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## **NEWSREEL WORLD** **Saturday 27 April 2019**

### **Alanna Leslie (A.L.), narrator:**

Today, we'll talk about a deeply troubling law change in the sultanate of Brunei.

### **Matthew Woolfe:**

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### **A.L.:**

Also, the Kenyan teacher who's officially the best in the world.

### **Peter Tabichi:**

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And, a young designer who makes accessories for people with disabilities who are otherwise ignored in Hong Kong.

### **Comma Leung:**

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### **A.L.:**

Speaking to you from London, I'm Alanna Leslie - and this is Newsreel World.

## **Brunei: Crime and Punishment**

### **A.L.:**

Let's start in Brunei.

### **Matthew Woolfe:**

Among the most concerning punishments are the amputation of limbs for those found guilty of theft, the death penalty for those found guilty of apostasy, which in the context of Brunei means giving up Islam if you're a Muslim, and death by stoning for those found guilty of adultery or sex or sodomy between two men.



**A.L.:**

Brunei is a small sultanate home to just over half a million people on the island of Borneo in South-East Asia. At the beginning of April, it became the first Asian country to make homosexuality a crime punishable by death, specifically by stoning.

**Matthew Woolfe:**

My name is Matthew Woolfe. I'm in Australia and I'm the founder of the Brunei Project, an independent human rights initiative that aims to raise awareness about human rights issues in the small South-East Asian nation of Brunei. If anyone is not sure what Sharia law is, it is basically Islamic law that is based on the teachings of the Koran and other Islamic texts. A number of Islamic countries, particularly in the Middle East and parts of Africa also have their own versions of Sharia law. For those places that adopt Sharia law, they have special religious police who enforce the law and Sharia courts to prosecute cases. The regular police force and regular courts have no jurisdiction over Sharia law. We want to see much more diplomatic pressure placed on Brunei and we think that much more can be done by foreign governments. So we're hoping that people in Europe and all around the world will push their governments to put whatever pressure they can on Brunei to repeal or, at the very least, amend these harsh new laws.

**A.L.:**

We wait to see whether this international pressure will have any impact and convince Brunei's sultan to repeal or amend these new laws.

## **Kenya: World class teaching**

**A.L.:**

Now Kenya.

**Hugh Jackman:**

The winner of the Global Teacher Prize for 2019 is... Peter Tabachi!

**A.L.:**

That's Australian actor Hugh Jackman, best known as the Greatest Showman or for X-Men fans, Wolverine, presenting the award for best teacher to Peter Tabachi. Peter, a teacher in maths and physics from a remote village in Kenya, was given £750,000 as part of the price. For Newsreel World, Michael Kaloki can tell us more.

**Peter Tabichi:**

Thanks so much. I didn't expect this. It is a great surprise not just for me, not just for Kenya, not just for Africa - for the whole world! This shows that teaching is a noble profession.

**Michael Kaloki:**

The award handed to Peter, recognised his exceptional commitment to his students. He was up against more than 9,000 other nominated individuals from 179 countries. Peter, more commonly known as Brother Peter, is a member of the Franciscan religious order. Brother Peter gives away 80% of his pay to support pupils at his school, who would otherwise be unable to afford uniforms or books.

**Michael Kaloki:**

The news of Peter's win spread quickly across Kenya. Senior government officials and his



cheering students were on hand to meet Peter at the airport in Nairobi. With the 1,000,000 USD prize win from the award, he says he plans to use the money to improve his school and feed the poor.

## **Rwanda: Gender equality**

**A.L.:**

Now, Rwanda. We've heard before about how Rwanda has developed from a technological perspective. And in April, a new government report came out which claims they've also made significant progress in promoting gender equality too. From Kigali, the Rwandan capital, Susan Teta brings us this report.

**Susan Teta:**

Over the past 25 years, Rwanda has achieved substantial progress in gender equality. Across politics, business and agriculture women seem to have been getting more equal opportunities. But what do young Rwandans think about how equal their society is?

**Alice Kugemana:**

My name is Alice Kugemana, I'm 23.

**Susan Teta:**

So do you think men are likely to get certain jobs compared to women?

**Alice Kugemana:**

So here in Rwanda, I think no.

**Susan Teta:**

Why do you think so?

**Alice Kugemana:**

Rwanda has been doing a great job in empowering women and I would like to encourage other African countries to do the same as Rwanda, cause we have seen many changes.

**David:**

My name is David and I'm 23 years old.

**Susan Teta:**

Do you think men are more likely to get certain jobs compared to women?

**David:**

That's a tricky question. Uhm, from experience, I'd say that there they can be able to get jobs compared to women. I think they are all equal. But I'd say, in some rural areas it's still a challenge to see that men are prone to get some types of job women can't get them. So it's still that thing of mindset.

## **Hong Kong: Design with a purpose**

**A.L.:**

Now, Hong Kong. How do you open your wallet to get a specific amount of money if you're visually impaired? Designer Comma Leung has solved this problem for people in Hong Kong by creating specifically designed wallets.

Comma believes that in a city driven heavily by market forces, the half a million people with disabilities in Hong Kong are often neglected and she dedicates her work to changing that. For Newsreel World, Andrea Chang spoke to Comma Leung at her design studio, Mosi Mosi, in Hong Kong.

**Comma Leung:**

So this is my home office and you can see that there are lots of tiny things in my living



room, like a lot of little plants and little decorations from different countries when I go travel.

**Andrea Chang:**

I'm here in Miss Comma Leung's studio, which is also her apartment. Miss Leung's home office is about 300 square feet. She had clothing materials and strings organised in a few cupboards under her piles of leather, and next to her toolbox where she stores her different sizes of scissors and needles.

**Comma Leung:**

So, you can see that there are products on the desk. For example, this is an "In:visible Wallet" that helping the visually impaired to recognise the banknote amount. When the visually impaired don't know the banknote amount they can just open it and then they can just recognise by themselves. And also, you can see that there is a wheelchair bag. And what's so special in this wheelchair bag is there is a strap that you can be more flexible to tied up, because different wheelchair bag have different sizes and different models so the wrapping part is more flexible so that it can fit for different wheelchair.

**Andrea Chang:**

What's the inspiration for what you're doing and why did you design products like this?

**Comma Leung:**

I think the starting point is from my university project that my topic is about happiness. And what is happiness for me is helping people so i just try to do what I can do, and at that moment I just met visually impaired people and I realised that they have some needs in their daily life. And because I'm a designers I think that I have a power to do something that can help people with needs.

**Andrea Chang:**

I'm also curious. A lot of people like to help others, but your wishes to help other people seem pretty strong. And they're strong enough to push you to the action of designing products. I mean, you learn art and you learn design from school but you are motivated enough to do things and take actions to help others. Why do you think that is the case?

**Comma Leung:**

I think... What I feel is Mosi Mosi has the power to inspire people to bring new perspective on disabilities and some people even cry because of what I'm doing. And I think this kind of response just keeping me to do what I do and I can't find a job to bring me feel so excited. I will love to hold this spirit to keep doing my work.

**Andrea Chang:**

Thank you!

**A.L.:**

That's it for this episode. This is Newsreel World, I'm Alanna Leslie. Have a good holiday - and we'll speak to you next term.