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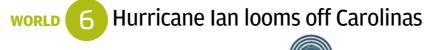
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#### **US sailor found not** guilty of fire that destroyed ship



Port of San Diego Harbor Police Department boats combat a fire on board the U.S. Navy amphibious assault ship USS **Bonhomme Richard at Naval Base** San Diego, California

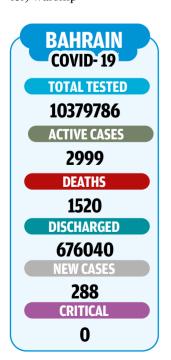
#### Reuters

AUS Navy sailor was found not guilty on Friday of starting a fire that destroyed the amphibious assault ship Bonhomme Richard in San Diego in 2020. Seaman Recruit Ryan Mays was acquitted of charges of arson and the willful hazarding of a ship, Commander Sean Robertson, a spokesman for the US 3rd Fleet, said in a statement.

The decision followed a two-week court-martial in which Navy prosecutors argued that Mays, who was 19 at the time of the blaze, started the fire due to disgruntlement with his work. Defence lawyers said lithium-ion batteries or a spark from a short on a forklift could have been to blame.

"The Navy is committed to upholding the principles of due process and a fair trial," Robertson said.

Had Mays been found guilty, he could have faced life in prison. More than 60 people, including about 40 sailors, were treated for minor injuries during four days of fighting flames on the 844-foot-long (257-meter) warship



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# Activate dialogue, negotiations for lasting peace: HM King tells Putin over phone

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## **Captain falls** overboard as boat speeds away



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Toast Guard patrols yesterday managed to bring back safely a boat that went out of control after its Captain fell overboard, losing control, in rough seas.

The boat's engine, still in gear, powered ahead uncontrollably at full speed, causing some anxious moments.

However, Coast Guard patrol boats that reached the accident scene managed to bring the speeding boat under control, as one of the ships anchored near the accident site rescued the Captain.

The Interior Ministry, in a tweet, confirmed the accident.

The tweet said the Captain fell over the side when the boat got tossed violently in the rough waves near Khalifa bin Salman port.

# Annexed, says Putin Western world differ

Biggest annexation in Europe since World War II

Putin proclaims **Ukrainian annexation** in Kremlin ceremony

Zelensky announces **NATO** membership application

**TDT** | agencies

defiant Vladimir Putin proclaimed Russia's annexation of a swathe of Ukraine in a pomp-filled Kremfaced potential defeat.

The Russian president's proclamation of Russian rule over 15% of Ukraine - the biggest annexation in Europe since World War Two - was roundly rejected by Western countries, with the he said. United States and Britain announcing new sanctions.

It comes as Russian forces in one of the four regions being annexed face being encircled by Ukrainian troops after Putin ordered a massive mobilisation drive to get hundreds of thousands of Russian men to the front.



Russian President Vladimir Putin and Denis Pushilin, Leonid Pasechnik, Vladimir Saldo, Yevgeny Balitsky, who are the Russian-installed leaders in Ukraine's Donetsk. Luhansk. Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions, attend a ceremony to declare the annexation of the Russian-controlled territories of four Ukraine's Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia

Putin signalled he was ready to be with their people, their gions that he said Russia was gas pipelines.

The four Ukrainian regions

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to continue what he called a motherland, to live with its fate, annexing. "We will defend our lin ceremony, promising Mos-battle for a "greater historical and to triumph with it. Truth is land with all our strength and all cow would triumph in its "spe- Russia", slammed the West as on our side. Russia is with us!" our means," he said, calling on cial military operation" against neo-colonial and as out to de- Putin told his country's political "the Kyiv regime to immediately Kyiv even as some of his troops stroy his country, and accused elite, who had gathered in one of cease hostilities and return to Washington and its allies of the Kremlin's grandest halls to the negotiation table" blowing up the Nord Stream watch him sign the annexation

that he said Russia was absorb- Donetsk, Kherson region and ing had made an historic choice, Zaporizhzhia region are becom- officials he wants to run the an-"They have made a choice said Putin, referring to the re-

Russian President Vladimir Putin vesterday blamed the

United States and its allies for blowing up the undersea

Nord Stream pipelines, raising the temperature in a

crisis that has left Europe racing to secure its energy

for the claim. Russia has previously said the United

States would profit from attacks on Europe's energy

infrastructure.

infrastructure and supplies. Putin offered no evidence

documents. "People living in Luhansk, ing our compatriots forever,"

the 69-year-old leader chanting "Russia! Russia!" as he clasped the hands of the Russian-backed nexed regions, which Ukraine is fighting to win back.

The ceremony culminated in

### Bahrain International music festival

## Arab music, culture to the fore as top music festival opens

The highly-anticipated Bahrain International Music Festival kicks off today at the Bahrain National Theatre, bringing together acclaimed musicians of diverse cultures, genres and styles from the Arab world and beyond.

The opening ceremony will



see the launch of the Bahrain Philharmonic Orchestra - the first orchestra in the Kingdom, led by Maestro Mubarak Najem.

Its debut will feature Bahraini orchestral music, in addition to pieces that fuse international classical music with the magic of Arabic music.

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