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Ferraz gets over 10 yrs in jail

Argentine ex-prez Kirchner to be tried in Iranian cover-up case

Buenos Aires, March 6. (Agencies): Argentina's former president **Cristina Kirchner** and other senior members of her government have been referred for public trial over an alleged cover-up of Iranian involvement in a 1994 bombing of a Jewish charity in Buenos Aires, the judiciary announced on Monday.



Kirchner

Judge Claudio Bonadio has closed the investigative phase of the case, referring it to a higher level court for a public trial, the judiciary said. A start date has yet to be set.

The bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Aid organization killed 85 people, the deadliest attack of its kind on Argentine soil.

Kirchner and her former foreign minister Hector Timerman and others in her 2007-2015 administration are accused of abuse of power and obstruction for signing a memorandum of understanding with Iran in 2012 that would have established a "truth commission" to investigate the bombing.

**Ferraz 'guilty', jailed:** Decal do Brasil co-founder Mariano Marcondes Ferraz was found guilty on corruption charges and sentenced to over 10 years in prison on Monday for bribing a former executive at state-run oil company Petroleo Brasileiro to win contracts for Ferraz's own firm.

Judge Sergio Moro found Ferraz guilty of paying \$868,450 to Petrobras' ex-director of refining and supply, Paulo Roberto Costa, to renew at inflated prices contracts Decal do Brasil had with Petrobras to provide tanking and docking services at the Port of Suape in northeastern Brazil.

Moro ruled that Ferraz could remain free on appeal.

**US embassy cuts slammed:** A senior Cuban official on Monday condemned

Washington's decision to make the withdrawal of 60 percent of the US Embassy staff permanent in response to mysterious ailments affecting American diplomats.

Carlos Fernandez de Cossio, the new director of US issues at the foreign ministry, said the decision was motivated by politics and had nothing to do with the safety of diplomats.

He told reporters that the cuts would hurt consular services and make travel more difficult for ordinary citizens. He said it might also erode long-standing cooperation on migration.

**New constitution — Bachelet:** Chile's outgoing President Michelle Bachelet said on Monday that she would send Congress legislation to replace the country's dictator-era constitution with one to guarantee equal pay for men and women and the right to strike for workers.

While Bachelet will not likely be able to push the proposal through Congress before her term ends on Sunday, it could force incoming president Sebastian Pinera to reckon with a longstanding aspiration of the leftist and centrist lawmakers with whom he will have to govern.

Pinera, a conservative billionaire and former president elected to a new term in December, has said he was open to "perfecting" the constitution if a climate of political unity prevailed.

**Drug lord killed in hospital:** Four gunmen burst into a hospital in the Mexican resort of Cancun and shot to death a drug gang suspect and his wife, officials in the Caribbean coast state of Quintana Roo said Monday.

The suspected drug trafficker was Alfonso Contreras Espinoza, alias "El Poncho," according to a state official who was not authorized to be quoted by name.

Contreras Espinoza was arrested in July on weapons charges, but had been allowed out of a local prison under guard for treatment at a hospital for leg problems.

He was believed to head the Cancun operations of the Gulf drug cartel.



Wellington Salas of Peru, poses holding an Argentine ID banner reading in Spanish 'Migrate is not a crime' during a protest in front of the Argentine Congress in Buenos Aires on March 5, against the official bill that seeks to regulate free access to health and education services for foreigners based on reciprocity criteria. (AFP)

Africa

**Ethiopia chooses PM:** Ethiopia's governing coalition is facing an unprecedented tussle behind closed doors as it seeks a new prime minister after Hailemariam Desalegn's shock resignation from the helm of Africa's fastest growing economy.

With opposition parties enfeebled, the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) coalition wields absolute power, but Hailemariam's departure last month revealed yawning divisions within the party after more than two years of anti-government protests.

A date for the meeting to replace Hailemariam has not yet been announced, but the stage is set for the most contentious battle to elect a leader in the party's 27-year rule.

"We are in very uncharted territory, if you wish, and anything can happen," a political analyst at a Western embassy in the capital Addis Ababa told AFP. (AFP)

**'S. Sudan oil money funds war':** South Sudan's state-owned oil company has been "captured by predatory elites" and is being used to fund the country's civil war, including a government-aligned militia accused of human rights abuses, according to two investigative organizations.

Millions of dollars in oil revenue are being funneled from Nile Petroleum into the nation's national security service, footing the bill for the war, now in its fifth year, says Global Witness, in a report released Tuesday.

More than \$80 million was paid to South Sudanese politicians, military officials, government agencies, and companies owned by politicians and

members of their families, according to The Sentry, an investigative group co-founded by George Clooney. The oil company made security-related payments from March 2014 until June 2015, according to The Sentry, which obtained a log of payments kept by the Ministry of Petroleum and Mining. (AP)

**Donors confab for Somalia starts:** Co-hosted by British Department for International Development (DFID), the Federal Republic of Somalia and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), a global donors conference kicked off Tuesday in London.

British International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt was due to tell an audience that while swift action last year saved thousands of lives and held-off famine in Somalia, "the job is not yet done".

Mordaunt was to praise the efforts of the international community in 2017, but call for continued global support for the 5.4 million people in need living in Somalia. Six years ago Somalia was ravaged by a deadly famine which killed 260,000



Desalegn



Mordaunt

people — half of those who died were children. (KUNA)

**16 dead in Nigeria violence:** At least 16 people, mostly women and children, were killed in clashes between youths and cattle herders in central Nigeria, police said Tuesday.

Monday's violence in the village of Omutu, in the Okpokwu area of Benue state, is the latest flare-up linked to tensions over land and grazing rights in the restive region.

State police spokesman Moses Yamu said in a statement that a meeting had been called to calm anger after a herdsman was killed on Monday and another went missing. "Unfortunately as the search and peace meeting were going on some herdsman surreptitiously went on (a) rampage, resulting in the mauling to death of 15 persons, mainly women and children," he said. (AFP)

**Suicide bomber kills 3 in Nigeria:** A suicide bomber on a bicycle killed three people late on Monday when he detonated his explosives on the outskirts of the northeast Nigerian city of Maiduguri, civilian militia told AFP.

Eighteen people were also injured in the attack, which happened in the Muna Dalti area of the city, said Musa Ari, a civilian militia member helping with security against Boko Haram.

"The bomber attacked at about 8:20 pm (1920 GMT) in the midst of a group of residents hanging out, killing three and wounding 18," he added.

"There is no doubt this is the work of Boko Haram terrorists," (AFP)

Another militia leader, Ibrahim Liman, gave the same toll and said the bomber detonated the explosives as he passed the group. (AFP)

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