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Ali Al-Moussa

COUNCILOR WANTS KUWAIT TO BE MORE **EXPAT-FRIENDLY**

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Municipal Council member and rapporteur of the Capital committee Ali Al-Moussa approves the idea of allowing Arab and foreign expatriates to own apartments in Kuwait, especially since many of them have been living here for several years and are entitled to this right that is already granted by other countries. In an exclusive interview with Kuwait Times, Moussa also said beach barbeques were a form of recreation and that banning them was not the answer.

Moussa said that the council is considering involving embassies to exchange expertise in many fields with Kuwait. He stressed that the municipal council needs to discuss some of the regulations and bylaws used in friendly countries and adopt some of them. Moussa also expressed approval of a proposal to commemorate some foreign nationals and name streets after them in appreciation of their services to Kuwait.

On waste management, Moussa told Kuwait Times that council members had visited several Arab and foreign recycling factories pending establishing one in Kuwait. He criticized the contracts signed with cleaning and garbage collection companies, noting that the municipality missed out including some conditions pertaining using modern cleaning machinery, which eventually increased the contracts' costs. Moussa added that the municipality must include marine units to collect waste dumped in national waters. (See Page 3)



ANKARA: Supporters of Turkey's Justice and Development Party (AKP) celebrate outside the party's headquarters in Ankara after the first results in the country's general election yesterday. — AFP

ERDOGAN'S AKP REGAINS MAJORITY IN TURKEY VOTE

ANKARA: Turkey's Justice and Development Party (AKP) founded by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan won back its parliamentary majority in yesterday's election, according to results with almost all ballots counted. The conservative Islamic-rooted party gained 49.4 percent of the vote, giving it 315 seats in the 550-member parliament, CNN-Turk said with after 97 percent of votes were in. Prime Minister and AKP leader Ahmet Davutoglu tweeted simply: "Elhamdulillah" (Thanks be to god).

Security forces fired tear gas at stone-throwing protesters in the mainly Kurdish southeastern city of Diyarbakir as results filtered in, with support for the pro-Kurdish opposition falling perilously near the 10 percent threshold to enter parliament.

In June, the AKP lost the overall majority it had enjoyed since 2002. Erdogan had presented Sunday's polls as a chance to restore stability at a time of tension over Kurdish insurrection and after two bombings, attributed to Islamic State, while critics fear a drift to authoritarianism under the president.

"This is a success exceeding our expectations," one of the officials said, acknowledging the scale of the victory was a surprise. Since June's poll, a ceasefire with Kurdish militants has collapsed, the war in neighbouring Syria has worsened and Turkey - a NATO member state - has been buffeted by two Islamic State-linked suicide bomb attacks that killed more than 130 people.

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By B Izzak

KUWAIT: The criminal court yesterday acquitted former liberal MP Saleh Al-Mulla of charges of insulting HH the Amir and damaging Kuwait-Egyptian relations through a number of tweets.

Mulla was detained for several days and charged with insulting HH the Amir and undermining diplomatic ties between Kuwait and Egypt earlier this year ahead of an official visit of Egyptian President Abdulfattah Al-Sisi.

Mulla wrote several comments on his Twitter account rejecting any new Kuwaiti aid to Egypt saying that all Kuwaitis rejected the same. The former lawmaker was arrested and detained for five days before he was released on a KD 2,000 bail pending trial. The ruling is not final as it can still be challenged by the prosecution before the appeals court.

In another development, 10 web-based newsletters yesterday rejected the proposed electronic crimes draft law and called for amending the draft law before sending it to the National Assembly for approval.

In a joint statement, 10 web-based bulletins called on the ministry to amend its proposed law to make it applicable only to electronic news sites without restricting the freedom of establishing personal, commercial or services websites which cannot be classified as news sites.

The statement added that the regulation of the electronic news sites through legislation based on professional and constitutional principles will help develop this key sector, adding that they intend to submit a draft law to the information ministry.

The information ministry has announced that it will submit the draft law to the National Assembly for approval in the current term which opened last week.

MP Faisal Al-Shaye who was elected head of the Assembly's financial and economic affairs committee, said yesterday that the committee will announce the date of a key meeting with the government to discuss its plans for dealing with the budget deficit.

The lawmaker said the meeting will include the financial committee, the Assembly's budgets committee and the finance ministry. The meeting aims at studying measures the government plans to adopt to deal with the

Shaye meanwhile sent a series of questions to the Minister of Sports and Youth Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah about reports that some sports clubs refused to allow members to register. He asked about the measures that the ministry had taken against such sports clubs and whether the ministry will reserve the rights of people to register later.

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KUWAIT: The expat who was run over following a group fight outside a mall in Hawally on Saturday night.

EGYPTIAN RUN OVER AFTER **BIG HAWALLY MALL FIGHT**

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: An Egyptian expat was killed and another was seriously injured after they were run over by a vehicle following a major brawl that broke out between two groups of Egyptians and Kuwaitis outside a mall in Hawally on Saturday night.

According to Interior Ministry's relations and security information department, the fight initially broke out inside the mall between Egyptian expats and two Kuwaiti citizens.

Although the fight started off as a minor quarrel, it soon escalated into a free-for-all battle with the expats eventually chasing the two citizens out of the mall. One of the citizens took his

vehicle and reportedly ran over the Egyptians killing one of them on the spot and leaving another with a broken pelvis. Security men arrested 14 persons who were involved in the fight including the driver who ran over the expats. Investigations are underway while the driver was charged with homicide.

Recently, the Kuwaiti authorities had announced that they would deport 17 Egyptians and six Syrians without trial after they were involved in a mass brawl over a commercial dispute in Shuwaikh. Kuwait deports thousands of foreigners every year for a variety of offences, from brawling to traffic violations to failing to renew residency permits.

RUSSIAN PLANE BROKE UP IN THE AIR

UAE CARRIERS RE-ROUTE FLIGHTS TO AVOID SINAI

WADI AL-ZOLOMAT, Egypt: A Russian airliner that crashed in Egypt broke up "in the air" strewing fragments across a wide area, an expert said yesterday as investigators probed the disaster that killed 224 people. President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi urged patience to determine the cause of Saturday's crash, after the Islamic State jihadist group (IS) claimed it brought down the A-321 in Egypt's restive Sinai

"The disintegration happened in the air and the fragments are strewn over a large area," said Viktor Sorochenko, a senior official with Russia's Interstate Aviation Committee, quoted by the Russian news agency RIA-Novosti from Cairo. Sorochenko, who is heading an international panel of experts, said it was "too early to draw conclusions" about what caused the flight from Sharm el-Sheikh to Saint Petersburg to crash.

Investigators have recovered the "black box" flight recorder and the Egyptian government said its contents were being analysed. "In such cases, leave it to specialists to determine the cause of the plane

crash because it is a subject of an extensive and complicated technical study," Sisi said. The crash site in the Wadi al-Zolomat area of North Sinai was littered with blackened aircraft parts as the smell of burnt metal lingered, an AFP correspondent said.

There were no bodies visible, but soldiers guarded dozen of bags and suitcases belonging to passengers from flight KGL 9268. A tiny red jacket underlined the horror of the tragedy that also killed 17

Officers involved in the search efforts said rescue crews had recovered 168 bodies so far, including one of a girl found eight kilometres (five miles) from the main wreckage. Army helicopters hovered above the site as the search for bodies continued.

Flags flew at half-mast in Russia yesterday and entertainment programs on television were cancelled on a national day of mourning for the victims, most of them Russians ranging in age from 10 months to 77 years.

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KUWAITI PILGRIM MISSING IN SAUDI **CONFIRMED DEAD**

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti pilgrim, Jassim Al-Failakawi, who had been missing following the tragic stampede that took place during the Hajj in Makkah this year, was confirmed dead, Saudi authorities informed the family.



The authorities in Kuwait, including officials from foreign, interior, Awqaf and health ministries, had been trying hard to locate Al-Failakawi ever since the tragedy struck the pilgrimage. According to his companions, Al-Failakawi, left them on Mount Arafat at 1 am on Thursday, September 24 to rent a vehicle to carry them to Muzdalifa. However, he never came back.

QATAR OPENS MEGA-CAMP FOR 70,000 WORKERS

DOHA: Qatar officially opened the country's biggest workers' accommodation camp yesterday, with enough space to house almost 70,000 laborers. "Labor City" which also contains two police stations, Qatar's second largest mosque and cost some \$825 million to build (750 million euros), will house 68,640 workers when it reaches full capacity.

It was unveiled by Prime Minister Abdullah bin Nasser Al-Thani and the Labor Minister Abdullah al-Khulaifi in a ceremony in the capital Doha. The site is currently around 60 percent full and houses workers from various countries including Nepal, India, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Mohammed Al-Maraghi, a manager with the Naaas Group, which is overseeing the site, said "Labor City" was the "model" for other camps and bigger sites may follow.

Khulaifi has said Qatar plans to build seven "cities" to house almost 260,000 laborers, brought to work on major infrastructure projects, notably for football's 2022 World Cup which the country is hosting. The decision to build more modern facilities comes after constant criticism of the squalid and crowded accommodation provided by Oatar for the vast numbers of migrant workers in the country.

Each room at Labor City should accommo-

date no more than four workers and daily inspections will be carried out to ensure that number is not breached, officials said yesterday. The unveiling came the day before a major labor reform-the Wage Protection Systemcomes into force.

This should guarantee laborers get paid on time with salaries electronically transferred to their bank accounts. Last week, Qatar was criticized after announcing "inadequate" changes to its "kafala" labor system for foreign workers, which places restrictions on when workers can leave the country and switch job contracts. — AFP

MINISTER OPENS HASHIM AL-SAQER MEDICAL CENTER





KUWAIT: Health Minister Dr Ali Al-Obaidi inaugurates the Hashim Abdullah Al-Saqer medical center.

Dr Ali Al-Obaidi poses for a picture with girl scouts. —KUNA photos

KUWAIT: Health Minister Dr Ali Al-Obaidi opened yesterday the Hashim Abdullah Al-Sager medical center

for heart diseases outpatient rehabilitation services in Al-Sabah medical zone. The four-storey medical cen-

ter was built as a donation for Khaled Abdullah Al-Sager. It consists of 16 outpatient clinics that varies

from rehabilitation, exam and research rooms to swimming pool, walking track and multi-purpose sports rooms. It also includes lecture halls, emergency rooms, and multisensory rooms. — KUNA









EMC, PLATINUM SPONSOR AT EGOV3, ORGANIZED BY NOUFEXPO AND CAIT

is being held in Kuwait from 15 to 17 November to discuss the future of effective and secure government services. The Forum will be held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait. EGOV3, the largest e-government event in Kuwait, brings together prominent senior dignitaries, ministers and government officials in addition to visionary heads of enterprise, government technology experts and professionals, decision makers and CEO's from across the region to share ideas and best practices to build a sound foundation for the advancement of government

services. Commenting on EMC's participation in EGOV3, Habib Mahakian, Vice President, Gulf and Pakistan at EMC said, "We are extremely pleased to take part in this important technology event organized by NoufEXPO and the Central Agency for Information Technology, especially it enjoys a very high level official support. EMC, has always been a strategic

KUWAIT: EMC announced its par- partner to many government and bility needed and creating the performance and scalability ticipation at the third E- public sector organizations in foundation of Trust to protect the needed for hyper-connected, Government Forum (EGOV3) that Kuwait. EMC's participation is data they own." aimed at highlighting the role of transformation technologies to boost information sharing, drive security, and enhance service delivery to enhance the lives of citizens and expats across the State of Kuwait."

Smart cities

In his keynote speech during EGOV3 opening ceremony, Mahakian will shed light on role of ICT in the creation of smart cities highlighting the local governments' need for scalable innovations that can grow as quickly as their cities and their challenges and change as fast as its citizens and their environment. Mahakian commented, "While Cloud, Big Data, and Trust are at the center of EMC's strategy, they are the corner stone for Smart Cities. An intelligent modern city knows how to leverage the enormous treasure of Big Data at hand into actionable insights with smart technology. At the same time, the advantages of cloud based IT and Security are major areas of focus for Smart Cities going forward giving them the agility and flexi-

Mahakian added, "To bring this vision to life, EMC will also pres-



Habib Mahakian

ent an overview of the EMC Federation Smart City platform that brings together best-ofbreed technologies from EMCII, VMware, VCE, Pivotal, RSA and Virtustream to create a Smart City platform that is open, agile, software-defined and data analytics driven which deliver the speed, data-driven cities. The platform provides leading edge technologies to host the applications of today and to enable the development of Cloud Native applications which will enables the Cities to accelerate innovation adoption, deliver superior, fast and personalized Citizens and businesses experience and achieve agility and sustainability."

First class services

Habib Mahakian concluded his statement by saying, "In addition to the critical role of information technologies, experts and officials at the summit will discuss a range of topics that emphasize the need for first class government services and how to create them, opportunities and potential as a result of growing social media adoption, public- private alliances, development of skills and the measurement and development of effective citizen services. During the Forum, EMC team will not only focus efforts on delivering EMC message, but also will be an added value that benefits current and future programs of all participants."

94% OF DONATION PLEDGES FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES FULFILLED

MANAMA/LONDON: President of the humanitarian funding and this would International Islamic Charitable Organization (IICO), advisor at the Amiri Diwan Dr Abdullah Al-Maatouq said that 94 percent of the pledges made at the second donors' conference has been achieved.

"Ninety four percent of the pledges has been so far accomplished in order to reach the agreed upon amount of \$2.4 billion," Maatouq said in his statement at the Manama Dialogue currently being held here. He said that such an achievement has been reached following the implementation of a follow-up mechanism among the donor countries concerned with the Syrian refugees crisis. He stressed that the humanitarian response efforts amid the absence of any imminent solution to the Syrian crisis seems modest, limited and inadequate to cope with the current increasing demand especially with exacerbating danger of the crisis and "the savage intervention of inter-

national and regional parties." Maatouq noted the importance of continuing to look for the imminent needs for 2016 in the face of the challenges facing the crisis in partnership with the international community. He said that high level of human needs have been met with relative reasonable humanitarian responses, adding that large sums are not reported, a matter that limits the ability to understand the full picture of the flows of hinder current efforts to respond to and identify priorities.

Great efforts

Separately, Jordanian Minister of Water and Irrigation Dr Hazem Al-Nasser has extolled the great efforts and initiatives of the State of Kuwait to help Syrian refugees in the Jordanian Kingdom and in other neighboring countries.

"Kuwait's huge contributions to the Syrian refugees are highly praised," Nasser said in a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) during his visit to Britain, recalling Kuwait's hosting of all international donor conferences aimed to support the Syrian people as they provided grants and in-kind assistance thus becoming among the first countries to do so under the leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

In contrast, Nasser said that "some international financiers are still below the required level" due to nonfulfillment of the pledges made at the donors' conferences to address the Syrian refugees in neighboring countries. He stressed that such matter has led to negative impact on Jordan and on all neighboring countries as well as on the Syrian refugees. He said that the refugees crisis has caused more burdens on Jordan on a daily basis. — KUNA







KUWAIT: The Ambassador of Turkey to Kuwait Murat Tamer hosted a reception on the occasion of the 92nd anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic at the embassy. Senior officials, diplomats and media personalities attended the event. — Photos by Joseph Shagra



Exclusive Interview

COUNCILOR SUPPORTS MORE EXPAT-FRIENDLY KUWAIT

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Municipal Council member and rapporteur of the Capital committee Ali Al-Moussa spoke in an exclusive interview with Kuwait Times on various topics, including expatriates' ownership of properties, the beach barbeque ban and the cleaning companies' contracts. The following is the transcript of the interview:

Kuwait Times: Do you have any plans to utilize foreign expertise in municipal work or with the Kuwait Municipality?

Ali Al-Moussa: Actually, we are looking forward to mandating and getting embassies that have economic and commercial attaches in Kuwait to exchange expertise with us.

KT: What kind of expertise do you need to discuss most with these diplomatic bodies?

Moussa: Some friendly countries have special bylaws and regulations in effect and we need to discuss them in terms of municipal activities and make use of their experiences in putting those regulations into practice.

KT: Should Kuwait adopt the regulations used in the countries you mentioned?

Moussa: We need to adopt the regulations needed to develop municipal work in general, especially those related to projects that were successful in those countries.

KT: Is there an actual model to use in attracting such expertise or do you intend to visit the concerned embassies or countries to gain such experience? Moussa: We had an ideal experience during a visit to

Britain, which was coordinated by the British ambassador to Kuwait, to whom I wish to express my appreciation for giving us the opportunity to review British municipal regulations and bylaws.

KT: Some expatriates living in Kuwait have been suffering because they are not allowed to own residential properties in Kuwait. What do you think about that?

Moussa: I am absolutely for the idea of allowing Arab and foreign expats to own their own apartments in various investment areas, especially since many of them have been living in Kuwait for several years now and have every right to own residential apartments the way expats in other countries can. If such a proposal is passed, it will help provide Kuwait with a new source of income and reduce the outflow of expat remittances.

KT: Do you believe that Kuwait would benefit from this

Moussa: Arab and foreign expats in Kuwait will definitely reduce the sums they transfer back to their home countries, boost Kuwait's status on Arab country as well as at international levels and revive the economy. It will also help many expats who actually deem themselves citizens by affinity and by the long years they have spent in Kuwait.

KT: Tell us something about your trips abroad and their benefit to municipal activities?

Moussa: We have gone on various successful trips, visiting Arab and foreign waste recycling factories and plants Many expats have been living in Kuwait for several years now and have every right to own residential apartments the way expats in other countries can







KUWAIT: Municipal Council member Ali Al-Moussa speaks during his interview with Kuwait Times. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

during which we benefited very much from others' experiences in this field and intend to adopt them in Kuwait, especially since they help increase public revenues.

KT: Some foreign and Arab expats have many complaints about cleanliness in their neighborhoods. What do you have to say about this?

Moussa: As a matter of fact, the municipality missed out including some important conditions in the new cleaning contracts for using modern cleaning machinery, which led to increasing the costs of such contracts. Some cleaning companies do not respect this clause and Asian garbage collectors working for them still use conventional and outdated primitive equipment that do not help achieve the desired cleanliness levels. However, the municipality supervisory bodies ought to take very strict measures against all violating cleaning companies.

KT: Many sea-lovers have noticed increasing amounts of refuse in Kuwaiti national waters. Why doesn't the municipality act to remove this rubbish?

Moussa: On a visit to a European country, the use of specialized marine municipal units to collect waste from various beaches caught my attention. Such units and machinery are not yet used in Kuwait and are not even included in newly-signed cleaning contracts. I do hope they would be brought to Kuwait soon to remove waste and garbage from Kuwaiti beaches.

KT: Many expatriates have expressed dissatisfaction with the municipality's decision banning barbequing at various beaches without offering an alternative. What is the best solution to this problem?

Moussa: Beach barbequing is a recreational activity and banning it is not an ideal solution, unless alternative sites are allocated and barbeque equipment is provided at reasonable fees affordable by everyone on the condition that all users fully observe cleanliness and the municipality has those sites under close supervision.

KT: Do you believe it is important to name some Kuwaiti streets after foreigners who have served it in variallocated for youths to practice their favorite hobbies, including hazardous ones like racing, shooting and scooter games. Those sites should be suitable to Kuwait's climate and good enough to encourage the youth to use them.

Moussa: Yes, I am totally for such a proposal in order to

KT: A large segment of the Kuwaiti population is

memorialize some outstanding Europeans for their servic-

youths, who have every right to enjoy their leisure time

and have access to special facilities where they can prac-

tice their hobbies. What do you think of these youth

Moussa: I believe entire integrated areas should be

KT: The municipal council was recently allocated a land plot to build the Diplomatic Club along Balajat Street in

Salmiya. What is holding up the execution of the project so far? **Moussa:** The municipal council did allocate the land to build the club for the benefit of a large segment of Arab

and foreign diplomats. I hope the club will be built soon. **KT:** Speaking of sidewalks and jogging areas, what is the municipal council's role in this regard?

Moussa: Such exercises must be encouraged and special places must be allocated for both citizens and expatriates to practice it, which is widely encouraged and practiced in several Arab and European countries we visited. These routes must be shaded and paved, and we must also provide special lanes for cyclists.



KUWAIT: Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry Dr Yousef Al-Ali presents a memento to Czech Minister of Trade and Industry Jan Mladek following their meeting yesterday. — Photo by Joseph Shagra

CZECH DELEGATION, **COMMERCE MINISTER DISCUSS BOOSTING TIES**

By Nawara Fattahova

KUWAIT: A Czech business delegation of 35 members headed by the Czech Minister of Trade and Industry Jan Mladek is visiting Kuwait to discuss the bilateral trade relation and plans of increasing trade between the two countries. The delegation members met with Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry Dr Yousef Al-Ali and other officials yesterday at the Ministries Complex.

Dr Ali stated after the meeting that the two sides discussed the opportunities available for Czech companies to be part of the development plan projects in Kuwait. "During this visit, we have discussed improving the bilateral trade relation in different fields, especially that the trade exchange is below expectation. The trade value between Kuwait and the Czech Republic is \$50 million, and we aim to increase it more, especially that It once reached \$200 million," he noted. "We discussed new horizons for our cooperation that will increase the bilateral trade activities. We also discussed the benefits of increasing the number of visiting delegations from both countries and attending the exhibitions from both sides to gain more information about both products.

In this matter, I invited the Czech Republic through its minister to participate in the Kuwait International Business Exhibition that will be held on February 21 and 22, 2016, " added Ali.

Attracting investors

Ali discussed the ways of attracting investors and businessmen to closely see the investment and trade opportunities available in both countries. Both sides also discussed the obstacles in the way of increasing the trade value and the ways of overcoming it. "Medical tourism and services has the main portion of the trade exchange in addition to some other fields," he concluded.

According to the Minister Jan Mladek, it is necessary to improve the bilateral trade relations and commercial exchange. "There are many opportunities that are not yet exploited between the two countries. We already have bilateral agreements on both investment protection and tax duplication, and we aim to sign an agreement on economic cooperation, which should solve the problems occurring during the business cooperation between the Kuwait and Czech companies," he pointed out.

Over 6,000 Kuwaiti citizens visit the Czech Republic every year for medical treatment, especially physiotherapy which is done in the spas. "We would like to increase the number of Kuwaiti visitors to the Czech Republic. If visa procedures are simplified, this would definitely lead to have more Kuwaiti tourist visiting our country. So we definitely support the possibility of canceling the visa system for Kuwaiti citizens to the Schengen countries which we are part of," Mladek stressed.

MINISTER LAUNCHES KUWAIT'S AWARD FOR YOUTH EXCELLENCE, CREATIVITY

SHEIKH SALMAN LEAVES FOR ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

KUWAIT: Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah yesterday announced the launch of Kuwait's award for youth excellence and creativity.

The award, the first of its kind for youth in the Arab World, reiterates the state's keenness on youth and their projects, giving priority to their ambition as well as promoting their capabilities as the "country's future and real wealth," Sheikh Salman told a press conference.

He added that the award is also part of the state extensive strategy to prepare a young generation that sticks to national values and be a partner in sustainable development through boosting the culture of creativity and the artistic aesthetic sense.

Sheikh Salman noted that the award, launched by the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs, will constitute an incentive to youth, and reaffirm that Kuwait is doing its best to unleash their creativity. He said that the ministry is highly interested in encouraging creativity and innovation among Kuwaiti youth in all fields, patronizing the gifted.

The newly-launched annual award covers 10 fields, providing an incentive for creativity and developing a favorable cultural environment. It offers youth financial and spiritual support to help them play a leading role in the society, the minister noted.

Ten categories

Meanwhile, the ministry's Assistant Undersecretary for Youth Development Abdulrahamn Al-Mutairi said that the financial value of the award hits KD 100, 000 for 10 categories. These include entrepreneurship; education; media; culture and arts; voluntary work; sciences and technology; sports; boosting health; architecture, urban planning and, housing, and sharia sciences, Mutairi noted.

Only Kuwaitis aged 14-34 are eligible to apply for the award, the first of its kind in the Arab countries. They can apply as of yesterday till 14 January, through the ministry website. Results



KUWAIT: Information and Youth Affairs Minister Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah (right) speaks during yesterday's press conference.— Photo by Fouad Al-Shaikh

are to be announced at the beginning of March.

Islamic conference

Separately, Sheikh Salman stressed the significance of the 9th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in view of time and goals. Speaking to KUNA before leaving for Oman to attend the conference due between November 2-4 in Nizwa, the Capital of Islamic Culture for 2015, the minister, who doubles as Chairman of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL), said efforts need to be exerted in order to build an all-out strategy to promote the role of Islam in serving humanity and fighting extremism.

He called for capitalizing on Islamic cultural tradition in the correction of negative stereotypes about the religion of Islam inside and outside the Muslim world in different activities and sciences. He said the Muslim countries' ministers of culture are well aware of schemes being plotted against Islamic culture.

On the meeting, he said the agenda is full of issues and subjects, primarily a conference bureau, election of a consultative council tasked with carrying out the cultural strategy in the Muslim world and mechanisms for promoting tolerance, moderation, inter-cultural dialogue, amity and peace.

The State of Kuwait, through the Ministry of Information and the NCCAL, has adopted a cultural strategy of action that copes with the requirements of the current and future stages, the minister noted.

The strategy establishes the concepts, values, principles and tolerance of the Islamic sharia, Sheikh Salman said, adding that Kuwait was currently making preparations for a festival marking Kuwait City as the Capital of Islamic Culture for 2016 through various cultural activities that reflect the country's tradition and opening up to different cultures and civilizations. — KUNA

KUWAIT PINS HOPES ON UNESCO **CONFERENCE**

PARIS: Kuwait pins substantial hopes on the UNESCO 38th General Conference, the country's permanent envoy to the organization Dr Meshaal Hayat has said. The country expects the conference will take significant resolutions to serve "national purposes." Hayat made the statement to KUNA ahead of the conference, 3-18 November. Kuwait's Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Bader Hamad Al-Essa is taking part in the UNESCO confer-

The Kuwaiti delegation is expecting the conference to endorse two resolutions made by the

UNESCO Executive Board on establishing a global center for excellence for the empowerment of persons with disabilities through information and communication technologies (ICT), and setting up a water research center at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Hayat said. The Executive Board approved Kuwait's two projects in October and referred them to the UNESCO director general for

In the meantime, Hayat said Kuwait is looking forward to winning the posts of Deputy President of the General Conference and Deputy Chair of the Educational Committee. The Kuwaiti delegation will also seek to win membership of the UNESCO Legal Committee. In addition, Kuwait is targeting membership of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education, seeking the only seat for the Arab group, despite a fierce competition, he said.

This general conference offers a good opportunity to highlight the role of Kuwait and His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as a 'Humanitarian Leader' in supporting the UNESCO educational initiatives for the Syrian refugee students, as well as around the globe.— KUNA



In Brief

INTERPOL MEETING

KUWAIT: Ministry of Interior Undersecretary Lieutenant General Sulaiman Al-Fahad and his accompanying delegation headed Sunday to Rwanda to participate in the 84th session of the Interpol General Assembly meeting, scheduled to kick off today. The the four-day Interpol meeting tackles issues regarding threats against nations at the global level, the ministry said. The Interpol, an intergovernmental organization tasked with facilitating international police cooperation, has an annual budget of around euro 78 million, most of which is provided through annual contributions by the 190 member countries. — KUNA



RAIN EMERGENCIES

KUWAIT: Emergency teams from the Ministry of Public Works are deployed in all six governorates to deal with urgent incidents that may be caused by rain fall and unstable weather conditions, ministry spokesman said Saturday. Abdulmohsen Al-Enezi, also Assistant Undersecretary for Planning and Development said in a statement the ministry was coordinating with the Ministry of Interior, Civil Defense Department and Meteorological department to deal with any emergency case. He said the emergency teams were monitoring the situation in the streets. — KUNA



MEDIA COOPERATION

LONDON: KUNA Deputy Director General for Administrative, Financial, and Communication Affairs Abdulhameed Malak discussed yesterday with Thomson Foundation Executive Director Baker Nigel cooperation between the two sides, training and the latest in media technology. After the meeting, Malak said the two sides focused on benefiting from the Foundation' vast experience in training and using the best utilities in the field of news, and benefit from its long experience in utilizing social media and technology in electronic media. — KUNA



Photo

of the day



KUWAIT: The entrance to Dar Al-Athar Al-Islamiyyah at Yarmouk Cultural Center. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

BRITISH CULTURAL WEEK TO BOOST CULTURAL TIES: NCCAL OFFICIAL



KUWAIT: NCCAL assistant Secretary General for culture sector Mohammad Al-Asousi (third from left) speaks during the press conference. — KUNA

KUWAIT: A senior official at the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) has highlighted the significance of the British Cultural Week to be held here later this month for boosting bilateral ties. The NCCAL organizes the British Cultural Week, 9-14 November, in cooperation with the British Council in Kuwait, NCCAL assistant Secretary General for culture sector Mohammad Al-Asousi said in a press statement.

The event will offer a multitude of activities that manifest a new era of performance and visual arts, music and poetry, Asousi said. He emphasized the

NCCAL's major role in the intellectual, cultural and artistic development in Kuwait, within the framework of an obvious vision to promote culture and arts. In addition, the NCCAL is working hard to consolidate cultural ties with other countries.

Meanwhile, British Council country Director Grant Butler said the event is part of commitment to push ahead bilateral cooperation in culture and arts.

He referred to partnership between the British Council and the NCCAL, based on a belief in collective action through culture to inspire creativity via the exchange of ideas. — KUNA

ONLY IN



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ood morning my dear and honorable readers and I wish all of you a blessed winter to come. In this article I would like to go back to the Only in Kuwait series as there are many incidents that have surfaced lately and I thought of other topics that may be of concern and most importantly resolved.

1- Only in Kuwait when a few drops of rain fall, Kuwait drowns.

2- Only in Kuwait when rain comes people in Jahra ride in their boats.

3- Only in Kuwait when rain comes, schools pamper the students and let them stay at home and they end up going to the malls instead of studying.

4- Only in Kuwait when the authorities say that they are ready for the winter season, it turns out to be the opposite and we can see the streets have been flooded with a few drops of rain. The Ministry of Public Works had announced during the summer that preparations had been completed and the drainage systems around Kuwait have been cleaned, and yet we saw what happened few days ago.

5 - Only in Kuwait the Education Ministry had said last summer that all facilities in schools, including cold water dispensers, air conditioners and other utilities and when the new school year started parents found out that the majority of the schools were not yet ready to receive the students, a matter that forced His Highness the Amir to personally donate to install new AC units.

6 - Only in Kuwait young students become frightened to go to school in fear of some teachers who only have threatening as a tool to discipline rather than using incentives to make the students love school.

7 - Only in Kuwait a single senior police official is in charge of the destinies of thousands of residents instead of designating a senior official in each of the governorate to ease the congestion. By the way he is in Farwaniya.

8 - Only in Kuwait you receive information about what is happening in the country through social media outlets, while the official media tends to wait a few hours before announcing what is going on.

9 - Only in Kuwait you drive along the road one day and the next day it is closed, forcing you to follow the traffic into the already-congested area in order to reach your destination. This can be seen around Shuwaikh area. My advice is that the government should have contracted directly with a Chinese or Korean companies to execute such projects that would not take that long as we all have seen few months back when a Chinese company had constructed a building consisting of more than 100 levels in less than a month time. Since there is commitment, work will be fully accomplished.

d. Until the next article insha'Allah.

KUWAIT THANKS ITALY FOR FACILITIES AT EXPO

MILAN: The State of Kuwait's general commissioner at the concluded Expo Milan 2015 event expressed gratitude to the Italian Government and the organizers for supporting Kuwait during its participation in the global fair.

Faisal Al-Mutallagem expressed his deep admiration toward the State of Kuwait's political leadership, namely His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the government and the parliament for their support for Kuwait's participation in the international fair, where Kuwait's civil image was portrayed to a wide audience. This national-level, robust support was a major motive for ensuring the State of Kuwait's participation and its eminent presence at Expo Milan, he said, also thanking all the national authorities and



MILAN: Kuwait's Ambassador Sheikh Ali Khalid Al-Sabah is seen with other members of the embassy during the closing ceremony of Expo Milano 2015. — KUNA

institutions for being supportive of the Kuwaiti teams which succeeded in conveying a clear picture about Kuwait, its history, civil role and major role at the humanitan level.

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This success is the outcome of diligent work that got started four years ago by the work team, under guidance of the Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah and the supreme executive committee that represented the competent ministries and departments. He also expressed appreciation to Italy for furnishing the Kuwaiti teams with all necessary facilities.

Up to 1.675 million visitors had shown up at the Kuwaiti pavilion throughout six months. The Kuwaiti pavilion earned the top-award for the best designing. It depicted Kuwait's modernization, blended with the country's past and heritage, as well as the natives' success in overcoming natural challenges while building their homeland. — KUNA



A scene from the closing ceremony of Expo Milano 2015.



Al-Anbaa Editor-in-Chief Yousif Al-Marzouq greets senior citizens at the event.



The guests are seen in a group photo with senior citizens at the event. —Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

ZAIN ORGANIZES SEMINAR ON RESIDENCY LAW FOR EMPLOYEES

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, organized an informative seminar about the latest developments in the Residency Law for non-Kuwaiti employees in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior (MOI). MOI officials were recently present at the company's main headquarters in Shuwaikh, where they took part in this first of its kind initiative in the Kuwaiti private sector.

Zain organized this seminar as part of its Human Resources Strategy, which works to provide employees with initiatives and programs that cater to their various needs with the aim to benefit them and keep them informed with latest governmental processes. Zain positions itself as the first private-sector company to take up this initiative, and the latest collaboration with MOI comes to strengthen the company's commitment towards its employees.

The seminar witnessed the presence of the Director of Residency Affairs in Mubarak Al-Kabeer Governorate Colonel Abdullah Saud Sunaidah, who explained the latest developments of the Residency Law where residency visas given to expatriates will be linked to their passports' validity starting from January 2016. The seminar also witnessed the attendance of a large number of Zain employees who showed their interest and interacted with MOI officials.



It is worth noting that Zain shows continuous commitment to enrich its partnership with various public entities with the aim of facilitating governmental processes to its employees. Recently in April, the company applied the Esignature service to its employees in collaboration with the Public Authority for Civil Information. PACI officials were present at the company's main headquarters for a period of two weeks, where they eased the registration process of Zain employees.

Zain considers itself as a core entity within the community, and strives to keep up with the social and economic development trends. The company will always put the needs of its employees at the forefront of its priorities.

DAY OF OLDER PERSONS

AL-ANBAA CELEBRATES

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: On the occasion of celebrating the International Day of Older Persons, Al-Anbaa Arabic local daily recently organized a special ceremony for the residents of geriatric homes in Kuwait.

The ceremony was attended by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor's Assistant Undersecretary for Social Care Affairs Dr Fatima Al-Mulla, the geriatric house manager Saad Al-Kharraz, Al-Anbaa Editor-in-Chief Yousif Khalid Al-Marzouq, Al-Anbaa advisor Yousif Abdul Rahman, media icon Ayesha Al-Yahya and actor

Speaking on the occasion, Marzouq stressed the importance of showing gratitude to the elderly, and said that the media had a significant role in news reporting as well as conveying some humanitarian messages meant to boost youth awareness about revering parents and taking very good care of them at old age.



KUWAIT: Al-Anbaa Editor-in-Chief Yousif Al-Marzouq.

GIRL SAVED FROM BURNING HOUSE

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Firemen were yesterday dispatched to tackle a fire in an Omariya house, where they found a girl hiding inside a bathroom on the first floor, said security sources. Firemen managed to rescue the girl and hand her over to paramedics for treatment of some hand

Weapons smuggling

Land security department officers arrested two Iraqis after being discovered by the thermographic camera in while attempting to smuggle weapons through the security fence. Two men were arrested while four escaped back into Iraq. Sixty shotguns were found with those arrested.

Illegal diwaniyas

Jahra Municipality carried out a campaign against violating diwaniyas built on state property, resulting in the removal of 6 structures built from corrugated galvanized iron sheets.



Two suspects arrested with weapons they tried to smuggle into Kuwait yesterday.

VETERAN ACTRESS CRITICIZES HIJAB-WEARING COLLEAGUES

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: A veteran Kuwaiti actress recently made remarks that were described to be conoversial when she criticized veiled actresses.

Speaking on an interview with 'Al-Majles' TV channel to discuss the issue of actresses who wear hijab in real life and appear covering their heads all the time onscreen, Hayat Al-Fahad stressed that she was fully against that, saying that this action hurts the actress' credibility. For example, Fahad mentioned that an actress wearing hijab would appear in headscarf before her husband and kids at home during some scene. "This is illogical," she argued. These statements created controversy as many observers saw them as a call to fight what they described as 'decent art,' and mere responses to antifeminism religious restrictions.

Parliament committees

MP Madhi Al-Hajri was unanimously appointed chairman of the parliamentary committee for people with special needs. Meanwhile, MP Sultan Al-Shemmari was elected head of the parliamentary interior and defense committee, while MP Faisal Al-Kandari was elected head of the housing committee. In the meantime, member of the parliamentary housing affairs committee MP Rakan Al-Nisf stressed that he would carry on following the housing issue. Separately, MP Ahmad Lari said that along with a number of his colleagues, they were planning to form a parliamentary committee for women affairs regard on the next session.



and that they would submit a proposal in this Hayat Al-Fahad appears in hijab in one of her works.



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HUMAN-VAMPIRE AFFINITY

By Salah Al-Sayer

he world has known Dracula's character from the novel written by the Irish novelist Bram Stoker in 1897. This Dracula myth has been shown through many varied horror movies produced in Hollywood and it still appeals to and attracts viewers. The most recent release of this series is a 2015 American 3D animated fantasycomedy film 'Hotel Transylvania II', which is the sequel to the 2012 film 'Hotel Transylvania', which tells the story of Dracula.

In this film, Mavis (Dracula's daughter) gets married to a human called Jonathan, and they have a child they name Dennis, who is a hybrid between man and beast. Nearing his fifth birthday, Dennis has yet to grow his fangs, which worries Dracula that his grandson might not gain vampire powers. So, throughout the comedy film, Dracula tries to get his grandson closer to vampires, and when

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other beasts learn about this affinity, they attack Transylvania Castle that includes the hotel where Dracula and his family live side by side with 'tamed' beasts and human guests. A battle ensues and Dracula and his human/vampire grandson emerge victorious over the evil beasts.

The movie is very enjoyable and conveys a very important message and moral lesson about the possibility of achieving coexistence with others different from ourselves, because good and virtue is not limited or restricted to some of us, as even freaks and beasts have good ones amongst them, such as the mummy, Frankenstein and the werewolf characters who fight bad guys. It is a message that needs to be read and clearly comprehended by our plagued and snobbish world that claims to monopolize good and ethics without knowing that such an illusion is evil in itself and that it contradicts with good morals and ethics.

—Translated by Kuwait Times



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LAND TO AIR MISSILES

asked me to write about it so that people could learn the

already had been tackled by so many writers, but I hope this sto-

ry may become of benefit and act as a reminder for us all. My

to Europe to purchase her wedding needs. Whenever she

bought something, she immediately posted a video or a photo

of it on social media so that her acquaintances back in Kuwait

could see it. Oh, how well-meaning she was because she did not

dent but he luckily escaped it unharmed. Her mother slipped

and fell during the wedding, breaking her leg. Later, she got

divorced in her honey moon! Do you know the reason for such

People are starting to brag with everything and immediate-

ly post it on various social media with good intentions or even

out of boasting about owning this or that luxurious item. For

instance, some mothers would post their kids' photos asking

everybody to vote for them in a 'most beautiful child competi-

tion' without knowing that some people would enviously

respond. "Wow, how beautiful this child is," they would say, and

the child might suddenly become so ugly or unable to walk

One day before the wedding, he father had a terrible acci-

realize that what she did would bring her evil.

jinx? Well, there so many other similar stories.

By Sami Al-Khorafi

close friend recently told me the story of his cousin, and Some other people would post a photo of a brand new vehicle they had just bought, and it ends up in Amgharah scrapyard in same lesson she learnt. I know the story's topic might no time, as a result. There are endless examples. For God's sake people. Others need not to know where you have been to, what you had or what you have seen there. It friend told me that his cousin, her mother and her nephew went does not matter to them whether you ate sushi or a simple traditional dish. It is you who are making them watch you with

> We have been brought up to the principle of 'do things discreetly if you wish to accomplish any' because people may enviously stare at whatever virtue of blessing one has and some eyes are terribly envious. The Prophet himself (PBUH) called for Islam and migrated to Madinah in secrecy to avoid all eyes and reach his destination safely. In Surat Youssuf, prophet Ya'qoub ordered his son, Yousuf not to tell his dream to his

> Many people still fail to understand why certain bad things happen to them but once they rethink the whole issue, they would find out that the reason was what they, themselves, had posted on social media, having people gaze with gasps at the photos, sending 'land to land eye missiles.' To those with envious eyes, people, please! You have to rid the people of your evil eyes. Say Mashallah whenever you behold something you like!!! —Translated by Kuwait Times

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THOSE WHO **BLAME OTHERS**

By Nermin Al-Houti

mong the most beautiful moments in my life that I still remember and will not go away from my memory, is when I used to sit with my grandmother, may Allah bestow his mercy on her, and learn from her. Although she was illiterate, she had much knowledge. I remember when I used to go to her and talk about some behaviors of some people which I used to find strange, and which did not have any relation to what they said during their gatherings, she used to say: They blame people, while the blame is on them.

That saying was constantly repeated by my grandmother, and now I repeat it a lot about many of those who we run into and find that they have 'dual personalities,' as what they advise and urge others to stay away from, they do it themselves! Here are some of these 'bad things' that are flaws in the persons who cite them in others.

• Those who blame the liar while they have never

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known truth in their lives!

- Those who blame those who do not read, while
- they do not even know the meaning of book! Those who blame the one who does not pray,
- while he himself has never prayed! Those who blame people for gossiping, while all his talk is gossip!
- Those who blame those with no mercy, while they do not have any mercy in their hearts!
- They blame those who do not donate in charity
- while they do not know how to give zakat! • They blame those who do not have sympathy for
- others while they do not know how to have sympathy with themselves! • Those who blame those who oppress, while they
 - are oppression personified! —Translated by Kuwait Times



Report

FISHERMEN FIND HASHISH BAGS

KUWAIT: Seven Indian men who were fishing near Kubbar Island were surprised when they found 50 pieces of hashish in their fishing nets. They said the place where the drugs were found was close to the route of Iranian boats that bring goods to Kuwait. The drugs were found in two heavyweight bags, and each contained several pieces of hashish. The men informed their sponsor of their find, and the Kuwaiti man called police. Security officers went to the area and collected the two bags. The bags were sent to the Drugs Control General Department. Investigations are underway.

