

## No timeframe to decide case of Saudi teen asylum seeker, says Australia

**BANGKOK:** Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne said on Thursday there was no timeframe for the assessment of the case of Rahaf Mohammed al-Qunun, a Saudi woman who fled to Thailand saying she feared her family would kill her.

Australia's Foreign Minister Marise Payne speaks during a news conference at Australian Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand, January 10, 2019.

The U.N. refugee agency has referred Qunun to Australia for consideration for refugee resettlement.

"Following the UNHCR referrals, Australia is now going through the steps we are required to do in relation to the assessment process and then when that is complete an announcement will be made," Payne said in Bangkok, after arriving on a visit arranged before Qunun sought asylum.

Her case has drawn attention to Saudi Arabia's strict social rules, including a requirement that women have the permission of a male "guardian" to travel, which rights groups say can trap women and girls as prisoners of abusive families.

It comes at a time when Riyadh is facing unusually intense scrutiny from its Western allies over the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in October and over the humanitarian consequences of its war in Yemen.

Payne's visit has also thrown a spotlight on another refugee case, involving Bahrain footballer Hakeem AlArabi, who has refugee status in Australia but was arrested at Bangkok airport last year after arriving for his honeymoon.

Bahrain made a request to have him extradited and he is in jail, waiting for a hearing to decide his case.

Payne with held talks with Thai Deputy Prime Minister Prajin Juntong, who is also justice minister, and Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai. "I also appreciate the opportunity ... to raise Australia's concern about the detention of and possible return of Mr Hakeem AlArabi to Bahrain," Payne told reporters after the meeting. "The Thai government is aware of the importance of this matter to Australia." —AFP

## Congo presidential loser's supporters cry foul after surprise result

**KINSHASA:** Furious supporters of the runner-up in Democratic Republic of Congo's presidential election denounced Thursday's results as a fix, while France said the outcome was at odds with what was seen on the ground.

Felix Tshisekedi, leader of the Congolese main opposition party, the Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS) who was announced as the winner of the presidential elections gestures to his supporters in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, January 10, 2019. The electoral commission (CENI) announced around 3 a.m. (0200 GMT) that opposition leader Felix Tshisekedi had won the chaotic Dec. 30 vote, edging ahead of another opposition candidate, businessman Martin Fayulu.

Fayulu called the results an "electoral coup" engineered by outgoing President Joseph Kabila to deny him the presidency. Vote tallies collected by Congo's Catholic church showed Fayulu winning, according to two diplomats briefed on the findings. The anger over the results, and particularly the Fayulu camp's suspicions that Tshisekedi won by cutting a power-sharing deal with Kabila, could cast a cloud over what is meant to be Congo's first democratic transfer of power in 59 years of independence. —AFP

## Taiwan premier, cabinet to quit after local election defeat

**TAIPEI:** Taiwan Premier William Lai said on Thursday he was resigning along with the self-ruled island's entire cabinet, nearly two months after the defeat of his ruling pro-independence party in local elections. Taiwanese new premier William Lai speaks during a cabinet transition ceremony in Taipei, Taiwan September 8, 2017.

The election losses present a major challenge to President Tsai Ing-wen who has come under mounting domestic criticism over her reform agenda while facing renewed threats from China, which considers the island its own.

Lai's departure was widely expected. It is standard practice in Taiwan for leaders to go when their party loses a major election. The DPP suffered a significant defeat in November to the China-friendly opposition Kuomintang.

It is also customary for the cabinet to step down when the premier resigns.

"The time is up. I will call a special cabinet meeting tomorrow and resign along with the entire cabinet," Lai told reporters in parliament, adding that Tsai had approved his

resignation. Tsai, who is also from the DPP, was expected to announce a new premier, Lai said, and ministerial appointments would follow. Taiwan's elected president appoints the premier, who forms the cabinet and runs the government on a day-to-day basis.

Analysts said Tsai, who faces a presidential election in about a year, must shore up public support for her policy on relations with Beijing and boost the island's export-reliant economy in a challenging year amid the China-U.S. trade dispute.

Chinese President Xi Jinping this month threatened to use force to bring democratic Taiwan under Beijing's rule and urged "reunification" with the island.

Xi has stepped up pressure on Taiwan since Tsai became president in 2016.

Tsai has said her administration would reflect upon the election defeat but would stand firm to defend Taiwan's democracy in the face of renewed Chinese threats.

Some from within the embattled leader's party have urged Tsai not to seek re-election. She has not explicitly said whether she would run for president in 2020.

The latest tension with China is credit negative for Taiwan and would hurt the island's economy, Moody's said in a report this week.

Another report adds: The United Nations has found that a teenage woman who fled Saudi Arabia to Thailand is a legitimate refugee and has asked Australia to take her in, officials in Canberra said Wednesday.

