

Pakwoman guns down husband

PESHAWAR, JUNE 4/-/A man was shot dead in Pakistan allegedly by his wife who accused him of raping their daughter-in-law in the absence of her soldier husband, in what local media described as a "rare incident of honour killing".

Begum Bibi, who lived in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Shangla village, said she killed Gulbar Khan because "he didn't respect family and relations".

She claimed that Khan had been repeatedly assaulting their daughter-in-law for the past three months, the Express Tribune reported.

The rape victim's husband, a Frontier Corps soldier, said he was the wife's ordeal "but due to parental respect, I couldn't kill him, but I formed my mother that I will leave home after my return" from training, the report said.

Khan was sleeping when his wife opened fire on him with a pistol with their daughter-in-law's assistance, police said.

Begum said that Khan, in the absence of her son, forced his wife into an "illicit relationship" and the practice continued for three months, the report added.

"I decided to kill him when he refused to give up his evil practice," Begum said.

Police yesterday brought Begum, her daughter-in-law and son before a court which remanded them to judicial custody. (PTT)

1,500 injured in panic

MILAN, JUNE 4/-/More than 1,500 people were injured when panic swept through a crowd of Juventus fans watching the Champions League final in a piazza in the northern Italian city of Turin, authorities said today.

The Turin prefect said in a statement that the crowd "was taken by panic and by the psychosis of a terror attack," fearing that a loud noise was caused by attackers.

The source of the loud noise that triggered the stampede remained unclear, officials said. Italian media has speculated it may have been a firecracker.

The noise triggered panic among thousands of fans gathered in Piazza San Carlo to watch the match pitting Juventus against Real Madrid on giant TV screens. Fans were trampled as they tried to flee.

Most of the injured were treated for cuts and light contusions. Three, including a young boy, were in serious condition, officials said. (AP)

US committed to curbing climate change: Haley

WASHINGTON, JUNE 4/-/America's Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley has defended President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the landmark Paris accord but underlined that the US was committed to curbing climate change. "Just because the US got out of a club does not mean we are not going to care about the environment," Haley said yesterday.

Trump had announced this week his decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement on climate change and proposed renegotiation of the deal. The accord was signed by over 190 countries during the previous Obama administration.

The decision has drawn a negative reaction from around the world with world leaders vowed to enhance their commitment to the landmark accord.

Haley 45, has defended Trump's decision saying he knows climate is changing. "Trump 'knows that it is changing and that the US has to be responsible for it and that is what we are going to do," Haley said, adding that withdrawing from the Paris agreement will not change the country's commitment to curbing climate change, the CNN reported.

"President Trump believes the climate is changing and he believes pollutants are part of the equation," Haley said. When asked why the US pulled out of the climate agreement, Haley blamed former President Barack Obama for agreeing to regulations that were "too onerous," too strict and ultimately unachievable. Haley said the regulations from the Paris agreement were disadvantaging the companies.

"I know that as a governor. The jobs were not attainable as long as we lived under those regulations. It was not possible to meet the goals had we attempted to," she said.

Haley's comments are the closest acknowledgment by an administration official since Trump took office that the President - who has called climate change a "hoax" on multiple occasions - believes global warming is occurring and humanity has a role in it.

When asked in November if he believed human activity was connected to climate change, Trump acknowledged that there is "some connectivity".

But he backed away from saying to what extent he believed humans were responsible, adding that it "also depends on how much it's going to cost our companies."

Haley said that Trump will always have America's best interests at heart, including what he does in regard to protecting the environment.

"The rest of the world wanted to tell us how to do it. But we will do it under our own terms," she said. (PTT)



Nikki Haley, US Ambassador to the UN

Prince Harry to visit Singapore, Australia

LONDON, JUNE 4/-/Britain's Prince Harry will begin his five-day visit to Singapore and Australia today to hold charity events including one that supports children living in Africa.

Since Sentebale was founded in 2006, the charity has reached thousands of children and young people in Lesotho, and latterly in Botswana, who have been struggling to come to terms with living with the HIV by addressing their mental health and wellbeing. Press Association, Cathy Ferrier, Sentebale's chief executive officer, said. "It is our ambition to see a reduction in the number of new HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths amongst adolescents in southern Africa, by putting youth first and equipping them with skills and relevant wraparound support that they need to lead healthy, productive lives," she said. A 2004 gap year trip to the landlocked African nation of Lesotho inspired the prince to set up

his charity two years later with the country's Prince Seesie, younger brother of King Letsie III.

In November 2015 Sentebale opened its 2 million pounds Mamohato Children's Centre in Lesotho to scale up its Mamohato camps, a residential project providing psychological, social and practical support to children struggling to cope with being HIV positive. In Sydney on Wednesday, the prince will attend events to celebrate the

city's hosting of the 2018 Invictus Games, the international sporting competition for wounded, injured and sick service personnel and veterans founded by the prince in 2014.

