

NETHERLANDS



LOST CARGO

Treasure hunters on the West Frisian Islands were in for a treat when they discovered lots of containers packed with TVs, clothing and furniture. The unusual cargo washed ashore after falling from the MSC Zoe, one of the world's largest container ships. More than 200 of the boxes were lost in German waters near the island of Borkum. Dutch soldiers had to be called in to help clean up the mess, and some of the boxes contained harmful chemicals. An investigation is now underway to find out what caused the massive spill.



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POLAND



FIRE TRAGEDY

Five teenage girls were killed when a fire broke out at an escape room in the Polish city of Koszalin. Firefighters said the room had no emergency evacuation route. The owner has been charged. A further 13 escape rooms have shut in the country, for failing to meet safety guidelines.

GABON



ATTEMPTED TAKEOVER

Soldiers attempted a military coup to steal power from President Ali Bongo last week. Armed forces took over the national radio station, saying they wanted to restore democracy in the country. Hours later, though, the government said: "Calm has returned, the situation is under control." Mr Bongo, who has not been in Gabon for two months, became president in 2009 but his family has ruled for 50 years.

NEW ZEALAND



SCOOTER INJURIES

Hundreds of injuries have been reported since Lime scooters were introduced in New Zealand last October. More than 600 people complained that they had hurt themselves on the two-wheel vehicles, with causes including losing their balance, crashing or twisting the scooter. Lime scooters, which have a top speed of 27km/h, can be hired by the public to get about in cities, similar to the way that bike-sharing schemes work.



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AFGHANISTAN



GOLD MINE COLLAPSE

At least 30 people have been killed and several others injured after a gold mine collapsed in Badakhshan. It's believed that villagers had dug a 60m-deep (200ft) shaft in a river bed to search for the gold, when the incident happened. Illegal mining is very common in the country, as there are lots of resources such as coal, copper and gold.

MALAYSIA



KING STEPS DOWN

Malaysia's king, Sultan Muhammad V, has abdicated. It's the first time a Malaysian monarch has stepped down from the role since the country gained independence from Britain in 1957. No reason has been given for the king's abdication, but he took time out for medical treatment last November. There are also rumours he has married a Russian woman.



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IRAN



MYSTERIOUS SMELL

A mysterious smell has taken over the streets of Tehran. Iranian officials have said that the pong is nothing to worry about, but as First News went to press the source still hadn't been identified. Thousands of people took to social media to talk about the smell, describing it as "sulphur-like" and "fishy." Air pollution is a big problem in the country, but no-one is sure if the smell is linked to pollution.

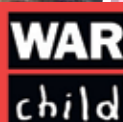
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MY name is Roba and I've been working in the humanitarian sector for 12 years. My passion is based on personal experience.

I'm Palestinian and my parents have been refugees since 1948. My dad grew up in a refugee camp in Gaza and my mom grew up in a refugee camp in South Lebanon. They were always on the move because of conflict, so I was born and raised in a Palestinian refugee camp in Syria until I was eight.

I've been working with War Child for five years and I want to inspire others, including children like you, to do this type of work.



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