



## AROUND THE WORLD

### FRANCE

## Macron wins French presidency

Centrist candidate Emmanuel Macron has decisively won the French presidential election, projected results say. Mr Macron defeated far-right candidate Marine Le Pen by about 65% to 35% to become, at 39, the country's youngest president, the results show. If confirmed, he will also become the first president from outside the two traditional main parties since the modern republic's foundation in 1958. A bitterly fought election concluded on Sunday amid massive security.

The Macron team said that the new president had had a "cordial" telephone conversation with Ms Le Pen.

In a speech she thanked the 11 million people who had voted for her. She said the



Emmanuel Macron

election had shown a division between "patriots and globalists" and called for the emergence of a new political force.

President François Hollande congratulated Mr Macron and said the result showed the French people wanted to unite around the "values of the republic".

### GERMANY

## Hannover evacuates 50,000 over World War two bombs

About 50,000 people in Hannover have been evacuated from their homes while experts defuse three British bombs dating from World War Two.

The operation is the second largest of its kind carried out in Germany, and has affected around a tenth of the city's population. The buildings evacuated included seven care homes, a clinic and a Continental tyre plant.

Officials hope those affected will be able to return home by the evening.

The evacuation deadline was 09:00 (07:00 GMT) and residents were advised to take necessary items like medication with them, as well as turning off gas and electrical appliances.

Local news outlet Hannoversche Allgemeine reported (in German) on Sunday afternoon that two unexploded bombs had been defused, and a third - which was severely damaged - might have to be made safe using a specialised cutting machine.

### AFGHANISTAN

## 2,000 families flee Taliban Kunduz assault

More than 2,000 families have been forced to flee their homes in the northern Afghan city of Kunduz amid heavy fighting, officials say.

The evacuations came as Taliban militants seized the district of Qala-e-Zal, just west of the city.

Clashes continue in other parts of the city, as

the Taliban try to increase pressure on government troops in both the north and south of the country.

The militants twice entered Kunduz in the past two years before retreating.

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) said in a statement that while some fleeing families

were able to find refuge with relatives, others were forced to sleep in the open.

"Those with no money, like widows, are in Qala-e Zal desert, as they couldn't make it as far as the city. They are now living in the open," local resident Abdul Karim told the NRC.

### IRAN

## Miners attack president Rouhani at disaster site

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani faced furious protests from coal miners and their families on Sunday when he visited the site of an accident that claimed dozens of lives, two weeks ahead of an election.

Local news agencies showed people stamping Rouhani's car and beating the windows in northern Golestan province as it tried to make its way through an angry crowd at the mine site, where at least 26 people were killed by an explosion on Wednesday.

At least nine more miners were trapped inside, but officials say there is little chance they survived.

The accident is thought to have been caused by concentrated methane gas that was triggered when workers tried to jumpstart an engine.

"The entire Iranian nation shares the sorrow of families of those killed in the Zemesten Yort mine accident. We are all responsible for this incident," said Rouhani, calling for tighter regulations in the mining sector.

### PAKISTAN

## Recent border fight killed 50 Afghan troops

Pakistan claims last week's border clashes with Afghanistan left more than 50 Afghan security troops dead and scores of others wounded while five of their outposts were destroyed.

Major-General

Nadeem Anjum, commander of the provincial paramilitary Frontier Corps (FC) shared the details Sunday in Quetta, the capital of the southwestern border province of Baluchistan where Thursday's

skirmishes occurred. The Afghan government swiftly rejected the claims, saying the fighting left four people, including two security personnel, dead on its side with more than 30 wounded.



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