The Invictus Games, which this year will be held in Toronto, Canada, has been the other main long-term focus of Harry's public work, and he is patron of the Invictus Games Foundation, which oversees the delivery of the tournament. (PTT)



Government officials tour an area flooded by the rains of Tropical Storm Beatriz in Juchitan, in Oaxaca state, Mexico—REUTERS

Gurdwaras in UK offer shelter to London terror attack victims

LONDON, JUNE 4/-/Gurdwaras in London today opened their doors for the victims stranded after the terror attack in the city by offering them shelter and food, according to media reports.

Almost immediately after the attack was reported, Sikhs tweeted that their places of worship were opened for those caught up in the horrific ordeal.

In an incredible show of unity, Sikhs posted maps of nearby Gurdwaras that were open to help those in need in the early hours of the morning, the metro.co.uk reported.

"#Sikh Gurdwara in London are open to help & support those affected tonight with shelter & food #LondonBridge #United," Glasgow Gurdwara tweeted.

Other Londoners have been using a new feature on Facebook to offer help to those stuck in London Bridge.

People have been offering food, shelter, clothing, and even blood donations for anyone caught up in the terror attacks.

Over 25,000 Sikhs are expected to congregate in Trafalgar Square in central London to remember the victims of 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

The Sikh Federation UK said: "Having discussed arrangements for the Remembrance and Freedom event with the Metropolitan Police last night and this morning we have come to the mutual decision that the event today (Sunday 4 June) will continue."

"This sends a strong message to all terrorists that they will never stop us remembering the tens of thousands of Sikhs who lost their lives in 1984," it said.

"It will also be an opportunity to remember and to stand shoulder to shoulder with the innocents killed and injured in the last few weeks in Manchester and London," the Sikh Federation UK said.

Three knife-wielding attackers wearing fake suicide vests unleashed a terror rampage through central London, plowing a van into pedestrians on the iconic London Bridge and then running to a nearby market where they randomly stabbed multiple people, killing seven and injuring 48.

The three terrorists had been shot dead. (PTT)

Man shoots dead 9

MOSCOW, JUNE 4/-/A man has been detained after shooting dead nine people in a drunken dispute at a weekend cottage in a village outside Moscow, Russian investigators said today.

The alleged assailant gunned down five men and four women after a drinking session last night turned violent in the village of Redkino, some 110 kilometres northwest of Moscow, the Investigative Committee said.

"During the get-together there was a domestic dispute between the guests, after which the suspect left and then returned with a hunting rifle," investigators said in a statement, adding that the man had been "drinking spirits".

He fired several shots, as a result of which at least nine people died," investigators said, raising the death toll by one from figures given earlier this morning.

Investigators said the shooter -- a 45-year-old resident of Moscow -- was detained on suspicion of murdering nine people after survivors managed to call the police. (AFP)

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She said "it is time to say enough is enough" as she condemned the terror attack on "innocent and unarmed civilians" on London Bridge and Borough Market area of the city, which left seven people dead and 48 injured in London.

Outgoing PM triumphs in Malta as voters shrug off corruption claims

VALLETTA, JUNE 4/-/Outgoing Prime Minister Joseph Muscat has retained power in Malta with a commanding victory in an early general election called against a backdrop of corruption allegations against his Labour Party administration.

A sample count of ballots today showed a clear enough trend for Muscat, 43, to make an early declaration of victory.

Projections suggested Labour had won 55 per cent of the vote on a 92 per cent turnout, which will translate into a majority of 19 to nine seats in the 71-seat one-chamber parliament.

"It is clear that the people have chosen to stay the course," he said, urging Maltese to unite after a divisive campaign as Labour supporters turned out in celebration. Simon Busuttil, leader of the opposition Nationalist Party (PN), called Muscat to concede defeat. "As always, we respect the decision of the electorate," he said in a Tweet.

The victory means there will be no major disruption to the business of the European Union, whose rotating presidency Malta holds until the end of this month.

It was the first time since Malta became independent from Britain in 1964 that Labour, now located in the mainstream of European social democracy, has won back-to-back elections.

Muscat, who has been premier since 2013, won the polls a year earlier after his wife was implicated in one of a series of alleged corruption cases.

All of them arose from information contained in the Panama Papers, a massive data leak from the Mossack Fonseca law firm that specialises in establishing secretive offshore companies and bank accounts for wealthy individuals from across the globe.

Muscat denies any wrongdoing and has promised to quit if any evidence emerges of his family having secret accounts used to bank kickbacks -- as has been alleged by a high-profile blogger with a record of correctly highlighting previous scandals in the island nation.