Motorcyclist hurt

A delivery man was run over in Fahad Al-Ahmad, while the driver escaped. The delivery man was on his way to deliver an order using a motorcycle, when he was hit and then run over. He was taken to Adan Hospital for treatment. Ahmadi detectives are working on the case.

Thieves caught

Criminal detectives arrested a 3-member gang, containing one expatriate and two bedoons, who used knives and air rifles during their crimes. The three confessed that they robbed camps at knife and gun points in several areas. Their houses were searched and many stolen items were found there. They said some of the items were already sold in the used items market. One of the suspects was asked to call person who bought the items despite knowing they were stolen, and he was arrested in a set up. Several electric generators were found in his house.

Reckless driver

A reckless driver hit an Indian man's car in Sabah Al-Salem. The Indian went to the police station and told them that someone who was driving recklessly hit his car before escaping. Authorities are looking for the culprit. Separately, Jahra police stopped a reckless driving session by a group of men in Saad Al-Abdallah. One of the suspects was found to be a National Guard's officer. —Alrai

KD 110 MILLION ALLOCATED TO DEVELOP FIFTH RING ROAD

KUWAIT: The State Audit Bureau recently approved a tender on the Fifth Ring Road development project with a total cost of KD 110 million, inclusive of all works needed for the project, said official Ministry of Public Work sources. All paper work and documents needed for the tender are being prepared pending signing its contract within the coming few days, the sources added. The Fifth Ring Road serves around six areas that overlook it, and the project mainly aims at improving the services it provides. The project would increase the road's lanes to four in addition to creating emergency and service lanes, as well as changing current intersections to free flow ones. —Al-Anbaa





EQUATE HONORS PUBLIC AUTHORITY FOR INDUSTRY

KUWAIT: EQUATE Petrochemical Company, Kuwait's first international joint-venture in this industry, honored the Public Authority for Industry (PAI) for its continuous support and cooperation. During the ceremony to honor PAI, EQUATE Vice President for Technical Services Tareq Jafar Al-Kandari said. "Our overall ties with PAI have truly been a reflection of EQUATE's 'Partners in Success' slogan. Throughout the years, PAI has truly been a partner for EQUATE in all relevant fields, especially during our

Turnaround 2014 (TA 2014). The amount of support and collaboration from PAI has enabled EQUATE to finalize the TA 2014 within 30-days with the participation of over 12,000 employees and contractors. That is truly a world-record breaking achievement for petrochemical plants and was done through the support of our stakeholders, especially the PAI. In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to express EQUATE's appreciation and thanks to PAI's management and staff for sharing and supporting our objectives for overall sustainability throughout Kuwait, namely the industrial sector."

The celebration was attended by several representatives from PAI and EQUATE. PAI's attendees included the Manager of Cooling Water Stations Mohammad Al-Adwani, Cooling Water Stations Advisor Yousef Al-Kandari, Section Head of Mechanical Maintenance Meshari Al-Anzi, Section Head of Electrical Maintenance Yousef Al-Mulla, Section Head of Operations Walid Al-Fadhli,

Senior Specialist for Operations Mustafa Isamil and Mechanical Specialist Ahmed Dashti. In addition to Al-Kandari, EQUATE was represented by Utilities Leader Mohammad Al-Mutairi, Procurement Director Muayad Al-Faresi, Corporate Communications Leader Kholoud Al-Feeli, Utilities Operations Leader Mohammad Al-Ali, Senior Production Engineer Paneerselvam Senthilkumar, Senior Production Engineer Shaikhah Al-Hasawi, Production Engineer Fahad Al-Hajri and Production Engineer Jasem Al-Temimi.



TEN BUSINESSES QUALIFY FOR FINAL JUDGING ROUND IN KIPCO TMKEEN AWARD FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

KUWAIT: Ten young entrepreneurs running media and technology businesses in Kuwait have qualified for the final judging round in the first ever KIPCO Tmkeen Award for Young Entrepreneurs. The award is a collaboration between the Youth Empowerment Organization and KIPCO - Kuwait Projects Company (Holding).

Eligible applicants gave a 5-7 minute presentation about their businesses in the preliminary judging round. Business professionals from the KIPCO Group - including Burgan Bank, OSN, Gulf Insurance Group, KAMCO Investment Company, United Real Estate, Qurain Petrochemical Industries, AUK, AUS, United Networks and Marina FM - sat on the judging panels. Eman Al-Awadhi, KIPCO's Group Communications Director, said:

"During the preliminary judging round, KIP-CO Group professionals had the opportunity to interact with young entrepreneurs who have dedicated a lot of time and effort to turn their ideas into a reality and create sustainable businesses that make a positive impact on the community in which they operate every day. As business professionals with different backgrounds, our judges gave feedback and comments to the young entrepreneurs, which we hope will be the beginning of a dialogue to mentor and support them as they grow their businesses. The selection process was not an easy one, and we wish everyone all the very best in the final judging round."

Meanwhile, Ali Al Ibrahim, CEO of the Youth Empowerment Organization, said: "The KIPCO Tmkeen Award for Young Entrepreneurs has taken our work to empower youth to a whole new level. Through our annual Youth Empowerment Symposium, we inspire young people to establish their own businesses by bringing to them renowned business leaders from Kuwait and across the world who share their life-changing stories. This award, however, has allowed us to actively support entrepreneurial projects through the mentorship, experience and services of the KIPCO Group com-

Finalists

The ten finalists are MyU app (@myu_app), Coded (@joincoded), Bookr (@letsbookr), Ajar Online (@ajaronline), Vitesse Technologies (@vitesse.kw), Q8Desserts.com (@q8desserts), Bilbayt.com (@bilbayt), ZEENA (@zeena.app), Studio AlO (@studioaio), and Doctoruna.com (@doctoruna1).

The final judging round will take place on Saturday and the panel includes the Co-Founder and CEO of Storehouse, Mark Kawano; Founding Director of the American United School of Kuwait, Dr Jennifer J Beckwith; Kuwaiti IT expert, Eng Manar Al-Hashash; and General Manager of Ghaliah online communications agency, Abdulrazag Al-Mutawa.

KIPCO Group is offering the winner a bundle of services valued at \$100,000. The services include a wide range of financial, strategic and operational consultation sessions, market studies, insurance coverage and advertising services. The winner of the grand prize will be announced at the opening of the Youth Empowerment Symposium on November 9.

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KHAMENEI: FRESH ELECTIONS NEEDED IN SYRIA

TEHRAN: Iran's supreme leader dismissed yesterday the chances of foreign countries bartering a deal over Syria's future, suggesting they should focus on securing a halt to fighting that allows fresh elections. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei also repeated his ban on direct talks with the United States about turmoil in the Middle East, saying US objectives in the region were utterly at odds with Iranian policy.

The comments, to Iran's ambassadors and other top diplomats, were Khamenei's first since his country joined international negotiations on the four-year Syrian conflict. He said Syria's people must choose who their leader would be, rather than the US and other foreign powers trying to decide for them.

"The Americans seek to impose their own interests, not solve problems. They want to impose 60, 70 percent of their will," he said, alluding to the peace talks which took place Friday in Vienna. "So what's the point of negotiations?" he said, insisting that military and financial support given to rebels fighting President Bashar Al-Assad, principally from Gulf States and the US, must stop if the Syria conflict is to end.

Top diplomats from 17 countries, as well as the United Nations and the European Union, had gathered in Austria, seeking to narrow divisions over Syria's civil war, which has killed more than 250,000. For the first time, the meeting brought together the entire main outside players in the crisis, including Russia and Iran, key allies of Assad's government.

The Syrian regime and the opposition were not represented. Iran and the US held direct negotiations for almost two years which led to a deal over the Islamic republic's nuclear program on July 14, but afterwards Khamenei banned bilateral talks on other issues. The meeting in Vienna only reiterated the international split over Assad's fate but the talks will resume in two weeks.

The United States, Saudi Arabia, Britain and France say the Syrian leader has lost all legitimacy and must step down, even if not immediately. Iran and Russia, however, have increased their support for Assad, with President Vladimir Putin ordering air strikes on regime targets while Tehran has upped its count of military advisers on the ground

Alluding again to hopes of a peace settlement generated in Vienna, Khamenei appeared to suggest the debate over Assad was unhelpful, reiterating that the eventual solution is a ballot. "There's no point in other countries getting together and deciding about a system of government and the head of that state," the supreme leader said. "This is a dangerous innovation which no government in the world would accept being imposed on itself. The solution to Syria's problem is elections," he added.

Taking aim at US

A halt to support for rebels could ensure "Syrian people elect whoever they want in a safe and peaceful environment," Khamenei said, without mentioning Iran's support for Assad. Khamenei also took aim at wider US policy in the Middle East.

IS SEIZES CENTRAL SYRIAN TOWN

BEIRUT: The Islamic State militant group has expanded its presence in central Syria, seizing control of a town that lies near a highway leading to the capital, Damascus, activists and the group said yesterday. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said after intensive clashes with government troops, IS forces captured Mahin in the central province of Homs yesterday and were now pushing their way northwest toward the majority-Christian town of Sadad. The town is home to Syria's Assyrian Christian minority and the ancient language of Aramaic is still spoken there.

Mahin is 25 kilometers east of the highway that links the central province to Damascus. The town also houses a large military complex and arms depots- and was scene of intense clashes between government troops and Al-Qaeda's affiliate in Syria in 2013 before the government recaptured it. The capture of Mahin, and the push toward Sadad, marks a new advance of the Islamic State group in central Syria. The group's strongholds lie in northern and eastern Syria; but the group has, as recently as May, established a presence in Homs, seizing the ancient city of Palmyra and then another village to the west.

New expansion

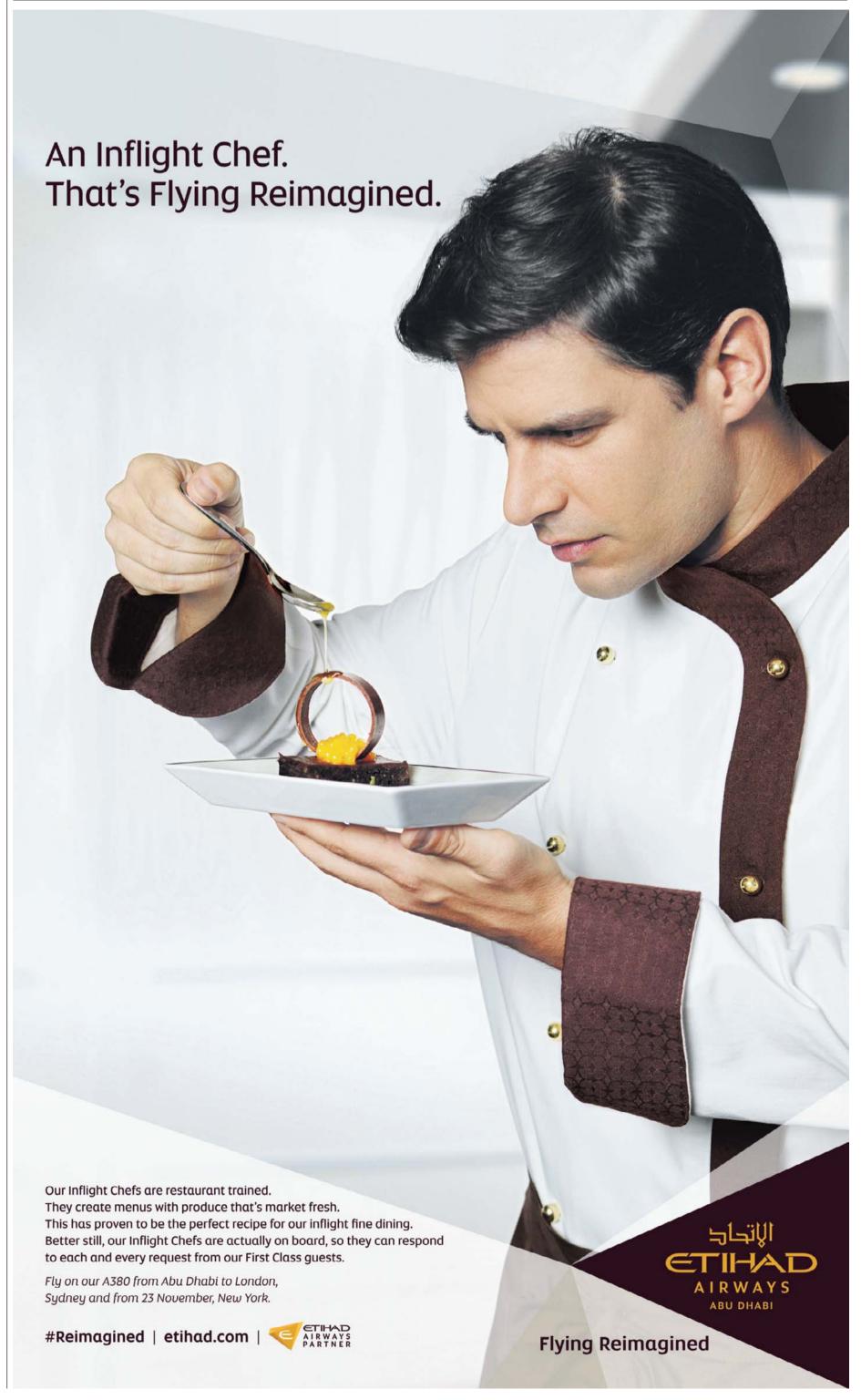
The new IS expansion comes despite concerted Russian airstrikes in Syria, which Moscow says target IS and other terrorist groups. For the most part, the Russian airstrikes, in their fifth week, have targeted Western-backed rebel groups and other Islamist groups. IS militants have also made recent gains in Aleppo, seizing villages from other rebel groups and controlling a section of a strategic highway that serves as a supply route into government-controlled areas of Aleppo. The Islamic State internet radio broadcast, Al-Bayan, said the group took control of large arms depots in Mahin after a suicide bomber blew himself up at a government checkpoint outside the town, opening the way for its fighters to advance.

The Observatory reported airstrikes on Mahin, following IS control of the town. Also yesterday, Syria's foreign minister said "important" points were made during international talks seeking to revive a moribund political process and end his country's civil war, now in its fifth year. But Walid Al-Moallem said negotiators failed to convince his government's foes to curb their support for "terrorism." Al-Moallem's comments came after his meeting with UN special envoy Staffan de Mistura, who arrived in Damascus yesterday to brief him on the details of the international talks in Vienna. — AP

"America is the main part of the problem in the region, not part of the solution," he said, citing US support for "the Zionist regime" in Israel. "These policies differ 180 degrees with the policies of the Islamic republic," he added, also criticizing Saudi Arabia for its "double standards" of conducting an air war in Yemen. "They have intervened in this

country upon a request by a resigned and fugitive Yemeni president," Khamenei said.

"But on Syria they are not prepared to stop supporting the armed opposition upon a request by the legal president." Meanwhile, a top Iranian official criticized remarks made by Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir, who said Saturday he hoped Tehran would use money unfrozen by the nuclear deal to improve its economy rather than for "aggressive policies". Iran's deputy foreign minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian told the official IRNA news agency: "We warn Adel Al-Jubeir not to test the Islamic Republic of Iran's patience." —AFP



THIRTEEN MIGRANTS WITH SIX CHILDREN, DROWN OFF GREECE

ATHENS: At least 13 migrants, six of them children, drowned as two boats making the hazardous crossing from Turkey capsized in the Aegean Sea off Greece yesterday, the coastguard said. The first tragedy occurred off the island of Samos when a boat overturned just 20 meters from shore.

Ten bodies-including six children, four of them babies-were found in the vessel's cabin while that of a girl was washed up on the island, where dozens of refugees have perished trying to reach Europe in recent days. Two others were still missing with coastguards saying 15 were plucked from the water.

A boat from the European border agency Frontex also recovered two bodies near the island of Farmakonnisi, near Samos, the coastguard said. Frontex also rescued three others, who said their boat was carrying 15 people when it sank in Turkish waters. Greek authorities and the Turkish coastquard "continue to search the zone to find the migrants who disappeared in the sinking, which probably took place off the Turkish coast," a representative of the Greek coastguard's press office told AFP.

The new sinkings add to a string of migrant boat tragedies since Monday off the Greek islands of Lesbos, Kalymnos and Rhodes in which more than 60 people have drowned, at least 28 of them children. On Friday alone 22 people, including 17 children, lost their lives trying to cross to the eastern Aegean islands from Turkey, to which more than two million Syrian refugees have fled.

That followed another black day on Wednesday when 24 migrants — 11 of them children-died in five shipwrecks off Lesbos, Samos and Agathonisi. With the arrival of rough winter weather, and fears that Europe is about to close its doors to refugees, more than 80 people-most of them children-have drowned trying to reach Greece in October, according to an AFP count. Since the beginning of the year, 580,125 migrants have landed on Greece's shores, according to the UN refugee agency UNHCR, with a total of 723,221 crossing the Mediterranean to Europe. Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said Friday that the drownings were a "humanitarian tragedy" and a "shame" for Europe. He is to travel to Lesbos this week with the president of the European parliament, Martin Schultz, his office said. — AFP



GAZA CITY: In this Wednesday, Oct 28, 2015 photo, Palestinians work on rebuilding a house which was destroyed during the last summer's war between Israel and Hamas. — AP

GAZA FAMILY FIRST TO RETURN TO REBUILT HOME AFTER WAR

A MUCH-ANTICIPATED HOMECOMING

GAZA CITY: The Al-Zazas have much to celebrate these days, after returning a few weeks ago to their neighborhood in the Gaza Strip - the first Palestinian family to move back into a completely rebuilt home since last year's war between Israel and the Islamic militant group Hamas.

It was a much-anticipated homecoming. Their house was one of thousands of dwellings that were reduced to rubble in the war. A push to reconstruct the battered coastal territory has been sluggish, relying on international funding pledges that have only partially been fulfilled. But the Al-Zazas' move offers a rare glimmer of hope to the tens of thousands of Gazans who lost their homes in the war. The family's place in Gaza City's Shaaf neighborhood, one of the hardest-hit in the war, was among the first 170 completely destroyed homes that were approved for reconstruction under a UN mechanism.

"We are very happy ... it's our home," 50-year-old Atef Al-Zaza, the family patriarch, told The Associated Press in his barely furnished new living room. "Our life is getting back to its pre-war normality." About half a million people were displaced at the height of the 50day conflict and 100,000 were left homeless, according to the United Nations. Israeli airstrikes and shelling flattened entire areas, leaving piles of concrete and debris. More than 2,200 Palestinians were killed, the majority of them civilians, according to UN figures. On the Israeli side, 73 people were killed, most of them soldiers.

Donor pledges

Many of the displaced Gazans fled to UN facilities serving as makeshift shelters or moved in with relatives elsewhere in the strip. After the war, some opted to return to their shelled-out and damaged homes, leaving about 17,000 still displaced 14 months after hostili-

The UN says some 18,000 homes were destroyed or severely damaged in the war. Mufeed Al-Hasayneh, the Palestinian Minister of Public Works, said that of the 130,000 houses that sustained minor and moderate damage, most have been repaired, while others still await funding from donor pledges.

At a conference held in Cairo shortly after the war, international donors pledged \$2.7 billion to rebuild Gaza, but more than a year later, only a third of the sum has been received, Al-Hasayneh said. "We only ask for the money that was promised at the conference. We don't ask for more," Al-Hasayneh said.

The coastal territory is under an Israeli and Egyptian blockade that has for years limited the entry of goods, especially construction materials like cement or steel that Israel says Hamas uses to construct tunnels and other military infrastructure. But under a UN-brokered mechanism supported by Israel and the Palestinian Authority, construction materials are allowed to enter Gaza under strict monitoring to ensure they are not diverted to Hamas. COGAT, the Israeli defense body that handles civilian issues with the Palestinians, said up to 850 truckloads of materials, including building supplies, currently cross into Gaza every day. Israel imposed the blockade in 2007 after Hamas seized control of the territory. A rift between Hamas, which rules Gaza, and the Fatah faction of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who governs the West Bank, has also bogged down reconstruction efforts. Still, some progress has been made. Qatar is rebuilding 1,000 housing units and Kuwait is expected to fund the rebuilding of a similar number of houses soon. Saudi Arabia promised to pay for the rebuilding of another 800 units, Al-Hasayneh said.

Gray rubble

In the Shaaf neighborhood, workers were busy this

week building the frames of other homes being reconstructed. The beige- and peach-painted walls of the new al-Zaza home stand out amid the surrounding gray rubble. During the war, most Shaaf residents fled because of heavy Israeli artillery and tank shelling. Al-Zaza left his four-floor house where he had lived in with his wife, 12 children and brothers since 1986, and moved in with a daughter. The house they left was later hit in an airstrike, although it remains unclear why. It's located behind the Al-Wafa hospital, which Israel says was used as a Hamas command center.

During a brief cease-fire, the family came to check up on the home and found it reduced to a pile of rubble in a wide crater. "It was an indescribable scene," said Al-Zaza, who is unemployed and subsists off aid. He lost all hope, but that pessimism faded when he received money in June to start rebuilding. Al-Zaza says he was so eager, he urged the builders to work around the clock to complete the house. The funding covered the rebuilding of the house's structure, so Al-Zaza spent money from his own pocket to give it some resemblance of the old home.

He painted the interior walls of the guest room with bright stucco and added gypsum decoration to the ceilings. In the living room, the walls' lower halves were covered by glazed ceramic tile. With the first floor complete, the family finally moved in in September, and Al-Zaza's relatives are expected to move into the three upper floors once they are finished. Since the reconstruction money doesn't cover furniture and the Al-Zazas' belongings were destroyed in the airstrike, the family now uses plastic chairs, a plastic table and a woven straw mat in the living room. For the kitchen, they bought a used refrigerator and a washing machine. With a roof over his head, Al-Zaza says he isn't bothered. "Happiness has been in our hearts as soon as we entered our home," he said. — AP

AZERBAIJAN STRONGMAN SET FOR POWER IN FLAWED POLLS

BAKU: Azerbaijan voted yesterday in parliamentary polls expected to cement President Ilham Aliyev's grip on power and boycotted by the mainstream opposition as a sham. Polling stations closed at 7:00 pm time (1500 GMT). The Central Election Commission was due to start releasing results later yesterday.

International rights groups have cast doubt on the vote, accusing the government of jailing political opponents on trumped-up charges and limiting parties' ability to campaign in the ex-Soviet state. The leader of the opposition Musavat party, Isa Gambar, told AFP that victory for Aliyev's Yeni (New) Azerbaijan party was a foregone conclusion "in the absence of strong opposition candidates and amid widespread violations".

Yeni Azerbaijan had vowed the election would be flawless. "The elections are being held in a fully transparent and democratic atmosphere," Aliyev's top aide, Ali Gasanov, said. Turnout was 50.1 percent at 1300 GMT, the Central Election Commission said.

'Imitation elections'

The tightly controlled Caucasus nation's leading opposition parties, including the National Council of Democratic Forces (NCDF), the Musavat party, and the Democratic Party of Azerbaijan, boycotted the polls, with the NCDF calling them an "imitation" of elections. "The country does not possess even half of the conditions necessary for free and fair elections," the party said.

Another major opposition party, the Republican Alternative (REAL), said it would not recognize the election results. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) did not send observers to the election, citing "restrictions" imposed on its monitoring mission by the Azerbaijani authorities and criticized the "crackdown on independent and critical voices". Alivev vesterday criticized the move as "unacceptable." None of the elections held in Azerbaijan since Aliyev came in power in 2003 has been recognized as free and fair by international observers.

Jailed opponents

Any display of public discontent and political dissent usually meets a tough government response. Rights groups say the government has particularly clamped down on opponents since Aliyev's re-election for a third term in 2013. Human Rights Watch (HRW) and Amnesty International have decried the authorities' systematic attacks on opponents in the lead-up to the election. "At least 20 people are currently imprisoned in the country merely for having challenged the government's policies," London-based Amnesty said in a statement. HRW said the authorities have used spurious charges of drugs or weapons possession, tax evasion, and even high treason to jail political activists and dissenting journalists.

Over the past year, Aliyev's leading political opponent, REAL party leader Ilgar Mammadov, as well as the country's top critical journalist Khadija Ismayilova and a prominent Azeri couple that campaigns against human rights abuses, Leyla and Arif Yunus, were sentenced to lengthy jail terms over charges they say were politically motivated.

Despite international criticism, Aliyev secured a third consecutive term in flawed presidential polls in 2013, extending his family's decades-long grip on power in the energyrich Caspian Sea nation of 9.5 million people. He took over in 2003 on the death of his father Heydar Aliyev, a former KGB officer and communist-era leader who had ruled newly independent Azerbaijan with an iron fist since 1993. The mainly Muslim country wedged between Iran and Russia is considered key to Western efforts to reduce Europe's reliance on Russian hydrocarbons. Depending largely on its energy exports, the country was hit by a drop in oil and gas prices and the global economic downturn, and in late February 2015 devalued its currency, the manat, by 34 percent against the dollar. More than 700 candidates from 13 parties and one bloc were standing for the 125seat, single-house parliament, the Milli Majlis, to be elected for a five-year term. Over 5.9 million people were registered to vote. — AFP



BAKU: Azery soldiers cast their ballot at a polling station yesterday during a parliamentary election. — AFP

INFAMOUS UZBEK WELCOMES KERRY TO SILK ROAD CITADEL

SAMARKAND: US Secretary of State John Kerry brought his Central Asia diplomatic caravan to the Silk Road citadel of Samarkand yesterday and was welcomed by a notorious strongman. President Islam Karimov, the 77year-old autocrat who has ruled Uzbekistan for a quarter-century since independence, hosted

Kerry at his sprawling palace complex. Kerry was keen to discuss closer US economic ties with Central Asia and cooperation in the battle against the Islamic State group, which recruits in the region. But his willingness to court such a hardline figure will attract criticism from human rights groups. The US envoy praised the beauty of Samarkand's monuments, comparing the ancient centre of Islamic learning favorably to the devastation wrought on Syrian sites by IS jihadists. "We need to talk about the challenges that all of us face regarding security," Kerry added, noting that Central Asia borders on wartorn Afghanistan. The two did not take questions. After the brief remarks, they met behind closed doors. According to the US State Department's 2014 human rights report, Uzbekistan's authorities are guilty of "torture... denial of due process and fair trial." The post-Soviet political system suffers from "an inability to change the government through elections." In more colorful language, a leaked 2010 US diplomatic cable published by WikiLeaks branded Karimov's realm"a nightmarish world of rampant corruption, organized crime, forced labor in the cotton fields and torture."

Jailed activist

Kerry, who on Saturday had a difficult discussion on human rights with his Kyrgyz counterpart, has said he will not shy away from admonishing his hosts on his tour. But he has also made it clear that Washington is ready to work more closely with Central Asian governments in the fight against extremists like the Islamic State group. On Saturday, Kyrgyz Foreign Minister Erlan Abdyldaev had complained angrily that the United States had this year given a human rights award to a jailed Kyrgyz activist. "And I regret that it did result in some concerns," Kerry admitted, stressing that the disagreement must not hamper cooperation in the fight against the Islamic State.

"We have discussed that very frankly, very openly, and all of us want to move on," he told reporters after talks with his "friend, Erlan". But he added that the United States had been founded with a commitment to human rights and freedoms "and we're always going to speak to them." Later yesterday, Samarkand was the backdrop for the first ministers' meeting between the United States and all five Central Asian powers.

Limited US role

Diplomats hope the new format-bearing the less than exotic name of "C5+1"-will become an ongoing forum for cooperation between Washington and the "Stans". Kerry and the foreign ministers from Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan met over lunch after making brief introductory statements. All agreed on the need for closer economic cooperation, but none mentioned human rights. Kerry, however, did sing the praises of representative government. "In Central Asia and elsewhere people have a deep hunger for governments that are accountable and effective," he said."We should have no doubt that progress in democratic governance does lead to gains in every other field." — AFP

PARALYZED LEBANON GOVT MAY LOSE MILLIONS IN AID

BEIRUT: Lebanon's political stalemate has not only left uncollected garbage piling up in the streets, but now risks losing millions in international loans for key development projects because of a paralyzed parliament.

To secure the funds, Lebanon's parliament is required to approve loan deals or pass legislation on which the money is conditioned. But the legislature, deeply divided over issues ranging from minor domestic disagreements to the conflict in neighboring Syria, has not met since May 2014. The World Bank warns that Lebanon could lose half a portfolio worth \$1.1 bilagreements before December 31. Around half that for the money. The World Bank has already annulled money is for the Bisri Dam project in southern Lebanon, which is intended to provide 1.6 million people with water for drinking and irrigation. Legislative inaction has already led France to cancel 46.5 million Euros for building schools and 70 million euros for the electricity sector, in a country where chronic power outages continue 25 years after the end of the 1975-1990 civil war.

Another 70 million Euros from France for a water purification project is also on the line because parlia-

The country has not had legislative elections since try's largest landfill. — AFP



BEIRUT: Lebanese protesters wave the national flag and shout slogans during a demonstration organized by "You Stink" campaign, to protest against the country's ongoing trash crisis. — AFP

around \$40 million in funds to the country this year.

A'wake-up' call

"The institutional gridlock has led us to cancel a number of important projects for the country's economic development," World Bank regional director Ferid Belhaj told AFP. "In our discussions with Lebanese institutions, there's an element of 'wake-up'. The political aspect must be separated from the economic and development aspect because otherwise there could be serious consequences."

Other World Bank projects worth around \$500 million are already being implemented "but not at the speed or efficiency we'd hope for, and there is a risk they will not achieve their objectives," he added.

Fragile Lebanon had already been weakened by a series of crises and episodes of violence after the 2005 assassination of former Prime Minister Rafig Hariri and since Syria's conflict erupted next door in 2011. The war has exacerbated tensions between the main Western-backed political bloc led by Hariri's son, which supports Syria's opposition, and the Iran-backed Hezbollah-led bloc that backs Syria's regime.

The conflict has also seen more than one million Syrian refugees pour into Lebanon, costing the economy around \$7.5 billion, according to the World Bank. 2009, with parliament meeting only to extend its own mandate twice. The cabinet has been so divided that it has failed more than two dozen times to elect a successor to president Michel Suleiman, whose mandate expired in May 2014. The deadlock has manifested itself most recently in a trash crisis created by the government's failure to respond to the closure of the coun-



COLORADO: Marco Rubio (center) and Jeb Bush (left) argue a point as Donald Trump, looks on during the CNBC Republican presidential debate at the University of Colorado. — AP

BUSH-RUBIO RIVALRY INTENSIFIES AS IOWA CAUCUSES DRAW CLOSER

Pressure mounts to emerge favorites

DES MOINES: Neither Jeb Bush nor Marco Rubio emphasized the need to do well in lowa in the early months of the 2016 Republican presidential campaign. But that's changed as their rivalry intensifies and pressure mounts to emerge from the Feb 1 caucuses as the favorite among mainstream conservatives.

Neither has visited lowa as often as more socially conservative candidates such as Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, and both lack the star power of rivals billionaire Donald Trump and newcomer Ben Carson. But the key, unveiled by Bush in a donor conference and reinforced after Wednesday's debate, is how they fare against each other, and lowa is the first test. "They're competing for the same segment of Iowa Republicans," said former state party chairman Matt Strawn, who said that vote still "absolutely is up for grabs." As a result, they are adding resources in the state and spending more time courting voters. Bush and Rubio were among 10 presidential candidates to appear at the Iowa Republican Party's Growth and Opportunity forum, a tailgate-themed festival at the lowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, and the last multicandidate event before the caucuses. Bush, a former Florida governor, was seen as a potential front-runner based on his early fundraising success. But he has failed to catch fire since this summer.

New generation

Meanwhile, the younger Rubio has called for a new generation of leaders but has struggled to grab the national limelight. But at the Des Moines forum on Saturday, Rubio tried to capitalize on a strong showing at Wednesday night's national debate and an increasing curiosity about him.

Rubio told more than 1,000 lowa Republican faithful that the nation is on the wrong path and assured them there "is a road that will allow us to be the freest and will allow us to leave our children better off," he said. "To do that we must turn the page, and allow new leaders and new principles." The jab at Bush, the 62-year-old son and brother of former presidents, is more subtle than Bush's now outright battle with Rubio for missing Senate votes while campaigning for the White House, a criticism Bush raised during Wednesday's debate.

On Saturday, Bush again mentioned Rubio's Senate attendance, with an lowa twist: "If you're elected to serve, you should do what Chuck Grassley does: You should show up to vote," Bush said, referring to lowa's senior senator. To date, the better-funded Bush has invested more and earlier in a political organization, with at least 10 staffers in the state, as well as having as a senior national adviser David Kochel, a veteran lowa

Republican operative. Rubio, who has had a leaner operation, has 30 people working across the first four nominating states - Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada.

"I think Bush has an organizational advantage," lowa Republican Chairman Jeff Kaufmann said. "But I think Rubio has a momentum advantage. Also, I think he has an advantage coming out of the debate." Now Rubio's fundraising is also rising.

Billionaire investor Paul Singer on Friday announced his support for Rubio in a letter to his extensive network of Republican fundraisers, encouraging them to follow his lead. Bush's team views Rubio as his most dangerous competitor for voters and donors who want to see a traditional nominee. Wednesday night's attack from Bush backfired.

During a post-debate conference call, Bush's team told supporters the debate did not go well and tried to reassure skittish donors the turnaround loomed ahead. After his speech, Rubio was mobbed by supporters and journalists. He shook hands, signed books and posed for photos for an hour, joking easily with the crowd. "Just make sure you're here in February," he said to a woman who told him she spends time in Florida. — AP

3 DEAD WHEN CAR PLOWS INTO TRICK-OR-TREATERS

NEW YORK: A street full of trick-ortreaters turned into a Halloween horror scene when an out-of-control car jumped a curb and careened into a group of costumed revelers, killing three people, including a 10-year-old girl and her grandfather. The crash injured three other trick-or-treaters, along with the driver, police said. Witnesses described hearing a loud boom, followed by screaming and crying, then seeing a trail of mangled bodies in crumpled, bloodied costumes.

"I saw a torso on the sidewalk. I didn't know if it was a Halloween dummy or a real person," neighbor Fabio Cotza told the New York Post. "I just grabbed a whole bunch of towels and ran outside." Celebration turned to terror just before 5 p.m. Saturday as the group of trick-ortreaters walked down a quiet residential block in the Morris Park neighborhood of the Bronx.

A 52-year-old man behind the wheel of the black Dodge Charger plowed into the pedestrians on a sidewalk and then smashed through a fence in front of a home, police said. The car was left teetering on a brick wall. A child's shoe and remnants of mangled stroller lay on the sidewalk just feet away. Moments before the car jumped the sidewalk, the driver had crossed over a double yellow line in the road after bumping into the back of a Toyota Camry, police said.

"There was a family of kids trick-ortreating, walking behind me," Kristina DeJesus told WABC-TV. "All of a sudden ... I heard the boom, and the car like literally jumped over a parked car and flew into the gate, hitting a bunch of people." Sixty-five-year-old Louis Perez suffered severe head trauma and died at the scene, police said. His granddaughter, 10-year-old Nyanna Aquil, and 24-year-old Kristian Leka, were taken to a hospital, where they were pronounced dead. Police did not know if or how Leka was related to the others.

Authorities said a 3-year-old girl was critically injured. A 21-year-old woman, a 9-year-old girl and the driver of the car also were taken to the hospital with injuries not believed to be life-threatening. "The little girl in the cat costume, she was hurt, she was screaming," Cotza, the neighbor, told WNBC-TV. "It just didn't look real ... like this is a Halloween joke."

A crowd of costumed onlookers descended on the scene Saturday night as investigators worked to determine the cause of the crash. No charges had been filed. Hours after the crash, neighbors gathered for a small candlelight vigil to remember the victims. "This is a sad situation, especially today, it's Halloween," Anna Crecco said. "It's going to affect a lot, something like this has never happened here. Everyone's going to remember when they pass by." — AP



NEW YORK: First responders examine an automobile after its driver lost control and plowed into a group of trick-or-treaters. — AP

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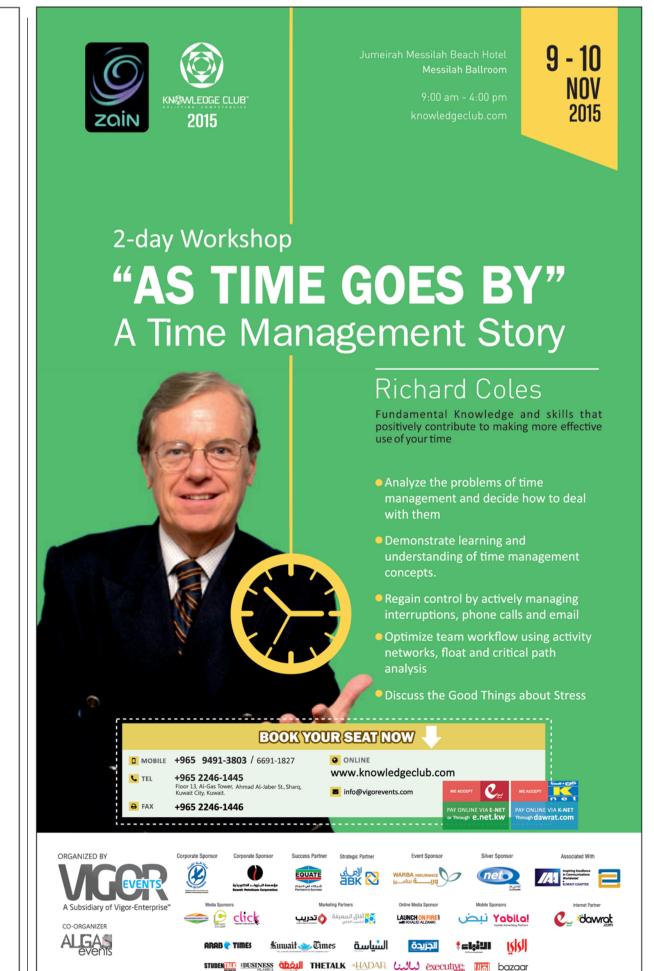
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LONE MUSLIM CAMPAIGNS IN MYANMAR BUDDHIST STRONGHOLD

MANDALAY: The city of Mandalay in northern huge influence in Buddhist-majority Myanmar. Myanmar is a Buddhist religious centre so crowded with temples, monasteries and monks that they can sometimes seem innumerable. Much easier to count is the number of Mandalay Muslims standing in Myanmar's historic general election on Nov 8. That would

Khin Maung Thein hails from an obscure little party and runs his campaign from a cluttered, two-story home that doubles as the family printing business. As the sole Muslim candidate in Mandalay, Myanmar's secondlargest city and a stronghold for Buddhist extremists, he is treading where giant rivals won't dare. Not even the front-running National League for Democracy (NLD), led by the hugely popular Aung San Suu Kyi, is fielding a Muslim candidate in Mandalay - or, indeed, anywhere else.

NLD leaders told Reuters they fear antagonising a Buddhist ultranationalist group called Ma Ba Tha, which is led by monks and wields

Ma Ba Tha says Islam is eclipsing Buddhism and has called for a boycott of Muslim businesses and a ban on interfaith marriages.

Scores of Muslim candidates have been disqualified and voting rights removed from hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims in western Myanmar. Experts say marginalizing Muslims could reignite religious unrest, embolden Buddhist radicals and undermine the credibility of what many people hope will be Myanmar's first free and fair election in 25 years. Only a dozen or so Muslim candidates are now running nationwide, mostly from Khin Maung Thein's party, the United National Congress (UNC).

"Muslims have been suffering in Myanmar in recent years and this pushed us to go into parliament," said Khin Maung Thein, a stout but youthful-looking 71-year-old. He identifies himself as Pathi, a Muslim group with Persian blood and a centuries-old history in Myanmar, and sees the election as a chance to "restore our ethnic pride". He also wants to promote UNC policies such as reducing the budget of Myanmar's all-powerful military and spending it on education instead.

'Opaque and discriminatory'

Muslims make up about 5 percent of Myanmar's 51 million population. Religious violence has killed hundreds of people, mostly Muslims, since a military-backed civilian government took power in 2011 after nearly half a century of dictatorship. Clashes between Buddhists and Muslims in Myanmar's secondlargest city of Mandalay in July 2014 killed two people and left the communities on edge.

Mandalay is home to a leading Ma Ba Tha monk called Wirathu, the self-styled "Burmese bin Laden", who is famous for his anti-Muslim rhetoric. The group, founded in 2013 and known in English as the Committee for the Protection of Nationality and Religion, is urging people not to vote for Suu Kyi and other NLD candidates for opposing four "race and religion protection" laws.

Ma Ba Tha monks have expressed support for the ruling Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), who did back the race and religion laws. The USDP isn't fielding Muslim candidates either. Khin Maung Thein's UNC party was founded in 2012 and competes in a system that seems stacked against Muslims.

Earlier this year, in Rakhine State, the government invalidated the identity cards of about 650,000 Rohingya, effectively disenfranchising them. In a September statement, the US State Department noted that Myanmar's election commission had disqualified about 100 candidates, mostly Muslims, "through an opaque and discriminatory process" that could undermine confidence in the election. Among those disqualified were six of the UNC's 12 candidates, all Muslims. A week later, amid international pressure, the election commission reinstated 11 Muslim candidates, including four from the UNC.

Death threats

The exclusion of Muslims as both candidates and voters feeds into growing concerns that they are being edged out of public life. In July, police in Mandalay arrested three people, two of them Muslim, from a respected interfaith group after what family members said was a Ma Ba Tha smear campaign. They remain in custody.

Four others from the same group fled abroad and public interfaith meetings in the city were halted. A Muslim activist told Reuters he had received death threats. Muslims in and around Mandalay told Reuters they were afraid to go out at night and had stopped travelling in large groups for fear of arbitrary arrest. Khin Maung Thein, the lone Muslim candidate, is only campaigning in Mandalay's mosques, rather than on its streets, concerned that Ma Ba Tha monks might harass the people he canvasses. "I can't show up openly and hold campaign rallies,"



 ${\bf MOGADISHU: Somalis\ carry\ a\ body\ after\ an\ explosion\ yesterday\ near\ the\ damaged\ Sahafi\ hotel.} - {\bf AFP}$

12 KILLED AS AL-SHEBAB ATTACK SOMALIA HOTEL

'SECURITY FORCES HAVE FULL CONTROL OF THE SITUATION

MOGADISHU: At least 12 people were killed in the Somali capital vesterday after Shebab gunmen used a vehicle packed with explosives to blast their way inside a hotel, police said. The Al-Qaeda linked Shebab claimed responsibility for the dawn attack at the Sahafi hotel, which is popular with members of parliament, government employees and businessmen. After the car bomb ripped a hole in the hotel's fortified walls, gunmen then stormed the building firing semi-automatic rifles, with the sounds of grenade blasts, witnesses said.

"This is the action of an increasingly desperate, internally-divided group of extremists," Somalia President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud said in a statement, after security forces defeated the Shebab in intense gun battles. "Our security forces have full control of the situation," he added.

