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From Washington, this is VOA news. I'm Christopher Cruise reporting.

U.S. and North Korean officials met at the demilitarized zone Sunday to talk about a possible summit between President Trump and North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un.

After calling off the talks Thursday, Trump said the June 12 summit in Singapore may very well take place as scheduled.

On Sunday, he tweeted "I truly believe North Korea has brilliant potential and will be a great economic and financial nation one day. Kim Jong Un agrees with me on this. It will happen."

Associated Press correspondent Shelley Adler reports.

The on-again, off-again meeting between North Korea's leader and President Trump sounds like it could be on again.

"We're looking at June 12 in Singapore. That hasn't changed."

Former CIA Director Michael Hayden has his bouts. "... on balance, I'm modestly in favor of this going forward, and on balance, I'm modestly thinking it's more rather than less likely that it will happen."

And even if happens, Senator Marco Rubio says, "... he will not denuclearize. But he wants to give off this perception that he's this open leader, that he's peaceful ...."

Both Rubio and Hayden appeared on ABC's *This Week*.

Shelley Adler, Washington.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in said Sunday that North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un committed in their surprise meeting a day earlier to a "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" and to sitting down with President Trump.

Moon said he urged Kim to directly engage with the U.S. to try to save the planned nuclear summit.

Moon met with Kim on the North's side of the inter-Korean border in the same village of Panmunjom, where they met in April.

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A suicide bomber has detonated his explosives-laden truck near an army base in southern Afghanistan, killing at least eight soldiers Sunday and wounding at least 12 others.

The Taliban swiftly took responsibility for carrying out the bombing.

Afghan officials said the attack happened in an area that government forces had recently freed from insurgent control.

Two U.S. Navy warships sailed near South China Sea islands claimed by China on Sunday.

China condemned the action, expressing its anger, saying it had sent ships and aircraft to warn the U.S. warships to leave.

As health professionals in the Democratic Republic of Congo treated people showing up in clinics with symptoms of Ebola, three patients escaped from a hospital, two of them died the next day.

Reuters correspondent Aaron Ross reports from Dakar.

This is extremely concerning especially because the fact that they died shortly thereafter means that they were extremely contagious to those around them, and so, you know, health workers worked very quickly to identify all the contacts, people they came into contact with, to vaccinate some of those people and further trace any additional contacts that may have taken place.

English-speaking Cameroonians are burying 30 members of their community who were killed Thursday in the northwestern town of Pinyin.

Correspondent Moki Edwin Kindzeka reports from the town.

Hundreds mourn their dead and seek to identify corpses being removed by villagers from a local inn in Cameroon's northwestern town of Pinyin. Among them is 54-year-old Angelica Muluh, who has just identified the body of her 24-year- old son.

She says she does not understand what has befallen them that their children are being killed like flies. She says she has allowed everything into the hands of God who alone will judge and punish all evil doers, but that she knows her son did not commit any crime to be killed at his young age.

Moki Edwin Kindzeka, for VOA news, Pinyin, northwestern Cameroon.

Brazil faced serious supply disruptions on the seventh day of a truckers' strike Sunday, although the government said the country was "on a path to normalization."

Brazilian authorities have deployed the military to clear barricades erected by strikers and they have been escorting fuel trucks since Friday to try to maintain access to refineries.

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