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world**Spain court bails sexual abuse gang**

AFP | Madrid

Protests were planned across Spain yesterday, after a court ordered the release on bail of five men sentenced to nine years in prison for sexually abusing a young woman at Pamplona's bull-running festival.

The men, who called themselves "The Pack" in a WhatsApp messaging group, had been accused of raping a woman, then 18, on July 7, 2016, at the start of the week-long San Fermín festival, which draws tens of thousands of visitors.

Turkey detains 14 IS suspects 'planning election attack'

Ankara

Turkish authorities yesterday detained in Ankara 14 suspected members of the Islamic State (IS) group accused of planning an attack on elections this weekend, the state-run Anadolu news agency said.

The 14, all foreign nationals, were detained in simultaneous morning raids on their residences in the capital, the news agency said.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will seek a new mandate as well as a parliamentary majority for his ruling party in Sunday's polls.

Prince William on historic trip to Israel and West

AFP | Jerusalem

Prince William will next week become the first member of Britain's royal family ever to pay an official visit to both Israel and the Palestinian territories.

Britain governed the region under a League of Nations mandate for almost three decades until Israel's independence 70 years ago, and is still blamed by both sides for sowing the seeds of a conflict.

Indonesians face daunting task to recover bodies from ferry sunk

Reuters | Tigras

Indonesian teams searching a lake for a sunken ferry in the hope of recovering nearly 200 bodies trapped inside have to contend with dangerous currents and cold, murky water far deeper than any scuba diver can ever go.

The over-loaded ferry "Sinar Bangun" sank in bad weather in Lake Toba.

IS attacker gets death penalty

Cleric Aman Abdurrahman found guilty of ordering the terror attack that killed four in Jakarta

AFP | Jakarta

A radical Indonesian cleric was sentenced to death yesterday for masterminding a 2016 Islamic State terror attack that saw a suicide bomber blow himself up at a Starbucks cafe.

Aman Abdurrahman was found guilty of ordering the attack that killed four in Jakarta, as heavily armed police guarded his sentencing at court in the capital.

It was the first attack claimed by the international terror network in Southeast Asia.

"(The defendant) has been proven to have committed a criminal act of terrorism," said judge Akhmad Jaini, who also cited Abdurrahman's involvement in other deadly plots.

"He will be sentenced to death."

Abdurrahman -- who was already in jail on a separate terror conviction -- gestured to his



An Indonesian anti-terror police officer (L) escorts Aman Abdurrahman (C) into a South Jakarta court as he arrives for sentencing yesterday

legal team and briefly kissed the floor, as machine gun-toting guards stood nearby.

His lawyer, Asludin Hatjani, said the ruling was "unfair", citing a lack of evidence connecting Abdurrahman to the attack, which he was accused of

organising from inside prison. Executions are carried out by firing squad in the world's biggest Muslim-majority country, which has long struggled with Islamist militancy.

In 2002, bombings at the resort island of Bali killed over 200

in Indonesia's worst-ever terror attack. Three militants involved in the Bali bombing have since been executed.

The assault in the capital two years ago saw security forces battle radicals near the cafe where a suicide bomber det-



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onated his explosives.

Spiritual leader

Considered the de facto head of IS supporters in Indonesia, Abdurrahman, 46, is also the spiritual leader of local extremist network Jamaah Ansharut Daulah (JAD).

JAD was involved in the 2016 Jakarta attack and a wave of suicide bombings last month in Indonesia's second-biggest city Surabaya, according to authorities. Two families -- including girls aged nine and 12 -- blew themselves up at churches and a police station, killing 13.

FBI reunited 'wrong baby' with couple!

● Paul disappeared from a Chicago hospital in 1964

Dailymail | Chicago

A man's quest to find his biological parents unearthed disturbing secrets about the family he says left him abandoned in a shopping centre before he was given to another couple.

Paul Fronczak grew up in Chicago with his parents, Dora and Chester Fronczak, and his brother, Dave Fronczak. When Paul was 10 he stumbled upon old newspaper clippings and learned a disturbing secret: he had been kidnapped as a baby.

Dora and Chester told Paul that in 1964 when he was one day old he was snatched from a Chicago hospital. The couple said they were reunited with



Paul Fronczak

him two years later when police in New Jersey found a two-year-old boy who resembled their son abandoned in a shopping centre.

Because of the lack of DNA and there only being one picture of Paul from when he was born, there was no way for Dora and Chester to know for sure if the toddler found alone in a shop-



The real Paul Fronczak (pictured in this 1964 photo when he was one-day-old) was snatched from a hospital in Chicago

ping centre was actually their son. Paul, now a 54-year-old father-of-one, told The Sun that because he resembled the missing baby his parents took him in and tried to move on from the abduction.



The kidnapping, which happened 54 years ago, was a big story at the time

"There were no accurate DNA tests back then, so there's nothing the Fronczaks could have done to be 100 per cent certain that the boy they were given was their actual son Paul," he said.

Paul, however, said he always had doubts Dora and Chester were his biological parents and in 2012 he approached them about his suspicions.

Signs that may help detect mass shooters

Washington

The FBI says it has identified a series of behavioural signs that may flag a person as a potential mass shooter, and allow police to ward off killing sprees.

Mass shooters are mostly white men suffering from various stress factors, a belief that they are victims of some injustice and who pick targets that they are familiar with, the FBI report said.

Officers studied 63 shootings that resulted in at least one death that were committed between 2000 and 2013, and which allowed FBI behavioural experts to determine how the shooter acted in the run-up to the killing. The report challenges a widely held belief that shooters are suffering from a mental illness or extreme social isolation.

Saudi Arabia to end ban on women behind wheel

AFP | Riyadh

Saudi Arabia will allow women to get behind the wheel for the first time in decades tomorrow.

Here are some key facts about



a Saudi woman practices driving in Riyadh

the historic move, seen as the most striking in a series of reforms.

How the reform happened

In September 2017, King Salman issued a decree declaring

an end to the decades-long ban from June 2018.

A handful of driving schools for women were subsequently permitted to open in cities such as Riyadh and Jeddah.

Earlier this month, the kingdom began issuing its first driving licences to women in decades, with a handful of women swapping their foreign licences for Saudi ones after undergoing a practical test.

How many women will drive?

Some six million women -- or 65 percent of the female driving-age population -- are expected to apply for a licence once the

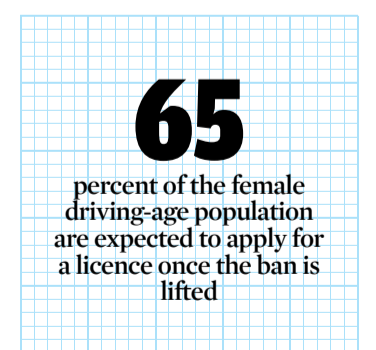
ban is lifted, according to the London-based consulting firm Facts Global Energy.

But such a high number may not be immediately attainable, some analysts say. Some three million women in Saudi Arabia could receive licences and actively begin driving by 2020, according to consultancy firm PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Eligibility

In addition to cars, women will be allowed to drive motorbikes, vans and trucks.

Women with licences from Gulf countries will be required to convert them to Saudi licenc-



es, according to the kingdom's traffic department. Those with international driving licences would be able to drive in the kingdom for up to a year.