Somalia's National and Intelligence Agency declared the attack over several hours after shooting began, although special forces appeared to be carrying out mopping up operations for some time afterwards. The African Union mission in Somalia, AMI-SOM, a 22,000-strong force fighting the Shebab, said they fought alongside government troops and had secured the hotel.

"Attackers exploded a car bomb to gain entry driven by suicide bombers to break into a complex or before going inside... we have reports of 12 dead. policeman Abdulrahid Dahir said. Among the dead are reported to be a Somali journalist, colleagues said, as well as a former senior army commander. UN envoy to Somalia, Nick Kay, condemned the "bloody attack" which he said underlined the need to help support Somalia's security forces in stopping such attacks.

'Huge explosion'

Witnesses said they had seen several bodies of people killed in the initial blast, when a minibus packed with explosives was reportedly used to ram the gates of the hotel's fortified compound, which was followed by a second heavy explosion. Shebab commandos then stormed inside, with witnesses reporting intense gunfire and several loud blasts.

'There was a huge explosion and people around the entrance were killed," said Mohamed Ismael, a witness, who was nearby when the attack began. Shebab insurgents, who are fighting to overthrow the internationally backed government in Mogadishu, have carried out a string of attacks on hotels in the capital.

The Islamists have frequently used car bombs

a building, with more attackers then following on foot. Like other international hotels in Mogadishu, the Sahafi is heavily fortified. It was the site of the kidnapping of two French security agents in 2009, one of whom later escaped while the other was killed by the Shebab during a failed rescue attempt in 2013.

Shebab spokesman Abdulaziz Abu Musab claimed the gunmen had overrun the hotel, which is situated near the major K4 roundabout.

The mujahedeen fighters took control of the Sahafi hotel, where apostates and invading Christians were staying," he said in a statement. Shebab attacks seek to counter claims that they are close to defeat after losing territory, as well as regular US drone strikes against their leaders.

The militants have also carried out a string of revenge strikes in neighbouring countries. This week, President Mohamud called on Shebab fighters to surrender amid reports some factions may have shifted allegiance from Al-Qaeda to the Islamic State group. Mohamud said the reported divisions were "symptomatic of a group that has lost its way", and warned that Somalis "do not need a new brand of horror and repression". — AFP

KOREAN SEIZED BY EXTREMISTS FOUND KILLED IN PHILIPPINES

MANILA: An elderly South Korean man who was kidnapped by Abu Sayyaf militants in the southern Philippines 10 months ago has been found dead apparently due to an illness, police and military officials said yester-

The body of Noi-seong Hong was found in a sack late Saturday on a roadside in Indanan town in Sulu province, where the militants have been holding several foreign and Filipino kidnapping victims in their jungle bases in the mountains, according to army Brig Gen Alan Arrojado and the police.

An initial investigation showed the militants brought down the remains of the 74year-old from their jungle encampment after he died from an unspecified illness, Arrojado said. The Korean was abducted by about five gunmen from his house in Roseller Lim town in southern Zamboanga Sibugay province in January. The kidnappers also tried to kidnap his son, who fought back and managed to escape, police said.

A government anti-terrorism official told The Associated Press by telephone that the militants initially demanded a ransom of 500 million pesos (\$10.6 million), but later agreed to drastically reduce the amount as Hong fell ill and was often transported on a horse because he was too weak to walk.

It was not immediately clear if any amount was handed to the militants, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media. The Al-Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf, which is blacklisted by the United States and the Philippines as a terrorist organization for deadly bombings, kidnappings for ransom, beheadings and extortion, has been weakened by years of US-backed military offen-

Without any known major sources of foreign funding, the militants have turned to kidnappings and extortion to survive. They are still holding several hostages, including a Dutch bird watcher who was kidnapped more than three years ago in nearby Tawi Tawi province, two Malaysians and a Japanese. They have also been suspected of kidnapping two Canadians, a Norwegian man and a Filipino woman from a marina on southern Samal Island in September. —AP

AFRICA'S AWAITED INTERVENTION FORCE FINALLY STUTTERS TO LIFE

LOHATLA: As the sun rose over South Africa's dry and sparsely populated Karoo west of Johannesburg, more than 5,000 multinational troops launched a mock attack heralding a longawaited African Union strike force for the troubled continent.

Men in fatigues peered through binoculars and crouched over maps, coordinating the movements of soldiers from more than a dozen African countries taking part this week in the first field exercise of the African Standby Force (ASF). The script called for rapid deployment in response to reports of genocide in a fake country called Carana-a war game with a bitter touch of reality on a continent that has suffered the bloodshed of Rwanda and Darfur.

The AU has estimated it will cost \$1 billion for the standby force to be fully operational, and has proposed a model that would see it raise 25 percent of the funds of an operation and then rely on the UN to fill the gap. But for the standby force to be truly "on standby", the funding behind it needs to be more predictable, said

The troops' ability to respond rapidly is also constrained by the continent's insufficient airlift capabilities, said defense analyst John Stupart. "There are significant challenges blocking getting troops moved very quickly. The AU states simply don't have the planes to transport people and equipment anywhere very quickly," he



LOHATLA: Ugandan soldiers along with others from different African countries take part in the AMANI AFRICA II, the first military exercise of the African Union's much delayed African Standby Force, set up to quickly intervene in conflicts and crises, on October 28, 2015 at the South African Defense Force training camp. — AFP

First proposed in 1997, the ASF aims to have forces from one of the continent's five regional economic blocs on standby at any time, ready to respond swiftly to crises across Africa, with an overall force size of 25,000.

"Given our experiences, specifically in response to conflict in the past, the AU felt the international community very slow to respond," the African Union's head of peace support operations, Sivuyile Bam, told AFP. "It takes time between the mandate being passed and the forces arriving on the ground-the rule of thumb is usually nine months. "The types of conflicts we are dealing with simply do not allow for the luxury of time." The ASF aims to be able to move in and take action within 14 days of being mandated by African Union headquarters in Ethiopia, and it was that capacity that was being tested on a Karoo farm six hours west of Johannesburg.

Dependent on aid

But even as it strains for institutional independence, the AU remains heavily dependent on foreign donors-including for part of the estimated \$15 million cost (13.6 million Euros) of the war games from October 19 to November 7. "The current reality is that AU (peacekeeping) operations are funded above 90 percent by partners including the United Nations, the European Union, the US and the UK," said Bam.

"I think the general assumption has been that the ASF is a good idea, but I don't think there's been concerted questioning about whether it really is the right or realistic mechanism. "It's been modeled as a military module that you plug into a crisis, but Africa is a large place. Its issues are complicated and different. "The crisis in Somalia is different to Nigeria's fight against Boko Haram, which is different to the ongoing problems with rebel groups in North Africa, which is different to Lesotho's political crisis."

Problems remain

The establishment of the force has been delayed for nearly a decade, its deadline pushed first from 2008 to 2010, then 2013, and eventually to December 2015. The war games in South Africa are designed to see whether the ASF is finally operational, with a report set to be presented to the continent's defense and security ministers at the next AU summit in Addis Ababa in January. But it's not just the AU watching.

"The EU also needs to decide whether this project is still worth funding," said Stupart. On the ground, the ASF's proponents admit it's unlikely to tick all the boxes by December. Commanders at the training exercise told AFP that militarily the troops were ready, but said the legal loopholes permitting their deployment still needed to be closed. — AFP

UK's scandal-hit lords enjoy DAY IN SUN BUT CLOUDS LOOM

LONDON: Sniffing white powder with prostitutes, expenses scandals-members of Britain's House of Lords usually only hit the headlines for their colorful extra-curricular activities, but one recent debate proved an exception.

The unelected upper chamber of parliament on Monday held a series of votes which forced Prime Minister David Cameron's government to rethink a controversial part of its austerity drive. The result has reminded the public that the Lords are more than a group of ageing grandees nodding off on red leather benches after lunch.

"I haven't been stopped so many times getting on the train as I have been in the last few days with people saying: 'It's just really good you did that,"' Lord Steve Bassam, Labor's chief whip in the Lords, said. "To have something where it is seen to be relevant and on the side of the public I think is quite good news."

The issue has also sparked an angry row at Westminster, where Cameron announced a review of the Lords' powers the day after it voted to delay the £4.4 billion (six billion euros, \$6.8 billion) of cuts to tax credits, a welfare payment aimed at low-income families. The government claims the Lords caused a "constitutional crisis" by exceeding its powers under Britain's unwritten constitution.

Although the Lords usually acts as a revising chamber, ministers say it overstepped the mark by impeding a finance

measure which the elected House of Commons had previously voted for three times. The review will be chaired by Conservative Lord Tom Strathclyde-Thomas Galloway Dunlop du Roy de Blicquy Galbraith, 2nd Baron Strathclyde, to give him his full title. Labor dismisses it as a "smokescreen" designed to hide the government's embarrassment at the opposition to its policy, including from within Cameron's own Conservative

'Morally indefensible' Even before the tax credits debate,

there was broad agreement that the Lords needed reform-but no-one knew how to do it. Britain's upper house, with 819 members, is the second-largest parliamentary chamber in the world, beaten only by China's National People's Congress. It includes 88 lords who inherited their titles, the oldest of which is held by Margaret, 31st Countess of Mar, and dates back to 1014. Most hereditary peers were removed by reforms in 1999. There are also 25 Church of England bishops, making Britain the only country in the world besides Iran to have unelected clerics in its legislature, according to

LONDON: In a file picture taken on May 8, 2015 dawn breaks over Britain's Houses of Parliament in central London. — AFP

Conservative MP Liam Fox. They took a vocal part in the tax credits debate, with the Bishop of Portsmouth calling the cuts "morally indefensible". Most of the rest are politicians put forward by their own parties. Among recent arrivals is Conservative Viscount Hailsham, who as Douglas Hogg MP famously claimed taxpayers' money to clean his moat, earning the media nickname "Lord Moat" in a 2009 expenses scandal. A recent departure was Labor's Lord John Sewel, nicknamed "Lord Sewer", who quit in July after being pictured allegedly snorting cocaine with prostitutes.

Significant reform

With members of the Lords able to claim a £300 daily attendance allowance, 60 percent of Britons believe there are too many of them, a YouGov opinion poll found in September. Cameron's government is not pursuing root-and-branch Lords reform. An attempt to do so under his previous coalition government was abandoned in 2012 amid Conservative opposition. Strathclyde's review is instead expected to focus on limiting the ability of the Lords to vote down financerelated legislation. Cameron has suggested, though, that he would like the composition of the Lords-where Conservative peers are currently outnumbered by Labor and the Liberal Democrats-to better reflect the Commons, where he has a slim majority. — AFP

'BLACK CHILDREN' OF CHINA STEP OUT OF THE SHADOWS

BEIJING: She was born in Beijing and has lived there all her life. But like millions of others conceived in violation of China's one-child policy, as far as the state is concerned Li Xue does not exist. She has no right to schooling, health care or a formal job. Without a birth certificate or identity papers, she is a "black child", an alien in her own country-unable to join a public library, get legally married or even take a train.

"I was born here, but I don't have any of the rights of a Chinese person," she said. "Whatever I do, I'm blocked and have difficulties. There is nothing in China that proves whether I even exist or not." Last week Chinese authorities announced the end of the hugely controversial policy, which restricted most couples to a single offspring. Instead all families will be allowed two children.

Often brutally enforced with abortions and sterilizations, the rules have had complex and enduring repercussions. Li's parents already had one daughter-born with the right paperwork-and were on longterm disability leave from their jobs as factory workers when her mother accidentally fell pregnant. They did not want a second baby, she said, but she was too ill to terminate the fetus.

Families who violate the rules must pay a "social maintenance fee" to legalize their children and secure them a "hukou", Communist China's all-important household registration, which ties crucial government services to one's official place of residence. Authorities set Li's at 5,000 Yuan-far beyond the 100 Yuan a month in benefits that her parents lived off, even before her mother was formally dismissed once her factory learned the news.

Now 22, Li has always existed in an administrative netherworld. She realized she was unlike other children at the age of six, when neighborhood playmates were sent off to school and warned off her company by their parents. "I began to see that my life was entirely different from those around me, and it was because I had no hukou," she told AFP. Her mother Bai Xiuling added: "She used to cry and tell me, 'Mom, I just want to go to school!', but there was no way for her to do so. "We'd have to go to the neighbors to beg for some medicine if she was sick."

Tiananmen Square

China's official population stood at 1.37 billion at the end of last year, and 2010 census data showed that the country has 13 million "black children" like Li-more than the entire population of Portugal. Li's sister Li Bin, eight years older, eventually taught her to read and write. But while children her age were off at lessons, Li was shuttled out every day to stand outside government buildings, where her parents hoped someone would hear their pleas.

"We went countless times. Pretty much every day, weather permitting, sometimes twice a day," said Bai, 59. In the symbolic heart of the Chinese state, Tiananmen Square, Li held up a sign reading "I want to go to school.""No matter where we went we were ignored," she said, with lawsuits similarly in vain. But their efforts did not go unnoticed. The family say they have endured a decade of police surveillance, including several beatings for the parentsone of which left them bedridden for two months.

When Li's father died last November, plainclothes police stood outside the hospital door. "Her dad would always tell her to never give up hope. He passed away with his eyes open," Bai said in tears, "How can he rest in peace? Of course he can't." Implementation of the family planning policy has always varied across China, and a few areas have said they will start granting hukou to people whose parents have not paid the fines.

Contacted yesterday, a man at the Li family's local police station said: "If she comes to us, we will handle her hukou for her." But Li said: "In the past 22 years, I've seen all too well how the government will say there's this or that legislation or reform, but nothing actually changes on the ground."Her mother added: "We're weak, and they're strong."

'She's lost so much'

The family live in two rooms of a shared house in Beijing, with no bathroom. Li Bin dropped out of school aged 16 to support the family, getting jobs at KFC and later at an electronics company. The pressures have seen her own marriage dissolve, but she bears her sister no resentment, saying that for "standard, legal work", employers could never take on someone without an

"We all really dote on Li Xue, because we just feel that she's already lost so much," she said. "We want her to feel warmth within our home, because there's no way for her to feel warmth out in society." For now, Li Xue has found work at a restaurant willing to look past her undocumented status. "For the first time, I've been able to be judged on the basis of what I can do-my skills, not my status-and it feels great," she said. But she added: "This job is temporary. My future, I can't even imagine it." — AFP



DHAKA: Bangladeshi youth shout slogans, as they protest against the killing of Faisal Arefin Deepan, a publisher of secular books. — AP

BANGLADESH TEACHERS, STUDENTS PROTEST AGAINST SECULAR KILLING

DEADLY VIOLENCE BLAMED ON HARDLINE ISLAMISTS

DHAKA: Protesters rallied in Bangladesh yesterday against the latest gruesome attacks on secular writers and publishers, accusing the government of failing to halt rising deadly violence blamed on hardline Islamists. Teachers, writers, students and other protesters converged on Dhaka University, one day after a gang of suspected Islamists armed with machetes and cleavers hacked to death a publisher of secular books. Two secular bloggers and another publisher were also badly injured in a similar and separate attack in Dhaka on Saturday, leaving them lying in pools of blood in their

"First they targeted the writers, and now the publishers and soon they'll target all of us," Samina Lutfa, a teacher at the university, told the rally of hundreds of protesters. "Don't stay at home, come out on the street and protest these killings," she said at the campus, Bangladesh's secular bastion, as similar peaceful rallies were staged elsewhere in the country.

Fears of Islamist violence have been rising in mainly moderate Muslim-majority Bangladesh after four atheist bloggers were murdered this year, also by machetewielding attackers. Bangladesh has also been rocked by the recent murders of an Italian aid worker and a Japanese farmer, while Dhaka's main Shiite shrine was bombed last weekend, killing two people and wounded dozens. The government has accused its political opponents of orchestrating those attacks to destabilize the country, rejecting the Islamic State group's claim of responsibility.

Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) claimed responsibility for Saturday's attacks, along with the four previous ones, branding the victims "blasphemers" and warning that any writers who criticize Islam will be next in line. Dhaka police said they were investigating the AOIS claim, but believed militants belonging to a banned local outfit were responsible for them all.

"We suspect the attacks were carried out by a group which could be part of the Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) umbrella," Dhaka police spokesman Muntashirul Islam told AFP. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government has launched a crackdown on local Islamist groups after facing Western criticism this year of failing to stop the bloodshed.

'Get ready for death'

Police said Faisal Arefin Dipan, 43, was killed in his third-floor publishing office in central Dhaka on Saturday, with his attackers padlocking the door from the outside as they left. Dipan published several books by Avijit Roy, a US national of Bangladeshi origin, who was hacked to death outside a book fair in February in the capital. Hours before Dipan's murder, three unidentified attackers entered another publishing office, Shuddhaswar, and attacked its owner along with two secular bloggers, police said. Shuddhaswar owner Ahmedur Rashid Tutul, 43, also previously brought out several of Roy's books including one on homosexuality. All three victims remain in hospital.

Bloggers say about a dozen secular writers have fled the country in fear following this year's killings, while some have faced threats themselves from Islamists. "It's a failure of the government that it has not been able to prosecute the killers," said Imran Sarker, head of a secular bloggers' group, which organised the protests.

"There is a climate of impunity in which these militants now operate brazenly," he said. A publisher said he was also threatened yesterday and now feared for his life. "You've published a lot of books of atheists. Now get ready for death," Farid Ahmed, owner of Somoy Prokshon, told AFP of the anonymous text message. — AFP











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ST PETERSBURG: People light candles during a day of national mourning for the plane crash victims at Dvortsovaya (Palace) Square in St Petersburg yesterday.—AP

RUSSIAN PLANE BROKE UP IN THE AIR

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Cairo said there were 214 Russian and three Ukrainian passengers on board, and seven crew members. Both Cairo and Moscow have downplayed the claim from Egypt's IS branch that it brought down the aircraft flown by the airline Kogalymavia, operating under the name

Prime Minister Sharif Ismail said experts had confirmed the militants could not down a plane flying at 30,000 feet (9,000 metres), the aircraft's flight level, and Russian Transport Minister Maxim Sokolov said the claim "cannot be considered accurate".

A Russian team including Sokolov and emergency minister Vladimir Puchkov visited the scene in a remote part of the Sinai. Two air accident investigators from France-Airbus's home country-were also due in Egypt along with six experts from the aerospace giant. Germany's Lufthansa, Emirates and Air France all said they would halt flights over Sinai until the reasons for the crash were known.

UAE carriers

Meanwhile, United Arab Emirates airlines Emirates, Air Arabia and flydubai said yesterday they were re-routing flights to avoid Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, where a Russian aircraft carrying 224 passengers crashed on Saturday. The airlines said they were closely monitoring the area and the re-routing was a security precaution, according to separate emailed statements to Reuters. Re-routing usually means longer flying distances, which add to fuel costs. Budget carrier easyJet said it was taking advice from all relevant authorities and was continuing to "actively review" the situation. British Airways said in a statement that it did not discuss flight routes, "however we would never fly a route unless it was safe to do so".

easyJet said that it, like other British airlines, did not overfly central and northern Sinai on the advice of Britain's Department of Transport. The Russian plane crashed into a mountainous area of central Sinai on Saturday.

"Based on the information received to date, easyJet plans to continue to operate flights to Egypt to carry holidaymakers as planned to and from Sharm el-Sheikh and Hurghada but will continue to actively review the situation," it said in a statement.

On Saturday, German carrier Lufthansa and Air France-KLM said they had decided to avoid flying over the peninsula while they waited for clarity on what caused

"We found a three-year-old girl eight kilometres from the scene" of the main wreckage, an officer told AFP from a military base in El-Hassna, 60 kilometres from the crash site. Many bodies were missing limbs, said the officer, who requested anonymity. The IS affiliate waging an insurgency in the Sinai claimed it brought down the aircraft in revenge for Russian air strikes against the jihadist group in Syria. But experts dismissed the idea.

To reach a plane at that altitude "you would need hard-to-use missiles, so it seems unlikely," said Jean-Paul Troadec, former director of France's BEA aviation investigation agency. "This requires trained people and equipment that IS does not have, to my knowledge." Experts said a surface-to-air missile could have struck the aircraft if it had been descending, and that a bomb on board could not yet be ruled out, but technical or human error was more likely.

Full check

An Egyptian air traffic control official said the pilot told him in their last exchange that he had radio trouble, but Civil Aviation Minister Mohamed Hossam Kamal said communications had been "normal".

"There was nothing abnormal... and the pilot didn't ask to change the plane's route," he said.

Russia has a dismal air safety record, and while larger carriers have begun upgrading ageing fleets, the crash is likely to raise concerns about smaller airlines such as Kogalymavia. Kogalymavia defended pilot Valery Nemov, saving he had more than 12,000 flying hours logged, including 3,860 hours on the A-321. On Sunday, the Russian transportation watchdog, Rostransnadzor, ordered Kogalymavia to perform a full check on its A-321s. Kogalymavia confirmed the instructions but denied this amounted to a de facto grounding of its remaining fleet of six A-321 airliners.

The last major air crash in Egypt was in 2004, when a Flash Airlines Boeing 737 plunged into the Red Sea after taking off from Sharm el-Sheikh, killing all 148 people on board. — Agencies

COURT ACQUITS EX-MP MULLA OF INSULTING...

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MP Abdullah Maayouf said yesterday that he was elected head of the Assembly's sports committee and MP Abdullah Al-Turaiji as the rapporteur. Maayouf said the committee plans to take all the measures necessary to

defend the Kuwaiti sports amid a total suspension by the International Olympic Committee under the pretext that Kuwaiti laws do not conform to the Olympic charter. Maayouf said that the committee will shoulder its responsibilities in pointing to those who caused the suspension and are attempting to undermine the country's image abroad.

ERDOGAN'S AKP REGAINS MAJORITY IN TURKEY...

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Investors and Western allies hoped the vote would help restore stability and confidence in an \$800 billion economy, allowing Ankara to play a more effective role in stemming a flood of refugees from neighboring wars via Turkey into Europe and helping in the battle against Islamic State mili-

But in strengthening Erdogan, whose crackdowns on media freedoms and tightening grip on the judiciary have alarmed European leaders, the outcome is likely to mean relations with the West will remain strained. Erdogan and the AKP have been a fierce critics, for example, of US support for Kurdish militia fighters battling Islamic State (IS) in neighboring Syria.

This (result) makes more difficult a strategy of using the Kurds against IS because AKP appeals to anti-Kurd sentiments," said Bruce Riedel, a former CIA analyst and sometime policy advisor to US President Barack Obama. TRT's partial results said the nationalist MHP opposition stood at 12 percent. The HDP, which scaled back its election campaign after its supporters were targeted in the Ankara suicide bomb attack that killed more than 100 people on Oct 10, was on 10.3 percent.

"SIMPLY A DISASTER"

This time, there were few of the flags, posters and campaign buses that thronged the streets in the build-up to June's vote. "It is obvious in today's election how beneficial stability is for our nation and today our citizens will make their choice based on this," Erdogan told reporters after voting in his home district of Camlica on the Asian side of Istanbul.

The election was prompted by the AKP's inability to find a junior coalition partner after the June outcome. Erdogan's

critics said it represented a gamble by the combative leader to win back enough support so the party can eventually change the constitution and give him greater presidential powers.

It is a gamble that appears to have paid off. "Turkey lost considerable ground in economy, politics and terror during this period, and gains were lost. Voters appeared to want to bring back stability once again," a third AKP official said. Some Western allies, foreign investors and Turks had seen an AKP coalition with the CHP as the best hope of easing sharp divisions in the EU-candidate nation, hoping it might keep Erdogan's authoritarian instincts in check.

A senior official from the CHP, which had been preparing itself for potential coalition talks, said the result was "simply a disaster".

POLARISATION

The results could aggravate deep splits in Turkey between pious conservatives who champion Erdogan as a hero of the working class, and Western-facing secularists suspicious of his authoritarianism and Islamist ideals. Voters were sharply divided in their views on a return to single-party rule or the prospect of a coalition.

"The little welfare, better living conditions, bigger house and fancier appliances we have, we all owe it to AK Party and Erdogan," said Nurcan Gunduz, 24, at the airport in Ankara.

"Look at the state of the country after the June 7 election results and we didn't even have a coalition government. I can't imagine how worse it would be if we did have it."

But Yasar, a 62-year-old retired laborer now working as a shoeshine man outside a mosque in the conservative Istanbul district of Uskudar, said he switched his vote to the main opposition CHP in hopes of a coalition. "I've given up on the AKP. The honest party is the CHP. The country needs to heal its wounds and a coalition is the best way." — Agencies





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CRITICS OF OBAMA'S SYRIA MOVE SAY 'TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE'

By Nicolas Revise

arack Obama's decision to send special forces to Syria is too little and too late, say critics, who accuse the US president of lacking a strategy for the war-torn country. After four and a half years of conflict that have left 250,000 dead and millions displaced, Washington says it will deploy elite US commandos to Syria.

But "fewer than 50" will be sent, and they will not be taking part in ground combat but instead will advise rebels fighting the Damascus regime, according to its announcement Friday. Until now, Obama-a big skeptic of military intervention-had officially balked at putting US boots on the ground in his effort to battle the Islamic State (IS) jihadist group.

He opted instead to carry out air strikes as part of an international coalition set up in mid-2014. Strictly speaking, this will not be the first time that US fighters have been on Syrian soil.

Commandos have in the past carried out covert operations in bids to save hostages, and CIA agents have supplied weapons to rebels. Even though the decision amounts to something of a U-turn for Obama, Republicans-both in Congress and on the campaign trail-remain unsatisfied, and other commentators too are critical.

"I think we have a president who just doesn't know what he's doing," Donald Trump, the party's frontrunner in the 2016 race for the White House, told CNN. Senator John McCain, also a former presidential candidate, said that, "unfortunately, this limited action is yet another insufficient step" taken by a president who "continues to have no realistic" and "coherent" strategy on Syria.

McCain, who is for US military intervention abroad, also accused Obama of accelerating the "erosion of America's credibility." Senator Lindsey Graham, meanwhile, said 50 special operations personnel were insufficient in number to intimidate IS.

"In fact, (IS) will see this as yet another sign of President Obama's weakness," he said.

'Band-Aid'

"Deploying a handful of US special operations forces to Syria will not change this situation significantly," said Frederic Hof, former special advisor for the transition in Syria at the US State Department. "It is a Band-Aid of sorts, although a potentially useful one," added Hof, who is now a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council think tank

Both the White House and the State Department insisted Friday that the Syria strategy had not changed. Yet last month, in an interview with "60 Minutes" on CBS, Obama had said "in a situation that is as volatile and with as many players as there are inside of Syria, there aren't any silver bullets."

"What we are not going to do is to try to reinsert ourselves in a military campaign inside of Syria," the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize laureate had added. In August 2014, during an often cited news conference, Obama admitted he did not yet have a strategy to combat the Islamic State in Syria. He then repeated tirelessly that he would not send US troops into the country.

And in September 2013, he had dismayed allies-France and the Gulf monarchies in particular-when he abandoned plans to strike Syria after accusing President Bashar al-Assad of violating a US "red line" by using chemical weapons, once it became clear lawmakers did not support the action.

Today, as the Islamic State group controls a part of Syria and is proving resistant to the thousands of coalition air strikes, US Secretary of State John Kerry said Saturday that the move to deploy US commandos was "not a decision to enter into Syria's civil war."

"It is not a decision or a choice focused on Assad," he said. "It is focused exclusively on Daesh and on augmenting our ability to be able to more rapidly attack Daesh and do a better job of eliminating Daesh," he added during a visit to Kyrgyzstan, using an Arabic term for the IS group, also known as ISIL.

However, Kerry refused to rule out more US commandos being sent to Syria. But Joseph Bahout, a visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, denounced what he called Obama's "strategy of no strategy," saying the president wanted to ease his conscience and give the illusion he was doing something. —AFP

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CHINA EASES ONE-CHILD POLICY ...



CHINA EASES BIRTH LIMITS BUT KEEPS CONTROL

By Joe McDonald

■he Communist Party's decision to ease limits on family size makes China a bit less restrictive but is a reminder of the party's pervasive role in society. The 35-year-old policy that limited most urban couples to one child is a holdover from an era of intrusive controls that dictated where Chinese worked and lived - even whom they could marry. The latest change, driven by a need for more young workers, allows married couples two children but affirms party power over what most societies consider a basic right. Thursday's announcement was a reminder that many official policies treat the Chinese public as economic raw material. It cited a need to "improve the balanced development of population," rather than to give people more control over their lives.

"This is a technical change, a policy change, rather than a political change," said Joseph Cheng, a retired political scientist formerly at the City University of Hong Kong. "If you try to have more than two children, you still get sanctions. So the state retains that kind of power."

The change is part of the Communist Party's relentless, gradual policy changes that are aimed at making China rich while retaining the party's monopoly on power. Communist leaders relaxed other social controls over the past 30 years as they rolled out market-style economic reforms. If entrepreneurs were to create wealth and

jobs, they needed to be allowed to pick where to work and travel. On the political front, though, the party says it never will share power and jails pro-democracy activists on subversion charges.

Draconian laws

Birth limits were imposed in 1979 to conserve resources and proved more durable because of the intensity of the ruling party's worries about shortages of farmland and water.

The party says the controls led to 400 million fewer births, making possible the economic boom of the past three decades. But enforcing them led to draconian measures, including forced abortions.

As recently as 2010, authorities in the southern city of Puning pressured couples to consent to sterilization by detaining 1,377 of their relatives, according to the human rights group Amnesty International.

Policy experts have warned for more than a decade that birth limits were pushing up China's average age, raising the danger that it would have too few workers to support a growing population of

That crunch is starting to hit. China had one of Asia's highest median ages at 37.3 years in 2014, and that could rise to 40 by 2025, according to Euromonitor International, a research firm. It said the size of the working-age population aged 15 to 64 is set to decline starting next year.

That prompted some provinces in 2006 to allow an additional child for couples who were both only children. In 2013, that was expanded to allow two children for families in which only one parent was an only child.

The party might have gained confi-

were recorded.

dence from the fact that only a limited number of parents took advantage of the 2013 change. About 1.45 million couples, or 13 percent of the 11 million eligible, applied for permission to have a second child as of May, according to the National Health and Family Planning Commission. That was in line with a seeming decline in interest in childbearing overall: The government forecast 20 million births in 2014 but the commission said only 16.9 million

Small families

Many might have been put off by the soaring cost of raising a child in a cramped apartment in increasingly urbanized China. That is estimated at anywhere from 40,000 to 100,000 yuan (\$6,500 to \$16,000) a year.

"It already is a struggle for people to buy one house, not to say to buy another one for the second child," Joy Huang, a researcher for Euromonitor, said in an

Others who grew up in the era of single children see small families as normal, said Lu Jiehua, a Peking University sociologist who studies population.

"Couples born in the '80s and '90s are

quite reluctant to have a second child," Lu said. The latest policy change should result in 3 million to 6 million more babies over the five years starting in 2017, according to a Credit Suisse forecast. It said that would return the birth rate to its 1990s level.

If the birth rate fails to budge, then Beijing might have to ease controls further and allow three children or offer incentives such as longer maternity leave or free education, Lu said.

Despite market-style economic reforms, the Communist Party still plays a bigger role in many spheres of Chinese life than most other governments. The party still controls all Chinese media and appoints every legislator, Cabinet minister, mayor and police chief and every president of a bank, university, phone company or oil producer.

And since 2008, political controls have become tighter, not looser. The government of President Xi Jinping has revived the tactic of collective punishment, pressuring human rights and political activists by harassing their children and relatives. In October, the 16-year-old son of a human rights lawyer was detained in Myanmar and returned to China against his will after he left the country to attend school in the United States. Chinese authorities placed him under house arrest.

"The bottom line is, you must not challenge the authority of the regime. You must accept the leadership of the party," said Cheng, the political scientist. —AP

TURKEY'S KURDS 'ARE VOTING FOR PEACE'

By Gokan Gunes

eaning against an armored truck, masked Turkish policemen with rifles slung over their shoulders scan the crowds queuing to vote in a neighborhood of the main Kurdish city of Diyarbakir.

Security is high in the Kurdish majority southeast for Sunday's vote following a new flare-up in the conflict between Kurdish rebels and the Turkish state and a wave of jihadist attacks which have left several hundred people dead since July. The wall surrounding Suleyman Nazif school in Diyarbakir's Sur district, which has been turned into a polling station for the vote, is pockmarked with bullet holes. But that did not stop people from lining up as soon as polls opened at 0400 GMT for Turkey's second parliamentary election in five months.

"All I want is peace and brotherhood, we have suffered too much lately," 43-year-old voter Mahmut Kiziltoprak said. The Sur neighborhood, a stronghold of young Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) supporters, bears numerous scars of warfare: A charred building here, shattered windows and hastily-dug trenches there.

Since the breakdown of a 2013 ceasefire between the Turkish army and the outlawed PKK in August, the Kurdish southeast has been caught in the grip of a spiral of violence.

'AKP has no hope'

"The police entered every house in the neighborhood, treated everyone as a criminal," said Huseyin Oturmak, 65, an observer for the pro-Kurdish People's Democratic Party (HDP).

"The AKP has no hope here," he said. Many residents of Diyarbakir accuse Turkey's strongman President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of reigniting the flames of war after a wave of deadly tit-for-tat violence. Ironically it was under Erdogan's watch as prime minister that Ankara introduced a raft of reforms for the Kurdish minority, estimated to number between 15 and 20 million, and launched secret negotiations with jailed PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan.

Kurds at one stage were a bedrock of support for the AKP, but voters turned to the HDP in large numbers in June, delivering it a stunning election success to become the first pro-Kurdish party to sit in parliament. The delicate peace process has now been shattered and with it hopes of ending a war in the southeast that has claimed 45,000 lives over three decades.

The PKK conflict resumed after a bombing on pro-Kurdish activists in the border town of Suruc in July that killed 34 people and was blamed on the Islamic

PKK fighters killed two Turkish policemen in

only (HDP leader) Selahattin Demirtas who can bring peace. He's the one who wants peace, therefore it's him I'm voting for," said Esat Akir, 55.

Around 11,000 police and soldiers were mobilised to ensure security in Diyarbakir and the surrounding region, according to the private NTV television channel.



DIYARBAKIR: Using a wheelchair, Lisa Calan (28) who lost both her legs at an explosion on June 5, 2015, in Diyarbakir, during a pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party's, (HDP) rally, casts her vote yesterday. —AP

revenge, with many Kurds accusing Ankara of complicity with IS, and two days later Turkish jets bombed both jihadist targets in Syria and PKK rebels in Iraq. Both sides declared the peace process over, with Erdogan vowing to fight the PKK to the "last terrorist".

Tensions surged further in October when suicide bombers blew themselves up at a pro-Kurdish peace rally in Ankara, killing 102 people, many of them HDP members, in the worst such attack on Turkish soil. "It's mid-afternoon. Election officials at polling stations visited by AFP predicted a high turnout: "80 to 90 percent," said Arin Zunrun Karakoyun at the Suleyman Nazif school. "In the current climate people have realised the importance of this election," she said. "Look at the ballot box, it is not yet 11 am and it's almost overflowing," added Hamit Bodakci at another polling stating in Sur. "About 60 percent of the 389 registered here have already voted." — AFP









TEAM FRIENDS 2 CROWNED RED BULL WINNING 5 CHAMPION

16 finalists out of 80 teams showed their unique football skills







KUWAIT: The best soccer players of Kuwait met at Hasan Abul's Training Center for a creative and innovative soccer tournament: Red Bull Winning 5. 16 teams out of 80 participated in the national final at the Hasan Abul Training Center where members of team "Friends 2" were the last men standing and were crowned champions of Kuwait's Red Bull Winning 5. The winners went through several phases and were able to eliminate their opponents one after another, reaching the final game against team "Friends 1".

The crowds witnessed great performances that lead team "Friends 2" to the title. Whenever a goal was scored, the other team lost one player and so many games in the qualifiers just ended after few minutes, whereby some teams were able to beat their rivals immediately.

The final round was different where intense and exciting action accompanied the performances of both teams who showed exceptional skills with the aim to win the title.

However, thrill and excitement were not

bound to the final game only, for the adventure started with dual games of the 16 teams coming from previous qualifiers where 80 fought for the 16 final places. As the competition is based on elimination, the number of teams decreased gradually while the level increased steadily.

Each team of 5 players with no goalkeeper, had to eliminate a player from the opposite team upon scoring a goal. The games consisted of 10 minutes each, and ended whenever one of the teams was eliminated.

Red Bull Winning 5 winners expressed their extreme joy in winning this unique competition that gave the opportunity to demonstrate their football skills at a unique tournament.





STOKES TO UNDERGO SCANS

SHARJAH: England all-rounder Ben Stokes will only know whether he can take any further part in the third and final Test against Pakistan in Sharjah after scans today on a suspected dislocated shoulder.

Stokes, 24, fell on his shoulder while trying to take a difficult catch off Pakistani batsman Sarfraz Ahmed in the last session of the opening day at Sharjah stadium on Sunday, and walked off the field in great discomfort. England team physiotherapist Craig de Weymarn inspected

> the injury before escorting the allrounder off the field. England and Wales Cricket Board spokesperson conirmed Stokes will have a scan on his right shoulder today. Stokes is not part of the England one-day squad for the four-match series against Pakistan which follows the Tests and it will remain to be seen whether he can recover in time for the tour of South Africa next month. England had an otherwise good day, as they dismissed Pakistan for a low total of 234 before surviving two overs to score four without loss.

Pakistan lead the three-match series 1-0 after winning the second Test in Dubai and drawing the first in Abu

RUGBY WORLD CUP HAILED AS BIGGEST AND BEST YET

LONDON: The 2015 Rugby World Cup won by New Zealand was hailed by organisers yesterday as the biggest, best and most competitive yet.

The All Blacks' 34-17 final victory over Australia on Saturday to secure a record third world title was watched by an estimated 120 million people across the globe. World Rugby chairman Bernard Lapasset said the six-week tournament was the "best-attended, most-watched, most socially-engaged, most commercially-successful Rugby World Cup".

Organisers said over 2.47 million tickets were sold across all 48 matches with over one million fans visiting fanzones during the tournament in England and Wales. Over 250 million pounds (\$385.65 million) was generated in ticket revenues, delivering an 80 million pounds surplus to World Rugby and a 15 million pounds surplus to the English RFU "to be invested into the development of the game". "Rugby World Cup 2015 will be remembered as the biggest tournament to date, but I also believe that it will be remembered as the best," Lapasset said.

"But this special Rugby World Cup has been about much more than numbers, it has been about the amazing atmosphere in full and vibrant stadia, the excitement around the host nation and in Cardiff, the unforgettable moments played out by the world's best players and the friendships that have been created along the way-the very best of our sport has been on display." —Reuters

SCHUMACHER STILL FIGHTING

MEXICO CITY: Lewis Hamilton's third Formula One world championship also serves as a reminder of how remarkable Michael Schumacher's achievements were, his former Ferrari boss Jean Todt said on Saturday. The German is still receiving intensive treatment at home in Switzerland for severe head injuries suffered in a skiing accident in France in December 2013. "It was interesting last week after Lewis was world champion for the third time, you saw the figures," Todt told reporters at the Mexican Grand Prix, which follows the U.S. race in Austin where Hamilton sealed the title.

"And I was very proud of what Michael did and sometimes you tend to forget what he did. "Michael is a close friend, his family is very close to me and I am very close to them as well. I see Michael very often and Michael is still fighting. And we must keep him fighting, with the family."

Yesterday's race will be the first Mexican Grand Prix since 1992 — which was also the first time Schumacher appeared on a Formula One podium. The German, who finished third behind British race winner Nigel Mansell and Italian Riccardo Patrese, was in his first full season for Benetton. —Reuters

ROYALS ONE WIN AWAY FROM WORLD SERIES CROWN

NEW YORK: The Kansas City Royals moved Matz, New York looked set to level the within one win of their first World Series crown in 30 years by beating the New York Mets 5-3 on Saturday to take a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven for the Major League Baseball championship.

An error by Mets second baseman Daniel Murphy, their National League Championship Series hero, on a slow roller by Eric Hosmer in the eighth inning opened the floodgates for the Royals, who turned a 3-2 deficit into a 5-3 lead.

The three-run burst against relievers Tyler Clippard and Jeurys Familia negated a pair of home runs hit by Mets' rookie Michael Conforto.

"That's just what our team does," said Royals manager Ned Yost, after his team's seventh comeback win of the postseason. "We feel like if we can keep the game close, we're going to find a way to win it. "It's a team that just looks for a little crack. If we find a little crack, they're going to make something happen." Kansas City closer Wade Davis came on in the eighth to register a six-out save, with reliever Ryan Madson claiming the win.

The Royals will seek to end the series with a Game Five win in New York on Sunday. A Mets win would send the series back to Kansas City for Game Six tomorrow. "We've been swinging the bats very well. We had a nice night last night, and tonight we just didn't get the hits when we needed them, except for Conforto," Mets manager Terry Collins told reporters.

"If anybody can give me the answers to why we're not hitting in certain situations, I'd like to hear them." Fueled by solo shots leading off the third and fifth innings by 22year-old Conforto, and five solid innings from fellow-rookie Mets starter Steven series at 2-2 when they entered the eighth inning. Mets manager Collins sent Tyler Clippard, his fifth pitcher of the night, out to start the eighth.

After retiring Alcides Escobar, Clippard walked Ben Zobrist and Lorenzo Cain, and closer Jeurys Familia was summoned. Familia got Hosmer to tap a slow roller to the right side and Murphy charged in only to have the dribbler sneak under his glove and roll into short rightfield.

That allowed Zobrist to score and Cain to reach third. Mike Moustakas followed with a ground single to right that scored Cain and Salvador Perez added another single to right to plate Hosmer for the third run of the inning.

"Daniel Murphy did not lose this game, we lost this game as a team," Mets captain David Wright said about the man who set an MLB record with home runs in six successive postseason games for New York during their run to the World Series.

Moustakas said the Royals keep fighting and applying pressure. "We're just trying to put the ball in play," Moustakas said after driving in the game-winning run.

"Familia, that guy throws a bowling-ball sinker and Hoz did a good job of putting the ball in play and make some things happen. It's just kind of how the ball bounced today." After throwing a 1-2-3 eighth, closer Davis put men on first and second with one out before Lucas Duda hit a soft liner to third baseman Moustakas, who fired to first to double up Yoenis Cespedes, who strayed too far, for a game-ending double play.

The victory put the Royals on the cusp of their first title since their 1985 triumph over cross-state rivals the St. Louis Cardinals. —Reuters



PITTSBURGH: Jeff Zatkoff No. 37 of the Pittsburgh Penguins makes a save in this file photo. — AFP

Penguins blank Leafs, Bruins win

TORONTO: Marc-Andre Fleury recorded his 40th career shutout, and the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 4-0 Saturday night in Phil Kessel's return to the Air Canada Centre.

