



Tokyo customs make huge bust of ketamine in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — Tokyo police and customs have made what is believed to be their biggest bust of the anesthetic drug ketamine, brought through Haneda airport in two suitcases. Tokyo customs officials said they filed a criminal complaint against a French woman on suspicion of attempting to smuggle into Japan about 88 pounds of ketamine in the luggage. The suspect, whom officials identified as a 21-year-old cook, was detained at Haneda airport customs after arriving on a flight from Germany in April, officials at Tokyo Customs said. The seized drugs had an estimated street value of about 920 million yen (\$8.8 million), according to Japan’s NHK television. Ketamine is a powerful anesthetic approved by U.S. health regulators for use during surgery. It can be given as an intramuscular injection or intravenously. The drug is used recreationally for its euphoric effects and can cause hallucinations or impact breathing and the heart.

11-year-old is Cambodia's fourth bird flu death this year

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — An 11-year-old boy died from bird flu in Cambodia’s fourth fatal case this year, the Health Ministry has announced. Several chickens and ducks near the boy’s house were found to have been sick and dying for a week before the child started feeling ill, the ministry said in a statement. “Despite the care and rescue efforts of the medical team, the child died” at a hospital after arriving with a fever, cough, shortness of breath, and difficulty breathing, the ministry said. Tests from the Pasteur Institute of Cambodia confirmed the boy, who lived in a village in the western province of Kampong Speu, died of H5N1 avian influenza. A Health Ministry emergency response team has been working with local authorities to investigate the source of the village’s bird flu outbreak and respond with the appropriate technical protocols to prevent further transmission to others, the statement said. The medicine Tamiflu will be distributed to people whose contacts put them at risk and health education campaigns will be conducted in the affected villages, the ministry said. “We would also like to inform you that if you have a fever, cough, sputum discharge, or difficulty breathing and have a history of contact with sick or dead chickens or ducks within 14 days before the start of the symptoms, do not go to gatherings or crowded places. And seek consultation and treatment at the nearest health center or hospital immediately,” the ministry warned.

Police rescue baby orangutans, arrest trafficking suspect

BANGKOK (AP) — Two baby orangutans have been rescued from being sold in Thailand’s capital of Bangkok and a suspected trafficker arrested, police said. The orangutans were seized and the alleged courier for the seller was arrested at a gas station, police said. The suspect was charged with illegal possession of protected wildlife and faces up to four years in prison if convicted. Police said orangutans generally sell for 300,000 baht (\$9,000) each. The International Union for Conservation of Nature lists orangutans as critically endangered, and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) prohibits cross-border trade in the animals. Orangutans are found only in the forests of Sumatra and Borneo, but their habitat is shrinking due to the growth of agricultural land, making them more vulnerable to poaching. Thailand over the past two decades has repatriated dozens of orangutans to Indonesia. U.S. Immigration and Customs’ Enforcement and Interpol, the international police organization, estimate the annual value of the illicit wildlife trade at \$10 billion to \$20 billion. Police handed over the two orangutans to the Department of National Parks, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation for care and safekeeping.

Vessel with hazardous cargo sinks off coast of India

NEW DELHI (AP) — India’s southern state of Kerala issued a high alert along its coastal areas and asked fishermen not to venture near the site of an accident where a container ship carrying hazardous cargo sank off its coast in the Arabian Sea. The Liberia-flagged *MSC ELSA 3* was sailing between the Indian ports of Vizhinjam and Kochi when it sank about 38 nautical miles off Kerala. All 24 crew members were rescued, India’s defense ministry said. The vessel went down with 640 containers, including 13 with an unspecified “hazardous cargo” and 12 containing calcium carbide. It also had 84.44 metric tons of diesel and 367.1 metric tons of furnace oil in its tanks. The Kerala chief minister’s office urged people to stay away from some of the containers that began washing ashore. It also advised fishermen not to venture too close to the sunken ship. The Indian Coast Guard said it sent an aircraft with an oil spill detection system to survey the area. It also deployed a ship carrying pollution control equipment to the site of the accident.

Man detained over pepper spray attack near Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) — A dozen people were taken to the hospital after a man used pepper spray at a shopping mall near Tokyo following an argument, according to police and media reports. Chiba prefectural police said they detained a suspect at the scene and were questioning the man on suspicion of assault. Police said “many” were injured, though none of them were in serious condition. NHK television said a total of 42 people complained about pain in their eyes and throat, and 12 of them were taken to the hospital. The report quoted witnesses as saying that the man used the spray after quarrelling with other customers over smoking. A customer at a restaurant told NHK that she suddenly felt irritation in her nose as people seated near her started coughing. Violent crimes are rare in Japan, but in recent years there have been a number of high-profile attacks involving knives or homemade explosives.



PRESERVING HISTORY. *Fumi Takeshita, bottom photo, a survivor of the August 9, 1945 Nagasaki atomic bombing, shows preserved artifacts, top photo, damaged by the atomic bomb in Nagasaki, southern Japan. The atomic bombing of Nagasaki, and Hiroshima three days earlier, together killed more than 210,000 people. Japan surrendered on August 15, ending World War II and its nearly half-century of aggression across Asia. (AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)*

A survivor of the Nagasaki bombing struggles to preserve remains

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NAGASAKI, Japan — Decorated with colorful paper cranes and blooming flowers, it doesn’t look like the scene of a tragedy.

On August 9, 1945, U.S. forces detonated an atomic bomb over Nagasaki. Shiroyama Elementary School was only 1,600 feet west of ground zero. It is thought more than 1,400 people died here, including teachers and children.

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In Nagasaki, part of the destroyed building known as the Peace Memorial Hall receives around 30,000 visitors each year. At the same time, the number of those who still remember the attack is dwindling.

Fumi Takeshita, 83, was just a child, but can still recall her experience.

“I saw an extremely strong light coming in from the window. It was white, or shall I say yellow? So strong that I couldn’t keep my eyes open,” she said.

“It was the day after the bomb dropped. (My father) walked through the hypocenter, the Urakami area, and heard many people calling for help. There were heaps of bodies, too. Buildings were crashed to the ground and there was nothing left, apparently. I heard that from my grandmother. She said, ‘Fumi-chan, remember the light you saw the other day? Because of that there is nothing left



in Urakami, and many people died.”

She now collects items related to the bombing, many of which she has dug from the ground with bare hands. Takeshita believes it’s important to preserve the physical evidence of the Nagasaki bombing, known as “Hibaku remains.”

“Nagasaki hardly has any remains left. I have been raising my voice to be heard in order to protect them, but most of them have been taken down,” she said.

Currently, 55 sites have been approved as “Hibaku remains,” including bridges and trees, in the city’s annual list. But officials say they also have to consider the city’s needs and strike a balance between preservation and development.

“I have lung cancer and was told I might not be able to see the cherry blossoms this year,” Takeshita said.

“But I managed to. Like myself, hibakushas (atomic bombing survivors) do not have much time left. Preserving things has a strong message. Despite all the testimonies, I believe it is more convincing and can convey, for instance, the heat which melted these objects, let alone humans.”

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