

Prince William Says Diana's Death Was 'Pain Like No Other'

LONDON — Prince William has spoken candidly about the death of his mother, Princess Diana, describing his bereavement as a "pain like no other pain."

Speaking in a BBC documentary on mental health, William also says that his time working as an air ambulance pilot gave him the impression that death was just "around the door," and the thoughts had become a problem until he spoke with someone.

The comments were part of a discussion about personal struggles that William shared with soccer stars Peter Crouch, Thierry Henry, Danny Rose, Jermaine Jenas and England's manager Gareth Southgate.

Prince William and his brother, Prince Harry, have championed the cause of addressing mental health issues, hoping their frank admissions on their own struggles will encourage others in need to seek help. (AP)

(1) Election Planning...

"Election planning must go forward as we pursue the peace Afghans deserve," he said.

Eighteen presidential candidates are running in the upcoming elections scheduled for September 28.

Khalilzad wrapped up his sixth round of talks with the Taliban in Doha last month where he made "steady but slow" progress on key issues under debate. (Tolo news)

(2) Afghanistan To...

and will be part of the team in Sunday match.

Last week, Afghanistan played an ODI against Scotland and won the match by two runs. (Tolo news)

(3) Gold Prices up...

sold a 50-kg sack of Kazakhstani flour for 1,480af, a 49-kg bag of sugar for 2,000af, 24-kg of Pakistani rice 2,500af, a 16-litre tin of ghee for 1,150af, one-kg of Indonesian green tea for 300af and the same amount of black African tea for 350af — higher than wholesale rates.

Fuel rates also remain unchanged. Abdul Hadi, a worker at Wazirabad Fuel Station in Kabul, said that a liter of petrol cost 52af and the same quantity of diesel 49af, no changes have recorded in fuel rates.

Ahmad Javid, a liquefied gas seller in Taimani area, said the price of one kilogram of the commodity was 70af. Haji Mir Hussian Sadaqat, a money-changer at the Money Exchange Service in Sara-i-Shahzada, said one US dollar was accounted for 79.10af and 1,000 Pakistani rupees for 536af against last week's 79.10af and 544af. (Pajhwok)

(4) 'Multi-Dimensional...

At the international level, FinTRACA has signed 18 Memorandums of Understanding, including with the five Central Asian states and the Russian Federation.

"We share long borders with three Central Asian states, namely Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, therefore, the security, stability and prosperity of our countries and the region are deeply inter-connected with each other."

"To this end, we need to further increase information sharing, enhance border security and management, develop our legal regimes and exchange the best experiences on countering financing of terrorism," he said. (Pajhwok)

(5) 11 Afghan Pilots...

by advisors from various Resolute Support member states.

They comprise currently of a mix of US Army, US Air Force, Australian Army and Swedish Air Force. Those same coalition advisors fly with and instruct the Afghan Air Force crews on mission tactics after they graduate from training.

The NATO-led Resolute Support mission remains committed to build-up a powerful Afghan Air force, the report says. "Thus we protect our homelands. Afghanistan must never again become a safe haven for terrorists," reads the report. (Tolo news)

(6) Five Children...

Civilians have repeatedly been caught up in the clashes, with UN statistics showing more than 32,000 killed and 60,000 injured in the past 10 years. (Aljazeera)

(7) Taliban Commander...

in West of Afghanistan but the anti-government armed militants including Taliban are active in some of

the remote districts of the province where they often attempt to carry out terrorist related activities against the government and security institutions. (KP)

(8) US Forces Confirm...

They were examining the miscommunication to ensure it was not repeated, he added.

He expressed concern and regret about the incident and losses of security forces and said they would improve communications and coordination with the Afghan forces in the future. (Pajhwok)

(9) 110 Schools...

closed in the province. The figures further show that up to 60 percent of girls leave schools before graduating from high school due to security issues, families' traditions and a dominant tradition against girls in society.

Figures out by Ministry of Education in September show that 3.7 million children are deprived of education in the country.

According to figures by UNESCO in September, Afghanistan has one of the lowest literacy rates in the world, currently estimated at about 31 percent of the adult population (over 15 years of age).

Female literacy levels are on average 17 percent, with high variation, indicating a strong geographical and gender divide, the UNESCO indicate.