Pittsburgh earned its fourth consecutive win and improved to 7-1-0 since losing its first three games of the season. Toronto kept Kessel, Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin off the scoresheet, but the Penguins stars had plenty of help in adding to the Leafs' early misery this season.

Chris Kunitz, Eric Fehr, Matt Cullen and Patric Hornqvist scored before a Halloween crowd of 19.197 that included Super Mario and Superman. Many left before the final whistle.

Kessel had 395 points in 446 games for the Leafs. But he was dealt to Pittsburgh in July after president Brendan Shanahan said fans couldn't understand "people that go out and give halfefforts and that don't appear to enjoy playing here." Kessel was booed whenever he touched the puck, with the volume increasing the longer he had it.

BRUINS 3, LIGHTNING 1

Jonas Gustavsson stopped 21 shots and Brett Connolly's power-play goal snapped a third-period tie, helping Boston Bruins remain unbeaten on the road. Connolly scored during a 13-second 5-on-3 opportunity with just over 14 minutes remaining, and the Bruins extended their point streak to seven games (6-0-1) after opening the season with three consecutive losses. They also improved to 5-0-0 on the road in the club's longest such streak since winning a franchisebest nine straight in March 2014.

Tampa Bay continued to sputter offensively, losing its fourth straight game. The defending Eastern Conference champions led the NHL in scoring a year ago, but have been limited to two goals during its longest skid in two seasons.

BLUES 3, WILD 2

David Backes scored at 4:26 of overtime for his second goal of the game, sending St. Louis to the victory. Backes had time to load up on a shot from the high slot, and he drove it past Devan Dubnyk off a setup from Ty Rattie. Backes had no goals and two assists this season coming into the night. The Blues surrendered a 2-0 lead in the first period but won their third in a row and improved to 8-2-1 while playing without several top players. Forward Vladimir Tarasenko (lower body) joined Paul Stastny, Jaden Schwartz and Kevin Shattenkirk on the injury list.

Alexander Steen also scored and Jake Allen had 29 saves for St. Louis, which allowed just one shot during Minnesota's two-man advantage of 62 seconds in the second period. Jason Zucker and Erik Haula scored for Minnesota.

STARS 5, SHARKS 3

Antoine Roussel broke a third-period tie for the second time in three games, and Dallas went on to the win. The game-winners are the only goals this season for Roussel, who also had two assists against San Jose. John Klingberg's shot from the right point hit Sharks goalie Alex Stalock's pads and Roussel's skate, and the puck trickled across the goal line with 6:27 to play. Tyler Seguin added a power-play goal into an empty net. Dallas has won eight of the last nine games. San Jose has lost five of six. For San Jose, Joe Pavelski and Joel Ward scored on the power play, and Matt Nieto had a short-handed goal.

KINGS 4, PREDATORS 3

Jeff Carter scored at 4:42 of overtime, Tyler Toffoli continued his strong start with two more goals, and Los Angeles extended its winning streak to seven games. Rookie Andy Andreoff also scored, and Jonathan Quick made 31 saves for the Kings, whose streak began after an 0-3 start. Nashville defenseman Ryan Ellis scored the tying goal with 6:04 left in the third period, and Pekka Rinne stopped 25 shots for the Predators, who had won the previous five meetings - all by one-goal margins. James Neal and Shea Weber scored power-play goals less than 3 1/2 minutes apart in the second period for Nashville, and Filip Forsberg and Roman Josi each had two assists.

RED WINGS 5, SENATORS 3

Tomas Tatar, Gustav Nyquist and Danny DeKeyser each had a goal and an assist, lifting Detroit to the road win. Jonathan Ericsson and Dvlan Larkin also scored as the Red Wings rebounded from a 3-1 home loss to the Senators on Friday night. Petr Mrazek made 33 saves.

Detroit star Henrik Zetterberg collected his 500th career assist in the first period and his 800th point in the second period with his second assist of the game.

The Senators, who had won two in a row, got goals from Kyle Turris, Mark Stone and Bobby Ryan, along with 23 saves from Craig Anderson.

DEVILS 3, ISLANDERS 2

Mike Cammalleri and Jacob Josefson scored in the shootout, and the Devils won for the sixth time in seven games. John Moore and Bobby Farnham each scored their first goal of the season, and Cory Schneider made 24 saves for New Jersey, which lost all four games to the Islanders last season. Anders Lee and Frans Nielsen scored for New York, which played without captain John Tavares. He was scratched because he wasn't feeling well. Nielsen scored for New York's first attempt in the shootout. Schneider stopped

Kyle Okposo and Kyle Clutterbuck, and Josh Bailey hit the post.

CAPITALS 2, PANTHERS 1

Evgeny Kuznetsov scored for Washington in overtime, and Alex Ovechkin had two assists. Kuznetsov faked a pass to Ovechkin and then charged the net from the left side. He went untouched to below the left circle and beat Al Montova stick side.

The Capitals have seven of their past eight. Jussi Jokinen opened the scoring for Florida early in the second. Washington's Jay Beagle tied it 2:23 into the third period. Washington goaltender Philipp Grubauer made 26 saves. Montoya had 25 for Florida.

FLAMES 5, OILERS 4

Michael Frolik scored his third goal of the game with 8.7 seconds left, and the Flames snapped a four-game losing streak.

Calgary negated an icing call in the final seconds and Frolik put a seemingly harmless shot on net from behind the goal line that squeezed in between Cam Talbot and the post for his first career hat trick.

Brandon Bollig and TJ Brodie also scored for the Flames, who were playing their third game in four nights. Taylor Hall, Brandon Davidson, Teddy Purcell and Leon Draisaitl scored for Edmonton, which has dropped four of five.

JETS 3, BLUE JACKETS 2

Blake Wheeler and Bryan Little each had a goal and an assist, leading Winnipeg to the victory. Rookie Andrew Copp scored his first career goal and Ondrej Pavelec had 19 saves as the Jets improved to 4-1-0 on the road. The Blue Jackets dropped to 0-5-0 at home. They were coming off a 2-1 loss at Washington on Friday night.

Brandon Saad and Scott Hartnell scored for Columbus. Sergei Bobrovsky stopped eight of 11 shots in the first period, and Curtis McElhinney had 16 saves in the final two periods. — AP

NFL Standings

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the crowd gave them a standing ovation. "It's definitely crazy. I wasn't sure if they were going to do a tie-breaker but I knew my execution would be a little better based on qualifications, so I knew either way I was going to have a medal. I was just hoping it'd still be gold," Kocian

"Winner of the gold medal and the 2015 ed 15.366 points for her gravity-defying routine that involved travelling between uneven bars champion is...." the two bars while executing a number Organisers also had to abandon the of difficult elements. Next up was 2011 flag-raising ceremony as there was no room for three flags on the same horichampion Komova, who fell from her signature apparatus during the women's "I've never seen anything like this and When she nailed her dismount she

GLASGOW: Four gold medal winners China's Fan Yilin (from left), Russia's Viktoriia

Komova, Russia's Daria Spiridonova and Madison Kocian of the US pose on the podi-

um after their uneven bars exercises at the women's apparatus final competition at

FOUR GYMNASTS SHARE

ASYMMETRIC BARS GOLD

the World Artistic Gymnastics championships. — AP

GLASGOW: Fan Yilin, Viktoriia Komova,

Daria Spiridonova and Madison Kocian

shared an unprecedented four gold

medals at the gymnastics world champi-

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could not decide between their asym-

looked pleased to have avoided any dra-

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bursting into laughter as first American

Kocian and then Komova's fellow Russian

Spiridonova also joined the 15.366 gang.

firming that there were indeed four

champions from the eight-woman final,

the gold medallists stood with their arms

around each other in a straight line as

With the giant television screen con-

From then on, the gymnasts kept

ing the same score as her Chinese rival.

China's Fan was the first to be award-

metric bars routines.

team final earlier in the week.

I didn't think anything like this would even be possible. It's great that we are in this together and we will share the victory," Spiridonova said. Komova added: "It was hard to deal with the nerves after they started to announce the results. I am personally shocked.

said after earning her second gold in

Glasgow following the success of the

American women in the team competi-

tion. The Russians were still in shock after

a prolonged medals ceremony featured

three national anthems being played

and the master of ceremonies making

four announcements starting with

It's the first time the judges had such a hard time deciding who the champion was on bars." While so many gold medals have never been given out in one event before, there was a five-way tie for silver at the 1922 championships on the pommel horse.

Saturday's final also featured 2012 Olympic all-around champion Gabby Douglas but she missed out on stepping on to the crowded top podium with 15.133 — the second highest score of the competition. — Reuters



RADWANSKA CLAIMS MAIDEN WTA FINALS

SINGAPORE: An emotional Agnieszka Radwanska claimed her maiden WTA Finals title with a roller-coaster 6-2 4-6 6-3 victory over Czech Petra Kvitova in an absorbing encounter at a packed Singapore Indoor Stadium yesterday.

Playing a first final in her seventh appearance at the season-ending event, the sixth-ranked Pole also created history by becoming the first woman to lift the title after completing round robin play with a 1-2 record. "A few weeks ago I didn't even know I would be here," a tearful Radwanska said in a courtside interview. "I was doing the right thing in the important moments of a really close match, I had my chances in the second set but it doesn't really matter how I won," the Pole added.

In stark contrast to her semi-final victory over Maria Sharapova, Kvitova made a lacklustre start to the match with a sloppy opening service game, handing her opponent an immediate break as she got off to the worst possible start.

The Czech appeared a little more animated in the second game and despite working a few openings, poor shot selection and a string of unforced errors enabled the world number six to survive the threat and move 2-0 ahead.

The double Wimbledon champion finally got on the scoreboard in the third game thanks to a pair of aces but unable to make any inroads on the Radwanska serve, the Czech recorded her third double-fault in as many games to cough up yet another break. Exuding confidence, Radwanska breezed through her next service game and was able to wrap up a dominant set in

33 minutes with another routine hold. Radwanska carried that momentum into the first game of the second set, running down everything and breaking the Czech with an unreturnable backhand volley at the net and consolidating her advantage with a solid hold to win her third game in a row. Kvitova, who continues to battle mononucleosis, stopped the rot to claim her first game of the second set, screeching in delight at a forehand winner as she attempted to stir herself into action.

Her efforts bore fruit three games later when the powerful left-hander forged her first break point of the contest and levelled at 3-3 with a booming crosscourt forehand

An easy hold put her ahead for the first time in the set and suddenly the crowd had a contest to watch after Radwanska's march to victory was halted and Kvitova completed the comeback with a second consecutive break to set up a decider.

Kvitova was trying to keep the points short, grimacing in pain and clutching her bandaged right thigh after each rally as the pair traded a pair of breaks apiece to remain deadlocked at 3-3 in the decider. Radwanska dug deep once more and forged another break before finally holding to leave her one game away from the biggest victory of her career, ending Kvitova's resistance on her first match point when the Czech committed her 53rd unforced error.

"It means everything to me... in my first final, I get my first win so it couldn't be any better," the 26-year-old Pole added. In the final of the doubles event, Martina Hingis and Sania Mirza claimed their ninth title of their first season together with a 6-0 6-3 victory over Spain's Garbine Muguruza and Carla Suarez Navarro. — Reuters



SINGAPORE: Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland poses with the trophy after she won the singles final against Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic at the WTA tennis Finals. — AP

FEDERER GRABS BASEL TITLE

time rival Rafael Nadal 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 yesterday to win his seventh title at the Swiss Indoors as he played the home final for a record tenth consecutive year.

Federer and Nadal last met in an Australian Open semi-final nearly two years ago and played their last final in Rome in 2013, both of which Nadal won.

The 34-year-old Swiss, world number two behind Novak Djokovic, claimed the 88th title of his career. The Basel trophy was his sixth of the season as he polished

BASEL: Roger Federer defeated long- his record to 58-9. Federer's victory was his 11th against Nadal, who has won 23 of their meetings.

> Victory in two hours in front of a charged-up crowd at the St Jakobshalle gave Federer his first victory over Nadal since his 2012 triumph in the semi-finals of the Indian Wells Masters, ending a fivematch winning streak by the Spaniard. Nadal had won 14 of their previous finals, with Federer claiming six. But the Swiss improved to 5-1 against Nadal on indoor surfaces. — AFP

WARRIORS DOWN PELICANS

NEW ORLEANS: Stephen Curry scored 53 points, taking over the game with a 28-point third quarter, and unbeaten Golden State defeated winless New Orleans 134-120 to ruin the Pelicans' home opener Saturday night. Curry outscored the Pelicans by two points in the third period, giving the reigning NBA MVP a career-high for scoring in a quarter. It gave the Warriors a 105-91 lead.

Curry wound up shooting 17 of 27 from the field, including 8 of 14 from 3-point range, to go with nine assists and four steals. Five of his 3s were from between 27 and 31 feet

Draymond Green scored 21 points and Klay Thompson added 19 for defending champion Golden State, which has won its first three games this season. Anthony Davis had 26 points, 15 rebounds and two blocks for the injury-depleted Pelicans, who have lost their first three games under new coach Alvin Gentry.

KNICKS 117, WIZARDS 110

Carmelo Anthony scored 37 points and New York spoiled Washington's home opener. Anthony hit a jumper with 1:35 to play to give New York a 108-106 lead. Langston Galloway added a 3-pointer with 1:03 left to make it 111-106. Anthony added two free throws with 20.4 seconds left for a 113-110 lead. Washington failed to start a season 3-0 for the first time since 2005-06. Bradley Beal had 22 of his 26 points in the second half for Washington, while John Wall added 25. The Knicks (2-1) won their second road game of the season. They won a total of seven road games last season.

GRIZZLIES 101, NETS 91

Mike Conley scored 22 points, including 10 straight in the fourth quarter, and had eight assists to lead Memphis. Conley, who was 7 of 12 from the field, including 4 of 7 from outside the arc, scored his 10 straight points to hold off the Nets who were trying to rally from a double-digit fourth-quarter deficit.

Zach Randolph and Courtney Lee scored 15 points each for Memphis with Randolph grabbing 13 rebounds. Bojan Bogdanovic scored 19 points and Jarrett Jack finished with 15 for the Nets (0-3). Brook Lopez had 12 points and 10 rebounds. Memphis held its largest lead of the game at 88-72 with 7:42 left. But Brooklyn cut the deficit to 92-84, as close as the Nets would get.

JAZZ 97, PACERS 76

Derrick Favors scored 18 points and Utah outscored Indiana by 28 in the second half. The Pacers led for almost the entire first half, but tables turned in the third quarter when Utah outscored Indiana 28-12 after trailing by seven at halftime. The Jazz (2-1) led by nine points at the end of the third quarter and by as many as 21 in the fourth quarter.

George Hill scored 17 points and Paul George added 16 for Indiana (0-3), which has lost the lead in the third quarter and given up a total of 189 points in the second half of its three games this season. Rodney Hood had 17 points for Utah, while Trey Burke had 15, Gordon Hayward 11 and Alec Burks and Joe Ingles added 10 each.

CLIPPERS 114, KINGS 109

Blake Griffin had 37 points, nine rebounds and six assists to lead the Clippers. JJ Redick added 23 points and Chris Paul had 17 points and 11 assists for the Clippers, who won their fifth straight and 18th in the last 21 meetings with the Kings. The streak includes a 111-104 win at Sacramento last Wednesday in the season opener for both clubs. DeAndre Jordan had 15 points and 18 rebounds for the Clippers, who are off to their first 3-0 start since winning their first four games in 2007-08. Rajon Rondo had 21 points and eight assists and Rudy Gay added 20 points for the Kings, while DeMarcus Cousins had 13 points and nine rebounds, but was limited to 15 minutes because of a sore right Achilles. Seven-foot center Willie Cauley-Stein, the team's first-round draft pick, had eight points and nine rebounds.

SUNS 101, TRAIL BLAZERS 90

Eric Bledsoe scored 33 points, one shy of his career high, to lead Phoenix to its second win over Portland in as many nights. On Friday in Phoenix, Bledsoe had 22 points as the Suns prevailed 110-92. Damian Lillard had 23 points for the Blazers and CJ McCollum added 15. Tyson Chandler, signed by the Suns in the offseason, had 15 points and 13 rebounds in the win on Friday, but had five points and 11 rebounds in Portland. — AP



LEXINGTON: American Pharoah, with Victor Espinoza up, wins the Breeders' Cup Classic horse race at Keeneland race track. — AP

AMERICAN PHAROAH ENDS CAREER WITH BREEDERS' CUP

LEXINGTON: Triple Crown winner American Pharoah won the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland Racecourse in Lexington, Kentucky on Saturday to end his career as horse racing's first-ever Grand Slam champion.

The Bob Baffert-trained colt, who earlier this year became the 12th horse-and first since Affirmed in 1978 — to win the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes, romped to a commanding 6 1/2 length victory over a fading Effinex to bring the curtain down on a spectacular career. Honor Code was a distant third. "I am so proud of this horse, but I am so relieved.," said a jubilant Baffert. "When he's right, he's right and you saw what he can do today.

"It's tough to win a Breeders' Cup; you'd better come with a good horse. I am so proud of him. "This is the greatest horse I'll ever see. He is a champion. am so glad that American Pharoah goes out the champion he is. "We're all going to miss him."

Since winning the Triple Crown and cementing his place in racing history, American Pharoah won the Haskell Invitational but finished second in the Travers Stakes on August 29 at Saratoga in New York. Breaking from the number four post the three-year-old colt showed no signs of rust from the extended layoff, charging to the front and never surrendering the lead. The 3/5 favorite controlled the pace over the

entire 1 1/4 test, pulling away from the pack on the final turn to the thundering approval of a packed grandstand that had come to witness history. Even with twice Breeders Cup winner Beholder having to pull out of the Classic due to injury, the field was rated the toughest ever faced by American Pharoah but the colt made it look easy as he would not let anyone spoil his farewell party, demolishing the competition under a perfect ride from jockey Victor Espinoza.

"He's the best," praised an emotional Espinoza. "He won easy. I knew it was going to fans, and for him." — Reuters

be the last race and I was ready to ride him very hard but I didn't need to. "He's amazing.

"I'm a little bit sad but he deserves to have a nice break. He's done so much, he has run so many times this year and I think it is time for him to step out and have a nice life."

American Pharoah heads into retirement having won nine of 11 career races and capturing the imagination of sports fans.

"What can I say? What a horse! He is the most brilliant horse I have ever seen," gushed owner Ahmed Zayat. "He is a once-in-a-lifetime horse. "This race was only about American Pharoah and we wanted him to go out a winner. He runs with his heart and he is brilliantly fast. This was an incredible thrill. It was so emotional. I didn't even see the final eighth (of a mile) because I had my eyes closed the whole time. It was so emotional. "The Triple Crown winner should go out in a way that is appropriate for both this sport and his

GULF BANK 642 MARATHON: RUN OR WALK ON NOV

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank is pleased to announce a unique achievement for the Gulf Bank 642 Marathon which is scheduled to take place on Nov 14 at 8 am, starting at Soug Sharg. This is the first full road race to take place in Kuwait and three of the race categories have now been accredited by the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS) and the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF Athletics).

AIMS is a member based organization of more than 380 of the world's leading distance races from over 100 countries. IAAF Athletics is the world governing body for the sport of track and field athletics. Once a course is AIMS certified, only then is IAAF able to recognize any world records which might take place on the course. AIMS recently sent a representative to Kuwait to measure and assess the race path with a special bicycle equipped with a device called a Jones Counter, which is the only means of measurement accepted by the IAAF for the accurate measurement of road race courses.

Following this rigorous assessment, three categories (10 KM, 21 KM, and 42KM distances) of the Gulf Bank 642 Marathon have been AIMS certified. These races now appear in the international calendar of races.

In order to appeal to the broadest audience and different fitness levels, there are five race categories, for those who wish to walk or run: * Family Fun Run for new beginners (5KM)

- * Special Run for the physically challenged (5KM)
- * Soug Run for regular runners (10KM)

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(21KM)

* Full Marathon (42KM)

The Gulf Bank 642 Marathon path passes by many of Kuwait's landmarks. It starts at Souq Sharq and passes along Gulf Road, the Kuwait Towers, the Gulf Bank head office, Souq Mubarakiya among other places. The course will be closed to traffic, as per coordination with the Ministry of Interior, to ensure the safety and security of the runners and walkers.

The date of the race (14 November) also coincides with World Diabetes Day (WDD), in order

* Half Marathon for more advanced runners to raise awareness of the growing problem of diabetes in Kuwait, and how exercise and fitness play a role in combating this major health issue. Gulf Bank is also happy to have the Dasman Diabetes Institute as a part of the race.

They will be on hand to raise awareness about ways to combat the alarmingly high rates of obesity and diabetes in Kuwait. Part of the proceeds from the race will be donated to the Dasman Diabetes Institute to assist in their ongoing work. The number 642 was selected because it is the number of muscles in the human body.

ROSBERG ON POLE IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY: Nico Rosberg said it was "business as usual" after beating Mercedes team mate Lewis Hamilton to pole position for the fourth race in a row on Saturday in the first Formula One qualifying held in Mexico since 1992. German Rosberg will hope Sunday's race breaks a bitter sequence after converting only two of his last 10 poles into victory. Triple world champion Hamilton has won the last three from second place.

The Briton, who clinched his third championship in Texas last weekend, will again start alongside on the front row with every intention of winning in front of what promises to be a huge and lively crowd. "It's a good start for sure, starting on pole," said Rosberg. "It's going to be a long run down to turn one so it's going to be an exciting battle and then I'm sure we have a good race car."

Asked whether the pole was 'Angry Nico' fighting back, he shook his head: "Definitely not. There's no difference, it's attack like always. "It's three more races to go, great to be here in Mexico, great track, I really enjoy driving here so business as usual."

The pair banged wheels into the first corner in Austin, with Rosberg losing out, and Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel was clearly hoping for more fireworks at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez.

"Can you make sure you take both of you out so I can go through?", joked Vettel, who qualified third, to a stony silence from the Mercedes duo.

The Ferrari driver is second in the championship, after winning three races this season, but is only four points ahead of Rosberg who now has 20 career poles. "In the end they were iust a sniff too quick but who knows what happens tomorrow?", said Vettel.

Hamilton, who has failed to qualify fastest in his last five races after previously racking up 11 out of 12, had hoped to take his 50th career pole but some small mistakes when it mattered ruled that out.

"We have quite a bit of a different set-up this weekend so perhaps the avenue I went might not be the perfect one for qualifying but

it'll be good for the race," said the Briton whose team have already retained their constructors' title. Hamilton is also gunning to equal Vettel's record of 13 wins in a season, having won 10 so far. The passionate crowd will be reserving their biggest cheers for Mexican Sergio Perez who will start his country's first grand prix since 1992 in ninth place for Force India with every chance of scoring points.

Russian Daniil Kvyat joined Vettel on the second row for Red Bull, with Australian team mate Daniel Ricciardo fifth and Finland's Valtteri Bottas sixth in a Williams.

Teenage Dutch rookie Max Verstappen, fourth in Austin, qualified an impressive eighth for Toro Rosso. At the back, McLaren's Jenson Button failed to take part in qualifying due to engine problems that are likely to increase his already meaningless 50-place penalty on a grid of just 20 cars.

Team mate Fernando Alonso will join him at the back after qualifying 16th but having a 10place penalty. Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen has a five-place drop from 15th. — Reuters

ANDERSON HELPS ENGLAND DOMINATE PAKISTAN IN TEST

SHARJAH: Paceman James Anderson led Englandís efforts to level the series against Pakistan with four wickets on the opening day of the third and final Test in Sharjah yesterday. After losing the second Test in Dubai, England were kept in the hunt by Anderson who took 4-17 to dismiss Pakistan for a paltry 234 on a relaid Sharjah stadium pitch.

At the close, England openers Alastair Cook (nought) and Moeen Ali (four) had survived two overs to finish on four without loss as England trail by 230 runs.

Anderson's new-ball partner Stuart Broad kept the pressure on from the other end, bowling eight of his 13 overs maiden and finishing with 2-13.

Pakistan, who won the toss and batted, were indebted to skipper Misbah-ul-Haq who was ninth out after scoring a fighting 71 for his 32nd half-century. Misbah added a fighting 80 for the sixth wicket with Sarfraz Ahmed (39) but all the other batsmen, including Younis Khan (31), Shoaib Malik (38) and Mohammad Hafeez (27), failed to capitalise on good starts. England took the second new ball with the score on 222-7 with Anderson dismissing Misbah caught in the slips before wrapping up the innings with the wicket of Rahat Ali for four. Misbah hit seven fours and two sixes during his 160-ball knock but could not stop the slide as Pakistan lost their last five wickets for just 38 runs.

Younis, who made a brilliant hundred in the second Test in Dubai, looked in good shape before falling leg-before as he missed an incoming full toss from Anderson and unsuccessfully challenged umpireís decision. Younis, who survived a confident caught-behind appeal off Broad

on 21, became Andersonís 422nd wicket in his 110th Test.

Anderson is now eighth on the all-time leading Test wicket takers, leaving South African paceman Shaun Pollock (421 wickets) behind. Broad put pressure on the Pakistan batting, getting Malik caught behind, while Asad Shafiq was dismissed for just five by Samit Patel who finished with 2-85.

Spinner Ali took 2-49. Broad said bowlers did a good job to put England on a strong footing. It think it's actually quite a good wicket to bowl dot balls if you hold your length and the mindset was very much to put pressure on Pakistan,î said Broad. Pakistan had mixed fortunes in the first session. Pakistan lost opener Ali, who missed the first Test with a foot injury and the second due to the death of his motherin-law, in the third over when he edged Anderson to Bairstow without scoring.

Mohammad Hafeez swept Aliis first delivery to the boundary but miscued a pull shot and was caught in the deep by Broad for 27.

England lost Ben Stokes in the last session when he hurt his hand as he fell down on his arm while trying to take a catch at short fine leg. He walked off the field and will be taken to the hospital for X-ray. Pakistan made two changes from the side which won the second Test in Dubai for a 1-0 lead, bringing in Ali and paceman Rahat Ali for Shan Masood and injured Imran Khan. England were also forced to make two changes, resting seamer Mark Wood (ankle problem) and dropping out of form Jost Butler to include James Taylor and Patelóboth playing their first Test since 2012. — AFP

SCOREBOARD

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates: Scores at close on the opening day of the third and final Test between Pakistan and England at Sharjah stadium on yeserday.

final Test between Pakistan and Engl	land at
Pakistan 1st innings	
Mohammad Hafeez c Broad b Ali	27
Azhar Ali c Bairstow b Anderson	0
Shoaib Malik c Bairstow b Broad	38
Younis Khan Ibw b Anderson	31
Misbah-ul-Haq c Root b Anderson	71
Asad Shafiq c Bairstow b Patel	5
Sarfraz Ahmed c Root b Ali	39
Wahab Riaz b Patel	0
Yasir Shah c Patel b Broad	7
Zulfiqar Babar not out	6
Rahat Ali c Ali b Anderson	4
Extras: (b1, lb5)	6
Total: (all out; 85.1 overs)	234
Fall of wickets: 1-5 (Ali), 2-49 (Hafe	ez), 3-

88 (Malik), 4-103 (Younis), 5-116 (Shafiq), 6-196 (Ahmed), 7-196 (Riaz), 8-224 (Shah), 9-224 (Misbah)

Bowling: Anderson 15.1-7-17-4, Broad 13-8-13-2, Stokes 11-4-23-0, Patel 23-3-85-2, Ali 13-3-49-2, Rashid 10-1-41-0.

England Ist innings A.Cook not out 0 Moeen Ali not out 4 Total: (for no wkt; two overs) 4 Bowling: Rahat 1-1-0-0, Shah 1-0-4-0. To bat: I. Bell, J. Root, J. Taylor, J. Bairstow, B. Stokes, Adil Rashid, S. Patel, S. Broad, J.



SHARJAH: Pakistan's batsman Younis Khan plays a shot during Pakistan and England Test match at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium. — AP

13TH ASIAN SHOOTING TOURNEY TO WITNESS FIERCE COMPETITION

By Abdullatif Sharaa

KUWAIT: The thirteenth Asian Shooting Championship will be opened today, at Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Olympic Shooting Complex. The championship includes shotgun, rifle and pistol competitions.

The Kuwait Shooting Sports Club prepared a fitting ceremony for this important championship which takes the winners to the Rio de Janeiro 2016 Olympics, as 33 countries are competing with 1200 shooters.

The technical meeting will be held at 11:00 am then official training will follow in the men's double trap, 10m Air rifle for women, as well as 25m, 50m pistol for both genders.

International Referee, Hamad Al-Ruwaisan, who heads the shotgun referees committee in Kuwait, said the committee prepared well for the Asian Championship. He said that all participating referees rejected the decisions to exclude the results of the tournament from the qualifying for the Olympic quotas. He said such practices by the international Olympic Committee reflects the conspiracy against Kuwait Shooting, and work on weakening it in Kuwait.

He said that the committee received requests from Asian and Gulf referees who wanted to participate in refereeing and have already arrived in Kuwait from Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Thailand, Singapore, Korea, Kazakhstan and Malaysia.

Meanwhile, Air Pistol and Rifle head referee Abdallah Barakat said, as competition is expected to be fierce. The referees prepared very well for this event, through camps and refresher courses.

He also rejected the IOC and ISSF decisions to exclude the Olympic qualifying quotas from this tournament, adding that such act should be faced through legal channels.



Shooters train at the shooting complex.



ITALY: Frosinone's defender from Italy Davide Bertoncini (left) vies with Fiorentina's midfielder from Chile Matias Ariel Fernandez during the

FIORENTINA BACK ON TOP AS NAPOLI HELD IN STALEMATE

ROME: Fiorentina returned to the top of the Serie A table yesterday with an emphatic 4-1 victory over Frosinone as Napoli squandered their chance to grab pole position with a 0-0 draw at Genoa.

Paulo Sousa's Fiorentina grabbed all their goals in the first half at the Stadio Artemio Franchi. They replaced Inter Milan who had briefly gone top on Saturday with a 1-0 win over Roma who in turn had led going into the weekend.

Sousa opted to make several changes to his starting XI, resting leading scorer Nikola Kalinic in order to allow Mati Fernandez to play behind Khouma Babacar.

Newly-promoted minnows Frosinone handed goalkeeper Massimo Zappino his top flight debut, and the Viola ensured he was heavily involved in the action.

Yet after making an early save from Babacar, the 34-year-old was unable to prevent a cross from Ante Rebic bouncing in off the frame of his goal following a deflection.

If there was some fortune to Fiorentina's opener, there was little doubt of the quality of the second as Gonzalo Rodriguez netted with

a sublime back-heeled effort.

Babacar got on the scoresheet with a chipped penalty before Mario Suarez stole the ball and slotted past Zappino with ease.

After the break, Fiorentina understandably eased the pressure on their mismatched opponents, eventually allowing Frosinone midfielder Alessandro Frara a late consolation goal. "I have always said we can compete with anyone and that means we can compete for the Scudetto," Sousa told Mediaset Premium

"We must always be competitive and I believe our Scudetto must be continually

seeking a winning mentality." Maurizio Sarri's Napoli are fourth, two points behind Fiorentina after a frustrating 0-0 draw at Genoa. Napoli had won their five previous league fixtures, but benched Lorenzo Insigne following his outburst after being substituted in their midweek clash with Palermo.

The home side had goalkeeper Mattia Perin to thank as he made some remarkable saves to keep Napoli at bay, Jose Callejon testing him early on before Dries Mertens struck the post.

It was a hard-earned point for Genoa, particularly as they lost both Blerim Dzemaili and Ezeguiel Munoz to injury in the first half.

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After the restart, Sarri introduced both

Insigne and Manolo Gabbiadini in search of a winning goal, but it never came. Meanwhile, Bologna notched only their third win of the campaign, seeing off Atalanta 3-0 thanks to goals from Emanuele Giaccherini, Mattia Destro and Franco Brienza.

On Saturday, Inter downed 10-man Roma 1-0 with Gary Medel scoring the game's only goal, meaning they now trail Fiorentina in the table only by virtue of their inferior goal difference.

Meanwhile, reigning champions Juventus beat Turin rivals Torino 2-1 thanks to an injury time winner from on-loan Chelsea winger Juan Cuadrado. Yesterday's late game sees Lazio host AC Milan. — AFP

Italian League Results/Standings

Fiorentina 4 (Rebic 24, Rodriguez 29, Babacar 30-pen, Suarez 43) Frosinone 1 (Frara 87); Genoa 0, Napoli 0; Carpi 0, Hellas Verona 0; Udinese 0, Sassuolo 0; Bologna 3 (Giaccherini 52, Destro 58, Brienza 85) Atalanta 0.

Played Saturday

Juventus 2 (Pogba 19, Cuadrado 90+3) Torino 1 (Bovo 51); Inter Milan 1 (Medel 30) Roma 0.

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Napoli	11	6	4	1	21	8	22	Palermo	10 3	2	5	11	15	11
Sassuolo	11	5	4	2	13	10	19	Frosinone	11 3	1	7	9	16	10
Lazio	10	6	0	4	15	15	18	Bologna	11 3	0	8	9	15	9
Atalanta	11	5	2	4	13	14	17	Verona	11 0	6	5	8	17	6
AC Milan	10	5	1	4	12	15	16	Carpi	11 1	3	7	10	23	6

STUTTGART ESCAPE BOTTOM THREE

BERLIN: VfB Stuttgart hauled themselves out of the bottom three yesterday with a 2-0 win at home to Darmstadt, thanks primarily to an own goal. Stuttgart climbed up from second from bottom to 14th with their third win in their last six league games after Darmstadt defender Gyoergy Garics headed the ball into his own net on 68 minutes.

It was no more than hosts Stuttgart deserved, just moments after teenage striker Timo Werner had headed against the crossbar.

Werner finally got on the scoresheet with the last kick of the game when he darted behind the defence and rounded the Darmstadt goalkeeper on 94 minutes. It was the first time in five away matches that midtable Darmstadt have lost on the road.

On Saturday, second-placed Borussia Dortmund cut the gap behind leaders Bayern Munich to five points as Marco Reus netted twice in a 3-1 win at Werder Bremen.

Reus fired in the opening and third goals, but Borussia should have won by more as Gabon striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang squandered three clear chances.

Right winger Henrikh Mkhitaryan capped a superb display with Dortmund's second having provided the final pass for both of Reus' goals. Wolfsburg climbed to third with a 2-1 win at home to fellow Champions League side Bayer Leverkusen after Nicklas Bendtner scored the opener and Julian Draxler hit the winner. Ex-Manchester United striker Javier Hernandez equalised for Leverkusen just before the break, but the game was marred by two poor refereeing decisions from Manuel Grafe.

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The FIFA-listed ref missed a clear offside for Bendtner's goal, then failed to award a penalty when Wolfsburg's Daniel Caligiuri was fouled by Leverkusen goalkeeper Bernd Leno in the second half. Borussia Moenchengladbach earned their sixth straight victory to go fifth with a 4-1 win at Hertha Berlin having been bottom in September with five defeats.

Gladbach's caretaker coach Andre Schubert earned his sixth straight league win since taking charge to level the record for a new Bundesliga coach. The result boosts Gladbach ahead of Tuesday's Champions League match at home to 2015 finalists Juventus while Hertha drop to sixth.

Gladbach are now just two points behind Schalke, who needed a late Leroy Sane equaliser in their 1-1 draw at home to Ingolstadt after the Bavarian visitors took a shock first-half lead.

Bochum-born Cameroon internationals Joel and Marvin Matip faced each other for the first time with Joel at centre-back for Schalke while Marvin captained Ingolstadt.

Huub Stevens picked up a point in his first game as coach of Hoffenheim in their goalless draw at Cologne. Caretaker coach Stevens has been tasked with keeping second-from-bottom Hoffenheim up, with 28-year-old Julian Nagelsmann set to make history next season as the Bundesliga's youngest head coach. Japan's Yoshinori Muto claimed a hat-trick to rescue a dramatic point for mid-table Mainz in their 3-3 draw

at bottom side Augsburg.
Having given Mainz a 2-0 lead before
Augsburg roared back with three goals,
Muto scrambled the ball over the line for the
93rd-minute equaliser. — AFP

American Pharoah ends career with Breeders' Cup



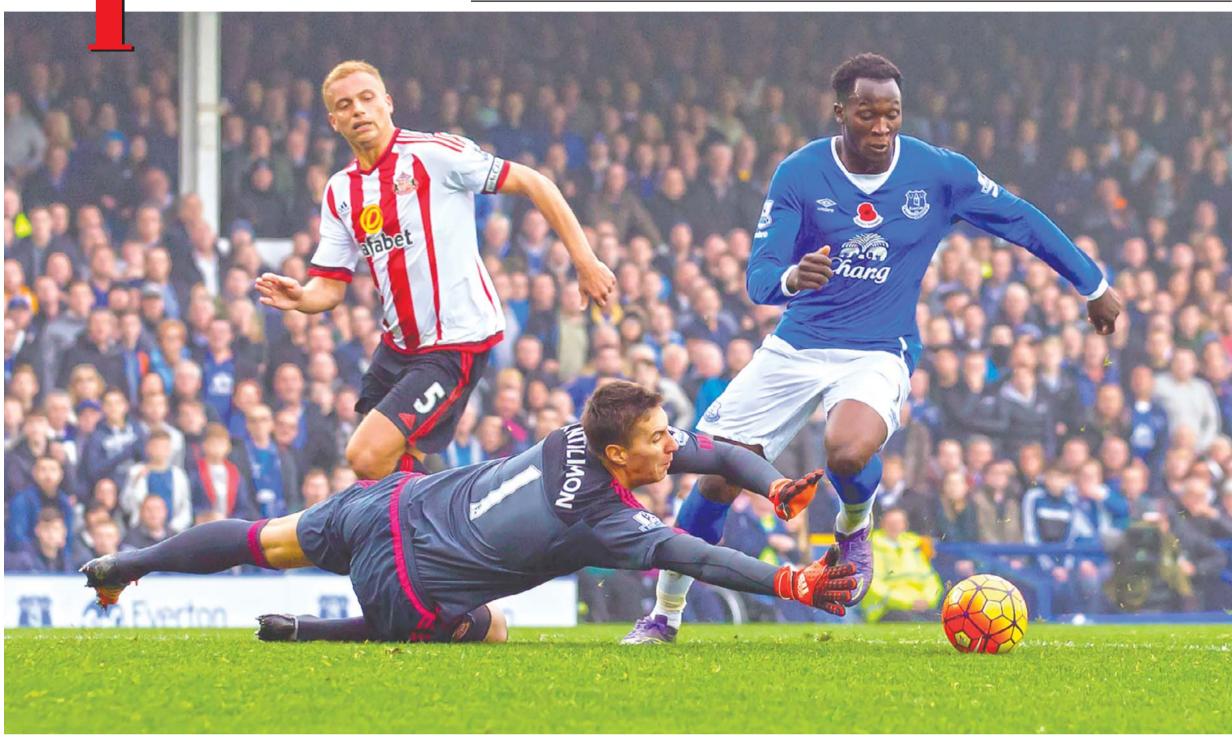
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LIVERPOOL: Everton's Romelu Lukaku (top) goes around Sunderland's goalkeeper Costel Pantilimon to score during the English Premier League soccer match. — AP

KONE CUTS SUNDERLAND DOWN TO SIZE



LIVERPOOL: Ivorian forward Arouna Kone netted a clinical hat-trick as Everton cut Sunderland down to size with a swashbuckling 6-2 victory in the Premier League yesterday.

Sunderland had been buoyed by a 3-0 win over derby rivals Newcastle United in their previous fixture, but despite hitting the post twice in the early stages and coming back from two goals down to make it 2-2, Sam Allardyce's side were well beaten.

Goals by Jerman Defoe and Steven Fletcher allowed Sunderland to level after Gerard Deulofeu and Kone had put Everton 2-0 up, but a Sebastian Coates own goal and a Romelu Lukaku effort restored the hosts' control in the second half before Kone completed his treble.

It was the first time Everton had scored six goals in a league game since a 7-1 win over the same opponents in November 2007 and it lifted Roberto Martinez's side up to eighth place.

Sunderland remain second from bottom, two points from safety. Allardyce changed tack for the trip to Goodison Park by switching to a 3-4-1-2 system that gave his wing-backs licence to attack. It looked likely to bear fruit in the fourth minute when left wing-back Patrick van Aanholt cracked a shot against the left-hand post and Adam Johnson then hit the same post after Tim Howard had saved from Defoe.

But while Sunderland's new shape gave them width in attack, it left gaps at the back and Everton exploited those holes to go ahead four minutes later.

Kone's pass found Deulofeu in acres of space behind Van Aanholt and the former Barcelona player cut inside onto his left foot before squeezing a shot between Costel Pantilimon's legs

Kone made it 2-0 in the 31st minute, playing a neat one-two with Lukaku and lashing a leftfoot shot high into the net. An end-to-end half saw both sides lose players to injury, with Brendan Galloway replacing Bryan Oviedo for the hosts and former Everton player Jack Rodwell coming on in place of Lee Cattermole for Sunderland.

Lukaku shot straight at Pantilimon as Everton continued to press, but in the fourth minute of stoppage time Defoe gave the visitors a lifeline.

After nipping in front of John Stones to gather a deep pass, the one-time England striker deftly lofted the ball over the sliding Ramiro Funes Mori before dispatching a shot that flicked off Stones and beat Howard.

Fletcher equalised for Sunderland five minutes after half-time when he rose to head home Van Aanholt's cross from the right.

But Everton equalised five minutes later when the stretching Coates inadvertently stabbed the Spaniard's right-wing cross into his own net. Another five minutes further on, Deulofeu's beautifully weighted pass freed Lukaku to round Pantilimon and score. Ross McCarthy teed up Kone to make it 5-2 and with 14 minutes remaining the Ivorian completed his treble by driving into the box to meet Lukaku's glorious outside-of-the-foot cross with a firm header. — AFP

EPL Results/Standings

Everton 6 (Deulofeu 19, Kone 31, 62, 76, Coates 55-og, Lukaku 60); Sunderland 2 (Defoe 45+4, Fletcher 50); Southampton 2 (Davis 31, Pelle 36) Bournemouth 0.

Played Saturday: Chelsea 1 (Ramir

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English Premier League table after yesterday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Manchester City	11	8	1 2 26	9 25	Watford	11	4	4 3 10 10 16
Arsenal	11	8	1 2 21	8 25	West Brom	11	4	2 5 10 14 14
Leicester	11	6	4 1 23 1	9 22	Swansea	11	3	4 4 12 15 13
Manchester Utd	11	6	3 2 15	8 21	Stoke	11	3	4 4 9 12 13
West Ham	11	6	2 3 22 1	5 20	Chelsea	11	3	2 6 16 22 11
Tottenham	10	4	5 1 16	8 17	Norwich	11	2	3 6 15 23 9
Southampton	11	4	5 2 18 1	3 17	Bournemouth	11	2	2 7 12 24 8
Liverpool	11	4	5 2 12 1	2 17	Newcastle	11	1	4 6 12 22 7
Everton	11	4	4 3 19 1	5 16	Sunderland	11	1	3 7 13 25 6
Crystal Palace	11	5	1 5 12 1	1 16	Aston Villa	10	1	18 917 4

SAINTS TAKE SOUTH COAST DERBY SPOILS



SOUTHAMPTON: Southampton underlined their status as the south coast's pre-eminent force as in-form Graziano Pelle inspired a 2-0 win over local rivals Bournemouth yesterday.

