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## KUWAIT SENTENCES FIVE IS SUSPECTS TO 10 YEARS IN JAIL

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### KUWAIT TO PROBE PLANE STOWAWAY

By Sara Ahmed

**KUWAIT:** The Ministry of Interior has formed an investigation committee to uncover how an Asian man was able to stow away on a plane that was carrying the Ministry's Undersecretary General Sulaiman Al-Fahad and his accompanying delegation to an Interpol General Assembly meeting in Rwanda. Deputy Premier and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah has ordered the formation of the committee immediately after the stowaway was caught, the MOI's public relations department said in a press statement. The ministry will not tolerate those who failed to bear their responsibility and allowed such incidents to take place, it warned.

The man allegedly claimed he had snuck onto the plane in a bid to reach the United States. He was discovered as the plane was readying to take off and confessed when confronted. The pilot contacted the control tower and informed them that he wanted to abort the takeoff and return to the gate. The stowaway was referred to the security authorities and the plane was able to take off after half an hour, security sources said. The plane was located near the VIP hall at the airport, with a higher security detail used for state officials.



**SIMBACH:** Migrants walk to a first registration point of the German federal police after they crossed the Austrian-German border in the small Bavarian village of Simbach, southern Germany, yesterday. — AFP

By B Izzak

**KUWAIT:** The criminal court yesterday sentenced five men to 10 years in jail each for financing the Islamic State group known as Da'esh and ordered that two of the convicts to be deported for being foreigners. The court also acquitted two other men from the charges which included raising funds for the jihadist group which is fighting in Syria and Iraq and training members on the use of arms.

The men were accused of raising around KD 400,000 and transferring them to Da'esh through the United Arab Emirates and Turkey. The ruling can still be challenged before the appeals and supreme courts.

Kuwaiti courts have in the past year issued several verdicts against people supporting or sympathizing with the Islamic State which claimed the worst bombing in Kuwait in June. A Saudi suicide bomber blew himself up in a Shiite mosque killing 26 people and wounding 227 others.

The criminal court in September sentenced seven men to death, five in absentia, for assisting the Saudi bomber. Eight others were handed jail terms from two to 15 years. The case is currently in the appeals stage.

In other cases, the criminal court yesterday postponed until November 23 the case involving MP Abdulhameed Dashti who is charged with making highly critical comments against Bahrain, a member of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) state. The postponement came after Dashti declined to make his defense arguments as was instructed by the court and instead sued the foreign ministry for making the accusations against him.

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### 5 CITIZENS, 16 EGYPTIANS ARRESTED

HAWALLY MALL BRAWL AND MACABRE MURDER

By A Saleh & Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** Five Kuwaitis and 16 Egyptians were in custody yesterday in connection with the raging brawl that resulted in the death of an Egyptian expat outside a shopping mall in Hawally on Saturday night, the Ministry of Interior's Relations and Security Media Department said yesterday. The statement said investigations are currently underway and two Kuwaitis and ten Egyptians were arrested yesterday taking the total number of suspects to 21 for their involvement in the fight and the macabre killing that created a state of chaos in the area, terrifying passersby and blocking the traffic. The department added that all technical methods were being pursued to identify the suspects involved in the crime and that those who violated laws and regulations would be punished.

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### KUWAIT OIL OUTPUT REACHES 2.8M BPD

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's crude oil production hit 2.8 million barrels per day (bpd) by the end of the fiscal year 2014-2015, less than the targeted 2.9 million bpd, the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) said yesterday.

In its recently-issued 2014-2015 annual report, the company noted that the 140,000bpd shortage in output, was mainly due to the decline of production capacity south, east and north of Kuwait. The report attributed the decrease to the delay of contracts for derricks and maintenance of new wells, the latter for reasons related to deep drilling and repeatedly irregular electricity from

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**ISTANBUL:** Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (left) speaks to supporters after morning prayers at Eyup Sultan Mosque in Istanbul yesterday. — AP

### ERDOGAN URGES RESPECT FOR HIS PARTY'S VICTORY

**ISTANBUL:** Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan yesterday hailed a big victory for his ruling party in the country's parliamentary election and demanded the world respect the result. The ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP, secured a stunning victory in Sunday's snap parliamentary election, sweeping back into single-party rule only five months after losing it.

With all of the ballots counted early yesterday, the preliminary results showed that the party won more than 49 percent of the votes. It was projected to get 317 seats in the 550-member parliament, restoring the party's single-party majority that it had lost in a June election.

Turkish financial assets were buoyant yesterday after the AKP's victory as investors hoped it will bring an end to a long period of political uncertainty. The Turkish lira was one big beneficiary from the result, surging by 5 percent or so on foreign exchange markets. "The whole world must show respect. So far I haven't seen such a maturity from the world," Erdogan said after attending prayers at a mosque and visiting his parents' graves.

It was an apparent reference to Western media's often critical coverage of AKP's policies in the past few years, including the ruling party's backsliding on democratic

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KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah chairs the cabinet's meeting yesterday. — KUNA

## CABINET TASKS FM WITH LEGAL ACTION TO TERMINATE AGREEMENT WITH OCA

**KUWAIT:** The cabinet yesterday entrusted the Foreign Ministry and other relevant bodies with taking necessary legal procedures to break off the agreement between the Kuwaiti government and the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), of Law 6/2006. The decision was made during the routine cabinet meeting held at Bayan Palace under chairmanships of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. The meeting reviewed the sports scene in Kuwait in the wake of the recent decision by the Executive Board (EB) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) suspending the Kuwait Olympic Committee (KOC), said Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah.

As the meeting started, the ministers were informed of a message from the British Prime Minister David Cameron inviting His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to attend a conference for donors to the Syrian people, slated for February in London.

In his message, Cameron lauded His Highness the Amir's leading humanitarian role supporting the Syrian people, manifested in the First, Second and Third International Humanitarian Pledging Conferences for Syria, Kuwait hosted over three successive years, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah added.

The cabinet was also apprised of the message His Highness the Amir received from Russian President Vladimir Putin on Moscow's efforts to counter terrorism and terrorist organizations. The meeting was given notice of two messages from Presidents of the Republic of Chad Idriss Deby, and the Republic of Vanuatu Baldwin Lonsdale, on means of enhancing bilateral ties in all fields.

### Amir's address

Meanwhile, the cabinet emphasized the significance of His Highness the Amir's address at the inauguration of the National Assembly's 4th session of the 14th legislative term last week,

the Cabinet Affairs Minister stated. The address accurately diagnosed the challenges and risks facing Kuwait amid regional developments, escalation and tension.

The meeting underlined His Highness the Amir's directives that consolidate the potential of national unity, maintain the nation's security and stability, push ahead the wheel of development and reform, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah said. His Highness the Amir stressed the necessity of carrying on with economic reform and the confrontation against corruption, underlining the importance of cooperation between the government and the National Assembly to achieve the aspired goals of the nation.

### National assembly

During yesterday's meeting, the cabinet discussed the National Assembly agenda, focusing on today's grilling session. MP Mohammad Al-Enezi had submitted an interpellation against Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State for Planning and Development Hind Al-Subaih. The ministers commended the Al-Subaih's convincing replies to all the pivots of the request, noting that the outcome of the grilling was a consolidation of the healthy parliamentary practice. They congratulated the minister. Then, First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah briefed the cabinet on the recent visit to Kuwait by Swedish Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom and Defense Minister Peter Hultqvist. The visit addressed bilateral relations and joint coordination toward the latest developments on the regional and the international arenas.

In the meantime, the cabinet approved and referred to His Highness the Amir a draft bill amending article 200 repeated of Kuwait's Code of Criminal Procedure No. 17/1960. The bill will later find its way to the National Assembly.

The cabinet reviewed a recommendation by the legal affairs committee on setting up a

Kuwaiti-Canadian university in Kuwait, whose core task will be to enrich the intellectual, scientific and applied scene of the Kuwaiti society.

### Labor market

It will also work on fulfilling the needs of the labor market, as well as contributing to developing the society and handling its problems through scientific research. The cabinet also approved two draft decrees pertinent to a memo of understanding for cooperation between Kuwait and Japan in the field of infrastructure, and an agreement in the field of cultural and technical cooperation between Kuwait and Senegal.

It then reviewed a report presented by Minister of Justice, Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Yaqoub Al-Sanea on cases related to public funds as a prelude to sending them to the National Assembly. The cabinet also offered heartfelt condolence to Russian President Vladimir Putin and the people of Russia over the victims of the recent Russian air crash in Egypt's Sinai.

### Saudi mosque attack

Meanwhile, the cabinet condemned a recent 'terrorist attack targeting a mosque in Najran in Saudi Arabia, which left one worshipper dead and several others wounded. The cabinet said in a statement following its customary meeting that Kuwait rejects such terrorist acts that run counter with all human values and norms.

It also wished those injured in the attack swift recovery and Saudi Arabia everlasting security and stability. One person was killed and others were injured last week when a suicide bomber blew himself up inside a mosque in the Saudi southern city of Najran, the Interior Ministry said. The suicide bomber, who was wearing an explosive belt, entered the Mashhad Mosque in the Dahdha neighborhood while worshippers were leaving after performing Maghreb prayers, it said. — KUNA



KUWAIT: First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah receives the UN Resident Coordinator and the UNDP Resident Representative in Kuwait Zineb Benjelloun. — KUNA

## FM RECEIVES UN COORDINATOR

**KUWAIT:** First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah yesterday received the UN Resident Coordinator and the UNDP Resident Representative in Kuwait Zineb Benjelloun. During the meeting, the UN official submitted to Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled her credentials as a Resident Coordinator for the UN in Kuwait.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Foreign Minister for the Minister's Office Ambassador Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Mohammad Al-Sabah, Assistant Foreign Minister for International Organizations Ambassador Jassem Mubarak Al-Mubarak and Deputy Foreign Minister for Protocol Ambassador Dhari Ajran Al-Ajran. — KUNA

## PRINCE KHALIFA: BAHRAIN, KUWAIT ENJOY 'DISTINGUISHED' TIES

**MANAMA:** Bahraini Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa said Sunday that the Bahrain-Kuwait relations are 'distinguished' based on love and brotherhood thanks to the fathers and grandfathers of the two countries.

Prince Khalifa made the statement while receiving Kuwaiti army's Deputy Chief of Staff Sheikh Abdullah Nawaf Al-Sabah and President of National Security Bureau Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah after participating in the Manama Dialogue which concluded today, Bahrain News Agency (BNA) reported.

Prince Khalifa stressed the Kingdom's keen-

ness on bolstering cooperation between the two brotherly countries and opening several fields to meet the aspirations of the two countries and their peoples, BNA said. He also underlined the importance of meetings of international and regional senior officials, like the Manama Dialogue, in unifying visions and ideas on the region's security and stability.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Abdullah and Sheikh Thamer stressed the importance of Prince Khalifa's efforts aiming to boost cooperation between the two countries, lauding bilateral relations under the two leaderships.

Separately, the Diplomatic Corps' Dean and the State of Kuwait's Ambassador to Bahrain, Sheikh Azzam Mubarak Al-Sabah, has lauded the Kuwaiti participation in the Manama Dialogue noting the team's keenness on ensuring its success. Ambassador Sheikh Azzam said the Kuwaiti delegation's participation at the forum brought into the limelight "the state contributions to a lot of crucial issues in the region, particularly humanitarian affairs." He was alluding to Kuwait's substantial aid to nations in need in the Middle East—such as the war-stricken Syrian people.—KUNA

## INFO MINISTER UNDERLINES CULTURAL DIALOGUE



MUSCAT: Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah attends the opening session of the 9th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers. — KUNA

**MUSCAT:** Kuwaiti Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah stressed yesterday the importance of cultural dialogue and reconciliation in light of the cultural and media scene in the Muslim world.

The minister made his remarks in the opening session of the 9th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held under the auspices of Oman's Minister of Tradition and Culture and President of the conference Haitham bin Tareq Al-Said and attended by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Chairman Ayad Madani.

Sheikh Salman called for shedding light on tolerance in Islam and avoiding ideological confrontations, asserting Islam as a contributor to other civilizations and cultures. The minister also conveyed greetings on behalf of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to Sultan bin Qaboos bin Said and to the Omani leadership. Sheikh Salman praised the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) for organizing the 9th Islamic Conference, including efforts exerted by ISESCO's Director General Abdulaziz Al-Tuwajri for designating Niwza City as the Capital of Islamic Culture for 2015. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Yaqoub Al-Sane and Algerian Ambassador to Kuwait Areef Khamisi cut the ceremony's cake at the Algerian embassy during the national day celebration. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

## AWQAF TO TACKLE UNLICENSED MOSQUES

**KUWAIT:** Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Yaqoub Al-Sane said Sunday the ministry has started tackling unlicensed mosques that were built on state-owned lands, thus violating "sanctity of public funds."

The ministry has formed a special committee to solve 'the dilemma' of the unlicensed mosques, usually built from tin, Sane, also Minister of Justice, told reporters on sidelines of a reception held by the Algerian Embassy on occa-

sion of the country's independence day. Sane said the ministry would follow the necessary procedures to deal with any Imam of any mosque who "use the religious address for extremist purposes."

He said the Ministry of Awqaf has special mechanism to maintain the "moderate religious address." On the relations with Algeria, Sane cited a recent visit by his Algerian counterpart that resulted in an agreement on the exchange of legal and judicial expertise. — KUNA



Ambassadors attend the event.



KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received yesterday the visiting Bosnian Foreign Minister Igor Crnadak and his accompanying delegation at Bayan Palace. — KUNA

# KUWAIT TO HOST ISLAMIC FINANCING CONFERENCE

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Dr Mohammad Al-Hashel

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait will host the World Islamic Financing Conference, organized by Kuwait Central Bank (CBK) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), with the participation of the IMF Center for Financing and Economy in the Middle East and Thomson Reuters as strategic partner for knowledge.

The conference will be held on November 11, 2015 under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. This announcement was made by CBK Governor Mohammad Al-Hashel and said the conference will see high ranking international attendance of decision makers headed by Christine Lagarde, Director General of IMF and senior IMF employers and experts around the world. Several finance ministers,

Central Bank Governors, their deputies and representatives in many countries are expected to attend the event. There will also be presence of International Economic Establishments that belong to the United Nations and Regional Organizations in addition to experts and academics.

**Many aspects**

Hashel said the conference will discuss many aspects in the field of Islamic finance industry starting with the growing development in Islamic Finance Industry and the wide ranging growth opportunities it has in world markets and new regions. These are ambitions boosted by features of Islamic financing that relies on the sharing profits and losses principle, as well as linking the pur-

poses of this financing with the activities of real economy, that in addition to the capabilities and advantages the Islamic financing provides in meeting the various financing needs for countries, individuals and establishments, which itself has become among the factors that form supporting elements for major growth in demanding Islamic financing.

He said that such view for future aspirations of Islamic Financing Industry, which appeared following the world financial crises in particular, and this made many countries to boost their capabilities and develop the Islamic financing industry in them and seeking to build an integrated infrastructure through working developing their systems and laws to attract banks and other

Islamic finance establishments to operate in their markets.

**Small businesses**

Other topics to be discussed by the conference is the financial inclusion issue in the field of Islamic Financial Services through the discussion of means of supporting financing individuals, small and medium establishments, within the framework of the importance of the role those establishments are playing at the economic and social levels. The conference will also discuss Islamic Sukouk and other long term financing means which boost financial sources for Islamic banks that can be directed to finance to infrastructure projects in addition to investment projects and support the sustainable development.



Christine Lagarde

## 'NO KUWAIT AIRWAYS FLIGHTS OVER SINAI'

By A Saleh

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Airways stressed that its flights had no routes over the Egyptian peninsula of Sinai, adding that it was the company's general policy to avoid flying over dangerous territories so as to protect the lives of its passengers. The statement came two days after a Russian passenger jet crashed over the Egyptian peninsula, which prompted several airlines around the world to suspend air travel over the area.

**Prisoners of war**

Kuwait's foreign ministry strongly denied news reports which came out Sunday and claimed that remains of Kuwaiti prisoners of war have been located in Tikrit. The ministry explained that what had been discussed on that regard was

finding a mass grave in Tikrit. In this regard, high-ranking Iraqi sources strongly denied notifying Kuwaiti authorities of finding remains of any Kuwaitis in Tikrit. "An Iraqi delegation went to Tikrit and failed so far to find the grave referred to," stressed the sources.

**Prosperity index**

Kuwait maintained its rank as the second in Gulf Cooperation Council and Arab countries after the United Arab Emirates, and the 36th worldwide in the 2015 Legatum Prosperity Index, issued by the British Legatum Institute. The index classifies 142 countries according to 8 elements including economic performance, entrepreneurship and opportunity, governance, education, health, safety and security, personal freedom and social capital.

## FORMER MPs' CASE ADJOURNED

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** The Court of Appeal adjourned a case filed against four former lawmakers over promoting former MP Musallam Al-Barrak's speech till January 4th.

**Slandering**

The criminal court set November 16 to make its sentence in a state security case in which Saleh Al-Saeed and blogger Rania Al-Saad are accused of slandering Saudi Arabia and King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz. The court also decided to

acquit Rania Al-Saad of threatening Sheikhha Fraiha Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah after she had earlier been sentenced to three months with labor and a KD 200 bail to suspend the verdict.

**Bachelors evacuated**

Engineer Ahmed Al-Manfouhi stressed that 500 houses which had been inhabited by bachelors were evacuated so far, adding that a report was submitted to the cabinet in this regard. Manfouhi added that the cabinet extended the evacuation project for further six months.

## CITIZEN ARRESTED WITH AK-47 RIFLES

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** Detectives of the weapons inspection department arrested a citizen with two AK-47 rifles following information that he keeps the illegal weapons at his home. He was sent to concerned authorities.

**Citizens trapped in building**

Three citizens were trapped in a smoke-filled room after a fire broke out in a two-storey building. Six citizens were also inside the same building when the fire broke out. Jahra fire center responded to the call and firemen rescued a child and a lady from the bedroom on the first floor of the building. They are being treated for smoke inhalation. Three ladies and a man were also evacuated from the second floor. All persons were taken by paramedics to hospital for smoke inhalation.

**Yemenis, Egyptians held**

Seven Yemeni and Egyptian expats were sent to the deportation department for violating the law and creating a scene of terror with a fight after Friday prayers. The suspects were arrested during the fight and

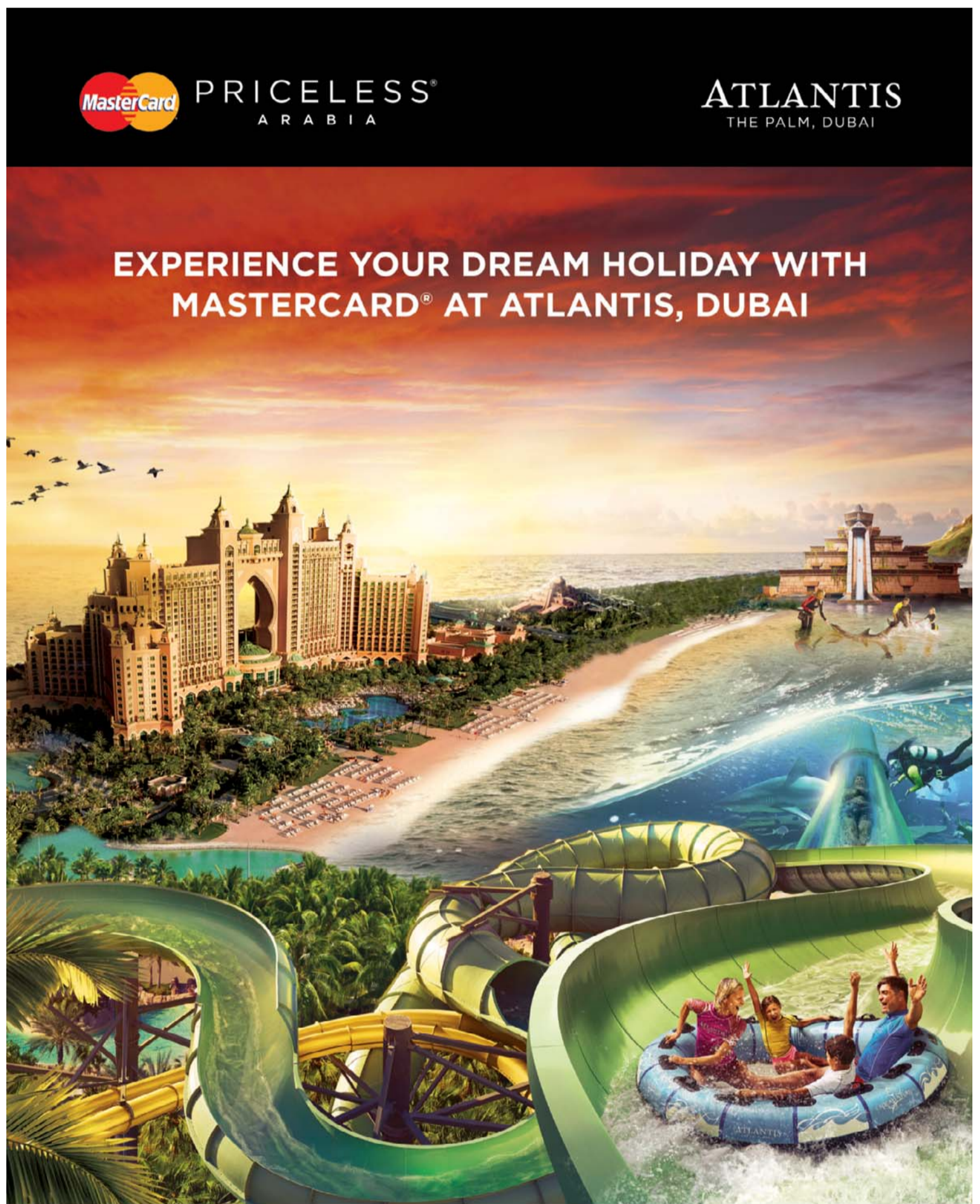
were sent to concerned authorities.

**Filipina arrested with liquor**

Policemen arrested a Filipina with 67 bottles of locally-made liquor. The police also arrested 70 wanted men, 46 suspects, 15 absconders and 25 persons without IDs. Security campaigns also resulted in confiscating seven wanted cars and arresting 13 persons whose visas were expired. They also arrested 11 persons for theft and gambling.

**Campaigns**

The traffic department carried out several campaigns between October 25, 2015 and October 30, 2015, resulting in issuing 43,860 citations, impounding 1,801 vehicles, while six expatriates were sent for deportation for driving without a license. Separately, the food and markets supervising department at Kuwait Municipality carried out several campaigns during September, resulting in destroying 857 kilograms of food found unfit for human consumption. The public relations department said inspectors issued 74 violations through checking 386 stores. It said that inspectors removed 833 violating signs.



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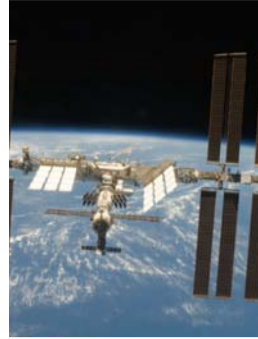
NAVY DRILL

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Naval Forces will carry out a live ammunition drill from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm today, the Kuwaiti Army announced yesterday. The Army's Directorate of Moral Guidance and Public Relations said in a press statement that longitude coordinates for the shooting range is 28 55 N, 48 37 E on 16.5 nautical miles off East Julai to Qaruh Island. Latitude coordinates fall on 28 46 80 N, 48 30 20 E on 6 nautical miles East of Ras Al-Zour to Umm Al-Maradim Island. — KUNA



SPACE STATION

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's space atmosphere during morning hours of the month of November and at night during December will witness the passing of the International Space Station, Kuwait Science Club's (KSC) Science and Space Administration said yesterday. November 5th will be the best day for those who wish to witness the station, KSC Director Bader Al-Omairah said, and gave specific detailed calculations and coordinates to watch the station for 12 minutes. KSC noted that the best time to monitor the station will be after sunset or before sunrise. — KUNA



APA MEETINGS

**TEHRAN:** MP Dr Awda Al-Rowayeh said that Kuwait's National Assembly is keen on effectively taking part in the meetings of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) Executive Bureau and the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs that kicked off in Tehran yesterday. Attending the Tehran meetings is part of parliamentary diplomacy which "we at the National Assembly believe can play an influential role for dissolving several Asian issues," Rowayeh said. — KUNA

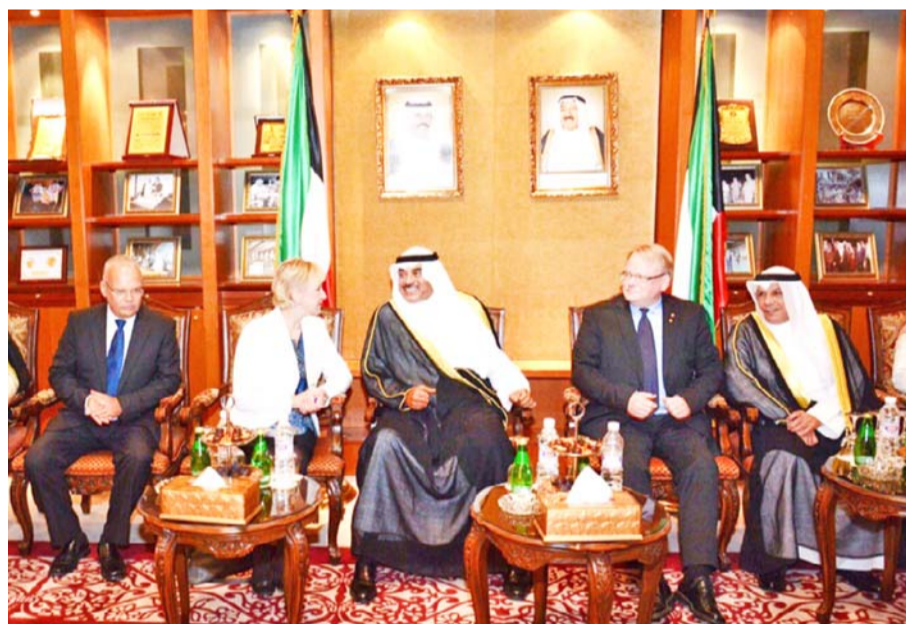


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**KUWAIT:** Authorities placed wheel locks on several cars parked illegally on a street in South Surra near the Public Authority for Housing Welfare and the Public Authority for Civil Information yesterday. To free their cars, drivers must pay a fine and then wait by the car for the removal service. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat



**KUWAIT:** First Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and Deputy Premier and Defense Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah meet Swedish Foreign and Defense Ministers, Margot Wallstrom and Peter Hultqvist respectively. — KUNA

DEFENSE MINISTER RECEIVES AUSTRALIAN MILITARY DELEGATION

**KUWAIT:** Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah discussed yesterday with the Vice-President of the Australian Defence Forces Vice Admiral Ray Griggs the most important issues of common interest to both countries.

The Moral Guidance and Public Relations Directorate of the Ministry of Defense said in a press statement that Sheikh Khaled discussed with the Australian official the deep-rooted ties between the two friendly countries and keenness of both sides to strengthen and develop them. The meeting was attended by a number of senior officials.

Meanwhile, First Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-

Hamad Al-Sabah, and Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah held a dinner banquet Sunday in honor of visiting Swedish Foreign and Defense Ministers, Margot Wallstrom and Peter Hultqvist respectively. The two sides discussed over the dinner coordination of positions vis-a-vis regional and international developments, as well as issues of mutual interest. The banquet was attended by Deputy foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, Kuwait Army Chief of Staff General Mohammad Al-Khodhr, Assistant Foreign Minister for Europe Waleed Al-Khubaizi, Assistant Foreign Minister for the minister's office Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Mohammad Al-Sabah and Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocol Dhari Al-Ajran. — KUNA

KUWAIT VP OF ANTI-CORRUPTION UN AGREEMENT CONFERENCE

**MOSCOW:** Kuwait has been elected Vice-President of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption. Kuwait Ambassador to Austria and Permanent Delegate to the UN Agencies in Vienna Sadeq Marafi said yesterday that this nomination took place during the 6th session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, currently being held in Petersburg, Russia.

This election is considered an achievement for the Gulf country for its political stances worldwide. As part of this position, Kuwait will chair many important meetings at the UN headquarters in Vienna until 2017.

In a message of greeting to the participants in the event, delivered by Kremlin Chief of Staff Sergey Ivanov, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that various countries should join forces in the fight against corruption. "One of the most serious global problems affecting all countries is corruption. It destabilizes national economies, violates human rights, undermines the principles of justice, provokes social tension in the society," the Russian leader noted. "Only by joining



**KUWAIT:** Chairwoman of the Malaysia-Kuwait Business Council Nong Fatimah Ahmad Shah is pictured with Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Ali Al-Ghanem. — KUNA

forces we will be able to effectively counter this threat common for all our countries," he added. Senior delegates from Kuwait Anti-

Corruption Public Authority are partaking in the conference; they're led by the Authority's deputy Riyad Al-Hajiri. — KUNA

KUWAIT, MALAYSIA SEEK CLOSER TRADE TIES

**KUWAIT:** A visiting delegation from the Malaysia-Kuwait Business Council discussed means of promoting bilateral ties and increasing trade volume between the two countries. Chairwoman of the Malaysia-Kuwait Business Council Nong Fatimah Ahmad Shah met with Kuwait Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Ali Al-Ghanem yesterday.

In her speech to representatives for local private sector, the Malaysian official lauded

efforts made by the KCCI in developing trade ties. She expressed Malaysian companies' desire to collaborate with their Kuwaiti counterparts in all domains, noting that Malaysia enjoys a versatile markets for investments.

Meanwhile, Ghanem said that the KCCI always strives to enhance bilateral trade relations, stressing the importance of increasing visits to both countries and providing a smooth investment environment for both countries. — KUNA



Sadeq Marafi



**KUWAIT:** The Embassy of Honduras hosted a reception for the food and beverage delegation at the ambassador's residence recently. Officials, business and media personalities attended the event. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

# KUWAIT CONSUMES 12.3 MILLION KILOGRAMS OF TEA FROM SRI LANKA

## '\$1.65 BILLION TEA BUSINESS THRIVING'

By Ben Garcia

**KUWAIT:** The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Kuwait hosted a gathering of businessmen and media representatives to introduce Sri Lanka's growing \$1.6 billion tea business contributing 15 percent to the nation's foreign exchange. Kuwait imported around 12.3 million kilograms of tea in 2014 and 16.1 million kilograms in 2013.

The 'tea talk' was presented by Hasitha De Alwis, Director Promotion from Sri Lanka Tea Board Middle East and Africa. Sri Lankan Ambassador to Kuwait Kandeepan Bala welcomed guests and lauded Kuwait Sri-Lanka's bilateral relations in all areas from economy to politics and tourism.

The head of tea promotion, who is based in Dubai, said the world witnessed the never seen unity of Sri Lankan Republic as the country now is united after 30 long years of conflict, reaping the fruit of peace and tranquility in the form of economic growth, tourism and trust of people from all over the world. "Multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-religious and multi-linguistic nation once again in harmony after the war and because of that, there has been immense opportunities for sustainable growth in all sectors and of course the tea industry is no exception," he added.

**Annual revenue**  
Tea earns Sri Lanka \$1.65 billion in annual revenue. "Thanks to the tea industry wherein the country is known for especially in the production and export of black tea. The tea we produce is globally recognized and the Ceylon Tea name itself is synonymous with superior quality. We want everyone to know that our tea is produced with lots of attention as we continue to invade the world market in this sector," he mentioned. Colombo is known the largest single original tea auction center in the world, disposing 99 percent of all sales, and the champion in sustainable auction prices.

Explaining the huge disparity of Kuwait's tea import in the year 2013 and 2014, "Basically it was because some of the tea brought here (2013) were re-exported by Kuwait to Iraq since they are affected by the crisis. So Kuwait served as a gateway to sending tea products to other countries in the Middle East affected by the crisis," De Alwis explained.

### 150 years

"Sri Lanka's tea industry will celebrate 150 years of commercial history in 2017. We will arrange about six months of celebrations with this regard and we want you all to visit and experience the hospitality of the Sri Lankan people. The tea industry continues to occupy a pivotal position in terms of foreign exchange earnings and employment. The foreign currency earnings from tea covered the entire food import bill of Sri Lanka in 2013 as well as 2014," he said.

The tea industry employed directly and indirectly 10 percent of the population of Sri Lanka, with around 2 million people directly or indirectly dependent on the industry.

To look for authentic 'Ceylon Tea Brands' De Alwis said people should only see the lion seal logo with 100 percent Ceylon Tea label (above a minimum reference standard) as they are registered in 102 countries as a trade mark.



Hasitha De Alwis speaks at the gathering.



KUWAIT: Sri Lankan Ambassador to Kuwait Kandeepan Bala (first from left), businessmen and media representatives attend the gathering yesterday. — Photos by Ben Garcia



## KUWAITI PHOTOGRAPHER WINS TWO AWARDS IN ITALY'S SIPA CONTEST

**ROME:** Kuwaiti photographer Ali Al-Zaidi has won two prizes in the Italian Siena International Photography Awards (SIPA Contest). Up to 2,500 photographers from 100 countries took part on the contest. The international contest, held as part of an art festival in Italy's historical city of Siena, announced that Al-Zaidi won the bronze medal in one category and the jurors' award in photographing people's lives.

The leading global 18 jurors voiced their admiration of Al-Zaidi's photos, 10 of which were chosen to be displayed in the SIPA Contest gallery network, entitled "Behind the camera," that are open till end of November. Al-Zaidi is known for his many travels around the world.

He expressed pride of the awards which "raise high the name of Kuwait in the wide-scale competition," one of the largest worldwide. He dedicated the victory to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The leading photographer, who won more than 40 international awards, stressed that Kuwait is rich with talented and gifted youth in all fields. — KUNA



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## THE FALLEN MIDDLE EAST

By Sami Al-Nisf

According to Bernard Bajelet, head of France's DGSE external intelligence agency, the Middle East region is not likely to return to its old self following the current conflicts. "The Middle East as we know it is over, and I doubt it will come back," he said. CIA chief John Brennan seconded his opinion, noting that this fallen Middle East had been formed in the aftermath of World War II by building multi-ethnic and religious states united under one flag to prevent the Soviet Union from occupying them and utilizing their resources the way Hitler did when he occupied smaller European countries, which prolonged the world war for six years.

By the end of the 1980s, the Soviet Union fell and with the change of enemy faces, the need for some friends changed as well. There was no longer need for big regional multi-religion and multi-ethnic states. In other words, dividing the Soviet Union contributed to fragmenting our states later on. The old Middle East project fell with major incidents that happened with ten year intervals; the first was in 1991 when Saddam Hussein unjustifiably refused to withdraw his missile and B52-stricken army and thus was defeated in the 'Mother of all Battles' before he manipulated with international inspectors to eventually weaken his own army and country. Iraq actually started dividing during his reign, and he lost control over his air space and land and both the northern and southern Iraq were controlled by rebels.

Ten years later, the world was stricken by another bloody incident when terrorist Osama Bin Laden claimed responsibility for the Manhattan foray in a video tape accidentally left in one of his camps, which all led to waging war against Afghanistan. In the same year, 2001, Saddam's intelligence made allies with radicals fleeing the Afghanistan war like Abu Mos'ab Zarqawi, which gave the West an excuse to invade Iraq in 2003, forcing Ba'athists and Al-Qaeda to become allies in brutal assassinations and sectarian-instigated explosions throughout Iraq. This paved the way to explode Syria from within when this coalition turned into one of Ba'ath-Is.

The third phase started ten years later in 2011 when a simple incident happened in Tunisia as a vegetable vendor burnt himself to death, following several others, with the result of forcing the ironman Zinedine Bin Ali to flee. He was followed by the fall of other solid regimes like those of former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, former Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and former Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in addition destabilizing Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad's regime, the separation of South Sudan and the spread of terrorist, sectarian and secessionist organizations from Syria to Yemen, from Iraq to Libya through the core of the Arab world, Egypt, without knowing who funds and arms those cancerous destructive organizations nor why they had secretly made allies with secular military regimes though they claimed to be religiously radical! Finally, the recent TIME issue published a report saying that the radical Taliban organization had almost controlled 27 out of the 34 Afghan governorates by making allies with Russia, which gave the Russian bear a second foot in warm waters after it put its first one in the Mediterranean waters; an accomplishment Russian Czars would have never dreamt of!

—Translated by Kuwait Times



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## AN IDIOT INTERVIEWER

Al-Anbaa

By Saleh Al-Shayji

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah rushed to the Al-Sadeq mosque shortly after the largest explosion Kuwait has ever witnessed took place and never hesitated to inspect the site while it was still on fire, and while his tears fell on saying: "Those are my children!"

