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India for rule-based approach in the Indo-Pacific: Sarna

WASHINGTON, MAY 15 /- The Indo-Pacific is of huge importance to India and the world as the fulcrum of economic and political activity is moving from the Atlantic to this region, India's envoy to the US has said and called for a rule-based approach to reap benefits for all. Indian Ambassador to the US Navtej Singh Sarna said the entire blue economy was

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Gaza toll rises to 59 with more protests against Israel planned

GAZA CITY, MAY 15 /- Fresh protests were expected today after Israeli forces killed 59 Palestinians during clashes and protests along the Gaza border against the US embassy opening in Jerusalem in the conflict's bloodiest day in years. Palestinians today mark the Nakba, or "catastrophe," commemorating the more than 700,000 Palestinians who fled or were expelled in the 1948 war surrounding Israel's creation. It comes a day after the United States transferred its Israel embassy from Tel Aviv to the disputed city of Jerusalem in a move that infuriated the Palestinians and was widely condemned. Most of the 59 Gazans who died Monday were shot by Israeli snipers, Gaza's health ministry said. The toll included a baby who died from tear gas inhalation along with eight children under the age of 16, the ministry said. At least 2,400 others were wounded in the bloodiest day in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict since the 2014 Gaza war. Senior Hamas official Khalil al-Hayya vowed protests in Gaza would continue on Tuesday. Hamas's armed wing and other militant groups "will not prolong their silence over the crimes of the occupation," he said in the West Bank. Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas declared a general strike on Tuesday after accusing Israel of "massacres". On Monday, tens of thousands had gathered near the border in protest while smaller numbers of stone-throwing Palestinians approached the fence and sought to break through, with Israeli snipers positioned on the other side. The death toll led to strong condemnation from rights groups and concern from a range of countries. But the United States blocked the adoption of a UN Security Council statement that would have called for an independent probe into the violence, diplomats at the United Nations said. Despite the violence, the embassy inauguration went on as planned in Jerusalem, attended by a Washington delegation that included US President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka and her husband Jared Kushner, both White House aides. Trump addressed the gathering by video. "Our greatest hopes for peace," he said, despite the Palestinian anger the move has provoked. Israel's military said 40,000 Palestinians had taken part in the protests and clashes. It said its aircraft had targeted 11 Hamas sites and tanks fired at "two terror posts belonging to Hamas", accusing the Palestinian Islamist movement of opening fire towards Israeli forces. Israel says its action is necessary to stop infiltrations of the border fence and claims that Hamas, which runs the blockaded Gaza Strip, uses the protests as cover to carry out violence. The White House also blamed Hamas for

the violence. French President Emmanuel Macron condemned the "violence of the Israeli armed forces against the protesters" as several countries urged restraint. Britain's minister for the Middle East, Alistair Burt acknowledged "Israel's right to defend its borders" but also said "the large volume of live fire is extremely concerning". "We continue to implore Israel to show greater restraint," he said. EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said "we expect all to avoid with utmost restraint to avoid further loss of life". Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan accused Israel of "state terror" and "genocide". Turkey also said it was recalling its ambassadors to the United States and Israel "for consultations," while South Africa recalled its ambassador to Israel "until further notice". At least 113 Palestinians have been killed in a campaign of protests along the Gaza border since March 30, the vast majority by Israeli snipers during clashes. Only one Israeli soldier has been reported wounded during that time. On Monday, the army said "many rioters" tried to breach the border fence and "approximately 10 explosive devices and several firebombs were used to target the security fence and (Israeli) troops". It said shots were also fired at the soldiers. The embassy inauguration followed Trump's December 6 recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Israel occupied the West Bank and east Jerusalem in 1967 and later annexed east Jerusalem in a move never recognised by the international community. Jerusalem's status is perhaps the thorniest issue in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Israel recalled its embassy to its capital, while the Palestinians see east Jerusalem as the capital of their future state. (AFP)



German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer and Brandenburg State Premier Dietmar Woidke pose with special police during a visit to the Federal Police Offices in Potsdam, Germany—REUTERS

Renowned physicist ECG Sudarshan dies at 86

HOUSTON, MAY 15 /- The cremation of eminent Indian-American theoretical physicist, ECG George Sudarshan who passed away on Sunday in Austin, Texas will be held on Thursday. According to the family sources and close friends, Sudarshan, 86, died of natural causes. He is survived by his wife Bhamathi Sudarshan and two children. The cremation services will be held in Austin, Texas on Thursday. Sudarshan had been teaching as a professor at University of Texas for over 40 years. He served as Honorary Advisory Council Member of Houston Sri Meenakshi Temple. He was associated with the temple from 1977. Sudarshan, an outstanding theoretical physicist, was born in Kottayam, Kerala, India, in 1931. His professional career of Sudarshan spans five decades. He discovered the V-A theory of weak interactions while working on his PhD thesis under the late Robert E. Marshak. He has made remarkable discoveries in many fields of physics, including quantum optics, tachyons, quantum Zeno effect, non-invariance groups, positive maps of density matrices, quantum computation, etc. His contributions include also relations between east and west science, philosophy and religion.

Dismantling of N Korea nuke site 'well under way': US monitor

SEOUL, MAY 15 /- Satellite photos indicate North Korea has begun dismantling its nuclear test site ahead of a historic summit between leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump, a US monitor said. The site, located by Washington and Seoul, North Korea said at the weekend it will "completely" destroy the Punggye-ri test site, in a ceremony scheduled between May 23-25 in front of invited foreign media. But no observers from international atomic monitoring agencies have been invited, raising concerns over the openness of the process. Punggye-ri, in the northeast of the country, has been the site of all six of the North's nuclear tests, the latest and by far the most powerful in September last year, which Pyongyang said was an H-bomb. North Korea pledged to close the testing site after Kim last month declared the country's nuclear force complete and said it had no further need for the complex. The respected 38 North website said Tuesday that satellite images dated May 7 showed "the first definitive evidence that dismantlement of the test site was already well under way". Several key operational buildings as well as smaller sheds had been razed and rails connecting the tunnels to their waste piles were removed, the monitoring group said. Excavation of a new tunnel has also been halted since late March, it added. Images showed preparatory work for the destruction ceremony had also begun, including a newly positioned foundation among the waste piles believed to have been built for the invited journalists. "It is conceivably for a future camera position to record the closure of the West Portal," the group said. However, no tunnel entrances appear to have been permanently closed and some main buildings are still intact, it added, saying the destruction of those facilities was likely to be carried out in front of the foreign media. Dialogue brokered by South Korea has seen US-North Korea relations go from trading personal insults and threats of war last year to a summit between Kim and Trump which will be held in Singapore on June 12. Kim's latest diplomatic overture has seen him hold a summit with the South's President Moon Jae-in and travel twice in less than two months to meet with Chinese leader Xi Jinping. (AFP)

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OUR SOLUTION TO PUZZLE 188 (Other combinations may be possible.)

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WORD-BUILDER
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How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the five letters, using each letter only once? No foreign words or ones beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one five-letter word.
TODAY'S GOALS:
Good - 10 Excellent - 15 Amazing - 20
SOLUTION 188: arc, arch, archs, ash, car, cars, cash, cha, char, chars, crash, has, hash, sac, scar