



ROHINGYA REFUGEES. The Thai navy searches a shipwrecked boat at Rawi island in Satun province, south of Thailand. Thai officials discovered 65 ethnic Rohingya Muslim refugees who were shipwrecked and stranded in Thailand. (Department of National Parks Wildlife and Plant Conservation via AP)

65 Rohingya Muslims found shipwrecked in southern Thailand

BANGKOK (AP) — Thai officials say they discovered 65 ethnic Rohingya Muslim refugees who were shipwrecked and stranded in southern Thailand.

The chief of Tarutao National Marine Park, Kanjanapan Kamhaeng, said the boat carrying the Rohingya was found after several Thai and Myanmar citizens told park officials their ship had broken down. They initially denied they were transporting Rohingya.

Kanjanapan said the boat was found smashed on a rocky shore and a preliminary check showed it was carrying 65 Rohingya and several Thai and Myanmar citizens who were identified by the Rohingya as in charge of operating the ship.

Kanjanapan said the Thai navy took the group away to be processed by immigration officials.

Navy officer Cmdr. Thanapong Sudrak said authorities will investigate whether the incident involved human trafficking.

Rohingya originate in Rakhine state in Myanmar, where they face extreme persecution by authorities and majority Buddhists, prompting their flight over the years, many on rickety boats that were sometimes pushed back into the open sea by countries such as Thailand.

Attacks by Myanmar’s army in 2017 caused more than 700,000 Rohingya to flee to overcrowded refugee camps in neighboring Bangladesh and elsewhere for safety.

Bridge in China collapses, sending vehicles into river

BEIJING (AP) — An entire section of a roadway bridge has plunged into a wide river in southern China, sending two vehicles into the water and leaving two people missing. Heyuan city police said a 390-foot section collapsed.

China’s Xinhua News Agency reported that two nearby security guards rescued a 44-year-old man, and two other people were missing.

Dramatic footage on state broadcaster CCTV showed two arches of the six-arch bridge falling apart within seconds and without any apparent warning. The bridge spans the Dongjiang river in Guangdong province.

The cause is under investigation. Southern China has been hit with heavy rains and flooding that has caused 61 deaths, but it wasn’t clear if swelling waters were a factor.

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Difficulty level: Hard #59836

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that the digits 1 through 9 appear one time each in every row, column, and 3x3 box.

Solution to last issue’s puzzle

Puzzle #15789 (Medium)

All solutions available at <www.sudoku.com>.

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Former Indonesian first lady Ani Yudhoyono dies at 66

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Former Indonesian first lady Kristiani Herrawati Yudhoyono has died of leukemia in a Singapore hospital. She was 66 years old.

Singapore’s Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the wife of former President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono died at National University Hospital, where she had been treated since February.

“She has left us forever in peace and the family has sincerely let her go,” Hatta Radjasa, a representative of the family, told reporters at the hospital. He said Yudhoyono had been at his wife’s bedside throughout her treatment.

Radjasa, the father-in-law of Yudhoyono’s second son, said Indonesia’s government ordered a state funeral at Jakarta’s Kalibata heroes cemetery for the former first lady.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo expressed condolences at a news conference at the presidential palace in Bogor in West Java province.

“I call on Indonesians to pray together for her, may she have the best place by god and may the family left behind have patience,” Widodo said.

Kristiani Herrawati Yudhoyono, a politician who was known well by her nickname, Ani, was first lady from 2004 to 2014. Her husband became Indonesia’s sixth president after winning the country’s first-ever direct elections for head of state in 2004 amid high expectations that he would fix the many problems saddling the world’s most populous Muslim nation, among them rising Islamic militancy, mas-



CHILDREN’S CHAMPION. Former Indonesian first lady Kristiani Herrawati Yudhoyono is seen in this file photo from 2014. (AP Photo/Mark Baker, File)

sive poverty, and widespread corruption.