Ronald Koeman's side struck twice in the space of five minutes late in the first half when Steven Davis finished off a fine move started by Pelle, who then notched his ninth club goal of the season to double the lead. Southampton played the last 12 minutes at St Mary's with 10 men after Victor Wanyama was sent off for a second booking, but they were able to hold on with few alarms.

While the local bragging rights were a welcome bonus, more significantly Southampton are up to seventh in the Premier League after extending their unbeaten run to seven matches in all competitions. In contrast, Bournemouth's fourth defeat in their last five league games leaves Eddie Howe's side one place and one

point above the relegation zone in their maiden top-flight campaign.

With Southampton's traditional enemies Portsmouth currently languishing in the fourth tier and Brighton in the Championship, Bournemouth's promotion had at last given Saints a local rival to spar with. Although no-one would place this fledgling rivalry in the same category as the fierce clashes between Manchester United and Manchester City or Arsenal and Tottenham, there was a noticable buzz of anticipation in the streets around St Mary's, along with a highly visible police presence to keep the peace. Inside the stadium, Bournemouth's raucous supporters were making the most of the occasion, but their out-classed team were unable to mark the first meeting of the clubs for four years with a first-ever win at

Koeman's men were buoyant after a midweek victory over Aston Villa that took them into the League Cup quarter-finals and it was little surprise they made the stronger start against a Bournemouth team whose last two league matches had ended in 5-1 thrashings against Manchester City and Tottenham.

Sadio Mane twice came close to rewarding Southampton's early pressure, but the Senegal winger's goalbound shot was blocked by Sylvain Distin before his second effort from Pelle's knockdown flashed just over. After their recent



SOUTHAMPTON: Southampton's Maya Yoshida (right) jumps for a header with Bournemouth's Lee Tomlin during the English Premier League football match.—AP

struggles, Bournemouth had arrived in damagelimitation mode with five strung across midfield in the hope of stifling Saints' creativity.

But Howe's team couldn't cope with the swift passing and intelligent movement of the hosts, who broke the deadlock in the 31st minute.

It was a beautifully-constructed goal started by Pelle's clever flick to pick out Ryan Bertrand and as the defender whipped over a teasing cross from the left, Northern Ireland midfielder Davis timed his run perfectly to crash his shot past Adam Federici. — AFP

BIWOTT, KEITANY WIN New York Marathon

NEW YORK: Stanley Biwott notched the biggest win of his career yesterday in the New York City Marathon, where fellow Kenyan Mary Keitany triumphed for the second straight year.

Biwott, 29, broke away from his rivals in a leading quartet in the final two miles in Central Park to win in 2hr 10min 34sec. Kenya's Geoffrey Kamworor was second and Ethiopian Lelisa Desisa third.

"The pace was slow, but the last three miles I pushed it up," said Biwott, who was second in the 2014 London Marathon and fifth in New York in 2013. Kamworor, the world cross country champion and world silver medallist in the 10,000 meters, came home in 2:10:48 while Desis a clocked 2:12:10

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Defending champion Wilson Kipsang was fourth-another disappointment for the former world record holder in a season that saw him beaten into second place in London and forced to abandon at the World Championships. In contrast, Keitany was even more impressive this year in her title defence through the five boroughs of the Big Apple.

The 33-year-old clocked 2:24:25 to

became the eighth woman to win multiple New York titles and the first two win back-to-back editions since Britain's Paula Radcliffe in 2007 and 2008. Ethiopia's Aselefech Mergia was second in 2:25:32 and Ethiopian Tigist Tufa winner of the London Marathon in April-was third in 2:25:50. In four starts in New York Keitany has always been on the podium, finishing third in 2010 and 2011.

After winning by three seconds last year, she used a strong move between the 21st and 22nd miles to make sure things weren't so close this time.

She was part of a nine-woman group led by Portugal's Sara Moreira that were went through the halfway mark in 1:12:54. They were still together at 18 miles before the pace began to pick up.

By 20 miles the lead group was down to Keitany and fellow Kenyan Priscah Jeptoo along with Tufa and Mergia. Keitany surged through the 21st mile, and powered into the finishing stage in Central Park all alone. The double is Keitany's second in one of the world's top marathons. She won in London in 2011 and 2012. — AFP

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SEOUL: South Korean President Park Geun-Hye (L) delivers a speech as Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (2nd R) and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang (R) listen during a business summit in Seoul yesterday. The leaders of South Korea, China and Japan held their first summit in more than three years yesterday, setting aside historical animosities and territorial disputes to focus on shared security and trade concerns. — AFP

CHINA, JAPAN, S KOREA PLEDGE ECONOMIC COOPERATION

LEADERS PLEDGE TO WORK FOR GIANT TRADE BLOC

SEOUL: The leaders of South Korea, Japan and China pledged to work towards greater economic integration at their first joint meeting in over three years yesterday, as they work to ease tensions stemming from Japan's wartime

South Korean President Park Geunhye, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang also said they would to resume annual meetings which had been suspended since 2012 amid disagreements over history and ter-

Park said she agreed with Abe and Li to work towards the conclusion of a 16nation free trade area as well as a separate three-way free trade deal that has been on the table since 2013.

"We agreed to work together for the conclusion of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)," Park told a joint news conference

with Li and Abe after the summit. "We agreed to expand economic and social cooperation for the mutual prosperity of Northeast Asia, and also to strengthen cooperation among the three countries to create new growth momen-

China has been a key proponent of RCEP, which would create the world's biggest free trade bloc of 3.4 billion people. Negotiators for the 16 countries, which also include India and the 10 states of the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) met in Busan, South Korea, last month to discuss market opening and tariff reductions on goods and services.

But progress has been slow for the pact first proposed four years ago even as the US-backed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade pact that includes Japan was struck earlier in October.

WARTIME JAPAN

South Korean and Chinese ties with Japan have been troubled by what they see as repeated failures by leaders in Tokyo to properly atone for wartime atrocities, in particular for Seoul over "comfort women," as the mostly Korean women forced into prostitution at Japanese military brothels are called.

The meeting is a diplomatic breakthrough for Abe, who had long sought a one-on-one meeting with Park and the resumption of the trilateral summit. The two will hold a bilateral meeting today, the first since both took office.

Yesterday he credited Park for restoring the forum. "It is a breakthrough for the region and the three countries that we hold this trilateral summit for the first time in three and a half years through the initiative of President Park," he told the news conference.

"Japan, China and South Korea are neighbours, and because we are neighbours, there are difficult issues among

Li said Japan had yet to do all it can to appease the suspicion held by the two countries that suffered under its wartime aggression about Tokyo's view on promoting genuine regional cooperation.

"Cooperation should be made on the basis of handling sensitive issues such as history in a proper way and by promoting mutual understanding in Northeast Asia," Li said at the opening of the three-

way summit. "It is regrettable that even among our three very close countries, there cannot be a deeper understanding among us."

NUCLEAR NORTH

Yesterday's meeting highlighted a balancing act Park faced between her country's rapidly developing ties with Beijing and US pressure to mend relations with Tokyo, Washington's key Asian ally in the face of an increasingly assertive China.

It also afforded Park an opportunity to be seen addressing issues of regional interest that included tackling North Korea's arms programme. The leaders in a joint statement reaffirmed "firm opposition to the development of nuclear weapons on the Korean peninsula," referring to North Korea's pursuit of atomic weapons in the face of international sanctions and condemnation.

There was no mention by the leaders of tensions in the South China Sea where a US destroyer sailed close to one of Beijing's man-made islands in the most significant US challenge yet to territorial claims by China in the Spratly archipelaao. — Reuters

VIVA announces profit of KD 32.8m

Increase of 12% during nine month period of 2015

KUWAIT: VIVA, Kuwait's fastest-growing and most developed telecom operator, announced its financial results for the nine-month period to September 30, 2015. The company delivered strong performance operational at all business levels with net profit of KD 32.8 million, an increase of 12% compared to the same period last

Reaping such results is a testament about VIVA's constant commitment to providing high quality services to its clients and increasing operational efficiency to create more value and higher revenues to shareholders, and the company's contribution to the growth and development of

the telecom industry in Kuwait. Nine-month period ended September 2015

financial highlights: • Total revenues reached KD 204 million, a growth of 17% when compared to KD 174 million in the corresponding period last year.

 Operational profit amounted KD 38 million, an increase of 17%, compared to KD 32 million in nine-month period 2014.

• Net profit reached KD 32.8 million, representing an increase of 12% compared to KD 29.3 million in nine-month period 2014.

• Earnings per share increased during ninemonth period 2015 to reach 66 fils compared to 59 fils in nine-month period 2014.

• The customer base has increased by 1% reaching 2.4 million by end of September 2015 compared to the same period 2014.

Dr Mahmoud Ahmad Abdul Rahman, VIVA's Chairman, commenting on the financial results: "The excellent financial results posted by VIVA, represent groundbreaking achievements consistently delivered throughout the year. This milestone achieved by the hard work and dedication of VIVA's Board of Directors, senior management, and employees to maintain the highest professional standards in the workplace, while serving the best interests of the company and its valued customers. Our strong performance also reflected our efforts and devotion to achieving excellent results in Kuwait's competitive telecom market."

"VIVA was able to generate KD 32.8 million in net profit (earnings per share of 66 fils) in ninemonth period 2015 compared to KD 29.3 million (earning per share 59 fils) in the corresponding period last year. These results reveal the solid performance of the company's revenues and operations through the continued upward trend of financial and operational indicators. This reflected positively on shareholder equity which reached KD 82.7 million, a 113% increase compared to the corresponding period in 2014," Dr. Abdul Rahman

"The strong performance of revenues and

profitability was yet another great achievement by VIVA. This enabled the company to maintain its



Dr Mahmoud Ahmad Abdul Rahman, VIVA's Chairman.

leading edge while guaranteeing cash flow and generating positive returns for our shareholders. VIVA's commitment to continuous improvement of customer service quality and profitability will help improve growth opportunities in the long term. It will also enable the company to create more value for our customers and shareholders in the future", Dr. Abdul Rahman concluded.

STRONG GROWTH

Eng Salman Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Badran, VIVA's Chief Executive Officer stated: "The positive indicators reflected by the nine-month period 2015 financial results met our goals, reaffirming the company's effective strategy skilfully implemented throughout its operations while safeguarding shareholder equity and ensuring the highest

"VIVA was able to accomplish this growth in an extremely competitive telecom market in Kuwait. VIVA was able to maintain its position as the second largest telecom operator in the Kuwaiti market in term of subscribers and revenues, which positively affected the company's financial performance, expanded our market share while increasing our customer base by 1% to reach 2.4



Eng Salman Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Badran,

Total revenues reached KD 204 million, representing a strong growth of 17% compared to the same period last year," added Al-Badran.

"VIVA's commercial presence across Kuwait has been expanded, as we are reaching currently 70 branches", continued Al-Badran.

Abdulaziz Abdullah Al Qatie, VIVA's Chief Financial Officer said: "VIVA's performance continued to be steady and strong which enhanced the company's main financial indicators, and increased its customer base. This has positively affected free cash flow, which has reached KD 32 million at the end of the nine-month period of 2015, reflecting a growth of 292?, compared to the same period in 2014. We will continue our hard work in implementing our strategy to increase our competitive edge and achieve further growth and success in the next period."

SAUDI GROUP TO SELL STAKE IN ASHARQ AL-AWSAT FOR \$223M

DUBAI: Saudi Arabia's Kingdom Holding said yesterday it will sell its entire stake in Saudi Research and Marketing Group (SRMG), publisher of influential pan-Arab newspaper Asharg al-Awsat and one of the largest media companies in the Middle East.

The investment firm owned by billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal will sell its 29.9 percent shareholding in SRMG through an off-market transaction valued at 837.2 million rivals (\$223.3 million), it said in a bourse filing.

Besides the London-based Asharq al-Awsat,

SRMG owns Saudi newspapers Al-Iqtisadiyah and Arab News. Kingdom did not disclose the identity of the buyer.

However, SRMG has traditionally enjoyed close ties to the ruling Al Saud family through a 6.84 per cent stake held in the name of Faisal Ahmad Bin Salman, the fifth son of King Salman, bourse data

This is the second divestment in the media sector this year for Alwaleed, who sold most of his stake in News Corp in February. Alwaleed also owns a stake in Saudi media conglomerate Rotana Group, which owns the Arab world's largest record

Alwaleed's interests have expanded to Bahrain, where he founded Alarab TV station. The channel was suspended just hours after its launch on February 1, amid a crackdown by the Bahraini government which said the TV channel had not done enough to combat "extremism and terrorism"

Kingdom will sell 23.9 million shares in Saudi Research and Marketing Group at 35 riyals per share in a private off-market transaction, it said in a stock exchange statement. The sale will be completed during trading yesterday. SRMG last traded on October 28, at 18.80 riyals a share.

The investment firm said proceeds from the sale will be used for other corporate projects and investment opportunities, while the financial impact of the sale will be reflected in fourth-quarter earnings. Kingdom has minority stakes in some of the world's top companies, including Citigroup and microblogging site Twitter. — Reuters

BURGAN BANK ANNOUNCES

WINNERS OF YAWMI ACCOUNT

MAJOR MARKETS FALL ON SAUDI DEBT DOWNGRADE

DUBAI INDEX BREAKS TECHNICAL SUPPORT

DUBAI: Major Middle Eastern stock markets fell yesterday after Standard & Poor's cut its rating of Saudi Arabia's sovereign debt and maintained a negative outlook on it, citing damage to state finances from low oil prices. The downgrade will have almost no direct financial impact on Saudi Arabia because the government and Saudi companies have minimal foreign debt. The world's other two major rating agencies, Moody's and Fitch, have higher ratings for the kingdom than S&P.

But S&P's action fed into investor concern about the long-term direction of Saudi finances in an era of cheap oil, and about the fiscal tightening that Riyadh will probably have to conduct next year to get its budget deficit under control.

The prospect of a slowdown in Saudi Arabia has been worrying investors in Middle Eastern markets as far afield as Egypt, because of the flows of Saudi money around the region.

The Saudi stock index dropped 1.1 percent to 7,046 points, nearing technical support at its August low of 6,921 points.

Alinma Bank slid 3.3 percent and Emaar Economic City, developer of a major industrial zone, lost 2.6 percent. However, petrochemical blue chip Saudi Basic Industries rose 0.6 percent.

Investment firm Kingdom Holding climbed 2.0 percent after saying it would sell its 29.9 percent stake in media firm Saudi Research and Marketing Group for 837.2 million riyals (\$223 million) in a private off-market transaction at 35 rivals per share. SRMG shares last traded in the market on Wednesday at 18.80 riyals, having soared from 13.0 riyals in heavy trade over the previous six days. The Dubai stock index sank 2.1 percent to 3,431 points, breaking technical support around 3,500 points, which had supported it since early September. The market's next chart support is the August low at 3,241 points.

All of the market's 10 most heavily traded stocks dropped, with builder Arabtec, which has projects in Saudi Arabia, losing 4.3 percent. Abu Dhabi's index fell 0.5 percent but National Bank of

Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates' biggest listed lender, climbed 1.7 percent after a drop last week due to disappointing third-quarter earnings.

Qatar, seen as a defensive market because of high dividend yields and the Qatari government's comfortable financial position, edged down just 0.2 percent. Stocks were generally slightly stronger in Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain, which are thinly traded and therefore less exposed to the market trend in Saudi Arabia. National Bank of Oman jumped 7.3 percent in low turnover.

Egypt's stock index <.EGX 30> slipped 1.3 percent. Investment firm Qalaa Holding dropped 5.9 percent after one of its subsidiaries said it planned to sell its stakes in ASEC Minya and ASEC Ready Mix to Misr Cement (Qena) for 1 billion Egyptian pounds (\$125 million).

GB Auto fell a further 7.0 percent. It had tumbled 4.9 percent on Thursday after saying production at some of its factories had been halted for 20 days during September and October by delays in

YESTERDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS **SAUDI ARABIA**

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The index dropped 0.5 percent to 4,299 points. **QATAR**

The index edged down 0.2 percent to 11,586 points.

EGYPT The index slipped 1.3 percent to 7,413 points.

KUWAIT

The index edged up 0.1 percent to 5,780

OMAN The index rose 0.3 percent to 5,948 points.

BAHRAIN The index edged up 0.1 percent to 1,251 points. — Reuters

quarterly Draws, the Quarterly Draw requires customers to maintain a minimum amount of KD 500 in their account for 2 months prior

KUWAIT: Burgan Bank announced yesterday

the names of the lucky winners of its Yawmi

account draw, each taking home a prize of

took home a cash-prize of KD 5,000 each,

1. Katabjiwala Salma Saifuddin

3. Fadi Khaled Alhawi

2. Yaqoob Abdulla Ramadan Aleidy

4. Burhani Obriwala Hakimuddin

5. Ali Ibrahim Khaleel Ibrahim

and they are:

The lucky winners for the daily draws

To further add to the anticipation of

Yawmi account customers, Burgan Bank now

offers a Quarterly Draw with more chances to

win higher rewards, entitling one lucky cus-

tomer to win KD 125,000 every three months.

The Yawmi Account now offers Daily and

account, will entitle customers to one chance of winning. If the account balance is KD 500 and above, the account holder will be qualified for both the quarterly and daily draws.

to draw date. Additionally, every KD 10 in the

Burgan Bank encourages everyone to open a Yawmi account and/or increase their deposit to maximize their chances to becoming a winner. The more customers deposit, the higher the chances they receive of win-

For more information on opening a Yawmi account or about the new quarterly draw, customers are urged to visit their nearest Burgan Bank branch and receive all the details, or simply call the bank's Call Center at 1804080 where customer service representatives will be delighted to assist with any questions on the Yawmi account or any of the bank's products and services. Customers can also log on to Burgan Bank's www.burgan.com for further information.

'ENORMOUS WHALE' JAPAN POST TO MAKE TOKYO TRADING DEBUT

TOKYO: Japan Post is set to make its long-awaited market debut after the year's biggest share sale, in what some see as a test of Tokyo's bid to shake up the country's rigid corporate culture and lure more foreign investors. Shares in the vast company, along with its banking and insurance units, start trading in Tokyo on Wednesday after an initial public offering that topped \$11.5 billion. It is the biggest stock offering globally since Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba's record \$25 billion IPO last year. The bulk of proceeds from selling shares in the government-owned behemoth, which has about 24,000 offices nationwide, are earmarked for reconstruction efforts after Japan's 2011 quake-tsunami disaster. Tokyo is expected to sell off more of the company down the road to help pay for spiralling socialwelfare costs in Japan's biggest privatisation since Nippon Telephone & Telegraph's 1987 IPO.

The triple-listing brings with it hopes that privatising what is effectively the world's largest bank will help draw more investment in Japanese firms, and give a lift to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's faltering "Abenomics" growth blitz. Analysts said shareholder pressure would help force Japan Post to speed up its decision making and control costs. It could also send a wider message that Japan Inc.'s notoriously rigid corporate culture is being shaken up. "If the Japan Post stock offering goes well, it will boost interest in investing" in Japan, said Mitsuo Shimizu, deputy general manager of Japan Asia Securities Group.

The company's mail delivery unit, a big source of national pride in Japan, will remain untouched largely due to social and political pressure to maintain the status quo, including the presence of post offices across the nation even in the most remote villages. These offices also offer services for cash deposits and insurance, and a local branch where many of Japan's legions of retirees withdraw their pension payments.



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'Enormous whale'

That system, however, has long drawn criticism both inside and outside Japan.

Financial institutions, carrier services and foreign governments argued that the public body was operating in sectors where it competed directly with private businesses. Yasuhide Yajima, chief economist of NLI Research Institute, was

upbeat about the company's market debut, but warned that Japan Post must overhaul its lumber-

"One of the company's greatest advantages is its nationwide network. The downside is its lack of cost-consciousness," he said. "The biggest risk though is that the company lacks a sense of speed-Japan Post is like an enormous whale." — AFP

CHEAP MONEY FUELS **MEGA-MERGER BOOM**

PARIS: A flood of cheap money is financing the biggest boom in mega-mergers and takeovers since the 2008 global financial crisis.

But analysts warn that hastily arranged corporate marriages that seem blissful in good financial times can end in tears, and considerable debts. Companies have already struck 45 mergers and acquisitions with a value exceeding \$10 billion (9 billion euros) each in the first nine months of the year, according to data provider

The mergers amount to a total of \$1.2 trillionup 89 percent from the same period last year. In the latest example, US pharmaceutical giant Pfizer, the Viagra maker, this week announced its intention to buy Allergan, which makes Botox, and has a market value of more than \$110 bil-

The return of the big merger started in the United States and moved to Europe in 2014, said Tangi Le Liboux, analyst at Paris-based financial consultants Aurel BGC.

'Enormous amount of cash'

"There is an enormous amount of cash available and interest rates are extremely low with loans available on good terms," he said. "External growth can be an easy option but for big structures it can also carry risks," said Le Liboux.

It is difficult to "marry cultures", however, he said, evoking the merger now underway between Nokia and Alcatel-Lucent. In the 2000s, the AOL-Time Warner merger, which was agreed during the dot-com bubble but eventually unravelled, stands out as perhaps the worst merger in corporate history, in part because of a clash between the two companies' cultures that was never successfully resolved. But the availability of easy money is tempting to company chiefs who want to buy growth instead of generating it from their existing business, especially in a period of moderate economic growth.

"With lower inflation, it's very hard for companies to grow organically," said Philip Whitchelo, vice president for strategy and product marketing at Intralinks, a business networks specialist that tracks merger and acquisition

Appetite is back

Near-zero inflation can depress revenues, he added. "Large companies rely on acquisitions and geographic expansion to achieve growth." In the beer sector, Anheuser-Busch InBev, the giant behind top lager brands like Beck's, Budweiser and Stella Artois, is seeking to swallow rival SABMiller in a deal worth more than \$120 billion when debt is included. One of the driving forces behind InBev's bid is the chance to get access to some of the world's fastest growing markets, including Africa where SABMiller has roots dating back to the Johannesburg gold rush of the late 19th century. The wave of mergers is moving back towards advanced economies after a slowdown in emerging markets, said Herve Jauffret, an analyst at audit and services group Ernst and Young who has just completed a study of the trend. "Investor appetite is coming back for the mature economies: the United States, Germany, England," he said.

In France, the king of the merger is billionaire Patrick Drahi, founder of the telecommunications group Altice who has spent nearly \$30 billion in a few months to acquire US cable operators Suddenlink in May and then Cablevision in September.

Easy option?

"Money is not expensive and it is the right time for such deals. The companies behind them have experience in cutting costs and restructuring. But they need to beware; the market is beginning to take notice of the limits of debt," said Fabien Laurenceau, strategist at French brokerage Aurel BGC. The financial climate can change quickly, too, between the time when a corporate engagement is announced and the actual wedding date. Royal Dutch Shell announced in April its intention to buy Britain's BG Group for the equivalent of 64 billion euros. But in the light of low crude oil prices, some investors are now casting doubt over the deal. — AFP

EXCHANGE RATES

AL-MUZAINI EXCHANGE CO.

	ASIAN COUNTRIES
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Japanese Yen	2.517
Indian Rupees	4.672
Pakistani Rupees	2.905
Srilankan Rupees	2.163
Nepali Rupees	2.927
Singapore Dollar	218.420
Hongkong Dollar	39.174
Bangladesh Taka	3.902
Philippine Peso	6.494
Thai Baht	8.570

Saudi Riyal

Qatari Riyal

Morocco Dirham

788.980 Omani Rival Bahraini Dinar 806.700 **UAE Dirham** 82.702

GCC COUNTRIES

ARAB COUNTRIES

81.003

83.441

Egyptian Pound - Cash 39.800 Egyptian Pound - Transfer 37.855 Yemen Riyal/for 1000 1.417 **Tunisian Dinar** 153.720 Jordanian Dinar 427.850 Lebanese Lira/for 1000 2.024 Syrian Lira

US Dollar Transfer 30 Euro 33 Sterling Pound 46 Canadian dollar 23 Turkish lira 10 Swiss Franc 30	& AMERICAN COUNT
US Dollar Transfer	303.600
Euro	336.690
Sterling Pound	466.330
Canadian dollar	230.000
Turkish lira	104.510
Swiss Franc	309.800
Australian dollar	218.590
US Dollar Buying	302.400

GOLD 20 gram 237.55 121.47 10 gram 61.42 5 gram

UAE EXCHANGE CENTRE WLL

CURRENCIES	TELEX TRANSFER PER 1000
Australian Dollar	208.59
Canadian Dollar	232.31
Swiss Franc	311.95
Euro	338.05
US Dollar	303.80
Sterling Pound	467.36
Japanese Yen	2.56
Bangladesh Taka	3.900
Indian Rupee	4.676
Sri Lankan Rupee	2.162
Nepali Rupee	2.918
Pakistani Rupee	2.882
UAE Dirhams	0.08267
Bahraini Dinar	0.8074
Egyptian Pound	0.03786
Jordanian Dinar	0.4321
Omani Riyal	0.7889
Qatari Riyal	0.08376
Saudi Riyal	0.08098

DOLLARCO EXCHANGE CO. LTD

Selling Rate
304.200
233.454
467.110
336.280
300.955
807.385
83.120
91.135

Saudi Riyals	81.845
Jordanian Dinar	428.645
Egyptian Pound	37.773
Sri Lankan Rupees	2.165
Indian Rupees	4.654
Pakistani Rupees	2.882
Bangladesh Taka	3.902
Philippines Pesso	6.488
Cyprus pound	579.405
Japanese Yen	3.515
Syrian Pound	2.610
Nepalese Rupees	3.905
Malaysian Ringgit	71.350
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	48.475
Thai Bhat	9.525
Turkish Lira	104.340

Bahrain 1	EXCHANGE C	OMPANY
CURRENCY	BUY Europe	SELL
British Pound	0.457710	0.466710
Czech Korune	0.004370	0.016370
Danish Krone	0.040873	0.045873
Euro	0.329250	0.337250
Norwegian Krone	0.032290	0.037097
Romanian Leu	0.087090	0.087090
Slovakia	0.009062	0.019062
Swedish Krona	0.031643	0.036643
Swiss Franc	0.300983	0.311187
Turkish Lira	0.099740	0.110040
	Australasia	
Australian Dollar	0.207725	0.219225
New Zealand Dollar	0.197852	0.207352
	America	
Canadian Dollar	0.224969	0.233469
US Dollars	0.299400	0.303900

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UAE Dirhams

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AL-BABTAIN LAUNCHES FIRST 'RENAULT STORE' IN GCC

KUWAIT: Abdulmohsen Abdulaziz Al Babtain Co., the exclusive agent for Renault in Kuwait, launched the very first Renault Store in the GCC region. During a launch ceremony that was attended by French Ambassador Christian Nakhle, Al Babtain Chairman Khaled Al-Babtain, Vice President - Groupe Renault AMI Region Peyman Kargar, Al Babtain Chief Executive Officer Saleh Al-Babtain, along with Top Management, Renault AMI Executives management and key media representatives.

The launch marks the opening of the very first Renault Store in the Gulf Region, Abdulmohsen Abdulaziz Al-Babtain Co. is proud to be the first to open its doors to the public to experience the Renault Store

On this occasion, Khaled Al-Babtain, Chairman of Al Babtain Group noted that Al Babtain Group is proud to be the first offering the 'Renault Store' experience in the GCC Region. "This launch aims to strengthen the Group's decision to expand its business especially Renault vehicles, its spare parts, and the service of this prominent French automobile brand, in addition to Renault's plan to strengthen its presence in the Kuwaiti market. This day is the beginning of a new era in Renault's history in



Khaled Al-Babtain

Kuwait," he further said. The new world of modern technology, customers changed the way of buying their goods. "This launching came from our believe in the importance of developing the 'customer's experience', so the showrooms are no longer just a place for selling vehicles, thus it became a place, where the client lives an extraordinary experience of getting familiar with the product," added Khaled Al-Babtain.

He concluded by saying: "We believe



Saleh Al-Babtain

that this step will expand our presence in the Kuwaiti market with the latest in the world of automobiles. Today starts a new era in history of Renault Al Babtain in Kuwait".

From his side, Vice President - Groupe Renault AMI Region, Peyman Kargar stated: "We are proud that Kuwait opens the doors of the first Renault Store in the whole Arabian Gulf Region. Thanks to leading partners, like Al-Babtain Group who makes



Peyman Kargar

major investments to enhance the facilities, all our showrooms in GCC will bear the colours of Renault Store concepts by 2017 to offer a high-end customer service."

He added: "Recently, we are happy to share that the new models like Captur, Dokker, Symbol, launched during 2015 have been well received by Kuwaiti customers and are having good demand. Renault is the fastest growing brand in Kuwait and our mid-term ambition is to be



Mohammed Shalaby

the number one European brand." Renault vehicles are significant for their European style, design and quality. It succeeded to be strongly present due to its ability to meet different tastes and to satisfy those who are looking for various categories of practical cars. Renault family consists of Symbol, Duster, Captur, Fluence, Safrane, Koleos, and Megane of the category of passenger vehicles and Dokker from the commercial

SOUTH KOREA EXPORTS POST WORST DROP IN OVER 6 YRS

SHIPMENTS TO CHINA, US AND EU ALL DECLINE IN OCT

SEOUL: South Korean exports slumped the most in more than six years in October, with hefty drops in shipments to China, the United States and Europe suggesting a further weakening in global demand.

The trade ministry attributed the declines mainly to a sharp fall in ship contracts and low oil prices, but the sharper-than-expected deterioration is likely to add to fears that a deeper chill is settling over the international economy. Exports fell 15.8 percent on-year to \$43.5 billion in October, their 10th straight month of declines and the sharpest fall since August 2009, trade ministry data showed yesterday.

Imports slumped 16.6 percent to \$36.8 billion. Economists polled by Reuters had expected a 14.5 percent drop in exports and a 13.4 percent fall in imports. The trade surplus fell to \$6.7 billion in October from a revised \$8.9 billion in September.

The slump in exports was partially expected by economists as South Korea posted a record high in shipments last year. The average export value per working day was \$1.89 billion in October, less than a revised \$2.02 billion in the previous month, Reuters calculations showed.

"Judging by the smaller average daily export value, export momentum is still weak and it will affect fourth-quarter growth. Consumption is on the rise but without exports recovering it will be difficult for 2015 GDP to rise as much as the government wants," said Park Sang-hyun, chief economist at HI Investment & Securities.

Park added, however, that he did not believe the Bank of Korea would cut interest rates in coming months as third-quarter growth was robust and policymakers would want to see fullyear growth data, which will be released early in 2016. The current base rate stands at 1.50 percent. Earlier this month, central bank estimates showed third-quarter GDP growth rose at its fastest pace in five years as consumption recov-

Details from the trade ministry showed South Korea's exports to China, the U.S. and Europe all fell in October from a year earlier, with shipments to top market China down 8.0 percent, to the United States 11.4 percent and to the EU down 12.5 percent.

South Korea is the first major exporting economy to report monthly trade data and is home to global suppliers such as Samsung Electronics, Hyundai Motor and Hyundai Heavy Industries.

Samsung Electronics warned on Thursday that earnings would fall sequentially in the fourth quarter due to seasonal weakness in demand for components, and as currency conditions - which added 800 billion won (\$702 million) to profit in the third quarter - became less favourable. — Reuters

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Dr Al-Hasawi receiving one of the awards from Global Finance representative.

BOUBYAN BANK RECEIVES TWO Islamic Digital Bank Awards

KUWAIT: Boubyan Bank's efforts throughout several years of work and development were crowned by earning the World's Best Islamic Digital Bank Award "the Global Winner" in the field of digital services "the Digital Bank", from Global Finance in addition to earning the award for the Best Islamic Digital Bank in Kuwait in the field of e-financial services.

Waleed Al-Hasawi, General Manager -Information Technology Group, received the award in a great celebration held in London, which was attended by several representatives of international banks, many of whom praised the achievements of Boubyan Bank in the past years.

Abdulla Al-Najran Al-Tuwaijri, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, said: "This award is very special since it comes from a prominent international organization known for its objectivity and credibility. The awards crown our efforts over the past years where the bank invested in the field of information technology and e-banking services."

He added: "Boubyan Bank is considered one of the fewest banks in the region, and may be globally as well, that satisfied the conditions of the award's submission as all the standards set by Global Finance were met by Boubyan Bank's experience in the past years".

Reasons behind Boubyan Bank's two awards In its report, the magazine mentioned a number of selection criteria set by international

judges such as: • Strength of the bank's strategy for attracting

and servicing online customers.

Success in motivating and getting clients to

· Growth of online customer-base, i.e., customers who use e-banking services in all the channels including internet banking and mobile banking.

· Innovation and creativity in providing outstanding digital banking and non-banking services via e-channels.

As per the renowned magazine, a number of Islamic banks from the four corners of the world were shortlisted to contend for the best Islamic digital bank award, however, the panel of judges selected Boubyan Bank as the World's Best Islamic Digital Bank "the Global Winner". The Magazine added that Boubyan Bank truly deserved those two awards due to its rapid developments and its achievements made within a very short period.

Electronic Customers Base

Dr Waleed Eisa Al-Hasawi stated: "The past two years witnessed an unprecedented increase in Boubyan Bank's base of customers who use ebanking solutions whether via our website or via Boubyan Bank's mobile banking services."

"It is safe to say that 80% of the bank's customers are users of its digital services, i.e., they mainly depend on e-solutions and e-services provided by the bank, especially those provided via smart phones or mobile banking services.", Dr. Al-Hasawi added.

EMAAR PROFIT UP 31% IN Q3

DUBAI: Dubai-based real estate developer Emaar Properties yesterday reported a 31-percent rise in net profits during the third quarter of 2015. Emaar-best known for building the world's highest tower, the Burj Khalifa-said it had recorded net profit of \$230 million between July and September 2015, compared to \$176 million during the same period last year. During the first nine months of 2015, revenues grew by a quarter, amounting to \$2.861 billion, said Emaar in a statement.

Shopping malls, retail, and hospitality businesses have contributed to the tune of \$1.142 billion — 43 percent of total revenue. In the first nine months of the year revenues from these businesses increased by 10 percent compared to the same period in 2014, Emaar said. "The robust performance of Emaar highlights the success of our strategy to develop exceptional real estate assets in our home market of Dubai and other key international markets," said Emaar Properties chairman, Mohamed Alabbar. "We are confident of closing the year on a robust and positive note" as the desert city approaches its tourist season in winter, during which the usually hot and humid weather cools down in the United Arab Emirates. In 2014, Emaar-which also owns one of the world's largest shopping centres, the Dubai Mall-recorded a net annual profit of \$897 million, compared to \$699 million in 2013. — AFP

LUFTHANSA CABIN CREW UNION SAYS PAY TALKS HAVE FAILED

FRANKFURT/BERLIN: Talks between Lufthansa and its main cabin crew union have failed, the union said late on Saturday, raising the prospect of more strikes at the German carrier.

Lufthansa is in talks with various staff groups as it seeks to cut costs in order to compete better with low-cost carriers and Gulf rivals. A long-running dispute with its pilots over pay and conditions has already resulted in more than a dozen strikes over a period of 18 months. Strikes so far this year have cost Lufthansa 130 million euros (\$143 million) in lost profit.

The cabin crew union, which represents 19,000 staff, had given Lufthansa until Nov. 1 to put forward a better offer in long-running talks over pay, retirement benefits and working conditions.

Despite a constructive start to talks over the weekend, Lufthansa refused to reconfirm agreements it had previously made verbally, Nicoley Baublies, head of the union, told Reuters. "Strikes are a possibility," Baublies said, adding that the union would announce its next course of action today. The union had previously threatened strikes over the summer, but agreed to restart talks after Lufthansa made some compromises.

Lufthansa said yesterday that the offer it had made for retirement provisions was the best it could do without worsening its cost position further.

Bettina Volkens, head of personnel at the group, said the company could not make any compromises that did not lead to cost cuts. "We have good results this year, but we haven't solved our structural problems," Volkens said.

Lufthansa earlier this week said it expected to make an operating profit of 1.75-1.95 billion euros this year, which would be the highest in its history, although it was helped by low fuel prices and a good summer for travel demand in Europe. — Reuters

AL TIJARI ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF AL NAJMA ACCOUNT

the Al Najma Account draw on 1st November, 2015.

The draw was held under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry represented by Saquer Al Manaie.

The winners of the Al Najma Daily Draw are: Mohammed Shafiq Shah KD 7000/-

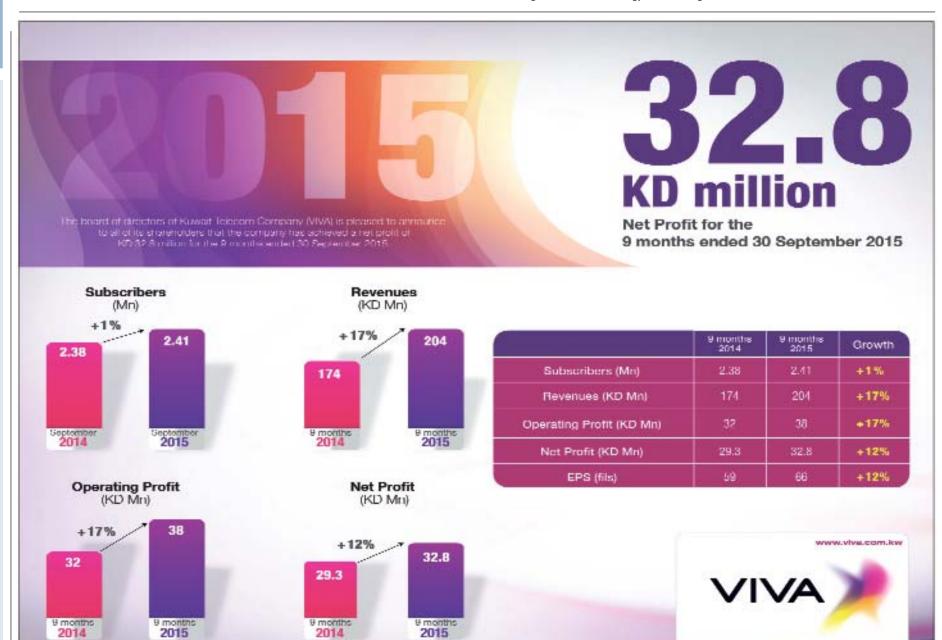
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The Commercial Bank of Kuwait announces the biggest daily draw in Kuwait with the launch of the new Najma account. Customers of the bank can now enjoy a KD 7,000 daily prize which is the highest in the country and another 4 mega

KUWAIT: Commercial Bank of Kuwait held prizes during the year worth KD 100,000 each on different occasions: The National Day, Eid Al Fitr, Eid Al Adha and on the 19th of June which is the date of the bank's establishment.

> With a minimum balance of KD 500, customers will be eligible for the daily draw provided that the money is in the account one week prior to the daily draw or 2 months prior to the mega draw. In addition, for each KD 25 a customer can get one chance for winning instead of

> Commercial Bank of Kuwait takes this opportunity to congratulate all lucky winners and also extends appreciation to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for their effective supervision of the draws which were conducted in an orderly and organized manner.





MASDAR SEES RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES IN MENA REGION

EYES MOROCCO AS AN ATTRACTIVE, MATURE MARKET

PARIS: Policy shifts over climate change as countries seek to diversify energy sources have opened investment opportunities for renewables in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), the head of UAE green energy firm Masdar said

Countries in the region are increasingly setting renewable energy targets in their energy mix as demand grows, serving as a boost for investments in solar and wind power ventures, Masdar's Chief Executive Ahmad Belhoul told Reuters in Paris.

"A few years back when Abu Dhabi set a target of 7 percent of renewable energy by 2020, nobody in the region had any renewable energy target. Today, there are targets being set in Jordan, Morocco, etc," Belhoul said in an interview

"What we have noticed is that, over the past couple of years, there has been significant interest by many governments in renewable energies. We have seen many policy changes that allow investors to come in," he said.

Masdar, owned by Abu Dhabi state fund

Mubadala, was set up with a \$15 billion commitment to invest in green energy. Belhoul said Masdar, through its private equity arm that manages two funds, had deployed over half a billion dollars invested in green projects with a portfolio of about 1.5 gigawatts of renewable energy.

Its investments include a 35 percent stake in the planned Dudgeon offshore wind farm in Britain with Norwegian partners Statoil and Statkraft. It also has a 20 percent share in the 600-megawatt London Array, the world's largest

wind farm. Belhoul said investments in mature markets such as Britain and Spain, where it has also invested in a joint venture with Spain's Sener, were balanced out with investments in developing markets in the Middle East and North Africa.

"Our strategy over the next five years is the MENA region plus selected investments in mature markets," he said, adding that Abu Dhabi and the rest of the United Arab Emirates were immediate priorities.

"If you look at how the sector has evolved, prices are becoming increasingly competitive," he said. "Solar cells, for example, even in the UAE with our local gas, are more competitive than gas."

Belhoul said Morocco was attracting huge attention and investments.

"The Moroccan government has set a target and they are following through quite systematically, it is a very mature market and quite competitive. We are closely looking at it," he said, adding that Masdar had bid for projects in the country.

Electricity demand in Morocco rises by an annual 7 percent and the country is investing heavily in renewables. Earlier this month, Morocco secured a \$519 million loan from the World Bank partly to finance two solar power plants with a combined capacity of up to 350 megawatts.

"North Africa has tremendous growth and with that growth comes a huge requirement for energy, different types of energy," Belhoul said, adding that Masdar was also looking at Egypt.—Reuters

US FINANCIAL WATCHDOG SETS RULES TO EASE CROWDFUNDING

SAN FRANCISCO: The US Securities and Exchange Commission passed rules to allow smaller companies to sell securities through crowdfunding platforms while giving investors greater protections. Crowdfunding-the best-known example of which is probably the popular American website Kickstarter-is a model of alternative financing that has developed enormously in recent years. But it has generally not been used to offer and sell securities.

