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AROUND THE WORLD

PHILIPPINES

Government protests probe of drug war deaths

MANILA – The Philippine government hit back Saturday at United Nations rights experts seeking an international investigation into the unlawful killings during President Rodrigo Duterte's drug war, calling the push "an outrageous interference" on the country's sovereignty.

Presidential spokesman Salvador Panelo accused the 11 special rapporteurs of "peddling a biased and absolutely false recital of facts" and said the Southeast Asian country was an independent democracy with a working judiciary.

Panelo argued that Duterte's war on drugs, which the government says has killed more than 5,000 people suspected of being addicts and dealers during the past three years, was based on the "primary duty of the state" to protect its citizens. Police operate on strict protocols, he said.

Rights groups have placed the number of deaths at 20,000 to 30,000.

On Friday, the special rapporteurs called for an investigation into the killings, noting that there had been a "staggering number" of unsolved and unlawful deaths, along with official attacks on rights defenders in the country. They said the inquiry should begin before the Human Rights Council convenes a new session this month.

ENGLAND

Elizabeth marks birthday; duchess thrills crowds

LONDON – Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 93rd birthday with a parade Saturday, a cause for Meghan, the duchess of Sussex and wife of Prince Harry, to make her first official engagement since the birth last month of their son, Archie.

The queen's birthday falls on April 21, but she traditionally plans birthday festivities for June because of typically warmer weather then. The crowds were in luck: After a rainy morning, the sun popped out.

The queen arrived at the Horse Guards Parade near Buckingham Palace by carriage, where some 1,400 soldiers took part in the spectacle.

The queen's husband, Prince Philip, who turns 98 on Monday, did not attend; he has rarely been seen in public since entering retirement.

The crowds were especially thrilled to see Meghan, who did not participate in the official events that took place for President Donald Trump's three-day state visit to Britain last

week. The former actress is considered a sharp critic of Trump's policies.

SYRIA

Soccer player, icon of rebellion dies after battle

BEIRUT – A Syrian soccer goalkeeper who became an icon of the rebellion against President Bashar Assad has died of wounds suffered in a battle with government forces, rebels said Saturday.

Abdelbaset Sarout, 27, rose to fame as a player for his home city of Homs and won international titles representing his country. When peaceful protests broke out against Assad in 2011, Sarout led rallies and became known as the "singer of the revolution" for his songs and ballads.

After the arc of the Syrian uprising, Sarout later took up arms as the country slid into civil war. He led a unit of fighters against government forces and survived the government siege of Homs. The government declared Sarout a traitor, banning him from soccer and offering a reward for information leading to his arrest.

He remained an icon among Syria's opposition as the rebellion came to be dominated by hard-line Islamist groups. Many activists and rebels came to refer to him as the "guardian of freedom," a play on the Arabic word for goalkeeper.

SPAIN

Permit finally given to church after 137 years

BARCELONA – Property owners have a new yardstick by way of Spain for measuring frustration over building permit requests they suspect get lost in a local government bureaucracy.

Barcelona's City Hall finally has issued a work permit for the unfinished church designed by architect Antoni Gaudi 137 years after construction started on La Sagrada Familia Basilica.

The city said Friday that it granted the current builders a license that is valid through 2026. The builders think that will be enough time to finish raising the landmark Catholic church's central towers.

The basilica's first stone was laid in 1882, but Barcelona officials said there was no record showing that a building permit first requested in 1885 ever was granted or rejected.

Barcelona officials said the city will be paid \$5.2 million in fees under an agreement negotiated with a foundation devoted to completing and preserving La Sagrada Familia.

From wire reports



Associated Press file photo

The first stone for La Sagrada Familia Basilica in Barcelona, Spain, shown in 2010, was laid in 1882.

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Proposals for **RFP 19-008- Flood Control Gates for MacArthur Elementary and Dement Fieldhouse** will be received by the Galena Park Independent School District until Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. At that time proposals will be opened at the GPISD Admin Bldg located at 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Brooke Lakner, Director of Purchasing at 832-386-1008 or on our website: <http://galenaparkisd.com>. The Galena Park ISD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals

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The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO) is planning to issue the procurement documents listed in this advertisement.
IFB No. 4019000109 for Accessibility Improvements at METRO Downtown Transit Center. Solicitation will be available on or about 06/13/2019. Prospective bidders/proposers can view and download these solicitations by visiting METRO's website at: <https://www.ridemetroapp.org/procurement/>. If you are unable to download the documents or having difficulty, please contact METRO Plan and Bid Room at (713) 739-4881.