Muscat had also come under fire for not sacking his chief of staff Keith Schembri and government minister Konrad Mizzi after they admitted to having previously undeclared companies set up for them by Mossack Fonseca.

But the allegations had little impact among Labour's loyal base against a backdrop of a booming economy and the lowest unemployment the country of 430,000 people has ever known.

Busuttil had framed the vote as a choice between change and allowing Malta's international reputation, and its prosperity, to be shredded as a result of the taint of corruption damaging investment.

A former academic, Busuttil may now face a challenge for the leadership of his party with the preliminary count suggesting Muscat's was nearly as commanding as it was when he swept to power in 2013.

Since then, the former journalist has presided over an investment-led boom that has seen Malta's growth accelerate to three times the eurozone average and pushed government finances into a surplus.

UK polls to go ahead on June 8

*May condemns Islamist extremism

LONDON, JUNE 4/-/British Prime Minister Theresa May today announced that the June 8 general election will go ahead as planned despite another terrorist attack in London as she blamed the "evil ideology of Islamist extremism" for the three terror attacks in the country.

Speaking outside Downing Street after she chaired the emergency COBRA meeting with senior security chiefs, May said "Violence can never be allowed to disrupt the democratic process."

She said "it is time to say enough is enough" as she condemned the terror attack on "innocent and unarmed civilians" on London Bridge and Borough Market area of the city, which left seven people dead and 48 injured in London.

She said the recent terror attacks in Britain, while not directly linked, "are bound together by the single evil ideology of Islamist extremism." "It is an ideology that is a perversion of Islam and a perversion of the truth. Defeating this ideology is one of the great challenges of our time."

She revealed that the UK's security and intelligence services have disrupted "five credible plots" since the Parliament attack in London in March.

"The British Prime Minister announced that she plans to review the UK's counter-terror legislation.

"There is far too much tolerance for extremism in our country," she said.

In reference to the election, she said that national campaigning will resume tomorrow, adding: "We will come together and, united, we will take on our enemies."

Meanwhile, Metropolitan Police Commissioner Cressida Dick praised the "extraordinary bravery" of her officers, on and off duty, who risked their lives by rushing to confront the attackers.

Calling for calm, she said: "The last thing we need is people over-reacting or taking out their frustrations on people in other communities or in their own communities."

A white van hit pedestrians on London Bridge last night, then three men got out and stabbed people in nearby Borough Market.

It is the third terror attack in the UK in three months, following the car and knife attack in Westminster in March, which left five people dead, and a Manchester bombing less than two weeks ago, in which 22 people were killed. (PTT)

UK parties suspend election campaign after terror attack

LONDON, JUNE 4/-/Britain's main parties today suspended their election campaign for the general polls for the second time in two weeks after a terror attack in London, which killed seven persons and injured 48 others.

The main parties that suspended the election campaign, include the ruling Conservative party, Opposition Labour and Scottish National Party.

The ruling Conservative party announced that it was suspending its campaign following the attack, just days before the polls on June 8 involving a van and three terror suspects, who were shot dead by Metropolitan Police armed officers.

"The Conservative party will not be campaigning nationally today. We will review as the day goes on and as more details of the attack emerge," a Tory party spokesperson said.

The Opposition Labour Party also said that all planned campaign events for today have been called off.

"The Labour Party will be suspending national campaigning until this evening, after consultations with other parties, as a mark of respect for those who have died and suffered injury," party leader Jeremy Corbyn said.

The Scottish National Party (SNP) has also called off its campaign for today.

However, the suspension will not include local campaigning, and local candidates will have the freedom to use their judgement.

London mayor Sadiq Khan said he is "passionate believer in democracy" and would not want to see the election date being affected by the latest incident.

"There can be no justification for the acts of these terrorists and I'm quite clear we'll never let them win nor we will allow them to conquer our city or Londoners," he said.

A white van hit pedestrians on London Bridge last night before three men got out and stabbed people in nearby Borough Market, a very busy area of central London.

Scotland Yard said the three men were wearing what looked like suicide bomb vests, which later turned out to be fake.

All three suspects were shot dead by armed officers on the scene within eight minutes.

"We are treating this as a terrorist incident and a full investigation is already under way," said Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley.

Britain's ruling Conservative party, Opposition Labour and Scottish National party today suspended their election campaign for the general polls for the second time in two weeks. The campaign was previously suspended after the Manchester attack.

The latest attack is the third terrorist strike in the UK this year, with campaigning also suspended for three days last month after suicide bomber Salman Abid killed 22 victims at a concert in Manchester on May 22.

Earlier this month, on March 22, terror suspect Khalid Masood moved down four pedestrians to death before stabbing to death a police officer on duty at the UK Parliament. (PTT)