Startup companies often use it to offer Internet users a chance to buy a product still in development. If demand is strong enough, they are able to finance production

The SEC rules, which were adopted in a

three-to-one vote, are to take effect next year. They will make it possible for web users to purchase shares in smaller companies in a way much like that used by big institutional investors specializing in capital risk, albeit on a much smaller scale. "There is a great deal of enthusiasm in the marketplace for crowdfunding," SEC Chairwoman Mary Jo White said in a press statement, adding that the new rules would "provide smaller companies with innovative ways to raise capital and give investors the protections they need." The new rules will allow a startup to raise up to \$1 million a year by offering shares through a crowdfunding platform that must be registered with the SEC. —AFP

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Oman	5,92	8.15	5,94	8.14	19.99	A	0.34	-6.54		
Lebanon	1,13	35.12	1,13	2.23	-2.89	•	-0.25	-4.12		
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Kuwait Dinar		12.2701	3.2857	2.9840	2.1293	3.2446	396.25	4.6005		
Saudi Riyal US Dollar	0.08150	3.7344	0.2678	0.2432	0.1735	0.2644	32.29 120.60	1.4002		
Euro	0.33512	4.1119	1.1011	0.7002	0.7137	1.0873	132.80	1.5427		
Sterling Pound	0.46964	5.7626	1.5431	1.4011		1.5251	186.18	2.1625		
Swiss Franc	0.30820	3.7817	1.0127	0.9197	0.6557		122.24	1.4179		
Japanese Yen	0.00252	0.0310	0.0083	0.0075	0.0054	0.0082	04.40	0.0116		
Australian Dollar	0.21737	2.6671	0.7142	0.6482	0.4624	0.7053	86.13			
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US Dollar		0.30435	3.7344	0.3741	3.6272	0.3832	3.6571	7.9201		
Kuwaiti Dinar Saudi Riyal	3.2857 0.2678	0.08150	12.2701	0.1002	0.9713	1.2590 0.1026	0.9793	26.0230		
Saudi Kiyai Bahraini Dinar	2.6734	0.081364	9.9834	0.1002	9.6968	1.0244	9.7768	21.1733		
Qatari Riyal	0.2757	0.08391	1.0296	0.1031		0.1056	1.0082	2.1835		
Omani Riyal	2.6098	0.79429	9.7461	0.9762	9.4663		9.5443	20.6699		
Emirates Dirham	0.2734	0.08322	1.0211	0.1023	0.9918	0.1048	6.444	2.1657		
Egyptian Pound	0.1263	0.03843	0.4715	0.0472	0.4580	0.0484	0.4617			
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FOMC STATEMENT PUTS A DECEMBER HIKE BACK ON THE TABLE

NBK's Weekly Money Market Report

KUWAIT: Last week, the Fed kept its key interest rate at a record low in light of a weak global economy, slower US hiring and inflation. The Fed stated that it would monitor job growth and inflation to determine "whether it will be appropriate to raise the target range" for its benchmark rate at its next meeting. The statement marked the first time in seven years that the Fed has clearly raised the possibility that it could hike its key rate from near zero at its next meeting. Additionally, policymakers sounded less concerned about international economic pressures as they removed a sentence from their last meeting regarding risks emerging from a growth slowdown in

On the foreign exchange side, the US Dollar advanced against most major currencies on Wednesday as changes in the Federal Reserve statement lifted the probability of a December Fed hike towards 50%. However, the greenback lost most of its gains as disappointing US Data dampened optimism over the strength of the US economy. The Dollar index reached a high of 97.818 after the Fed's statement but managed to close lower at 96.946.

The Euro traded in a volatile manner against the greenback last week. The currency opened the week at 1.1018 and reached a high of 1.1096 at midweek. The Euro took a strong hit amid the unexpectedly hawkish Fed statement, which highlighted the divergence between the Fed and the ECB monetary policies. With the European Central Bank signaling to increase stimulus less than 2 weeks before the Fed could raise interest rates, putting downward pressure on the single currency. The Euro managed to regain most of its losses and closed the week higher at 1.1006.

Similarly the pound opened the week at 1.5314 and rose to a high of 1.5382. The currency then traded slightly lower on the back of mixed GDP figures. Cable dropped further as the Fed statement sent the currencies to its lowest level last week at 1.5243. Cable managed to close the week higher at 1.5428 as weak figures from the US pushed the greenback 103.0 in October.

lower. The Japanese Yen traded in a tight range against the greenback last week but managed to close the week higher as the Bank of Japan refrained to add more stimulus to the economy. Additionally, better than expected economic data from kept the Yen well supported. The pair opened the week at 121.47 and dropped to a low of 120.07. The Japanese Yen closed the week at 120.62 despite depreciating to 121.56 amid the Fed statement.

The Australian Dollar was among the worst performers after the price of iron ore sank below \$50 for the first time since July. In addition, a surprisingly weak Australian CPI report revived talks of additional easing by the Reserve bank of Australia. The Aussie opened the week at 0.7216 and dropped to a low of 0.7068. The currency closed the week at

Durable goods orders drop

US durable goods orders fell in September in line with expectations. In a report, the US Commerce Department said that total durable goods orders, which include transportation items, decreased by a seasonally adjusted 1.2% last month, matching forecasts. Orders for durable goods in August were revised to a drop of 3.0% from a previously reported decline of 2.3%.

Similarly, core durable goods orders, excluding volatile transportation items, fell by a seasonally adjusted 0.4% in September, compared to expectations for an increase of 0.1%. Core durable goods orders slumped 0.9% in August.

Consumer confidence drops to 3-month low

US consumer confidence deteriorated to a three-month low in October, dampening optimism over the health of the economy. The Conference Board, a market research group, said its index of consumer confidence fell to 97.6 this month from a reading of 102.6 in September, whose figure was revised from a previously reported 103.0. Analysts expected the index to rise to

US Q3 GDP below expectations

The US economy grew less than expected in the third quarter, dampening optimism over the health of the economy and adding to uncertainty over the possibility of a December rate hike. In a report, the Commerce Department said gross domestic product grew at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.5% in the past quarter, missing expectations for growth of 1.6%. Meanwhile, the US economy grew 3.9% in the previous quarter.

The data showed personal consump-

Pending home sales dropped 2.3% last month, disappointing expectations for a 1.0% gain. Sales were previously down 1.4% in August. Similarly, new home sales dropped in

the health of the housing sector.

September after two straight months of gains, suggesting a temporary cooling in the market for new houses. The Commerce Department said on Monday sales dropped 11.5% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 468,000 units,



tion, which accounts for 70% of the US economy, rose 3.2% in the third quarter, below expectations for a 3.3% gain, and compared to a 3.6% increase in the pre-

The slowdown in growth indicates how the US economy can be attributed to a global downturn led by the slowest growth in China. Weak global demand adversely impacting US exports while a strengthening US dollar weighs on US corporate earnings made abroad.

Disappointing housing figures Pending home sales in the US fell for

the second straight month in September, dampening optimism over 529,000 units from the previously reported 552,000 units.

Weekly Jobless Claims continuing to

show Strength in the Labor Market. The number of jobless claims in the US rose less than expected last week, but claims continued to stay below the 300,000 level which is usually associated with a firming labor market. Claims increased by 1,000 to a seasonally adjusted 260,000 from the previous week's total of 259,000. Meanwhile, analysts had expected jobless claims to rise by 4,000 to 263,000. The four-week moving average was 259,250, a decrease of 4,000 from the previous week's total of

263,250. The monthly average is seen as

a more accurate gauge of labor trends because it reduces volatility in the weekto-week data.

Europe & UK

German Business Confidence **Declines**

German business confidence fell for the first time in four months in October, signaling that a slowdown in global demand is taking its toll on Europe's largest economy. The Ifo institute's business climate index declined to 108.2 from 108.5 in September. Meanwhile, market expectation was for a drop to

UK GDP slows in Q3

Growth in the UK slowed to 0.5% in the third quarter of the year following a decline in activity in the country's construction and manufacturing sectors.

The Office of National Statistics estimated Gross Domestic Product increased by 0.5% in the July-September quarter, down from 0.7% in the previous quarter. Meanwhile, economists expected the economy to grow at 0.6%. However, compared to the same quarter in 2014, GDP was 2.3% higher.

BoJ Keeps Policy Unchanged

The Bank of Japan kept its monetary policy unchanged as Governor Haruhiko Kuroda bets that the current level of stimulus is still sufficient to drive prices to his 2 percent inflation target. Kuroda has maintained the view in recent months that a strong economic cycle is intact, with high corporate profits and a tight labor market bringing price gains, once the effect of low energy costs is discounted. The BOJ released a brief statement after its meeting Friday showing that the board voted 8-1 to continue expanding the monetary base at an annual pace of 80 trillion Yen.

Kuwait

Kuwaiti Dinar at 0.30280

The USDKWD opened at 0.30280 on Sunday morning.

BURGAN BANK GROUP NET INCOME FOR FIRST 9 MTHS OF 2015 UP BY 21%

KUWAIT: Burgan Bank Group announced 4% while deposits growth remained flat. yesterday the first nine month results for Bank of Baghdad grew its loans & deposits the financial year 2015. The results demonby 6% & 2% respectively and growth in strate the consistent solid operating per- Tunis International bank remained flat. In formance of the group in its local and regional contexts amid the headwinds stemming from economic, exchange rates & geo-politics volatilities. Burgan Bank Group reported net income for the first 9 months of 2015 is up by 21% reaching KD

59 million. Third quarter net income is up by 41% reaching KD 21.6 million. Compared to the same period last year and on a consolidated basis, Operating income surged to KD 216.8 million mirroring a growth of 8%. Operating Profits grew by 9% to reach KD 77.7 million while operating profits before provision grew by 7.5% reaching KD 121 million. **International Operations** Contribution to group's revenue reached 53%.

Majed Essa Al Ajeel, Chairman of Burgan

Bank Group commented: "The positive leading indicators continue to point north across the group subsidiaries. Burgan Bank Kuwait achieved y-o-y growth of 3% for loans and 7% for deposits. Jordan Kuwait bank grew its loans & deposits by 1% & 9% respectively. Burgan Bank-Turkey grew its loans & deposits by 11% & 15% respectively. Gulf bank Algeria grew its loans book by

its local currency reporting, international operations achieved even a higher growth. It is important to mention that this positive results are after taking a precautionary provisions of KD 5 million in the third quarter as a prudent step"

"On behalf of the board, I take this opportunity to thank our customers and shareholders for their confidence in our capabilities. I would also like to thank our executive management team for their leadership and the excellent execution of the corporate strategy, and to our staff for their continued support and commitment," concluded Al Aieel.

The consolidated financials encompass the results of the Group's operations in Kuwait, and its share from its

regional subsidiaries, namely Jordan Kuwait Bank, Gulf Bank Algeria, Burgan Bank - Turkey, Bank of Baghdad, Tunis International Bank, in which Burgan Bank owns a majority stake. Burgan Bank Group has one of the largest regional branch networks with more than 240 branches across Kuwait, Turkey, Jordan, Algeria, Iraq, Tunis, Lebanon and Palestine.



ABK HOSTS 5, 10 & 15 YEAR SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

KUWAIT: Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) recently honored 12 employees working in Board Affairs, for their loyalty and dedication to the Bank. Each employee honored during the awards ceremony had completed between 5 and 15 years of service.

Commenting on the long-standing commitment and value of their contribution to the development of the Bank, Fawzy Al

Thunayan, General Manager of Board Affairs said: "We are celebrating the efforts and loyalty of some of our most valuable employees who have been committed to the bank for a number of years. It is an honor to hand out these awards and we thank them for the hours they put in to make ABK the bank it is

today. On behalf of the Chairman, Board of ABK,

and Management, we congratulate them."

Each department in the Bank hosts regular Long Service Awards for members of staff who have been with the bank for 5 years and longer. ABK has long enjoyed a reputation of strong staff retention and an event honoring staff that have spent 20 years and above was recently held at the Symphony Hotel where 77 staff members were recognized.

QATAR AIRWAYS ANNOUNCES UNBELIEVABLE FARES TO 150 **DESTINATIONS WORLDWIDE**

Majed Essa Al Ajeel, Chairman

of Burgan Bank Group.

DOHA: Qatar Airways has launched its latest global promotion, 'Don't just dream it, Plan it' offering travellers exceptional savings on early bookings. With this exciting promotion, passengers can take advantage of attractive airfares and make their dream holidays come

alive by planning their vacations in advance. And thanks to the rapidly expanding global network of Qatar Airways, this offer will provide passengers with varied options of seamless connectivity to more than 150 key global destinations for the perfect holiday

Customers can avail a discount of up to 35% on all-inclusive Economy and Business Class return airfares to a variety of destinations across Europe, the Middle East, Indian Sub-continent, Asia Pacific, Africa, and the Americas*.

Available for booking for five days from 2nd until 6th Nov 15, this promotion is valid for outbound travel commencingbetween8th Nov15 and 30th Jun 16. Passengers can make their flight bookings either by visiting any

Qatar Airways' sales office, through appointed travel partners or via gatarairways.com/glob-

Qatar Airways Acting VP GCC Region, Ishfaq Jalal, said: "The Qatar Airways Global Sale is the best opportunity for travellers to explore a new destination with their families. At Qatar Airways, we aim to inspire travellers to go beyond the ordinary. With our awardwinning services, advanced in-flight entertainment system and legendary hospitality, we look forward to welcoming our passengers to an all new level of luxury in the sky."

Qatar Airways has seen rapid growth in just 18 years of operation, to the point where today it is flying a modern fleet of 166 aircraft to 152 key business and leisure destinations across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia Pacific, North America and South America.

Since the beginning of the year, Qatar Airways has begun services to Amsterdam (The Netherlands); Zanzibar (Tanzania); Faisalabad, Sialkot and Multan in Pakistan, and Abha (Saudi Arabia).

FORD MUSTANG IS MIDDLE EAST CAR OF THE YEAR

DUBAI: Ford recently topped the charts in two different segments at the fifth Middle East Car of the Year (MECOTY) awards. An extensive panel of judges, comprising 12 expert automotive journalists from nine Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Levant countries, awarded Ford's Mustang the "Best Sports Coupe" title for 2015, with Ford Focus ST claiming the "Best Performance Hatchback" award. The Mustang also won the coveted "Overall Middle East Car of the Year" Jury Award.

Powering the award-winning Mustang is a choice of three engines including the 5.0L V8, the 3.7L V6, as well as the 2.3L EcoBoost, the newest member of Ford's global family of EcoBoost engines. The 2.3-litre engine leverages state-of-the-art technologies including direct fuel injection, twin independent variable camshaft timing and turbo charging to produce big-engine power and torque with improved fuel efficiency.

Also powered by a 2.0L EcoBoost engine, and featuring a sportier and more aggressive styling than the previous generation of the Focus ST, the latest model has a lower, wider stance, new dynamically sculpted front end, slimmer headlamps and rectangular fog lamps. The sports body kit also includes bodycolour side skirts and diffuser elements either side of the exhaust, and a rear roof spoiler optimised for aerodynamic performance. Black lamp bezels, ST badging and 19-inch ST Design alloy wheels - available as an option complete the Focus' impressive looks.

"At Ford, we strive to build vehicles and technology that improve the lives of our customers, whether at work or play," said Jim Benintende, president, Ford Middle East and Africa. "We are honored that automotive experts in the Middle East named the Focus ST and Mustang as best-in-class in 2015, and extremely proud of the fact that Mustang won the overall Middle East Car of the Year jury title. It's a testament to the great cars, trucks and utilities we produce and the hard work of

the incredible men and women that work at Ford.

Mustang can be seen on the Ford stand (no. 115) located inside Hall 1 of the Dubai World Trade Centre, during the Dubai International Motor Show (November 10-14, 2015.







MERCEDES-BENZ AT 2015 FRANKFURT INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SHOW

FRANKFURT: Mercedes-Benz continued its reign as one of the most dynamic luxury automotive manufacturers at this year's Frankfurt International Motor Show, with a line-up that featured three world premieres as part of its "Mercedes Dream Car Collection" and more than 60 vehicles in total presented at the show.

These included the groundbreaking concept car, "Concept IAA" (Intelligent Aerodynamic Automobile), the stylish and sporty Mercedes-Benz S-Class Cabriolet and the Mercedes-Benz C-Class Coupe.

Digital transformer

Billed by the global media as one of the top showstopping cars when it was unveiled, the Mercedes-Benz "Concept IAA" (Intelligent Aerodynamic Automobile), is two cars in one: an aerodynamics world champion with a coefficient of drag or Cd value of just 0.19, and a four-door coupÈ embodying irresistible design. The study switches automatically from design mode to aerodynamic mode when the vehicle reaches a speed of 80 km/h, whereby numerous aerodynamics measures physically alter the shape of the vehicle. Inside, the "Concept IAA" continues the design line of the S-Class and S-Class Coupe, offering new touch-based functions and providing a vision of what the interior of a business saloon might look like in the near future.

Mercedes-Benz C-Class Coupe:

Seduction of the heart and mind

Making its global debut in Frankfurt, the vivid, sensual design of the new athletic and sporty Mercedes-Benz C-Class Coupe cuts a fine figure on the road and embodies modern luxury. At the same time, its interior raises elegance and style to a sporty level. A dynamically configured chassis, with optional air suspension, forms the basis for a high level of suspension comfort, low road roar and tyre vibration, agile handling, and driving pleasure. Lightweight construction to reduce weight and excellent aerodynamics plus high-performance, efficient engines likewise contribute to this. New assistance systems provide safety of the very highest calibre. With its high-class appeal and generous interior, the new C-Class Coupe sets new standards in its segment.

Mercedes-AMG C 63 Coupe:

The sportiest C-Class ever. Setting a further landmark in the Mercedes-AMG brand history, the new C 63 Coupe is the next step on the way to yet more technical and visual distinctiveness. The far-reaching technical modifications are evident at first sight: strikingly flared front and rear wheel arches, an increased track width and larger wheels give the Coupe a muscular look while at the same time providing a basis for the highly agile longitudinal and lateral dynamics. The brand's typical "Driving Performance" is taken to new heights also

with the C 63 Coupe. The AMG 4.0-litre V8 biturbo engine with 350 kW (476 hp) or 375 kW (510 hp) is just as much a completely in-house development from Affalterbach as, for example, the sophisticated AMG RIDE CONTROL suspension with electronically controlled shock absorbers, the set-up of the AMG DYNAM-IC SELECT transmission modes, the rearaxle limited-slip differential or the dynamic engine mounts.

Mercedes-Benz S-Class Cabriolet: Open-top luxury

The third of the world premieres for Mercedes-Benz at this year's Frankfurt International Motor Show, the new Mercedes-Benz S-Class Cabriolet is the sixth variant of the current S-Class family and the first open-top luxury four-seater from Mercedes-Benz since 1971. It offers a distinctive, sensual and exclusive design, the cutting-edge technology of the S-Class and a comprehensive warmth and wind protection concept which includes intelligent climate control for convertibles.

Mercedes-AMG S 63 4MATIC Cabriolet: The ultimate dream car

For the first time in the history of the company, Mercedes-AMG has a four-seater luxury convertible in its model range. Its 5.5-litre V8 biturbo engine offers an output of 430 kW (585 hp) and peak torque of 900 Nm, enabling acceleration from 0 to 100

km/h in 3.9 seconds. The S 63 features AMG Performance 63 4MATIC all-wheel drive with rear-biased torque split as standard.

Mercedes-Benz GLC: Second generation marks a big step forward

The new GLC performs impressively in all operating conditions, with hallmark outstanding safety, state-of-the-art assistance systems and energy efficiency. Fuel consumption has been cut by up to 19 percent compared with the previous model. At the same time, the AIR BODY CON-TROL multi-chamber air suspension that is without parallel in this segment, the extended range of DYNAMIC SELECT dynamic transmission modes and the 4MATIC permanent all-wheel drive increase not only the ride comfort, but also the vehicle's sporty agility - whatever surface it is driving on.

Mercedes-Benz A-Class: More comfortable than ever, as sporty as ever

The new-generation A-Class from Mercedes-Benz reconciles the conflicting aims of sporty performance and enhanced comfort: With DYNAMIC SELECT, the driver is able to change the best-seller's characteristics in a matter of seconds - at the touch of a button the A-Class drives in a particularly comfortable, sporty or efficient manner. And with its dramatic design in the style of the successful MERCEDES AMG PETRONAS Formula 1 team, the special

"Motorsport Edition" model will particularly appeal to racing fans.

Mercedes-AMG A 45 4MATIC: An exceptional talent

With a peak output of 280 kW (381 hp) and maximum torque of 475 Nm, the entry-level model from Mercedes-AMG is the world's most powerful compact sports model. The revised gear ratios, aerodynamic fine-tuning and the new DYNAMIC SELECT driving modes raise overall performance to a higher level, underlining the claim to leadership in this market segment. Models will be available in the Middle East as follow:

• Mercedes-Benz C-Class Coupè will be available in the Middle East in February 2016 as C 200 Coupe and C 300 Coupe, and later on as. The AMG models, C 450 Coupe, C 63 Coupe and C 63 S Coupe will be launched in May 2016.

• Mercedes-Benz S-Class Cabriolet will be available in the Middle East in May 2016 as S 500 Cabriolet, Mercedes-AMG S 63 Cabriolet and Mercedes-AMG S 63 S Cabriolet.

• Mercedes-Benz GLC is available in the Middle East in two models, the GLC 250 4MATIC and the GLC 300 4MATIC.

• Mercedes-Benz A-Class will be available in the Middle East in December 2015. The vehicle will be available as A 250 Sport and Mercedes-AMG A 45 4MATIC.

EAMAN AL ROUDHAN APPOINTED CEO OF ZAIN KUWAIT

KUWAIT: Zain Group, a leading mobile telecom innovator across the Middle East and Africa, announces the appointment of Kuwaiti national, Mrs Eaman Al Roudhan as CEO of Zain Kuwait, the Group's flagship and most profitable operation, effective 1 December, 2015. Mrs Al Roudhan will succeed Omar Al Omar who will return to Zain Group in a senior advisory role supporting the Zain Group CEO in transforming the compa-

ny into an integrated digital lifestyle opera-

A results-focused telecommunications executive, Mrs Al Roudhan brings over 20 years of experience to the position, 18 years of which were spent in various executive management and leadership roles within Zain Kuwait as well as several Zain Group affiliates. Prior to her new

appointment, Mrs Al Roudhan was the Chief Regulatory

Officer of Zain Group. Mrs Al Roudhan will continue to build on the healthy foundation of success laid by Al Omar, who has been CEO of Zain Kuwait since October 2011 and before that the company's Chief Operating Officer and Chief Commercial Officer, having joined Zain back in September 2001.

Commenting on the appointment, Zain Group CEO Scott Gegenheimer said: "With Mrs Al Roudhan's distinguished record and strong background in regulatory affairs, mobile technology, strategy and management, I have every confidence she is the right person to take Zain Kuwait to the next level in solidifying its market leadership. It is also a significant development in Zain's evolution, with Mrs Al Roudhan being the first woman appointed to a CEO role within Zain Group operations."

Gegenheimer continued: "I would also like to express my gratitude to Omar Al Omar for the hard work he has contributed to Zain Kuwait in various leadership roles. Through his efforts since becoming CEO, Zain Kuwait has substantially increased its customer base as well as maintained its position as the most efficient and profitable operation in the Group. Although he will be missed at an operational, we are very happy to have him joining us at the Group level, and for our other

mobile operations to benefit from his vast experience and expertise."

Rewarding journey

The incoming CEO of Zain Kuwait, Mrs Al Roudhan commented: "I am honored to be given this prime opportunity to continue my rewarding journey with Zain. As the flagship operation of the Group, Zain Kuwait is deeply entrenched in the telecom, economic

and social landscape in the country. I feel a strong sense of responsibility to continue working closely with the Zain Group **Board and Executive** management as well as the highly talented Zain Kuwait team to maintain the mobile operation's high standards and take it to new heights of innovation and service."

Eaman Al Roudhan

Mrs Al Roudhan's successful career at Zain commenced in 1998 within the Kuwait operation and launched the first mobile prepaid service in the country, which went on to dominate the country's prepaid mobile customer base. As Zain expanded across the region, Al Roudhan's respon-

sibilities also grew from 2003 onwards as she was an active participant in the start-up teams in several Zain operations across the Middle East, namely Bahrain, Iraq, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia. Throughout her years at Zain she has also orchestrated numerous strategic alliances with international and regional operators. Mrs Al Roudhan is a member in a

number of international standards and regulatory affairs bodies such as the GSMA Arab World regional interest group and the GSMA Chief Regulatory Officer Group (CROG). She holds a BSc in Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering from Kuwait University and has attended programs at Tokyo Institute of Technology (TIT), and executive programs at Harvard Business School.

Zain Kuwait is the country's largest and most successful operator serving 2.9 million customers on its robust nationwide state-of-the-art 4G LTE network. Data revenues now represent 36% of the operation's total revenues and Zain Kuwait remains the most efficient mobile operator within Zain

ETIHAD AIRWAYS EXPANDS SAUDI NETWORK THROUGH FIVE WEEKLY SERVICE WITH FLYNAS

RIYADH: Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), is expanding its Saudi Arabian network through a new five-timesoperated by its codeshare partner flynas.

Commencing on 16 December 2015, the new flynas service will complement Etihad Airways' existing 13 weekly flights between Abu Dhabi and Riyadh, to provide guests with 18 weekly flights and greater choice and flexibility whether travelling from Saudi Arabia, the UAE or beyond.

The flights will be operated by a two-class Airbus A320 aircraft, offering an additional 1,640 seats per week, and ensuring maximum connectivity through Etihad Airways' Abu Dhabi hub to key destinations in North America and the Indian This comes as part of an expanded codeshare

agreement between the two airlines, which was initially signed in October 2012. The current codeshare scope allows flynas to place its 'XY' code on 226 Etihad Airways' flights between Abu Dhabi and 20 destinations around the world.

These include Amsterdam, Brussels,

Casablanca, Dammam, Geneva, Islamabad, network, we are significantly increasing both Subcontinent over the coming months, subject to regulatory approvals.

Greater choice

Kevin Knight, Etihad Airways' Chief Strategy and Planning Officer, said: "Riyadh is an important strategic destination for us due to the established cultural and commercial ties between the UAE and Saudi Arabia. The new flynas Riyadh service will strengthen our Saudi Arabian network further, but more importantly, it will give business and leisure travellers greater choice and better flight connections in their travel to Abu Dhabi and on to Etihad Airways' worldwide network."

Bander Al Mohanna, NAS Holding CEO, said: 'We are delighted to partner with Etihad Airways to add Abu Dhabi to flynas' destinations within the GCC. flynas continues to expand across the region and by adding Abu Dhabi to our GCC route

Jakarta, Jeddah, Karachi, Kuala Lumpur, Lahore, capacity and choice for travellers, including pil-London, Manchester, Medina, Paris, Riyadh, S?o grims as well as business commuters and leisure per-week service between Riyadh and Abu Dhabi Paulo, Seychelles, Singapore, Zurich, and subseseekers. Moreover, we expect the mix of people quently on flights operating to the Indian travelling on the Abu Dhabi route to include flynas' guests in transit to other destinations, which will substantially increase the volume of codeshare traffic."

> Etihad Airways has 49 codeshare agreements in place with airlines across the world, including flynas, which gives it a combined passenger and cargo network of 600 destinations, and over 25,200 flights per week, more than any other Middle Eastern airline. Codeshare partnerships, along with minority equity investments and organic growth, form the three pillars of Etihad Airways expansion plans.

> Etihad Airways launched services between Abu Dhabi and Riyadh in December 2004. The airline offers 46 flights per week between the UAE's capital and the Saudi Arabian cities of Jeddah. Damman, Riyadh and Medina. Services are often increased to 55 flights per week on temporary operating permits.

ASAR BAGS IFLR 2015 'LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR' AWARD



KUWAIT: Al Ruwayeh & Partners (ASAR), Kuwait's leading and most prominent corporate law firm, and one of the region's top tier firms, is pleased to announce that it has for the 7th consecutive year been awarded the prestigious "National Law Firm of the Year Award" for 2015 presented by the International Financial Law Review (IFLR), the leading market guide for financial law firms worldwide. The awards ceremony that was held on 28th October 2015 at the Burj Al Arab hotel, Dubai, saw the attendance of partners and representatives from other leading GCC and international law

In addition to winning the above award, ASAR was also nominated for its roles in four other major transactions namely, for debt and equity-linked deal of the year the Burgan Bank Tier 1 bond issuance, for project finance deal of the year - the Sulaibiya waste water project, the restructuring deal of the year - the Gulf Bank Al Mal restructuring, and for the domestic deal of the year - the Mezzan Holding IPO.

Mr. Sam Habbas - Senior Partner at ASAR noted that: "We are delighted for our firm to receive the IFLR Kuwait National Law

Firm of the Year Award for the seventh consecutive year. It was a hugely successful evening for the firm at this year's IFLR Middle East Awards ceremony. We feel that this is a testament to the strength of our position as market leaders in Kuwait, and our firm's commitment to consistently delivering legal services of the highest order so as to best position our clients to successfully close some of Kuwait's groundbreaking and innovative transactions. We intend to continue offering cutting - edge legal counsel to our clients, across all sec-

Quality legal work

Ahmed Barakat - Managing Partner at ASAR noted that: "It is gratifying and humbling to win the IFLR National Law Firm of the Year award for the seventh year in a row. It is a testament to the success of our model focusing on quality legal work, coping with clients' practical needs and fostering a family environment at our office. This continuous recognition by our peers in the legal community is bound to make us redouble our efforts to provide better service to our ever growing client base."

IBRAHIM AL ASFOUR WINS KD 125,000 IN NBK'S AL JAWHARA **MONTHLY DRAW**

KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) announces the winner for October's KD 125,000 Al Jawhara monthly prize, Ibrahim Abdulrahman Al Asfour. The draw was held under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The winner's name was announced live on Marina FM.

NBK has re-launched Al Jawhara account recently by doubling chances to win in the weekly, monthly and quarterly draws if customers do not withdraw or transfer from their accounts.

NBK customers have chances to win KD 5,000 weekly, KD 125,000 monthly and a grand prize of KD 250,000 quarterly. Each KD 50 in a customer's account entitles them one entry into the draw, thus more money in an account means more chances into each draw. This new added feature enables Al-Jawhara Account holders to double their chances through maintaining their balance.

Al Jawhara is the most popular prize-giving account in Kuwait. Al Jawhara account entitles account holders to enter the weekly, monthly and quarterly Al Jawhara draws. All prizes are automatically credited to the winners' accounts the day after the draw.

Al Jawhara account is available for both Kuwaitis and expats and can be opened at any of NBK's numerous branches around Kuwait, or safely and easily through NBK's website for existing customers.

HOLOGRAMS GO MAINSTREAM, WITH FUTURE FULL OF POSSIBILITY

NEW YORK: Concert promoters hoping to bring out legends such as Whitney Houston, Billie Holiday and Elvis Presley used to face an obvious problem-the singers are dead. But with rapid advances in technology, those stars and many more are returning to life through holograms, the three-dimensional light projections that have opened new frontiers for the live music and other industries.

The hologram boom began in April 2012 when Coachella, one of the most influential music festivals, resurrected slain rapper Tupac Shakur in a headlining set by his former collaborators Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg. Two years later, the King of Pop Michael Jackson came back from the dead at the Billboard Music Awards, the annual event hosted by the US music industry magazine.

In recent months, hologram announcements have become so regular they are almost mainstream. Hologram USA has announced tours by Whitney Houston, who died in 2012.

The firm also plans to bring Billie Holiday, who died in 1959, back to Harlem's Apollo Theater in what would

be the first regularly scheduled hologram show. Holograms record light fields, rather than standard camera images, thereby allowing a three-dimensional presentation.

For Tupac and Michael Jackson, the holograms, however realistic looking, still used a 150-year-old technology-the image was projected onto a transparent

For Whitney Houston's tour, which four venues have so far agreed to welcome, the late singer's image will be projected onto a live artist on stage. "Whitney will be able to interact live in a real performance. It won't be scripted," said Alki David, the founder of Hologram USA. "There is a performer-an actor whose body is like Whitney," he said. Another US company, Pulse Evolution, is preparing a musical based on Elvis that will take place on stage through virtual reality.

What happens when the novelty fades?

Concert promoters are avidly seeking unique headliners as the number of summer festivals has grown rapidly in the past years, in one of the music indus-

try's few areas of substantial growth. But will the public keep shelling out money to see dead entertainers once the novelty fades? Reid Genauer, a member of the band Strangefolk and chief marketing officer of the movie app company Magisto, said he struggled to see how holograms would work once the technology becomes commonplace.

"Meeting dead celebrities, it seems reasonable to me. Is there business there? Probably. The difficulty I have-and it's a lack of imagination, not a lack of possibility-is envisioning how holograms scale," he said.

Jason Ross, a veteran producer of multi-media music projects, said that holograms may have more practical uses in classrooms-for example, for dissections in biology courses. "I think there is a market for it, but I think from an instructional video standpoint it's going to be much stronger," he said.

Some promoters already shy away from hologram concerts, finding them

When rock legends the Grateful Dead threw five self-declared final concerts in June and July, the band considered-but decided against-creating a hologram of Jerry Garcia, the hippie-era group's most recognizable member who died in 1995.

Crossing threshold

John Textor, the chairman of Pulse Evolution which spearheaded the Tupac and Michael Jackson holograms, said it was critical to design real shows, not just to rely on holograms. He expected the Elvis musical to run 90 minutes and feature live dancers and actors, in the fashion of a Broadway show.

"I don't believe in digital performance concerts. By the time you get to the third song, you're done. The novelty is gone," Textor said in an interview. Textor sees concerts not as an end in themselves but as one application for virtual reality. Digital Domain, the company he ran from 2006 to 2012, made its name in cinema and won several Oscars, most notably for 2008's "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" in which the hero, played by Brad Pitt, ages backwards.

Virtual reality technologists have long warned of the dangers of the "uncanny valley"-a theory that, the more perfectly an image resembles a real being, the

more the audience will notice the imperfections. But for Textor, that bridge has been crossed. In the first part of "Benjamin Button," he recalled that audiences believed they were watching Pitt, when in fact it was a virtual image.

Reinventing karaoke

University of Southern California professor Paul Debevec, a pioneer in the field, said that creating holograms of dead people was much more challenging than the actual concert design.

"The technology that is new and interesting is the ability to create a human likeness to someone that is dead-Tupac, Michael Jackson," he said. "The technology of putting it on stage is completely uninteresting." Beyond concerts, Textor has plenty of other ideas in store for the technology.

He hopes to "reinvent karaoke" by letting amateur crooners perform with their favorite singers. Textor also sees great possibilities for video games by allowing players to create virtual doubles. "We're working with gaming companies to bring them out of the stone age," he said. —AFP

TECH FIRMS ON ALERT AS US COURT TAKES UP CLASS ACTION CASE

WASHINGTON: The US Supreme Court will consider today whether to nip in the bud a class action lawsuit against online search service Spokeo Inc in a case closely watched by Silicon Valley companies that face similar claims.

If the court rules for Pasadena, California-based Spokeo and finds that a consumer lawsuit cannot proceed when the plaintiff cannot show he is being harmed, it could curtail a recent wave of class action cases against online companies. Google Inc, Facebook Inc, eBay Inc and Yahoo Inc filed court papers backing Spokeo, a people search website.

If similar cases are allowed to proceed against other companies, any user of their services who alleges a legal violation based only on a technical violation of a federal statute could "pursue a multi-billion dollar statutory damages claim despite the lack of injury," the brief said.

The case gives the conservative-leaning Supreme Court another chance to limit class action litigation as it has in a series of rulings including a major 2011 victory for Wal Mart Stores Inc.

"We think this case presents the opportunity ... to close the door on non-injury class actions," said Jason Matthes, Spokeo's general counsel. Facebook, Google and Yahoo have all faced similar lawsuits over violations of different federal laws. As many online companies have millions of users, a case can quickly snowball into a multimil-

lion dollar class action.

Without class action status, a case involving an individual plaintiff presents a much smaller risk to a company. Kate Todd, an attorney with the US Chamber of Commerce's legal arm, called the Spokeo dispute an example of plaintiffs' lawyers "pushing the boundaries" of the types of cases that can be pursued.

In the Spokeo case, plaintiff Thomas Robins sued in California on behalf of himself and a potential class under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, which requires consumer reporting agencies to provide correct information. There is a maximum \$1,000 penalty per violation.

Robins, who was unemployed when he sued in 2010, had claimed his Spokeo entry had damaged his job-seeking prospects because it contained inaccurate information. The entry, for example, said Robins has a graduate degree, which he called incorrect.

"In today's age, consumers are increasingly concerned about their online reputation," said Robins' attorney, Jay Edelson, whose firm specializes in suing tech companies for privacy violations.

The high court is currently considering two other class action cases. One involving claims against advertising firm Campbell-Ewald Co was argued last month. The other, concerning a lawsuit against food producer Tyson Foods Inc, will be argued on Nov 10.—Reuters



 ${\it CARLSBAD: Aerial\ view\ of\ construction\ of\ desalination\ plant\ in\ Carlsbad,\ California.}$

NEW PLANT TESTS US APPETITE FOR SEAWATER DESALINATION

CARLSBAD, California: There's far more riding on the Americas' largest seawater desalination plant than the 50 million gallons of drinking water it will produce for the San Diego area each day.

The plant, which opens this year, will help determine the future of seawater desalination in the US. The billion-dollar project is only the nation's second major seawater plant. The first US foray in Tampa Bay is widely considered a flop.

"You have to be able to say we did it there, it worked there," said Peter Beland, North America editor for Global Water Intelligence, which tracks the industry.

Supporters consider seawater desalination a partial answer to drought in the US. Opponents say high costs and threats to marine life leave better alternatives, like recycling and conservation.

Huge by US standards, Carlsbad barely cracks the International Desalination Association's list of 50 largest seawater plants, which are mostly in the Middle East. Its Israeli designer modeled it on one in Tel Aviv that produces nearly three times the water.

Tampa, which has half the capacity of Carlsbad, opened in 2007, a decade after it went to bid. Along the way, a key investor declared bankruptcy, its replacement failed to secure financing and the plant repeatedly failed performance tests.

San Diego County Water Authority officials vowed to "Tampa-proof" their effort, tapping experienced builders and getting developer Poseidon Resources LLC to shoulder much of the risk. In return, the Boston-based company will get a 9.66 percent return on investment, even more if it hits certain targets.

The plant uses a well-proven technology called reverse osmosis, which uses powerful pumps to shoot ocean water through 2,000

white fiberglass tubes to capture salts. First, silt and other solids are removed to prevent membranes from clogging - a task that hobbled the Tampa plant. Treated water is pumped uphill on a new 10-mile pipeline to San Diego's existing grid.

"Each element, each building block of the plant is something that has worked before elsewhere," said Avshalom Felber, chief executive of IDE Technologies, the plant designer. "That wasn't the case in Tampa." San Diego began considering desalination in the early 1990s when drought exposed dependence on water brought hundreds of miles from Northern California and the Colorado River. It picked Carlsbad, a prosperous suburb of 110,000 people, because it could draw water from a power plant next door that uses up to 600 million gallons from the ocean daily to cool turbines.

Under a 30-year agreement, the regional agency will pay up to \$2,367 an acre-foot, more than double what it will pay to import water next year from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. (An acre-foot supplies two typical households for a year.)

The San Diego agency says the plant will provide about 8 percent of the region's drinking water and raise the average monthly household bill about \$5. Bob Yamada, its water resources director, said desalination "is not going to be a silver bullet that solves all of our problems" but has better positioned the region for drought.

Next battleground

Poseidon is pursuing an identical-size plant in Huntington Beach, positioning the Los Angeles suburb as California's next battleground. In May, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted rules that may give developers pause.—AP



PALO ALTO: David Packard (right) co-founder of the Silicon Valley computer company Hewlett-Packard, announces his retirement as chairman during a news conference at HP's headquarters in Palo Alto, California. Packard, 81, started the company in 1939 with William R Hewlett, who listens at left.—AP

SILICON VALLEY GRANDDADDY HP BREAKS UP IT COLOSSUS SPLITS INTO HP ENTERPRISE, HP INC

SAN FRANCISCO: Seventy-seven years after Bill Hewlett and Dave Packard began tinkering in a Palo Alto garage, the company that became the foundation for Silicon Valley is breaking up. Hewlett-Packard yesterday officially split into two entities, opening a new chapter for the US technology legend. The computer colossus is being divided into HP Enterprise, focusing on software and business services, and HP Inc, which will keep the personal computer and printer operations.

The aim is to develop a sharper focus both for the enterprise unit and the PC-printer division that made it a household name but has become fiercely competitive and less lucrative in recent years. The new structure splits off the computer arm that became for a time the world's biggest PC maker following the HP 2002 acquisition of Compaq.

The controversial deal was engineered by then-chief executive Carly Fiorina now running for the Republican nomination for president. Tom Bittman, analyst at the research firm Gartner, said the current tech landscape calls for this approach, with flexibility more important than size.

"The market right now needs to move in this kind of direction, more focused, and more nimble, than in Carly Fiorina era, when competing with IBM, not Amazon, was critical," Bittman told AFP. It remains to be seen whether the breakup will revitalize a company that has been in a defensive, restructuring mode for several years as it lost ground to rivals like Chinese PC maker Lenovo, and as tech sector leadership was taken over by mobile-focused Apple and Google.

"A split in itself is not a good or bad thing, it's what they do with it," Bittman said. The new HP Enterprise will be led by company CEO Meg Whitman and the PC business by Australian native HP executive Dion Weisler. Both firms begin trading independently Monday on Wall Street.

Faded star

HP has long had a special place in the hearts and minds of Silicon Valley. Founded by two Stanford University graduates, the company has been a major benefactor to the school seen a source of many innovative startups, including Google. The garage where the company began has been designated a California historic landmark. HP also led a number of workplace innovations including flexible schedules and the openspace office. But today, the company is often seen as a dinosaur overtaken by younger, more dynamic startups.

Transition

The company has been in transition since dumping Fiorina in 2005. Fiorina's successor Mark Hurd left in 2010 amid allegations of sexual harassment.

The next CEO, Leo Apotheker, was set to get rid of the PC business before he departed. But he led a \$10 billion deal for Autonomy that became the object of lawsuits and probes into accounting irregularities at the British software firm. The market value of HP today is roughly \$50 billion-less than half of its annual revenues-compared with nearly \$300 billion for Facebook, \$500 billion for Alphabet and almost \$700 billion for Apple. Some on Wall Street parlance see opportunity in the breakup because HP's stock has been beaten down by concerns about its ability to compete. The breakup into two separate companies "will unlock value for shareholders, as it allows each separate company to better focus on their core markets," said Deutsche Bank analyst Sherri Scribner in a research note.

Peter Burris at Forrester Research said the new structure offers an opportunity after numerous missteps by the company. "Compaq was a portfolio of a lot of underperforming companies. It didn't serve HP's shareholders and customers as well as it might have," Burris said.