The figures show that the highest female literacy rate, for instance, is 34.7 percent, found in the capital, Kabul, while rates as low as 1.6 percent was found in two southern provinces of the country. Male literacy rates average about 45 percent, again with high variation. The highest male literacy rates are in Kabul, at 68 percent, while the lowest is found in Helmand, at 41 percent. (Tolo news)

(10) 'Making an Example...

journalists refused to answer questions about their sources and work, invoking their right to remain silent and instead proffering a statement in support of public interest journalism. While France does have a law protecting the freedom of the press, it does not apply to "national defense secrets," and there are no exceptions — not even for the public interest. (RT)

(11) Venezuela's Socialist...

Libya following the downfall of Muammar Gaddafi or in Lebanon in the 1970s.

But unlike those countries, Venezuela hasn't been engaged in an armed conflict that led to the downfall. The desolation is entirely the fault of the poor governance, corruption and ill-advised policies of President Nicolás Maduro and his predecessor, Hugo Chávez, the economists said, according to the Times.

The economic devastation led to a number of social problems, with armed gangs taking control of the towns as ordinary Venezuelans began to witness empty supermarkets, with their once-valuable money losing the entirety of its value in a day's time.

Some Venezuelans reportedly began scavenging through garbage to find leftovers, while retailers drove worthless piles of cash to deposit in banks.

Amid the human misery, with shortages in medication and sanitation products, a political turmoil is also underway, with the country's opposition leader Juan Guaidó declaring himself the interim leader of the country in an effort to oust Maduro

and end his authoritarian regime. Guaidó's legitimacy has been supported by virtually all Western countries. The challenge to the regime prompted brutal clashes between the people and the government forces. (Fox News)

SEOUL - North Korea has asked United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to deal with the "illegal" seizure of one of its cargo ships by the United States, state media said on Saturday.

"This act of dispossession has clearly indicated that the United States is indeed a gangster country that does not care at all about international laws," the North Korean ambassador to the United Nations said in a letter sent to Guterres dated Friday, according to North Korea's KCNA news agency.

Pyongyang's protest to the United Nations over the seizure comes amid mounting tensions since a second summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and U.S. President Donald Trump, aimed at bringing about the denucleariza-

tion of the North, broke down in Hanoi in February.

The letter also called for "urgent measures" by Guterres and claimed that Washington infringed the North's sovereignty and violated U.N. charters.

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During America's eight-year military presence that began with the 2003 invasion of Iraq, U.S. troops and Iranian-backed militiamen fought pitched battles around the country, and scores of U.S. troops were killed or wounded by the militia forces armed with sophisticated Iranian-made weapons. (AP)

(12) Indian Navy Test...

missile defense systems. A follow-up \$93 million deal, signed in January, secured the Indian Navy's access to IAI's technology for medium-range missiles, including interceptors with modern radio frequency seekers and digital radar. (RT)

April, a former diplomat, Candace Marie Claiborne, pleaded guilty to lying to investigators about money she received from Chinese intelligence agents in exchange for US documents.

And in the most significant case, on May 1, former CIA officer Jerry Chun Shing Lee pleaded guilty to spying for China.

Lee, 54, faces a possible life sentence. Arrested in January 2018, he was suspected of having provided Beijing the information it needed to bring down a CIA network of informants in China between 2010 and 2012.

"This case is one in an alarming trend of former US intelligence officers being targeted by China and betraying their country and colleagues," Assistant Attorney General John Demers said of the Mallory case.

"This sentence, together with the recent guilty pleas of Ron Hansen in Utah and Jerry Lee in Virginia, deliver the stern message that our former intelligence officers have no business partnering with the Chinese, or any other adversarial foreign intelligence service." (AFP)

(13) Ex-CIA Agent...

Guards, the deployment of a U.S. aircraft carrier to the region and public warnings of unspecified intelligence that Iran might strike at American interests.

Asked this week if the U.S. was going to war with Iran, Trump said simply: "I hope not."

Aware of the potential backlash from within his party, the president is trying to play down the possibility of hostilities. He held the door open for negotiations over Iran's nuclear program and malign activities in the region amid reports that he was pushing back against his more hawkish advisers' preference for a military solution.

Prominent Trump supporters offered a pointed warning on Friday about the prospect of a new war, which they view as a direct violation of his "America First" pledge.

"It would be a disaster for him and for the country getting into another military engagement in the Middle East," said Corey Stewart, who led Trump's 2016 campaign in Virginia.

"It does concern me that the president has (national security adviser John) Bolton and a lot of these neocons advising him. That's clearly not what he ran on and what most Americans want."

