported 587 deaths, taking the total to 115,197.



India posts lowest daily new virus cases

◆ **Britain said on Tuesday it would back "human challenge" trials, where young and healthy volunteers are deliberately infected with COVID-19, to accelerate the development of vaccines for the disease.** The government said it would invest 33.6 million pounds (\$43.5 million) in the studies in partnership with Imperial College London, laboratory and trial services company hVIVO and the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust. If approved by regulators and an ethics committee, the studies would start in January with results expected by May 2021, the government said.

UK backs COVID-19 vaccine trials that infect volunteers



◆ **Russian military intelligence services were planning a cyber-attack on the Japanese-hosted Olympics and Paralympics in Tokyo this summer in an attempt to disrupt the world's premier sporting event, Russia planned cyber-attack on Tokyo Olympics, says UK**



the UK National Cyber Security Centre has revealed, disclosing a joint operation with the US intelligence agencies. The Russian cyber-reconnaissance work covered the Games organisers, logistics services and sponsors and was under way before the Olympics was postponed due to coronavirus.

◆ **A Garland woman with COVID-19 died while on a flight from Arizona to Texas in July, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins said Sunday while announcing an additional 592 cases of the disease and three deaths.** In a news release, Jenkins said they had been notified a woman in her 30s died July 25 while the plane was parked on the apron. The woman had difficulty breathing and was given oxygen but died on the jetway, Jenkins said. Further details about the case were not released due to patient privacy.

Woman dies from COVID-19 while on domestic flight

◆ **Indonesia rejected this year a proposal by the United States to allow its P-8 Poseidon maritime surveillance planes to land and refuel there, according to four senior Indonesian officials familiar with the matter.** US officials made multiple "high-level" approaches in July and August to Indonesia's defence and foreign ministers before Indonesia's president, Joko Widodo, rebuffed the request, the officials said.

◆ **Most people would get a COVID-19 vaccine if their government or employer recommended it, results of a global poll showed yesterday, amid growing concerns about public distrust of the shots being developed at speed to end the pandemic.**



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TRUMP



President Donald Trump called coronavirus expert Anthony Fauci a "disaster" yesterday, airing his frustration with the scientist during a call meant to reassure campaign staff he has a path to election victory on Nov. 3, despite trailing in opinion polls.

Trump and Fauci, a member of his coronavirus task force, have been at odds over how best to handle a pandemic that has killed more than 219,000 people in the United States and weakened the Republican president's case for re-election.

Fauci, 79, who has served under Republican and Democrat-

lowed reporters to join.

Fauci has openly complained about being included, and quoted out of context, in a Trump campaign advertisement that discussed the administration's pandemic response. He said in a CBS' "60 Minutes" interview broadcast on Sunday that he was not surprised Trump himself contracted the virus.

Trump, speaking from his signature hotel in Las Vegas ahead of two rallies in Arizona, said Fauci bombed during TV interviews but that it would be "a bigger bomb if you fire him."

In a radio interview on Monday night, Fauci dismissed the president's comments as a distraction, referring to a well-known book about the Mafia.

"That other stuff, it's like in 'The Godfather': Nothing personal, strictly business. As far as I'm concerned, I just want to do my job and take care of the people of this country," he told Southern California radio station KNX1070.

Trump said Americans were fed up with pandemic restrictions.

"People are saying: 'Whatever. Just leave us alone.' They're tired of it. People are tired of hearing Fauci and all these idiots," said Trump, whose rallies include many supporters not wearing masks and standing shoulder to shoulder, at odds with the guidance of Fauci and other public health experts.

