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Newsline

44 killed as Syrian jets pound rebel-held town

SYRIAN fighter jets blasted the rebel-held town of Maaret al Numan on Thursday, killing at least 44 people, rescuers said, adding urgency to truce calls by peace envoy Lakhdar Brahimi. Rescuers said the air force's bombs destroyed two residential buildings and a mosque, where many women and children were taking refuge, in the strategic north-western town, which was captured by rebel fighters on October 9 in their push to create a buffer zone along the Turkish border. (PG 2)

Newsweek to go digital, cease print edition after 80 years

NEWSWEEK will end its print publication after 80 years and shift to an all-digital format in early 2013. Its last US print edition will be its December 31 issue. The paper version of Newsweek is the latest casualty of a changing world where readers get more of their information from websites, tablets and smartphones. (PG 8)

Apple loses tablet copyright battle against Samsung

APPLE has lost its appeal against a ruling that cleared rival Samsung of copying its registered designs for tablet computers, in a decision which could end the two firms' legal dispute on the subject across Europe. Britain's Court of Appeal on Thursday upheld the country's High Court judgment that, despite some similarities, Samsung's Galaxy tablet did not infringe Apple's designs, in part because its products were "not as cool". (PG 25)

Pakistan is safe for cricket tours, says Jayasuriya

FORMER Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya believes Pakistan is safe enough to host international cricket again. Jayasuriya arrived in the southern port city of Karachi on Thursday to lead an International World XI in two exhibition Twenty20 matches against the Pakistan All Stars this weekend. Teammates from South Africa and West Indies, including Andre Nel, Nantie Hayward and Ricardo Powell, also landed. (PG 23)

LADY SPIKERS IN ACTION



Players from Azerbaijan's Rabita Baku celebrate a point against Turkey's Fenerbahce during the women's semi-final match in the FIVB Volleyball Club World Championships, in Doha, on Thursday. (REUTERS) (See also page 24)

Drowning deaths among children rising in Qatar

70% cases preventable, says expert

LANI ROSE R DIZON
DOHA

AS MANY as 25 children, all aged below 10 years, were admitted to the Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) last year due to drowning accidents where a majority of the cases proved fatal, an HMC official said on Thursday.

Speaking to the media at the launch of Kulluna's first public safety awareness drive at the City Center on Thursday, HMC's Hamad International Training Center Director Dr Khalid Abdulnoor Saifelddeen, said that the number of child deaths from drowning is increasing every year in Qatar.

"The number of drowning cases we received last year was double of what we received the previous year which is extremely alarming. About 90 percent of drowning accidents in Qatar involve children. And about 80 percent of children drown without appropriate adult supervision. Drowning would also not happen in 70 percent of the cases if safety precautions such as proper fences around swimming pools



Dr Khalid Abdulnoor Saifelddeen (third right) with Dr Khalid al Saadi (left) and other officials at the launch of Kulluna's public awareness campaign on water safety, in Doha, on Thursday. (JALAL PATHIYOOR)

were followed. Kids need to have fun and it's natural to be attracted to water, but it can be dangerous if not managed properly".

According to Dr Khalid al Saadi, senior consultant at the HMC's Paediatric Emergency, most of the drowning cases among children in Qatar occur at home or in compound swimming pools.

Drowning doesn't happen in swimming pools only. "Last year, there were two cases of children aged below two years who drowned in just small packets of water at home. Another

infant, whose parents forgot to close the bathroom door, jumped into the water and drowned," he said.

"We also have cases of drowning among children who fall down in construction areas while playing on the street. Many people treat safety very carelessly and don't anticipate that such accidents could happen in split seconds. We should raise safety bars even more, especially when dealing with children", he added.

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Mayassa 11th most powerful person in the world of art

RAJESH MISHRA
DOHA

IN WHAT appears to be a major achievement for the Chairperson of Qatar Museums of Authority and Doha Film Institute Her Excellency Sheikha Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani, she has been declared the 11th most powerful woman in the world of art.

According to a report, she has jumped from last year's 90th position to 11th position in *ArtReview* magazine's 'Power 100' list, largely due to Qatar's spending spree on some of the world's most expensive works of art.

According to an estimate of *The Economist*, Qatar has spent at least \$1 billion on Western art over the last seven years, including a version of Paul Cezanne's "The Card Players" for over \$250 million, believed to be a record for a work of art.