"History has shown that HP could have spent its time differently." More recently, Burris said the company "has been showing signs of life on the execution front" but "it has to dramatically accelerate its execution and get the job done."—AFP



NEW YORK: Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina speaks while Compaq CEO Michael Capellas listens at an investors meeting in New York.— AP

BRITAIN TO UNVEIL NEW ONLINE SPYING LAWS

LONDON: Britain's government gave the first details yesterday of contested plans to update Internet spying laws to keep pace with the digital age. The proposed law comes as intelligence agencies and police grapple with monitoring terrorist activity online amid a debate sparked by Edward Snowden over government access to personal data online.

Home Secretary Theresa May told the BBC that the measures would not ban encryption and "will not be giving powers to go through people's browsing history".

However, the authorities will be able to look at Internet and social media activity if they get a special warrant. Such warrants are currently issued by May but this authority could be handed to judges under the new measures. Technology companies will reportedly have to keep records of emails and people's use of social media sites like WhatsApp and Facebook for 12 months and authorities will be able to access this with a second warrant.

The disclosures came ahead of Wednesday's release of the draft

Investigatory Powers Bill.

It will be scrutinized by a committee

of lawmakers, allowing changes to be made before it is formally debated by parliament. Britain's intelligence chiefs have issued a string of warnings in recent months about the dangers posed by terrorist organizations recruiting and planning attacks online.

In a rare public speech last week, the head of domestic spying agency MI5 Andrew Parker said Britain was under threat "on a scale and at a tempo that I have not seen before".

He highlighted the Islamic State (IS) group's "sophisticated exploitation of technology" through "the full range of modern communications tools to spread its message of hate and to inspire extremists".

The previous coalition government led by Prime Minister David Cameron wanted to pass a law covering similar issues, dubbed a "snoopers' charter" by critics, but was blocked by junior coalition partners the Liberal Democrats as too intrusive. Since winning May's general election outright though with a small majority, Cameron has more room for manoeuvre but is still likely to face opposition from some in his Conservative party over the measures. —AFP

POLISH OMBUDSMAN SAYS IVF BILL DISCRIMINATES AGAINST SINGLE WOMEN

WARSAW: Poland's ombudsman has recognise the child as his. This underchallenged a new law on in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) as unconstitutional, saying it should not stop single women who started the procedure before the changed rules came into effect from completing

IVF treatment has been available in Poland for more than two decades but the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic country passed legislation regulating it only this year, becoming the last European Union member to do so.

In its current form, the law - which came into force yesterday - does not allow a woman to undergo the treatment unless she names a man who will

mines the legal rights of single women who have already began the procedure using sperm from an anonymous donor. the ombudsman's office said, requesting the constitutional court to review the

The issue stirred a heated debate ahead of last Sunday's parliamentary election, won by the conservative Law and Justice, which shares many Roman Catholic views on social issues.

The Church opposes in-vitro fertilisation, saying it divorces marital sex from procreation and could result in the

destruction of fertilised embryos. Under the new law, a deep-frozen embryos fertilised with donated sperm 20-year waiting period, or after the will be in a legal limbo unless the single women involved can find a male partner to claim it as his. It is possible that some women may seek to enter fictitious relationships to conclude the procedure, Karolina Miksa, legal expert at the ombudsman's office, said on Friday.

"It's possible to imagine a variety of ways for a woman to bypass this regulation, but no one should be forced to do so," Miksa said.

UNUSED EMBRYOS

The ombudsman's office is also questioning the part of the bill that allows for unused embryos to be donated after a providers of the genetic material die.

"Against the will of a female donor and even without her knowing - an other woman could give birth to a child developed from her (egg cell)," its statement said, adding that this could undermine a constitutional freedom to decide on having children.

It may take years for the constitutional court to analyse the ombudsman's application, which does not stop the bill from coming into force, Miksa said.

Should the court rule that the parts questioned by the ombudsman are unconstitutional, they may be removed from the bill. Alternatively, the court

could order parliament to amend the legislation.

Separately, the ombudsman's office is analysing whether depriving all single women of access to the procedure does not violate the constitution, Miksa said.

The bill, drafted and approved by the ruling Civic Platform party, has been repeatedly attacked by the largest opposition party, the conservative Law and Justice (PiS), which said it did not offer enough protection to embryos.

PiS, which won an outright majority in Poland's parliamentary election last Sunday and is due to form the next government, has signalled it will seek to amend the bill. — Reuters

NOVARTIS, JUNO FACE HURDLES FOR NEW BLOOD CANCER DRUGS

NEW YORK: As drugmakers including 25,000 new US cases of the aggressive blood Novartis, Juno Therapeutics and Kite Pharma race to launch what may be the most effective treatments ever seen for leukemia and other blood cancers, they are grappling with how to make them widely available in a reliable and cost-efficient way. The new therapies, known as CART cells, are made by extracting immune system T cells from an individual patient, altering their DNA to sharpen their ability to spot and kill cancer cells, and infusing them back into the same patient. In some early-stage clinical trials, the treatments eliminated all trace of leukemia and lymphoma in 40 percent to 90 percent of patients who had run out of other options. Industry analysts expect CAR T cell therapies will begin to reach the market in 2017 and command prices of up to \$450,000 if such remarkable results are replicated in larger trials. The cost is for a one-time application after which, if it works, signs of the cancer are eliminated and the patient needs

no more treatment. "CAR T cell treatments are one of great advances in cancer therapy in the last decade," said Dr. James Ferrara, head of hematological cancer research at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, who has not personally tested them, but believes they could become the standard of care among the estimated 10,000 U.S. patients who have exhausted other treatment options. "In patients that have been unresponsive to the most effective therapies we have, including bone marrow transplants, leukemia seems to completely disappear."

But the production process takes about two weeks per patient, representing a challenge to provide individualized medications for large numbers of people. Wall Street expects Swiss-based Novartis, which owns a New Jersey plant already producing CAR T cells for its clinical trials, to seek approval next year for the first CAR T cell therapy, months before its smaller rivals.

Global facility

Novartis bought the facility in 2013 from Dendreon, whose Provenge treatment for prostate cancer also required a personalized manufacturing process but failed to take off, leading the company into bankruptcy. "We feel confident we can scale up to thousands of patients a year with a true global facility," said Usman Azam, Novartis' head of cell and gene therapies. That would be enough to satisfy commercial demand for at least a few years after the treatment is first approved, he said, adding that a second plant could be built if necessary. Azam said the company's treatment, called CTL019, is "potentially curative."

Novartis plans to seek US approval next year for CTL019 in children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) - a cancer caused by uncontrolled proliferation of immature white blood cells that can cause death within a year of its diagnosis. About 6,000 Americans annually are diagnosed with ALL, about 60 percent of them under age 20.

In 2017, Novartis will aim for a far bigger market: patients with the most common form of non-Hodgkins lymphoma, called diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL). An estimated cancer, and 10,000 deaths from it, are seen

each year. Kite and Juno in recent months have leased factories that they are retooling. In the meantime, they are using contract manufacturers for batches of their experimental cells now being used in clinical trials, the companies said. Kite is converting two leased plants. One facility, near its headquarters in Santa Monica, California, will make CART cells used in studies. A larger plant in El Segundo, California, will make commercial supplies of KTE-C19, Kite's treatment for diffuse large Bcell lymphoma, in time for a hoped-for launch in 2017 that would put it neck and neck with Novartis. David Chang, Kite's chief medical officer, expects to be able to process enough CART cells for as many as 5,000 patients annu-

"That should cover the initial launch of KTE-C19 and maybe the first two to three years afterward," Chang said. Kite will minimize overhead and manufacturing costs by building individual modules that can each handle a patient's cells and then "building out" with more factory modules as demand increases,

Juno plans early next year to begin operations at a plant it is leasing in Bothell, Washington. It will seek approval for its JCAR015 treatment for adult ALL by early 2017. The Seattle-based company is testing other CART cells for pediatric ALL, non-Hodgkins lymphoma and other cancers.

The cost equation

Novartis, by already making CAR T cells used in its clinical trials, is better poised than Kite and Juno to move smoothly onto commercial production, said Morningstar analyst Stefan Quenneville.

"A big pharmaceutical company like Novartis has the internal resources to manage these types of things and a lot of experience manufacturing different products and dealing with regulators," Quenneville said.

Smaller Juno and Kite may be less able to control manufacturing costs, and may need to charge even higher prices that would only be justified if their treatments are exceptionally effective, said Wedbush Securities analyst David Nierengarten. "If their therapies cost \$50,000 to \$150,000 to make, clearly they'd need to have a \$250,000 to \$450,000 price point," he said, but only a potential cure could justify the higher range. Novartis may charge between \$200,000 and \$300,000 for its treat-

ment, Nierengarten said. Drugmakers typically want an 85 percent profit margin for new products and the same expectations will likely hold among companies making CAR T cells, said James Kuo, a biotech analyst with Northland Capital

Juno's treatment, under that formula, would likely be priced at about \$300,000 for its initial use in treating adult ALL and generate annual sales of \$250 million by 2020, if approved, Kuo said. That would assume a \$45,000 cost per patient of manufacturing the cell therapy. — Reuters



PARIS: US actor Sean Penn listens to French minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy Segolene Royal at the ministry during a meeting to talk about the UN climate conference COP21 yesterday in Paris. — AFP

HOLLANDE HEADS TO BEIJING AHEAD OF KEY CLIMATE SUMMIT

UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE BEGINS IN PARIS

PARIS: French President François Hollande heads to China today to try and persuade Beijing, a key country in the fight against global warming, to give a decisive push to negotiations

ahead of a key climate conference in Paris. China alone produces about 25 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, making it the biggest polluter on the planet and a major player in the fate of the upcoming UN climate change conference which begins in the French capital on November 30.

The main aim of Hollande's trip is to secure a strong joint statement from his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, ahead of the crunch talks in Paris to secure a global climate pact. The conference, which will be attended by at least 80 world leaders including Xi and US President Barack Obama, seeks to unite all the world's nations in a single agreement on tackling climate change, with the goal of capping warming at two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-Industrial Revolution levels.

Emissions quota system

Ahead of Hollande's visit, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius, who will chair the Paris summit, and China's climate change envoy Xie Zhenhua have engaged in lengthy discussions over the draft of the joint declaration. Talks have largely stalled over the mechanism for following up on commitments by the 195 countries heels of a similar visit by German Chancellor attending the conference: France is calling for a "legally binding" mechanism with a review every five years, while China has ruled out any kind of ounitive system.

China, which was blamed for scuppering a 2009 UN climate summit in Copenhagen, has already promised its carbon dioxide emissions will peak "by around 2030" in a symbolic announcement in June. And in September, Beijing also committed in a joint declaration with the United States to set up a national emissions quota system in 2017. As the giant of the G77 group of emerging economies, Beijing is well placed to put pressure on its partners at the conference, particularly India, the world's fourthlargest emitter of greenhouse gases. India has effectively rejected calls to limit its use of heavily polluting coal, saying it is vital to meet the needs of its burgeoning economy and that its growth cannot be limited by environmental conditions. Delhi has pointed the finger at wealthy developed countries as mostly to blame for global warming.

Following Merkel

Travelling with Hollande is a delegation of around 40 business leaders as well as the ministers of foreign affairs, ecology and finance. The French president's China trip comes hot on the

Angela Merkel, who arrived on Thursday hoping to drum up business.

Several major EU countries including Germany, France and Britain are wooing China in the hope of winning business and becoming hubs for the growing overseas trade of its yuan

Hollande's first stop will be the southwestern city of Chongqing before he flies to Beijing, where he will be received by Xi at the Great Hall of the People before talks between the two.

On Tuesday, Hollande will meet with the China Entrepreneur Club, which comprises top executives and industrialists, for talks on the Chinese economy, the second-largest in the world but which this year is expected to see its lowest growth in 25 years.

He will end his visit by addressing a Chinese-French business forum on the economy and climate, and holding talks with Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang and the head of the Chinese parliament.

The French president will then fly to Seoul, where his message on climate change is likely to be better received. South Korea is home to the headquarters of the UN's Green Climate Fund, a mechanism for transferring funds from developed to developing nations to help them counter the effects of climate change. — AFP

IRAQ COMBATS CHOLERA WITH MASSIVE VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

BAGHDAD: Iraq is carrying out a major vaccination campaign to combat a cholera outbreak that has infected more than 2,200 people, the health ministry said yesterday.

The campaign, focused on vaccinating people displaced by conflict including the war with the Islamic State group, began Saturday, health minister Adeela Hammoud Hussein said in a statement. The World Health Organisation shipped more than 500,000 doses of oral cholera vaccine to Iraq, enough to treat some 250,000 people.

According to the WHO, there have been more than 2,200 cases of cholera in the current outbreak. In the Jamiyah area of western Baghdad at a camp made up of rows of white tents, a medical team in a small room administered doses of the vaccine to both adults and children.

They were then given cards with their names and the date of their vaccination,

and told to return after two weeks. Akram Meshal, a 25-year-old from the city of Ramadi, which was seized by the jihadist IS in May, came with his wife and two children to be vaccinated. "I really wanted to be one of the first families to receive the vaccine, because I am afraid,"

Meshal said. "I tremble when I hear of cholera, especially among the displaced," he said. Iraqi authorities have blamed the cholera



BAGHDAD: Iragis get vaccinated for cholera at the university district in Baghdad, yesterday. The number of cholera cases in Iraq has risen to more than 1,800 and authorities have blamed the cholera outbreak mostly on the poor quality of water caused by the low level of the Euphrates. — AFP

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And the WHO has said that: "The provision of safe water, sanitation and personal hygiene will continue to be the critical cholera prevention and control measures." After a short incubation period of two to five days, cholera causes severe diarrhoea, draining the body of its water. The United Nations says the number of people displaced by conflict in Iraq since the start of 2014 has topped 3.2 million. — AFP

INDIA'S CHOKED CAPITAL STARTS 'POLLUTION TOLL' FOR TRUCKS

NEW DELHI: Delhi yesterday introduced a toll for all trucks and commercial vehicles in an attempt to improve air quality in the world's most polluted capital ahead of Diwali celebrations. Trucks are banned from entering the Indian capital during the day, but every night after 8pm more than 50,000 pour in, according to the Delhi-based Centre for Science and

Environment (CSE). The independent centre says lorries account for nearly a third of the pollution in Delhi, adding to a toxic mix of industrial fumes and dust from construction sites to produce hazardous levels of smog. Last month, India's Supreme Court approved a fourmonth trial plan to charge light commercial vehicles an extra 700 rupees (\$11) and large trucks 1,300 rupees to enter Delhi. "The legal principle on which this charge has been levied is the principle of 'polluter pays", Supreme Court lawyer Harish Salve, whose

petition prompted the October 12 order, told AFP. Successive Delhi governments have faced flak for failing to curb pollution in the Indian capital, whose air quality is worse than even Beijing's. A World Health Organization study of 1,600 cities released last year showed Delhi had the world's highest annual average concentration of small airborne particles known as PM 2.5. These fine particles of less than 2.5 micrometres in diameter are linked to higher rates of chronic bronchitis, lung cancer and heart disease as they settle into the lungs and can pass into the bloodstream. Many trucks transit through Delhi only to avoid paying tolls outside the city, and authorities hope the new toll will encourage drivers to use alternative routes.

'Won't solve problems'

But some have expressed doubts over how effectively it will be enforced, especially after authorities failed to implement a 2001 Supreme Court order banning trucks from passing through the city.

Greenpeace India said the order, which excludes passenger vehicles, oil tankers and trucks carrying foodstuffs, would only divert pollution rather than reduce it, and that drivers would be able to circumvent the toll by using unchecked entries.

"We have to see the effectiveness of it, but this is not going to solve all the problems," campaigner Sunil Dahiya told AFP. The city is expected to have the world's highest number of premature deaths due to air pollution by 2025 with nearly 32,000 fatalities, according to a study by Germany's Max Planck Institute for Chemistry. With more than 8.5 million vehicles on Delhi's roads and 1,400 new cars being added every day, city authorities will have

The city annually experiences a deterioration in air quality when winter sets in as farmers in neighbouring states begin the mass burning of stubble that follows the harvest.

their work cut out to reduce pollution.

Smoke from open fires lit by the poor to keep warm adds to the problem, while Diwali, the Hindu festival of light, traditionally sees Delhi fill with

acrid smoke from firecrackers. Delhi held its first "car-free day" last weekalthough it restricted the initiative to the city centre and chose a public holiday, when traffic would in any case have been much lower than usual. — AFP

CLINTON ARCHIVES REVEAL AIDS FUND CHIEF PUSHED OUT IN 2012

WASHINGTON: A series of recently released emails by former US secretary of state Hillary Clinton contradict the official motive given for Michel Kazatchkine leaving his top post at The Global Fund to Fight AIDS in 2012.

The partially redacted email exchanges between US officials, available on the State Department's website since Friday reveal that the Fund's board had criticized the Frenchman's "poor fiscal management" and unanimously backed his departure.

They also appear to confirm reports that Kazatchkine was pushed out in part over accusations that \$2.8 million were handed out without proper accountabil-

ity by the Fund to a campaign launched by the wife of French then-president Nicolas Sarkozy.

The campaign, Born HIV-free, was separate from the Fondation Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, which received no public funds, Bruni-Sarkozy insisted at the time. Kazatchkine's fate was decided during a board meeting for the Genevabased Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, in the Ghanaian capital Accra in November 2011

Hillary Clinton, then serving as top US diplomat, was kept abreast of the developments, with the United States exerting much pressure for the Frenchman to step down.

A high-level panel cited Kazatchkine for "weak management of secretariat operations, a fractured relationship with the Fund's inspector general and insufficient attention to oversight of funds," State Department special advisor John Monahan wrote to Clinton's chief of staff Cheryl Mills. The message came ahead of a planned telephone call between Clinton and Alain Juppe, French thenforeign minister.

On the first day of its meeting, the Fund's board decided to dismiss Kazatchkine by December 31, 2011, wrote then US global AIDS coordinator Eric Goosby.

'Thrown under the bus'

"French and EC (European Commission) representative threw MK under the bus when the board chair presented a letter to the board from the CFO that referred to unapproved funds at 2.8 mil for FLO Fr," Goosby said, referring to Bruni-Sarkozy as first lady of France.

"We had votes anyway after personnel review but this made it unanimous." Monahan said that the "board found MK's performance to be poor, particularly in internal management issues."

In order to circumvent Kazatchkine, the board authorized the appointment of a general manager who would report directly to the board. "MK will have choice to resign, stay (in newly-defined ED role), or fight in court," Monahan added, using an acronym for executive director. On January 24, 2012, Kazatchkine announced his resignation citing a "matter of principle," insisting it had nothing to do with his links to Bruni-Sarkozy. That position was backed by the Fund's then chairman of the board, Simon Bland.

According to the Fund, the \$2.8 million were distributed in line with usual procedures. Kazatchkine and Bland's offices did not immediately respond to questions for comment, nor did the French Foreign Ministry or Bruni-Sarkozy. — AFP

US REACHES SETTLEMENT WITH 457 HOSPITALS OVER CARDIAC DEVICE

WASHINGTON: The Justice Department said Friday that it had reached settlements totaling more than \$250 million with hundreds of hospitals where doctors implanted cardiac devices in violation of Medicare coverage requirements.

The settlements encompass nearly 500 hospitals in 43 states where cardioverter defibrillators were implanted in Medicare patients too soon after they suffered a heart attack, had heart bypass surgery or angioplasty.

Medicare sets waiting periods of up to 90 days before implanting the \$25,000 devices, which deliver mild electric shocks to restore a normal heart rhythm. Clinical trials have shown the heart often recovers its own rhythm during that time, making the pricey defibrillators unnecessary.

"The settlements announced today demonstrate the Department of Justice's commitment to protect Medicare dollars and federal health benefits," said Wifredo A. Ferrer, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. "Guided by a panel of leading cardiologists and the review of thousands of patients' charts, the extensive investigation

behind the settlements was heavily influenced by evidence-based medicine."

A 2011 study led by researchers at Duke University of 111,707 patients that received cardioverter defibrillators found that nearly a quarter received no clinical benefit. Those patients were also shown to develop significantly more post-procedural complications, including death.

The settlements, said to be among the largest of their kind, are the result of a federal whistleblower lawsuit filed in Florida 7 years ago by cardiac nurse Leatrice Ford Richards and Thomas Schuhmann, a health care reimbursement consultant.

Under the False Claims Act, the whistleblowers will reap about \$38 million from the settlements. A portion of that will go to Bryan Vroon, their Atlanta-based attorney.

Among the large health-care providers involved, Hospital Corporation of America, headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, agreed to pay \$15.8 million. Ascension Health, of St. Louis, Missouri, settled for \$14.9 million. The Justice Department says it continues to investigate additional hospitals. — AP



IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN MAINTAINING A HEALTHY HEART

29% of deaths in Kuwait attributed to coronary artery disease



CALIFORNIA: In this undated image obtained from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), (L-R) Svante Paabo, Ed Green, Adrian Briggs and Johannes Krause, who were involved in sequencing the Neandertal genome, pose with a skeleton. Modern humans most likely interbred with Neanderthals, according to landmark genome analysis that shed light May 6, 2010 on how we evolved differently from our prehistoric cousins. "We can now say that, in all probability, there was gene flow from Neanderthals to modern humans," said Richard Green of the University of California, Santa Cruz, one of the leaders of the research. — AFP

KUWAIT: Professor Andrew Taylor, an expert in Cardiology for Great Ormond Street Hospital, discusses the importance of children maintaining a healthy heart in order for them to live a long and healthy life. "Research has shown that those who have high risk factors going into adulthood are likely to have heart problems in later life. Now is the time to plan for the future." Professor Taylor explains. "The more that you control the risk factors the less likely you are to have associated heart problems such as coronary artery disease in the future."

Research conducted by the World Health Organisation has shown that cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of the death in the world. Coronary artery disease accounts for a large amount of those deaths, with an estimate 29% of all deaths in Kuwait being attributed to coronary artery disease. Coronary artery disease has a series of symptoms and can present differently: Typically coronary artery disease occurs when the lining inside a coronary artery becomes hardened, stiffened and swollen with fatty deposits inside the artery. This limits the blood flow to the heart and a lack of oxygen to certain cells can result in a heart attack, heart muscle damage and heart muscle death

"The crucial thing is that if you have zero risk factors then you will have a very low risk profile. We can clearly see those with five risk factors have a very high chance of having a heart attack once they reach 50 years of age." Professor Taylor goes

onto clarify, "these are modifiable risk factors. Families and parents need to be aware and educate their children about the future risk to their hearts."

Lack of exercise

The risk factors that are linked to coronary artery disease are high cholesterol, hypertension, high blood sugar, smoking and lack of exercise. These can usually all be avoided, Professor Taylor explains, with a good diet, plenty of exercise and by not smoking. "There are sometimes things that can't be managed because of genetics," he continues "but by educating children about the benefits of a good diet and plenty of exercise from an early age it is hoped that the number of people with coronary artery disease in the future will be lower and lives will be saved." The Cardiorespiratory department at GOSH is one of the world's largest paediatric cardiovascular and respiratory centres. The unit provides a complete spectrum of child heart surgery services for children with congenital and acquired heart disease, as well as specialist activity in tracheal surgery, thoracic surgery, chest wall reconstruction pulmonary hypertension and heart and heart-lung transplantation. In recent years, the department have treated more children with congenital heart disease than ever before, and with excellent results.

Highest standard

Great Ormond Street Hospital in London is recognised as one of the few truly world-class hospitals for



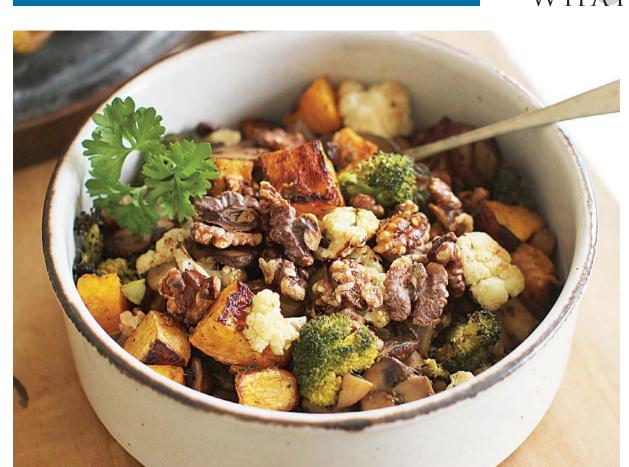
Dr Andrew Taylor

children. As a global leader, GOSH has top clinical and research experts working every day to find new and better ways to treat children. While breakthroughs and medical expertise are essential to the treatment of patients, GOSH also places great emphasis on the support and care provided for children by nurturing an open and supportive atmosphere, ensuring that parents and patients are well informed and closely involved in the treatment process. Children receive the highest standards of care and attention from the expert team of medical and support staff during their stay at GOSH, and are always treated with respect, trust, concern and openness.



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You won't miss the meat or bread in this veg-rich oven hash

By Melissa D'arabian

eading into crisper weather, I start to crave the holiday classics that beg to be made this time of year. One of my favorites is stuffing (technically "dressing" since I haven't stuffed it in the turkey ever since Alton Brown talked me out of it over a decade ago when I read his recipe for roasted turkey). Seasoned cubes of dried bread sautÈed with celery, onion, herbs and butter, then baked up to crispy-outside-soft-inside perfection? Yes, please!

Except... My extended family has three vegetarians and my daughter is gluten-free. So my challenge was how to make a dish that scratches the stuffing itch for them without making it seem like the ugly duckling of the Thanksgiving table. The solution ended up being a roasted vegetable medley that I promise will be the most-requested recipe of your holiday. It is that good, and full of nutrients, too.

To make that happen, I rely on a mix of roasted vegetables for a caramelized sweetness that feels roasty and homey. And I add meaty mushrooms sautÈed in garlic and the trifecta of holiday cooking herbs: rosemary, sage and thyme. A Granny Smith apple cut into tiny cubes brings just enough acid for depth, while a surprise little hero tucked into the recipe - toasted walnuts - adds texture, along with some nice healthy fats to fill up vegetarians who will be skipping the turkey. Easy, healthy and satisfying. Your healthy or vegan or gluten-free guests will feel satisfied, not sidelined.

VEGGIE OVEN HASH Ingredients

Start to finish: 40 minutes

Servings: 8

2 1/2 cups (3/4 pound) cubed butternut squash (1-inch cubes)
Olive oil

Salt and ground black pepper

- 2 cups (1/3 pound) small cauliflower florets
- 2 cups (1/3 pound) small broccoli florets
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 ounces cremini mushrooms, sliced (cut in half if slices are larger than bite-sized)
 - 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and diced
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
 - 1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh sage 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup toasted walnuts, roughly chopped

Preparation

Heat the oven to 400 F. Line 2 rimmed baking sheets with kitchen parchment or foil. Mound the squash on one of the prepared baking sheets then drizzle with about 1 teaspoon of oil. Toss to coat, then season with salt and pepper. Arrange in an even layer, then roast until tender, 30 to 35 minutes, turning once or twice.

While the squash is roasting, mound the cauliflower and broccoli on the second sheet. Drizzle them with 2 teaspoons of oil, season with salt and pepper, then arrange in an even layer and roast for 25 minutes, turning halfway through, or until the cauliflower is golden. All of the vegetables should finish roasting around the same time. Set aside to cool.

Meanwhile, in a large saute pan over medium, heat 1 tablespoon of oil. Add the onion and celery and cook until translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and mushrooms, then saute until the mushrooms are starting to get tender, about 7 minutes. Add the apple, thyme, rosemary and sage, then cook another 5 minutes, or until the mushrooms are tender (but not floppy). Stir in the lemon juice, remove from the heat and transfer to a large bowl. Add the slightly cooled roasted vegetables and the toasted walnuts. Stir and adjust seasoning if needed. —AP

Healthy rice salad is more treat than trick

By Melissa d'Arabian

Rice salads are a summertime staple, perfect for picnics and al fresco dining. It just makes delicious sense. They are versatile, unfussy and can be served warm, room temp or chilled. Rice salads also are the perfect side dish that can be turned into a main meal just by adding some rotisserie chicken, tofu or fish.

But when the weather turns a little cooler, I want a version that manages to capture the benefits of the summer staple while managing to bring in the flavors of fall. This black rice autumn salad fits the bill perfectly.

My kids call this "Halloween salad" because of the orange and black color scheme. Cubes of butternut squash are dusted with pumpkin pie spice for a hint of cold weather coziness, while grapefruit and orange segments add brightness and freshness. Hazelnuts add crunch, and a tangy cider vinegar dressing (with just a splash of soy sauce and warming ginger) make this simple salad surprisingly complex in flavor. To turn it into a light main dish, just add some steamed shrimp.

The star of the autumn salad is the black rice. Once a rare item to find, it now can often be found at most well-stocked supermarkets, often by the name forbidden rice. And it's a great healthy choice. Black rice is higher in protein, iron and fiber than even brown rice. The texture is heartier, too, and it has a pleasant nutty flavor. Note that black rice takes about twice as long to cook as white rice, so plan ahead. But it keeps its texture very well, so you can make a batch in advance and keep it in the refrigerator for several days to use in salads and soups all week.

Black Rice Autumn Salad Ingredients

For the salad:

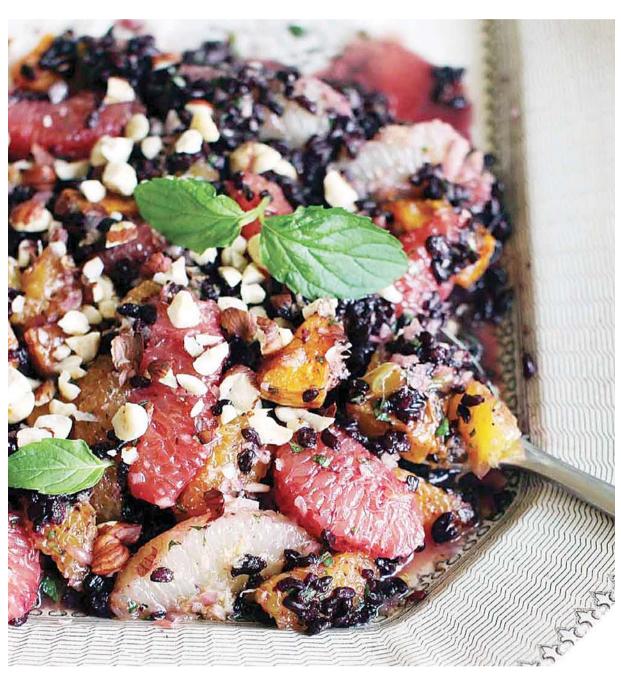
- 1/2 pound peeled, seeded and cubed (1 inch) butternut squash
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 2 cups cooked black rice, cooled 2 cups orange or grapefruit segments (or mixed)
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint

For the dressing:

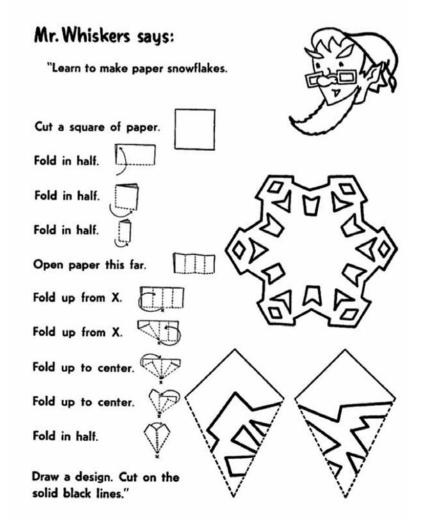
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup orange or grapefruit juice (reserved from cutting the segments)
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 large shallot, minced
 - 1/4 cup hazelnuts, toasted and roughly chopped

Preparation

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with kitchen parchment. Mound the squash on the prepared baking sheet, then drizzle with the oil, pumpkin pie spice, and a generous pinch each of salt and pepper. Mix to coat evenly, then spread in an even layer. Roast until tender, but not falling apart, about 20 minutes, turning halfway through. Set aside to cool. In a large bowl, mix together the rice, citrus and mint. In a small bowl, make the dressing by whisking together all the ingredients except the shallot and hazelnuts. Once the vinaigrette is smooth, add in the shallots. Add the cooled butternut squash and dressing to the rice and mix to coat. Sprinkle with hazelnuts. Serve at room temperature or chilled. Serves 6.—AP



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ALGHANIM INDUSTRIES HOSTS ITS SECOND ANNUAL HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL ADMISSIONS EVENT

Ighanim Industries, one of the largest, region, hosted and sponsored their ond annual MBA admissions event in coordination with Harvard Business School (HBS). The event took place at Jumeirah Messilah Beach hotel on 21October 2015, and provided aspiring applicants with key insights into Harvard Business School's fulltime MBA program.

Information about one of the world's most prestigious institutions, Harvard Business School, was provided by Philip Andrews who represented HBS Admissions Office. Special guests included Dr Brian J Hall, the Albert H Gordon Professor of Business Administration at HBS, who spoke on the topic: "Are you a value creator or value claimer?". The agenda also included a panel discussion which featured five prominent HBS alumni who spoke about their experience at the university: Faisal Al-Hamad, Managing Director of NBK Capital,

Mohamed Eissa, Managing Director in Gulf privately owned companies in the Gulf Investment Corporation, Abdullah Al Zabin, Founder and CEO of Lumba (mobile gaming company), Khaled Jafar, Director at Kuwait Bruckner Contracting Company Faisal Al Meshal, Director in Alghanim Industries.

Harvard Business School alumni and Vice President in Alghanim Industries, Hashim Gillani (MBA 2002),introduced the event on behalf of the company. Mr Gillani said during his opening remarks, "We are truly honored to have with us some of Kuwait's best and brightest Harvard Business School alumni to tell us their stories and what their higher education meant to them. It is also a distinct pleasure to have Dr Brian J Hall, one of Harvard's finest educators, with us tonight to transport us to the Harvard Business School classroom."

The keynote speech was then delivered by Omar K Alghanim - Chief Executive Officer, Alghanim Industries - who received his MBA

from Harvard Business School in 2002. When reflecting on the benefits of higher education, Mr Alghanim said, "It's to teach us how to think. It's to develop our critical faculties. to teach us how to research, how to analyze, how to reason and how to form independent judgments. But that's not all. It's also to teach us how to be and how not to be; and what to do and what not to do. It's to make us stronger, bigger, better people. It's essential to be able to form independent judgments, but it's not enough. You've also got to know how to trust and defend them. To put it another way, higher education exists, in part, to make us more courageous."

At the opening of the panel discussion, NBK Capital Managing Director, Faisal Al-Hamad said, "I would like to encourage you all to apply for your MBA and attend universities such as Harvard. The education you receive here prepares you, not only for challenges you face at work, but those you will face

throughout your life. It enables you to think quickly and communicate efficiently, and gives you access to a range of perspectives that eventually make you a better leader. Finally, an institution such as Harvard allows you to benefit from the experiences of the best and brightest throughout your two year journey and form lasting relationships that I value to this day." Mr Al-Hamad went on to say, "I would like to thank Omar Alghanim and Alghanim Industries for hosting this event. I would also like to thank Hashim Gillani for taking the initiative and organizing this event every year. " Mr Al-Hamad received his MBA from Harvard Business School in 2005.

On his part, Mohamed Eissa, Managing Director in Gulf Investment Corporation commented, "Top tier universities such as Harvard allow you to explore different career opportunities and paths that exist to become successful. You gain access to alumni and their experiences. Feedback on your progress from

predecessors can guide you to selecting the path that suits you best. This guidance extends beyond learning about careers, and even prepares you in how to present yourself to potential employers, whether it is through assistance in creating resumes or advice on the interview process. It is much more than higher education. What you gain is the ability to plan your future with some of the most capable experts in the world."

Prior to the presentation and speakers, the attendees interested in applying to Harvard Business School enjoyed a reception where they got to interact with the hosts, the guest speakers and the representative from the admissions office, who traveled from Cambridge, Massachusetts, to be at this event. Alghanim Industries' second Harvard Business School MBA Admissions event was open to the public and enjoyed an attendance of more than 130 youth interested in pursuing a higher education.

CANADIANS IN KUWAIT HOLDS SEASONS GREETING EVENT

anadians in Kuwait (CiK) a social networking organization for Canadian expat community based in Kuwait celebrated the current season for its members and guests with a grand event with pomp and color at Safir Hotel - Fintas on 23rd October, 2014.

Ishtiaq Malik - CiK President welcomed the dignitaries, members and guests on behalf of CiK. Ambassador of Canada - Martine Moreau addressed the audience by greeting Canadian community in Kuwait with season's greetings and appreciated CiK for holding this event.

Ishtiaq Malik thanked special guests Joey Hood - Deputy Chief of Mission at American Embassy, Tammy Ames - Counselor Commercial in Embassy of Canada, Randy Williams -President AUSA Kuwait Chapter, Mr. Scott Beverly - Chairman ABCK, Ibrahim Alhamad - President AusBG,

CRYCHESS 2015

■ riends of CRY Club (FOCC),



Martine Moreau

Lieutenant-Colonel Brook G. Bangsboll - Commanding Officer.

Ishtiaq Malik said that CiK shares Canadian culture with other expats communities in Kuwait, utilizing the talent and efforts of its members. CiK's top agenda is to promote Canada's national traditions and events in Kuwait. The past one year was very



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active, CiK had conducted several successful events for its members to enjoy their time in Kuwait. The membership to CiK has grown substantially. CiK website is proven to be very informative with weekly news updates and is beneficial to its members.

Ishtiaq Malik appreciated the CiK Executive Board for their relentless

efforts, energy and enthusiasm towards CiK. Reza Mehrabi - Managing Finance, Keith Edwards - Secretary, Tracey Mackenzie - Membership, MOE - Events Planner, Tammy Ragany -Events Planner, Christophe Holdrinet, George Apostolou, Zeina Nehme and Sussan Stanley.

Special thanks to CiK sponsors for their generous support to make the event successful: CANON - Dherar Hamad, Kuwait Times -Adnan Saad, KARZ Supermarket - Moussa Hamad, Royal Digital Computer Center - Imran Nasim, Crowne Plaza Hotel -Leo Perera, Movenpick Hotel Al Bida'a -Mario Bassil & Safir Hotel Fintas - Murli, Cedric, Raja and Ahmad Shalaby. CiK President also thanked Lorie Beverly -ABCK, Sheeba Pius - BBF and Angelina Lantaca for supporting this CiK event. Canadian Community in Kuwait enjoyed the gathering with their families and friends.



KALA-KUWAIT TO HOLD DRAWING AND PAINTING COMPETITION

announces a rescheduled dates for children's chess tournament 2015. rerala Art Lovers Association, KALA-Kuwait, "CRYchess 2015" will be held at the Gulf the oldest among Indian Associations, is Indian School (GIS), Fahaheel, on Friday, working constructively in the Indian Society, 06th November 2015, from 0930 - 1630 upholding the rich cultural heritage of the nation. hrs. It is open to all School children. The KALA has verities of programs, covering different players will be placed into groups, allosections of the society. Art & Cultural promotions, cated by their age, to play in the Swiss Malayalam Education program, Seminars & pairing format. Medals and certificates Symposiums, literary programs, Award functions are awarded to all participating children and charity for destitute. Now KALA-Kuwait is again and first 3 positions in each group win putting here a milestone....with "Mazhavillu-2015" trophies. For more details, registration Drawing & Painting competitions for Indian School forms, rules of CRYChess 2015, please vis-Children, to discover the true talents. The competiit http://www.focckwt.org/ or contact tions are classified into four categories, as follows, FOCC members.

with several prizes. Kindergarten (LKG & UKG), Sub-Junior: (Class I-IV), Junior (Class V-VIII) & Senior (Class IX-XII) The competitions will start at 1.30 pm on 13th November 2015 at Indian Carmel School, Khaitan and results will be announced on 20th November 2015. The school with highest aggregate points will be awarded with the "Mazhavillu-2015 Trophy". The prize distribution schedule and venue shall be announced later. Online registrations are open at our websites www.kalakuwait.com Participants may please carry the filled form to be handed over in the venue while collecting chest

CELEBRATIONS AT EMBASSY OF GEORGIA

■he Embassy of Georgia to the State of Kuwait celebrated on the occasion of National Day of the country where the Georgian Ambassador H.E Roland Beridze received a delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ambassadors of other countries as

well as the Georgian community. Along with this, there was also a co-congratulatory celebration of Dar Maedaty Company the owner of

Paradise Resort Investment based in Georgia. During the celebration, he was presented a documentary film about Paradise Resort Investment. A distribution of booklets about the resort and hotel services was provided and the audience expressed their admiration towards Paradise Resort Investment. We invite you to visit Georgia which considered one of the most beautiful countries in all seasons.



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06:00 The Fosters 07:00 Witches Of Witches Of East End Sleepy Hollow

11:30 Pim And Pom: The Big

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06:00 Kourtney & Kim Take New

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15:00 Guy's Grocery Games

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21:00 Food Court Wars

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10:15 Who's Doing The Dishes?

11:10 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night

06:10 Who's Doing The Dishes?