"The UNHCR has referred Ms Rahaf Mohammed Al-Qunun to Australia for consideration for refugee resettlement," the Department of Home Affairs said in a statement. The decision marks a significant victory for the 18-year-old, who is currently in Bangkok where she says Thai authorities attempted to block her from travelling to Australia to claim asylum. The home affairs department said it will "consider this referral in the usual way, as it does with all



UNHCR referrals". Australian officials have strongly hinted that Qunun's request will be accepted. "If she is found to be a refugee, then we will give very, very, very serious consideration to a humanitarian visa," health minister Greg Hunt had said before the UN determination was public.—AFP



SHANGHAI: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un meets President Xi Jinping in Beijing.

## South Korea, China urge concessions on both sides to end US-North Korea standoff

**SEOUL/SHANGHAI:** China and South Korea called for concessions from the United States as well as North Korea, ahead of a possible second summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and US President Donald Trump, suggesting a U.S. pressure campaign aimed at the North's denuclearization may be slipping.

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"I think North Korea knows that they clearly have to denuclearize for the eas-

ing of international sanctions, and the U.S. also understands that there needs to be corresponding action to expedite the North's denuclearization," Moon told reporters at the presidential Blue House.

Chinese President Xi Jinping hosted Kim in Beijing this week and said he hoped the United States and North Korea would "meet each other halfway," Chinese state media reported.

China, the North's lone major ally, and U.S.-backed South Korea have been key players in two years of "maximum pressure" led by the United States, but both countries are signaling an increased willingness to ease sanctions and improve ties with North Korea.

Pyongyang and Washington have been struggling to find a breakthrough despite a pledge by Kim at a landmark summit with Trump in Singapore in June to work towards denuclearization "of the Korean peninsula".

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un meets President Xi Jinping in Beijing, China, in this photo released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) on January 10, 2019. KCNA via REUTERS

North Korea, which has been developing nuclear and missile programs in defiance of UN Security Council res-

olutions, has demanded Washington lift sanctions and declare an official end to the 1950-53 Korean War.

Those demands were in response to Pyongyang's initial, unilateral steps toward denuclearization that included dismantling its only known nuclear testing site and a key missile engine facility.

North Korea has rejected calls for unilateral disarmament, and has said it is now up to the United States and the international community to make concessions like easing sanctions.

For its part, the United States has instead increased sanctions and said it will not lift the measures until North Korea takes more steps toward giving up its arsenal of nuclear weapons and long-range missiles.

In prepared remarks for his annual New Year speech, Moon made no mention of any steps North Korea needs to take, instead focusing on the economic benefits of making peace with North Korea.

But when pressed by journalists at a briefing afterward, Moon said North Korea should take more steps, such as abandoning its missiles and dismantling weapons production lines and other nuclear complexes, to secure U.S. concessions such as sanctions

relief.

He said reducing U.S. military commitments, such as a withdrawal of troops or strategic assets from the region, would be an unlikely option for Washington. North Korea used the reference to denuclearization "of the Korean peninsula" in the past to include the removal of the U.S. nuclear umbrella in the region.

"The second summit would be a venue where they settle on terms of what specific measures North Korea will take and how those moves will be reciprocated by the United States," Moon said.

"But U.S. forces in South Korea or strategic assets in places like Guam and Japan are not linked with North Korea alone, as they exist for the stability and peace of the entire Northeast Asia."

Kim renewed his resolve to meet Trump again during his meeting with Xi in Beijing this week. Moon said Kim's latest trip to Beijing signaled that a second Trump summit was immi-

nent. Another U.S.-North Korea summit would also expedite an unprecedented visit by Kim to Seoul, planned for last year but delayed amid the nuclear standoff, Moon said.

North Korea leader arrives in Beijing after warning of alternate path to U.S. talks "I expect we'll hear about high-level talks between North Korea and the United States before long for their second summit," Moon said.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo made several trips to Pyongyang last year. However, a meeting between Pompeo and senior North Korean official Kim Yong Chol has yet to be rescheduled after an abrupt cancellation in November.

North Korean state news agency KCNA said on Thursday Kim and Xi held "in-depth, frank discussions" on the Korean peninsula and nuclear issues during Kim's stay in Beijing, his fourth since March 2018.—AFP

## China envoy accuses Canada of 'double standards' over Huawei arrest

**BEIJING:** China's ambassador to Ottawa has accused Canada of "double standards" and disregarding his country's judicial sovereignty, in a diplomatic row sparked by the arrest of Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou at the request of the United States.

Beijing denounced Canada's arrest of Meng Wanzhou, the chief financial officer of Huawei Technologies Co [HWT.U.] on Dec. 1 on a U.S. extradition warrant, and threatened reprisals unless the case against Meng was dropped.

