

**UN warns Yemen conflict is leading to country's collapse**

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. humanitarian chief warned Tuesday that civil war is causing Yemen to spiral toward total collapse with the threat of famine increasing and over 55,000 suspected cholera cases since late April.

Stephen O'Brien told the U.N. Security Council that "Yemen now has the ignominy of being the world's largest food security crisis."

More than 17 million people desperately need food, including 6.8 million who are "one step away from famine," he said.

"The people of Yemen are being subjected to deprivation, disease and death as the world watches," O'Brien warned.

**Man sentenced to 40 years for killing journalist**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A court in Guatemala has sentenced a man to 40 years in prison for the 2016 killing of a television journalist.

Byron Felipe Morales was sentenced Tuesday for the killing. Other suspects in the shooting remain at large.

Journalist Victor Hugo Valdez Cardona was gunned down while walking with

his grandson in the provincial city of Chiquimula. Valdez Cardona was a physician who worked as a TV host, and prosecutors believe the killing was linked to his work.

Guatemala, like neighboring Mexico, has been plagued by the killing of journalists.

**Ex-Gitmo inmate among six detained from jihadi network**

PARIS (AP) — A former Guantanamo Bay inmate is among six people from an alleged jihadi recruiting network linked to the Islamic State group who were detained on Tuesday, a French judicial source said.

Among the suspects arrested was Sabir Mahfouz Lahmar, who was freed from the U.S. detention center in Cuba in 2009 after France agreed to accept him, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the case.

Lahmar was one of six Algerians detained in Bosnia in 2001 on suspicion of plotting to bomb the U.S. embassy in Sarajevo. The Justice Department later backed off the allegations, but held the men at Guantanamo for years. Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy agreed to take him in April 2009.

The French official said that there were no indications the group was plotting an attack.



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