The Saudi monarch, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz went around the Kaaba with all pilgrims coming from all Muslim countries. He did not carry his crown along but rather seemed like every other Muslim. King Abdullah II of Jordan visited a poor family in one of the villages and sat with its members on the ground while inquiring about the family's needs. UAE's Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan visited a military hospital where he kissed the hands of an injured soldier.

The aforementioned examples are four so humane incidents that took place in four Arab countries with hereditary rule. I started with these examples as an introduction to my comments on what the famous Egyptian movie star Hussein Fahmy said on praising 'hereditary rule' on a TV interview where the interviewer so idiotically provoked him by saying: "How can you praise hereditary rule while all countries are seeking freedom and independence?"

Fahmy's shocking answer came so objectively and

calmly as he is used to and he started telling her some stories about Egypt's history under monarchy. He totally rejected her argument and exclaimed of linking hereditary rule with the state of not being free or independent!

Unfortunately, Arab TV shows are full of such idiot interviewers and she is the perfect example of idle Arab minds loaded with ignorance, superstition, subordination and a myth that argues that dictator republican regimes are far much better than stable hereditary ones. Such ideas had been implanted in minds by dishonest, hollow hypocritical media used to describing leaders as semi-gods and slandering serene wise and stable regimes that have inherited and practiced governance through several generations and, at the same time, are so harmonious with their subjects.

We would have believed such idiotic claims about justice, integrity and fairness of republican regimes if they were still to be born. But to argue that republican regimes are so 'utopian' when we have already experienced how tyrants like Saddam Hussein, Muammar Gaddafi, Bashar Al-Assad and Ali Abdullah Saleh ruled their subjects and destroyed their own countries means that people who believe so are insane and, unfortunately, so many Arabs are!

—Translated by Kuwait Times

## FAKE EMPLOYMENT, RENTAL OF LICENSES CRACKDOWN

KUWAIT: Chairman of the National Fund to support small and medium enterprises, Dr Mohamed Al-Zuhair, said in remarks published yesterday that there are procedures and laws that are applied to prevent fake employment or rental of licenses for projects under the umbrella of the Fund. Zuhair said, in an interview with the local Al-Rai newspaper, there is full coordination with government bodies that have judicial jurisdiction and others having the right to oversee the projects, adding that the Fund would counter any fake employment or issuance of licenses for the purpose of renting them to others. He explained that the Fund would resort to the legal means should there is any violation of its regulation in this respect, stressing that this does



Dr Mohamed Al-Zuhair

not mean hindering development projects, being financed by the Fund. He also stated that it only takes a few days to consider and approve the new project, urging entrepreneurs to submit all needed documents when applying for funding. —KUNA



KUWAIT: The Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) was present at the Avenues Mall recently to introduce its new campaign that targets Kuwaiti employees in the public and oil sectors. The campaign, which runs through March 31, 2016, offers a KD 200 - 500 cash prize for employees who transfer their salaries to CBK, as well as to win a brand new BMW X5.

## Crime

Report

### BOGUS COMPANIES BUSTED

Residency Affairs Department detectives ended the activities of 15 bogus companies in various areas of Kuwait. A security source said Interior Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Nationality and Passport Affairs Major General Mazen Al-Jarrah asked detectives to launch a campaign against bogus and violating companies. Inspection campaigns took place in malls, and were able to uncover 15 bogus companies which were shut down.

### Body found

Criminal evidence men recovered a citizen's body after the man was found dead in the back seat of his car. The discovery was made recently in Bayan. The body was sent for an autopsy to reveal the causes of death.

### Search for thief

A thief snatched a woman's purse in Salmiya's old market and escaped on foot. The woman told police that while she was shopping, a man snatched her purse which contained money, a mobile phone, civil IDs, and ATM cards. She filed a case at the local police station. Detectives are looking for the culprit.

### Physical assault

A female citizen accused four persons, including two women of severely beating her because of earlier disputes. A security source said a 24-year-old citizen came to Mubarak Al-Kabeer police station with a medical report, and told officers there that she ran into a citizen, bedoon and two female citizens with whom she had earlier disputes, so they attacked and beat her, before escaping. Investigations are ongoing.

### Neighbors row

A Maidan Hawally resident beat up his neighbor after he came over to his apartment and complained about loud music. According to a security source, a Kuwaiti man headed to the apartment next door and asked the tenant to lower the volume of the music played. The tenant, a Kuwaiti man as well, became angry and beat the complainant after he threatened to call police, the source said. The alleged attacker was summoned by police, but denied the accusations. A case was filed for further investigations. —Al-Rai

## PROSECUTION INVESTIGATES ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

KUWAIT: There is a tendency to establish a special prosecution office to investigate the crimes stipulated in the environmental law number 42/2014, well-informed legal sources said. Members of the judiciary would play a very significant role in fighting environment-related crimes by imposing penal laws on violators, the sources added. Furthermore, the

sources explained that the new law includes 30 penalties varying between fines worth millions of dinars, life time in prison and capital punishment, which requires a clearly-defined structure to put them into practice such as enrolling a number of district attorneys to special training courses at the judicial studies institute, as well as dispatching them to

a number of leading countries in terms of environmental sciences and issues to gain more experience. "The tendency to establish a special prosecution for environmental issues is meant to select free prosecutors readily available to perform their duties without being overburdened with other cases," explained the sources. —Al-Anbaa



KUWAIT: Environment police officers are pictured during an inspection campaign at a West Shuaiba factory in this file photo. —KUNA

Al-Qabas

## EDUCATION'S WOES

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

The first Central Bank Governor in the history of Kuwait Hamza Abbas wrote a column in Al-Qabas about education and how the state neglected it. He said that the money spent on education in Kuwait is considered high according to international standards, yet education's deterioration continues, as two studies that were conducted in two close periods about the quality of education in 140 countries showed that Kuwait's ranking dropped to 80th and 108th in both studies respectively! Also, the organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) refused to include Kuwait in its study of education systems in 76 states, because the quality of education in the country is less than what qualifies it for evaluation. And in a study by the World Bank about the quality of education in Kuwait, it found out that education is at the same level with countries that live below poverty line!

A fourth study showed that there is a defect in the balance of school curricula in favor of classroom subjects at the expense of material that makes up the core of Education, which are the scientific subjects such as mathematics, biology, chemistry, and others.

Abbas condemned the uncaring reaction of politicians to this scary situation, and their great interest in Kuwait being out of the Gulf Cup, and the International Federation's suspension of Kuwait's soccer activities. He wondered about the reason that made education here a source of ridicule to the world? He answered that the reason lies in politicizing the education system, which began in the middle 1980s, this is in addition to limiting the school year to a period of no more than 120 days a year! even when the ministry attempted to increase it by 30 minutes a week, many areas objected, particularly the Kuwait Teachers Society.

Abbas continued that he spent 16 years as a member of the Higher Education Council! I do not know how he stayed all this time, while knowing the size of this damage, and that he does not believe, the he has, after 16 years, a relation, even if indirectly, to the deterioration of education. Because he knew all this time that all studies that were presented to the education ministry ended in trash cans or its archives!

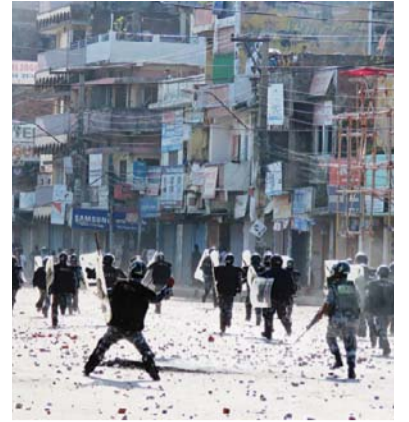
Abbas ended his column by recommendations that we will not mention despite their importance, because no one will pay attention to them, not in the government, and not in the concerned ministry, which is preoccupied with a heavy burden of inherited highly complicated problems. The minister's main concern might be his fear that the minister who comes after him may halt all his reformist work.

—Translated by Kuwait Times



## 1.5 MILLION EXPATS WORK IN PRIVATE SECTOR

KUWAIT: The total number of expatriates working in the private sector reached 1.485 million compared to only 63,000 citizens as per the end of October 2015, Director of Labor Market Research at the Manpower Public Authority Samira Mandani said. Around 197,000 laborers entered Kuwait this year including 542,000 Arabs, 888,000 Asians, 34,000 Europeans and 9000 Africans, she added. —Al-Qabas



**Nepal police shoot border protesters, Indian killed**

**'KURDISH OBAMA' SAVES PRIZED POLITICAL VOICE**



**MOSCOW: People pass by the portraits of seven crew members, victims of the Russian passenger jet crash, at the headquarters of Kogalymavia charter airline. — AFP**

**AIRLINE BLAMES CRASH ON 'EXTERNAL' FACTORS**  
 'NO TECHNICAL FAILURES COULD ACCOUNT FOR ACCIDENT'

**MOSCOW:** The Russian passenger jet that crashed in Egypt killing all 224 people on board came down due to "external" factors, the airline said yesterday, as relatives began identifying their loved ones in Saint Petersburg. Senior Kogalymavia executive Alexander Smirnov said that "no technical failures" could account for why the Airbus 321 would have broken up in mid-air, as investigators have said happened. "The only explanation is some kind of external action," Smirnov told a news conference in Moscow, without elaborating, adding that the doomed jet was in "excellent technical condition".

Both Cairo and Moscow have played down the claim from Egypt's Islamic State (IS) branch that it brought down the aircraft flown by Kogalymavia between holiday destination Sharm El-Sheikh and Russia's second largest city on Saturday. The US Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said yesterday he could not rule out IS involvement, but thought it "unlikely".

"We don't have any direct evidence of any terrorist involvement yet," he said. Investigators are examining all possible causes as they comb the remote crash site in the Sinai peninsula as part of an Egyptian-led probe into the disaster that also involves experts from Russia, Airbus, and Ireland, where the aircraft was registered.

President Vladimir Putin described the crash, Russia's worst air disaster, as a "huge tragedy" in his first comments since Saturday's catastrophe, at a meeting with his transport minister yesterday. "Without any doubt everything must be done to create an objective picture of events so that we know what happened and can react accordingly," Putin said.

The head of Russia's aviation authority Alexander Nerdako slammed the airline's claims that external factors were to blame as "premature and not based on any real facts" in televised comments. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Moscow "cannot exclude any version" of what caused the crash as investigations were still ongoing, but warned against "guessing" at the reason.

**'Meticulous work'**

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. The company's executive Smirnov said the

firm had ruled out a technical fault or human error and said the plane had sustained "significant damage to its construction that did not allow it to continue the flight." "The crew totally lost control and for that reason there was not one attempt to get in contact and report on the accident situation on board," Smirnov said. The plane was "flying out of control—that is, it wasn't flying, it was falling," he said. The claims by the airline came as relatives of those who died in the crash began the painful process of identifying their loved ones after a first plane delivered the remains of 140 victims to Saint Petersburg. "The process of identification has begun. It is complex, meticulous work," Saint Petersburg deputy governor Igor Albin told journalists outside the crematorium where the remains are being stored.—AFP

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## IRAQ PARLIAMENT BARS PM FROM PASSING REFORMS UNILATERALLY

**BAGHDAD:** Iraq's parliament voted unanimously yesterday to bar the government from passing important reforms without its approval in an effort to curb Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi amid discontent over his leadership style, lawmakers said.

The chamber acted after Abadi unilaterally enacted reforms in August that it deemed a violation of the constitution including his dismissal of the vice presidents and deputy prime ministers and cuts to salaries of government employees. "Under this resolution no more absolute authorities for the prime minister," one member of parliament, who asked to remain anonymous, told Reuters.

Any rise in political tensions could undermine Baghdad's efforts to tackle an economic crisis and form a united front against Islamic State militants posing the worst threat to Iraq since a US-led invasion that

toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003. Last week over 60 members of Iraq's ruling State of Law coalition threatened to pull parliamentary support for Abadi's reforms - aimed at stamping out corruption and incompetence - if he did not heed their demands for wider consultation. Many of the lawmakers who signed the letter are supporters of Abadi's predecessor, Nour Al-Maliki, whom critics branded as a polarising and authoritarian figure, allegations he denies. Abadi announced his reform campaign in August after popular protests gathered steam over graft and poor water and electricity services in Iraq, a leading OPEC oil producer.

### Powerful people

The reforms aimed to scrap senior political offices that have become a vehicle for patronage for some of the most powerful people in Iraq and root out incom-

petence which has undermined the battle against Islamist militancy. But while parliament had now "put the brakes" on Abadi's authority, a showdown could loom, said Wathiq Al-Hashimi, chairman of the Iraqi Group for Strategic Studies think-tank.

"The question will be, is he going to survive? I think parliament's move today is a test. The next likely scenario could be withdrawing confidence from Abadi," he said. Hashimi added that growing parliamentary objections to Abadi's statecraft and a severe shortage of cash will eventually lead Abadi "to direct a confrontation with his own party".

Graft and poor morale in the armed forces were significant reasons why Islamic State insurgents swept through northern Iraq last year virtually unopposed, and then proceeded to seize about a third of the country. The ultra-hardline Sunni Muslim group, which also

controls large parts of neighboring Syria, has been fuelling a sectarian civil war ravaging parts of Iraq.

Some of Abadi's reforms have been implemented, while others appear to have stalled. Iraq's three vice presidents, whose positions were to be cut, remain in place. When he took office in September 2014, Abadi was seen as a consensus builder who could heal divisions between Iraq's Shiite Muslims, Sunnis and non-Arab Kurds that sharpened during Maliki's tenure. But senior officials have said they are not consulted about Abadi's reforms and often learn about them through the media.

"Parliament rejects any parties, including the government, overlooking its authorities," said another MP. "The resolution was passed unanimously and it dictates that any decision needs the approval of parliament." — Reuters

## WHAT IF ISRAEL'S KILLED PM RABIN HAD LIVED?

**TEL AVIV:** Would Israelis and Palestinians now be living in peace with one another if a Jewish extremist had not assassinated prime minister Yitzhak Rabin 20 years ago? That question, and thoughts on the nature of today's Jewish state, are on the minds of many Israelis as the anniversary of the November 4, 1995 assassination highlights the gulf between visionary hope and stark reality. Tens of thousands of Israelis-as many as 100,000 according to some media reports-gathered late Saturday for a memorial rally in the Tel Aviv square where Rabin was shot dead and which now bears his name.

Rabin, who headed the victorious Israeli armed forces in the 1967 Six-Day War, as premier chose instead the path of peace, sharing the 1994 Nobel Prize with domestic rival Shimon Peres and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for their roles in forging the Oslo peace accords. Twenty years after that time of euphoria for the Israeli peace camp, the mood at Rabin Square on Saturday was somber.

Mervav, 44, a regular at the annual event, said it was the largest turnout for years, but she also felt further than ever from the spirit of the murdered politician. "I have not had hope since November 4, 1995. Our innocence was also killed on that evening," she said, agreeing with the many who say that the Oslo agreements died alongside Rabin.

"Rally of Despair" was the heading to a commentary on the event in the Israeli daily Maariv; "Rally to Nowhere" was the headline in the mass-circulation Yediot Aharonot. Since the beginning of October, Israelis and Palestinians have been embroiled in a new wave of violence that has seen nine Israelis, 67 Palestinians and an Arab Israeli killed, raising fears of a new Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation. The two sides have not talked peace for more than 18 months.

### Two states concept 'dead'

Former US president and friend of Rabin Bill Clinton urged the Tel Aviv crowd on Saturday "to complete the final chapter in the story" of Rabin's quest for peace. But as he spoke, Ofir Akunis, science minister in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government, the most rightwing in Israeli history, was saying elsewhere that the idea of a Palestinian state alongside Israel "is dead", Maariv

reported. Given this atmosphere, many people are asking: "What would have happened had Rabin not been killed?" If he had lived to serve another term, "We would have reached a permanent agreement with the Palestinians and perhaps peace with Syria," Uri Savir, Israel's chief negotiator at talks leading to the Oslo Accords, told AFP.

After the assassination the left was defeated in a general election and Netanyahu was elected premier for the first time. "He has worked to meticulously dismantle everything that was foreseen," Savir said.

"Do you think we have a magic wand? No. Must we always live by the sword? The answer is yes," Netanyahu was quoted as telling a parliamentary committee last month. Some on the left doubt if Rabin would have been able to pursue his goals to their hoped for conclusion had he lived.

### 'A respectable leader'

"If Rabin was alive he would be a retired but hyperactive nonagenarian like Peres," said Anshel Pfeffer, a columnist for the left-leaning Haaretz newspaper. "Netanyahu would nonetheless be prime minister and would continue to explain why everything is the fault of the Palestinians." Rabin's daughter, former MP Dalia Rabin, says that there was no real glue between her father and Arafat and that he could not have brought about lasting peace on his own.

"There is a feeling that a sort of relationship of trust was built between Arafat and Rabin, but it was, on the whole, very fragile," she said. A poll published by the pro-Netanyahu free sheet Israel Hayom said that 76 percent of respondents considered Rabin "a respectable leader" and he was missed by 55 percent, but only a third approved of the Oslo Accords.

Palestinians also have mixed feelings about Rabin, recalling how as defense minister during the first Palestinian intifada that erupted in 1987 he called on soldiers to "break the bones" of rioters. Arafat's successor, Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas, referred in a September speech at the United Nations to the "cancer" of Jewish settlement. Today, for the Palestinian public, both its own leadership and Rabin are emblematic of the failure of the Oslo process. — AFP



**ISTANBUL:** Co-leader of Turkey's pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) Selahattin Demirtas (center) arrive to cast his ballot on November 1, 2015 for Turkey's legislative election at a polling station. — AFP

## 'KURDISH OBAMA' SAVES PRIZED POLITICAL VOICE

DEMIRTAS REMAINS A THORN AT ERDOGAN'S SIDE

**ISTANBUL:** Selahattin Demirtas, the charismatic leader of Turkey's pro-Kurdish party, remains the biggest thorn in the side of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan after managing to hold onto his HDP's cherished parliamentary representation, against considerable odds.

Nicknamed the "Kurdish Obama" for his smooth rhetorical skills, Demirtas propelled his Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) into mainstream politics with a message that embodies the hopes of Turkey's biggest minority, but also appeals to non-Kurds.

Under the 42-year-old former lawyer, the HDP became the first pro-Kurdish party in Turkey's history to win enough votes to sit in parliament in June-taking support from Erdogan's AKP in the southeastern Kurdish heartland and among non-Kurdish Turkish liberals. Five months later, the party managed once again to breach the formidable 10-percent threshold needed to take up seats in the assembly. But only just about.

From 13.1 percent of the vote which gave it 80 seats in June, the HDP's support fell to 10.7 percent for a reduced tally of 59 seats, according to results based on 97 percent of the votes. The odds were stacked against Demirtas, who had to tread a fine line after a two-year-old ceasefire between the state and the outlawed separatist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) fell apart in July, leading to a cycle of deadly tit-for-tat attacks.

Clearly infuriated by the HDP's success in the

June election, which blocked his own dream of winning enough seats in parliament to create a more powerful presidency, Erdogan went on the attack. The combative president lashed out at Demirtas, calling him a "pretty boy" acting merely as a front for the PKK. The HDP also came under attack from suspected jihadists, with suicide bombers killing 102 people at a pro-Kurdish peace rally in Ankara last month-the bloodiest attack in Turkey's modern history, which forced the HDP to cancel all its major election rallies. Demirtas attributed Sunday's losses to the violence and vowed to work for peace between the state and the PKK. "We will not back down on our stance for the need for a new constitution and for the peace process," he said.

### Erdogan's rival

With his good looks and sharp sense of humour, Demirtas is widely seen as the only politician with charisma and talent to rival Erdogan. Much is made of his image as a family man, with broadcasts showing him breakfasting with his wife and two daughters, or singing folk songs and strumming the saz, a Kurdish lute.

Detractors say his wholesome image is just a photo-shopped front for a party that remained tied to the PKK, considered a terrorist group by Turkey and its Western allies over the three-decade armed insurgency that has killed 45,000 people. Prosecutors in July opened a criminal

probe against Demirtas accusing him of provoking violent pro-Kurdish demonstrations last year. If convicted, he could face up to 24 years in jail.

In an interview with AFP this week, Demirtas insisted his party had "no organic links with the PKK," but said: "The PKK is a reality of Turkey." "We have always maintained that the PKK should lay down arms and tried to convince them to move in that direction, but the Republic of Turkey should also end all its military activities against the PKK.

"We have never wanted or defended the war. We have always mobilised for peace." Demirtas, who is referred to as "Selocan" (My darling Selo) by his supporters, says he has to don a hat and sunglasses to avoid being recognised on the streets of the mainly Kurdish city of Diyarbakir when he goes out without his bodyguards.

Erdogan has mocked him as a "cici cocuk" (pretty boy) and "pop star". Born in the Kurdish-majority city of Elazig, Demirtas is the second in a family of seven children. After completing his studies at the prestigious Ankara University, Demirtas worked as a human rights lawyer in Diyarbakir before going into politics in 2007. He was elected to parliament in 2007 election as a representative for Diyarbakir and the Democratic Society Party, a precursor to the HDP. In 2010, he was sentenced to 10 months in prison for alleged links to the PKK, but his parliamentary immunity kept him out of jail. — AFP

## CYCLONE ON ROUTE TO YEMEN, STORM INJURES 200 ISLANDERS

**ADEN:** Cyclone Chapala was approaching war-torn Yemen yesterday after wreaking havoc on Socotra island and injuring hundreds of people there, as fears of its impact on Oman eased, officials said. Strong winds hit southeast Yemen and high waves flooded the seafarers of Al-Qaeda-held Mukalla and Shehr in Hadramawt province, as well as the Belhaf gas terminal in Shabwa province, officials and residents said.

"The cyclone is approaching Mukalla and we fear a disaster," one official at the provincial capital said, requesting anonymity. "Families have evacuated coastal areas and residents are organizing themselves and helping each other to deal with the cyclone," he added. The city has been mostly controlled by militants of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula since April.

On Socotra, "more than 200 people were injured and dozens of houses and hamlets were either heavily damaged by

water or washed away by waves", said Salem Zaher, mayor of the island's main district Hadibo. Socotra is less than 250 kilometers from the Horn of Africa and 350 kilometers off the Yemeni mainland. It has 50,000 inhabitants, mostly fishermen.

The UN's weather agency said on Friday that Chapala, a "super cyclonic storm", was expected to make landfall at around midnight yesterday in both Yemen and Oman. But yesterday it said on its Twitter account that "Category 2 Chapala expected to weaken to Category 1" as it nears Yemen and Oman, but with intense rain.

Omani authorities reduced the state of alert yesterday, saying the cyclone has moved westward towards Yemen and will have no direct effect on the sultanate. However, Oman's meteorological authority warned that waves as high as three meters were still expected to hit the shores of the Dhofar and Al-Wusta provinces yesterday and today. — AFP



**This October 30, 2015 NASA satellite photo shows Tropical Cyclone Chapala in The Arabian Sea. — AFP**

## PALESTINIAN TEEN KILLED AFTER ALLEGED STABBING ATTEMPT

**JERUSALEM:** Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian who they say tried to stab a soldier in the West Bank yesterday, in the latest such incident in more than a month of violence. Palestinian officials said he was 16 years old.

The military said the incident was the third attempted stabbing near the checkpoint between the West Bank and Israel in recent weeks. After soldiers approached two Palestinians at a gas station, one attempted to stab a soldier with a knife before the soldiers shot him, the army said. Forces treated the wounded Palestinian at the scene, the army said, but he died of his wounds. The other Palestinian was arrested. The official Palestinian news agency Wafa said he was wounded in the incident.

A series of Palestinian attacks linked to tensions over a sensitive Jerusalem holy site began in mid-September. In addition to the near-daily attacks, violent demonstrations have erupted in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, with Palestinian stone-throwers clashing with Israeli troops.

Eleven Israelis have been killed in Palestinian attacks, mostly stabbings. Sixty-nine Palestinians have died by Israeli fire, including 43 who Israel says were involved in attacks or attempted attacks. Rights groups say some of the killings were unjustified because the Palestinians did not pose a threat to soldiers' lives.

A military investigation found that the shooting death of an 18-year-old Palestinian woman by Israeli forces last month could have been avoided, Israeli media reported. The military had no immediate comment on the report. The woman was shot as she brandished a knife at a military checkpoint in the West Bank city of Hebron, according to the army's

account. The military investigation concluded that soldiers could have arrested her instead of shooting her to death, local media reported.

In the West Bank city of Ramallah on Monday, Palestinian security forces held a military salute at a funeral ceremony for two Palestinians killed by Israeli fire. One had tried to grab a soldier's rifle in Jerusalem, and the other had tried to stab a soldier

at a West Bank checkpoint, according to the Israeli military. The Palestinian Authority has been holding official funeral parades in recent weeks in order to prevent militant groups like Hamas from using such ceremonies to whip up popular support, a senior Palestinian security official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the practice. — AP



**GAZA CITY:** Masked Palestinian youths place slogans near pictures of Palestinians who died during violence between Palestinians and Israel, as they gather in front of the UNDP (United Nations Development Program) offices to support Palestinians living in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. — AFP



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IRAN MAY QUIT SYRIA TALKS IN SPAT WITH SAUDI

DUBAI: Iran said yesterday it would quit Syria peace talks if it found them unconstructive, citing the "negative role" of Saudi Arabia...

regional dominance between Russia and Iran on Assad's side and Turkey, US-allied Gulf Arab states and Western powers who support rebels to various degrees.

Saudi Arabia wants Assad gone, and has provided support to Syria's moderate opposition forces, while Iran has sent in fighters and material support to bolster Assad.

"In the first round of talks, some countries, especially Saudi Arabia, played a negative and unconstructive role Iran will not participate if the talks are not fruitful"

"An inexperienced young man in a regional country will not reach anywhere by rudeness in front of elders," Rouhani was quoted as saying by state news agency IRNA yesterday.

Jubeir accused Iran of attempting to smuggle weapons to Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, as well as meddling in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Yemen, something he said was "driving the negativity" in Iran-Saudi relationship.

"It is up to the Iranians whether they want to have relations with us based on good neighborliness ... or if they want to have relations that are filled with tension."

"That is on Iran," Tehran reacted with ire. Speaking to Iranian media, Abdollahian warned Jubeir "not to test our patience".

Jubeir, in his mid-50s, took up his job on the death this year of veteran predecessor Prince Saud al-Faisal at age 75. World and regional powers including Iran and Saudi Arabia met in Vienna on Friday to discuss a political solution to Syria's civil war but failed, as expected, to reach a consensus on the future of President Bashar Al-Assad.

In 2011, US authorities said they had foiled a plot by two men linked to Iran's security services to assassinate Jubeir, then the Saudi ambassador in Washington.

Kogalymavia said on Monday that the crew "totally lost control" of the plane. Analysts have dismissed claims the jet could have been shot down by IS-affiliated groups if it was flying at its cruising height of 30,000 feet (9,000 metres).

SPOTLIGHT ON IS AFTER CLAIM IT DOWNED RUSSIAN PLANE

CAIRO: Despite a lack of evidence for the claim, the Islamic State group has stepped into the spotlight by saying it downed a Russian airliner that crashed in Egypt killing 224 people.

Experts say the jihadist group, whose local affiliate is waging an insurgency in the Sinai Peninsula, has managed to instil doubt about the cause of the crash in the rugged desert terrain. Both Cairo and Moscow have downplayed the suggestion that an attack brought down the Kogalymavia Airbus A-321, and US Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said he knew of no "direct evidence" that terrorism was to blame but did not rule out the possibility.

Experts say the fact that debris and bodies were strewn over such a wide area points to mid-air disintegration of the aircraft. On Saturday, the Airbus took off at dawn from the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh bound for Saint Petersburg, but disappeared from radar screens over Sinai after just 23 minutes into the flight.

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Kogalymavia that operated the charter flight insisted yesterday the disaster was caused by "external" factors, raising the possibility of a bomb. "What the Egyptian affiliate of IS has achieved is that it has shaped the narrative about what happened to the plane," said Professor Fawaz Gerges from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



SHARM EL-SHEIKH: Tourists walk by the beach at the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh yesterday. A Russian passenger plane carrying 224 people and heading from Sharm el-Sheikh to the Russian city of Saint Petersburg crashed in Egypt's Sinai desert on October 31 killing everyone aboard. — AFP

The "Sinai Province" group, the Egyptian affiliate of IS, claimed that it brought down the jet in revenge for Russian air strikes against its jihadists in Syria. Analysts said the longer it takes for investigators to determine the cause of the crash, the more it helps IS propaganda.

"In terms of perception, it's certainly a temporary win for ISIS, in that they managed to control the public discussion for a while," said HA Hellyer, Arab affairs specialist at the Royal United Services Institute in London.

IS could not have shot down the plane, he said, but did not rule out a bomb on board. "The possibility that ISIS managed to get down the plane with an explosive device on board is the-

retically possible, but that would raise other questions about security at Sharm el-Sheikh airport," Hellyer said.

"But to bring down a plane at that altitude you need a physical support base and ISIS does not have such a base—at least in that area where the plane came down."

The arid peninsula bordering Israel and the Palestinian Gaza Strip has long been a breeding ground for militancy, which swelled into an insurgency led by IS after Egypt's army ousted Islamist president Mohamed Morsi in 2013. The claim by Sinai Province "is credible," said Mathieu Guidere, a terrorism expert at the University of Toulouse in France. — AFP

KUWAIT OIL OUTPUT REACHES 2.8M BPD

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the Ministry of Electricity and Water power distribution points. The company noted that they had dug 376 new wells for crude oil and non-associated gas, 33 wells more than the targeted 343 ones for the

past fiscal year, thanks to the enhanced performance of derricks. As for the production of associated and non-associated gas, the company said that it hit 1.596 billion cubic feet daily, marking a rise of 187 million more than the targeted 1.409 billion cubic feet. — KUNA

5 CITIZENS, 16 EGYPTIANS ARRESTED

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Meanwhile, an Egyptian foreign ministry spokesperson Ahmed Abu Zaid said that the Kuwaiti authorities had arrested the citizens involved in murdering the Egyptian during the fight in Hawally between Egyptians and Kuwaitis. He added that the deceased Egyptian's corpse had already arrived in Egypt for burial.

Speaking on a television channel yesterday, Abu Zaid said that the Egyptian foreign ministry was following

the investigations that are currently underway. He said the culprits would be punished for their crimes.

He denied any leniency on the side of the Kuwaiti authorities towards the culprits. "They have shown full cooperation", he said pointing out that the Egyptian consulate in Kuwait managed to interfere in the matter and stop deportation of 14 Egyptians detained in connection with the fight on the grounds that both sides had violated the law and that an investigation was still in progress.

KUWAIT SENTENCES FIVE IS SUSPECTS TO 10...

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The court also decided to appoint a lawyer to defend Dashti after refusing to make his own defense. Dashti is himself a lawyer.

The court also set November 16 to issue its verdict against former MPs and brothers Mubarak and Nasser Al-Duwailah and Tareq Suwaidan for allegedly undermining Egypt and threatening to damage Kuwaiti diplomatic ties with Cairo after making comments on Twitter insulting to Egypt.

In the meantime, the National Assembly human rights defense committee yesterday elected MP Jamal Al-Omar as its head and MP Askar Al-Enezi as the rapporteur. Enezi said that the committee has received a complaint

from one of the 26 members on trial for alleged links to Iran and Hezbollah and that the committee will investigate the claim. He did not elaborate on the nature of the complaint but a majority of the defendants in the case have complained of physical torture by the secret service.

The Assembly's public funds protection committee also elected MP Abdullah Al-Turajji as its head and MP Saif Al-Azemi as the rapporteur. Azemi said the panel decided to withdraw a report on Kuwaiti investments in London from the National Assembly. The committee was asked in the previous term to investigate suspected violations at the Kuwaiti investments overseas. The National Assembly will hold its first regular meeting in the current term today. It is scheduled to discuss a large number of draft laws.

ERDOGAN URGES RESPECT FOR HIS PARTY'S...

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reforms and moves to muzzle critical voices. International election observers yesterday noted that elections were free and peaceful but criticized media restrictions in the run-up to the vote, including the seizure by the government of an opposition media company and criminal investigations of journalists for allegedly supporting terrorism or defaming Erdogan. The observers said the incidents of violence as well as physical attacks on party officials had hindered many of the contestants' ability to campaign freely.

"Unfortunately we came to the conclusion that this campaign was unfair and was characterized by too much violence and by too much fear," Andreas Gross, who headed a delegation of parliamentarians from the Council of Europe, told a news conference in Ankara.

There were no allegations of large-scale fraud. Any hope that Erdogan would ease media repression evaporated yesterday after a court ordered police to seize all copies of a weekly political magazine for suggesting on its cover page that the aftermath of the election would mark the start of a civil war in the country. Nokta magazine said on its website that its chief editor and a manager were expected to be questioned for allegedly inciting people to violence.

Erdogan had called for a new election after Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu failed to form a coalition with any of the three opposition parties in parliament after the June vote.

Sunday's election was held amid renewed violence and Erdogan and Davutoglu argued that only a single-party majority could restore stability. Fighting between Turkey's security forces and Kurdish rebels has left hundreds of people dead and shattered an already-fragile peace process. Two recent massive suicide bombings at pro-Kurdish gatherings that killed some 130 people, apparently carried out by an Islamic State group cell, also raised tensions.

"The will of the people ... opted for stability," Erdogan said. "The developments in that short span of time made the people say: 'there is no way out other than stability.'" Most analysts had expected AKP to fall short of a majority

again, but the preliminary results suggest it picked up millions of votes at the expense of a nationalist party and a pro-Kurdish party.

Yesterday, the European Union's chief diplomat Federica Mogherini and EU Commissioner Johannes Hahn issued a joint statement praising the strong voter turnout of more than 85 percent as a sign of the Turkish people's commitment to democracy. They said the 28-nation group would work with the new government to advance ties. In Germany, a spokesman for Chancellor Angela Merkel said it was now important for Turkey to tackle challenges including fighting IS militants, solving the Kurdish conflict and overcoming polarization "in the spirit of national unity and readiness to compromise."

The lira's recovery yesterday came following a bad year. As well as suffering from the fallout of the previous election, the lira has been hit by expectations the US Federal Reserve will soon raise interest rates. That will ratchet up the costs for Turkish companies, many of whom have borrowed in dollars to fund their expansion. It could also see an outflow of funds from Turkey as the prospect of higher US interest rates encourages investors from around the world to reduce their exposure to emerging markets in favor of improving returns in the US. As a result, analysts were careful not to get too carried away by Sunday's election result as the fundamentals haven't changed.

"This rally should not blind us to the underlying issues in Turkey, such as the continued current account deficit which is causing underlying pressure on the currency as the market continues to fear the first Fed rate hike," said Simon Smith, chief economist at FxPro. Another worry in markets centers on whether President Erdogan will use the opportunity offered by his party's surprisingly big election victory to push for greater powers.

According to Derek Halpenny of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, any aggressive move by Erdogan on that front "could unsettle investors." He said that the AKP has also been well-known to interfere with central bank decision making, one of the factors behind the lira's recent slump.

"The strong gains we see for the lira are unlikely to be repeated going forward," he said. — AP

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## Focus

RUSSIAN MOTIVES  
IN SYRIA MOVE  
DEFINED BY TIMING

By Steven R Hurst

There's much speculation about Russian motives for intervening in Syria. The root answer lies in the timing. Vladimir Putin, the Kremlin boss, finally decided Syrian leader and Moscow ally Bashar Assad was in danger of losing control of Damascus, the capital of the civil-war ravaged nation.

That, in turn, would have crushed a key Russian foreign policy objective - keeping Syria together as a unitary state and maintaining the Russian foothold in the Middle East.

"Assad has not been doing well for a long time, so that leads me to believe they (the Russians) saw something lately that made them think things were getting considerably worse, and they had to intervene," said Eugene Rumer, director of the Carnegie Endowment Russia and Eurasia program.

Holding together the status quo has played heavily in Kremlin foreign policy reaching deep into the past. And the logic of Mideast and North African developments - the centrifugal spinning apart of Iraq and Libya, for example - was deeply unnerving to Moscow.

That was particularly true as the Russians saw the danger in Syria, a long-time client, arms customer and Moscow's only remaining outpost in the region. Beyond that, Syria is home to Moscow's only naval base in the Mediterranean.

Putin began Russian involvement in what is becoming his textbook incremental fashion. First, in late summer, he quietly boosted military hardware and personnel at the Soviet-era Tartus base on the Syrian Mediterranean coast. Then, in late September, Putin spoke at the United Nations General Assembly for the first time in years. He issued a strong argument that the US was failing against ISIS militants who hold a large swath of territory in Syria and neighboring Iraq.