Her father, Sarwo Edhie Wibowo, was an Indonesian military leader who played a role in directing troops during the Indonesian army’s extermination campaign that killed several hundred thousand civilians during anti-communist hysteria in the mid-1960s.

She was appointed vice chair of her husband’s Democratic Party and campaigned for him when he ran for president in 2004 and 2009.

During her era as first lady, she organized polio immunization campaigns and “Smart Cars,” in which vans were filled with books for children to read across the country. She also assisted in relief efforts when a massive earthquake hit Indonesia in 2004 and spawned a giant tsunami off Sumatra island, killing more than 230,000 people in a dozen countries — the majority in Indonesia.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, and grandchildren.

Fans wonder how much is too much for Son to play for Korea

By John Duerden
The Associated Press

Son Heung-min has played a lot of soccer over the last 12 months, with minutes on the field seemingly outranked only by air miles.

It has some South Koreans wondering how much is too much.

The recently completed season with Tottenham Hotspur was intense enough, with almost 50 appearances as the club placed fourth in the Premier League and progressed to the Champions League final before losing 0-1 against Liverpool in Madrid.

Through it all, he maintained a taxing schedule with South Korea’s national team that included trips to the World Cup in Russia, the Asian Games in Indonesia, and the Asian Cup in the United Arab Emirates. And international friendlies on top, too.

Despite all that, the 26-year-old Son was called once again by South Korea coach Paulo Bento to fly from Europe to play 90 minutes in a low-key friendly against Australia and prepare for another exhibition against Iran in Seoul. There have been calls for the player to be given a break but that is unlikely to happen.

“All coaches want their best players ... we’re preparing for the World Cup qualifiers, and this is an extremely important stretch for the national team,” Bento said. “I felt we needed Son to play at this juncture and develop chemistry with others. I think that’s a positive for the national team.”

Off the field demands are significant, with Son the main figure in promotional campaigns that have helped sell out the last seven home games, a run rarely seen since the time surrounding the 2002 World Cup.

His popularity can get out of hand at times. Upon arriving in Busan to face Australia, Son was met by hundreds of fans at his hotel waiting for photos and autographs. There was some push and shove and, according to reports, some criticism of Son from people who missed out.

The player later thanked fans for attending and apologized that he could not take care of all of them.

“He is the most popular athlete in Korea,” according to South Korean soccer commentator Seo Hyung-wook. “He does need to be rested but then he said that he is fine and nobody can leave him out of the squad against his will. He is the kind of player who takes his international duty and role model status very seriously.”

Son is used to being the center of attention on the field, too. Recently he was heavily defended by the Australians, and it was noted widely in the domestic news media.



TAXING TRAVEL. South Korea’s Son Heung-min (#7, right) is challenged by Australia’s Bailey Wright (#13, left) during a friendly soccer match between South Korea and Australia at Busan Asiad Main Stadium in Busan, South Korea. (Han Jong-chan/Yonhap via AP)

Former Australia international Robbie Cornthwaite spent three years with Korean club Chunnam Dragons and has seen the demands that can be placed on Korean stars.

“Son seems like the type of player whose whole life is geared to play football, therefore he wants to play every game,” Cornthwaite said. “I don’t think he needs a rest but they just don’t know how to use him.”

Former players such as Park Ji-sung of Manchester United struggled with the demands that come with playing in Europe and representing their country.

Former national team captain Koo Ja-cheol recently explained that a gruelling travel schedule was a reason he retired from the national team at the age of 30 after more than 70 international appearances.

Arriving in South Korea on Monday or Tuesday after a weekend club game in Europe meant there was no chance to get over jet lag before practice with the national team on Wednesday or Thursday.

“We would then go to somewhere like Uzbekistan on Saturday, train Sunday and Monday, and play on Tuesday,” he said, “then it was back to Germany to arrive Thursday morning and start training for the weekend’s game.

“This was my life for years.”

It is Son’s life for now, too, and it shows few signs of changing.