Days after the arrest, China detained two Canadian citizens - businessman Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig, a former diplomat and an adviser with the International Crisis Group - whom it is investigating for endangering its national security.—AFP

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### COURT NOTICE

In the court of Muhammad Muneeb Saqib Civil Judge Kharian  
Suit For Possession With Partition  
Muhammad Razzaq V/S Muhammad Boota ETC Notice to Abdul Kareem S/O Ibraheem Muhammad Asif Tabassam Akhtar Abbas Sons Khalida Khanam D/O Muhammad Shareef Naveed Ul Hassan S/O Muhammad Sadiq Cast Hajam Nazeer Begum Widow Liaqat Ali Fazal Kareem Razzaq Suleman Sons Kousar Shabnam D/O Bahadur Khan Muhammad Boota Muneer Ahmad Muhammad Rafeeq Muhammad Asjad Nazam Hussain S/O Bahadur Khan Intiaz Ahmad S/O Sardar Khan Cast Gujjar Chohan Residents Chohan Nikka Tehsil Kharian Muhammad Aslam Sarwar Sons Basheer Begum D/O Dsondi Muhammad Rafeeq Husband Raza Tabassam Sons Sumaira D/O Suraiya Begum Shabeer Ahmad S/O Muhammad Hayat Cast Hajam Residents Karian Wala Tehsil Kharian District Gujrat you are directed to appear in above titled suit dated 15-01-2019 otherwise ex parte proceeding will be initiated against you.

Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department District Health Authority Kasur

### TENDER NOTICE FRAMEWORK CONTRACT DRUGS MEDICINES NON DRUGS AND MEDICAL DEVICES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-1

1. District Health Authority Kasur, invites sealed bids/tenders (Technical & Financial) from Manufacturers/Sole Agents of foreign manufacturers conclude the Framework Contract for the supply of Medicines/Drugs, Non-Drugs and Medical Devices Oil In (' delivery at consignee's end basis.

2. Bidders can download the Bidding Documents containing tender's items, per 1 reasons, quantity, terms & conditions from the website ( www.ppra.punjab.gov.Rk ) .I., ( ) mt i l the closing date for the submission of bids. The bidding documents can be collected from the office of the Chief Executive Officer, District Health Authority Kasur on paying fee of PKR 1000/-.

3. Bidding shall be conducted through Single Stage - Two Envelopes bidding procedure of Punjab Procurement Rules, 2014(Amended). The envelopes shall be marked "IS "FINANCIAL PROPOSAL" and TECHNICAL PROPOSAL" in bold and legible letters. Both ( envelopes in turn packed in an outer envelope.

4. Sealed bids are required to be submitted by the Bidders on 2-01-2019 till 11 :30 Hours positively in the Committee Room of The Deputy Commissioner's Office Kuxur. The bids received till stipulated date & time shall be opened on the same day at 12:00 Hours in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend. Late bids shall not be entertained.

5. All bids should be submitted in Tape Binding. All documents should contain proper page marking, attached in sequence as indicated for evaluation in the Bidding II merits and signatures of authorized person. Moreover, signing and stamping of each page of bidding documents/form is mandatory.

6. In case the date of opening or last date of submission is declared as a public holiday by the government or non-working day due to any reason, the next official working day shall be deemed to be the date of submission and opening of tenders accordingly. The time and venue shall remain the same.

7. The firm is required to submit 2% of Estimated Cost as Bid Security alongwith the bid. Estimated Cost is mentioned in the bidding document against each item.

**Note: The Procurement/Bidding Process shall be governed by the Punjab Procurement Rules, 2014(Amended). The firm is requested to read the Bidding Document Carefully.**

Dr Javaid Ahmad Goraya  
Chief Executive Officer  
District Health Authority Kasur  
Government of the Punjab  
Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department

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In the court of Muhammad Nadeem Shoukat Learned Additional District Judge/Gas Utility Court Sheikhpura  
Subject: Sui Northern Gas Pipe Lines Vs Syed Muhammad Aslam Nisar  
Suit for recovery of Rs. 49,500/-  
Add Syed Muhammad Aslam Nisar Gelani S/o Moulana Fazal Muhammad R/o Street Janjua Masjid Ghosia, Islampura District Sheikhpura.  
In this case the implementation is not being done properly, therefore this an is being issued for you, if you would not appear on 15-01-2019 at 9:00 am then the action would be taken on sided against you and after that no excuse or objection would be accepted.

### COURT NOTICE

In the court of Muhammad Nadeem Shoukat Learned Additional District Judge/Gas Utility Court Sheikhpura  
Subject: Sui Northern Gas Pipe Lines Vs Muhammad Irshad  
Suit for recovery of Rs 43,530  
Add Muhammad Irshad S/o Nizam Din R/o Nokhar Qadeem Near Faisal Karyana Store Farooqabad District Sheikhpura.  
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