



• UAE Navy boats have been pictured next to Al Marzoqah, a Saudi Arabian tanker which was reportedly "sabotaged"

Ex-dictator's daughter barred from presidency

GUATEMALA CITY (GUATEMALA), MAY 14

THE Constitutional Court of Guatemala has barred the daughter of ex-military ruler General Efraín Ríos Montt, Ms Zury Ríos, from running for the presidency.

Ms Ríos was one of the frontrunners ahead of elections slated for June 16.

"Ms Zury Ríos was the right-wing candidate for the Valor (Courage) Party."

A BBC report said the court

argued that Guatemala's constitution barred close relatives of coup leaders from serving as president.

General Ríos Montt's rule in the 1980s was considered one of the most ruthless periods of Guatemala's civil war, when entire Mayan villages were wiped out.

He seized power during a 1982 coup d'état, in the midst of a war between the military regime and Marxist rebels.

He was accused of ordering the killing of more than 1,700 ethnic

Mayans, whom his regime suspected of harbouring insurgents.

The general was ousted by his defence minister in August 1983 and 30 years later he became the first former head of state to face genocide charges in his own country.

He was found guilty but that ruling was later thrown out by Guatemala's high court. He died aged 91 on April 1, 2018, six months after his genocide trial had resumed.

US blames Iran for damage to tankers in Gulf of Oman

WASHINGTON DC (USA), MAY 11

UNITED STATES investigators believe Iran or groups it supports used explosives to damage four ships off the United Arab Emirates on

Sunday, media reports have said.

Military experts were reportedly sent to investigate the incident and found a large hole in each of the tankers.

No evidence has emerged to show that Iran was involved. The affected countries were yet to assign blame.

The incident has increased tensions between Iran, which borders the nearby Strait of Hormuz, and the US.

About a fifth of oil that is consumed globally passes through the strait. Last month, Iran threatened to close it if it was prevented from using the waterway.

This followed a US decision to end exemptions from sanctions for major importers of Iranian oil.

The team of US military investigators discovered large holes in all four of the affected ships and believe they were caused by explosive charges, the Associated Press reports, quoting an unnamed official. They did not explain how the damage was linked to Iran.

CBS carried a similar report quoting unnamed US officials.

Few details have been released about the incident, which was said to have taken place about 06:00 (02:00 GMT) last Sunday within UAE territorial waters in the Gulf of Oman, east of the emirate of Fujairah.

The UAE foreign ministry said four commercial ships had been targeted in a "sabotage attack" near Fujairah port, just outside the Strait of Hormuz.

There were no casualties but Saudi Arabia said two of its ships had suffered "significant damage".

Another damaged tanker was Norwegian-registered, while the fourth was reportedly UAE-flagged.

IN THE MATTER OF UNIBANK (GHANA) LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP), THE BEIGE BANK LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP), THE ROYAL BANK LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP), SOVEREIGN BANK GHANA LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP) AND THE CONSTRUCTION BANK (GH) LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)

Pursuant to section 123 of the Banks and Specialised Deposit-Taking Institutions Act, 2016 (Act 930), the Bank of Ghana by a notice of appointment dated August 1, 2018 appointed Nii Amanor Dodoo as the Receiver of the following five banks:

- The Beige Bank
- uniBank (Ghana) Limited
- Sovereign Bank Limited
- The Royal Bank Limited and
- The Construction Bank (Ghana) Limited

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Payments should be made into the Receiver's bank accounts opened in the names of the respective banks (In Receivership) with Consolidated Bank Ghana Limited (CBG) or through arrangements made with the Receiver at **Marlin House, 13 Yiyiwa Drive, Abelenkpe, Accra.**

Failure to make payment or reach satisfactory arrangements with the Receiver towards settling these obligations within the stipulated period will result in publication of names and amounts owed in the national dailies and/or the initiation of court action for recovery of all obligations without further recourse to any debtor.

You may contact the Receiver at receiver@kpmg.com.gh or on **+233302770454** to discuss all obligations due to any of the respective banks (in receivership).

Dated in Accra this day of 14 May 2019

Nii Amanor Dodoo
Receiver