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### Retired colonel sworn in as Mali interim president



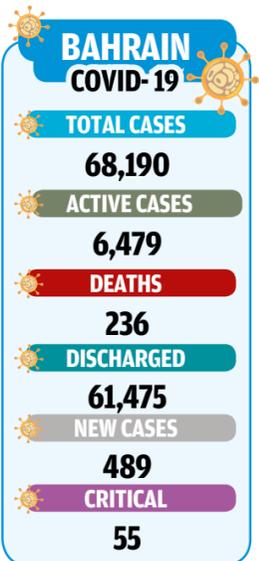
Reuters | Bamako

Retired colonel Bah Ndaw was sworn in as Mali's interim president yesterday, tasked with presiding over an 18-month transition back to civilian rule after a military coup. Ndaw, 70, took the oath of office in front of several hundred military officers, political leaders and diplomats.

### Africa escaped 'exponential' rise

AFP News

Africa has escaped the "exponential" rise in coronavirus cases seen elsewhere probably due to low population density and a hot and humid climate, the UN health agency said. Africa recorded 34,706 deaths from 1,439,657 cases, according to a tally on Friday -- far behind the other continents.



# 'Very sorry'

Kim Jong Un says rare apology over killing of South Korean

AFP News

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un issued a rare apology yesterday over what he described as the "unexpected and disgraceful" killing of a South Korean at sea, Seoul's presidential office said.

Apologies from the North -- let alone attributed to Kim personally -- are extremely unusual, and the message comes with inter-Korean ties in deep freeze as well as a stand-off in nuclear negotiations between Pyongyang and Washington.

Analysts said the North was looking to placate its neighbour after the shooting -- the first time its forces killed a Southern citizen for a decade -- provoked outrage in the South.

The fisheries official was shot dead on Tuesday by North Korean soldiers, and Seoul says his body was set on fire while still in the water, apparently as a precaution against coronavirus infection.

Kim was "very sorry" for the "unexpected and disgraceful event" that had "disappointed President Moon and South Koreans", rather than helping them in the face of the "malicious coronavirus", said Suh Hoon, the South's National Security Adviser.

Suh was reading out a let-



Kim Jong Un (file)

ter from the department of the North's ruling party responsible for relations with the South.

In it, Pyongyang acknowledged firing around 10 shots at the man, who had "illegally entered our waters" and refused to properly identify himself.

Border guards fired at him in accordance with standing instructions, it said.

There was no immediate confirmation of the contents from the North, whose state media did not mention the incident on Friday.

North Korean defector turned Seoul-based researcher Ahn Chan-il said it was "extremely rare for the North's supreme commander to offer an apology, especially to South Koreans and their President".

"I think this is the first since

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**Chairman Kim Jong Un asked to convey his feeling that he is greatly sorry that an unexpected unsavoury incident occurred in our waters which hugely disappointed**

SUH HOON, THE SOUTH'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER.

the 1976 Korean axe murder incident," he said, referring to the killing of two US officers in the Demilitarized Zone that divides the peninsula.

### Unlikely life-savers



Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. A five-year-old giant African pouched rat called Magawa, however, has to be one of the world's most unlikely life-savers. The rodent has won the animal equivalent of Britain's highest civilian honour for bravery because of his uncanny knack of sniffing out landmines and unexploded ordnance. (full story on page 7)

## Deal to demilitarise Sirte

TDT, agencies

The Tripoli-based Government of National Accord (GNA) and the Libyan National Army under the command of Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar reportedly reached a deal to make Libya's Sirte a demilitarised zone.

Sirte will also become the temporary headquarters of the new authority, said an *Al-Ayam* report quoting *Al-Sharq Al-Awsat* newspaper.

According to the newspaper, the rivals armies would withdraw from the city, in addition to declaring a permanent truce.

*Al-Arabiya* sources reported that Libya agrees with Egypt to establish a joint military force that includes the army, police and special forces to protect Sirte and Al-Jufrah and fully



Picture courtesy of AlAyam

secure the oil sites.

Besides, a Libyan committee said will review all the Turkish agreements signed with the reconciliation government.

The Libyan army affirmed its adherence to cancelling military agreements and security cooperation with Turkey and limiting intelligence cooperation that allows the appointment of Turkish military figures inside Libya. (Continues on page 2)

### Terror attack

## Two stabbed near Charlie Hebdo's old offices

Agencies

France announced an anti-terror probe into the stabbing of two journalists in Paris yesterday near to the former office of satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo.

Prime Minister Jean Castex, who rushed to the scene, said the main attacker had been arrested. A second person was also in custody.

"I was in my office. I heard screams in the road. I looked out of the window and saw a woman who was lying on the



Paris police said two people were "critically wounded"

floor and had taken a whack in the face from what was possibly a machete," a witness told Europe 1 radio.

Another neighbour, who

heard the attack, said there was a long, deathly shout from "a person who was screaming and screaming."

Castex said the two wounded

were attacked at random when taking a cigarette break. The life of neither was in danger, he said. "This attack happened in a

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Fourteen people went on trial in Paris on Sept. 2, accused of being accomplices in the attack on the Charlie Hebdo offices

symbolic place at the time when the trial of the terrible attacks on Charlie Hebdo took place," he said.

Europe 1 radio quoted police officials as saying the main suspect was 18, was known to security services and was born in Pakistan.

One police source said a machete had been found at the scene. Another police sources said a meat cleaver had been found there.

The national anti-terrorism prosecutor's office said it was investigating the case.