## The Kremlin fears

The next day, Putin said Russia might start air strikes. Those bombing runs began within days, but the targets were not ISIS fighters, as Putin had said, but the more moderate Syrian rebels Washington was backing against Assad. The northwest region out of which Moscow is operating remains a heartland of Alawite supporters of Assad. Alawites form a branch of Shiite Islam, a fact that also has made Syria a close ally of non-Arab but predominantly Shiite Iran. Tehran already was heavily involved on Assad's behalf in the four-year civil war.

But Tehran's help, along with militia fighters from Lebanon's Shiite Hezbollah, wasn't enough. "For some time Russian security and military leaders have been frustrated that even with the aid of fighters from Iran and Hezbollah, Assad's forces have been unable to hold their own," said William Courtney, a former US diplomat in Moscow, and now adjunct senior fellow at the RAND Corporation, and a former ambassador to Kazakhstan and Georgia.

The Kremlin fears, however, that the armed opposition to Assad will adapt to Russian air power, which will then lose effectiveness, Courtney said.

"These worries have contributed to Russia's recent professed interest in finding a 'political solution' to the Syrian crisis," he said. "The Kremlin may press for a while for Assad to retain his position. In some time, however, Russia and the West may both see him as expendable. The West views Assad as too brutal, and Russia (sees him) as too weak and ineffective."

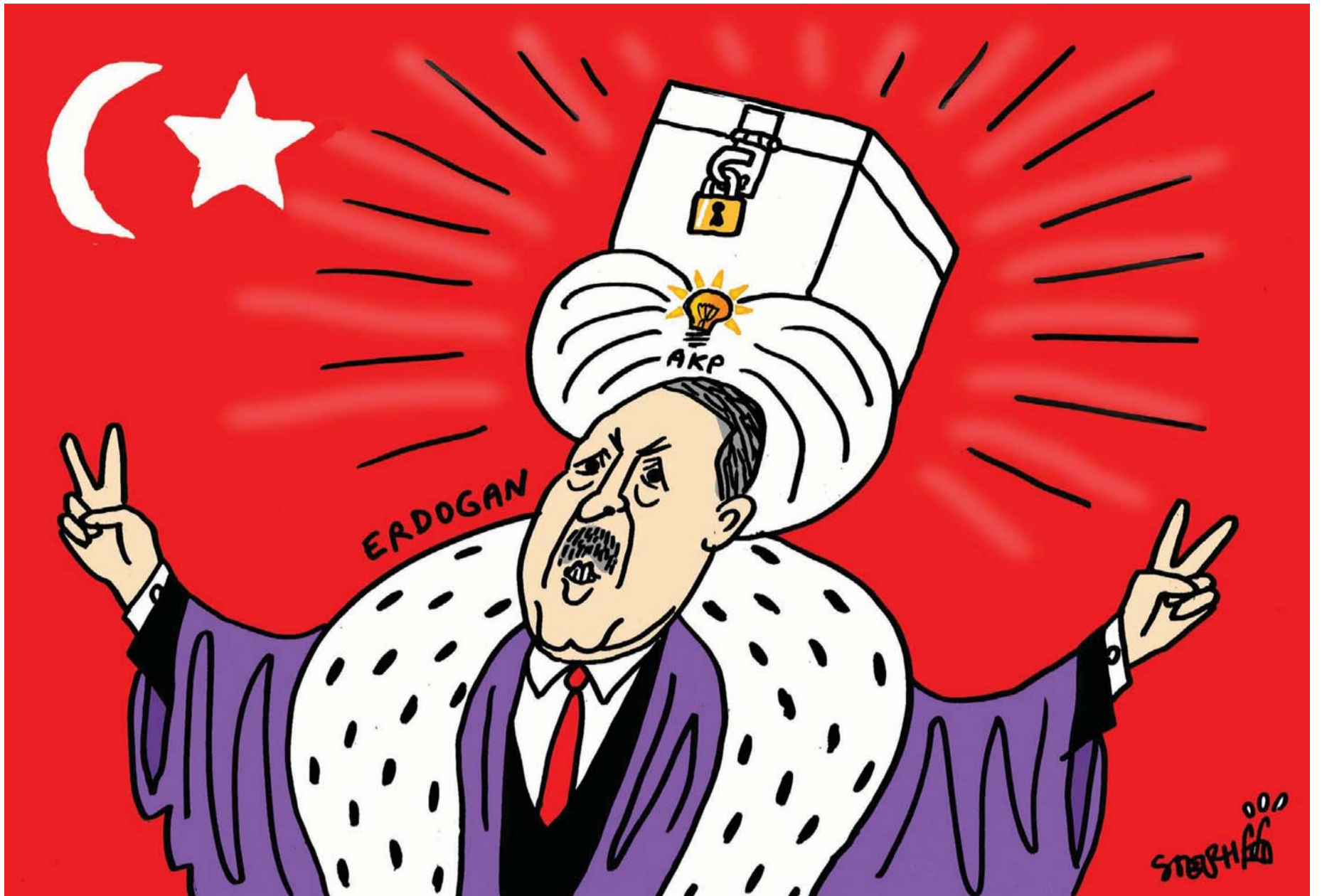
Whether effective or not, Russia's involvement has led to resumed talks about Syria's future in Vienna. So far there's no progress but at least there are talks, notable for including Iran - at Russia's insistence - for the first time. They are notable as well for easing the Kremlin's isolation after its takeover of Crimea and backing for pro-Moscow forces fighting the central government in Ukraine.

The Russian action - whether causal or not - has now been followed by President Barack Obama's decision to insert a few dozen American special operators in Syria to bolster the Assad opposition, including highly effective Kurdish fighters in the north. That move is in contrast to Obama's previous vow to not put American "boots on the ground" in Syria.

While it remains unclear if Russia can succeed in Syria - by holding together a unified state whether led by Assad or another strongman - it is certain Kremlin intervention was strategically timed, has undercut US tactics and has restarted negotiations to end the Syrian civil war.

The success of those talks, however, remains highly uncertain. —AP

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## EU HAS TO DEAL WITH STRENGTHENED ERDOGAN

By Bryan McManus

The EU, desperate for help to solve the migrant crisis, has little option but to deal with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on his own terms after a stunning election victory yesterday, analysts say. They said Erdogan can now set the agenda for a European Union which dislikes doing business with a man who wants to join the bloc but also flouts its rules on human rights and press freedoms.

"The EU will be forced to swallow its pride and pander to the hubristic ego of President Erdogan," Natalie Martin, an expert on Turkish politics at Nottingham Trent University in Britain, told AFP. "In so doing, it will be dealing with a government which may be democratic but is certainly not liberal and which will demand a high price for its cooperation." Turkey is a longstanding candidate country for European Union membership but talks have stalled, largely on concerns over its human rights record which critics say went from bad to worse during the election campaign.

Yet in recent months Brussels has been wooing its Muslim-majority neighbor in the hope it will help resolve the Syrian war and stem the flow of hundreds of thousands of refugees and migrants fleeing the conflict. The EU issued a surprisingly terse statement yesterday, saying that it looked forward to working with the new Turkish government-but stressing that it awaited an OSCE observer report on the vote.

Brussels notably avoided directly congratulating Erdogan, his Justice and Development Party (AKP) which won 316 seats in the 550-member parliament, or Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu.

The OSCE said yesterday that the conduct of the ballot was hindered by violence including a huge suicide bombing at a peace rally, and a crackdown on the media. Critics and the opposition said Erdogan manipulated the press crackdown and a bloody new campaign against Kurdish rebels to convince voters frightened by the upsurge of violence.

## 'Lamentable cynicism'

Erdogan rejected the charges, saying he alone could ensure national security at a time when the Syrian conflict has stoked regional tensions and forced more than two million refugees to seek safety in Turkey. Anne-Marie Le Gloanec of the Sciences Po institute in Paris said that the EU had got itself caught between needing Turkey to solve the migrants crisis and holding up membership on its rights record.

"You cannot make membership harder and

harder .. and then ease off for this supposed democracy-that is just lamentable cynicism, just because you need it to help you cope with a flood of migrants," Le Gloanec said.

But other analysts said that a stronger, more confident Erdogan might just see some merit in compromise. They noted in particular how the president has played hardball with Brussels on plans to control the migrant flows to Europe via Turkey in return for increased aid and speeding up the accession talks.

Sinan Ulgen, visiting scholar at Carnegie Europe in Brussels, said of the refugee crisis: "Perhaps it is time for both to stop this bazaar diplomacy, this 'I do this, you do that diplomacy'."

"I expect the government to revitalize the peace process (with Kurdish rebels) from a position of strength... which would help ease relations with the EU," Ulgen said. Ulgen also cited the possibility of progress on Cyprus, long divided between a Greek Cypriot south and a Turkish-backed north. Ian Lesser, executive director of the German Marshall Fund's Brussels office, said Turkey's international partners would view the vote with "ambivalence mixed with wariness" in light of Erdogan's track record. "Turkey's European and American interlocutors are going to be looking very closely whether this election result simply reinforces those tendencies or allows Turkey to somehow turn a page," Lesser said. "Europe and Turkey have a lot of business to do together." —AFP



**ISTANBUL: Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (right) and his daughter Sumeyye Erdogan (second right) speak to supporters after morning prayers at Eyup Sultan Mosque in Istanbul yesterday. —AP**

## Washington Watch

## INTOLERANCE ON DISPLAY

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Intolerance, especially when it comes to issues involving the Middle East, is a destructive force that has distorted American politics and our policies, rendering us powerless to provide constructive leadership across the Arab World. Such intolerance was on display last week following Democratic presidential candidate Martin O'Malley's appearance at the Arab American Institute's National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Dearborn, Michigan.

O'Malley, the former governor of Maryland, is one of the three remaining contestants in the Democratic presidential primary. In his address to the NLC, he spoke passionately both about the Syrian refugee crisis and Israeli and Palestinian victims of recent violence in Jerusalem. What was deeply distressing was the intolerance some supporters of Israel displayed not only toward O'Malley's remarks, but the very fact that he made them at an Arab American event.

Because O'Malley was the first candidate to champion the cause of Syrian refugees and because the first full day of our NLC was devoted to the refugee crisis, we were pleased that he accepted our invitation to deliver a keynote address. Before his remarks, O'Malley asked to meet with a small group of recent refugees who had made their way to Michigan. He joked with their children, listened to their stories, and responded with compassion to their plight.

While his formal speech to the NLC covered a range of topics, his focus was on the issue of the refugees, how we welcome them and how we treat them. He explained that the issue was of personal importance, noting how as Governor he kept on his desk a sign from the 1890's which read "Help Wanted: No Irish Need Apply." "It served," he said, "as a daily reminder" that "we were all immigrants" and that many groups, including his great grandparents, had to confront intolerance.

Because his family overcame discrimination and exclusion, O'Malley said that he was determined as Governor to "make the American Dream a reality for all people." During his two terms in office, he signed into law a "Dream Act" that provided educational opportunities for 36,000 children of undocumented residents. And he actively recruited Arab and Muslim Americans to serve in his Administration.

## Scourges of bigotry

O'Malley then turned his attention to the scourges of bigotry and intolerance and the negative impact they had on Arabs and Muslims, observing how "this Islamophobia and xenophobia had entered the debate about those fleeing the horrific violence in Syria." He pledged to fight this because "we are a nation of immigrants and refugees...[and] we must not forget what it means to...yearn for a better life." He then reaffirmed his call to the Administration and Congress to admit 65,000 Syrian refugees, closing with this challenge: "Will we listen to our better angels or will we slam the doors and build walls?"

O'Malley concluded his address bringing this same values-based approach to the recent violence in Jerusalem. His remarks were compassionate and balanced and that was enough to prompt some supporters of Israel to attempt to manufacture a controversy. In order to understand the intolerance of O'Malley's critics and just how distressing this entire situation is for Arab Americans, it is important to read the former governor's words, in full.

Here's what he said: "Like everyone here, I have been concerned by the recent developments in Jerusalem and in cities across Israel and the West Bank.

"We have lost 50 Palestinians in the recent violence. Many of them were only teenagers, their entire lives before them. We have lost 8 Israelis, including a 19 year-old and an American couple shot in front of their young children.

"Some of the people in this room have family members who've been affected. All of the victims were sons and daughters, brothers or sisters, or parents of children. All of them leave behind grieving families with holes in their hearts.

"This senseless violence produces nothing except more tragedy and mistrust. It does nothing to move the parties closer to a peaceful and lasting settlement.

"Both sides must take steps to end this violence and address the underlying causes of it. Both sides must make the resumption of final status talks a firm priority.

"Part of those talks must include fair, safe and adequate access to religious sites in Jerusalem and elsewhere. People have a right to worship. Provocative actions on either side must be avoided.

"I am a strong supporter of the two-state solution, which would meet Israel's critical security needs and affirm the dignity of the Palestinians to live as a free people in an independent state of their own."

The reaction to these words was immediate and

intolerant. Some Jewish and right-wing publications criticized O'Malley for suggesting that "both sides" bore responsibility for the violence. His campaign was pressured to "clarify" or "repudiate" the remarks. Despite the fact that O'Malley's rather benign framing of the issue closely tracked the language used by the State Department, and despite the fact that he proposed that equal access to "religious sites" be part of future Israeli-Palestinian talks, his critics felt the need to pummel the candidate into submission because he had committed the unpardonable sins of displaying compassion for and finding fault in the behavior of both sides and because he had done so before an Arab American audience.

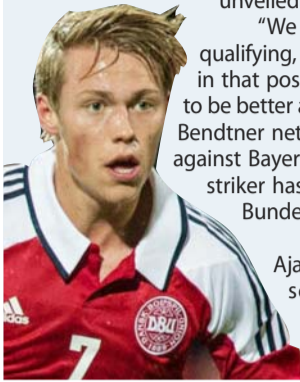
Evidence of the disdain O'Malley's critics have for my community was exemplified by comments made by a "Democratic strategist" Hank Sheinkopf and columnist Jeffery Goldberg. Sheinkopf was nasty saying "Obviously seeking support from any place he might find it, a desperate former governor...has lost all touch with reality". Goldberg was equally dismissive noting that "Martin O'Malley [was] not going after the Jewish vote"-as if they are the only voters who matter.

We have had long experience with such intolerance that seeks to marginalize Arab Americans while punishing candidates who treat us and our concerns with respect. I was present in 1984 when a prominent Senator told Jesse Jackson that he could never expect to be a leader as long as he courted the "Ay-rabs". And I remember a few years later when Ron Brown, then Chair of the Democratic Party, was coming to speak to our NLC and was threatened by a prominent donor who told him "if you even go into that room to speak to them, we will stop sending money to the party". For months, in 1992, the Clinton campaign was pressured to exclude Arab Americans. And, in 2003, then presidential candidate John Kerry was punished after he denounced Israel's construction of the barrier wall at our NLC.

Despite this distressing state of affairs, we continue our efforts to provide leadership for our community and a forum for compassionate leaders like Martin O'Malley to address critical issues facing our nation. Whether discussing America's responsibility to welcome Syrian refugees, the need to combat xenophobia and exclusion, or the need to demonstrate concern for both Israeli and Palestinian lives, we remain committed to open and tolerant discourse. It is only way to advance desperately needed change in our politics and policies.

DENMARK RECALL FORWARD FISCHER

DENMARK: Denmark have recalled Ajax Amsterdam forward Viktor Fischer to the squad for this month's Euro 2016 playoff against rivals Sweden as coach Morten Olsen seeks to end their goal drought.



"We don't have a player that will score ten goals in qualifying, so we all have to work very hard to put ourselves in that position and create chances, and obviously we need to be better at exploiting them," the 66-year-old added.

NO DECISION ON SA COACH

CAPE TOWN: There has been no decision on Springbok coach Heyneke Meyer's future, the South African Rugby Union (SARU) said yesterday following reports that he has signed a new four-year deal through to the next Rugby World Cup.

BENITEZ: ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

MADRID: Real Madrid may top La Liga and their Champions League group but coach Rafael Benitez believes there is room for improvement. The 10-times European champions, who take on Paris St Germain at home in Group A today, are still unbeaten this season but Benitez reckons they have more to give.



MICHELIN PILOT SPORT EXPERIENCE WELCOMES MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA PARTICIPANTS

DUBAI: Michelin, the world's tyre technology leader, hosted a thrilling yet professional car racing experience for brand loyalists across Middle East and Africa for the very first time, at the MICHELIN Pilot Sport Experience in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Experience event was founded to offer customers the unique experience of taking part in a professional-style racing competition, demonstrations and workshops on tyre technology and safety by industry professionals, and to absorb the pioneering world-class motorsports credentials of Michelin.



ANAHEIM: Nashville Predators' Colin Wilson (left) and Anaheim Ducks' Rickard Rakell (right) of Sweden, fight for the puck as Predators' James Neal (center) watches during the third period of an NHL hockey game. — AP

DUCKS DEFEAT PREDATORS

ANAHEIM: Chris Stewart had a goal and two assists, Frederick Andersen stopped 40 shots, and the Anaheim Ducks beat the Nashville Predators 4-2 Sunday night.

LIGHTNING 4, HURRICANES 3 Ryan Callahan and Steven Stamkos scored in the second period to help Tampa Bay snap a four-game losing streak. JT Brown and Tyler Johnson scored in the third as the Lightning beat the Hurricanes for the 10th time in the last 12 meetings.

SHARKS 4, AVALANCHE 3 Brent Burns broke a tie with 1:39 left to help San Jose beat Colorado. Burns made it 3-2 when he came down the right boards and sent a snap shot through traffic and past goalie Semyon Varlamov.

CANADIENS 5, JETS 1 Tomas Fleischmann had two goals and an assist to lead Montreal past Winnipeg. Paul Byron, David Desharnais and Lars Eller also scored for the Canadiens, who have a league-best 22 points (11-2-0) and remained perfect at home (5-0-0).

SABRES 2, ISLANDERS 1 Sam Reinhart broke a tie with 6:16 remaining to rally Buffalo past the New York Islanders. Matt Moulson also scored in the third period and Linus Ullmark stopped 29 shots to help the Sabres win their second straight and third in their last five.

NHL Results/Standings

Table listing NHL results and standings. Includes rows for Western Conference Central Division, Metropolitan Division, Pacific Division, Eastern Conference Atlantic Division, and Tampa Bay, Boston, Florida, etc.

DJOKOVIC HOPES TO RESUME 2015 DOMINATION IN PARIS

PARIS: Novak Djokovic carries a ten-match winning streak into the Paris Masters, that begins late yesterday for the final event of the ATP season, with the world number one riding a wave of form which has lifted him to a record year.

China now in the record books, there seems to be no limits to the confidence of the top man in the sport this season. "I haven't lost a match, the last couple years during the indoor season," said Djokovic in the Paris run-up.

with number two Scot Andy Murray playing for the first time since losing badly in the Shanghai semi-finals last month against Djokovic. Murray is concentrating on Britain's historic Davis Cup final against Belgium, later in the month, as he worries about how to make the switch from indoor hardcourt to clay.

to be used in Ghent when Britain chase a first Davis Cup since 1936 from November 27-29. "My intention is to play at the O2," Murray said on the eve of the Paris tournament.

from injury after booking one of the last two spots in the London World Tour Finals. Basel finalist Nadal, who lost a Bercy title bid eight years ago, comes to Paris pleased with his form after putting Federer under pressure in their Sunday showdown.

## SHEIKH MOHAMMED CHASES ELUSIVE MELBOURNE CUP

**SYDNEY:** Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed will make his 18th attempt at an elusive Melbourne Cup win today as some of the world's biggest trainers descend for Australia's most prestigious race.

The 154-year-old Melbourne Cup over 3,200 metres (two miles) has become a global event and its bumper Aus\$6.2 million (\$4.4 million) prize money lures the big names of thoroughbred racing, from Japan to the Gulf and the British Isles.

While Japan's Fame Game is the pre-post favourite, a roll call of leading international trainers are trying their luck, some of them not for the first time. A record-equaling contingent of 11 foreign-trained horses are running at Flemington racecourse, where the Cup has gone to an international winner only six times.

Godolphin, the Dubai racing and breeding monolith owned by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, is back for the 18th time after three second placings-Central Park (1999), Give The Slip (2001) and Crime Scene (2009).

Godolphin's main chance this year is Sky Hunter, but the stable also has the locally trained Hartnell in the running. "You need to bring horses that have the speed, stay the trip and handle the ground and I think we have three good chances this year," said Saeed bin Suroor, trainer of Sky Hunter.

"At home, we have some good horses but they have to carry too much weight (in the handicap race). So, I have to think what is our best chance. "This is a great race to win, we're trying. We'll come back next year and the next year."

Michael Stoute has been a champion trainer 10 times in England and he has won races all over the globe, including victories in the Dubai World Cup, the Breeders Cup and the Japan Cup along with five Epsom Derbies and two Ascot Gold Cups.

But he has also yet to capture the Melbourne Cup and gets his chance with top-weight Snow Sky, owned by Saudi Arabia's Prince Khalid Abdullah, 10 years after his last Cup runner Distinction.

"I love the race. For years I've wanted to come and be competitive in it," Stoute said. "We've brought a much better horse this time because we have to."

Newmarket trainer Ed Dunlop has come close to winning the Melbourne with Red Cadeaux-the 10-year-old gelding has been a runner-up in three of the last four years.

"If he runs in the top four it would be an astonishing result for a horse of his age to come to this country six times," Dunlop said. Dunlop also has a strong chance with Trip To Paris, who finished second to Mongolian Khan in the shorter main lead-up race the Caulfield Cup (2400m) a fortnight ago. "Everyone thought because he won an Ascot Gold Cup he's a dour stayer, but he's not at all. The Caulfield Cup showed that," Dunlop said.

Irishman Aidan O'Brien is hoping to replicate the trailblazing successes of compatriot trainer Dermot Weld with Vintage Crop (1993) and Media Puzzle (2002) for his two runners, Kingfisher and Bondi Beach. O'Brien hasn't had a Cup runner since 2008 but both this year's entries have strong credentials. Bondi Beach won the English St Leger after an inquiry, while Kingfisher finished second in the Ascot Gold Cup. Another Irish contender Max Dynamite, will be ridden by Frankie Dettoni.

The Melbourne Cup has been won six times by internationally trained horses: 2014 (Proteonist, Germany), 2011 (Dunaden, France), 2010 (Americain, France), 2006 (Delta Blues, Japan), 2002 (Media Puzzle, Ireland), 1993 (Vintage Crop, Ireland).

Pre-post betting - 9/4 Fame Game, 8/1 Trip To Paris, 9/1 Max Dynamite, Preferment, 13/1 Criterion, 16/1 Almoongith, 18/1 Red Cadeaux, The United States, Who Shot Thebarman, 25/1 Excess Knowledge, Kingfisher, 34/1 Bondi Beach, Grand Marshal, Gust Of Wind, Hartnell, Hokko Brave, Our Ivanhowe, Snow Sky, The Offer, 50/1 Big Orange, Prince Of Penzance, 70/1 Sky Hunter, 100/1 Quest For More, 150/1 Sertorius. — AFP



**MEXICO:** Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany (center) celebrates on the podium after winning the Formula One Mexico Grand Prix auto race at the Hermanos Rodriguez racetrack. — AP

## ROSBERG WINS MEXICO GP

**MEXICO CITY:** Nico Rosberg put his Texas blues behind him on Sunday to win the first Mexican Grand Prix in 23 years and show triple world champion Mercedes team mate Lewis Hamilton how it feels to finish second.

The German's fourth victory of the year, and 12th of his career, ended Hamilton's three-race winning streak a week after the Briton secured his third title.

On a sunny afternoon, with the 135,000-strong crowd creating a party atmosphere, the Briton was left feeling sore after questioning a team instruction to pit for fresh tyres after Rosberg had already done so. The German, whose late mistake in Austin handed Hamilton the victory that clinched the title, led cleanly away from pole position and finished 1.9 seconds ahead after also setting the fastest lap.

It was Mercedes' 10th one-two in 17 races. "This is really the best podium of the year, what a place to win" said Rosberg, addressing a cheering mass of more than 100,000 from a podium overlooking the stadium complex. "Amazing day, great race," added the German.

With both championships already decided, Mercedes having retained their constructors' crown in Russia last month, the race win was all that mattered for the dominant duo at the Hermanos Rodriguez circuit.

Rosberg's win lifted him to second in the championship, 21 points clear of Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel who failed to score after a crash

that brought out the safety car on the 52nd of the 71 laps. The German was unhurt. Finland's Valtteri Bottas finished third for Williams.

### HAMILTON ARGUES

The last winner in Mexico before Sunday was Britain's Nigel Mansell, in 1992 when he was with Williams. Mansell, who now has the last corner named after him, conducted the podium interviews on Sunday. Hamilton had hoped to follow on from his fellow-Englishman but had to concede that his team mate had won fair and square in a race with none of the first corner wheel-banging that triggered a controversy in Austin.

"Nico drove a fantastic race. No mistakes, no gust of wind," he said, a dig at Rosberg's U.S. error that the German blamed on windy conditions. Hamilton had clearly opposed the team's decision to bring him in for an unscheduled second pitstop, with sceptics inevitably speculating about team orders, and ignored it initially.

"Can I ask why?," he enquired. "My tyres feel good." He obeyed when it was made clear that it was for safety reasons due after an inspection of the tyres used in the first stint showed excessive wear. The high-altitude Mexico straight is one of the longest and fastest on the calendar with cars reaching speeds in excess of 360kph.

Neither Ferrari finished the race, ending a run of 20 in the points, with Vettel's team mate Kimi Raikkonen breaking his suspension after colliding with Bottas for the second time in three

weeks. Bottas, who had been trying to pass on the inside when they tangled wheels, raced on to take a revenge podium. In Russia last month, Raikkonen wrecked Bottas's hopes of third place when he tried to pass on the last lap and sent his compatriot into the barriers.

"That is what you call payback," commented former F1 driver David Coulthard on the BBC. The stewards investigated and decided to take no further action. Vettel had a nightmare afternoon, picking up a puncture on the first lap after banging wheels with Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo and then spinning. Russian Daniil Kvyat was fourth for Red Bull, ahead of Australian Ricciardo with Brazilian Felipe Massa sixth for Williams.

The Force India pair of Nico Hulkenberg and Sergio Perez, the local hero and crowd favourite, finished seventh and eighth.

Perez, whose every appearance in the baseball stadium area had the crowd leaping in excitement, became the first Mexican to score a point in a home race since Pedro Rodriguez in 1970 and only the second ever.

"I will remember this weekend forever," said the 25-year-old. "I think everybody has enjoyed the energy of the crowd and this must surely be one of the most popular races on the calendar now." Toro Rosso's Dutch teenager Max Verstappen was ninth and Romain Grosjean 10th for Lotus. McLaren's Fernando Alonso lasted just one lap before having to retire with a loss of power. — Reuters



Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed

## JOCKEY HOPES CUP VICTORY CAN EASE ADMIRE RAKTI PAIN

**MELBOURNE:** Riding last year's favorite in the Melbourne Cup, Australia's oldest and most prestigious thoroughbred race, should have been a thrill for local jockey Zac Purton but ended up a nightmare when Admire Rakti died minutes after the finish.

The Japanese-trained horse was the clear favourite at 5/1 for the gruelling 3,200 metres handicap at Flemington Racecourse but it wasn't long into the race that Purton felt something was amiss.

Weeks before, he had enjoyed a great ride on Admire Rakti, the bay stallion storming home to win the leadup Caulfield Cup over 2,400 metres.

Saddled with the top weight of 58.5 kg at Flemington, Admire Rakti faded badly over the last 600 metres in the Melbourne Cup, finishing last of the 22 entrants.

Minutes after the race, he died of a heart attack in a stall, casting a pall over a bumper public holiday crowd at the meeting. Admire Rakti was one of two horses to die after the race, with seventh-placed Araldo euthanised after suffering an injury to his leg when spooked by a fan on the way to the stalls.

Hong Kong-based Purton said he had been haunted by Admire Rakti's sudden death. "Because you have the whole build-up to the race-I was riding the favourite in it-and then to hear what happened and see the vision splashed all over the news, it was just really, really sad," he told local media in the leadup to Tuesday's 155th running of the race that stops a nation. "It was probably one of the-I don't know what word to use it left me feeling very empty."

Purton will saddle up again on the race favourite, another Japanese-trained stayer called Fame Game, who bookmakers rate a 5/2 chance.

Fame Game has drawn barrier 12, a favourable position in the middle of the 24-entrant field, after raising eyebrows with a barnstorming finish at the Caulfield Cup, in which he was last into the final straight before crossing sixth.

"He's not just the best horse, he's clearly the best horse," Purton said. "His best form is over a longer distance, he does prefer big tracks. "(A win) is never going to change what happened and that's always going to be with me, but hopefully we can atone for it have a little bit more luck this time." — Reuters

## TAYLOR'S MAIDEN FIFTY KEEPS ENGLAND IN HUNT

**SHARJAH:** James Taylor hit a maiden half-century in his comeback match to bolster England to 222-4 at stumps on the second day of the third Test against Pakistan in Sharjah yesterday.

The 25-year-old, playing his first Test since 2012, kept Pakistan at bay with an unbeaten 74 and found an able ally in Jonny Bairstow (37 not out) as the two put on an invaluable 83 for the unbroken fifth-wicket stand at Sharjah Stadium.

That leaves England just 12 behind Pakistan's first-innings total of 234 with six wickets intact as they hope to gain a decisive lead in their bid to level the three-match series.

Pakistan lead the series 1-0 after winning the second Test in Dubai while the first Test ended in a draw in Abu Dhabi. Taylor kept England in the hunt as he survived a keen tussle between bat and ball, with Pakistan's spin duo of Yasir Shah and Zulfiqar Babar threatening to take wickets.

But Taylor, playing his first Test since his two debut Tests against South Africa three years ago, batted with resolve, using his feet and sweeping to blunt the spin.

He pushed paceman Wahab Riaz for a single to reach his first half century off 100 balls. He has so far hit six boundaries during his 141-ball fight. When Taylor walked in England were struggling at 97-3 after Alastair Cook (49) and Joe Root-their two key batsmen-had been dismissed.

Taylor added 42 for the fourth wicket with Ian Bell (40) to steady the innings as Pakistan attacked through both pace and spin. For Pakistan, Shah took 2-79 while Babar went wicket-less in his 25 overs and even a second new ball at 181-4 failed to dislodge the Taylor-Bairstow partnership.

"I think the bowlers were outstanding to bowl Pakistan out in a day and today was a better day to bat and obviously we wanted to get as close as we can and obviously now it's to try and get past them," said Bell, who had praise for Taylor.

"He (Taylor) is a smart and a busy cricketer and what we saw today that he swept and used his feet and was busy and at the back end of the day he had a good partnership with Jonny."

Bell, who survived a confident caught behind appeal off Babar, was finally stumped off Shah. He hit two boundaries and a six during his three hour, 37 minute innings.

Bell and Cook had steadied the innings



**SHARJAH:** England's Alastair Cook (rear) runs between the wicket during Pakistan and England Test match at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium. — AP

with a 71-run stand for the second wicket.

England had added three runs to their lunch score of 87-1 when Cook fell to a soft dismissal as he pushed a Shah delivery straight into the hands of short leg fielder Azhar Ali. Cook hit four boundaries during his 119-ball knock. England had hoped Root would supplement Bell but the fast-rising batsman fell to a loose shot off paceman Rahat Ali and was smartly snapped low to his right by wicketkeeper Sarfraz Ahmed. Resuming at 4-0, England lost Ali in the seventh over of the day when he miscued an aggressive shot off spinner Shoaib Malik and was caught in the slip by Younis Khan for 14.

Cook, who made an epic 263 in the drawn first Test in Abu Dhabi, looked in no trouble as he negotiated Pakistan's pace-

cum-spin attack with confidence and appeared set for another half-century before he fell. Bell smashed Babar for a six

early in the innings and ably supported his skipper, adding valuable runs for the second wicket partnership with Cook. — AFP

## SCOREBOARD

**SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates:** Scores at close on the second day of the third and final Test between Pakistan and England at Sharjah Stadium yesterday.

**Pakistan 1st innings** 234 (Misbah-ul-Haq 71; J. Anderson 4-17)

J. Bairstow not out 37  
Extras: (lb2, nb2) 4  
Total: (for four wks, 92 overs) 222

**England 1st innings** (overnight 4-0)

A. Cook c Ali b Shah 49  
Moeen Ali c Younis b Malik 14  
I. Bell st Ahmed b Shah 40  
J. Root c Ahmed b Rahat 4  
J. Taylor not out 74

To bat: B. Stokes, Adil Rashid, S. Patel, S. Broad, J. Anderson  
Fall of wicket: 1-19 (Ali), 2-90 (Cook), 3-97 (Root), 4-139 (Bell) Bowling: Rahat 16-8-35-1, Shah 29-3-79-2, Riaz 15-4-23-0 (2nb), Babar 25-2-60-0, Malik 5-2-16-1, Ali 2-0-7-0.





NEW YORK: Kansas City Royals pose with World Series trophy after Game 5 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the New York Mets. The Royals won 7-2 to win the series. — AP

# ROYALS END 30-YEARS WORLD SERIES DROUGHT

**NEW YORK:** Sparked by the most amazing rally in a comeback-filled playoff run, the Kansas City Royals captured their first World Series title in 30 years Sunday by defeating the New York Mets 7-2 in 12 innings. The Royals took Major League Baseball's best-of-seven championship final four games to one after scoring twice in the ninth inning to equalize and break open the contest with five runs in the last inning. "We never quit. We never put our heads down," said Royals catcher Salvador Perez, the World Series Most Valuable Player. "We never think 'OK, the game is over.' No. We always compete to the last out. And that's what we did tonight."

The Royals seized their first crown since 1985 with a record eighth come-from-behind playoff victory, including all four of their World Series triumphs. Seven of them were multi-run

rallies to win. "Our guys, you never count them out," said Royals manager Ned Yost. "It's just a team that never quits, never panics. They just find ways to win."

Lorenzo Cain scored the Royals' first run in the crucial ninth inning and smacked a three-run double in the 12th that sealed New York's fate, ending the Mets' dream of their first World Series title since 1986.

"We're real disappointed," Mets manager Terry Collins said. "I told the guys this is the time to enjoy it and be proud of your accomplishment, but when you get beat at the end of the season, it's not fun."

Inspired by a seven-game loss to San Francisco in last year's World Series, the Royals became the first team since the 1989 Oakland A's to win the World Series a year after losing it. They are the first team since the 1961 New

York Yankees to lose in a seventh game and win the title the next year. "I already forget about last year," Perez said. "I'll just enjoy the moment now. In 2015 Kansas City is number one. Who cares about what happened last year?"

Deadlocked 2-2 after nine innings, the game went into the 12th with the title poised on a knife's edge. Perez singled down the right-field line off Mets reliever Addison Reed to open the 12th. Pinch-runner Jerrod Dyson replaced Perez, promptly stole second base and took third when Eric Gordon grounded out to first. Pinch-hitter Christian Colon then smacked a single to left field to score Dyson and give Kansas City their first lead at 3-2.

Brazilian Paulo Orlando then reached on a fielder's choice that advanced Colon on an error by Mets second baseman Daniel Murphy.

Acides Escobar then stretched his playoff hit streak to 15 games with a run-scoring double to left and Ben Zobrist was intentionally walked to load the bases, setting the stage for Cain's double to left center field to clear the bases and produce the final margin.

"There was no doubt in my mind they were going to get back and finish the deal this time," Yost said. New York's Curtis Granderson hit a leadoff home run in the first inning and scored again after walking in the fourth to give the Mets a 2-0 advantage.

Mets starting pitcher Matt Harvey, a 26-year-old right-hander, baffled the Royals for eight shutout innings, striking out nine while scattering four hits and two walks as only one runner got past first base.

But in the ninth inning, the Royals added to their legend as comeback kings as Cain

opened the ninth with a walk and stole second base, allowing him to race home on Eric Hosmer's double to left field and cut the Mets' lead to 2-1. That prompted Collins to remove Harvey in favor of Dominican closing relief ace Jeury Familia, who promptly surrendered a ground out to first by Mike Moustakas that advanced Hosmer to third base.

"It's my fault," Collins said of staying with Harvey into the ninth when he could have brought in Familia earlier. "I've got one of the greatest closers in baseball. I got him in the game a little late. That's inexcusable for me."

Perez then grounded out but Hosmer raced home and scored the tying run as an errant desperation throw home by Lucas Duda was way off target. "A good throw he's out," Collins said. "Luke has got a great arm and threw the ball wide." — AFP

## BILES AND UCHIMURA WIN 10TH WORLD GOLD

**GLASGOW:** The days of scooping a perfect 10 in gymnastics are long gone, even for Simone Biles and Kohei Uchimura, but both cemented their places among the greats by claiming their 10th world titles on Sunday. Already considered the finest gymnasts of this generation, and possibly ever-with Biles now holding a record number of world golds for a woman—the two all-around champions once again showed their ability to produce 24-karat-winning routines.

