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Tweeting from the central coca-growing region of Chapare, where he fled on Sunday, Morales called on the opposition to "assume its responsibility" after Sunday's riots.—AFP

Strong French earthquake injures four

LYON: An unusually strong earthquake hit south-eastern France on Monday, injuring four people, one of them seriously, authorities said.

A physicist at a geophysics institute the IPGP said that quakes of this strength are rare in that region, but warned of possible aftershocks and said people should leave fragile buildings.

The quake, with a magnitude of 5.4, was felt in a vast area between the cities of Lyon and Montelimar which are about 150 kilometres (93 miles) apart, the national seismological office said.

"I was leaning against the oven in my mother's bakery when I felt the tremor," said Victoria Brielle, a resident in Privas, some 25 kilometres from the quake's epicentre.—AFP

UN report on death

The former president died in June after collapsing in a Cairo courtroom while on trial.

"Morsi was held in conditions that can only be described as brutal, particularly during his five-year detention in the Tora prison complex," the experts said in a statement.

His death "after enduring those conditions could amount to a state-sanctioned arbitrary killing", the experts added. They also warned that thousands are at risk of death in the same prison.—AFP

Conservatives won at the last election," Farage said on the campaign trail in Hartlepool, northeast England, a Labour-held constituency that voted nearly 70 percent for Brexit.

"(It) prevents a second referendum from happening and that to me I think right now is the single most important thing," he added to rapturous applause from Brexit Party supporters.

The former leader of the UK Independence Party initially promised to field 600 candidates unless Johnson agreed to abandon the divorce terms he hammered out with Brussels last month.

Farage said the deal, which has yet to be ratified by parliament, would deliver "Brexit in name only". But the prime minister refused to withdraw the deal, forcing Farage to back

Trump says Baghdadi successor in US crosshairs

NEW YORK: US President Donald Trump placed the Islamic State group's new chief in the crosshairs Monday as he marked Veterans' Day by celebrating the killing of the jihadists' former leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

While US presidents traditionally mark the day by laying a wreath at a vast military cemetery in Arlington, near Washington, Trump traveled to New York where he made an address ahead of the city's annual parade of veterans.

Trump was widely criticised after announcing a full withdrawal of US troops from Syria last month, with opponents and even some allies saying it could allow Islamic State to rebuild as well as leaving US-allied Kurdish fighters vulnerable to a Turkish invasion.

But the US president used his speech in New York to claim that the IS leadership was running scared in the wake of Baghdadi's death in a raid in the northwestern Syrian province of Idlib on October 26.

"Just a few weeks ago, American special forces raided the ISIS compound and brought the world's number one terrorist leader to justice," he said. "Thanks to American warriors, al-Baghdadi is dead, his second in charge is dead, we have our eyes on number three."—AFP

Labour's Mike Hill won the seat at the last election in 2017 with a majority of 7,650.

It was formerly represented by ex-prime minister Tony Blair's chief spin doctor-turned-EU trade commissioner Peter Mandelson and is no stranger to electoral firsts.

In 2002, Hartlepool's first directly elected mayor was a man dressed in the monkey suit costume of the local football club. He campaigned on a promise of free bananas for schoolchildren.

Property tycoon Tice insisted he will not splinter the eurosceptic vote because the Tories "end up basically being a paper candidate" in constituencies they have not won for years.

"The Brexit party has basically held the Tories to account since we launched," he told AFP of their election strategy.

Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionists (DUP) to stay in power.

But the DUP is now vehemently opposed to Johnson's Brexit deal, fearing its implications for the British-ruled province.

Johnson himself is also aiming for Labour-held seats to boost his numbers.

In areas where Labour and the anti-Brexit Liberal Democrats are strong, the Brexit party "is more likely to take votes from the Conservatives than Labour," said Tim Bale, from Queen Mary University of London.

Labour accused Farage and Johnson of cooking up an alliance that threatened to "sell out our country" and pave the way for a post-Brexit trade deal that would open the state-run health service to US drugs firms.—AFP

Europe gives go ahead to market Ebola vaccine

BRUSSELS: The European Union authorised the marketing of a vaccine against Ebola on Monday, permitting the first wider commercial use of a protection that has helped stem an outbreak in DR Congo.

The European Commission announced that, after a trial by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), it would allow US pharmaceutical giant Merck to bring the drug to market in the bloc as "Ervebo".

Previously, the UN's World Health Organization had welcomed the advice of the EMA in favour of Ervebo as a "major milestone" — and more vaccines from other manufacturers are to be tested soon. "Finding a vaccine as soon as possible against this terrible virus has been a priority for the international community ever since

Ebola hit West Africa five years ago," said EU health commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis

"Today's decision is therefore a major step forward in saving lives in Africa and beyond."

Since the start of the latest outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which has claimed some 2,150 lives since August 2018, more than 236,000 people have received the vaccine, known in the lab as rVSV-ZEBOV-GP.

They included more than 60,000 health workers. Merck's vaccine was being administered under an exceptional procedure, granting permission to use non-licensed drugs in emergency cases. It was tested in about 16,000 people in clinical studies in Africa, Europe and the United States, and proved to be effective.—AFP

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