



The statue of Hubert Lyautey, who served in Morocco, Algeria, Madagascar and Indochina when they were under French control, is offered with red painting, June 22. Two statues related to France's colonial era were covered in graffiti Monday amid a global movement to take down monuments to figures tied to slavery or colonialism. (AP)

News in Brief

SEOUL: South Korea on Monday urged North Korea to scrap a plan to launch propaganda leaflets across the border, after the North said it's ready to float 12 million leaflets in what would be the largest such psychological campaign against its southern rival.

Animosities on the Korean Peninsula rose sharply last week, after North Korea destroyed an inter-Korean liaison office on its territory in anger over South Korean civilian leafletting against it. North Korea said it will fly propaganda leaflets and take other steps to nullify 2018 deals to ease tensions at the border.

Yoh Sangkey, a spokesman at Seoul's Unification Ministry, told reporters that North Korea must suspend its plan to send anti-Seoul leaflets that "are not helpful to South-North (Korea) relations at all."

Earlier Monday, North Korea said it had manufactured 12 million propaganda leaflets to be floated toward South Korea aboard 3,000 balloons and other unspecified delivery equipment. (AP)

NEW YORK: The American Museum of Natural History will remove a prominent statue of **Theodore Roosevelt** from its entrance after years of objections that it symbolizes colonial expansion and racial discrimination, Mayor **Bill de Blasio** said Sunday.

The bronze statue that has stood at the museum's Central Park West entrance since 1940 depicts Roosevelt on horseback with a Native American man and an African man standing next to the horse.

"The American Museum of Natural History has asked to remove the Theodore Roosevelt statue because it explicitly depicts Black and Indigenous people as subjugated and racially inferior," de Blasio said in a written statement. "The City supports the Museum's request. It is the right decision and the right time to remove this problematic statue."

Taking to Twitter, President **Donald Trump** objected to the statue's removal. (AP)

KILLEEN, Texas: Skeletal remains found in Texas have been identified as those of a soldier from **Oklahoma**, who was missing from **Fort Hood**, the US Army's Criminal Investigation Command in **Quantico, Virginia**, said Sunday.

The body of Pvt. **Gregory Scott Morales**, 24, of **Sapulpa, Oklahoma**, was found Friday in a field in **Killeen, Texas**, after officials at nearby **Fort Hood** received a tip, according to Killeen police.

Foul play is suspected while an autopsy is to determine the cause and manner of death, according to a release from Army CID public affairs chief **Chris Grey**.

There is no indication Morales' death is connected to the disappearance in April of Pfc. **Vanessa Guillen** from **Fort Hood**, who remains missing, according to the Army. (AP)

MINNEAPOLIS: Eight minority corrections officers who work at the jail holding a former **Minneapolis** police officer charged with murder in the death of **George Floyd** allege that they were barred from guarding or having contact with the officer because of their race.

Floyd died on May 25 after **Derek Chauvin**, who is white, used his knee to pin down the handcuffed Black man's neck even after Floyd stopped moving and pleading for air. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter. He is being held at the Ramsey County Jail on \$1 million bond.

Eight **Ramsey County** corrections officers filed racial discrimination



In this June 19, 2020 file photo, the support center for the Kaesong Industrial Complex stands alone damaged by the impact of the demolition of the nearby inter-Korean liaison office building, in Kaesong, North Korea, are pictured from the border area between two Koreas in Paju, South Korea. South Korea on June 22, urged North Korea to scrap a plan to launch propaganda leaflets across the border, after the North said it's ready to float more than 10 million leaflets in what would be the largest such physiological campaign against its southern rival. Animosities on the Korean Peninsula rose sharply last week, after North Korea destroyed an inter-Korean liaison office on its territory in anger over South Korean civilian leafletting against it. North Korea said it will fly propaganda leaflets and take other steps to nullify 2018 deals to ease tensions at the border. (AP)

charges with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights on Friday alleging that when Chauvin was booked into the jail, all officers of color were ordered to a separate floor, according to the Star Tribune, which obtained a copy of charges. The charges allege that a supervisor told one of the officers that because of their race, they would be a potential "liability" around Chauvin. (AP)

FRANKFURT, Germany: Police in the German city of **Stuttgart** said Sunday that 24 people were arrested and 19 police officers injured after a check for drugs sparked attacks on officers and police vehicles followed by widespread vandalism of storefronts in the city center. Police said several hundred people were involved.