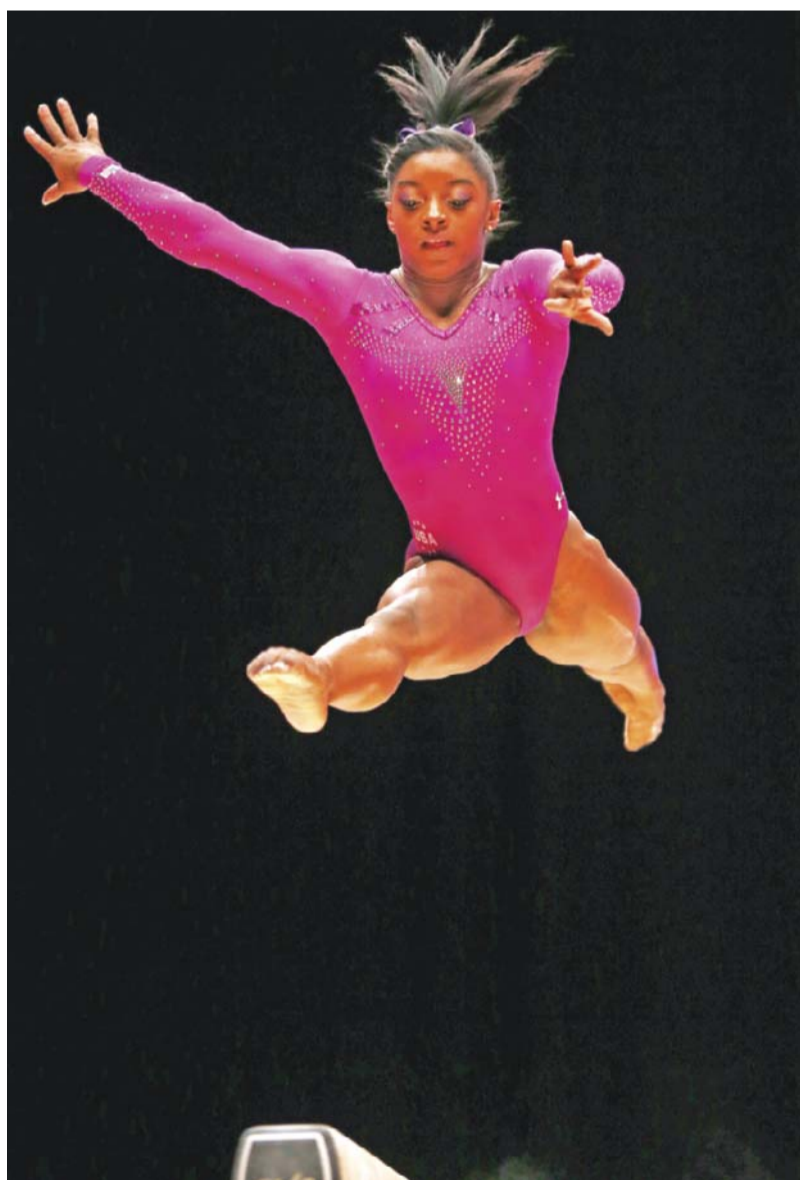
American Biles maintained her poise during a mesmerizing balance beam display to obliterate the opposition with a score of 15.358, more than a point ahead of Dutchwoman Sanne Wevers. While wobbles and falls littered the programmes of the seven other finalists, with four gymnasts slipping off the beam, Biles was rock solid as she spun around 900 degrees on her right toes. She flew through her other acrobatic flips and when she nailed her full-twisting double back somersault dismount, it was game over for the others.

An hour later she was back to dazzle again with a hip-swinging floor exercise. Her explosive tumbling passes—which included her trademark soaring double layout with half twist at the end— and sassy moves were beautifully choreographed to the music of "Perhaps, perhaps, perhaps."

"I can't even wrap my head around it. I still don't believe my ability to achieve such things. It's crazy." Asked what she plans to do with so many glittering prizes, she added with a huge grin: "My mom ... puts them in a safe and I do not know the combination."

Solving the riddle of how to beat Biles and Uchimura will no doubt cause a lot of anxiety to their rivals going into 2016.

While Biles will arrive at the Rio Olympics a three-times all-around world champion, Japan's Uchimura showed that his appetite for gold remains insatiable.



GLASGOW; Simone Biles of the US performs on the balance beam during the women's apparatus final competition at the World Artistic Gymnastics championships at the SSE Hydro Arena. — AP

The holder of a record six successive world all-around titles ended the theatrical celebrations of American Danell Leyva, and his step-father-coach Yin Alvarez, with a high-flying routine on the horizontal bar that drew 15.833.

A performance that had the crowd ooohing and aahing with every one of his four release manoeuvres secured him a third gold in Glasgow, taking his overall world medal tally to 19.

It did not seem to satisfy Uchimura. "I want to see the Japanese flag rising more than three times," declared Uchimura, who is fast closing in on the record held by Vitaly Scherbo. The Belarussian won 23 world medals, including 12 golds.

While Biles and Uchimura were the leading lights on Sunday, Ri Se-gwang was saluting North Korea's flag as his country's national anthem was played for the second year running following his success in the vault final.

The 30-year-old took a step forward following his first vault—a piked double front summersault with half twist—and then stuck his tongue out bashfully when he failed to nail the second one cleanly.

But there was so much difficulty packed into his Tsukahara full-twisting double back effort, that the stumbled landing did not really dent his average score. His mark of 15.450 edged out Marian Dragulescu by 0.050 of a point—the Romanian jumping into the arms of his coach after winning his 10th world medal, 14 years after earning his first.

You Hao ended a week of disappointment for China's men as he captured their first gold medal in Glasgow by eclipsing Ukrainian defending champion Oleg Verniaiev by 0.15 of a point in the parallel bars final. He scored 16.216 on a day Asia won all three of the men's apparatus finals. — Reuters

## KANSAS ERUPTS IN CELEBRATION

**KANSAS CITY:** Jubilant Kansas City Royals fans poured onto the streets of Missouri's largest city on Sunday to celebrate a World Series triumph that marked a first Major League Baseball championship in 30 years. The Game Five 7-2 road win in 12 innings over the New York Mets at Citi Field gave the American League champions their first title since a 1985 triumph over cross-state rivals the St Louis Cardinals, and only their second ever triumph.

Thousands of Royals fans crowded a downtown Kansas City entertainment district to watch the game on a giant outdoor video screen and at many surrounding bars. Fans stood 10 deep on the sidewalks to watch the action in front of some ale houses.

When the last out was made, they jumped, high-fived, hugged and leaped for joy. Cabs and cars honked horns, dodging ecstatic pedestrians.

"I feel amazing," Trevor Reynolds said as he thrust two triumphant fists into the air on a downtown sidewalk after the Royals sealed a 4-1 triumph in the best-of-seven series.

"We haven't won this for 30 years." Much of the crowd appeared too young to remember or even exist when the Royals last won the series. "The last time they won I was a baby... in 1985," said a joyous Terryl Robinson. "I'm feeling good and happy to be a Kansas Citian."

Fans had endured 29 years without seeing the Royals make the playoffs until last year, when they reached the deciding game of the World Series before losing to the San Francisco Giants by a single run. But on Sunday they saw their team fight back from a 2-0 deficit in the ninth, scoring two runs and sending the game into extra innings. The Royals then blew the game open with a five-run 12th to win the series. Kansas City, one of baseball's smallest markets, has feted the Royals across the community since the beginning of the playoffs. The city's many public fountains were dyed royal blue, while some statuary was donned in Royals garb. "I never thought I would see this in my life," said Jake Miller, 24. "It's mind-boggling. It is something special beating a team from New York just because half the country thinks Kansas City is in Kansas. This puts us on the map and that is what I really like about it."

"It pulled this city together in ways that it wouldn't in major cities," said fan John Weidensaul as he watched the game from a the sidewalk outside a bar.

Jim Schlaman remembered when the Royals, first formed in 1969, won their last World Series when he was just seven. "This is fantastic," he said. "They've had a couple decades of down years and it's pretty exciting to have a winner." — Reuters

## ASIANS SUPPORT SHOOTING FEDERATION

**KUWAIT:** The technical meeting of the 13th Asian Championship which includes the shotgun, air rifle and pistol was held yesterday at Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Olympic shooting complex with the participation of 33 countries.

The meeting was chaired by President of Kuwait and Arab Shooting Federations, Chairman of the Higher Organizing Committee, in the presence of Secretary General of Kuwait and Arab Shooting Federations Obaid Al-Osaimi as well as technical delegates of shotgun Abdullah Al-Hamadi and pistol and Rifle. Eng. Al-Otaibi spoke at the start of the meeting about the HOC carrying out all the necessary arrangements to ensure the championship success, adding it will be carried



their support to the Kuwait Federation to take all legal action to demand the right of Asia to distribute the quota places.

Meanwhile, there will be 7 gold medals distributed today in the men's double trap, women's 10m rifle, men's 50m pistol and women's 25 precision pistol.

The double trap event will see strong competition as it includes the Rio Di Janeiro quotas. Official pre event training on the men's 10m rifle, and 50m prone rifle, and women's 25 rapid pistol will also take place. Secretary General of Iraq Central Shooting Federation Dr. Mawaheb Hameed totally rejected the actions of the IOC and ISSF excluding the results of this championship from the Olympic quotas. She said the decision is highly unfair, and

unrealistic to deprive an entire continent from its rights, and reflects the confusion in both organizations. She said the Iraqi delegation strongly supports Kuwait stand to face the conspiracies being made against it. Meanwhile President of Lebanon's Shooting Federation Butrous Jalakh slammed the arrogant decisions of IOC and ISSF, and asked all Asian delegations to face such decisions that are made by irresponsible bodies who work like mafia principles.

Jalakh said that he felt total rejection by all delegations to the exclusion of the results from Olympic quotas, adding that the decision carries with it personal attitudes and lacks professionalism in dealing with such events.



out according to the international law and there will also be testing for doping.

Al-Otaibi stressed that the distribution of quota places is a definite right of Asia and Kuwait Shooting Federation, the organizer. Those present lauded all the facilities presented by HOC, and expressed



SPAIN: Real Madrid player Cristiano Ronaldo (center right) and team mates train at the Valdebebas stadium, Real Madrid will face Paris Saint-Germain in a Group stage of Champion's League Group A soccer match today. — AP

## REAL HEAVYWEIGHTS RETURNING FOR PSG

**MADRID:** Real Madrid coach Rafa Benitez has been relying on second-string players to get the club through a mini injury crisis but should have several of his heavyweights back when Paris St Germain visit in the Champions League today.

Playmaker James Rodriguez, striker Karim Benzema and captain and centre back Sergio Ramos all look likely to be fit for the clash at the Bernabeu as the record 10-times winners

look to pull clear of PSG at the top of Group A. Midfielder Luka Modric may not be available after he was taken off at halftime in Saturday's 3-1 La Liga win at home to Las Palmas with a sore hip, while it is unclear when forward Gareth Bale might return from a calf injury. With a string of regulars missing in recent weeks, Benitez has deployed youngsters like Casemiro, Jese, Lucas Vazquez and Nacho—who all graduated from Real's B team-

to keep their season ticking over. Real remain unbeaten in La Liga and are joint top with champions Barcelona on 24 points after 10 matches. The goal they conceded to Las Palmas on Saturday—a header at a corner—was the first they conceded at home this season.

"I told the players that these are the games they have to make the most of," Benitez said. "They are collecting points for us and they are helping us maintain our competitiveness so

the team can keep growing. "When the other players return it will be harder but the important thing is that they are available and they contribute to keeping the team winning."

PSG coach Laurent Blanc was pleased to come through Friday's Ligue 1 match at Rennes with a 1-0 win thanks to a goal from former Real midfielder Angel Di Maria and without sustaining any injuries to key players. Blanc, whose side are also unbeaten this term,

has been without centre back David Luiz after he sustained a knee injury on duty with Brazil last month.

Real and PSG drew 0-0 at the Parc des Princes last month in their first competitive game in more than 20 years and are tied on seven points from three of six matches. A win for either side would earn a place in the last 16 should Malmo lose at Shakhtar Donetsk today.



CARRINGTON: Manchester United's Marouane Fellaini (left) Wayne Rooney (second left) Ashley Young and Michael Carrick (right) attend a training session at the Aon Training Complex. — AP

## SCHNEIDERLIN HOPES FOR END TO MAN UNITED DROUGHT

**LONDON:** Manchester United's goal-shy players tackle CSKA Moscow at Old Trafford in the Champions League today determined to end a goal drought that now stretches to 295 minutes. Since Anthony Martial's diving header earned United a 1-1 draw in the reverse fixture two weeks ago, Louis van Gaal's side have registered successive 0-0 draws against Manchester City, second-tier Middlesbrough, who beat them on penalties in the League Cup, and Crystal Palace.

It is the first time since 2005 that United have gone three games without scoring, which Van Gaal admits is a "big concern", and Morgan Schneiderlin has urged his team-mates not to allow the issue to become a fixation. "It's frustrating when you don't win games," the French midfielder told MUTV.

"We have the players to score goals and we will score goals. It's not a worry for me. We've had the chances and sometimes it's just a matter of taking the time to make a good choice.

"It will come if we keep believing. We will keep clean sheets, that's not a problem, and we will win games, but we need to make sure it comes quickly." United's latest stalemate saw them held by Palace at Selhurst Park on

Saturday, where the visitors mustered just a single shot on target.

United's drop in productivity has coincided with Van Gaal's decision to move Martial, the Premier League's Player of the Month for September, to the left flank and utilise Wayne Rooney as a lone striker. Rooney's dismal form has prompted calls for the United captain to be either dropped or withdrawn to a number 10 role and Van Gaal's tweak in the latter stages at Palace, when Martial went up front and Rooney moved out to the left, suggests the Dutchman may be thinking along similar lines. Whichever attacking configuration he settles on, Van Gaal will hope it enables his team to register a first ever home victory against Russian opposition.

United drew 3-3 with CSKA when the sides first met at Old Trafford in November 2009 and their two previous home games against Russian teams ended in draws — 0-0 against Torpedo Moscow in 1992, 2-2 against Rotor Volgograd in 1995 — that led to early exits from the UEFA Cup.

In total, United have won only one of their eight matches against Russian teams and with the two sides level on four points in Group B, two points below leaders Wolfsburg and just a point above fourth-place PSV Eindhoven, it is a statistic they will be eager to improve on.

CSKA geared up for the trip to northwest England by beating struggling Ufa 2-0 on Saturday to preserve their unbeaten record in the Russian Premier League, which they lead by nine points.

But victory came at the cost of a muscular injury to Ivorian striker Seydou Doumbia, scourge of Manchester City in last season's group phase, who was substituted at half-time and is now a doubt for today's game. Playmaker Roman Eremenko is also doubtful, while full-back Vasily Berezutsky has been ruled out with a thigh problem.

CSKA's former United winger Zoran Tosic, who curled in the second goal against Ufa, suggested that his side would approach the trip to Old Trafford with caution. "Of course CSKA want to win every single match that we play, but when you face Man United at Old Trafford, you can't expect an easy trip," said the Croatian, who was on United's books between 2008 and 2010. —AFP

## SEVILLA COACH WRITES OFF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CHANCES

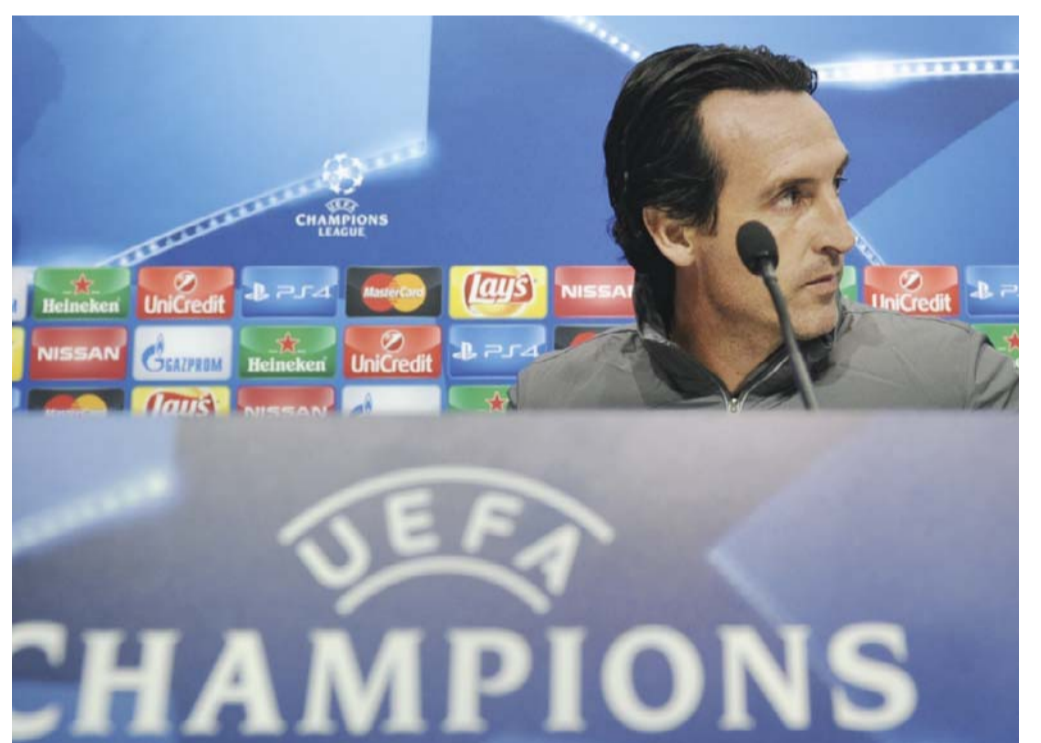
**SEVILLE:** Sevilla coach Unai Emery has admitted his side have no chance of winning the Champions League and says their priority is to perform well in La Liga so they can secure a lucrative berth in the competition again for next season.

As the Europa League holders prepare to host Manchester City today, Emery said Sevilla must focus on improving their domestic form after they suffered another setback in Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Villarreal which left them in ninth after 10 matches.

The Andalusian club qualified for the Champions League after winning a second consecutive Europa League crown last term and are third in Group D on three points after going down 2-1 at City last month. Managed by former Villarreal, Real Madrid and Malaga coach Manuel Pellegrini, City are second on six points, a point behind leaders Juventus, and will qualify for the last 16 with two games to spare if they beat Sevilla and the Italian champions win at Borussia Moenchengladbach.

"The Champions League is a very attractive goal but if we don't feed ourselves every day in La Liga we will go hungry," Emery told a news conference after the defeat at Villarreal.

"I am thinking about what gives us our daily bread and that is the domestic league," he added. "The Champions League is something to be enjoyed but it is here (in La Liga) that we have to win, that is our reality. "We are not going to win the Champions League, La Liga is what conditions our present and future." City warmed up for the match at the Sanchez Pizjuan with a 2-1 Premier League success at home to Norwich City on Saturday which kept them top ahead of Arsenal on goal difference.



SPAIN: Sevilla's coach Unai Emery sits during a press conference on the eve of the UEFA Champions League football match against Manchester City at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan stadium. — AFP

Chilean Pellegrini, who is in his third season in charge at City, has a mixed record against Emery from his time in Spain, winning four, drawing two and losing three.

His record against Sevilla was poor, winning only five of 19 matches and losing nine. Emery

will be without Kevin Gameiro for City's visit after the French forward was forced off with a muscle injury on Saturday. He is likely to be replaced up front by former Spain striker Fernando Llorente, who has yet to spark after joining from Juve in the close season. — Reuters

## BOTTOM SIDE GLADBACH HOST JUVENTUS ON RECORD HIGH

**GERMANY:** Borussia Moenchengladbach host Juventus today bottom of their Champions League group, but buoyed by their record run of six league wins which has seen them shoot up the Bundesliga. Under caretaker coach Andre Schubert, Gladbach have won all of their league games to climb from bottom of the German league to fifth.

Schubert's six wins on his first stint in the Bundesliga equals the record Willi Entenmann achieved with VfB Stuttgart in 1986. To give that context, Bayern Munich's coach Pep Guardiola won only his opening three games in his first Bundesliga season in 2013/14.

But Borussia are bottom of Group D in Europe after losing their opening two games: 3-0 at Sevilla and 2-1 at home to Manchester City before drawing at Juventus a fortnight ago. Gladbach's 4-1 Bundesliga win at Hertha Berlin on Saturday was a timely booster after holding Juventus to a goalless draw in Turin.

Gladbach need to beat Juventus to keep alive their faint hopes of reaching the knockout stages. Since Schubert took charge, after Lucien Favre's shock resignation in

September, Gladbach have only lost once when Manchester City secured a 2-1 comeback win at Borussia Park in the Champions League. Gladbach have never lost to Serie A opposition in six games at this level, but this is their first year they are playing in Europe since the 1977/78 season. Unbeaten in Europe, Juventus will secure qualification for the last 16 if they beat Gladbach and Sevilla lose at Manchester City today.

Juve will be without Germany midfielder Sami Khedira who tore his calf early in Saturday's 2-1 win at Torino and came off after ten minutes.

"He told me he had a problem, but I risked him and used him in the game," said Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri. Juventus have had a disappointing start to the season and are tenth in the Italian league, but top Group D after wins over City and Sevilla before drawing with Gladbach.

The Germans are relishing taking on last season's finalists again and right-back Havard Nordveit, who scored their fourth goal in Berlin, says there will be a special atmosphere. "We're really looking forward to this

special game," said the Norway international. "This is the second Champions League match at Borussia Park and the atmosphere will be top. "I hope we can play our game and then anything can happen. "It's a good time to play such a big match.

"I don't believe that Juventus will think: 'this will be easy'. "They also know that we have won six league games in a row, that we are self-confident and that it will be difficult against us."

Despite hauling his team up the league table, Schubert does not have a permanent contract, but director of sport Max Eberl has hinted he is set to get the head coach job full-time.

A win over Juve would be another step in the right direction. "Now comes the Champions League, and there's every reason I'll still be here, I think," said Schubert after Gladbach's win in Berlin. "For anything else, you have to ask Max Eberl.

"I'll do this job as long as I can. "I am enjoying working with the team and I like working in professional football, but it's not something I have to do." — AFP



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(Local Timings)

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	
Astana v Atletico	18:00
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Man United v Moskva	22:45
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Eindhoven v Wolfsburg	22:45
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Real Madrid v Paris Saint	22:45
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Benfica v Galatasaray	22:45
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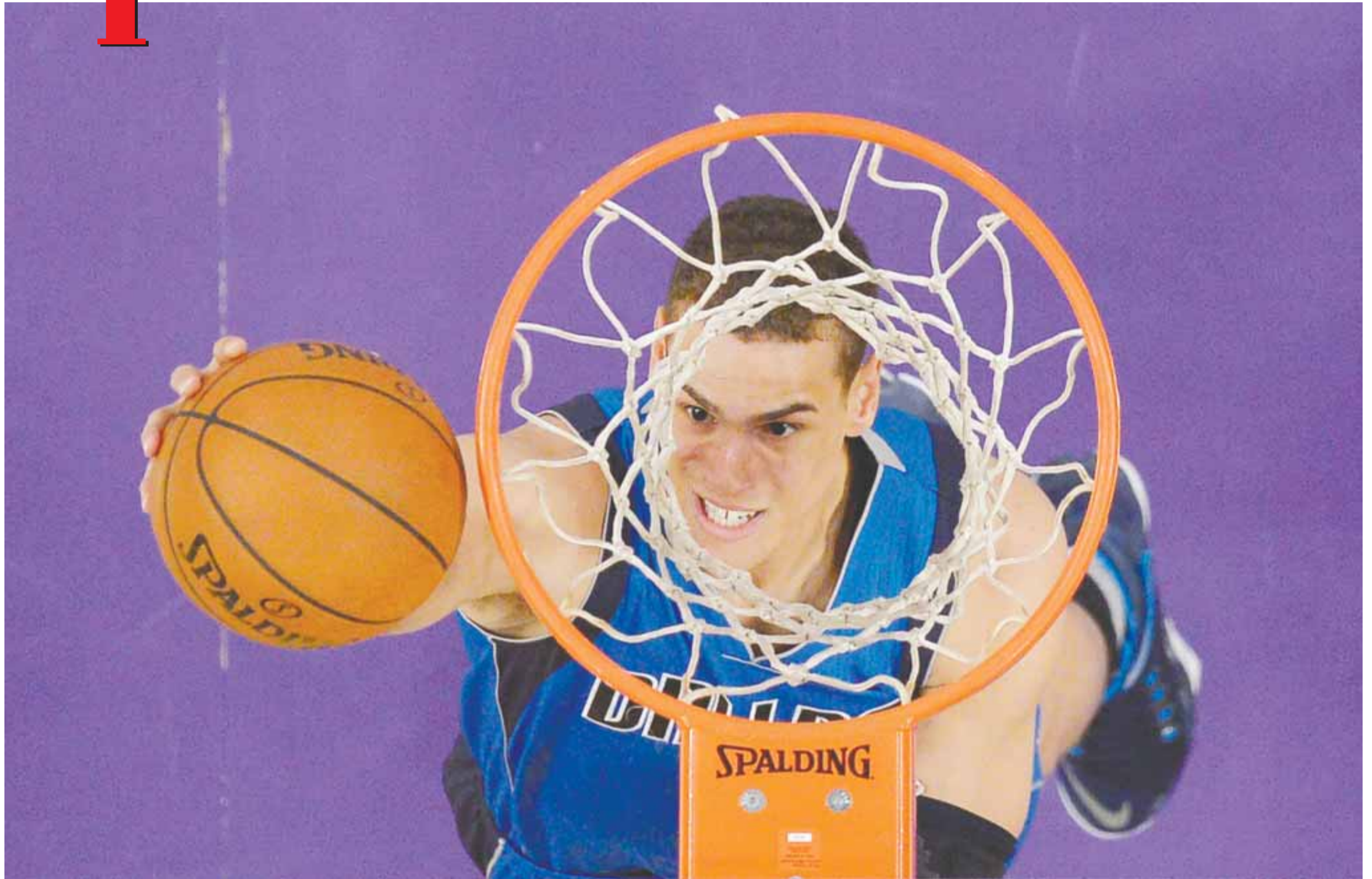
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## REAL HEAVYWEIGHTS RETURNING FOR PSG

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LOS ANGELES: Dallas Mavericks forward Dwight Powell puts up a shot during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Los Angeles Lakers. — AP

# MAVS DOWN LAKERS, THUNDER ADVANCE

**LOS ANGELES:** Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points and the Dallas Mavericks held off a late rally by the winless Los Angeles Lakers for a 103-93 victory on Sunday night.

This is the first time in franchise history the Lakers have started 0-3 in consecutive seasons. They lost their first five games last season and ended up with their worst record ever (21-61).

The Mavericks opened the game with a 15-0 blitz that included two 3-pointers each by Wesley Matthews and Nowitzki - the latter has made more 3-point shots than any 7-footer in league history (1,580). The Lakers missed their first five shots before Julius Randle's dunk with 7:13 left in the first quarter. Randle posted his second consecutive double-double with 22 points and 15 rebounds. Kobe Bryant had 15 points on 3-of-15 shooting.

### THUNDER 117, NUGGETS 93

Kevin Durant scored 25 points to help Oklahoma City beat Denver. Durant made 8 of 11 field goals and all six of his free throws to help new coach Billy Donovan remain unbeaten in the NBA.

Serge Ibaka had 18 points, seven rebounds and five blocks and Russell Westbrook had 15 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for the Thunder, who have won their first three games for the first time since the 2011-12 season. The Thunder shot 52 percent from the field, and all five Oklahoma City starters rested for the entire fourth quarter.

Daniilo Gallinari and Will Barton each scored 15 points and Jameer Nelson added 13 points and seven assists for the Nuggets, who shot just 38 percent.

### HEAT 109, ROCKETS 89

Hassan Whiteside had 25 points and 15 rebounds, Chris Bosh scored all 10 of his points in the fourth quarter and Miami erased a 21-point second-half deficit to beat Houston.

Dwyane Wade scored 20 points and Luol Deng added 14 for Miami, which outscored Houston 65-24 in the final 23 minutes. It was Miami's largest comeback win since a 27-point rally against Cleveland in March 2013. Marcus Thornton scored 21 points for Houston, and James Harden had 16. The Rockets have dropped their first three games of the season - all by exactly 20 points each.

Dwight Howard sat out to rest on the first night of a back-to-back. He's expected to play when the Rockets host Oklahoma City late yesterday.

### BULLS 92, MAGIC 87

Pau Gasol and Nikola Mirotic each scored 16 points and Chicago withstood a late surge from Orlando. Chicago led by 14 at halftime and 12 after three quarters, and the Bulls appeared to be headed for an easy win. But Orlando cut the lead to two with just under 3 minutes left before Chicago's Jimmy Butler jumped to intercept a pass and squelch the comeback bid.

Then, under the Bulls' basket after a Magic rebound, Butler came up with another take-away to again foil Orlando. It was the third win in four games for Chicago. The Magic dropped to 0-3. Derrick Rose is still playing with a face mask as he recovers from a broken orbital bone suffered before the start of the season. He was held scoreless in the second and third quarters and finished with just six points.

### HAWKS 94, HORNETS 92

Kent Bazemore scored 20 points, Al Horford added 16 points and 12 rebounds and Atlanta held on to beat Charlotte for the second time in three days.

The Hornets had a chance to tie the game at the buzzer, but Kemba Walker's 17-footer from the left wing hit the back rim and bounced out. Walker also missed a 3-pointer in the final seconds of Charlotte's 97-94 loss to Atlanta on Friday night.

Jeff Teague had 18 points and Paul Millsap added 16 points, including a key 3-pointer to give Atlanta the lead for good with less than a minute to play.

Walker finished with 17 points and Nicolas Batum added 16 points and eight assists for winless Charlotte. Al Jefferson contributed 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Hornets.

### SPURS 95, CELTICS 87

**BOSTON (AP)** - LaMarcus Aldridge had 24 points and 14 rebounds, Kawhi Leonard added 19 points and San Antonio beat Boston.

Manu Ginobili scored 13 points and Boris Diaw had 10 for the Spurs. Avery Bradley led Boston with 18 points and Marcus Smart had 17. Isaiah Thomas scored 15, but shot only 4 of 18 from the floor. Jared Sullinger had 10 points and eight rebounds.

San Antonio opened a double-digit lead early in the game and held off Boston's charges the rest of the way. The Celtics closed a 14-point, fourth-quarter deficit to four points three times in the final 4 minutes, the last on Smart's 3-pointer from the right corner that made it 86-82 with 2:45 to

play. But then Leonard nailed a jumper and Tony Parker had a fast-break layup with 2:02 to go.

### RAPTORS 106, BUCKS 87

Dwane Casey got his franchise-record 157th win as coach of Toronto with a victory over Milwaukee. The milestone came in his 315th game with the Raptors, besting the previous record held by current Minnesota Timberwolves coach Sam Mitchell.

Jonas Valanciunas had 19 points and eight rebounds, and DeMar DeRozan and

Kyle Lowry had 15 points each. The victory boosted Toronto's record to 3-0, just the third time in team history that it has been perfect through the season's opening three games, and the first time since 2008-09.

The Bucks dropped to 0-3 despite a game-high 20 points from Giannis Antetokounmpo. It's the first time the team has started a season with three consecutive losses since 1976-77, when it dropped five straight. Milwaukee previously had the longest streak in NBA history without starting 0-3. — AP

## NBA results/standings

Atlanta 94, Charlotte 92; San Antonio 95, Boston 87; Miami 109, Houston 89; Toronto 106, Milwaukee 87; Chicago 92, Orlando 87; Oklahoma City 117, Denver 93; Dallas 102, LA Lakers 94.

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
	W	L	PCT
Toronto	3	0	1.000
NY Knicks	2	1	.667
Boston	1	2	.333
Philadelphia	0	2	0
Brooklyn	0	3	0
Central Division			
	W	L	PCT
Detroit	3	0	1.000
Chicago	3	1	.750
Cleveland	2	1	.667
Indiana	0	3	0
Milwaukee	0	3	0
Southeast Division			
	W	L	PCT
Atlanta	3	1	.750
Washington	2	1	.667
Miami	2	1	.667
Orlando	0	3	0
Charlotte	0	3	0

### Western Conference

Northwest Division			
	W	L	PCT
Oklahoma City	3	0	1.000
Minnesota	2	0	1.000
Utah	2	1	.667
Denver	1	2	.333
Portland	1	2	.333
Pacific Division			
	W	L	PCT
LA Clippers	3	0	1.000
Golden State	3	0	1.000
Phoenix	2	1	.667
Sacramento	1	2	.333
LA Lakers	0	3	0
Southwest Division			
	W	L	PCT
Dallas	2	1	.667
San Antonio	2	1	.667
Memphis	2	1	.667
Houston	0	3	0
New Orleans	0	3	0

# MARQUEZ-ROSSI FEUD FUELS TITLE SHOWDOWN

**MADRID:** What started as a minor jibe from Valentino Rossi towards defending MotoGP world champion Marc Marquez has descended into battle on and off the track and reared the ugly head of a simmering sporting rivalry between Italy and Spain.

Rossi is the sport's most recognizable and, until recent events, most respected figure. A seven-time world champion in the top category, should he seal another championship in the final race of the season in Valencia next weekend he will join compatriot Giacomo Agostini as the most successful rider of all-time. Yet, in the face of history, his credibility has suffered after he sensationally kicked Marquez off his bike at the Malaysian Grand Prix last weekend sparking a sanction that will see him start from the back of the grid in Valencia should an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for

Sport not succeed.

Whilst he is coming to blows with Marquez, it isn't even the two-time world champion Rossi is fighting with for the title. Instead it is his Yamaha teammate Jorge Lorenzo who lies just seven points back ahead of the title decider.

Rossi's gripe with Marquez is that he believes the latter has been deliberately trying to sabotage his title bid to help his compatriot. "He would prefer Lorenzo to win. He is angry at me for a personal matter," Rossi said after the Australian Grand Prix last month.

"At this point, the lesser evil is for him is for Lorenzo to win." A week later in Malaysia it exploded into an even more personal battle. "I have lost respect for him," Marquez replied. "After an action like that he doesn't deserve to be champion."

For two football mad nations, the clash between two champions and idols in their respective countries has seen motorcycling dominate the sporting landscape for the past week.

Predictably, the response has been split down partisan lines with even the Prime Ministers of both countries getting involved.

"In sport as in politics, not everything is premissable," Spanish leader Mariano Rajoy posted on Twitter.

Meanwhile, his Italian counterpart Matteo Renzi took time out of a diplomatic visit to South America to phone Rossi to offer his support. Lorenzo was caught in the crossfire when he had to deny a report from Italian newspaper La Repubblica that he and Marquez had agreed a pact to work together against Rossi in Andorra in September. — AFP

# BAN, FINE FOR MOURINHO

**LONDON:** Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho has been hit with a one-match stadium ban and a £40,000 (\$61,680, 56,000 euros) fine after admitting to a charge of misconduct, the Football Association announced yesterday.

The charge related to Mourinho's conduct towards referee Jon Moss during Chelsea's recent 2-1 loss at West Ham United, which saw him sent to the stands, and means he will miss Saturday's game at Stoke City. "Following an Independent Regulatory Commission hearing today, Jose Mourinho has been given a one-match stadium suspension with immediate effect and fined £40,000," the FA said in a statement.

"The Chelsea manager admitted an FA charge of misconduct regarding his language and/or behavior towards the match officials in or around the dressing room area during half-time of the game against West Ham United on 24 October 2015." — AFP

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## GCC EQUITY MARKETS FAIL TO RECOVER DESPITE STRONG GAINS

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HONG KONG: A pedestrian walks past a HSBC sign in Hong Kong yesterday. HSBC saw pre-tax profit surge 32 percent year on year in the third quarter the banking giant announced, but revenue dropped in the wake of Asian market volatility. —AFP

## HSBC PROFIT LEAPS DESPITE SLIDING REVENUES

### MAY DEFER DECISION ON MOVING HEADQUARTERS

**LONDON:** Global banking giant HSBC saw pre-tax quarterly profit surge almost a third on the back of lower fines, beating market expectations, but turnover slid amid markets volatility, it said yesterday. Earnings before taxation jumped 32 percent to \$6.1 billion (5.5 billion euros) in the third quarter or three months to the end of September, from \$4.6 billion in the same period last year, HSBC said in a results statement. "Our third quarter performance was resilient against a tough market backdrop," said chief executive Stuart Gulliver, who unveiled a radical restructuring earlier this year to boost profitability and move on from recent scandals.

