

Hong Kong on the boil as protesters take to streets

THOUSANDS MARCH TO STATION TO 'EDUCATE' CHINESE MAINLANDERS

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HONG KONG

Tens of thousands of anti-government protesters rallied outside a controversial train station linking the territory to the Chinese mainland on Sunday...

The rally was the first major large-scale protest since last Monday's unprecedented storming of parliament by largely young, masked protesters...

Hong Kong has been rocked by a month of huge marches as well as a series of separate violent confrontations with police...

The bill has since been postponed in response to the intense backlash but that has done little to quell public anger...

Organisers said some 230,000 people snaked their way through streets in the harbour-front district of Tsim Sha Tsui...

The march was billed as an opportunity to explain to mainlanders in the city what their protest movement is about.

Inside China, where news and information are heavily censored, the Hong Kong protests have been portrayed as a primarily violent, foreign-funded plot to destabilise the motherland...



Protesters march with a Hong Kong colonial flag in Hong Kong on Sunday, July 7, 2019. Protesters in Hong Kong are taking their message to visitors from mainland China.

TARGETING MAINLAND CHINA

HONGKONG: Protesters on Sunday braved intermittent rain and marched through streets of Tsim Sha Tsui, a popular shopping destination dotted with luxury shops...

At times they shouted slogans in Mandarin, mainland China's official tongue, as opposed to Hong Kong's main language Cantonese. They also handed out flyers and sent messages by social media and Apple's phone-to-phone AirDrop system...

The short march finished at the city's high-speed rail station that connects Hong Kong to the mainland, one of the main entry points for Chinese visitors but a sensitive spot after part of the facility came under Chinese jurisdiction last year.

over the semi-autonomous hub.

"We want to show tourists, including mainland China tourists what is happening in Hong Kong and we hope they can take this concept back to China," Eddison Ng, an 18-year-old demonstrator, told AFP.

Hong Kongers speak Cantonese but protesters were using Bluetooth to send leaflets in Mandarin, the predominant language on the mainland, to nearby phones,

hoping to spread the word to mainlanders by digital word of mouth.

"Why are there still so many people coming out to protest now?" one man said in Mandarin through a loudspeaker. "Because the Hong Kong government didn't listen to our demands."

The terminus is controversial because Chinese law operates in the parts of the station dealing with immigration and customs, as well as the platforms.

And a lawmaker had to coach crowds how to chant "Students are not rioters" using the correct Mandarin pronunciation.

Protesters are demanding the postponed extradition bill be scrapped entirely, an independent inquiry into police use of tear gas and rubber bullets, amnesty for those arrested, and for the city's unelected leader Carrie Lam to step down.

Beijing has thrown its full support behind Lam, calling on Hong Kong police to pursue anyone involved in the parliament storming and other clashes.

In an interview with the BBC on Sunday, China's ambassador to Britain said the extradition bill was needed to "plug loopholes" and that Beijing has "full confidence in the Hong Kong government".

Sunday's protest began on the waterfront, the first time a rally has taken place off the main island and made its way to West Kowloon, a recently opened multi-billion-dollar station that links to China's high-speed rail network.

Police placed the glass and steel structure in virtual lockdown. Long lines of water-filled security barriers surrounded the station while only those with previously purchased tickets were being allowed in.

Ticket sales for Sunday afternoon were halted and only two entrances were open.

Protesters, some of them masked, faced off with police and chanted "Add Oil!", a Cantonese phrase for encouragement long embraced by protesters. But there were no clashes.

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SAFETY DEMO: A US border patrol agent holds infant dolls in preparation for a demonstration during a 'Border Safety Initiative' media event at the US-Mexico border in Mission, Texas.

US messaged us on drone, warning limited strike: Iran

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DUBAI

The United States conveyed a message to Iran warning of a limited strike against the country after its unmanned drone was shot down in the Gulf, Iran's civil defence agency chief was quoted as saying by the Fars News Agency on Sunday.

"After the downing of its intruding drone, the United States told us through diplomatic intermediaries that it wanted to carry out a limited operation," said Gholamreza Jalali, who is also a senior commander of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards.