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09:20 The Chase: Celebrity

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16:30 Agatha Christie's Partners In

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04:00 Marry Me

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06:30 Til Death

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09:30 Benched

10:30 Til Death

Jimmy Fallon

12:00 Community

12:30 Marry Me

13:30 Til Death

14:30 Benched

15:30 Last Man Standing

18:00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine

19:00 Hot In Cleveland

Community

23:00 Man Seeking Woman

19:30 2 Broke Girls

23:30 Community

16:30 Community 17:00 Late Night With Seth Meyers

21:00 Last Man Standing21:30 Last Week Tonight With John

02:00 Silicon Valley 02:30 Man Seeking Woman

04:30 The Tonight Show Starring

07:00 Late Night With Seth Meyers

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The Jonathan Ross Show

13:25 Emmerdale

18:00 The Pioneer Woman

20:00 Guy's Grocery Games

18:30 Trisha's Southern Kitchen

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03:00 Jenny Morris Cooks The

14:05 Hollywood Cycle

06:55 Keeping Up With The

Kardashians

07:50 Style Star

08:20 E! News 09:15 Giuliana & Bill

12:05 E! News

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18:00 E! News

20:00 House Of DVF

21:00 Hollywood Cycle

23:00 Sex With Brody

With Matt Moran

04:00 Mystery Diners

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10:00 The Kitchen

12:00 Chopped 13:00 Guy's Big Bite

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00:20 Shetland

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18:00 RoboCop-PG15 20:00 Let's Be Cops-PG15

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06:30 Dialogue 07:00 News Hour

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10:30 Sports Scene

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18:30 Best Of Quest 19:00 Connect The World With Becky Anderson 20:00 World Sport 20:30 Winning Post

21:00 CNN Newsroom 21:30 African Voices 22:00 CNN Newsroom 22:30 Vital Signs With Dr. Sanjay Gupta 23:00 Fareed Zakaria GPS

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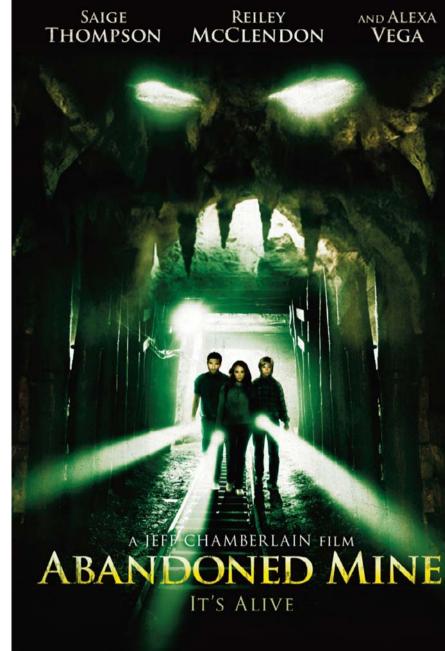
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KNCC PROGRAMME FROM THURSDAY TO WEDNESDAY (29/10/2015 TO 04/11/2015)

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Seeking alliance for Marthoma Girl 31, 151 cm, M.A. Teacher, divorced, from educated non alcoholic smoker boys. Email: shaadimeonly@gmail.com (C 5065) 29-10-2015 Passport No. M7062597, R/o Diguvanallaguttapalli Village, Guttapalli Post, Sambepalli Mandal, Kadapa Dist, A.P., Changed my name as Muhammad Arshad. (C 5063) 26-10-2015

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Modapothula Elamma holder of Indian Passport No. G1689507 has converted Islam by name Shaik Ayesha, address 3/65, K.S Agraharam Chitvel, Kadapa, A.P. (C 5064) 28-10-2015

I, Morasudhakar, holder of Indian Passport No. L5934350, R/o Nakkapalli Village, Kumpinipuram Post, Nandalur Mandal, Kadapa Dist, A.P., Changed my name as Muhammad

I, Potturi Harshavardhana Naidu, holder of Indian

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Art Director, Jordanian, BA Graphic Design, 12 years experience with international agencies (Dubai, Riyadh & Amman) in Marketing, advertising, graphic skills, Web Design, Story boarding, Creative Solution & Mobile Design, Proficient in Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign, seeks job in Kuwait, please call +966 582 904 264 or e-mail mamoonalqutob@gmail.com Note: I can visit Kuwait without visa. (C 5059)

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- Afghanistan or its people. 12. (computer science) A computer that is running software that allows users to leave messages and access information of general
- interest.
- 15. Tear or be torn violently. 16. Any of various small short-tailed rodents of the northern hemisphere having soft fur gray above and white below with well-furred
- tails and large ears. 17. A former agency (from 1946 to 1974) that was responsible for research into atomic energy and its peacetime uses in the United States.
- 18. A unit of area (4840 square yards) used in English-speaking countries.
- 19. An inscription on a tombstone or monument in memory of the person buried there. 20. The cry made by sheep.
- 21. The female or generative principle.
- 23. Broadcasting visual images of stationary or moving objects.
- 24. (of hair) "auburn hair". 26. Someone who takes spoils or plunder (as
- in war). 29. A name for the Old Testament God as
- transliterated from the Hebrew YHVH.
- 30. A volcanic island republic in Melanesia. 34. A light touch or stroke.
- 38. (in Scotland or Ireland) A mountain or tall 39. An organization of countries formed in
- 1961 to agree on a common policy for the sale of petroleum. 44. With the mouth wide open as in wonder
- 47. Antibiotic-resistant mycoplasma causing a kind of pneumonia in humans. 48. The Uralic language spoken by the
- Yeniseian people. 50. A chain of more than 200 islands about
- 400 miles long in the western central Pacific
- 51. Informal terms for a meal. 52. A region of Malaysia in northeastern
- 53. A city in southern Turkey on the Seyhan
- 54. A metric unit of volume equal to one tenth of a liter.
- 55. Take in solid food.
- 57. Aromatic bulb used as seasoning. 58. A complete metric system of units of measurement for scientists.
- 59. A soft gray malleable metallic element that resembles tin but discolors on exposure
- to air.
- 61. Any plant of the genus Erica. 64. A decree that prohibits something.
- 66. A condition (mostly in boys) characterized by behavioral and learning disorders.
- 71. The seventh month of the Moslem calen-
- 73. The principal evil jinni in Islamic mytholo-
- gy.
 75. Any of numerous local fertility and nature deities worshipped by ancient Semitic peo-
- 76. Extremely robust. 79. An internationally recognized distress sig-
- nal in radio code. 80. Expel or eject (saliva or phlegm or spu-
- tum) from the mouth. 81. Brownish Old World bunting often eaten
- as a delicacy. 82. The compass point midway between east and southeast.

DOWN

- 1. Understanding of the nature or meaning or quality or magnitude of something.
- 2. Chinese fruit having a thin brittle shell enclosing a sweet jellylike pulp and a single seed.
- 3. Trade name for an oral contraceptive containing estradiol and norgestrel.
- 4. In a submissive or spiritless manner. 5. (used of an anchor) Hanging clear of the
- bottom.
- 6. A man who is much concerned with his dress and appearance.
- 7. Abnormally enlarged thyroid gland. 8. A television system that has more than the
- usual number of lines per frame so its pictures show more detail. 9. A constellation in the southern hemi-
- sphere near Telescopium and Norma. 10. 1 species.
- 11. Goddess of spring and wife of Bragi. 12. Used as a Hindi courtesy title.
- 13. Massive plantigrade carnivorous or omnivorous mammals with long shaggy coats and strong claws. The act of scanning.
- 22. An official language of the Republic of South Africa.
- 25. A unit of heat equal to the amount of heat required to raise one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit at one atmosphere
- pressure. 27. A unit of energy equal to the work done by an electron accelerated through a potential difference of 1 volt.
- 28. A sudden loss of consciousness resulting when the rupture or occlusion of a blood
- vessel leads to oxygen lack in the brain. 31. A promontory in northern Morocco opposite the Rock of Gibraltar.
- 32. Someone who pays rent to use land or a building or a car that is owned by someone
- 33. Of or relating to a nail or claw or hoof. 35. Strike with disgust or revulsion.
- 36. Endless loop of flexible material between two rotating shafts or pulleys. 37. New Zealand conifer.
- 40. Ratio of the hypotenuse to the opposite
- side. 41. Tested and proved useful or correct.
- 42. (Irish) Mother of the ancient Irish gods. 43. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.
- 45. Of or relating to abasia (inability to walk). 46. A tricycle (usually propelled by pedalling). 49. A person who is gullible and easy to take advantage of.
- 56. According to the Old Testament he was a pagan king of Israel and husband of Jezebel
- (9th century BC).
- 60. A former province of western France in
- the Loire valley. 62. A genus of Laridae.
- 63. Lower in esteem.
- 65. An association of people to promote the welfare of senior citizens. 67. Dearly loved.
- 68. Of or being the lowest female voice.
- 69. A mountainous landlocked communist state in southeastern Asia.
- 70. Other than what is under consideration or implied.
- 72. Used of a single unit or thing. 74. Sandwich filled with slices of bacon and
- tomato with lettuce. 77. A polyvalent metallic element that resembles chromium and tungsten in its
- 78. Half the width of an em.

Yesterday's Solution

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STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

You're less inclined to hide your feelings today, even if you think that what you say could make others rather uncomfortable. You're not particularly interested in stirring up any conflict now, yet you won't likely let a battle of wills stop your revelation. Share what you must, but think twice before you just blurt out something that you later wish you didn't. Sometimes your first thought is not your best one when it comes to matters of the heart. Bite your tongue before you hurt someone you love.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You want your actions to speak louder than your words so that others can see your good intentions at work. A creative Venus-Mars conjunction in your 5th House of Self-Expression pushes you to do more and talk less. But your motives might be misunderstood unless you also inform everyone of your agenda. Unfortunately, assuming that someone else will accurately interpret your behavior could land you in hot water. Act proactively; avert an unnecessary crisis by taking the extra step and explaining your plans first.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You may be swept up in an emotional current that weaves together several separate threads of your life. Fortunately, there isn't much that you need to do to prepare since the integration could come rather naturally now. The one obstacle that could block your way is your desire to logically understand each of your choices. Rational mastery is a dead-end street today; it's time to simply go with the flow of your feelings and trust your heart to lead you in the right direction.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

There's a lot of turmoil simmering beneath the surface today, even though you might appear to put up a good front when you think anyone is looking. However, if you don't let others know what you need, you can't blame them if you don't get what you want. You can inadvertently increase your dissatisfaction by keeping your feelings quiet or you can make the most of the fiery Leo Moon's energy and share your heart's desires. Speak now or forever hold your peace.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

Distractions pop up so quickly today that it's crucial to maintain your focus. It's best to handle each situation as it occurs rather than letting your feelings accumulate, even if you're pulled one way and then another. You are tempted to give a blow-by-blow description of your changing moods now that the emotive Moon is hanging out in your sign. But sharing too much information is counterproductive when you have so much important work to do. Filtering out the noise helps you deliver a message others are willing to support.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

If you are still waiting for the perfect moment to declare what's on your mind, weigh the alternatives one last time and then speak your piece today. Although roaring like a lion isn't necessarily your style, shining the light on your accomplishments now is a strategic thing to do. Keep in mind that people won't think any less of you if you finally stand up and accept the recognition that you deserve. There's nothing wrong with taking pride in your work, especially when it inspires you to manifest your highest potential.

WORD SEARCH

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Libra (September 23-October 22)

You might not be very clear about your destination now, but you're still eagerly anticipating what's next. Mental Mercury slips out of your sign today, shifting your perspective and encouraging you to invent new ways to express your creativity. Nevertheless, don't begin your new venture in stealth mode. Take this cosmic opportunity to discuss your tentative plans without hesitation. Putting your options into words will help you decide on the best course of action. Thankfully, sharing your inspiration with others gives you just the boost of confidence you need to reach for the stars.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Your powerful emotions could leave you feeling awkward today if there's no place to express them in your social interactions. The passion conjured up by the sexy Venus-Mars conjunction may be difficult to explain, especially with the presence of mischievous Mercury in your sign. Although you Scorpions were built to withstand pressure, your friends might be uncomfortable with your disclosure. Nevertheless, it's not your job to sweep things under the rug. If honesty is the best policy, than remaining true to your heart is the kindest thing you can do for everyone involved.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

You can't restrain the tide of desire that is welling up inside you, but you still might feel like it's not possible to tell others what you want. You may try to suppress your emotions because the thought of discussing them makes you anxious. But acting like nothing is wrong isn't a path to happiness, either. Even if you think your feelings will only get in the way of an otherwise uncomplicated day, rest assured that saying what's on your mind is better than remaining silent. The amount of relief alone is worth pushing past your fears. If you can't be authentic with your friends, then it's time to make some new ones.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Although you can't escape your commitments, you might also crave some welldeserved downtime. Fortunately, you can get away with doing a little less at work now, but your desire to impress others with your competence doesn't leave a lot of room for relaxation. However, there's no need to be so hard on yourself for you probably have much higher expectations than anyone else. Taking a break today allows you to shine even brighter tomorrow.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

Love could be in the air today, yet it's up to you to make the magic happen. Luckily, you can express your feelings in a deeply personal manner, even if the tantalizing Venus-Mars conjunction doesn't have you buzzing with romantic energy. You may be extremely serious about accomplishing your goals, but you still prefer to collaborate with a playful partner now. Strike up a conversation with someone who can make you laugh while still adding meaning to your already impressive body of work. A connection of the heart inspires your creative process.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Finalizing your itinerary for an upcoming trip might make practical sense today, but you could miss a chance to strengthen a relationship bond unless you set priorities and stick to them. It's not that you lack follow-through; it's just you could be easily distracted by a future goal that pulls you away from an emotional connection in the present moment. Don't be overly judgmental of yourself or anyone else. Just keep bringing your thoughts back to the power of now and eventually you'll return to what is most important to your heart.

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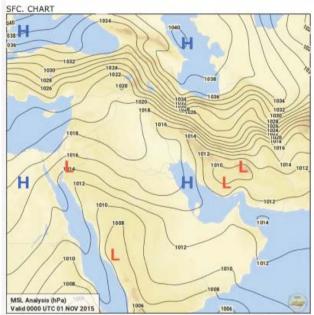
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Four-Day Forecast

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Max Temp °C	28	27	29	29
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Wind Speed km/h	08 - 28	10 - 32	08 - 18	15 - 40

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Gossip



Disick plans to remain in rehab until early 2016

cott Disick plans to remain in rehab for 90 days. The 32-year-old star has reportedly promised ex-girlfriend Kourtney Kardashian, 36, and her mother, Kris Jenner, he will continue his treatment at the Cliffside Malibu in California until early January after they warned him they would fight his bid to gain joint custody of their children, Mason, five, Penelope, three, and Reign, 10 months, if he leaves the program early. A source close to the 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians' star, who checked into the luxurious treatment center more than two weeks ago after three brief attempts to seek help for his drug and alcohol issues in the past, said: "Kris and Kourtney have set the terms that he is to stay in treatment for a total of 90 days, with the option to do outpatient after one month. "They told him that anything less is not acceptable and will prevent him from obtaining joint custody. "He was left with no other choice. Kris also told him that all of his friends are enablers and he has to get rid of them if he wants to really get better. He knows that he needs to 86 all of his buddies from his life." The Kardashian family matriarch, 59, brought Scott's three children to visit him at the facility this week and he plans to do everything he can to get his life back on track. The insider told gossip website RadarOnline.com: "Scott is actually taking this seriously. He told the them all that he will do whatever they want him to do so that he can remain a full-time father to his children."

Allen pens song in memory of late son



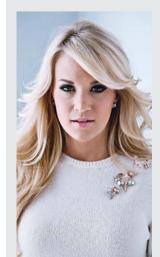
ily Allen has revealed her late baby son inspired the song she wrote for the movie ■'Pan'. The 30-year-old singer penned 'Something's Not Right' in memory of the child she tragically delivered stillborn six months into her pregnancy in 2010 after contracting a viral infection. After the birth, the musician was admitted to hospital and treated for septicaemia. Lily who has two daughters, Ethel, three, and two year old Marnie with her husband Sam Cooper - took to Twitter to make a series of deeply personal posts on the site and direct fans to a YouTube page where you can listen to the track from the Hugh Jackman led fantasy film. The pop star also urged her followers to donate to Sands, the stillbirth and neonatal charity. On Tuesday she wrote: "5 years ago today I was admitted to hospital. 4 days later I delivered a beautiful baby boy, but sadly he didn't make it ... It's unlike me to discuss this sort of thing so publicly but I wrote this song in his memory when writing something for @panmovie ... please listen and if you fancy it, you could donate in his memory love, lil x (sic)" In 'Something's Not Right', Lily sings the heartfelt lyrics: "Something's not right / There aren't many stars in the sky tonight / Something's not right / Cause I know that it's day but it's dark outside / And I feel a weight in my heart tonight. "We had forever / We never got it together / They kept telling me that it was unlikely / All I had to do was keep you beside me." Previously discussing the emotional torment she went through due to the stillbirth, Lily revealed: "It was horrendous ... I have dealt with it, you know, as being at one with it. But it's not something that you get over."

Kendall and **Kylie Jenner** voted Most **Influential Teens**





Underwood fancies Sir Patrick Stewart



Tarrie Underwood has a "massive crush" on Sir Patrick Stewart. The 'Smoke Break' hitmaker, who has seven-month-old son Isaiah with husband Mike Fisher, admits she has always been attracted to the 75-year-old British actor. She said: "I have a massive crush on Patrick Stewart. Always have, always will." Carrie also hinted she's a fan of the sci-fi TV series 'Star Trek,' on which Patrick played Captain Jean-Luc Picard. She told Us Weekly magazine's 25 fun facts column: "If I could have one superpower, I would choose the power of teleportation. Travel these days is so stressful. Beam me up, Scotty!" While she strongly dislikes Valentine's Day, Carrie first met professional ice hockey player Mike "at a meet and greet" and their "first kiss was on New Year's Eve when the countdown ended." Meanwhile, the country music singer admits she doesn't have very good eyesight, but won't do anything about it. She said: "I can't see very well but I refuse to wear contacts or glasses, or go to the optometrist. I'm not sure why." The blonde beauty also says she is "directionally challenged" and constantly gets lost, but considers herself a "doomsday preparer." She added: "Make fun of me, but we'll see who survives the zombie apocalypse." —Bang Showbiz



Kim pays tribute to Caitlyn Jenner

im Kardashian West says Caitlyn Jenner has shown her how to live "an authentic life." The 35-year-old reality TV star posted a gushing tribute to the former Olympian, who was known as Bruce Jenner before undergoing gender transition in May, on Instagram in honor of her 66th birthday on Wednesday. Alongside of a photograph of them enjoying a pre-birthday lunch, the pregnant 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians' star wrote: "Happy Birthday Caitlyn! Are you 66 or is Caitlyn 1? lol That was the debate at our bday lunch yesterday! Have the best day ever filled with lots of love & laughs! You have shown me what it's truly like to live an authentic life without caring what the world would think! I love you!" Kim also dedicated another message to the 'I am Cait' star, who split from her mother Kris Jenner in 2013, on her website, writing: "What a brave soul! I'm happy you are living your authentic life! You are my Woman Crush Wednesday. Happy birthday!!!" Her younger sister KhloÈ, 31, also posted a message on her own website, writing: "Happy birthday to one of the most inspirational people I know. It's your first birthday, and I couldn't be more thrilled for you to celebrate it style. Get glam, girl! (sic)" Caitlyn thanked her fans for sending her their well wishes via social media by sharing a video montage of "66 special moments from this incredible year" via Flipgram.

Spears wants Adele ticket swap

ritney Spears wants to "trade" gig tickets with Adele. The 'Toxic' hitmaker was excited to learn the 'Hello' singer wants to see her 'Piece of Me' Las Vegas show, and has offered the British star two free tickets - so long as the 28-year-old star gives her some for one of her concerts in return. She tweeted: "@Adele I'll trade you 2 tickets to my show for 2 tickets to YOURS! Stop by #PieceOfMe and say #Hello anytime!! (sic)" Britney made the posting hours after Adele - who has two-year-old son Angelo with fiance Simon Konecki - revealed in an interview her ambitions for the future. Speaking to i-D magazine, she said: "I'd like to

see Britney in Vegas. Dunno about more kids. "I'd like to make records forever with the time I've been given for this one. If I can do that I'll be really happy." Meanwhile, the 'Skyfall' singer also admitted she broke down in tears when she met one of her idols, Fleetwood Mac singer Stevie Nicks. She said: "I was sobbing all over her, oh my God. "I don't really like crying in front of famous people because it's awkward and it can make them feel really uncomfortable. But I couldn't contain myself."

tour properly. I'd like to





Vergara will have 'extravagant' bridal shower

riel Winter thinks Sofia Vergara's upcoming bridal shower will be "very extravagant." The 17-year-old actress can't wait to watch her 'Modern Family' co-star tie the knot with Joe Manganiello in Miami, Florida next month, and has no doubt the Colombian beauty, 43, will also enjoy all of the festivities leading up to their big day. Asked about her bridal shower, she said: "It'll be very extravagant. She has amazing taste." Ariel is relieved the couple have asked for donations to be made to charity of their choice in lieu of wedding gifts because she doesn't know what else to give them. She told E! News: "I'm the worst at figuring out gifts, When I buy gifts I like them to have some meaning. I'm still asking myself what to get them. What do you get a couple who has everything? They're beautiful, they've found each other, they're rich!" Ariel and Sofia's other co-star Julie Bowen recently claimed to have lots of ideas about what to get the actress for her bridal shower. She told PEOPLE.com: "She has a beautiful new house. And maybe there's a charity she's into. Something for like, poor, unfortunate supermodels. She's very, very involved with charities back in Colombia for children and education so maybe if we raise money for them on set that will be a good thing."

Barrymore supports her mother

rew Barrymore still financially supports her mother. The 'Blended' actress was emancipated from Jaid Barrymore when she was 14 years old but wouldn't be able to "function" if she knew her parent was "in need" so ensures she is taken care of. Writing in her new memoir 'Wildflower', she revealed: "I still support her-I must know that she is taken care of or I simply cannot function. "I am grateful to this woman for bringing me into this world, and it would crush me to know she was in need anywhere." Though she has little contact with her mother and

remained estranged from her father, actor John Barrymore, for most of her life, Drew - who has children Olive, three, and Frankie, 18 months, with husband Will Kopelman - is still grateful to her parents and thankful for how they shaped her into the person she is today. The 40-year-old star - who battled cocaine and alcohol abuse when she was 14 added: "It is not who I am to harbor any anger for the fact that our life together was so incredibly unorthodox. "I want only to say thank you to her, because I love my life and it takes every step to get to where you are, and if you are happy, then God bless the hard times it took you to get there." While she wasn't close to her parents, Drew had a strong bond with her 'E.T.' director Steven Spielberg, who could always

make her laugh. She wrote: "To say that we loved him is the understatement of the world. "Steven loved to freak people out with food, hence the food fights. He would put food in his mouth and then open it and say, 'See food!' and we all howled! He would dangle clams and then slurp them up, and we would all yell 'Gross!!!!!' and he loved it."

Features



Actors (left) Josh Hutcherson, Jennifer Lawrence and Liam Hemsworth attend Lionsgate's "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2" Hand and Footprint Ceremony at TCL Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, California. —AFP

Jennifer Lawrence, rare Hollywood action heroine, in 'Hunger Games' farewell

ennifer Lawrence is bidding farewell to "The Hunger Games," the wildly popular fantasy franchise that made her a megastar and rare Hollywood action heroine. Lawrence is back as bow-and-arrow badass Katniss Everdeen, leading her rebels deeper into the fight against injustice in their dystopian world in "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2," opening around the globe November 18-20. But the movie marks the final chapter in the hugely successful saga that saw Lawrence-at 25 already an Oscar winner and the world's highest-paid actress-catapulted to fame.

"I think it will be pretty bizarre when the movie is finally out and... everything is officially done," Lawrence told reporters in Los Angeles Saturday during a press preview. "This movie has been my life for so many years." The series, adapted from the teen novels of Suzanne Collins, tells the story of Katniss' battle to survive in a reality TV-style life-and-death game in a post-apocalyptic future state. In last year's "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1" she not only battled for her life, but became the symbol of a revolution.

In the finale, she tries to lead the rebellion against the totalitarian government of District 13. "I didn't really feel that I said goodbye to her," Lawrence noted of Katniss. In the final installment, Katniss must cope with the emotional instability of her lovelorn admirer Peeta, played by Josh Hutcherson, while still enjoying the support of the other man in her life, best friend Gale (Liam Hemsworth).

'Entire world changes'

Lawrence said it took her a while to adapt to her new life in the spotlight amid the massive "Hunger Games" success-and the pressure that accompanied it. "There were a few years of getting used to it, your entire world changes," she said. Fans the world over have embraced the "Hunger Games" since the first film came out in 2012, with the franchise passing the billion dollar mark at the box office. "I have a new normal now, I feel very stable and normal and happy," Lawrence said. "But the pressure... you just can't think about it."

The blockbusters have gone down in history for having a female heroine leading the fight. But "it's probably too soon to be able to look back and reflect" on the impact the films have had on the public, Lawrence said. As for herself? "I hope I've grown up," added the star, who won an Oscar for her role in the 2012 comedy "Silver Linings Playbook."

'Working woman'

Lawrence also addressed a recent blunt essay she wrote for an online feminist newsletter in which she blasted pay inequality between the sexes. "I would love to straighten up that I wasn't writing about not making as much as my male costars, as complaining about that I wasn't getting paid more because I'm a woman," she told reporters. In her post for Lenny, a newsletter co-founded by fellow actress Lena Dunham, Lawrence said that when she found out from Sony emails leaked last year that she was paid less than her male co-stars in the hit movie "American Hustle," she didn't get mad at Sony but at herself.

She went on to admit she had failed to tackle the issue out of fear of being branded "difficult" or "spoiled." Lawrence, who topped Forbes magazine's 2015 list of bestpaid actresses at \$52 million, said Saturday that she loves what she does for a living and hates "waking up without a goal." "Honestly, it's a job," she said, acknowledging that "people are going to have opinions." "I really love acting, so I really just think of myself as a working woman," she added. —AFP

Q&A: On new album, Bocelli celebrates the music of movies

tion of songs from movies, is the culmination of a longtime dream. The classically inspired singer fell in love with many songs as a child that he didn't know came from the movies. Now he has gone back to his childhood memories and recorded some of those songs, including classics like "Moon River" and "Cheek to Cheek." Pop star Ariana Grande also appears on the song "E piu ti penso." Bocelli, , fresh off a performance for Pope Francis in Philadelphia and ahead of a US tour in December, sat down with The Associated Press to discuss the album and more this

AP: Why an album of movie songs? **Bocelli:** The music of the movies is a very inspired and free and beautiful music. It's a music of freedom like a big field where the composers can gather and run wherever they want. And, finally, it is inspired by

AP: You've had a real crossover career - alternating between classical and pop music. Is there a big difference in how you approach the different forms of

Bocelli: I do my best in order to be a good inspira-

ndrea Bocelli's new album "Cinema," a collection for many people. There is a difference from the point of view of expression. Because when you sing opera you are very far from the people, you are onstage, and between you and the people there is the orchestra. So you have to launch your emotions very, very far. When you sing pop, you are singing very close - the microphone is very close to your mouth.



Andrea Bocelli poses for a portrait in New York. —AP

You can whisper your emotions into the microphone. **AP:** What's your favorite movie song?

Bocelli: There are many masterpieces. I love very much for example "Moon River" (from "Breakfast at

Tiffany's.") But I can't choose, it wouldn't be fair. AP: You recently sang for Pope Francis in

Philadelphia. What was that experience like? **Bocelli:** The pope is a very special man. (Even)

apart from religion, he's a wonderful soul.

AP: Did your children inherit a love of music from you? Can it be inherited?

Bocelli: Virginia, the last (youngest) one, sings every day. All day. The other two study piano. I think you do (inherit it), but also there's the possibility of educating people to listen to music. Because if you don't have the possibility of listening to music, you can't know if you

AP: If you hadn't become a singer, what career would you have chosen?

Bocelli: I studied law, and I was ready to be a lawyer in my country (Italy). Probably it is better for many clients that I changed my direction! But I was happy to study and I was a good student, I finished my studies. And everything that you learn is useful in life. —AP

Box Office: 'Our Brand is Crisis,' 'Burnt,' 'Scouts Guide' all bomb

■ Ilustrating the limits of star power, "Our Brand is Crisis" and "Burnt" were both roundly rejected by audiences despite the presence of Sandra Bullock and Bradley Cooper. "Our Brand is Crisis," a political satire about a spindoctor navigating a Latin American presidential election, is the worst wide release opening of Bullock's career, sliding in below 1996's "Two If By Sea" with \$4.7 million. It debuted to a dreadful \$3.4 million across 2,202 locations. Warner Bros distributed the \$28 million production.

"We're proud of the movie, we had higher expectations, and we're obviously disappointed," said Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros. distribution executive vice president. Not that Cooper fared much better playing a down-and-out chef trying to score a comeback. "Burnt" made a meagre \$5 million bowing across 2,900 theaters. The Weinstein Company distributed the critically scorched dramedy. It cost roughly \$20 million to make and was directed by John Wells ("August: Osage County")

"It's a small film and we didn't spend a ton of money on it, but we were obviously hoping for more," said Erik Lomis, the Weinstein Company's distribution chief. "We love Bradley and he worked so hard on it with John Wells. It's a passion project that hit a tough weekend." It wasn't just star power at play. Both films debuted on Halloween weekend that fell at a particularly rough time on the calendar. The holiday happened to take place on Saturday, traditionally the busiest day for movie-going, so studios were bracing for a weekend that offered up more trick than treat. Their worst fears were realized.

Overall ticket sales fell below \$75 million, the worst results of the year. The weakness of "Our Brand is Crisis" and "Burnt" enabled a group of holdovers to maintain their grip on the top spots at the box office. "The Martian" captured first place with \$11.4 million. The Fox adventure story is on pace to be the biggest domestic grossing release of Ridley

Scott's career, having made \$182.8 million since debuting in October. Second and third positions went to Sony's "Goosebumps" and Dreamworks' "Bridge of Spies" with \$9.8



made roughly \$57 million in three weeks, while "Bridge of Spies" has been one of the only adult dramas to connect, earning \$45.2 million over the same period.

The top five was rounded out by Sony's Hotel

Transylvania 2" with \$5.6 million and Lionsgate's "The Last Witch Hunter" with \$4.7 million. The pictures have made \$155.7 million and \$18.6 million domestically. "Steve Jobs," the Universal drama about the Apple founder, sank in its second weekend of wide release. The picture earned \$2.6 million, a 65% fall, bringing its domestic total to \$14.5 million. It was also a bad weekend for distribution experiments. Paramount's "Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse" was brutalized when it kicked off to roughly \$1.5 million across 1,500 locations. Its failure comes on the heels of last weekend's "Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension." Both pictures are part of an experiment that allows Paramount to debut the films digitally 17 days after it leaves most theaters in return for cutting exhibitors like AMC in on a cut of the home entertainment revenue. Usually they have to wait 90 days between a picture's theatrical debut and its digital launch. The problem is that many chains refused to show the pictures, believing that they set a dangerous precedent and threatened their theatrical exclusivity. "Scouts Guide" cost roughly \$15 million to

"Truth," a drama about "60 Minutes" controversial report on George W. Bush's National Guard service, stumbled in its wide release expansion. The Sony Pictures Classics' release moved from 18 screens to 1,120 venues, earning a dispiriting \$900,914 in the process. Its total stands at \$1.1 million. The failure of "Our Brand is Crisis" contributes to an annus horribilis for Warner Bros. The studio scored hits with "San Andreas" and "v Sniper," but has lost tens of millions on the likes of "Pan." "The Man From U.N.C.L.E.," and "Jupiter Ascending." Its hoping next year, which offers up "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" and the Harry Potter spin-off, "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," can help the studio rebound.





















People dress in costume at the Halloween Carnaval on October 31, 2015 in West Hollywood, California. Carnaval officials paid homage to the 40th anniversary of the musical comedy horror film "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" which quickly became a cult classic film when it was first released in 1975 and has since become the longest-running theatrical release in film history. The annual Halloween Carnaval attracts hundreds of thousands of people. —AP/AFP photos

Trump, bacon and creativity at NYC Halloween parade

ew York City's giant Halloween Parade brought thousands to the streets Saturday to celebrate the ghoulish and spooky from Donald Trump to witches; from bacon to a pervert in training. Organized on balmy autumnal night, it was the 42nd edition of a parade that marches up Sixth Avenue, and calls itself the largest cele-

bration of its kind in the world. Keeping it political, there were party goers dressed as Donald Trumps, the brash Republican contender for president, and a Hillary Clinton witch-puppet on a broomstick. Keeping it sporting, revelers donned Mets hats or shirts in honor of the once-moribund New York team's place in the World Series, 30 years after it last clinched victory. Rashers of bacon and posters proclaiming love for pork were also popular-just days after the United Nations warned the cured meats give you

But as befits the entertainment capital of the United States, it was above all a bonanza of pure creativity, style and sexual outrageousness. "It's our Mardi Gras," said Catherine Schuller, an image consultant who teaches fashion and is friends with the organizers. "It's the ultimate creative expression. and this is what we do best." Pediatrician Alon Leibovitz, 38, was one of those dressed as Trump, loathed by a swathe of Democratic New York for his bombastic style and opinions on immigration. "There's not that many news stories," he said. "He's very funny," he told AFP, dressed in a grey suit, Trump blonde wig and Trump campaign trucker hat promising to "Make America Great Again.

Flasher

He strapped a giant plaster-cast penis to his crotch with the strapline "Obama You're Fired"-Trump's catchphrase as a reality TV star on "The Apprentice." "It's so funny and the energy, you get together with your friends. You can be kids together," he said. Graphic designer Mimi Flow said her bodysuit spider costume, which she made herself complete with elaborate web headpiece, was inspired by a vintage photo she found online from the

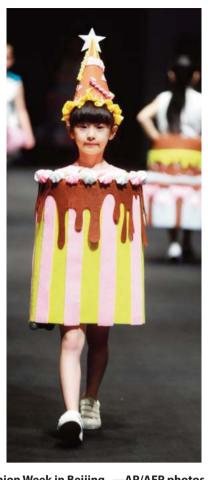
A student, who gave his name as Richard Jones, came as a flasher in a black raincoat which he flung open to reveal a flashlight and Christmas-tree lights strapped to and flashing from his briefs. "It's all about engaging people," he said leerily. A New Jersey cou-

ple came as a pair of New York cops, wondering whether people might think they were real officers. "We don't have the guns with us," explained chemical engineer Kaushal Sheth, explaining that no one had. Husband and husband-both called Chris Jordan-dressed up as street fighters for their first parade since moving to New York from Colorado, and getting married. "It's huge, it's awesome," said one of the Chrises, who works as a consultant. "There are so many people. Everyone's so excited. And everyone's wearing costumes in the subway and no one cares." —AFP













Models parading creations from Hello Kitty and My Melody Comme Tu Es Parent-child Outfit Collection at China Fashion Week in Beijing. —AP/AFP photos

China Fashion Week







Models parading creations from Chantel Gong Gong Hangyu Finery Collection designed by Gong Hangyu.







Alexa Chung feels 'uncomfortable' buying expensive clothes

he 31-year-old presenter is launching a new fashion app, Villoid, and wants it to reflect the way she mixes high street items with more high-end pieces. She said: "I didn't want to lose sight of the fact that the way I put outfits together is still more high street than high-end on a daily basis. I get invited to events and I may borrow a dress, but if I'm getting something for myself it might be from Zara, mixed with something from Liberty. "I still feel uncomfortable spending vast amounts of money on clothes.

So Villoid had to reflect that." The app allows users to create moodboards, share their style, follow friends and buy the items featured. She explained to ELLE magazine: "I want Villoid to be fashion insiders sharing in an all-encompassing way. I want to be an authority on it without being condescending. More like, 'If you need help, here we are.' Fashion is a huge part of my life but I don't necessarily feel comfortable always talking about clothes on my personal social media. I wanted a purer place for the fashion stuff to live." —Bang Showbiz



are "really elegant." The former 'Made in Chelsea' star, who has her own clothing line sold via Asos, believes the popular '90s comeback trend can make any outfit look smart and sophisticated. Asked what her favourite trends are, she told News.com.au: "I love flares ... I love widelegged trousers, I think they're really elegant. You shouldn't feel that you have to always wear a dress to a smart event. I think tailoring can also be a strong look. And more hats-I love hats." The 26-year-old beauty, who was a makeup artist before her big break on 'MiC', is preparing to launch her clothing line internationally through millie-mackintosh.com in the coming months and has admitted some of

the pieces were daring. One of the best-selling pieces was her fitted navy velvet jacket with '70s-inspired flared cuffs but the blonde beauty didn't know if the low-cut front would be too much. She explained: "It's been such a hit. It was a bit of a risky piece-it was like, will people like it or not? "It's just whether it's commercial or not, I would wear it but would every other girl I think about (wear it)? It's really low cut and it's like, would the customer wear it with something underneath or be confident to just wear it with tit tape?" However, Millie says building her fashion empire has been a learning curve and she's still trying to work things out. She added: "You just learn as you go along."









One of many talks during Dubai Design Week at the venue moderated by Mishaal Al-Gergawi with Nada Taryam, Salem Al-Qassimi, Ammar Kalo and Talin Hazbar.



Kuwait Times talk with Noorah Al-Jumah, representative of the Dubai Culture & Arts Authority and Cyril

Regional design and creativity celebrated at Dubai Design Week

By Ben Garcia

DUBAI/KUWAIT: Design is central to any creative process, highlighting aesthetic character, structure and the identity of individuals, a community or even a country. Another milestone in the design world was achieved this week with the exhibition of the Dubai Design Week, a week-long event held in Dubai to celebrate creativity and design.

Dubai Design Week successfully achieved its goals/objectives to celebrate design with designers from 25 different countries and 90 well-known brands showcasing their work in pavilions installed throughout downtown Dubai.

Held under the patronage of HH Sheikha Latifa bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, Vice Chairman of the Dubai Culture & Arts Authority, DDW included seminars, workshops and displays of innovative products and designs paraded in the venues. Dubai Design District (D3) served as the epicenter of activities in which most of the events took place.

"Participants have doubled this time from visitors to the people who exhibited their innovative products companies. The event itself has started very strong. We are very happy about the turnout and as you witness the great effort put together here by many people. It is rewarding to see the many satisfied faces of both participants and visitors. This is another milestone for Dubai Design Week event," said Cyril Zammit, Head of Design at Art Dubai

Visitors to DDW were treated with the mostly exciting and unique designs which they showcased in biggest exhibition facilities (many in D3) which have mixed of contemporary and iconic brand designs. But designs were also distributed in downtown areas Dubai, some of them were installed in the strategic locations such as public places

Each installation carried a sense of belonging and ownership of the place where it was located such as the historic village near the creek within Dubai's municipality. Some of the installations there were creation of local designers such as Ali-Shammaraie, Latifa Saeed and Talin Hazbar. There many other installations displayed near the Palms project and many other places.

Not to mention the amazing display of home and furniture designs at the 'Downtown Design Tent' where never seen design innovations were also showcased. There are works of students too from about ten universities around the world. They are displayed under Global Grad Show. The expo is a world-class exhibition of the most innovative projects of students as they are considered to be the next world's emerging designers. Interestingly, such display includes a heart reading apparatus which read and collects heart rate data and visualizes it at the help of the pen plotter. Another was a device to help Parkinson's patients' increases the independence and reduces burden to fami-

Dubai creative design scene has been organically growing according to Noorah Al-Jumah, the representative of the Dubai Culture & Arts Authority. "We in the government sector oversee all the efforts being done and contributed by private entities. We always collaborate and support each other. I think that is the unique thing about us as compared to other countries in the world. We are still learning and we are young, but we are growing in many ways and this is the very step in the right direction. If you compare Dubai 15 years ago, it's completely different because every year there's something new in the neighborhood but it was carefully planned and place there precisely with proper planning and studying. Hosting this big event is another credentials as fast growing and creative deisgn capital in the world," she added.

In a statement Latifa bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, Vice Chairman Dubai Culture & Arts Authority said that the venue provides emerging talents the opportunity to meet and interact with international professional designers. 'This is rare opportunity to witness the leading designs creation and in return, discuss their work, which will serve as an inspiration for them to unlock their creative potential, hone their craft and develop their own design styles," she added.

Kuwait on its part participated in the design week through 'Abwab', concept to celebrate and showcase various designers in MENASA region. Besides Kuwait, this year's participating countries include Jordan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates. Abwab designs showcased the never seen before design Games: The Element of Play Culture. Meanwhile, Kuwait has featured curator Waleed Shaalan, with his Team Designers Osama Hadeed, Liane Al-Ghussain and Abdulaziz Al-Khandari. (Read Waleed Shaalan exclusive interview on



























Revelers take park during the 42nd Annual Halloween Parade in New York City. $\,-\,$ AFP

Feathers fly over Thailand's lucrative cockfighting pits

he cry of roosters drowns out the roar of engines beneath a Bangkok flyover as all eyes are trained on two sparring birds, a bloody, high stakes battle in a country where cockfighting is big business. The birds do not usually fight to the death, as in many parts of the world, but they can still inflict fatal damage to their opponents in contests almost always accompanied by lucrative gambling. For the few dozen men surrounding a technically illegal but tolerated underpass ring, cockfighting is as much a generations-old Thai tradition as it is commerce.

"Probably it's genetic as my parents like cockfighting too," a 42-year-old electrician from northeast Loei province told AFP as he cradled his battered but still-standing "Little Red" at half-time. Like most of the working-class men priming their roosters, the ponytailed and tattooed man-who withheld his name-began cockfighting in his rural birth-place before bringing the hobby to the heart of the Thai capital where he now lives.

While they risk up to two years in jail for gambling at an unregistered ring, authorities routinely turn a blind eye to such activities. Thailand is dotted with much larger, official cockfighting stadiums that draw vast, bigspending crowds. At the Bangkok Cockpit in Samut Prakan, a province on the outskirts of the capital, a 1,000-strong throng cheers on a pair of avian fighters whose necks are locked in combat as bets furiously exchange hands. "We don't think it's violence as it's a kind of sport," said regular punter Suwan Cheunchom, 35, after winning 500 baht on a round which ended in a tie. His prize is on the lower end of a betting spectrum in a nation where most forms of gambling are outlawed.

A few weeks later the same stadium raked in 22.2 million baht (\$618,000) for a record-breaking bet, venue manager Banjerd Janyai



Cocks fighting on a makeshift ring under a highway in central Bangkok. — AFP photos

told AFP. In this lucrative industry "good fighting birds" can sell for more than \$85,000, he added, with Thailand exporting cocks to neighboring countries such as Malaysia and Indonesia and buyers arriving from as far afield as France and Bahrain.

'Exploiting culture'

Unlike in the Philippines, where roosters can be seen fighting with blades attached to their feet, Thailand's birds usually compete with their spurs wrapped in fabric. The cocks are judged on their fighting prowess rather than their ability to kill, with proponents like Banjerd arguing such protections mean "there

are not many injuries". "It's a way to preserve ancient Thai culture and pass it on to our children," said the 50-year-old. Champion birds attract a cult following like "muay thai" kickboxers, with entire magazines dedicated to the bloodsport. But some Thais are fighting for an end to the practice in a country where the concept of animal welfare is only slowly emerging.

"It's torture, from any point of view. But the people who get involved claim that it's the nature of the animal to fight," said Roger Lohanan, founder of Thai Animal Guardians Association. Late last year Thailand introduced its first-ever animal welfare law after years of

campaigning by animal rights groups. The legislation bans "torture and cruelty towards animals" but exempts activities deemed part of the country's traditions such as bull and cock fighting. Roger says profit-mongers are "exploiting culture" to make money at a time when most Thais agree cockfighting is outdated. "There are a lot of influential people behind cockfighting," he says, who benefit though the gambling as well as the industry that has risen around it from the hormones used to plump the birds to the wicker baskets they are reared in. The official view supports cockfighting as an intrinsic part of Thai culture.

"We've had cockfighting since ancient times, for more than 700 years," said Pitsanu Prapatananun from Thailand's interior ministry, which encourages raising the birds in local communities as a form of "extra income".

Back at the underground ring, men suck out blood pooled in the necks of their fowls in between bouts-a sign, the Loei electrician says, that shows how much they all care for birds they have painstakingly raised. "We suck out the blood from the neck so it feels refreshed and better," he said. "The longer he can fight the stronger and more valuable he will be." — AFP



Birds standing in cages ahead of cock fight.



Cocks fighting on a makeshift ring under a highway in central Bangkok.



Men watching as cocks fight on a makeshift ring under a highway in Bangkok.



Men cleaning and feeding their birds in between cock fights at a makeshift.