Revenue was adversely affected by fierce stock market sell-offs in Asia, and fell four percent to \$15.1 billion in the reporting period. Gulliver noted that "the stock market correction in Asia" had weighed on HSBC's Principal Retail Banking & Wealth Management division, and on its Global Banking & Markets unit. HSBC had announced in June it would cut its global workforce by up to 50,000 and sell off its businesses in Brazil and Turkey to cut costs. "Our cost-

reduction measures are beginning to have an impact on our cost base," Gulliver said, but added there was more to achieve. The bank is also considering moving its headquarters from Britain but said there was a "considerable amount of work still to do" before a decision is made. "Whilst the target for completion of the review was initially set as by the end of 2015, this is a self-imposed deadline that can be moved should the Board require further work to be performed," the report said. Chairman Douglas Flint, speaking to reporters in a conference call, added that the bank would try to make a decision by the end of the year. "We take it very seriously and give it the appropriate amount of work," Flint added.

The Q3 results meanwhile beat analysts' expectations, with some saying cost reductions are now reaping rewards. "This time the earnings were pretty impressive," said Jackson Wong, associate director for Simsen Financial Group. "Their cost control had (previously) not really lived up to the target, but now it looks like they are finally in control." But Wong added it would be a long

road before revenue growth resumes. "When we look at growth, it's still limited... hopefully if China's economy picks up steam then it will help emerging markets in Asia." The Chinese economy grew at 6.9 percent between July and September this year, according to official figures, the slowest pace since the aftermath of the global financial crisis in 2009.

But many analysts believe China's actual growth is significantly lower. HSBC's London share price was down 1.08 percent at 502.10 pence in late morning deals.

#### Legal battles

HSBC's rise in third-quarter pre-tax profits "reflected lower fines" and settlements, the report said. But it added that adjusted operating expenses were up two percent year-on-year, partly due to investment in regulatory programmes and compliance. HSBC was fined late last year by US and British regulators for attempting to rig foreign exchange markets. In February it was forced to apologise for "unacceptable" failings at its Swiss divi-

sion following allegations the unit helped rich clients hide billions from the taxman.

The bank has faced a storm over claims it helped clients from around the world dodge taxes on accounts containing 180 billion euros (\$200 billion) between November 2006 and March 2007, in cases that are being investigated in several countries.

HSBC is also facing a French criminal probe over the affair. It agreed in June to pay Geneva authorities 40 million Swiss francs (\$41 million) to settle a money-laundering investigation at its Swiss private bank. A former HSBC employee, who leaked documents alleging that the bank helped clients evade millions of dollars in taxes, said last week he would not attend his trial in Switzerland because he would not get a fair hearing.

Herve Falciani, a 43-year-old French-Italian national, is widely viewed as a whistleblower and hailed as a hero in countries where his leaked information is helping to net tax cheats. But the Swiss authorities remain intent on prosecuting him. —AFP



NEW YORK: Trader Kevin Lodewick, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, yesterday. Stocks opened slightly higher on Wall Street as the market comes off its biggest monthly gain in four years. Health care stocks were among the early winners. —AP

## SAUDI STABILISES AFTER DEBT DOWNGRADE, EMAAR LIFTS DUBAI

**DUBAI:** Saudi Arabia's stock market stabilised yesterday after a slide on the previous day in response to a downgrade of the kingdom's debt. Emaar Properties lifted Dubai's market after reporting third-quarter earnings. The Saudi equities index had dropped 1.1 percent on Sunday after Standard & Poor's cut its rating of the kingdom's sovereign debt, citing the damage to state finances from low oil prices.

Yesterday the impact of that news faded and the index closed 0.3 percent higher at 7,066 points, though it finished well off the day's high of 7,118 points.

Saudi Printing and Packaging Co surged 9.8 percent. It has been rising sharply in heavy trade since shortly after it reported earnings on Oct. 20; nine-month net profit jumped 49 percent, though third-quarter profit dropped 10 percent on year.

Saudi Research and Marketing Group, publisher of pan-Arab newspaper Ashraq al-Awsat and one of the Middle East's largest media companies, jumped 7.2 percent to 20.15 riyals as it resumed trading after being suspended since last Wednesday. On Sunday, the

company said two funds owned by NCB Capital had bought over 50 percent of it but do not plan any changes to the overall "strategy of the company and have no plans to buy the rest of the outstanding shares". Some industrial stocks hit in Sunday's sell-off were bought back, with industrial park developer Emaar Economic City adding 1.1 percent. But City Cement tumbled 6.2 percent as it went ex-dividend; it plans to pay a 1 riyal dividend for the first three quarters of 2015.

#### DUBAI, EGYPT

Dubai's index, which had fallen 2.1 percent on Sunday as the Saudi downgrade hit sentiment around the region, recovered 1.9 percent yesterday.

Emaar Properties, Dubai's top real estate developer, reported a 31 percent rise in third-quarter net profit to 843 million dirhams (\$229.5 million). That came in below a forecast by EFG Hermes, which had estimated 1.02 billion dirhams, but it was enough to boost Emaar shares 4.5 percent to 6.48 dirhams.

Naeem brokerage said in a note that Emaar's earnings were marginally

weaker than expected but citing its diversified property portfolio and recent drops in its share price, kept a "buy" on the stock with a target price of 14.61 dirhams. Shipping firm Gulf Navigation soared 10.4 percent after reporting a 123 percent rise in nine-month net profit on an 11 percent increase in revenues.

Abu Dhabi's index was flat though Aldar Properties, the most heavily traded stock, climbed 4.9 percent. Qatar edged down 0.3 percent while Kuwait was 0.1 percent higher. Kuwait's Burgan Bank added 1.3 percent after it reported a 41 percent rise in third-quarter net profit to 21.64 million dinars (\$71.5 million). Analysts had estimated 17.0-17.8 million dinars. Egypt's index edged up 0.3 percent with most of the 10 most heavily traded stocks barely changed.

President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi promised in a speech on Sunday evening that there would be no gas shortage problems for any factories in Egypt by the end of November.

That would remove one of the biggest negative factors for industrial stocks, but Sisi did not explain how the

government would achieve this, and the market's lack of significant reaction to the speech suggested some investors remained sceptical.

#### MONDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS SAUDI ARABIA

The index rose 0.3 percent to 7,066 points.

#### DUBAI

The index rose 1.9 percent to 3,495 points.

#### ABU DHABI

The index was flat at 4,299 points.

#### QATAR

The index fell 0.3 percent to 11,547 points.

#### EGYPT

The index edged 0.3 percent to 7,435 points.

#### KUWAIT

The index edged up 0.1 percent to 5,785 points.

#### OMAN

The index fell 0.2 percent to 5,939 points.

#### BAHRAIN

The index rose 0.8 percent to 1,261 points. —Reuters

VOLKSWAGEN SALES DOWN 3% IN FRANCE AFTER SCANDAL

PARIS: Volkswagen saw sales drop 3.0 percent in France last month, figures showed yesterday, as it continued to deal with the impact of revelations that it cheated on emissions tests.

of its diesel cars, including one million in France. The company was not alone in seeing sales drop last month but its reversal was the most pronounced.

sales in France fell from 55.7 to 54.5 percent between September and October. France has been reducing its tax breaks on diesel cars in recent years, leading to a dramatic drop in their share of new purchases from a peak of 77.3 percent in 2008 to 64 percent last year.

growth of 2.6 percent for the year to date. Overall, the Volkswagen group-which also includes Audi, Seat, Skoda and Porsche-appears largely unaffected by the scandal with sales up 2.7 percent.



BARCELONA: In a file picture taken on September 1, 2010 an airplane of the Irish low-cost airline Ryanair takes off from Barcelona's airport.

RYANAIR PROFIT SOARS 40% IN STRONG FIRST HALF

DUBLIN: Irish airline Ryanair's first-half net profits soared by nearly 40 percent on keen demand, the strong pound, fuel savings and poor weather conditions in northern Europe, it said yesterday.

to former flag carrying competitors shows little sign of slowing.

He added: "New bases and routes continue to be undertaken, the group's stranglehold on costs is now the template rivals aspire to, while the group remains in a key position to lead future industry consolidation."

The carrier's chief marketing manager Kenny Jacobs said Ryanair was setting this target on the back of "a very strong two years."

The airline confirmed it will return a special dividend of 398 million euros to shareholders this month after the sale of its stake in Irish competitor Aer Lingus to the International Airlines Group earlier this year.

The company moved to overhaul its approach to customer service in 2014 in the wake of years of negative publicity.

Ryanair said it would carry a record 105 million passengers this year, raising its earlier forecast of 104 million people issued only last month.

New routes

Keith Bowman, equity analyst at Hargreaves Lansdown Stockbrokers noted that "Ryanair's ascent in comparison

TURKISH MARKETS SURGE ON RETURN TO SINGLE-PARTY RULE

LIRA RALLIES 3%, SHARES UP 5%

ISTANBUL: Turkish assets rallied yesterday, with the lira on track for its biggest one-day gain in seven years and stocks up nearly 6 percent after an election that returned the country to single-party rule, ending months of uncertainty for investors.

The AK Party, founded by President Tayyip Erdogan, won just short of 50 percent of Sunday's national vote, giving it a clear majority of around 317 seats in the 550-seat parliament and a far higher margin of victory than even party insiders had expected.

The result offers a reprieve from the uncertainty that has plagued Turkey's markets since the AKP lost its single-party majority in a previous election in June, though in the longer term it may raise concerns by widening the country's political divisions.

"The markets are focused on one thing and one thing alone, and that's stability. From a markets standpoint - particularly given the fact that the markets were expecting something significantly worse - this is a positive," said Nicholas Spiro, managing director of Spiro Sovereign Strategy.

But his long-term view was less optimistic. "This is inevitably going to raise fears about an even more authoritarian, an even more economically populist, nationalistic Turkey," he said.

"If they take a mature, more democratic approach and do what needs to be done in terms of addressing security and economic concerns and allowing the central bank to be independent, it will be a very positive outcome."

Major stock gainers included construction companies and real estate investment trusts, on expectations they would benefit from AKP stimulus, while shares closely linked to Erdogan's political rivals fell.

Banks rallied, though Moody's cautioned they still faced "elevated risk aversion" toward emerging markets. Bond yields fell, as did the price of insuring Turkish debt against default.

ERDOGAN EMBOLDENED

The election result could embolden Erdogan and the AKP to extend uncompromising policies that have already divided the country, said Inan Demir, chief economist at Finansbank, in a note.

Demir said that could include "insistence on executive presidency, unrelenting pressure on opposing business and media groups, aggressive foreign policy, hardliner stance regarding the Kurdish issue and obsessive calls for lower interest rates".

In an attempt to win back nationalist support, the AKP government in recent months struck against Kurdish militants, putting an end to a 2-1/2-year ceasefire and sparking almost daily violence in

the largely Kurdish southeast.

Erdogan has also cracked down on opposition media groups and companies linked to a prominent political ally-turned-foe, US-based Islamic cleric Fethullah Gulen. Highlighting worries about further such action, shares in Dogan Holding - whose media affiliates are the subject of an investigation by prosecutors - tumbled 19 percent.

IT'S THE ECONOMY

Management of the economy presents another source of potential future tension with investors.

Jonathan Friedman, Turkey analyst at global risk consultancy Stroz Friedberg, said that was likely to be the government's Achilles' heel.

"Political turmoil has caused Turkey to lose the

confidence of foreign capital and foreign investment. Unless the new government finds a way to address the social tensions dividing the country, that confidence is unlikely to come back," he said. In the shorter term, many eyes will be on the make-up of the AKP's economic team, which should be announced in coming days.



NEW YORK: The VISA logo hangs on the front of the New York Stock Exchange in New York. US credit card issuer Visa Inc. said yesterday it is buying back its former subsidiary Visa Europe in a 21.2-billion-euro (\$23.5-billion) deal identifying increased scale and efficiencies.

VISA TO BUY VISA EUROPE IN DEAL THAT COULD EXCEED \$23BN

NEW YORK: Payment processing giant Visa announced plans yesterday to buy its sister company, Visa Europe, in a deal that could be worth more than \$23 billion and would consolidate all of Visa's operations worldwide.

The deal was long expected and, if approved by regulators, would make the world's largest payment processing company even larger. The two companies have more than 2.9 billion cards issued on its combined network, processing roughly 88 billion individual transactions a year.

"We are very excited about unifying Visa into a single global company with unmatched scale, technology and services," said Charles Scharf, Visa's chief executive officer, in a prepared statement.

Under the terms of the transaction, Visa will pay 11.5 billion euros (\$12.66 billion) in cash plus stock valued at about \$5.5 billion. Visa Europe investors also could earn an additional payment valued at nearly \$5.2 billion if certain revenue targets are met four years after the deal is closed, which is expected in mid-2016.

the banks into a publicly traded company. Visa Europe became independent of Visa in 2004 but Visa always continued to have a hand in the fate of Visa Europe through an option to buy Visa Europe under certain conditions.

Visa's announcement of a deal came as the company reported its fiscal fourth quarter and full year results that mostly met Wall Street's expectations. The company reported net income of \$1.51 billion for the period ending Sept. 30, up from \$1.07 billion in the same period a year ago.

EXCHANGE RATES

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CHALLENGES REMAIN FOR EUROPE'S SINGLE BANKING SUPERVISOR

FRANKFURT: A year after it took up its duties as Europe's banking watchdog, observers say the Single Supervisory Mechanism is doing a good job, but challenges nevertheless remain.

"The importance of the SSM is enormous. There isn't a bigger banking supervisor anywhere else in the world," he told AFP. The SSM officially started work on November 4, 2014

when it was entrusted with overseeing some 123 banking groups within the 19-country eurozone.

Around 3,500 "less significant" credit institutions continue to be monitored by the national authorities of the individual eurozone countries, but under the overall oversight of the SSM.

The aim was to prevent a repeat of the 2008-2009 financial crisis that nearly led to the collapse of the euro. The SSM is one of the three main pillars of a planned European banking union, alongside a single banking

rule-book and a Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM) in charge of winding up failing banks.

"We want the banks to be well-capitalised," even if it remains "up to the banks themselves to decide what their business model will be," insists Daniele Nouy, who is head of the new authority which employs a workforce of more than 1,000.

In concrete terms, the SSM can order fragile banks to recapitalise themselves and can even veto the appointment of managers who are not deemed suitably qualified. It also conducts regular "stress tests" of banks and in-

depth audits of their balance sheets to determine their current financial health.

While the SSM is formally part of the ECB, it is run totally independently. The idea of placing it under the ECB's umbrella was to ensure banking supervision from a Europe-wide perspective.

Conflict of interests

But critics, particularly in Germany, were quick to point out a potential conflict of interests. By having the ECB in charge of both monetary policy and banking supervision, there were concerns that its policy decisions could be influenced and distorted by the perceived needs of banks.

For example, it could be tempted to set low interest to assist weak banks, it was suggested. In order to get around this, the different operations were strictly separated, not only organisationally but physically, too.

The SSM is housed in the ECB's former Eurotower headquarters in downtown Frankfurt, while the monetary policy operations have moved to the bank's spectacular new skyscraper a few kilometres away in the east of the city.

CEP's Van Rosebeke conceded the set-up is not ideal. "But it was the best solution, given the speed with which it had to be set up," he argued. Taking the SSM out of the ECB altogether and turning it into a legally separate body would require a change in EU treaties and would have to be voted unanimously by all member states, he noted.

And Van Rosebeke felt the concerns were primarily German ones. "It doesn't bother other countries so much, who see

other more pressing issues," he said.

Andreas Dombret, who is in charge of supervision within the German central bank or Bundesbank, said the new system "is functioning very well," even if there was still room for improvement, for example in the decision-making structures and processes.

Making banks safer

"A year ago, lots of people had doubts that it could work. There were a lot of banks, too, that didn't like it. But now most of them have come to accept the new mechanism," a German financial source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Sabine Lautenschlaeger, former deputy chief of the Bundesbank, but now vice chair of the SSM, called it a "successful but stressful year. We've made good progress in the better oversight of European banks and making them safer."

In France, too, the first year of the SSM is seen as largely positive. It has "helped calm the situation in the wake of the financial crisis, and reassured markets," said one banker. While the regulatory environment in Europe was becoming increasingly complex, "that will help restore credibility in the eurozone financial system, and that is a good thing," said another.

Fernando Restoy, deputy governor of the Bank of Spain and a member of the SSM's supervisory board, admitted that "the first year has, in fact, been difficult, but the results have been satisfactory on the road to a more stable and more solvent European banking system." —AFP

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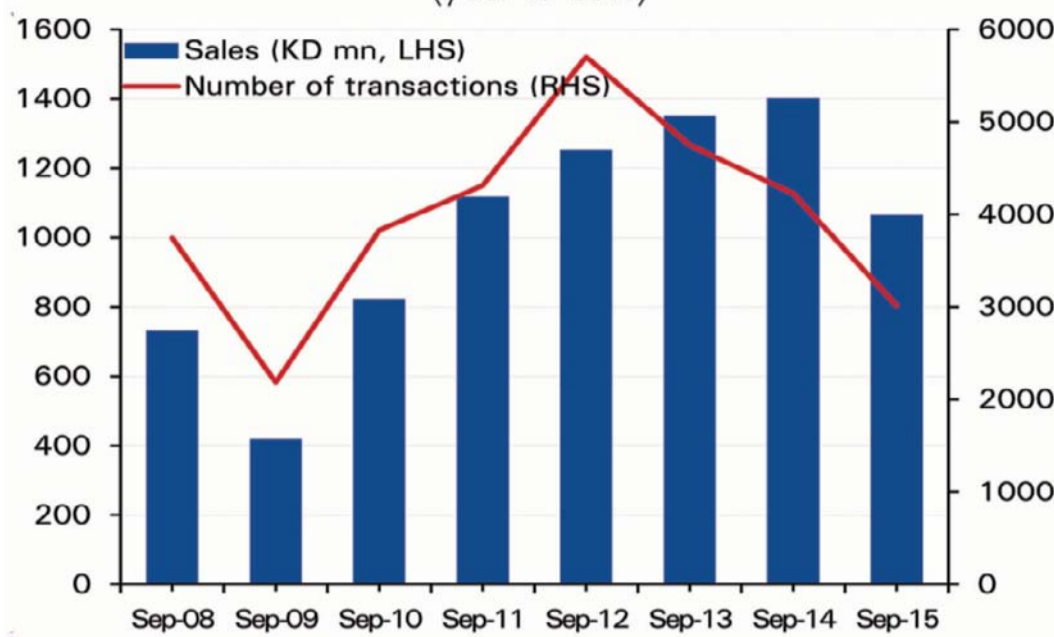
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Chart 1: Residential real estate

(year-to-date)



Source: Ministry of Justice

Chart 3: Residential home index



Source: NBK estimates

## REAL ESTATE PRICES WEAKEN AS ACTIVITY SLOWDOWN PERSISTS

### NBK Economic Report

**KUWAIT:** Activity in Kuwait's real estate market remained relatively weak with multiple factors dampening sales and lessening its appeal to investors. Seasonality, a strong 2014 and low oil prices have been the main sources of weakness. For the first nine months of the year, total real estate sales reached KD 2.3 billion, down 26% from the same period last year. Most of the real estate price indices continue to exhibit positive annual growth, to the exception of the residential home index that has been in negative territory since last month.

To date, total residential sales in 2015 reached KD 1,065 million, and were KD 82.2 million in September. KD volumes and number of units sold year-to-date (ytd) were both down 24% and 29%, respectively compared to the same period last year. One of the factors behind the steep decline in activity might be the government's commitment to distribute around 12,000 plots each fiscal year, which represents an increase from previous years.

Sales in the investment sector are comparable to 2011-2013 levels, as 2014 was exceptionally high for the sector. Total KD volumes reached KD 960 million ytd, a 33% decline from the same period last year; however 7% higher than the average sales in 2011-2013. In terms of transactions, 1,079 sale contracts were executed ytd, the lowest in five years.

Investors appear to shift their appetite towards the commercial sector, where sales activity also slowed, though less severely. KD sales volumes were down 4% to KD 297 million ytd. In September, the sector recorded 11 transactions worth KD 45 million. Transactions in the commercial sector increased 12% ytd driven by a growing demand for retail space by start-ups and SMEs primarily in the food and beverage industry.

Meanwhile, according to Ministry of Justice figures, a transaction for KD 9 million for a restaurant complex was recorded separately. Although classified

as commercial property, restaurant complexes have increasingly attracted investors for their higher return on investment (ROI).

#### Significant slowdown

Surprisingly, the significant slowdown in real estate activity since the beginning of the year has exercised minimal pressure on real estate prices so far. In fact, growth rates of the real estate indices trended slightly downward in September but remain up year-on-year (y/y). The investment building price index leads the pack with double digit growth of 16.4% y/y, followed by residential-land at 4.2% y/y. The residential-home price index trailed behind, logging negative growth of 1.8% y/y for the second consecutive month, signaling potential softness in prices.

The market appears to be set for another correction in residential home prices. In September, the NBK residential-home index stood at 175.8 points, 1.8% lower y/y. The residential home

price index has been trending slowly but steadily upward since 2006, although it seems to have flattened in recent months. However, the y/y growth rate depicts a different picture. From 2006 to date, the y/y growth of the residential home index peaked twice, the first time in December 2007; it peaked again in September 2013. During the first correction episode, the index's growth remained in negative territory for 12 consecutive months between November 2008 and October 2009, during which Brent averaged \$56.8/bbl and recorded a low of \$36.2/bbl in December 2008. Since the second peak in September 2013 (25 months to date), the annual growth has been steadily slowing and went into negative territory the last two months.

The market could be set for further correction in residential home prices as oil prices averaged \$56/bbl since the beginning of the year and sales and price growth have slowed; however it

is premature to forecast a "recession-like" period for residential home prices.

On the other hand, the NBK residential-land index appears now to be stabilizing after a correction during the first five months of the year. The index is up 4.3% for the year; though relatively flat for the month at 198.9 points. Out of the 16 areas included in the index, only four areas exhibited a decline in the average price/sqm for the first nine months of the year of around 1%.

Growth in the investment building price index remains in double digit, though it has been slowing down in 2015. To date price growth averaged 14.6%, almost half the average growth recorded for the same period last year. The investment building price index stood at 214.3 points, 5% lower than in August. Out of the 11 areas included in the index, 7 areas showed negative average growth in price/sqm for the first nine months of the year, with Abu Halifah, Jabriya, Salmiya and Farwaniya retreating the most by around 5%.

## CHINA OCTOBER MANUFACTURING CONTRACTS AT SLOWER PACE

**BEIJING:** China's manufacturing activity shrank again in October but the rate of decline slowed in the world's second largest economy, an independent survey showed yesterday.

The sector is key to the health of the economy which is a major driver of global expansion, but has been showing shrinkage for the last eight months. Chinese growth is slowing and media group Caixin said domestic demand continued to fall, although new export business improved.

Its Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), which tracks activity in factories and workshops, came in at 48.3 last month, it said in a joint statement with financial information provider Markit, which compiled the survey. The index is closely watched by investors as a barometer of the country's economic health. It remained below the break-even point of 50 but marked the smallest contraction since June, said the statement.

It also beat the median estimate of 47.6 in a poll of economists by Bloomberg News. "The slight upswing shows the manufacturing industry's overall weakening has slowed down, indicating that previous stimulating measures have begun to take effect," He Fan, an economist at Caixin Insight Group, said in the statement.

The Chinese government's own PMI reading for October stood at 49.8, unchanged from the previous month, the National Bureau of Statistics said Sunday. China's economy expanded 6.9 percent in the July-September period, the slowest

pace since the aftermath of the global financial crisis in 2009, official data showed.

Many analysts believe the actual increase was even lower, due to factors such as the weak PMI readings. The government has taken a series of measures to stimulate growth. On October 23 it cut interest rates by 0.25 percent—the sixth reduction in a year—and abolished the official cap on interest rates for savers, a liberalising move.

But government intervention which struggled to halt a stock market rout this summer has increased doubts over policymakers' competence in managing a transition to a more market-based economy.

Brian Jackson, an economist with IHS Global Insight, said that with debts mounting, Beijing was likely to further reduce borrowing costs next year.

"Significant debt will continue to require refinancing in China in 2016, with further monetary easing likely through the first half," he said in a note.

The country has seen several corporate bond defaults this year as slowing growth pressures businesses. The Caixin survey showed domestic demand remained subdued, leading total new business to fall.

Input costs and selling prices both continued dropping as international commodity prices declined, highlighting deflationary pressures, it added.

The PMI data sent Chinese stocks lower yesterday, with the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index closing down 1.70 percent at 3,325.08. — AFP



**SHANGHAI:** China's first big passenger plane C919, a narrow-body jet which can seat 168 passengers, goes on display at a facility in commercial hub in Shanghai yesterday. The C919 rolled off the assembly line as the Asian giant seeks to develop its own aviation sector and challenge foreign industry giants for prestige and market share. —AFP

## CHINA COMPLETES PRODUCTION OF OWN PASSENGER PLANE

**SHANGHAI:** China's first big passenger plane rolled off the assembly line yesterday as the Asian giant seeks the prestige of having its own aviation sector, and to challenge foreign giants Airbus and Boeing for market share.

Workers spent over a year putting together the C919, a narrow-body jet which can seat 168 passengers, at the Commercial Aircraft Corp. of China (COMAC) facility in Shanghai. For China, the plane represents at least seven years of efforts in a state-mandated drive to reduce dependence on European consortium Airbus and Boeing of the United States, and even compete against them.

"China's air transport industry cannot completely rely on imports. A great nation must have its own large commercial aircraft," the country's civil aviation chief Li Jiaxiang told an audience of government and industry officials.

A small truck towed the 39-metre long plane-painted white with a green tail-out of a cavernous building decorated with an enormous Chinese flag into the sunlight as project workers marched alongside, an AFP journalist saw.

"The roll out of the first C919 aircraft marks a significant milestone in the development of China's first indigenous aircraft," COMAC chairman Jin Zhuanglong told the ceremony. The aircraft, which has a range of up to 5,555 kilometres (3,444 miles), will make its first test

flight in 2016, he said—meaning that it will miss the original deadline of this year.

The China Daily newspaper has reported the maiden voyage could even be put back to 2017. China has dreamed of building its own civil aircraft since the 1970s when Jiang Qing, leader Mao Zedong's wife and a member of the notorious "Gang of Four", personally backed an attempt to do so. But the Y-10's heavy weight made it impractical and only three were ever made.

Although the C919 is made in China, foreign firms are playing key roles by supplying systems as well as the engines, which are made by CFM International, a joint venture between General Electric (GE) of the US and France's Safran.

#### More than 500 orders

Spending on the C919 has not been revealed. Last month, the Export-Import Bank of China said it would provide state-owned COMAC with \$7.9 billion in finance for its aircraft projects.

The company already has orders for 517 of its C919 planes, according to a COMAC statement, almost all of them from domestic buyers. Among foreign customers, Thailand's City Airways has ordered 10, according to an announcement last month.

But it will take years for the C919 to be delivered to customers, with the plane

expected to enter service in 2019 at the earliest, industry officials said. "There's a lot of work to do still," said Briand Greer, president for Asia-Pacific of Honeywell Aerospace, which is supplying four key systems for the C919: flight control, wheels and brakes, auxiliary power units and navigation.

"A lot of testing, a lot of flight testing, systems integration testing and of course all the certification," he told AFP. COMAC has already developed a smaller regional jet, the ARJ, in a project which is years behind schedule.

The 78-90 seat ARJ is still undergoing test flights and lacks the crucial certification by the US Federal Aviation Administration that would enable it to fly in US skies.

The Chinese company also plans a wide body plane, the C929, in cooperation with Russia's United Aircraft Corp., and speculation is mounting China will create a new aero-engine entity to try to produce the powerful jets needed for large civil aircraft.

China is expected to add 6,330 new aircraft worth \$950 billion to its commercial fleet by 2034, Boeing estimates. The single-aisle C919 targets the lucrative segment dominated by Boeing's 737 and the Airbus A320.

"Research and manufacturing of a big plane is complex," said China's Vice Premier Ma Kai, the highest government leader attending the ceremony. "There is still a long way to go to commercial operation." —AFP



**BEIJING:** A pedicab driver waits for customers near a mall in Beijing yesterday. China's manufacturing activity shrank again in October but the rate of decline in the world's second-largest economy improved, an independent survey showed yesterday. — AFP



Claude Badan, General Director of the Kazakh Airport Management Group and Ghaith Al Ghaith, flydubai.

## FLYDUBAI EXPANDS NETWORK WITH FLIGHTS TO ASTANA

### AIRLINE INCREASES FOOTPRINT IN KAZAKHSTAN TO THREE DESTINATIONS

**DUBAI:** flydubai yesterday marked the launch of its first flight to Astana, the airline's third destination in Kazakhstan. With two flights a week to Astana flydubai is the first Dubai-based carrier to provide a direct link to the Kazakhstan capital.

Speaking at a press conference in Astana flydubai's Chief Executive Officer, Ghaith Al Ghaith, said: "Astana is an important addition to flydubai's network as we continue to grow our presence in Central Asia. Since our launch in Kazakhstan a year ago we now serve three routes in the country, demonstrating our commitment to further enhancing connections to new destinations from Dubai. Travelling to Dubai has never been more convenient and we look forward to providing passengers from the UAE and Kazakhstan with the opportunity to explore both countries."

flydubai launched services to

Kazakhstan in September 2014 with direct links to Almaty and Shymkent. The airline now offers two flights a week to both Astana and Almaty and one flight a week to Shymkent. The launch sees flydubai's footprint in Central Asia and the Caucasus region expand to nine destinations, with 60 flights a week to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

Jeyhun Efendi, Senior Vice President Commercial (UAE, EU, ME, CIS) for flydubai, added: "This is an exciting time to launch services to the capital of Kazakhstan as both Astana and Dubai are preparing to host the EXPO in 2017 and 2020 respectively. We are committed to supporting travel and trade between Kazakhstan and the UAE by offering affordable and flexible services along with Business Class and Cargo operations. Now passengers from Astana will be able to visit multiple des-

tinations in Africa, the Middle East and the Subcontinent throughout the flydubai network."

#### New destinations

flydubai has launched 16 new destinations since the start of 2015 creating a network of more than 96 routes across 45 countries. It operates a fleet of 50 new Next-Generation Boeing 737-800 aircraft with an average age of 3.1 years and has more than 100 new aircraft on order. The carrier's interline agreements allow passengers to benefit from Dubai's efficient aviation hub providing opportunity for onward travel to more than 250 destinations around the world.

#### Flights details

flydubai operates two flights a week between Dubai and Astana starting from 26 October on Mondays and Fridays with return flights the following day.



Ghaith Al Ghaith, flydubai and Saltanat Tompiyeva, Kazakhstan Civil Aviation.



## BAHRAIN'S MINISTER TO INAUGURATE ARAB AVIATION AND MEDIA SUMMIT

**KUWAIT:** Bahrain's Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications Engineer Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed will inaugurate the two-day annual Arab Aviation and Media Summit 2015. The fifth edition of the summit will take place on the 7th & 8th of December 2015 in the Kingdom of Bahrain's capital, Manama.

The Arab Aviation and Media Summit (AAMS) 2015 is a joint industry initiative by world-leading organizations committed to improving the state of aviation and tourism sectors in the Arab world.

This year's conference will focus on emerging areas such as the untapped potential of Arab aviation and tourism sectors and the way forward amidst the current political and economic climate as well as shed light on Bahrain's travel & Tourism experience. The summit will also see industry experts debating and discussing the growing significance of private sector contribution and opening up the sector to increased foreign investments.

"The Arab world's aviation and tourism sectors are changing rapidly and this platform has enabled industry experts to come together to discuss and debate the significant opportunities and challenges faced by the sector. We highly encourage such discussions and are proud to be the host to this year's Arab Aviation and Media Summit" Said Engineer Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications in the Kingdom of Bahrain

#### Bilateral trade

"This year, Bahrain will host eminent industry leaders who will discuss how the sector is well placed for strong and consistent growth which will drive investment, job creation and bilateral trade. We are happy to welcome all the participants and look forward to meeting them in Bahrain" added Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalah, Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Airport Company.

Described as the 'voice of the industry', the Arab Aviation and

Media Summit is the largest assembly of Arab media together with top executives from the aviation and tourism industry. AAMS takes place in a different Arab city every year drawing attention to the host city travel and tourism experience as well as facilitating for a large audience of Governments, decision makers and media to share, learn and exchange.

This industry initiative is supported and endorsed by many world leading organizations such as Airbus Middle East, Air Arabia Group, CFM, Amadeus, Alpha Aviation, CNBC TV among many other supporting partners; and this year's edition is held in partnership with the Kingdom of Bahrain's Ministry of Transportation & Telecommunications and Bahrain Airport Company.

Live updates from the conference will be made available through Twitter @AAMSummit and the dedicated website [www.aamsummit.com](http://www.aamsummit.com). In addition, a detailed White Paper summarizing the key discussion outcomes and recommendations will be available after the event.

## KIPCO ANNOUNCES 17% INCREASE IN PROFIT FOR FIRST 9 MTHS OF 2015

**KUWAIT:** KIPCO - the Kuwait Projects Company - has announced a net profit of KD 37.2 million (US\$ 123.1 million) for the first nine months of 2015, an increase of 17 per cent on the KD 31.82 million (US\$ 105.3 million) reported for the same period of 2014.

KIPCO's net profit for the three months ended September 30, 2015, came to KD 11.8 million (US\$ 39.1 million), an increase of 17 per cent on the KD 10.1 million (US\$ 33.4 million) reported for the same period last year.

The company's total revenue for the first nine months of 2015 increased by 3 per cent to KD 451.7 million (US\$ 1.49 billion) compared to KD 438.3 million (US\$ 1.45 billion) reported for the first nine months of last year.

KIPCO's consolidated assets increased in the first nine months of 2015 to KD 9.5 billion (US\$ 31.4 billion) from KD 9.3 billion (US\$ 30.8 billion) at year-end 2014.

Masaud Hayat, KIPCO's Chief Executive Officer - Banking, said KIPCO's results in the first nine months of the year demonstrate the strong performance of the core companies despite the harsh economic circumstances in the region:

"The results of the first nine months of the year reflect the level of delivery we expected from our core businesses. The performance of our companies is in line with the expectations we announced to our shareholders during our Shafafiyah Investors' Forum in March. Despite the difficult

economic conditions in some of the countries in which we operate, the results we have achieved remain on the course of our objective to double our 2014 profit by 2018."



Masaud Hayat

## GULF BANK ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF SUMMER CAMPAIGN FOR ITS CARDHOLDERS

**KUWAIT:** Gulf Bank is pleased to announce the winners of the second draw in its exclusive 2015 Summer Campaign for its Credit and Debit cardholders. The campaign took place from 1 August to 30 September and all Gulf Bank credit and debit cardholders, who used their cards either internationally or locally, were automatically enrolled into the raffle draw for a chance to win a wide range of valuable prizes.

The second draw of the campaign took place on 12 October 2015. The winner of the grand prize, the Chevrolet Tahoe LS 2015, was Hmoud Mohammad Obaid Mejbil. Abdulmohsen Abdulrahman Al-Bishr won the Chevrolet Camaro LT Coupe 2015, while Ziad Nestas Antoun and Mohammed Saeed Majeed Ibrahim each won a Chevrolet Captiva LS 2015. Rolf Wimmer and Mohammad Mandani Ismael Ali each won a travel package worth KD 2,500. Gulf Bank congratulates the winners.

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Hmoud Mohammad Obaid Mejbil winner of the grand prize, the Chevrolet Tahoe LS 2015



One of the winners of the Chevrolet Captiva LS 2015

## NISSAN REPORTS NET INCOME OF 325.6BN YEN FOR H1 OF 2015

**KUWAIT:** Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. yesterday announced first-half fiscal year financial results for the six-month period ending September 30, 2015.

Nissan reported sharply increased operating profit and solid revenue growth. Strong demand for new products in North America and Western Europe, combined with the benefits of continued cost discipline and the yen correction against the US dollar, offset declining market conditions in Japan and several emerging markets.

Operating profit rose to 395.0 billion yen for the period, representing a 6.7% margin on net revenues that climbed 15.3% to 5.93 trillion yen for the period.

"Nissan has delivered solid revenue growth and improved profitability in the first-half of the fiscal year, driven by encouraging demand for our vehicles in North America and a rebound in Western Europe, which compensated for market volatility elsewhere," said Carlos Ghosn, president and chief executive officer.

On a management pro forma basis, which includes the proportional consolidation of results from Nissan's joint venture operation in China, net revenue for the period increased to 6.45 trillion yen, up 14.4% year-on-year. Operating profit was up 38.8% versus the same period last year, to 461.6 billion yen, resulting in a 7.2% operating profit margin.