Foreign policy threatens to be a significant political liability for Trump heading into his 2020 reelection campaign. (AP)

(15) Once Again...

spread at the expense of their own nation," Iraqi political analyst Watheq al-Hashimi said. "If the state cannot put these (Iranian-backed militias) under control, Iraq will become an arena for an Iranian-American armed

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(16) Counting Starts...

will have had one of the shortest tenures as prime minister in the 118-year history of the Australian federation. Morrison is the conservatives' third prime minister since they were first elected in 2013. He replaced Malcolm Turnbull in a leadership ballot of government colleagues in August.

Morrison began the day campaigning in the island state of Tasmania in seats he hopes his party will win from the center-left Labor Party opposition. He then flew 900 kilometers (560 miles) home to Sydney to vote and to campaign in Sydney seats.

Opposition leader Bill Shorten had said Saturday morning that he was confident Labor would win, but Morrison would not be drawn on a prediction.

"Tonight the votes will be counted up and we'll see what the outcome is. I make no assumptions about tonight," Morrison said after casting his vote. (AP)

(17) Escalating U.S...

He warned that, if U.S. importers fail to find cheaper alternative providers in the long run, further price impacts may hurt many manufacturing sectors, possibly leading to "an inflation spiral."

As for China, Melendez-Ortiz said the country's exports to the United States would suffer should the imposition of additional tariffs continue.

Meanwhile, the expert, also advisor of the Center for China and Globalization, noted that he observed "a resilience and continuing competitive edge" of China's exports in 2018 amid trade tensions.

As the China-U.S. merchandise trade accounts for about one quarter of the global trade volume, the consequences of their trade row go beyond the two countries, with both parties' trading partners to be affected, said Melendez-Ortiz.

"Domino effects are feared across value chains in multiple jurisdictions," he said.

Particularly, he added, the tensions will have repercussions on "Factory Asia," which, with complex value chains, provides products for the global market, particularly electronic products.

The United States increased the additional tariffs on 200 billion U.S. dollars' worth of Chinese goods from 10 percent to 25 percent on May 10, and has threatened to raise tariffs on more Chinese imports.

In response, China has announced that it will raise additional tariffs on a range of U.S. imports from June 1,

and "will fight to the end."

Considering that besides the tariffs, trade protectionism is also on the rise in such fields as digital and telecommunication technologies, the world is moving from a stage of globalization "into fragmented systems and markets," Melendez-Ortiz said. (Xinhua)

(18) Council of Europe...

The foreign ministers on Friday passed a declaration saying that all Council member countries have the same rights and obligations. They noted that "all member states should be entitled to participate in the Committee of Ministers and in the Parliamentary Assembly".

The sessions in Helsinki took place behind closed doors, but Soini told the media Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov had said in the meeting that Russia wants to remain in the CoE.

CoE Secretary General Thorbjorn Jagland reminded at the press conference that the European Convention and the Council are not about the interests of states, but about the interests of the citizens. (Xinhua)

(19) Chinese, Russian...

In response to Washington's claim to include China to the U.S.-Russia arms control agreement, Zhang reiterated the firm attitude of the Chinese side that the preconditions and basis for trilateral arms control negotiations never exist, and China will by no means participate in such negotiations.

Firmly adhering to the path of peaceful development, China has clearly stated that it will not use nuclear weapons first or against states without such weapons, and that it will not participate in any form of nuclear arms race or deploy nuclear weapons in other countries, Zhang said.

Therefore, the U.S. accusation against China's legitimate defense construction is groundless, Zhang said, calling on Washington not to use other countries as an excuse to evade its international responsibility.

For his part, Ryabkov also noted severe global challenges such as unilateralism and the constant deterioration of the situation around strategic stability. (Xinhua)

(20) Critics of China...

The CPEC with more potential to be tapped will help boost economic development in Pakistan in the future, he said.

"China is assisting Pakistan in building basic infrastructure," Umar said. "To take full advantage of the infrastructure, industrialization and business cooperation in the private sector are needed at the next step."

When the International Monetary Fund (IMF) team visited Pakistan, the Pakistani government shared the required details of the Chinese loan and the IMF team found the Chinese loan "so simple and clear," Umar said.

Umar also cited statistics and facts to refute the much-hyped "debt trap" allegations on the CPEC and BRI, saying that only 10 percent of Pakistan's total public debt is from China, while the remaining are all from other countries and organizations, but no one raises doubt about the remaining 90 percent of the loans or calls it a "debt trap."

"Why is investment from any other part of the world a good thing, but from China, it turns evil?" Umar asked. (Xinhua)