



Expat drowns in swimming pool

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A 40-year-old expatriate yesterday drowned in a swimming pool.

According to sources, the Indian national was having a pool party along with a group of friends who had come from Saudi Arabia to celebrate Eid Al Fitr holidays when the incident happened.

The body of the deceased is kept at Salmaniya Medical Complex morgue. More details were unavailable until press time.

Tunisia retrieves 24 more bodies

Tunis

Tunisia's coast guard has retrieved 24 more bodies of migrants who had been among about 120 people on boats that sank off the Tunisian coast at the end of April, a judicial official told Reuters yesterday.

The confirmed death toll has now reached 67 from last month's sinking of four boats as they tried to cross the Mediterranean to Italy. More than 50 people are still missing.

'Carnage' continues

310 Ukraine fighters killed by Russian forces, 36 military equipment destroyed in 24 hours

Moscow

Russian troops killed 310 Ukrainian fighters and destroyed 36 units of weapons and military equipment in 24 hours yesterday, Russia's Defense Ministry spokesman Major General Igor Konashenkov said.

"Operational tactical and army aviation of the Russian Aerospace Forces hit 77 areas of concentration of manpower and military equipment of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Up to 310 nationalists and 36 units of weapons and military equipment were destroyed," state news agency TASS cited Konashenkov as saying.

"Missile troops and artillery hit the Ukrainian battery of multiple launch rocket systems BM-21 Grad, as well as 83 areas of concentration of manpower and military equipment, at firing positions," he said.

He added: "Russian air defense systems destroyed six Ukrainian unmanned aerial vehicles during the day in the areas of the settlements of Avdiivka, Severodonetsk, Vesela Hora of



Destroyed Russian armored vehicles in the city of Bucha, west of Kyiv, yesterday. (AFP)

the Luhansk region, as well as over Zmeiny Island."

Russia's heavy bombardment

of Ukrainian sites comes as the European Union moved to impose further sanctions on Mos-

cow by proposing a ban on oil imports.

Heavy fighting also raged

at the Azovstal steel plant in Mariupol, the last stronghold of Ukrainian resistance in the city.

Grace and energy

Renowned Bharatanatyam dancer enthralls audience

● Event held as part of First BKS Indo-Bahrain Dance and Music Festival

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Renowned Indian dancer Rasha Sharath was at her best as she performed Bharatanatyam to Malayalam poetess Sugathakumari's timeless poem 'Krishna Nee Enne Ariyilla' at Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) last night.

The event was held as part of First BKS Indo-Bahrain Dance and Music Festival.

The fully-packed crowd at BKS auditorium was enthralled after seeing the classical dance-



Asha Sharath performing Bharatanatyam on stage

er's mudras, postures, footworks and expressions that poured out the love and devotion for Lord Krishna.

"She is numero uno among Bharatanatyam performers," said Indian national Sarat Chand.

"I am really privileged to be here to witness this great performance. We are thankful to Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam for organising this event."

Sheeba Prakash, another great Asha Sharath fan, said away from the dancing skills she loves the artiste's versatility in acting too.

"Asha Sharath and Sobhana are my favorite dancers. We are fortunate to be seeing this great performance in the Kingdom here."

Asha, who is Dubai-based, is also an actress whose laurels include Malayalam blockbusters 'Drishyam' and 'Varsham'.

She is a renowned dance trainer, running a world-class dance academy in the UAE.

The festival is being held under the patronage of the Embassy of India and in association with Bahrain Authority for Culture Antiquities (BACA) and Soorya Stage and Film Society. It will conclude on May 14.

The highlights of the festival include an inimitable performance by the world renowned Sarod trio Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, and his sons Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash, renowned Veena player Rajhesh Vaidya, and his team of accompanying artists.

In the evening today, art enthusiasts can witness a night of musical magic orchestrated by Stephen Devassy, and his team Umayalpuram, Attukal Balasubrahmaniam and Amith Nadig.

BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED

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