LEGAL NOTICE
BakerRipley, a non-profit human services organization, announces a Request for Proposal (RFP) #19-10 for **Temporary Staffing for Substitute Teacher Services**. The RFP will be posted on our website at <http://www.bakerripley.org/about/vendors> on June 11, 2019. Interested Vendors can submit a proposal for Temporary Staffing for Substitute Teacher Services to stharalson@bakerripley.org. The deadline for submitting a proposal is **July 11, 2019 by 10:00 am (CST)**. BAKERRIPLEY ENCOURAGES SMALL AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES TO APPLY.

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CSP-1183 ELECTRICAL PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT BCT AND BPT-2019-2021
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EXPANSION OF GATE FACILITIES AT BARBOURS CUT TERMINAL(CSP).
A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT PORT AUTHORITY BARBOURS CUT C6 CONFERENCE ROOM, 1515 EAST BARBOURS CUT BLVD., LA PORTE, TEXAS 77571 ON JUNE 13, 2019 AT 9:00 AM SO THAT THE PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS MAY ASK QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS PROJECT.
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of El Campo, Texas (hereinafter called the "Local Housing Authority") will receive sealed bids for a single construction contract for replacement of composition shingle roofing on fifty-nine (59) dwelling buildings, (100 dwelling units) and install a metal roof at the Office/Community Building at Project 001. Bids are to include demolition, alterations and all work specified and/or shown on the drawings until:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019 AT 2:00 PM
at the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF EL CAMPO
1303 DELTA STREET
EL CAMPO, TEXAS 77437

Immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file and available for inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of El Campo and at the office of Cameron Alread, Architect Inc., 5521 Bellaire Drive South, Suite No. 110, Fort Worth, Texas 76109, (817) 332-6231 and may be on file at plan rooms in various cities of the state.

Copies of contract documents may be obtained upon request to the Architect (cpunte@calread.com), and unless otherwise specified, will be emailed in digital format at no cost. Paper copies may be provided upon request and will be available for a refundable deposit of \$100.00 (check or money order), one set per general contractor. Such deposits will be refunded on return of the plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 30 days after bid opening. Plans and specifications that have been taken apart are not considered in good condition.

A PRE BID CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the El Campo Housing Authority.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
CITY OF EL CAMPO, TEXAS

Vicki Bonilla, Executive Director
(979) -543-6991

June 9, 2019
June 16, 2019

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

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BakerRipley, a non-profit human services organization, announces a Request for Proposal (RFP) #19-08 for **General Contractor Services**. The RFP will be posted on our website at <http://www.bakerripley.org/about/vendors> on June 24, 2019. A **"Highly Recommended"** Vendor's Conference is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 2:00 PM (CT)** at 3838 Aberdeen Way, Houston, TX 77025. Please email klong@bakerripley.org to confirm your attendance. Interested Vendors can submit a proposal for General Contractor Services to klong@bakerripley.org. The deadline for submitting a proposal is Thursday, July 18, 2019 by **2:00 PM (CT)**. BAKERRIPLEY ENCOURAGES SMALL AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES TO APPLY.

Notice of Public Hearing of the Board of Hospital Managers of Harris County Hospital District to Consider Authorization and Implementation of the Local Provider Participation Program and Fiscal Year 2019 Provider Participation Program Payments

Notice is hereby given that the above named Board will hold a public hearing at 9 a.m. on June 27, 2019, with the hearing to be held in the Board Room at 2525 Holly Hall Drive, Houston, Texas 77054, to hear public comments and consider action concerning:

- (1) The authorization of Harris County Hospital District's (the "District's") participation in a health care provider participation program;
- (2) The authorization of the District to collect mandatory payments from each institutional health care provider located in Harris County;
- (3) Creation of a Local Provider Participation Fund ("LPPF");
- (4) Designation of at least one bank as the depository for mandatory payments received by the District under the LPPF;
- (5) The requirement that each institutional health care provider submit a copy of any financial and utilization data as reported in the institutional health care provider's Medicare cost report submitted for the previous fiscal year or for the closest subsequent fiscal year for which the institutional health care provider submitted the Medicare cost report;
- (6) The amount of the mandatory payments that the Board intends to require of all local hospitals in August 2019 and how the revenue derived from those payments is to be spent; and
- (7) All other actions necessary to comply with Chapter 299 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

The Board will hold the public hearing pursuant to Chapter 299 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, which authorized the creation of the Harris County Hospital District local provider participation program. Representatives of local nonpublic hospitals and the public wishing to be heard on these matters may appear before the Board at the public hearing.



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