Nissan sold 2.62 million vehicles globally during the period, a 1.3% rise year-on-year.

#### World-leader

The sales and earnings improvement followed strong growth in North America, particularly for the Altima sedan and Rogue SUV, and encouraging demand in Western Europe for models including the X-Trail and Qashqai. In China, nine-month passenger vehicle unit sales rose by 9.5% to 722,000 units. Despite slower demand in Japan and

units. As part of its zero-emission strategy, the company announced in September that its best-selling all-electric Nissan LEAF will be available with a new, larger 30 kWh battery that delivers a more-than-20-percent-longer driving range between charges.

#### FY2015 Outlook

"We are increasing our financial forecast for the full year as our product offensive, our continued financial discipline and the ongoing benefits of our Alliance strategy is delivering better than expected results," said Ghosn. Nissan has updated its forecasts first issued to the Tokyo Stock Exchange on May 13, 2015. Calculated under the equity accounting method for our joint venture in China for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016, the revised forecasts showed. The upward revision is based on a global sales forecast of 5.5 million units for the full fiscal year, up 3.4% on the prior fiscal year.

Since the beginning of fiscal year 2013, Nissan has reported figures calculated under the equity method accounting for its joint venture with Dong Feng in China. Although net income reporting remains unchanged under this accounting method, the equity-accounting income statements no longer include Dong Feng-Nissan's results in revenues and operating profit.



several emerging markets, the company continued to benefit from robust overall sales of award-winning models derived from the Common Module Family, developed within the Renault-Nissan Alliance. Nissan also remained the world-leader in electric vehicles, with cumulative sales approaching 200,000

## AKON TO DEBUT NEW ALBUMS ON HIS OWN 'STADIUM' APP

LOS ANGELES: Akon, an R&B star who's collaborated with everyone from Eminem to Andy Samberg, is about to release his first albums in seven years - but you won't find them in stores or on streaming services like Spotify. Instead, he plans to release four albums through a new app, making him the latest artist to experiment with bypassing big record labels and traditional music distribution altogether.

The new app, called Stadium, will let fans stream Akon songs for free, although they'll have to put up with ads. But interacting with the app by clicking the ads or sharing with friends on Facebook will earn users credits they can use to "buy" digital goods such as ringtones, wallpapers and Akon-styled emoji. And, of course, to unlock more songs and unreleased videos. "It's going to definitely regenerate the music business," Akon said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, calling his app "the answer" to the music industry's problems. "It's going to take someone like me to take the chance on it."

### Digital route

It's not a bad deal for Akon junkies; it lets them stream otherwise unavailable new music legally from their smartphones. For artists like Akon, this kind of independent digital route offers other major advantages - among them, sidestepping Spotify, Pandora and their ilk. Many musicians resent those services for offering what artists consider a tiny cut of streaming revenue.

That's a big issue in the music industry, where sales of downloaded music are falling while streaming is surging. Services like Pandora and Spotify argue that they give out the majority of their revenue to artists and labels and the amount will only grow as more people stream.

Artists' own apps, however, can garner them a greater slice of ad revenue, while also scooping up data on which songs fans like most and where they live. Musicians can use them to sell concert tickets, backstage passes and T-shirts and other merchandise. By appifying himself and going independent, Akon aims to super-serve his 60 million-plus fans on social media. He said that roughly 200,000 people have already registered to receive the Stadium app when it's released in the next couple of weeks.

Other artists have gone down a similar road. Radiohead released "In Rainbows" as a pay-what-you-want album download in 2007. Lady Gaga debuted songs from "Born This Way" on a special version of the video game "FarmVille" in 2011, and last year U2 released "Songs of Innocence" as a free album to iTunes users, sponsored by Apple. Some acts - like Macklemore, Nine Inch Nails and The White Stripes - have foregone traditional record-label deals and thrived.

But none of these efforts have yet yielded a broadly viable way of getting music into the hands of fans while paying artists what they think they deserve. Streaming music, meanwhile, is exploding. It's on pace to double this year, according to Nielsen Music data, gains that would propel US "album" sales upward for the first time in four years. (Nielsen counts 1,500 song streams as equivalent to an album sale.) Streaming is "a huge piece of the business," said David Bakula, senior vice president of analytics at Nielsen.

### Different genre

Akon's first four albums for the Stadium app will each hew to a different genre: world, house, urban and reggae. The last album, in the pop genre, will be released sometime before March next year, likely in standard formats on multiple digital and physical channels through Warner Music Group's Atlantic Records, Akon said. Warner said it was too early to comment on its plans.

Vickie Nauman, a Los Angeles-based digital music consultant, says more artists should experiment with offerings like Stadium. Major streaming platforms, she says, are often incredibly cluttered, given that they can offer 30 million or more tracks. She argues that streaming is also too expensive, since the \$10-per-month on-demand plans like Spotify and Apple Music are roughly double what consumers have traditionally paid for music.

"Until we meet consumers where they are, at a price point they're willing to pay, and a user experience that has value, we won't have mass adoption of streaming," Nauman said. The Stadium app was developed by EscapeX, a New York startup that launched in July. It has made white-label apps for artists such as Karmin and plans to also release new music in new apps for the estate of Bob Marley and DJ Armin Van Buuren. Artists that own their music, as in Akon's case, keep 70 percent of the revenue. Otherwise they have to divvy that share with other rights holders.

EscapeX CEO Sephi Shapira says artists need to tap into the economy of engagement instead of hoping more people will pay for music. "Ninety-five percent of people will never pay for a subscription service," Shapira said. "We're telling artists to come join this economy." Akon said his cut of streaming revenue will be far better than on popular platforms like Spotify or Pandora. "You've got a fraction of a penny with them, and you've got cents over here," he said, noting that songs like "Sexy Chick" and "Lonely" have collectively been streamed more than a billion times since release. "Just think about it," he said. "Why give someone like Spotify or Pandora 99.9 percent of what should go in your pocket? It doesn't make sense." — AP



SEOUL: In this Thursday July 16, 2015, file photo, South Korean high school students play games on their smartphones on a bench on the sidewalk. — AP

## S KOREA PULLS PLUG ON CHILD MONITORING APP

SEOUL: The most widely used child surveillance app in South Korea has been pulled from the market after security specialists raised serious concerns about the program's safety. Moon Hyun-seok, a senior official at the Korea Communications Commission, told The Associated Press that "Smart Sheriff" has been removed from the Play store, Google's software marketplace, and that existing users are being asked to switch to other programs.

The government plans to shut down the service to existing users "as soon as possible," he said. Smart Sheriff's maker, an association of South Korean mobile operators called MOIBA, declined comment. Smart Sheriff's disappearance is a blow to South Korea's contentious effort to keep closer tabs on the online lives of its youngest citizens. Less than a year ago, the government and schools sent letters to students and parents to encourage them to download Smart Sheriff.

While security was one of the reasons that led to the removal of Smart Sheriff, the KCC official said the regulator had decided earlier this year to suspend the app at the end of December. The faster-

than-expected availability of free monitoring apps from private companies prompted the regulator to remove the app two months sooner than scheduled, he said.

### 'Catastrophic'

A law passed in April requires all new smartphones sold to those 18 and under to be equipped with software which parents can use to snoop on their kids' social media activity. Smart Sheriff, the most popular of more than a dozen state-approved apps, was meant to keep children safe from pornography, bullying and other threats, but experts say its abysmal security left the door wide open to hackers and put the personal information of some 380,000 users at risk.

Pulling the plug on Smart Sheriff was "long overdue," said independent researcher Collin Anderson, who worked with Internet watchdog group Citizen Lab and German software auditing firm Cure53 to comb through the app's code. In a pair of reports published in September, Cure53 described the app's security as "catastrophic." Citizen Lab, which is based at the University of Toronto's Munk School of

Global Affairs, said the problems could lead to a "mass compromise" of all users.

MOIBA said in response then that the vulnerabilities had been dealt with in the six weeks preceding publication of the reports. But the researchers said in new reports published Sunday that the fixes were mainly cosmetic. Anderson said they were "akin to putting a lock on a few of the doors but then leaving the keys to the locks outside."

Mario Heiderich of Cure53 said it wasn't his place to say whether it was right to mandate the installation of monitoring apps on children's phones. But he said Smart Sheriff's implementation of the surveillance was disastrous.

"If you are going to do it at all, you have to do it right," he said. "And this was not done right at all." Anderson said there was no guarantee that the other monitoring apps didn't also have security issues. If the government requires its citizens to use specific programs, citizens should demand more transparency and more information from the government as well as from the companies that create the apps so that anyone can audit the programs, said Ronald Deibert, director at The Citizen Lab. — AP



LOS ANGELES: In this Wednesday, Oct 21, 2015 photo, Akon poses for a portrait. When Akon releases his first albums in seven years, he'll largely bypass the music labels and ask fans to download an app to their phone for exclusive access.

## RSA VIA CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS EMBRACE SMART IDENTITY SOLUTIONS

DUABI: RSA, The Security Division of EMC (NYSE:EMC), today announced a host of RSA Via customers and partners who are embracing RSA's Smart Identity solutions. These organizations state that RSA Via solutions help enable them to regain control over their users' identities and access across locations globally, by offering a single, central view of identity, resources, entitlements, and access. With identity becoming an ever-increasing attack vector, this comprehensive view of who has access to what resources helps customers and partners better detect and respond to advanced threats.

RSA Helps Ensure Customer Success as they Extend to the CloudCurrent approaches to identity fail as organizations seeking increased productivity, business responsiveness, and efficiency

embrace the cloud. Legacy identity solutions lack the flexibility to support new cloud applications, and today's cloud-only identity providers cannot adequately address the reality of hybrid enterprise/cloud environments, which will be the norm for years to come. RSA Via Access is engineered to take a hybrid cloud approach to securing identities, allowing customers to enforce the same level of secure access to enterprise and SaaS resources, whether in the cloud or on-premise, without the need to sync sensitive user credentials to the cloud.

Additionally, the RSA Via Access integration with RSA SecurID authentication helps increase the number of authentication methods to cloud applications available to users, enabling further optimization of convenience and security for end users.

## STREAMING STILL HASN'T CONVINCED INVESTORS IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY

PARIS: Music streaming was supposed to have come of age with the public listing of Deezer, but the French company's postponement of its stock offer demonstrated investors still have concerns about its economic model. Deezer hit the pause button on the first initial public offering of a music streaming firm at the last minute on Tuesday, citing "market conditions", sending a bad signal for companies in the sector which have so far been dependent on venture funding.

The French company, a pioneer in the field, had sought to raise at least 300 million Euros (\$330 million) via the float, with a listing on the Paris stock exchange, and to get more visibility and funds as it seeks to take on its better-known Swedish rival Spotify in a market that is becoming more crowded with the entry earlier this year of Apple. Despite a number of major investors being interested, Deezer was unable to fill the order book for the operation which would have valued it at over \$1 billion.

"It's a big disappointment, said Greg Revenu, a specialist on IPOs of startups at the investment bank Bryan Garnier & Co. The postponement of the company's IPO has resulted in concern about Deezer's business model. Despite a 53 percent jump in revenues last year to 142 million Euros, Deezer is still not profitable. Neither is the much larger Spotify, which lost 162.3 million Euros on revenue of 1.08 billion last year as it made major investments in technology and expansion.

Nevertheless many analysts see services like Deezer and Spotify, which make most of their money by getting users to pay a monthly subscription fee for unfettered access to song catalogues that number in the millions, as the future of the industry to the detriment of downloads and CDs. The market is shifting fast, with streaming revenue to music labels already beating sales of CDs and records in the United States, and in France it is worth half the amount of physical sales.

### Deezer's dependence

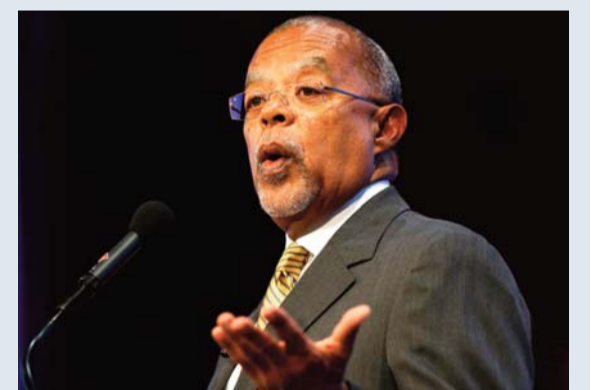
Despite the strong growth, streaming serv-

ices have yet to turn profitable, mostly due to their heavy dependence upon music recording companies for content. Due to the strong concentration of music labels "the costs of rights and royalties ... are too high" and weigh upon the profitability of the streaming companies, said Revenu.

In comparison, video streaming company Netflix had reduced its dependence on film studios by producing its own programs. Investors were also likely hesitant about Deezer's reliance on tie-ups with mobile operators for most of its subscriptions. The service "is unique in having a high integration with mobile operators", notably with Orange in France, said Revenu. Of Deezer's 6.3 million subscribers, only 1.5 million subscribe directly to the service. The other 4.8 million get it as part of their mobile phone subscriptions, and of these only 1.5 million were active in June 2015. The difficult market environment also played a role, said Revenu. A few days before, shares in Pandora plunged more than 35 percent when the Internet radio station posted disappointing results, and Netflix's third quarter profits fell by half to \$29.4 million.

And even as the sector is expanding, it is already crowded. Spotify says it has 75 million users, of whom 20 million subscribe to the paid service. Apple Music already has 6.5 million subscribers after just four months. And YouTube is also looking to push into the segment, having in October launched a paid, ad-free service. And then there is the question of whether the segment will ever be profitable.

Bloomberg View columnist Leonid Bershidsky recently said that both Deezer and Spotify have been hoping that their expanding subscriber base would produce fast enough revenue growth to cover their development and marketing costs. "It's not really happening, though: Costs are growing in step with revenue," he said. Bershidsky also noted that the music industry is just half the size it was in 1999. "Deezer, Spotify, Apple Music and others are taking over a shrinking market, so profits will remain elusive," he wrote in an editorial. — AFP



BOSTON: Harvard University professor Henry Louis Gates Jr speaks at Harvard University in Cambridge. — AP

## GATES HOPING TO INSPIRE LOVE OF STEM THROUGH GENEALOGY

WASHINGTON: Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. hopes to trigger a love for science, technology and math among American students by turning them on to searching for their family roots. Gates, the Harvard University scholar and host of a genealogy show on PBS, and fellow researchers from Spelman College and Pennsylvania State University recently received a \$355,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to create a genealogy and genetics summer camp for middle school children, as well as a \$304,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for college-level courses.

The summer camps will start at Penn State University and the University of South Carolina this summer, and at the American Museum of Natural History in 2017. The college courses, in biology with a genetics and genealogy-centered approach, will be held at Spelman College and Morehouse College in Atlanta, and North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina.

### 'Ancestry chasing'

"Ancestry chasing through genealogy and genetics is about one thing ultimately and that is you," Gates said in a phone interview. "And what's your favorite subject? Your favorite subject is yourself." Gates, host of "Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr" on PBS, said the curriculum he is developing would teach social science, history, interview skills, archival skills and biology. The goal is to help students discover an innate love of science, technology, engineering and math that may lead to careers in STEM fields.

Hispanics, blacks, and Native Americans together comprise only 10 percent of workers in science and engineering jobs and 13 percent of science and engineering degree holders, according to the National Science Board's Science and Engineering Indicators 2014 report, though they represent 26 percent of the population. The popularity of genealogy and finding ancestors would get children hooked, potentially inspiring future professors, scientists and mathematicians, said Gates. He said he wasn't worried about being able to keep the attention of young people. "We're going to teach them about Y-DNA if you're a man, how you get that from your father who got that marker from his father and his father," said Gates, referring to the Y chromosome. Students also will learn about mitochondrial DNA, "which you get from your mother and her mother and her mother, whether you're a man or a woman." — AP

## UK POLICE COST-CUTTING WITH SKYPE INTERVIEWS

LONDON: Victims of non-emergency crimes in Britain are being asked to conduct police interviews via online phone service Skype to cut costs, the constabulary pioneering the scheme said Friday. Cambridgeshire Constabulary in eastern England, which is trialing the scheme in the city of Peterborough, hopes it will provide more flexibility than the current method of home visits, allowing better response time.

Crimes reported on the non-emergency 101 telephone number will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and the victims will be advised whether to continue via phone, Skype or with a home visit. Under the scheme-to be rolled out from Tuesday-older victims, those unfamiliar with technology and

victims of more personal crimes could still be interviewed at home, a force spokesman told AFP.

Forces across the country are turning to technology to help plug the funding gap caused by spending cuts imposed to reduce Britain's deficit. Oz Merrygold, secretary of Cambridgeshire Police Federation, said it was "just not possible anymore" to visit homes for all crimes.

"We're having to redefine the way we police," he said. Former officer Clive Chamberlain criticized the measure as "virtual policing". "This is such a retrograde step-but when budgets are slashed by millions 'virtual policing' is going to be the norm," he wrote on Twitter. Retired London officer Norman

Brennan added that "personal" crimes such as burglary should always require a home visit. Melanie Dales, area commander for Peterborough, insisted that the initiative would improve their service.

"We understand people have busy lives and this service will provide flexibility, with appointments from 8am to 10pm seven days a week," she said. "It will allow officers, who use a large proportion of their time travelling across the city to and from appointments, more time to patrol their neighborhoods. "Also, by using modern technology such as Skype, we are increasing our efficiency and ensuring we are able to respond to people in a shorter time frame," she added. — AFP



MONTERREY, Mexico: Mayela Benavides helps her daughter Graciela walk inside her home.—AP photos



MONTERREY, Mexico: Graciela Elizalde, an 8-year-old who suffers from Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, a severe form of epilepsy that causes intense seizures, receives hydrotherapy.



MONTERREY, Mexico: Mayela Benavides carries a her daughter Graciela who suffers from Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, a severe form of epilepsy that causes intense seizures, after a hydrotherapy treatment at a swimming complex.

## MEXICAN FAMILIES HOPING FOR MEDICINAL MARIJUANA

MONTERREY, Mexico: As Mexico's top court prepares to consider arguments that could open the door to the recreational use of marijuana, some families are hoping such a step could help make medicinal marijuana more accessible. The parents of 8-year-old Graciela Elizalde of Monterrey have already seen a difference in their daughter since she began taking a marijuana extract recently. A federal judge gave them permission to import the marijuana oil. "We're very happy because what we're seeing is that Grace is sleeping

continuously through the nights, something she had not done in months," said her father, Raul Elizalde, using the child's nickname. Graciela suffers from a severe form of epilepsy that causes intense seizures.

The Elizaldes are not part of the case on recreational use that Mexico's Supreme Court this week put off hearing until at least next week, but they hope it could make things easier for them and other families. "The debate before the Supreme Court right now is about recreational cannabis," Raul Elizalde

said. "What we're looking for is medicinal cannabis, but if it (the court) opens the door for recreational cannabis it would be welcome because by default it would benefit us, too."

Mexico has decriminalized the possession of some drugs, including marijuana, for personal use since 2009. Elizalde said the family arrived at the decision to try marijuana for their daughter only after exhausting every other option. "The first person who changed his way of thinking was me," he said. "I was

someone who thought that cannabis did not serve for anything, that it couldn't be a good thing for someone." Reynold Guadalupe Nava, a 4-year-old who also lives in Monterrey, is another child whose mother thinks he could benefit from medicinal marijuana.

Mirna Alvarado said Graciela's case had opened the door and she hopes authorities will begin looking favorably on others as well. She said through talking to other families with children suffering from similar conditions they heard that cannabis oil could help

Reynold. "We know there are about 40 families right now that have been organizing around Grace's parents," said Dr Carlos Aguirre Velazquez, chief of pediatric neurology at Monterrey's Children's Hospital. "We don't know what the final result will be, but I believe it's time to set aside a bit the debates and take clear positions," he said. "To say, we, from a health perspective, are in favor of a therapeutic resource used scientifically for the health of any neurological case that requires it."—AP



WASHINGTON: Miyah Williams, 3, wearing her prosthetic leg, rests in Washington, at a meeting on the need for new pediatric medical devices hosted by Children's National Health System.

## NEW PUSH FOR PINT-SIZED MEDICAL DEVICES TO TREAT SICK KIDS

WASHINGTON: Improve isn't a word parents want to hear from their kid's doctor. Yet pediatric specialists too often have to jury-rig care because many of the medical devices needed to treat sick children were built for adults. Part of the problem is size. Doctors fixed Alice de Pooter's faltering heartbeat by wedging an adult pacemaker into a baby's body. But the device's large battery bulged so badly under her rib cage that she struggled to sit upright until her first birthday. It's also an engineering problem. Children aren't just miniature adults; their bodies are growing and changing. When adult devices haven't been formally studied in children, using them in youngsters can raise safety questions.

### Treatment market

"It affects patient care. We need to find a resolution," Dr Matthew Oetgen, chief of orthopedic surgery and sports medicine at Children's National Health System, said at a recent grants competition that the Washington hospital hosted to help spur development of innovative pediatric devices. There's little financial incentive to create and test pint-sized devices because children overall are healthier than adults and make up a fraction of the treatment market. But families are starting to demand solutions.

A birth defect left Miyah Williams with one leg missing at mid thigh. The prosthetic leg she received as a toddler came with such a painful, sweat- and sore-inducing socket - a rigid cup connecting the leg to her thigh - that she refused to wear it. Her mother eventually found a small San Francisco company willing to design a softer, adjustable socket able to grow some as Miyah does. Miyah, now 3, dances to show off a leg finally comfortable enough to wear all day. "She told them earlier today that her bone no longer hurts," Tamara Williams of Fayetteville, North Carolina, said of manufacturer LIM Innovations. "They made her a socket that changed her life."

The industry acknowledges medical devices designed specifically for children often lag five years to 10 years behind new technology for adults, and Food and Drug Administration statistics illustrate the disparity. In 2013, eight of the 38 novel or higher-risk devices FDA approved were labeled for use by patients younger than 22. In 2014, six of 33 such device approvals were for pediatric use; so were two devices for rare disorders allowed to sell under a special fast-

tracking program. Consider pacemakers. Children account for only about 1 percent of pacemaker implants, said Dr Charles Berul, co-director of Children's National Heart Institute. Adult pacemakers such as the biventricular version implanted into Alice de Pooter when she was 4 months old can save lives, but improving has drawbacks, he said.

### Less invasive

Adults typically have a pacemaker's electrical leads, or wires, easily threaded into the heart through a vein, but babies require open-chest surgery attaching them to the outside of the heart, explained Berul, Alice's longtime cardiologist. Faster child heartbeats wear out the batteries more rapidly, and the leads can stretch out of place as tots grow. Now 3 and living near Houston, Alice has a well-functioning heart and while the battery's outline remains visible in her belly, "she's running and happy," said her mother, Charlotte Vanheusden. Manufacturers are developing a tiny wireless pacemaker for adults. If it works, Berul hopes eventually that could be adapted for children, too. Meanwhile, he's developing a less invasive way to place today's wires in tots, with aid from a tiny camera normally used in the urinary tract.

It's an example of partnerships between doctors and bioengineers that are springing up at numerous children's hospitals and universities, sparked in part by 2007 legislation establishing an FDA program with a small budget to help fund early pediatric device development. This year, FDA awarded \$3.5 million to eight such consortia around the country. Some experts argue more far-reaching incentives are needed, such as tax credits and patent exclusivity that in recent years have spurred an increase in medications for rare diseases.

### Early prototypes

Another incentive: Make a device that works first in kids, and "absolutely there will be benefit for the adult population. It's not as easy the other way around," said Dr Vasum Peiris, FDA's new chief medical officer for pediatric devices. Doctors point to some successes. The Berlin Heart child-sized implantable pump was approved through a special FDA program in 2011 to help children survive the wait for a heart transplant, an option long available for adults. OrthoPediatrics Corp of Warsaw, Indiana, recent-

ly created a device to repair a common knee injury, a torn ACL, without damaging young children's still-growing bones.

Last month's competition by Children's National's innovation institute highlighted early prototypes attempting to wind through the pipeline, from a device by Ireland's AventaMed to implant ear tubes in youngsters without requiring full anesthesia to a test by Prospira Inc in Galveston, Texas, showing if breathing tubes are inserted properly. The ideas don't have to come from pediatricians: "Just ask patients what they want," said Dr Andrew Pedtke, an orthopedic surgeon who co-founded LIM Innovations after seeing adult amputees struggle with painful sockets and had a small team beginning pediatric work when Miyah's mother made her request.—AP



TOMBALL, Texas: Alice de Pooter, 3, shows her surgery scar and the bulge from a pacemaker battery in Tomball, Texas.—AP photos

## EXOSKELETON RESEARCH COULD ALLOW PARALYZED TO TURN AND CLIMB

NEW YORK: Swiss sensory motor scientists are hoping to inspire a new generation of more flexible, less constraining, powered exoskeletons that improve the lives of the severely disabled and paralyzed. Metal exoskeleton suits worn outside the body, delivering energy for limb movement, are becoming more widespread, helping survivors of strokes, spinal cord injuries, and other lower extremity weaknesses to walk again. Yet they are far from perfect solutions. A patient's joints can be misaligned with those of the exoskeleton, thus constraining the wearer's walking. They are also usually bulky, making climbing stairs impossible, while the limitations of their joint mechanisms makes anything other than walking in a straight line difficult, slow, and inefficient, and in some cases unachievable. ETH Zurich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) researcher Volker Bartenbach told Reuters that a prototype developed at the institute's Sensory Motor Laboratory allows users far more freedom. "Hopefully we will build systems that allow you to do more tasks," he said. "Besides walking in a straight line, you might be able to walk sideways in front of your kitchen counter or something like that, to walk stairs up and down. Also to turn round on the spot, so they need different joints, they need different degrees of freedom and if we had a system that was powerful enough to support you but also less constraining to allow you those movements you would be able to do such movements, even if you were a paraplegic or handicapped person."

Bartenbach and professor of sensory motor systems, Robert Riener, are seeking to replicate the natural kinematics of human lower limbs, in an attempt to improve the type of exoskeleton currently being manufactured. Pointing to one of the exoskeleton hip joints, Bartenbach demonstrated to Reuters how the device could allow users to move their joint in a variety of ways. "We have here the hip joint, so if I move my leg like this the exoskeleton provides this degree of freedom. The same, different degree of freedom is, for example, the adduction abduction, so if I spread my leg to the side and this is also provided here by the exoskeleton, by the joint, so if I'm inside I can still perform this movement," he said.

### Assistive devices

He added: "The human also has internal, external rotation, so we can rotate our hip around this axis, which we need for example if you turn around on the spot - and here you see we are testing a technical solution, how to reproduce it, how to allow this movement. What you can see here is this four bar linkage mechanism. If you have multiple joints connected in a certain

way then we allow the leg inside to still perform this movement."

Bartenbach wants to build an exoskeleton that is an alternative to a wheelchair for a spinal paralysis patient. The lab is also working on a different approach for assistive devices, a so called soft exosuit. These robotic devices rely on force transmission through textiles and can be worn like regular clothes, yet provide sufficient assistance to support the wearer during specific motions and ideally feature no rigid structures like traditional exoskeletons. The lack of a rigid structure avoids, or at least reduces, many of the negative effects rooted in the heaviness and high inertia of the structure and actuators, as well as in the bulky design and kinematic constraints.

The team has already developed the second generation of a gait training robot called Lokomat, in cooperation with commercial company Hocoma. It consists of an exoskeleton attached to a treadmill, while a variety of cameras track the user's limb movements. Lokomat is used to help those with gait paralysis walk again. Riener says patients using Lokomat undertake training considerably more intensive than conventional gait therapies. "They (patients) have to walk a lot, they have to do intensive training and walk on that treadmill while being body weight supported and the robot guides the legs and enables them to walk, which they could not do at all without this device," he said.

### Recovery times

Riener added: "The only alternative to this device in gait training is the application of manual gait therapy where two or even three therapists are guiding the leg and helping the patients to walk. However, that's personally very intensive and the training duration is limited. With the robot the patients can train much longer and much more intensive."

The professor says that, if developed on a commercial scale, the process will reduce the costs of healthcare, while intensifying recovery times. Riener is organizing next year's Cybathlon, an annual event organized by ETH Zurich in which people with a variety of disabilities compete to finish a variety of everyday tasks that are particularly difficult for their individual handicap. For instance, patients with prosthetic upper limbs will perform tasks such as carrying shopping bags or preparing a meal, while those with lower limb paralysis will be asked to undertake activities such as climbing stairs, using a robotic exoskeleton for assistance. According to the ETH Zurich website, "through the organization of the Cybathlon we want to help removing barriers between the public, people with disabilities and science."—Reuters

## CHIPOTLE CLOSES 43 US RESTAURANTS AFTER E COLI OUTBREAK

NEW YORK: Chipotle Mexican Grill shut 43 restaurants in Oregon and Washington states following an outbreak of E coli linked to at least 22 cases, a Chipotle spokesman said yesterday. The burrito chain said the outbreak had been traced to six restaurants, but that it had taken action on other Chipotle outlets in the two western states out of "an abundance of caution." "We are working with health department officials to determine the cause of this issue," said a Chipotle spokesman "We offer our deepest sympathies to those who have been affected by this situation." Regulators said over the weekend they found 19 cases of infection in Washington state and three

in Oregon. One third of the infected people were hospitalized and there were no fatalities, the Oregon Health Authority said.

"Many people affected with Shiga toxin E coli may not seek health care, so the number of people made ill by this outbreak is likely more than identified," it said. Typical cases usually develop diarrhea and abdominal cramps within 1-10 days, with most illnesses resolving on their own within seven days, the agency said. However, in rare cases, elderly and young children can develop a severe type of kidney failure, the agency said. Chipotle, which has about 1,850 restaurants, shares fell 2.9 percent to \$621.95 in morning trade.—AFP



KUWAIT: Musaed Bader Al-Sayer and Dr Hossam Afffy.



## AL-SAYER GROUP JOINS CANCER AWARE NATION CAMPAIGN

‘YOU DESERVE OUR CARE AND ATTENTION’

**KUWAIT:** In view of their interest in the community affairs, Al-Sayer Group CSR and Al-Sayer Medical held a joint campaign in the activities of Cancer Aware Nation Campaign (CAN) on the occasion of world day for breast cancer under the logo “You deserve our care and attention” and World Heart day 2015 under the mission healthy heart choices for everyone, everywhere.

### Cancer Aware Nation Campaign

As part of efforts to participate in the awareness campaign of early detection of cancer, Al-Sayer Group participated with “C.A.N” in organizing a special event for all ladies working at the Group. The event was attended by Musaed Bader Al-Sayer, Board Member Al-Sayer Group Holding, Luluwa Naser Al-Sayer, Treasury Manager, in addition to a large numbers of participants.

On the occasion of inaugurating the awareness campaign Eng Nehad Al-Haj Ali, Manager, Corporate Excellence, Nawraz Ibrahim Agwa, Assistant Manager, Quality Assurance, and Yehia Al-Othman, Supervisor, Corporate Events represented Al-Sayer

Group Holding during the Press conference. During the event, Najlaa Al-Sayed, Internal Medicine at Makki Jomaa Hospital gave a lecture about breast cancer disease and the importance of the early detection to fight this disease.

### Al-Sayer Medical company endorses breast cancer awareness campaign

Al-Sayer Medical participated in the event by displaying variety of medical tools and equipment related to this disease. On the occasion of inaugurating the awareness campaign, Dr Hossam Afffy, GM of Al-Sayer Medical Company said: “The company is eager to support all awareness activities to increase the general health and raise the health awareness in the society. Therefore, we have worked in collaboration with our partner Mentor, one of Jhonson & Jhonson’s Companies, to support this campaign. Mentor is a global leader in the industry of padding and fillers used in Breast Reconstruction after Mastectomy in the case of cancer. Mentor is also keen on spreading general health culture among patients and

give them the opportunity to recognize the available options for breast reconstruction which will make the patient live normally and will reflect positively on her psychological health”.

He added “The number of Breast Reconstruction surgeries in the Middle East is relatively low comparing to USA and Europe, because of the lack of the patient’s knowledge. We are proud of representing Mentor Jhonson & Jhonson’s in Kuwait, certified by US Food & Drug Organization. Mentor has published an instruction booklet for patients which explains the Breast Reconstruction surgery in details, in addition to few leaflets for breast self-exam and Breast Cancer Early Detection which helps in early treatment and will affect to raise the percentage of recovery. We also keep advising ladies on the age of 35 and above to visit their doctors and make the annual periodic examination. At the end of the event, the Top Management of Al-Sayer Group Holding expressed their appreciation for C.A.N Campaign and the organizers for their great efforts and wished all the ladies health



and wellness.

### World Heart Day

World Heart Day, is an initiative by World Heart Federation to focus on creating heart-healthy environments by ensuring that people are able to make heart-healthy choices wherever they live, work and play.

The mobile heart unit conducted medical

examinations among the Group employees and visitors for early detection of risk factors related to heart diseases like high levels of sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure and salts.

Appreciating the positive support offered by Kuwait Heart Foundation Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility Manager Al-Sayer Group Holding Nehad Al-Haj Ali said “Al-Sayer Group Management is always trying to provide a healthy work environment backed by all means of convenience and comfort including providing healthy meals served at the employee cafeteria in addition to encouraging employees to quit smoking and maintaining a healthy life style”. Meanwhile Dr Hind Shomar Board Member Kuwait Heart Foundation said “World Heart Day 2015 encourages us all to reduce our cardiovascular risk, and promotes a heart-healthy planet for those around us. World Heart Day takes place on 29th September each year to inform people around the globe that heart diseases and strokes are the world’s leading cause of death, claiming 17.3 million lives each year and the numbers are rising”.



PALMAS, Brazil: Cinta Larga indigenous men sell products made from Brazil nuts during a fair on the sidelines of the Indigenous World Games.—AP

## INDIGENOUS FROM AMAZON SEE BRAZIL NUT AS FOREST’S FUTURE

**PALMAS, Brazil:** The creation story of the Cinta Larga people holds that they were born out of the fruit of the Brazil nut tree. Now they are betting that the mighty tree could be the key to their very future in the Amazon rain forest. A project sponsored by international donors has helped the Cinta Larga and other indigenous people from Brazil’s Mato Grosso state monetize the towering centenary trees by turning their nuts, which normally plummet to the forest floor and rot, into cash. Since it started last year, the Sentinels of the Forest program has boosted the tribes’ incomes 50 percent, said Daieit Akata Kaban, leader of the Cinta Larga. That’s given the group of about 1,700 people renewed incentive to protect their roughly 80,000 hectares (2 million acres) of ancestral forest from loggers, ranchers and poachers pressing in on all sides.

“It has completely changed our lives,” Kaban said at the group’s stand at the World Indigenous Games, a celebration of cultures from around the

world wrapping up this weekend in Palmas. The project was the brainchild of Paulo Cesar Nunes, an agronomist whose family moved from Sao Paulo to the forest state of Rondonia on Brazil’s western frontier to harvest Brazil nuts. Growing up, Nunes witnessed the catastrophic results of a government project to resettle landless farmers in Rondonia, which led to nearly wholesale clear-cutting in the state. Nunes believes the Brazil nut can help prevent a similar fate for neighboring Mato Grosso, which is in the sights of big agricultural interests as a frontier for soy, cotton, corn and cattle.

Securing \$1.25 million from the Fundo Amazonas, a fund of international donors that is administered by the Brazilian government’s national development bank, he set up a Brazil nut cooperative in Juruena, a town roughly halfway between the Cinta Larga’s reserve and another where the Cayabi, Apiaka and Mundurucu peoples live. Brazil nut trees dot the region, and the melon-sized shells

containing the nuts naturally tumble to the forest floor during the rainy season, meaning harvesters just have to pick up the shells. But the oily nuts’ susceptibility to fungus, bacteria and insects make getting them to market before they rot tricky.

### Face creams and lotions

Sentinels of the Forest built 18 storage facilities throughout the forest to keep the nuts fresh and dry while awaiting processing. The project has also invested in industrial drying machines that allow them not only to sell the nuts whole but also to extract the oil, which is used for cooking and also as an ingredient in shampoos, face creams and lotions. Brazilian cosmetics firm Natura buys oil from the group. The dried meal left over from the extraction process is used to make cookies, noodles and granola bars that the federal government distributes to 40,000 local residents through its “Zero Hunger” social program.—AP

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The Jordanian Embassy held the 'Third Job Opportunities Exhibition' at the Women's Cultural Society's building in Khaldiya recently. Deputy Ambassador Shakir Al-Amoush opened the event on behalf of Ambassador Mohammad Al-Kayyed. —Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



Grand Gold Fest 2015 1KG Gold Mega Prize Winner Ramesh Babu Ganeshan receives his prize in the presence of the Ambassador of India, Sunil Jain. Ayyoob Kacheri - Regional Director, Mohamed Suneer - CEO, Thehaseer Ali - General Manager and Sanin - Marketing and Business Development Manager are also seen in the photo.

