

All the President's words

International News

Interchanging the words 'Islamic' and 'Islamist' in the context of terrorism is often a tactic used by politicians to suit their moderate or hardline views, but when U.S. President Donald Trump mixed them up in Riyadh this week, it was not deliberate. The written draft said Islamist, which refers to the political use of Islam, but he read it as Islamic, which refers to religious aspects. The White House later clarified that the President was too exhausted and this led to the mistake.

Mr. Trump's limited vocabulary and haphazard syntax compare in sharp contrast with his predecessor Barack Obama. Mr. Trump's critics are not particularly role models. TV comedian Stephen Colbert — a strong critic of Mr. Trump and consequently a liberal hero — sketched an imagery of oral sex between the President and Russian President Vladimir Putin in a recent show, causing widespread outrage. Not so much for abusing the President, but for using a homophobic metaphor — which is a strict no-go area for progressive politics.

endorse

approve, support a claim or statement

enthral

take the whole attention, enslave

Business News

'Budget is schizophrenic on infrastructure in U.S.'

President Trump's plan slashes existing programmes

U.S. President Donald Trump's budget plans are as contradictory on infrastructure as they are on bigger topics like tax reform.

This week's proposals add \$200 billion of federal money over a decade to help mobilize investment of at least \$1 trillion in transport, utilities and the like. However, the plan also slashes existing government infrastructure programmes.

Budget critics have accused Mr. Trump's team, including Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, of double-counting.

exploit

to use for selfish advantage or profit

extensive

far-reaching

National News

is Trump losing his way in Washington

Why is he not playing by the book?

U.S. President Donald Trump's politics is built on his chest-thumping confrontation with the 'Washington establishment.' There is a 'Washington playbook' that the Presidents are expected to stick to, former President Barack Obama once said. When Presidents question that playbook, they are drawn into controversies. "Where am I controversial? When it comes to the use of military power... That is the source of the controversy," Mr. Obama said, explaining his decision not to bomb Syria. Till today, Mr. Obama's decision is cited as a major failure of his presidency by security czars and the mainstream media.

extol

to praise highly

flimsy

lacking solidarity, strength