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New bride to militant killer: 10 years that led to murder on Reem Island

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ABU DHABI // Alaa Al Hashemi's journey began as a young bride aged 20, when she married an overbearing bully who introduced her to the world of violent extremism.

It continued for 10 years, fuelled by indoctrination in the teachings of Al Qaeda leaders, video lessons on how to kill and how to make a bomb, and regu-

lar dispatches of cash to terrorist organisations abroad.

It ended yesterday at the state security division of the Federal Supreme Court in Abu Dhabi, where Al Hashemi, 30, was sentenced to death for stabbing to death a young expatriate nursery teacher in Boutik Mall on Reem Island.

The murder, on December 1 last year, shocked the country and cast a pall over celebrations for National Day the following day.

The victim, Ibolya Ryan, was the mother of 11-year-old twins who lived with her in Abu Dhabi and a 13-year-old daughter who lived with her ex-husband in Vienna. She had taught in nursery schools for 15 years.

To Alaa Al Hashemi, herself the mother of six children, the eldest 10 and the youngest only nine months, Ryan was nevertheless the enemy.

It was an enmity that had been growing since Al Hashemi mar-

ried Mohammed Al Hashemi Al Hashemi in 2005. He was a controlling man who isolated her from her relatives and set her on the path to extremism.

Through lectures available online, she listened to the teachings of Al Qaeda leaders Osama bin Laden and Abu Musab Al Zarqawi. She visited an online forum called Al Minbar Al Jihadi Al E'lami - the Jihadi Media Platform - which promoted such ideology.

Al Hashemi watched many videos on how to slaughter people, and how to create homemade bombs. More recently, she was also taught how to replicate an ISIL flag.

She was also sending money to terrorist organisations. She gave her husband Dh150,000, which he transferred to a man named Musleh, an Al Qaeda member in Yemen.

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The husband 'If this verdict persuades another, filled with hate, to stay her hand, something of worth will be salvaged from this horror'

The judge 'The UAE over its history has been and will always remain a haven of safety and stability'

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High-level UAE delegation to Saudi



Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed, Deputy National Security Adviser, Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs, and Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed, Chairman of the Crown Prince's Court of Abu Dhabi, met Sheikh Mohammed bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's deputy crown prince, second deputy prime minister and minister of defence, in Jeddah yesterday. Wam

Top prosecutor killed in Cairo

Barakat a key player in push against Egypt's Brotherhood

CAIRO // Egypt's top prosecutor was killed after a bomb struck his convoy in Cairo yesterday.

Hisham Barakat, 65, played a key role in the government's crackdown on extremists. His death came a day before the second anniversary of mass protests that led to former president Mohammed Morsi's removal.

The office of president Abdel Fattah El Sisi said it was cancelling celebrations to mark the anniversary of the protests and Morsi's overthrow on July 3.

It also pledged that the "perpetrators of this terrible crime will be punished most severely".

ISIL's affiliate in Egypt had called for attacks on the judiciary after six militants were hanged.

TV film showed four charred cars near the attack site. At least

nine people were injured, the health ministry said.

Barakat was in an armoured car designed to protect him from bullets, not explosions.

It was the first attempt on the life of a senior official since a bomb attack on the interior minister months after Morsi was ousted in July 2013. Political violence has escalated since.

Mr El Sisi, the former general who led the overthrow, has led a crackdown that has killed hundreds of Muslim Brotherhood supporters and placed thousands behind bars.

Barakat played a prominent role in efforts to have the Brotherhood declared a terrorist group, its assets frozen and its backers prosecuted.

His attack could be linked to Ansar Beit Al Maqdis, the Sinai-based group that has pledged allegiance to ISIL, said Roshanna Lawrence, Mena intelligence manager at risk consultancy Max Security Solutions.

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Empty ATMs ... and worst is still to come

Greeks feel pinch as the cash runs out

ATHENS // It has been dubbed "Black Monday". Jittery housewives, shoppers and business owners queued in vain at ATMs of closed banks in Athens.

"I have a baby to feed, what am I supposed to do?" said secretary Zoe Kallis, 32, after failing to get money out of a third ATM in the wealthy Kolonaki district.

Prime minister Alexis Tsipras's decision to close banks for seven days and limit withdrawals has unnerved Greeks. The cash shortage has been worsened

by the fact that today is pay day for many. But it is also the day Greece must make a €1.6 billion (Dh6.55bn) payment to the International Monetary Fund.

With empty coffers and the €7.2bn left in Greece's bailout fund blocked by the European Central Bank, things look grim.

Cafe tables were laid out across Athens yesterday, but owner Nikos Gyallitsis expected business to halve. "To shop you have to be happy, confident, and now you don't know what will happen the next day."

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Solar Impulse 2 keeps resumed flight quiet

Naser Al Wasmi

What began as a maintenance flight for *Solar Impulse 2* on Monday night became another attempt to fly across the Pacific and finish its round-the-world quest.

The solar-powered plane, due to fly from China to Hawaii four weeks ago, had to land in Nagoya, Japan after running into a storm front. After landing,

strong winds and rain led to damage to its wings.

Monday night's flight "was supposed to be something completely different than usual", said Bertrand Piccard, a co-pilot and founder of the programme.

"That was our first decision, not to communicate about the take-off because it was a trauma for the team to cancel the flight five minutes before take-off."

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Take a second to keep up with times

The National staff

ABU DHABI // Not enough seconds in the day to get everything done? Tomorrow may help.

A "leap second" will be added to time around the world just before 4am to adjust for the occasional slight slowdown in the Earth's rotation, the Emirates Metrology Institute said yesterday.

The "extra" second will be added at 3.59am and 60 seconds. It is the 26th time an adjustment has been made

Until 1968, the length of the second was based on the rotation of the Earth by observing mean solar time.

But the rotation, which fluctuates unpredictably, slows down because of friction caused by ocean tides.

The move follows a decision by the International Earth Rotation and Reference Systems Service in January to adjust coordinated universal time, said Dr Helal Al Kaabi, executive director of EMI.

A unified system of measures and standards for the GCC is also in the pipeline.

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High-frequency traders keep an eye on the time, b1

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