## MCDONALD'S 'TASTES OF THE WORLD' IS BACK, AND FIRST STOP IS ITALY

McDonald's Kuwait has brought back its beloved 'Tastes of the World' annual campaign, which takes customers on a journey to discover flavors from different countries across the globe. Now in its fourth year, 'Tastes of the World' brings a range of great new limited time creations, kicking things off with 'The Italian' burger, which will be available at all McDonald's restaurants starting October 31st until stocks last. 'The Italian' will be followed by two more burgers with new flavors, which will be revealed soon.

'The Italian' is made with a deliciously juicy Halal chicken patty, two slices of Emmental cheese, a whole Boston lettuce leaf and tender tomato slices, all dressed in a mouth-watering basil pesto mayo sauce in a soft focaccia-style bun.

'Tastes of the World' has become a major and eagerly awaited annual event at McDonald's, as it brings innovative experiences and flavors that our customers love. These mouth-watering sandwiches introduce a range of exciting high quality new ingredients and dressings, in line with our never-ending commitment to provide the highest quality to our customers," said Sherif Coutry, Marketing Director at McDonald's Kuwait.

Customers should also look out for two additional limited-time experiences. The first is a bite-sized spicy delight with the 'Jalapeno Blasters', featuring a breaded jalapeno stuffed with creamy cheese. Then there is also the all-new and refreshing Mango Pineapple McFizz, a tasty tropical fusion that builds on the popularity of the juice version launched for a limited time earlier this year. For more information on The Italian and Jalapeno Blasters limited-time offers, please visit [www.mcdonaldsarabia.com](http://www.mcdonaldsarabia.com).



## MMF KUWAIT HOLDS FAMILY DAY

Malayali Media Forum (MMF) Kuwait, a common platform for Keralites working in various media fields, held a family day on Friday, 23rd October 2015 at United Indian School, Abbasiya. Members of Malayali Media Forum and their families with their friends attended the event. MMF General Convener Abdul Fathah Thayyil presided over the function. Prominent media personality and Managing Director of Kairali TV John Britas inaugurated the family day. MMF Convener Muneer Ahmad welcomed the audience and Anwar Sadath Thalassery proposed a vote of thank. Members and their families including children staged a variety of cultural programs. Reshmi Krishnakumar and Gafoor Moodady coordinated the cultural events. Mohammed Rafi Kallayi, Muhammed Rafi and Biju Thikkodi led orchestra during the event.

### WHAT'S ON - SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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Please send them to [news@kuwaittimes.net](mailto:news@kuwaittimes.net)



Media students at Kuwait University's College of Arts visited the Sabah Al-Salem University City project recently as part of their news editing class activities.

## CRYCHESS 2015

Friends of CRY Club (FOCC), announces a rescheduled dates for children's chess tournament 2015. 'CRYchess 2015' will be held at the Gulf Indian School (GIS), Fahaheel, on Friday, 06th November 2015, from 0930 - 1630 hrs. It is open to all School children. The players will be placed into groups, allocated by their age, to play in the Swiss pairing format. Medals and certificates are awarded to all participating children and first 3 positions in each group win trophies. For more details, registration forms, rules of CRYchess 2015, please visit <http://www.foccwkt.org/> or contact FOCC members.

### KALA-KUWAIT TO HOLD DRAWING AND PAINTING COMPETITION

Kerala Art Lovers Association, KALA-Kuwait, the oldest among Indian Associations, is working constructively in the Indian Society, upholding the rich cultural heritage of the nation. KALA has verities of programs, covering different sections of the society. Art & Cultural promotions, Malayalam Education program, Seminars & Symposiums, literary programs, Award functions and charity for destitute. Now KALA-Kuwait is again putting here a milestone...with "Mazhavillu-2015" Drawing & Painting competitions for Indian School Children, to discover the true talents. The competitions are classified into four categories, as follows, with several prizes.



A youth gallery titled 'Those are my Children' kicked off recently at the Abdulaziz Cultural Center, featuring 80 youth projects and 40 talented young men and women. Sheikh Duajj Al-Khalifa Al-Sabah sponsored and attended the three-day event. —By Meshaal Al-Enzi

## NBK'S 'I DREAM TO BE' INITIATIVE GRANTS JANA MUHAMMAD HER WISH TO BECOME A PRINCESS

National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) continues its 'I Dream to Be' initiative, a first-of-a-kind initiative that aims at granting wishes for children with severe illnesses and special needs around Kuwait, giving them the chance to make their dreams come true.

Jana Muhammad, a 6-year old child who is undergoing treatment at Amiri Hospital, has always dreamt to become a princess. Therefore, NBK's family organized a princess themed party for her sixth birthday, where she looked like a princess from lip to toe.

"Jana's dream to be a princess is yet another wish granted through NBK's initiative 'I Dream to Be'. We are proud to be a part of the children's

dreams and expand our support to them as much as possible," said Joanne Al-Abdul Jaleel, NBK Public Relations Officer.

'I Dream to Be' initiative is a lifetime experience for children not only with life-threatening conditions but children with special needs as well," she added. "This initiative is a great way to spread joy and show that there's always a positive side to a difficult situation. We ask children what they want to be and try to fulfill that for them."

NBK gives top priority to children through its commitment to corporate social responsibility. NBK works closely with the Kuwait Association for the Care of Children in Hospitals (KACCH),

Bayt Abdullah for the Care of Children in Hospice (BACCH) and several other special needs organizations to maximize its reach to all the children in numerous hospitals and schools.

NBK has been at the forefront of supporting Kuwait's community through a range of initiatives towards education, health, sports and social responsibilities. The establishment of NBK's Children Hospital for Oncology and Hematology at Al Sabah Medical Area stands as one of many ongoing corporate social initiatives towards health and children. 'I Dream to Be' aims at focusing and supporting NBK's efforts towards children and addressing their needs as much as possible.



## TAIWAN ORGANIZES FOOD TRADE EVENT



Sponsored by Taiwan's Bureau of Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) organized a delegation of 13 leading food and beverage companies to visit Iran, UAE, and Kuwait. To help Taiwanese companies develop contacts within the Middle East, TAITRA's branch offices in Tehran and Kuwait respectively co-organized trade meetings in Tehran and Kuwait.

The visible delegation of dynamic companies showcased their up-to-date food and beverage, such as bubble tea ingredients, confectioneries, frozen fish, frozen vegetable, prepared and canned food, soybean sauces and dressings, vinegar, tea

seed oil, carrots and juice, noodles, drinks and honey.

Taiwan has a strong food and beverage industrial cluster with 6,000 manufacturers and an annual production of \$19.04 billion (2014). Home to ethnic diversity, Taiwan has incorporated the essence and flavors of foods from all over the world and developed well-known food processing industries that ensure consumers' safety in regards to quality, healthy foods. Furthermore, Taiwan's leading Halal certificate, which is issued by the Taiwan Halal Integrity Development Association (THIDA), has been accredited by the UAE's Ministry of Environment and Water, as well as by their Malaysian, Indonesian, and Singaporean counterparts.



ANIMAL PLANET HD

- 00:50 Gator Boys
01:45 Call Of The Wildman
02:15 Call Of The Wildman
02:40 Bondi Vet
03:35 Tanked
04:25 Ten Deadliest Snakes
05:15 Gator Boys
06:02 Treehouse Masters
06:49 Gangland Killers
07:36 Call Of The Wildman
08:00 Call Of The Wildman
08:25 Dogs 101
09:15 Ten Deadliest Snakes
10:10 Treehouse Masters
11:05 Tanked
12:00 Dogs 101
12:55 Bondi Vet
13:50 Bondi Vet
14:45 Ten Deadliest Snakes
15:40 Treehouse Masters
16:35 Tanked
17:30 Gangland Killers
18:25 Austin Stevens: Snakemaster
19:20 Biggest And Baddest
20:15 Tanked
21:10 Shamwari: A Wild Life
21:35 Shamwari: A Wild Life
22:05 Treehouse Masters
23:00 Biggest And Baddest
23:55 Austin Stevens: Snakemaster

Discovery CHANNEL HD

- 00:20 Fast N' Loud
01:10 Deadliest Catch
02:00 Outback Truckers
02:50 Manhunt With Joel Lambert
03:40 Auction Hunters
04:05 Garage Gold
04:30 Baggage Battles
05:00 How It's Made: Dream Cars
05:30 How It's Made
06:00 Alaskan Bush People
06:50 Fire In The Hole
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16:00 Fast N' Loud
16:50 How It's Made: Dream Cars
17:15 How It's Made
17:40 Marooned With Ed Stafford
18:30 Kings Of The Wild
19:20 Dual Survival
20:10 Garage Gold
20:35 Baggage Battles
21:00 Marooned With Ed Stafford
21:50 Kings Of The Wild
22:40 River Monsters
23:30 Fire In The Hole

Disney CHANNEL HD

- 00:00 Violetta
00:45 The Hive
00:50 Sabrina: Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
01:15 Sabrina: Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
01:40 Wolfblood
02:05 Wolfblood
02:30 Violetta
03:15 The Hive
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04:10 Wolfblood
04:35 Wolfblood
05:00 Violetta
05:45 The Hive
06:00 Mouk
06:25 Hank Zipzer
06:50 Girl Meets World
07:15 H2O: Just Add Water
07:40 Jessie
08:05 Wizards Of Waverly Place
08:30 Wizards Of Waverly Place
08:55 Sabrina: Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
09:20 Sabrina: Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
09:45 Austin & Ally
10:10 Austin & Ally
10:35 H2O: Just Add Water

- 11:00 H2O: Just Add Water
11:25 Jessie
11:50 Jessie
12:20 Hank Zipzer
12:45 Gravity Falls
13:10 Good Luck Charlie
13:35 I Didn't Do It
14:00 Dog With A Blog
14:30 H2O: Just Add Water
14:55 LOLRock
15:20 Austin & Ally
15:45 Girl Meets World
16:10 Violetta
17:00 The Next Step
17:25 Mako Mermaids
17:50 Girl Meets World
18:15 Dog With A Blog
18:40 Gravity Falls
19:05 H2O: Just Add Water
19:30 Violetta
20:20 The Next Step
20:45 Good Luck Charlie
21:10 Good Luck Charlie
21:35 Wizards Of Waverly Place
22:00 Binny And The Ghost
22:25 Sabrina: Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
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23:10 Wolfblood
23:35 Wolfblood

- 00:00 E! Entertainment Special
00:55 The Grace Helbig Show
01:25 Kourtney And Khloe Take The Hamptons
02:20 E! News
03:15 Escape Club
04:10 The E! True Hollywood Story
05:05 The E! True Hollywood Story
06:00 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
06:55 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
07:50 Style Star
08:20 E! News
09:15 Giuliana & Bill
10:15 Giuliana & Bill
11:10 #RichKids Of Beverly Hills
11:35 #RichKids Of Beverly Hills
12:05 E! News
13:05 House Of DVF
14:05 Fashion Bloggers
14:30 Fashion Bloggers
15:00 Kourtney And Khloe Take The Hamptons
16:00 Kourtney And Khloe Take The Hamptons
17:00 Giuliana & Bill
18:00 House Of DVF
19:00 WAGs
20:00 Hollywood Cycle
21:00 Keeping Up With The Kardashians
22:00 E! News
23:00 Dash Dolls

food network

- 00:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
00:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
01:00 Food Court Wars
02:00 Mystery Diners
02:30 Mystery Diners
03:00 Man Fire Food
03:30 Man Fire Food
04:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
04:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
05:00 Guy's Grocery Games
06:00 Chopped
07:00 Man Fire Food
07:30 Man Fire Food
08:00 Chopped
09:00 Barefoot Contessa
09:30 Barefoot Contessa
10:00 The Kitchen
11:00 The Pioneer Woman
11:30 The Pioneer Woman
12:00 Chopped
13:00 Guy's Big Bite
13:30 Guy's Big Bite
14:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
14:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
15:00 Guy's Grocery Games
16:00 Chopped
17:00 The Kitchen
18:00 The Pioneer Woman
18:30 Trisha's Southern Kitchen
19:00 Chopped
20:00 Guy's Grocery Games
21:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
21:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
22:00 Man Finds Food
22:30 Man Finds Food
23:00 Roadtrip With G. Garvin
23:30 Roadtrip With G. Garvin

itv CHOICE HD

- 00:10 The Chase: Celebrity Specials

- 01:05 Who's Doing The Dishes?
02:00 Emmerdale
02:25 Emmerdale
02:55 Coronation Street
03:25 Agatha Christie's Partners In Crime
04:20 The Jonathan Ross Show
05:15 Take On The Twisters
06:10 Who's Doing The Dishes?
07:05 Coronation Street
07:30 Agatha Christie's Partners In Crime
08:25 The Jonathan Ross Show
09:20 The Chase: Celebrity Specials
10:15 Who's Doing The Dishes?
11:10 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
12:30 Take On The Twisters
13:25 Emmerdale
13:50 Eggheads
14:20 Coronation Street
14:45 The Chase: Celebrity Specials
15:35 Who's Doing The Dishes?
16:30 Doc Martin
17:25 Shetland
18:20 Take On The Twisters
19:10 Coronation Street
19:35 Who's Doing The Dishes?
20:30 Doc Martin
21:25 Shetland
22:20 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
23:40 Eggheads

OSN FIRST HD COMEDY

- 00:30 Last Man Standing
01:00 Last Week Tonight With John Oliver
02:30 Man Seeking Woman
04:00 Marry Me
04:30 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon
06:00 Community
06:30 Til Death
07:00 Late Night With Seth Meyers
08:00 Marry Me
10:30 Til Death
11:00 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon
12:00 Community
12:30 Marry Me
13:30 Til Death
15:30 Last Man Standing
16:30 Community
17:00 Late Night With Seth Meyers
18:00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine
19:00 Hot In Cleveland
19:30 2 Broke Girls
20:00 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon
21:00 Last Man Standing
22:00 Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll
23:00 Man Seeking Woman
23:30 Late Night With Seth Meyers

OSN FIRST

- 00:00 The Americans
01:00 Quantico
02:00 Homeland
06:00 The Fosters
07:00 Witches Of East End
08:00 Sleepy Hollow
12:00 Emmerdale
12:30 Coronation Street
13:00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show
14:00 Sleepy Hollow
16:00 Emmerdale
16:30 Coronation Street
17:00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show
18:00 Sleepy Hollow
19:00 The Voice
21:00 Blood & Oil
22:00 Downton Abbey
23:00 Tyrant

OSN FIRST MORE

- 03:00 Odyssey
07:00 Emmerdale
07:30 Coronation Street
10:00 Emmerdale
10:30 Coronation Street
12:00 Switched At Birth
13:00 Franklin & Bash
17:00 Switched At Birth
18:00 Franklin & Bash
22:00 Odyssey
23:00 Strike Back

OSN MOVIES ACTION

- 00:00 The Factory
02:00 Hammer Of The Gods
04:00 Arachnophobia
06:00 Left Behind
08:00 Escape Plan
10:00 Arachnophobia

- 12:00 Percy Jackson And The Lightning Thief
14:00 Born To Race: Fast Track
16:00 Escape Plan
18:00 A Stranger In Paradise
20:00 Percy Jackson And The Lightning Thief
22:00 G.I. Joe: The Rise Of Cobra

OSN MOVIES HD ACTION

- 00:00 Hammer Of The Gods-18
02:00 Arachnophobia-PG15
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10:00 Percy Jackson And The Lightning Thief-PG15
12:00 Born To Race: Fast Track-PG15
14:00 Escape Plan-PG15
16:00 A Stranger In Paradise-PG15
18:00 Percy Jackson And The Lightning Thief-PG15
20:00 G.I. Joe: The Rise Of Cobra-PG15
22:00 Blade: Trinity-18

OSN MOVIES HD COMEDY

- 00:00 John Dies At The End
02:00 Tooth Fairy
04:00 Life With Mikey
06:00 Mom's Night Out
08:00 How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days
10:00 Life With Mikey
12:00 The Comebacks
14:00 Muppets Most Wanted
16:00 How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days
18:00 The Love Punch
20:00 AmeriQua
22:00 Duets

OSN MOVIES HD DRAMA

- 01:00 The Citizen-PG15
03:00 As Cool As I Am-PG15
05:00 Stone Markers-PG15
07:00 Philomena-PG15
09:00 A Promise-PG15
11:00 Stone Markers-PG15
13:00 Kon-Tiki-PG15
15:00 The Giver-PG15
17:00 A Promise-PG15
19:00 The Railway Man-PG15
21:00 Scenic Route-PG15
23:00 Mall-18

OSN MOVIES FESTIVAL

- 01:00 The Magic Of Belle Isle
03:00 Not Fade Away
05:00 Next Goal Wins
07:00 One Chance
09:00 Sunshine On Leith
11:00 Next Goal Wins
13:00 We Are Family
15:00 Belle
17:00 Sunshine On Leith
19:00 Disconnect
21:00 Raging Bull
23:15 The Wolf Of Wall Street

OSN MOVIES HD

- 01:15 13 Eerie-PG15
03:00 Dragonheart 3: The Sorcerer's Curse-PG15
05:00 A Gift Of Miracles-PG15
07:00 Le Weekend-PG15
09:00 Paranoia-PG15
11:00 In My Dreams-PG15
13:00 Quartet-PG15
15:00 Forget And Forgive-PG15
17:00 Paranoia-PG15
19:00 Baggage Claim-PG15
21:00 Cas & Dylan-PG15
23:00 Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones-18

OSN MOVIES KIDS

- 01:00 Mamma Moo And Crow
02:45 Saving Santa
04:30 Columbus In The Last Journey
06:00 Jungle Book: Mowgli's Adventures
07:45 Jungle Shuffle
09:45 Tarzan
11:30 Bolts And Bliip
13:00 Saving Santa
18:00 Tarzan
20:00 Patatoruzito: The Great Adventure



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BBC entertainment

- 00:05 The Cafe
00:30 Alan Carr: Chatty Man
01:15 Live At The Apollo
02:05 Inside No. 9
02:35 A Farmer's Life For Me
03:25 Doctor Who
04:10 The Weakest Link
05:00 The Green Balloon Club
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Cranston commands as blacklisted writer in 'Trumbo'

Sitting in a bathtub with a pen in one hand and glass of whiskey in the other, a long cigarette holder dangling beneath his wiry moustache, Dalton Trumbo wrote countless Hollywood screenplays. From B-movies to Oscar winners, he remained prolific throughout his career, even during the 13 years he was blacklisted by the movie business for being a communist. He went to prison for holding fast to his ideals - that Americans have the right to believe as they please without retribution from the government - and upon his release, he worked constantly and defiantly, but at significant personal and professional cost.

political and social ideas. Like many others, Trumbo had become a communist after the Great Depression, and the group was concerned about the state of the country. As Louis CK describes it: It was "kind of like blogging, but they did it in person."



Archival footage

The US government, meanwhile, was concerned about the rise of communism, and thought movies were one way communists conspired to control American minds. The House Un-American Activities Committee called on Trumbo and other artists to testify about their political beliefs and identify colleagues who might be communists. Trumbo declined to name names, and said his right to peaceably assemble and share ideas is protected by the Constitution. He was held in contempt of Congress and spent a year in jail. Others in Hollywood did name names, and those believed to be associated with communism were suddenly indefinitely unemployed.

But you don't have to know a thing about Trumbo, Hollywood or communism to enjoy watching "Trumbo." A biopic lovingly rendered with input and approval from his daughters, "Trumbo" is about an idealistic yet imperfect man who stands up for what he believes is right, even when it means risking the things he holds most dear. The script is funny and fact-filled; the acting outstanding. As the title character, Bryan Cranston gives a performance as compelling and complex as the man himself must have been. Cranston's Trumbo is eminently interesting, from his rounded posture and curious eyes to his distinct cadence and diction. Appearing in nearly every frame of the film, Cranston infuses John McNamara's clever screenplay with even more life. With a vocabulary of witticisms, Trumbo speaks like a man who loves language.

Clever retorts The ensemble of supporting actors is also excellent. As Trumbo's wife, Cleo, Diane Lane embodies quiet strength, conveying heartbreak, pride and concern with just her eyes. Louis CK plays Trumbo's fictional friend Arlen Hird, who delivers sharp one-liners and clever retorts just like the comedian himself might. Dean O'Gorman is uncanny as Kirk Douglas, right down to the chin dimple. Michael Stuhlbarg brings the necessary gravitas as actor Edward G. Robinson. Helen Mirren's grounded performance keeps the outlandish gossip columnist Hedda Hopper from becoming a caricature. And John Goodman absolutely steals his scenes as B-movie producer Frank King. Watching him smash up his office with a bat and explain what keeps him in the movie business is alone worth a trip to the theater.

Director Jay Roach ("Game Change," "Meet the Parents") keeps these big performances of even bigger personalities in balance, an oscillation of stars around Trumbo. The story begins in 1947. Trumbo, a labor-union supporter, would regularly meet with his friends - Hird, Robinson and other Hollywood colleagues - to discuss



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October 28, 2015

**Mr. Laney Mario Fernandes son of Mr. Caetano Expiridao Fernandes, Indian national, resident of H.No. 333, Grande Coima Waddo, Aldana Bardez, Goa and Miss Maricho Oblisca Absin daughter of Lucio R Absin, Philippines national, resident of Kabulawan, Logonglong, Misamis Oriental - 9006, Philippines, both presently residing in Kuwait, have given notice of intended marriage between them under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1969. If anyone has any objection to the proposed marriage, he/she may file the same with the undersigned according to the procedure laid down under the Act/Rule within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.**

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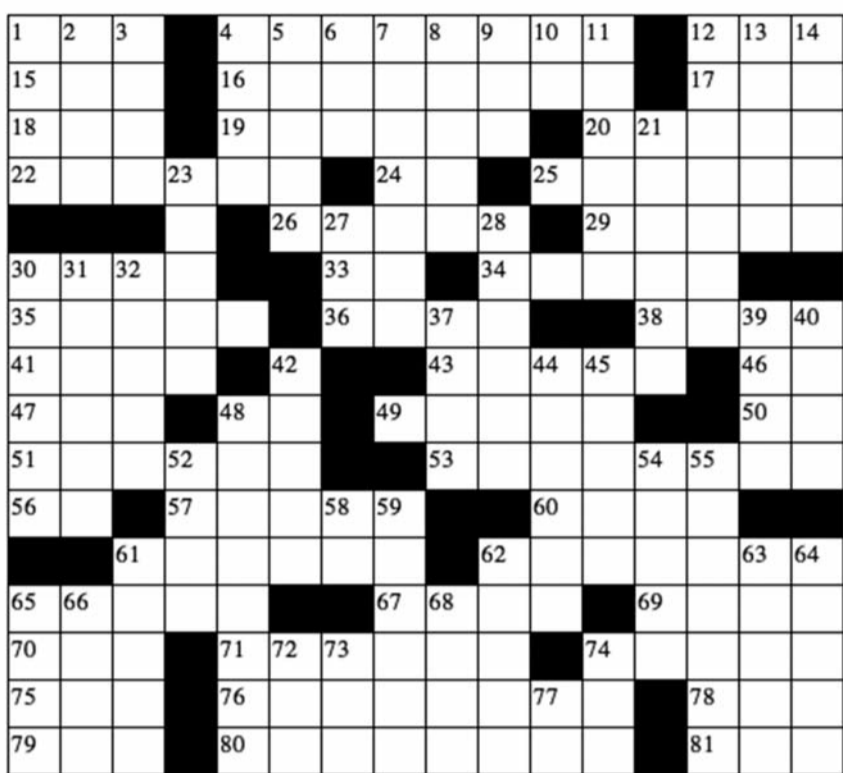
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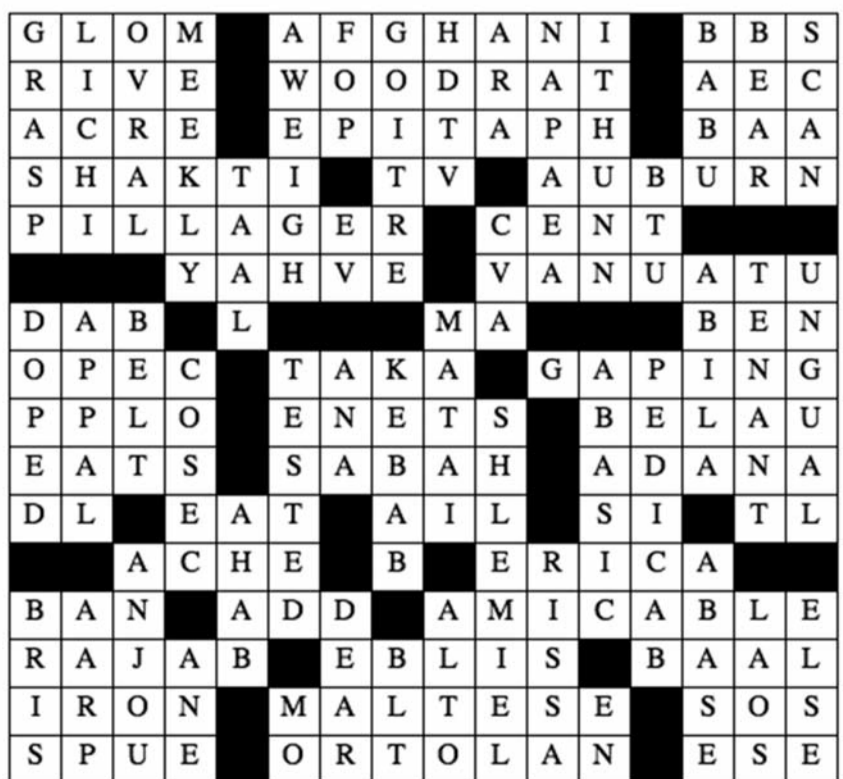
ACROSS

1. A master's degree in business.
4. Bushy herb of tropical Asia grown for its yellow or pink to scarlet blooms that resemble the hibiscus.
12. A steep-walled semicircular basin in a mountain.
15. An awkward stupid person.
16. Any object that radiates energy.
17. A period marked by distinctive character or reckoned from a fixed point or event.
18. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.
19. A permanent council of the United Nations.
20. A nonmetallic element belonging to the halogens.
22. Covered with paving material.
24. A soft silver-white or yellowish metallic element of the alkali metal group.
25. Cause to start burning.
26. (geology) Before the appearance of life.
29. A small island.
30. (Babylonian) God of storms and wind.
33. Before noon.
34. (computer science) A system of worldwide electronic communication in which a computer user can compose a message at one terminal that is generated at the recipient's terminal when he logs in.
35. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.
36. Wild or seedling sweet cherry used as stock for grafting.
38. A Chadic language spoken south of Lake Chad.
41. Work hard.
43. The act of using.
46. A soft white precious univalent metallic element having the highest electrical and thermal conductivity of any metal.
47. Not divisible by two.
49. Paper with a crinkled texture.
50. A blood group antigen possessed by Rh-positive people.
51. Any of various spectacular plants of the genus *Laelia* having showy flowers in many colors.
53. Any of several bog orchids of the genus *Arethusa* having 1 or 2 showy flowers.
56. A colorless and odorless inert gas.
57. Muslim name for God.
60. The state of being decayed or destroyed.
65. Deciduous South African tree having large odd-pinnate leaves and profuse fragrant orange-yellow flowers.
67. (Greek mythology) Goddess of the earth and mother of Cronus and the Titans in ancient mythology.
69. The largest continent with 60% of the earth's population.
70. An implement used to propel or steer a boat.
71. Being or befitting or characteristic of an infant.
75. The corporate executive responsible for the operations of the firm.
76. The spatial property resulting from a relatively small distance.
78. (informal) Of the highest quality.
79. Imperial dynasty that ruled China (most of the time) from 206 BC to 221 and expanded its boundaries and developed its bureaucracy.
80. A French policeman.
81. (Irish) The sea personified.

DOWN

1. Ditch dug as a fortification and usually filled with water.
2. A small cake leavened with yeast.
3. (old-fashioned) At or from or to a great distance.
4. A particular geographical region of indefinite boundary (usually serving some special purpose or distinguished by its people or culture or geography).
5. An indehiscent fruit derived from a single ovary having one or many seeds within a fleshy wall or pericarp.
6. The capital and largest city of Japan.
7. Gracefully slender.
8. The Oceanic language spoken by the Maori people in New Zealand.
9. (of securities) Not quoted on a stock exchange.
10. Conforming to truth.
11. Any small branched yellow-flowered North American herb of the genus *Krigia*.
12. A diacritical mark (·) placed below the letter c to indicate that it is pronounced as an s.
13. Produce a literary work.
14. French painter whose work influenced the impressionists (1832-1883).
21. (sports) Not offside.
23. An award for winning a championship or commemorating some other event.
27. An angular shape characterized by sharp turns in alternating directions.
28. A container for burning incense (especially one that is swung on a chain in a religious ritual).
31. Tall East Indian cedar having spreading branches with nodding tips.
32. Dwell (archaic).
37. A sensation (as of a cold breeze or bright light) that precedes the onset of certain disorders such as a migraine attack or epileptic seizure.
39. Gymnastic apparatus consisting of two parallel wooden bars supported on uprights.
40. Title for a civil or military leader (especially in Turkey).
42. A river that rises in central Germany and flows north to join the Elbe River.
44. South American cavy.
45. A set of clothing (with accessories).
48. The guidance of ships or airplanes from place to place.
52. A Tibetan or Mongolian priest of Lamaism.
54. Of or relating to or located near a hilum.
55. Not usual or common or ordinary.
58. The blood group whose red cells carry both the A and B antigens.
59. British writer noted for romantic adventure novels (1856-1925).
61. American professional baseball player who hit more home runs than Babe Ruth (born in 1934).
62. Try to prevent.
63. Food chopped into small bits.
64. Someone who consumes food for nourishment.
66. The United Nations agency concerned with atomic energy.
68. A former copper coin of Pakistan.
72. (meaning literally 'born') Used to indicate the maiden or family name of a married woman.
73. A device for creating a current of air by movement of a surface or surfaces.
74. A fatal disease of cattle that affects the central nervous system.
77. A gray lustrous metallic element of the rare earth group.

Yesterday's Solution



STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

All eyes are on you today because you can imagine the most amazing possibilities where everyone else only sees problems. Others flock to your positivity since they believe in your solutions and admire your confidence. Nevertheless, you can end up disappointing those you want to impress if your plans ignore the hard cold facts. Separating your dreams from reality will require a high level of concentration, but the results will turn you into a hero. Taking a risk is worthwhile as long as the odds are in your favor.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Your coworkers are more interested in playing around than being serious today and you don't want to waste precious time participating in their games. Although you have a lot of obligations on your plate now, thankfully, you possess enough common sense to save your strength for when you will need it. Nevertheless, spending some time laughing and joking with others could also be rejuvenating in a heartwarming kind of way. Work smarter, not harder so you can have your cake and eat it, too.



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)

You could easily spend more money today than you expect, especially if you're hosting a celebration of some sort. Naturally, you hope to make a good impression with the perfect setting and delicious refreshments, but others may be less concerned about the details than you are now. Extravagance can bring its own punishment if it leaves you short on cash or creates too much stress. Establishing a budget prevents you from overextending your resources; keep in mind that it's the company that matters most.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

You want to build a strategy for success around the practice of only stating the absolute truth. However, the Moon's presence in your expressive sign encourages you to share your motivational message even if there isn't an appreciative audience. It's admirable if you want to inspire others to seek enlightenment, but keep in mind that your idea of Nirvana is not the same for everyone else. Walking your talk creates the most positive impact today, setting an enviable example for everyone to follow.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Your organizational skills may be needed to bail someone out and you are happy to ride to the rescue today. You typically don't mind working behind the scenes and you prefer total anonymity now with the Moon playing hide-and-seek in your 12th House of Secrets. You just want the quiet satisfaction of knowing that your sacrifice helped to save the day for your colleague. Think of this as a friendly reminder from the cosmos that you can accomplish nearly anything you put your mind to as long as your heart is in the right place.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

You're longing to show off to the world today, and social gatherings can become your temporary stage of choice. Although you want to be applauded for your efforts, it's still prudent to hold some energy in reserve. People may not know the whole story yet and it's advisable to keep it that way for a while longer. Avoid the temptation to bring everything out into the open now, for there's no hurry to set the record straight. Your performance leaves more to the imagination if you don't color in all the details.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

It's a no-brainer to do what is expected when the rules and the limits are well-defined. However, there are so many fuzzy boundaries today that everything could get sloppy before you know it. Don't wait until you have fallen over the edge to figure out where it is. Observe social protocols, for they can prevent you from landing in trouble. It's a perfect day to embark on a spiritual quest of some sort, but do yourself a favor now and don't make any major moves until your clarity returns.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

You can't seem to find the voice of your own logic today, or maybe you just choose to ignore it. You have a rather straightforward decision to make: pursue a pleasurable experience or work hard while delaying the fun for another day. Naturally, no one is surprised if you are the first one at a party and the last one to leave. Self-indulgence most likely will win out, so you might as well kick up your heels while you can. But don't fool yourself; the work will still be waiting for you tomorrow.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

You have your heart set on something special and you won't let anyone deter you from your current destination. Perhaps you've been dreaming of a night out on the town or a weekend getaway, only to run into logistical problems today. Unfortunately, you might not be able to power your way through the changing circumstances. Be proactive and scale back your plans so reality doesn't need to do it for you. Luckily, you can still find plenty of satisfaction now in a smaller version of your original dream.



Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

You may feel lucky to have such a loyal partner or playmate in your life, yet for some reason today it's tricky to hold up your end of the deal. Instead of being attached to someone at the hip, you long for more personal freedom to move creatively on your own. However, if you can show a little self-restraint in your choices now, you might be able to find a way to balance your opposing needs and make everyone happy, including yourself. Relationships thrive when you master the art of compromise.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You might start the day with the intention to be serious-minded about your business, but you soon realize that having fun amplifies your creative expression. However, you may have to stand up to a naysayer who tries to restrict your freedom today. Obviously, you plan on honoring your promises but it's not your job to drop everything and put on a performance just to placate someone else. You can still fulfill your commitments tomorrow after you sow your wild oats today.

