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Three drivers from the Academy will test the Renault R.S.18 at BIC later this month | **P 12**

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Arab coalition destroys Yemeni Houthi drones



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Explosive-laden drones launched towards Saudi Arabia by Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis was intercepted and destroyed by the Arab coalition.

Spokesman of the coalition, Colonel Turki Al Maliki said the attacks, just hours apart, aimed civilian areas in the kingdom's southern region.

He said the first drone was destroyed as it heading towards the kingdom's southern region near the Yemeni border.

There was no immediate comment from the Houthi movement on the report, which cited a coalition spokesman.

Guns fall silent in Libya

Libya rival factions sign "permanent" ceasefire after talks with United Nations

- Military units will return to camps
- Mercenaries, foreign fighters will move out
- Italy, EU hail the deal

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Libya's two rival factions signed a "permanent" ceasefire agreement yesterday after five days of talks at the United Nations, which hailed the move as a moment that will go down in history.

The breakthrough was announced yesterday at a signing ceremony that was streamed live on the Facebook page of the UN's



A fighter loyal to the internationally recognised Libyan Government of National Accord trades fire with forces loyal to strongman Khalifa Haftar in the capital Tripoli's suburb of Ain Zara. (File)

Libya mission, or UNSMIL.

"Today is a good day for the Libyan people," said Stephanie Williams, the UN's envoy to the

troubled North African country, where a UN-recognised government in Tripoli has been battling a rival administration based in

the east and dominated by military strongman Khalifa Haftar.

"At 11:15 am (0915 GMT) this morning here at the UN headquarters in Geneva, the two Libyan delegations... signed a complete, countrywide and permanent ceasefire agreement with immediate effect," she said.

Williams said the parties agreed that "all military units and armed groups on the front lines shall return to their camps".

This would be "accompanied by the departure of all mercenaries and foreign fighters from all Libyan territory, land, air and sea within a maximum period of three months from today."

Bahrain welcomes ceasefire

Bahrain's foreign ministry yesterday welcomed the cease-

fire agreement in Libya, calling it "an important achievement and a necessary step to establishing security and stability."

In a statement, the Foreign Affairs Ministry called for continuing efforts to ensure the stability and territorial integrity of Libya.

"This would help achieve development, prosperity, the elimination of terrorist organisations, and ending foreign interference in its affairs," the statement added.

Libya's former colonial power Italy also hailed the agreement, as did the European Union.

"The agreement of a permanent ceasefire is key for the resumption of a political dialogue," said EU foreign policy spokesman Peter Sano, adding, "It's very important, as well, to see this accord put into effect."

Israel, Sudan normalise ties

Reuters

Israel and Sudan agreed to normalise ties in a US-brokered deal yesterday, the White House said, ending decades of hostility as one of Africa's largest countries joins a broader diplomatic realignment in the Middle East. The deal helps Sudan emerge from international isolation after the US sanctioned it in the 1990s for harbouring al Qaeda's then-leader, Osama bin Laden, and aiding terrorist groups.

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STEPHANIE WILLIAMS, UN'S ENVOY TO LIBYA

2011

Since Gaddafi's ouster in 2011, rival power centres and a myriad of militias have vied for control of Libya

Tripoli is held by the internationally recognised Government of National Accord, while a parliament based in the eastern city of Tobruk is backed by Haftar's forces.



The UN-sponsored talks took place in the format of a 5+5 Joint Military Commission: five delegates from each side attend.

Largest in the world



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With shooters capable of blasting water 105 metres into the air and over 3,000 LEDs in multiple colours to light up the water, UAE's newest attraction dubbed The Palm Fountain has set a new record for the largest fountain in the world.

The Guinness books of World Records says the fountain at Nakheel Malls broke the record for the world's largest fountain, measuring at a whopping 7,327 m² in Dubai, UAE.

In setting the record, Du-

bai has topped the record set by Banpo Moonlight Rainbow Fountain in South Korea.

The record-breaking fountain named The Palm Fountain is designed with a few tricks to control colour and brightness, says the Guinness world records.

The fountain spreads over 14,000 ft² of seawater is at The Pointe at Palm Jumeirah.

Jill Sangster, asset manager at Nakheel Malls, the developer of the fountain, said the fountain now has 128 super-pumps that push water to a height of 105 meters.

Trapped for 5 years

The great weight escape!

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Addiction to a takeaway food app left Jason Holton, 30, of Camberley, Surrey, trapped indoors for long five years.

But, doctors said that is enough and decided to take him out.

He was hoisted out of his third-floor bedroom by a crane so that doctors could treat him.

His weight, reportedly, rocketed up after developing an addiction to fast food. A Sun report said he also had chocolate, crisps, sandwiches and fizzy drink in 10,000-calorie eating marathons.

"I had eaten to a point where I suddenly couldn't move an inch," the Sun quoted him as



Jason Holton, 30, of Camberley, Surrey

saying from the hospital bed. "And I was happy to stay there without calling for help. "I left myself to die and waited for my heart to give up. I felt there was nothing left in life for me."

Reports say a giant crane was needed to lift him out in an operation that took seven hours. Rescuers squeezed out of his window after removing it.

More than 30 firemen lined the street outside a row of shops Jason lives above with his mum.

He said: "It was amazing, because it was the first time in six-

years I'd experienced fresh air. "I was given codeine to take away the pain from the crane straps, but all I remember is the breath of fresh air and the breeze rushing over my body.

"There was a risk I wouldn't survive the lift. There were issues with my oxygen levels, but I told my rescuers to go ahead — or else I'd only end up dying inside my flat."

Jason became Britain's fattest man after 65st Carl Thompson, 33, of Dover, Kent, died in 2015.

Jason survives on benefits, around BD610, and has never worked.

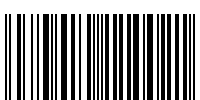


Rescuers bring down Jason

BAHRAIN COVID-19

- TOTAL CASES: 17,807
- ACTIVE CASES: 3,120
- DEATHS: 311
- DISCHARGED: 76,143
- NEW CASES: 363
- CRITICAL: 29

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