The disturbance started after officers stopped a 17-year-old on suspicion of drug possession as several hundred people partied outside around 11:30 pm Saturday, police said. Bystanders started throwing stones and bottles, and smaller groups ran through surrounding streets breaking shop windows, according to police.

Police said 40 businesses were vandalized and nine of them had been looted, while 12 police vehicles were damaged before officers brought the situation under control around 4:00 am.

Only one of the injured officers was seriously hurt enough to be considered unable to work, police said.

Police officials said at a news conference that the violence had no apparent political motivation. They said the teen suspect initially stopped was a white German citizen. Of the two dozen people arrested, half held German passports and half were citizens of other countries. (AP)

Protesters daub French colonial-era statues in red paint

Two Paris statues related to France's colonial era were daubed with red paint Monday amid a global movement to take down monuments to figures tied to slavery or colonialism.

One statue was of Hubert Lyautey, near the gold-domed Invalides monument that houses Napoleon's tomb. Lyautey served in Morocco, Algeria, Madagascar and Indochina when they were under French control, and later was France's minister of war during World War I.

The other figure drenched in red shows Voltaire, a leading thinker and writer of the French Enlightenment, who owed part of his fortune to colonial-era trade.

The action came amid growing demands by anti-racism activists in several countries to take down monuments that honor prominent historical figures who played a role in the slave trade or colonialism, in the wake of global protests sparked by the May 25 death in the US of George Floyd. (AP)

Copyright infringement

Bolton's book leaked online

NEW YORK, June 22, (AP): John Bolton's memoir officially comes out Tuesday after surviving a security review and a legal challenge from the Justice Department. But over the weekend, it was available in ways even his publisher is hoping to prevent.

A PDF of "The Room Where It Happened" has turned up on the internet, offering a free, pirated edition of the former national security adviser's scathing takedown of President Donald Trump, who has alleged that the book contains classified material that never should have been released.

"We are working assiduously to take down these clearly illegal instances of copyright infringement," Simon & Schuster spokesperson Adam Rothberg said Sunday.

Piracy has long been a top concern among publishers, especially in the digital age, although the actual impact on sales is undetermined. "The Room Where It Happened" has been No. 1 for days on the Amazon.com bestseller list. The Associated Press was among several news outlets that obtained early copies of the book and reported on its contents.

On Saturday, a federal judge ruled that Simon & Schuster could publish the book despite the Trump administration's contention that it compromised national security. "The Room Where It Happened" was originally scheduled for March, but was delayed twice as the White House reviewed the manuscript.

Bolton's legal team has said that he spent months addressing White House concerns about classified information and that Bolton had been assured in late April by the official he was working with that the manuscript no longer contained any such material.

Park stabbing in UK termed terror attack

American among victims

READING, England, June 22, (AP): A stabbing rampage that killed three people as they sat in a British park on a summer evening is being considered a terrorist attack, police said Sunday. A 25-year-old man who is believed to be the lone attacker was in custody, but officials said the motive for the carnage was unclear.

Authorities said they were not looking for any other suspects and they did not raise Britain's official terrorism threat level from "substantial."

Three people were killed and three others seriously wounded in the stabbing attack that came out of the blue Saturday in Forbury Gardens park in Reading, a town of 200,000 people 40 miles (64 kms) west of London.

"Motivation for this horrific act is far from certain," said Neil Basu, Britain's top counterterrorism police officer, as police forensic officers combed the park for evidence.