HE Mayassa is also the Chairperson of the spectacular Museum of Islamic Art (MIA), which is known as one of the greatest museums of the world. MIA hosts art exhibitions from across the world throughout the year to familiarise Qatar's youth to different artforms from across the world, especially the Islamic art and also organises interactive workshops.

During MIA opening ceremony in 2008, HE Mayassa said, "The opening of the MIA is a source of immense pride for Qatar. In future, the new museum will evolve into a place of learning and a platform for dialogue. It will bring together people of all ages, the local community and visitors from across the world for enjoyment, stimulation, and greater understanding of our cultures through appreciation of art."

She also brought the Tribeca Film Festival to Qatar, in a first for the region. The festival was founded by megastar Robert De Niro. The Qatar

event, titled Doha Tribeca Film Festival, is held in Doha every year since 2009. This year, it is scheduled to be held next month and a galaxy of stars from across the world, including Hollywood would be present.

DTTF facilitated the establishment of Doha Film Institute, which is producing documentaries and short films of critical acclaim every year.

Reuters adds: A US-born Italian-Bulgarian curator little known outside the art world has topped the list, the first female to do so in the 11-year history of *ArtReview*'s 'Power 100'. Previously topped by familiar names like artists Damien Hirst and Ai Weiwei and gallery supremo Larry

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Gagosian, the 2012 title went to Carolyn Christov-Bakargiev best known for curating the marathon Documenta 13 art fair held at Kassel in Germany.

An art historian who wrote for newspapers before taking up curating in Italy, Christov-Bakargiev has been widely praised for staging a critically acclaimed edition of Documenta, held every five years and lasting for around 100 days.

Some 860,000 people visited the Kassel show, spread across the city's parks, galleries, cinemas and train station in what Christov-Bakargiev likened to "an exploded museum".

Another 27,000 attended a satellite event in Kabul in a bold extension of a fair founded in 1955 by an artist who was banned by the Nazis and whose aim was to revive culture.

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Fed bomb suspect considered Obama a potential target

AP
NEW YORK

A BANGLADESHI man snared in an FBI terror sting considered targeting President Barack Obama before settling on a car bomb attack on The Federal Reserve in New York City, a law enforcement official said on Thursday.

The official, who was not authorised to speak publicly about the investigation said on

condition of anonymity that the suspect never got beyond the discussion stage.

In a September meeting with an undercover agent posing as a fellow jihadist, Quazi Mohammad Rezwanul Ahsan Nafis explained he chose the Federal Reserve as his car bomb target "for operational reasons," according to a criminal complaint. Nafis also indicated he knew that choice would "cause a large number

of civilian casualties, including women and children," the complaint said. He had also considered the New York Stock Exchange as a target.

The bomb was phony, but authorities alleged that Nafis' admiration of Osama bin Laden and aspirations for martyrdom were not.

FBI agents grabbed the 21-year-old Nafis, armed with a cellphone he believed was rigged as a detonator, after

he made several attempts to blow up a fake 1,000-pound bomb inside a vehicle parked next to the Federal Reserve on Wednesday in lower Manhattan, the complaint said.

Nafis is a banker's son from a middle class neighbourhood, and family members said on Thursday that they were stunned by his arrest.

"My son can't do it," his father, Quazi Ahsanullah, said

as he wept in his home in the Jatrabari neighbourhood in north Dhaka, Bangladesh.

"He is very gentle and devoted to his studies," he said, pointing to Nafis' time at the private North South University in Dhaka.

However, Belal Ahmed, a spokesman for the university, said Nafis was a terrible student who was put on probation and threatened with expulsion if he didn't bring his grades up.

Nafis eventually just stopped coming to school, Ahmed said.

Ahsanullah said his son convinced him to send him to America to study, arguing that with a US degree he had a better chance at success in Bangladesh.

"I spent all my savings to send him to America," he said.

He called on the government to "get my son back home."

The bank in New York,

located at 33 Liberty Street, is one of 12 branches around the country that, along with the Board of Governors in Washington, make up the Federal Reserve System that serves as the central bank of the United States. It sets interest rates.

Dozens of governments and central banks store a portion of their gold reserves in high-security vaults deep beneath the building.