"But Iran's response was that we regard every operation as the beginning of a war."

A day after the drone was downed in the Gulf, Iranian officials told Reuters on June 21 that Tehran had received a message from US President

Iran to raise uranium enrichment beyond nuclear deal limits

TEHRAN: Iran announced Sunday it will raise its level of uranium enrichment, breaking another limit of its unraveling 2015 nuclear deal with world powers and further heightening tensions with the US.

Officials also said the next step impacting Iran's compliance with the deal would be taken in 60 days. At the same time, Iran was signaling openness to last-minute efforts to save the faltering deal.

French President Emmanuel Macron Iranian counterpart, Hassan Rouhani, in a phone call that he is trying to find a way by July 15 to resume the dialogue between Iran and the West.

Donald Trump through Oman after the drone was downed, warning that a US attack on Iran was imminent. Iranian and US officials denied the report.

Trump later said he had approved retaliatory military

strikes against Iran, but called them off at the last minute. The shooting of the drone came after weeks of rising tension following a spate of attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf region. Tehran said the drone had violated its airspace.

At least 14 dead in Taliban blast in Afghan city

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GHAZNI

A Taliban attack on a government security compound in central Afghanistan on Sunday killed at least 14 people and wounded more than 180, including scores of children, hours before a meeting in Qatar aimed at preparing the ground for peace talks.

Islamist Taliban fighters detonated a car bomb in Ghazni city near an office of Afghanistan's main intelligence service, the National Directorate of Security (NDS), during Sunday morning's rush hour, officials said.

Pak judge was 'blackmailed' on Sharif verdict, says Maryam

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LAHORE Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz leader Maryam Nawaz has released a video clip purportedly showing an accountability court judge allegedly confessing that he was "blackmailed and forced" to convict former premier Nawaz Sharif in a corruption case.

Addressing a press conference in Lahore on Saturday alongside the top leadership of the PML-N, Maryam, the daughter of 69-year-old Sharif, said that her father's entire judicial process was severely compromised.

Sharif is serving a seven-year prison term at the Kot Lakhpat Jail in Lahore since December 24, 2018 when he was convicted in the Al-Azizia Steel Mills case, one of the three corruption cases filed in the wake of the apex court.

Easter attacks: Lanka on alert as Buddhists hold first meet

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KANDY

Police lined the streets of the Sri Lankan highland town of Kandy on Sunday and the army was on standby as hard-line Buddhist monks gathered for their first big assembly since Easter attacks by Islamist militants on churches and luxury hotels.

Galagoda Aththe Gnanasara, the influential head of the Buddhist nationalist group Bodu Bala Sena (BBS), has called for as many as 10,000 clergymen from across the country to attend the meet.

The group said the gathering will decide who to back in the presidential elections later this year in the Indian Ocean island nation where Buddhists make up about 70% of the population. The rest include ethnic Tamils, who are

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mostly Hindus, and Muslims.

Dressed in orange, Gnanasara visited one of Buddhism's most sacred temples in Kandy on Sunday where a relic believed to be the Buddha's tooth is kept. Later in the day, the hardliner, who has faced allegations of inciting violence against Muslims, will address the gathering.

After visiting the temple, he

told reporters they would take a "historical decision" to give leadership to the development and security of the Sinhalese.

"Today, the Sinhala ethnicity, which has developed this country historically, has become very weak, there is no leader who holds responsibility for Sinhalese," he said adding some people were trying to sabotage the convention by spreading fears of possible riots.

Police and armed army officials lined the streets around the stadium, where the gathering will take place later on Sunday, and were also present outside other Buddhist temples in the town centre.

"The army is assisting the police on security under the emergency law," military spokesman Sumith Atapattu said, adding soldiers were on alert should trouble erupt.

Trump admin 'uniquely dysfunctional': Britain's ambassador to US

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LONDON

Britain's ambassador to the United States described President Donald Trump's administration as "dysfunctional", "clumsy" and "inept", the Mail on Sunday reported, citing a series of confidential memos.

In memos to the British government which date from 2017 to the present, Kim Darroch said Trump "radiates insecurity" and advises officials in London that to deal with him effectively "you need to make your points simple, even blunt".