Chief Constable John Campbell of Thames Valley Police said officers were called to reports of stabbings just before 7:00 pm and arrived to find a "horrific" scene. He said a suspect was apprehended within five minutes.

Basu said "incredibly brave" unarmed officers detained a 25-year-old local man at the scene. Police said they did not believe there was any further danger to the public.

Police have not identified the suspect, but Britain's national news agency, Press Association, and other media outlets named him as Khairi Saadallah, a Libyan asylum-seeker living in Reading.

A Reading man of that name who is the same age as the suspect was sentenced to two months in prison last year for assaulting an emergency worker. The same man was also charged last year with assaulting a judge who had sentenced him.

The BBC reported that Saadallah was investigated by British security services last year over concerns he planned to travel abroad to join a jihadi group, but that he was not determined to be a major threat.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who met security officials, police and senior ministers on Sunday for an update on the investigation, said he was "appalled and sickened" by the attack.

"If there are lessons that we need to learn" or legal changes needed to prevent such attacks, "then we will learn those lessons and we will not hesitate to take action where necessary," Johnson said.

Police officers patrolled cordons on the roads leading to the

park on Sunday, and blue-and-white tents were erected near the attack site. Overnight, heavily armed officers entered an apartment about a mile away, and a loud bang was heard.

Notes and bunches of flowers had been left Sunday by the police tape in tribute to the victims. One of the people killed was identified as James Furlong, a teacher in the nearby English town of Wokingham.

"There are no words that anyone can say to express how horrible and senseless this was," one said. "Our prayers are with all the victims and their families and friends. #Reading-standsuntied."

The attack came hours after a Black Lives Matter demonstration at Forbury Gardens, but police said there was no connection between the two events.

Personal trainer Lawrence Wort said the park was full of groups sitting on the grass Saturday evening when "one lone person walked through, suddenly shouted some unintelligible words and went around a large group of around 10, trying to stab them."

"He stabbed three of them severely in the neck and under the arms, and then turned and started running towards me, and we turned and started running," Wort said.

Britain has been hit by several terror attacks in recent years, both by people inspired by the Islamic State group and by far-right extremists. Islamist-inspired attacks include a suicide bombing at an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester that killed 22 people in 2017 and two deadly vehicle and knife attacks in London the same year.

In several cases, attackers have been known to police. In November, a man who had been released after serving a prison sentence for a terrorism offense stabbed two people to death at a justice conference in London.

In February, a man recently released from prison after serving time for terrorism-related offenses strapped on a fake bomb and stabbed two people on a busy London street before being shot to death by police. No one else was killed.

Britain's official terrorism threat level stands at "substantial," the middle level on a five-rung scale, meaning an attack is likely.

An American man was among the three victims stabbed to death in a park in the English town of Reading that is being treated as a terror attack, the US ambassador to Britain confirmed Monday.



Smoke rises from the 18th Wing Hazardous Materials Pharmacy building at Kadena Air Base during a fire on Okinawa island, Japan, Monday morning, June 22. Cause of fire is unknown, no injuries are reported. (AP)

Fire at US Okinawa base hazardous material facility

TOKYO, June 22, (AP): A fire was burning Monday in a storage building for hazardous materials at a major US air base on Japan's southern island of Okinawa, the US military said.

The blaze began Monday morning at the building in the central part of Kadena Air Base and was still burning a few hours later, but it was contained within the base's perimeter, according to a US Air Force statement.

Footage on Japanese television showed thick gray plumes of smoke billowing from the building, called the 18th wing

Hazardous Materials Pharmacy. The area was closed off and personnel in the area have been evacuated as firefighters get the fire under control, the statement said. It said no injuries have been reported.

The cause of the fire is unknown, the statement said. Kadena is the largest US air base in the Far East.

More than half of about 50,000 US troops in Japan are stationed on Okinawa under a bilateral security pact. Many residents on Okinawa have long complained about environmental hazard, noise and crime related to the base.