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BBC News with Chris Barrow.

More evidence is emerging from Iran of the scale of the violence used by security forces as they try to crush anti-government protests. A source in the capital told the BBC it was like a war zone with people now too frightened to go out on the streets. Behrang Tajdin from the BBC Persian service has been looking at the latest pictures from Iran.

A six-minute video that is a compilation of 12 individual videos has emerged and it has been verified by our colleagues in BBC Verify and BBC Persian service. You see dozens of families in the yards of the coroner's office gathering around the bodies of their loved ones. There are also many more bodies in the yard, not in the refrigerator, but outside because it has overflowed that haven't been identified yet.

The exiled son of the former Shah of Iran, who has become a figurehead for the protest movement, has said U.S. assistance is needed to enable the Iranian people to change the regime.

U.S.-based Reza Pahlavi told Fox News Iranians had reacted positively to Donald Trump's promise to intervene in the protesters' favor. He had this message for President Trump. "Your words of solidarity with the Iranian people and your administration has had tremendous positive effect. Let's hope that we can permanently seal this legacy by liberating Iran so that we and you can make Iran great again. Let's partner on this and have a better future for our countries and for our people."

President Miguel Díaz-Canel has said Cubans are ready to defend their homeland to the last drop of blood following a new threat from Donald Trump. The U.S. president has warned Havana to make a deal before it's too late. Cuba has long been reliant on Venezuelan oil, but Mr. Trump said it would no longer be getting any.

The BBC has learned that the British government has paid substantial compensation to a Palestinian man, Abu Zubaydah, who was tortured by the CIA. British intelligence agencies passed questions to the CIA for use during his interrogations. Daniel De Simone reports.

Abu Zubaydah was the first man subjected to the CIA's so-called enhanced interrogation techniques after the 11th September, 2001 attacks. When captured by the U.S. in Pakistan in 2002, it was claimed he was a senior al-Qaeda member. He was held for four years at secret CIA detention centers where he was interrogated and tortured, including through simulated drowning, beatings and being locked in a coffin. His lawyers are now urging the U.K. and other governments to ensure his release.

He remains imprisoned without trial at Guantanamo Bay.

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Germany's foreign minister has said U.S. concerns about security in the North Atlantic should be dealt [with] within the NATO framework after Donald Trump repeated his desire to take over Greenland. Johann Wadephul spoke in Washington, where he's due to meet U.S. secretary of state.

America's European allies have been alarmed by Mr. Trump's repeated insistence he needs control of Greenland for security.

Residents of a district in Syria's second city, Aleppo, have been returning home after four days of intense clashes between government forces and Kurdish fighters. They found the Kurdish-majority neighborhood of Ashrafieh to be littered with debris and destroyed vehicles. The Syrian army now has full control of the area, as well as the Sheikh Maqsood district.

Six skiers have been killed in a series of avalanches across the Alps this weekend. All had gone off-piste. On Sunday, more than 50 rescuers were deployed unsuccessfully to try and save a man who was buried under two and a half meters of snow. French weather forecasters had advised skiers not to go off-piste, warning of high risks of avalanches.

Hollywood stars have gathered in Los Angeles for the Golden Globes Film and Television Awards. The Black comedy action movie "One Battle After Another" has nine nominations, including all four acting categories. It faces competition from the vampire drama "Sinners" and "Marty Supreme," which follows a table tennis player in 1950s New York. David Willis is at the venue in Los Angeles.

Other hotly favored films include "Sinners." That's a horror film in which Michael B. Jordan plays identical twins, and "Hamnet," the fictional story of what inspired William Shakespeare to write one of his most famous plays. And one of its stars, Jessie Buckley, is widely tipped to walk off with the award for Best Dramatic Actress.

A new category for Best Podcast has been added this year.

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