"We don't really believe this administration is going to become substantially more normal; less dysfunctional; less unpredictable; less factional; less diplomatically

clumsy and inept," Darroch wrote in one, according to the newspaper.

In others, the newspaper said he had described the administration as "uniquely dysfunctional" and that media reports about White House "knife fights" are "mostly true".

Darroch wrote that "we could also be at the beginning of a downward spiral, rather than just a rollercoaster: something could emerge that leads to disgrace and downfall."

But he also warned British officials not to write Trump off, saying there was a "credible path" to him winning a second term in office. He said Trump may "emerge from the flames, battered but intact, like Schwarzenegger in the final scenes of The Terminator."

Archie son of Prince Harry, Meghan, christened at Windsor

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WINDSOR

Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor, the two-month-old son of Britain's Prince Harry and his wife Meghan, was christened on Saturday, in a small private ceremony at Windsor Castle.

The ceremony was conducted by the Archbishop of



Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, Meghan, Duchess of Sussex with their son, Archie Mountbatten-Windsor pose for a photograph with Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, Ms Doria Ragland, Lady Jane Fellowes, Lady Sarah McCorquodale, Prince William, Duke of Cambridge and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge in the Green Drawing Room at Windsor Castle.

In accordance with royal tradition, the Lily Font and water from the River Jordan were

used during the christening, and Archie, who was born on May 6, wore the handmade

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replica of the royal christening robe.

On their official Instagram page, Harry and Meghan, known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, shared two official photographs of the occasion taken in the Green Drawing Room and the Rose Garden at Windsor Castle.

One family portrait included Harry's father, Prince Charles, Meghan's mother Doria Ragland as well as Harry's older brother Prince William and his

wife, Kate. Harry and William's maternal aunts, Sarah McCorquodale and Jane Fellowes, also posed for the picture.

A second black and white photograph showed Archie in his parents' arms in the Rose Garden.

Buckingham Palace has not disclosed who Archie's godparents are.

Several newspapers have carried reports criticising Harry and Meghan for accepting public funds for their wedding and for renovations for their new house but denying the public a view of the baby and his parents arriving at the ceremony. William and Kate organised media facilities for the christenings of their three children, in which arrivals at the church were filmed.

Royal fans gathered near Windsor castle on Saturday,

some with banners and flags, despite the well-publicised private nature of the occasion.

"I think it's very hurtful to the fans, very, very hurtful," said Anne Taley, 63, from Cardiff. "We've had the fingers, we've had the toes. When are we ever going to see the baby?" she added referring to previous discreet pictures posted by the royal couple.

Cheryl Bolson, 53, from Southampton, said she accepted the christening was a private, family event but added: "It would be nice if they were to come out afterwards and just maybe show the public that the baby's been christened."

Harry and Meghan married at Windsor Castle, west of London, last year. Archie is seventh-in-line to the British throne.

NOTICE Board Meeting to consider the unaudited quarterly financial results for the quarter ended 30th June, 2019 will be held on Tuesday, 16th July, 2019.

IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE SENIOR DIVISION AT MAPUSA Special Civil Suit No. 77/2013/B

Summons for settlement of issue (U/O 5 rule 20(A) CPC) IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE SENIOR DIVISION AT MAPUSA Special Civil Suit No. 77/2013/B

BEFORE THE CERTIFYING OFFICER AND JT. MAMLATDAR-I OF PONDA TALUKA PONDA GOA Mutation No. 33484/Priol

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted a Suit for specific performance of Agreement of sale cum memorandum of Understanding dated 19/11/2011, for Declaration, Permanent Injunction and Consequential Reliefs. (Copies of which may be collected from this office on any working day during office hours).

IN THE COURT OF JOINT MAMLATDAR OF BARDEZ-IV AT MAPUSA - GOA Case No. TMC/SR/Sangolida/ 19/2008

PUBLICATION NOTICE The Opponent No. 3 Whereas the applicant has made an application U/sec. 7 of Goa Daman & Diu Agricultural Tenancy Act, for declaration of Tenancy right with respect to the property bearing survey no. 774 & 779, situated at village Sangolida Bardez Goa.