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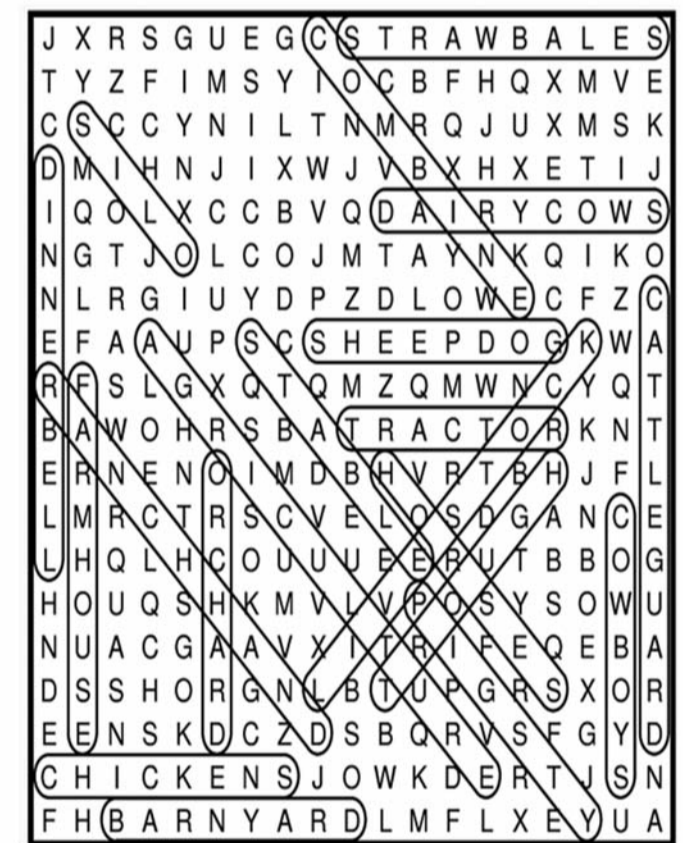
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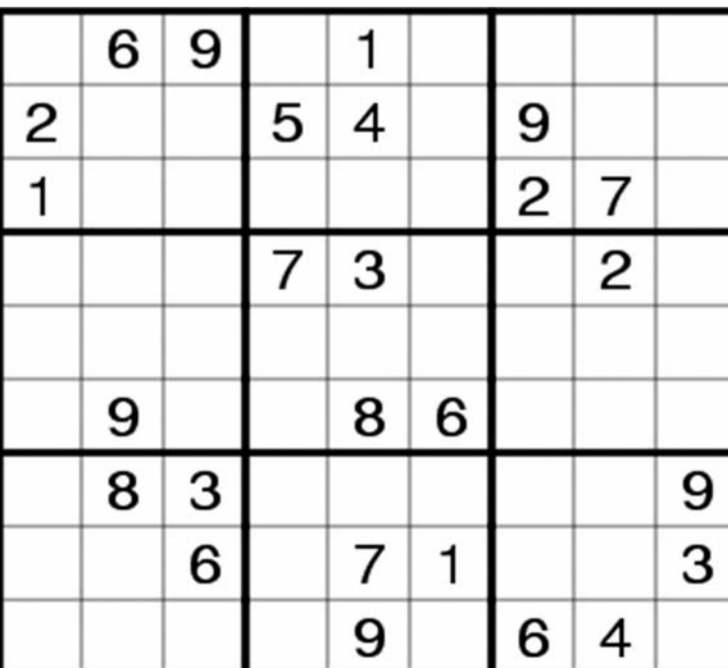
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Yesterday Solution

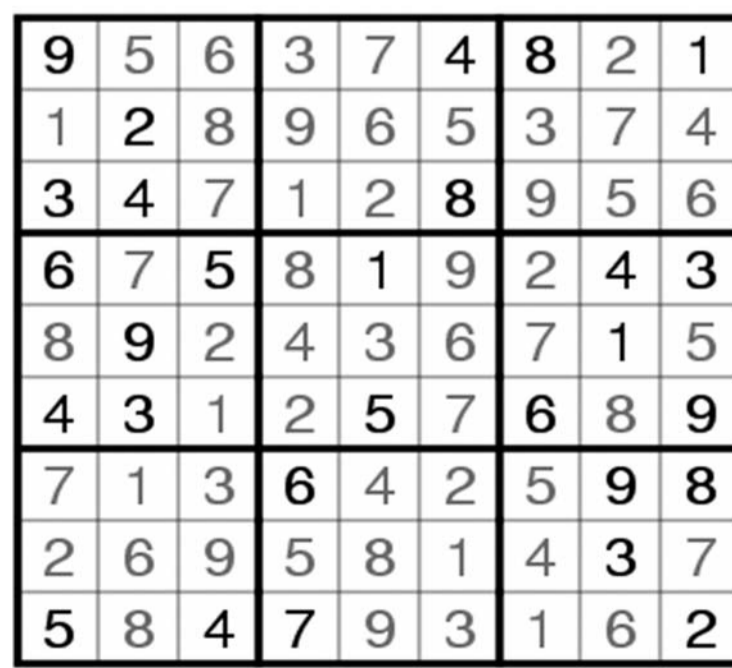
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Daily SuDoku



Yesterday's Solution



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Amiri Hospital	22450005
Maternity Hospital	24843100
Mubarak Al-Kabir Hospital	25312700
Chest Hospital	24849400
Farwaniya Hospital	24892010
Adan Hospital	23940620
Ibn Sina Hospital	24840300
Al-Razi Hospital	24846000
Physiotherapy Hospital	24874330/9

### Clinics

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Rawda	22517733
Adaliya	22517144
Khalidiya	24848075
Kaifan	24849807
Shamiya	24848913
Shuwaikh	24814507
Abdullah Salem	22549134
Nuzha	22526804
Industrial Shuwaikh	24814764
Qadsiya	22515088
Dasmah	22532265
Bneid Al-Gar	22531908
Shaab	22518752
Qibla	22459381
Ayoun Al-Qibla	22451082
Mirqab	22456536
Sharq	22465401
Salmiya	25746401
Jabriya	25316254
Maidan Hawally	25623444
Bayan	25388462
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Jahra	24770319
New Jahra	24575755
West Jahra	24772608
South Jahra	24775066
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North Jleeb	24311795
Ardhiya	24884079
Firdous	24892674
Omariya	24719048
N Khaitan	24710044
Fintas	23900322



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Capital	Ahlam Khaldiya Coop	Fahad Al-Salem St Khaldiya Coop	22436184 24833967
Farwaniya	New Shifa Ferdous Coop Modern Safwan	Farwaniya Block 40 Ferdous Coop Old Kheitan Block 11	24734000 24881201 24726638
Hawally	Tariq Hana Ikhlas Hawally & Rawdha Ghadeer Kindy Ibn Al-Nafis Mishrif Coop Salwa Coop	Salmiya-Hamad Mubarak St Salmiya-Amman St Hawally-Beirut St Hawally & Rawdha Coop Jabriya-Block 1A Jabriya-Block 3B Salmiya-Hamad Mubarak St Mishrif Coop Salwa Coop	25726265 25647075 22625999 22564549 25340559 25326554 25721264 25380581 25628241

### INTERNATIONAL CALLS



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Algeria	00213	Macedonia	00389
Andorra	00376	Madagascar	00261
Angola	00244	Majorca	0034
Anguilla	001264	Malawi	00265
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Argentina	0054	Maldives	00960
Armenia	00374	Mali	00223
Australia	0061	Malta	00356
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Barbados	001246	Mayotte	00269
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China	0086	Norway	0047
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El Salvador	00503	Saint Lucia	001758
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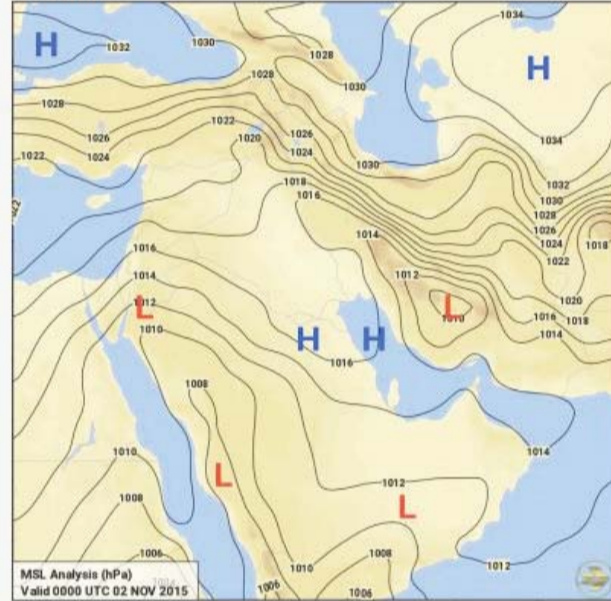
#### Expected Weather for the Next 24 Hours

Issued 02/11/2015-07:00 LT UTC +3hr

MAX Temperature 28 °C

**By Day** : Partly cloudy with light variable wind changing to light to moderate north westerly wind, with speed of 06 - 26 km/h  
**By Night** : Partly cloudy with light to moderate north westerly wind, with speed of 08 - 30 km/h with a chance for scattered light rain later on

#### SFC. CHART



#### Four-Day Forecast

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Expected Weather	partly cloudy + scattered rain	Mostly sunny	partly cloudy + scattered thunder rain	partly cloudy + cloudy + scattered thunder rain
Min Temp °C	17	19	20	20
Max Temp °C	26	29	29	28
Wind Direction	north westerly to light variable	north easterly to light variable	variable wind changing to light to moderate south easterly	southerly to south easterly
Wind Speed km/h	06 - 26	06 - 26	08 - 30	15 - 40

All times are local time (GMT+3) unless otherwise stated

#### Warnings NO CURRENT WARNINGS

#### Kuwait Forecast

Station	MIN °C REC	Max °C EXP
KUWAIT CITY	22	27
KUWAIT AIRPORT	18	28
ABDALY	16	29
BUBYAN	18	27
JAHRA	20	28
FAILAKA ISLAND	20	26
SALMIYAH	23	27
AHMADI	22	26
JAL ALIYAH	16	27
QAROH ISLAND	26	27
UMM AL-MARADEM	25	27
NUWAISIB	19	28
WAFRA	17	27
MANAGISH	17	29
SALMY	15	28
MUTRIBA	16	29

#### Recorded Yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max Temp (°C)	27
Min Temp (°C)	20
Max Rel Hum (%)	85
Min Rel Hum (%)	40
Max Wind Speed (km/h) and Direction	36 N
TOTAL RAINFALL IN 24 HR	0 mm

Sunrise	06:02
Sunset	17:02

#### Prayer Times

Fajr	04:41
Sunrise	06:02
Zuhr	11:32
Asr	14:39
Sunset	17:02
Isha	18:20



## PRIVATE CLINICS

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Dr. Mubarak Al-Ajmy	25739999
Dr. Mohsen Abel	25757700
Dr. Adnan Hasan Alwayl	25732223
Dr. Abdallah Al-Baghly	25732223
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Dr. Abd Al-Hameed Al-Taweel	25646478
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Dr. Ismail Al-Fodary	22620166
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Dr. Mohammad Yousef Basher	25327148
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Dr. Mohammad Al-Shamaly	25322030
Dr. Foad Abdallah Al-Ali	22633135

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Dr. Mused Faraj Khamees	22666288
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Consultant Cardiologist	
Dr. Mohammad Zubaid MB, ChB, FRCP, PACC Assistant Professor Of Medicine Head, Division of Cardiology Mubarak Al-Kabeer Hospital	25339667
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## Bond producer plan to hang on to **Craig**

**J**ames Bond producer Barbara Broccoli says they're "planning to hold on to" Daniel Craig for as long as possible. Barbara - who is the daughter of original Bond producer Albert 'Cubby' Broccoli and now co-produces the films alongside her half brother Michael G Wilson - has revealed there are no plans to replace the 47-year-old actor following his work on 'Spectre', 'Skyfall', 'Quantum of Solace' and 'Casino Royale'. Explaining that "making a James Bond film is tough",

Barbara shared: "The logistics are a grind but Sam Mendes was directing for a second time, and Léa Seydoux is absolutely mesmerizing as [Bond's love interest] Dr Madeline Swann. In a lot of ways, making the films is like what James experiences in Spectre: You're put through your paces, but the result is tremendously exciting." The 55-year-old producer added to New York magazine that "we're planning to hang on to Daniel as long as we can." Barbara's comments come

after the actor caused controversy by claiming he'd rather "slash his wrists" than star in another Bond film. Asked if he planned to reprise the role of 007 for a fifth time, he said: "I'd rather break this glass and slash my wrists. 'We're done. All I want to do is move on.'" However, he has since backtracked by claiming he "loves making these films".

## Carey enjoyed Halloween with Cannon

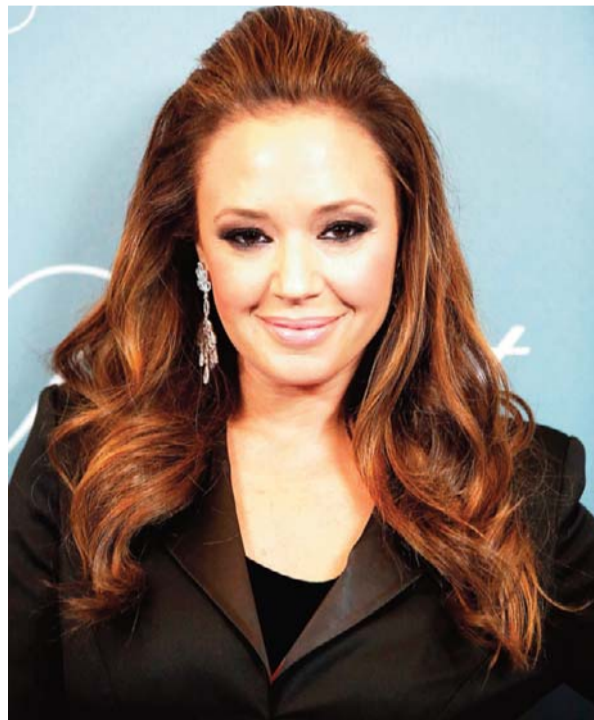
**M**ariah Carey thinks it was "nice" to spend Halloween with Nick Cannon. The 'Hero' hitmaker threw a lavish party in Beverly Hills on Saturday, with both her ex-husband and current boyfriend James Packer in attendance, and she thinks it's good for twins Moroccan and Monroe, four, to see their parents getting along. She said: "It was cool. It was nice. It's really good for the kids." Mariah hired a lavish estate via Airbnb for the party, which she threw because her children - who dressed as Superman and Supergirl - were so excited about the occasion. She explained to E! Online: "They wanted to be super heroes. 'They've been celebrating Halloween since August.

So I figured, you know, we should have something fun, and a haunted house and really be festive so they can enjoy the holidays." It was previously claimed the 'America's Got Talent' host is very supportive of his ex-wife's new romance. A source said: "Nick is doing well in his personal life and he just wants Mariah to be happy. 'He feels as long as his kids are in good hands, he will support any decision Mariah makes. 'Mariah will always be in Nick's life that will never change. It makes Nick happy that Mariah is in a great place in her life between work and love."



## Katona 'doesn't need a man'

**K**erry Katona "doesn't need a man" to make her "strong". The Atomic Kitten singer split from third husband George Kay in October after 11 months of marriage after he was arrested for allegedly assaulting her. Since the painful break-up, Kerry has quit the couple's home in Crowborough, East Sussex, and is now focused on living for herself and her kids and is adamant she doesn't need a guy for anything because she has the love of her children. Taking to Twitter, she revealed: "I Am A Single Mum Who Doesn't Need a Man 2 make Her laugh, wipe her tears, Hug Her Tight, see Her Succeed, watch Her Fail, or Cheer Her On 2 make her Strong, my Kids Do x (sic)" Kerry, 35, has five children, Molly, 14, and Lilly-Sue, 12, her daughters with first husband Brian McFadden, daughter Heidi, eight, and son Max with second spouse Mark Croft, and 17-month-old daughter Dylan with George. The former 'I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!' winner also urged all her followers on the social networking site to follow her new outlook on life and be "patient enough to wait for the things you deserve". She said in another tweet: "Be strong enough to know when to let go and patient enough to wait for the things you deserve! Happy Monday all (sic)" Kerry's friend Katie Price re-tweeted her empowering statement and sent her message back full of kisses, describing the reality TV star as her "gorgeous girl". George has now been charged with assault following his and Kerry's alleged altercation last month. The 35-year-old muscle man will be forced to stand before a judge next month following charges of assault by beating and unlawful possession of a stun gun disguised as a torch after the pop star reportedly sustained bruises to her face following the row at their home.

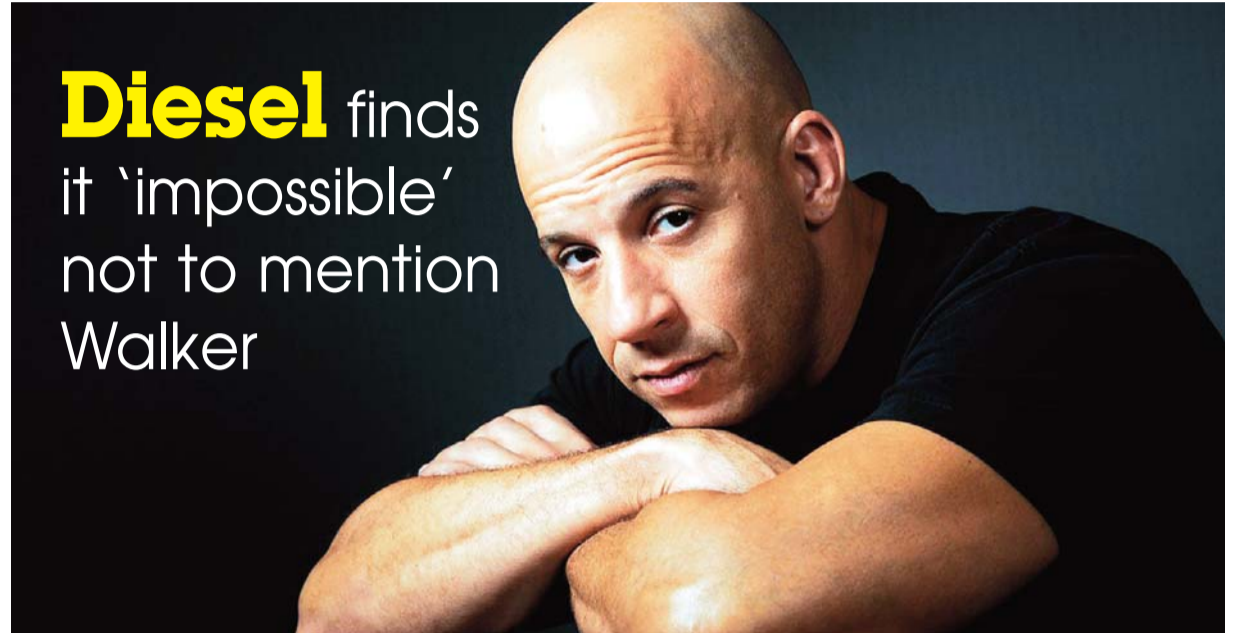


## Leah Remini: Cruise and Holmes left their baby to cry

**L**eah Remini claims Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes left their baby daughter crying on the floor. The 45-year-old actress - who has penned an expose on her life within the Church of Scientology, which she quit in 2013 - claims the former couple's pre-wedding dinner was constantly interrupted by the cries of a baby, but no one apart from her seemed concerned. According to Leah, after five minutes of hearing the wailing, she followed the noise to a nearby bathroom, where she found three women - including Tom's sister and his assistant - gazing at the couple's then-seven-month-old daughter, Suri, "as if she was [late Scientology founder] L. Ron Hubbard incarnate". In her book, 'Troublemaker: Surviving Hollywood and Scientology', Leah stated she eventually convinced the women to pick up the tot and give her a bottle of milk. Elsewhere in the tome, the 'King of Queens' actress claimed Tom's older children, Isabella and Connor, wanted little to do with their mother, Nicole Kidman, because the 'Grace of Monaco' star had been deemed an SP, or Suppressive Person, by the church. She recalled how she asked the pair, on a ride back to the airport following Tom and Katie's wedding in 2006, if they saw their mother often. Isabella responded: "Not if I have a choice. Our mom is a SP." The Church has branded the actress 'ridiculous and stupid'.



## Diesel finds it 'impossible' not to mention Walker



**V**in Diesel finds it "impossible" not to talk about Paul Walker. The 48-year-old actor was left devastated when his friend passed away in a car crash almost two years ago and admits it is "hard" to celebrate 'Furious 7', the final movie they worked on together. Accepting the Hollywood Blockbuster Award for the movie at the Hollywood Film Awards last night, he said: "We made a film that made the whole world cry with us. 'It's impossible not to receive an award and not feel emotional. 'It is hard to celebrate 'Furious 7'. I said I wasn't going to talk about Paul,

but when you have had a brother like that it is impossible not to." And Vin - who was joined on stage at the Beverly Hilton hotel by co-stars Jordana Brewster and Michelle Rodriguez - dedicated the accolade to his "angel" friend. He added: "Thank you for recognizing that angel. The world is a little lonelier without him. 'But I know he's looking down at us, and smiling, because all of you have acknowledged him. This is for you, Pablo."



## West's bizarre demands in his hotel rooms

**K**anye West insists on having cylindrical vases, a discontinued speaker and black towels in his hotel rooms. The 'Only One' hitmaker has a list of specific demands which must be met when he's on the road, including specifically-shaped items to hold his flowers and a speaker, despite the fact it has been unavailable for 10 years. He also requests mint dental floss and Kashi Go Lean cereal, as well as \$3,200 worth of liquor, including three bottles of Paradis Hennessy, TMZ reports. While he doesn't have specific requirements for his two-year-old daughter North, his friend and former 'Watch the Throne' tourmate Jay Z insists his three-year-old daughter Blue Ivy's needs are met, thanks to the addition of organic whole milk on his rider. And all the '99 Problems' hitmaker's suites must be childproofed with all corners, sharp edges, and electrical outlets covered, and statues, lamps, and breakable objects removed. Jay - who is married to Beyonce - insists his accommodation is heated to 71°F and requires three \$80 Mayan tuberose-scented candles. He also requests staff don't vacuum near his room and, to "avoid embarrassment", they must not ask for concert tickets. Though the rapper doesn't request as much liquor as Kanye - whose wife Kim Kardashian West is pregnant with their second child - he does insist on Ace of Spades champagne. However, his contract specifies he can't be charged for the fizz as he owns the company.

## Presley was preparing for a UK tour when he died

**T**he 'Jailhouse Rock' hitmaker passed away in 1977 aged 42 and although he never performed in the UK, his ex-wife Priscilla Presley claims he was gearing up to play shows in the country when he died. She revealed: "He was preparing for a tour over here before he passed." Despite his legacy as the King of Rock 'n' Roll, Priscilla, now 70, believes he never felt appreciated by critics for being such a revolutionary artist, especially when he hit the music scene in the 50s. Asked whether she thought he got the critical acclaim he deserved, she said: "No I don't. God I wish people only knew what he would do to be able to get that sound. When you were in the recording studio with him he actually was the producer. He knew exactly what he wanted to hear and what he didn't want to hear. But people don't realize that he was a perfectionist and he lived his music." Priscilla is currently promoting a new album from the star titled 'If I Can Dream' which features recordings of the singer accompanied by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Speaking of the LP, she explained: "In Vegas he was able to do what he wanted to do on stage and on his albums he wasn't, because you know it's just a little bit more sedate. Still when I hear the album it makes me feel good because it's something that I see him do on stage but [we've] been able to bring it to an album." During their time together they had daughter Lisa Marie Presley, who now has four children of her own, who Priscilla believes Elvis would have loved. Speaking on ITV show 'Good Morning Britain', she added: "They love his music, they have much appreciation for their grandfather and I think he would absolutely adore them." — Bang Showbiz



## Clooney's dog loves Italian food

**T**he 54-year-old actor adopted cocker spaniel Einstein - an obese stray who was due to be put down - from a crowded animal shelter in 2010 and is delighted he has been able to give the pooch a "beautiful life", taking his canine companion with him when he travels the world, including to his estate on Lake Como. George quipped: "He's grown to love Italian food." Einstein was five years old when he was taken in

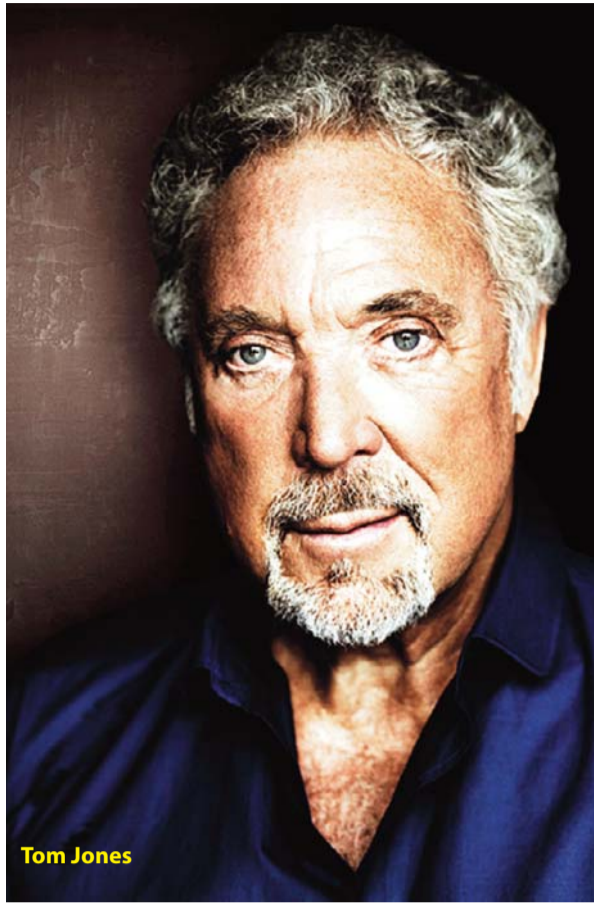
by the 'Monuments Men' star, and it is often harder for older dogs to find a home, but George insists it was more practical for him than taking on the care of a puppy. He explained in new book 'My Old Dog: Rescued Pets With Remarkable Second Acts': "He was house-trained and had a great attitude. Age doesn't matter." George has previously admitted he was nervous the dog wouldn't like him when they first met, and resorted to desperate measures to win over the pooch. He said: "I start to panic that Einstein is not going to like me. So I run into the kitchen, where I have these turkey meatballs, and I rub them all over my shoes. 'Who knew Einstein was such a food wh\*\*\*e on top of everything? He throws himself at my feet.'" Last week, the 'Oceans 11' star and wife Amal adopted a basset hound named Millie, who joins Einstein and their other dog Louie in their family. The couple - who tied the knot in a lavish Italian ceremony in 2014 - took the four-year-old basset hound from the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society in California. The humane society shared a photograph on its Facebook page of the couple with Millie and Louie, 10, who they rescued in March. SGVHS wrote: "ADOPTED! Millie was adopted by George Clooney and his wife Amal! Millie, a basset hound, now has a new brother named Louie who is also a rescue! Congratulations and thank you for adopting!!"



## Tom Jones wants DNA test to find if he has black ancestry

After being told that he is "just passing as white", Welsh crooner Tom Jones says he is ready to take a DNA test to find out once and for all if he has black ancestry. The star, whose hits include "It's Not Unusual", "Delilah" and "Sex Bomb", is often thought to have black heritage for his booming baritone voice, tight curly hair and olive complexion. "A lot of people still think I'm black. When I first came to America, people who had heard me sing on the radio would be surprised that I was white when they saw me," Jones was quoted as saying by the Times.

"When I was born, my mother came out in big dark patches all over her body. They asked if she had any black blood and she said she didn't know. I'm going to get my DNA tested. I want to find out," he said. DNA tests claiming to track ancestral lineage are now easily accessible and affordable. The hip-swivelling singer has enjoyed a long career as a sex symbol but now bemoans feeling objectified, saying he can "never predict when the knickers are going to get thrown". Born Thomas Jones Woodward in South Wales to a coal-mining family, the 75-year-old singer discovered his musical talent as a child, his career spanning more than half a century with hundreds of records to his name. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2006. — AFP



Tom Jones

## Fred Thompson, 'Law & Order' actor and former Senator, dies at 73

Fred Thompson, a former US senator for Tennessee and actor who starred on "Law & Order" from 2002-2007, died Sunday of lymphoma in Nashville, his family said in a statement. He was 73. "It is with a heavy heart and a deep sense of grief that we share the passing of our brother, husband, father, and grandfather who died peacefully in Nashville surrounded by his family," reads the statement from his family. Thompson was also a GOP presidential candidate in 2008, as well as a Watergate attorney. He played D.A. Arthur Branch on "Law & Order" for five years, and also appeared on the show's spinoffs "Special Victims Unit" and "Trial by Jury" as the character.

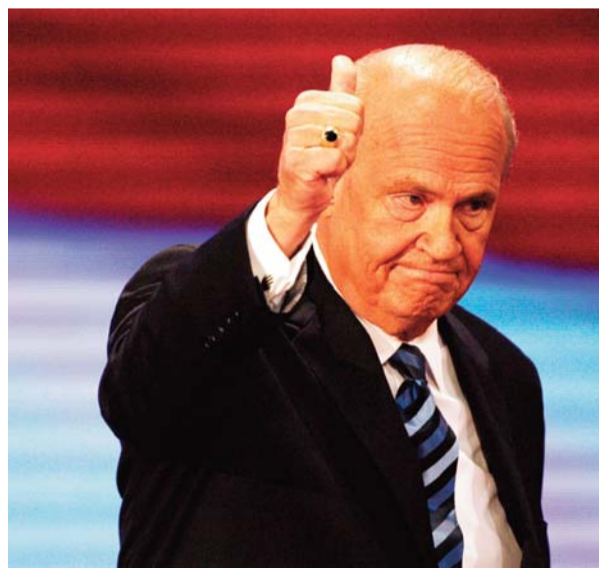
Butterfield, "Mr. Butterfield, are you aware of the installation of any listening devices in the Oval Office of the president?" Butterfield's confirmation of a secret recording system was a key turning point in the scandal that eventually led to President Richard M Nixon's resignation.

Four years later, when Thompson was working in private practice in Tennessee, Thompson represented Marie Ragghianti, former chair of the Tennessee Parole Board, in a wrongful termination case against the state's governor. The trial exposed a scandal in which cash payments were being given to state officials in exchange for clemency. The case was the subject of a book and a 1985 movie, "Marie," and started Thompson's acting career when he was offered the part of playing himself. After enjoying a number of character parts, Thompson ran for Senate in a 1994 special election, in a campaign in which he drove around in a red pickup truck to try to show his populist appeal. He was reelected in 1996, but declined to run for reelection in 2002.

### High-powered politician

In 2007, he was viewed as a leading contender for the GOP presidential nomination in the months before he officially announced his candidacy on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." But his campaign sputtered, and he dropped out after just a few primaries. After Thompson's acting role in "Marie," director Roger Donaldson then cast him in "No Way Out" (1987) opposite Kevin Costner and Gene Hackman, and Thompson quickly got the reputation as an actor who could portray a high-powered politician. He would go on to appear in films "Die Hard 2," "The Hunt for Red October" and "Days of Thunder" in the '90s before joining "Law & Order."

Thompson joined the NBC procedural in 2002, during the final months of his Senate run. He left in 2007, most likely to prepare for his presidential bid that would come that year. His other film credits include "Cape Fear," "In the Line of Fire," "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee," "Thunderheart" and "Born Yesterday." He also appeared on episodes of "Sex and the City," "The Good Wife," "Life on Mars," "Wiseguy," "Roseanne" and "Matlock." Several celebrities, including Elisabeth Rohm who worked with Thompson on "Law & Order," Tim McGraw, Michael McKean and Lou Diamond Phillips have taken to social media to pay tribute to him. — Reuters



In this Sept 2, 2008, file photo, former Sen Fred Thompson, R-Tenn, gives thumbs up after speaking at the Republican National Convention in St Paul, Minn. — AP

Thompson, who was born in Sheffield, Ala., shifted between politics and acting frequently throughout his life, but he gained a degree of visibility in 1973, when he served as minority counsel to the Senate Watergate Committee, after having managed the reelection campaign of Sen. Howard Baker (R-Tenn), the top Republican on the committee. At one hearing, he asked former White House aide Alexander

## Muschiettis to produce supernatural thriller 'Shadows'

Siblings Andy and Barbara Muschietti, director and producer of "Mama," a US chart-topper in 2013, brothers will produce, teaming with Russell Ackerman and John Schoenfelder, the next project of Alex and David Pastor, supernatural thriller "In Shadows." Spanish writers-directors, the Pastors, also siblings, have carved out a name on the international genre scene, with "The Last Days" and "Carriers." One is in advanced talks with the Muschiettis to board "Shadows." A Spanish commercial broadcaster is also studying the project for possible co-production.

"Shadows" is a twisted coming-of-age story, a dark tale where supernatural horror is a manifestation of the most mundane horror the characters face in their daily lives. Unfolding along two different timelines, the movie explores how the horrors of the past can haunt us all our lives and define us as adults," David Pastor explained to Variety. The Pastors' new title turns on Jason, a man who comes out of prison after serving 20 years for an unspeakable crime, and is forced to confront the terrible events of his past that sent him there.

"In a similar way to features such as 'Near Dark' or 'Let the Right One In' that gave the genre a spin, a twist, 'Shadows' will do the same," said Andy Muschietti. "We wrote the kind of genre movie that as audience members we long to see: a character-driven horror film that is as scary as it is emotional, a supernatural tale that uses its fantastical elements to explore the darkest impulses of its characters," Alex Pastor added. The Pastor brothers have just shot "Incorporated," a futuristic thriller pilot, which they also wrote, also for Matt Damon and Ben Affleck's Pearl Street Productions, Universal Cable

Productions and CBS Television Studios. The Argentine-born Muschiettis are two of Argentina's highest-profile producer-directors, working genre films with international mainstream appeal. Co-produced by Guillermo del Toro and starring Nikolaj Coster-Waldau and Jessica Chastain, thriller "Mama" cued \$147 million worldwide. The Muschiettis are Barcelona-based, having founded the Toma78 production single there. They also have offices in LA. "Shadows" is also the story of two brothers and the complex relationship between them, which is a very appropriate first collaboration for us and the Muschiettis!, the Pastors joked. It is scheduled to go into principal production in the first quarter of 2016. Screenplay has been penned by Alex and David Pastor.

### Working hard

Pic is currently casting. Muschietti are putting together a packed slate of projects for Andy to direct and Barbara produce or both produce. "We've been working hard for the last year and a half to have a significant lineup to develop," Barbara said. Andy Muschietti is preparing "It," a Stephen King adaptation that would be made as two feature. Two pics. Recently announced, Andy Muschietti substituted Cary Fukunaga on a New Line project. Shoot would take place next summer, partly to allow for work with children, as they have the main roles in the first part. Casting is in process. "Will Poulter ('The Maze Runner,' 'The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader') would be a great option. For me he is at the top of my list," Andy advanced to Variety. Andy Muschietti is also attached to direct "Shadow of the Colossus" for Sony, a much-awaited adaptation of the videogame. Regarding the Steven King adaptation, "King described 50s' terror iconography. And I feel there's a whole world now to rediscover, to update. There won't be mummies, werewolves. Terrors are going to be a lot more surprising," Andy announced of his potential update. Also swelling Muschietti's slate, Barbara revealed that they have just bought rights to award-winning graphic novel "Any's Ghost," by Vera Brosgol. They are in talks with scriptwriter Patrick Ness ("Juan Antonio Bayona's 'A Monster Calls') to pen the script. — Reuters



Siblings Andy and Barbara Muschietti

## Why R&B star Akon decided to appify his next albums

On the cusp of his first album release since 2008, Akon wants to steer his considerable fan base away from services like YouTube to a new - and Akon-branded - app where he'll give away music for free, supported by ads. That might strike you as a head-scratcher, given Akon's millions of album sales. But with digital downloads falling and streaming on the rise, it makes sense to the R&B star. Akon spoke exclusively with The Associated Press about his plans. This interview was edited for brevity.

**Q: Back in 2010, you said "Stadium" would come out that year.**

**A:** Unfortunately there was a lot of changes happening within the Universal (Music) building. They were restructuring. And my project unfortunately got caught up in the midst of it. In the meantime, I was building the Konvict Africa brand, releasing artists such as P-Square and Wizkid. As that was happening I also got involved in energy, and started the Akon Lighting Africa project. I started realizing how much the music played a role and offered me the opportunity to branch off outside of music to become successful in other areas. So it was about that time that I wanted to focus on the album. I recorded so many songs. The biggest challenge was: How am I going to release this?

**Q: So, you decided to release them via an app. How did that idea get started?**

**A:** This is going to be the first time ever done in the history of music. I had a friend named Dada Mills who was working with a company named EscapeX. Together we came up with a formula, pretty much called the "app album." I'm releasing multiple albums on my platform, an urban album, a world music album, a house album, a reggae album called the Island album, and the pop album, which we'll probably release off the platform, which will create more marketing to lead you back to the app itself.

**Q: So the pop version will be downloads?**

**A:** The pop version will be released through a record company (Atlantic). That's the way of tying the app in with the majors.

**Q: How did the label feel about the idea?**

**A:** From the moment I explained it, they were all in. There were like, well at least just give us one so we can be attached to this thing somehow. They understand the power of digital. They're like, the fans are the ones who create this success in the first place, so if you have the fan base, then guess what, you have the buyers. As long as you have buyers, you can sell them anything, it doesn't have to be music. It can be headphones. Just ask (Beats co-founder) Jimmy Iovine.

**Q: What about Apple Music? Does the pop album go there as well?**

**A:** Yeah, the pop album will go to all the traditional sources. The way I look at it is, as long as we can capitalize on all those resources, that'll be the way to market and promote four albums. One hand washes the other and both hands wash the face.

**Q: How do you feel about how artists are compensated through streaming platforms?**

**A:** No artist is happy with how they're getting paid from the streaming platforms. Outside of subscription models, there are other models. Look at Facebook. How do they make billions? When you look at this app, my fans are doing exactly what people are doing on Facebook. The only difference is they're going to be on my app a lot longer.

**Q: Other artists like Karmin are on this platform. Ads churn through and you don't have to do anything.**

**A:** The crazier part of it is it doesn't interrupt anything. You can actually choose if you even want to see the ads.

**Q: How important is it for you to own the app versus having free streaming on Spotify free or other platforms?**

**A:** From a business standpoint it doesn't make sense. Why give someone like Spotify or Pandora 99.9 percent of what should go in your pocket? Also, you don't get the data. And the data is the most important part.

**Q: How much better is it for you if someone streams on your app vs Spotify free?**

**A:** You've got a fraction of a penny with them and you got cents over here for a streamed song. Start multiplying that by millions of people and billions in some cases. Just think about it. One record me and David Guetta did called "Sexy Chick" has almost a billion streams to date. People are always going to stream. It goes back to the role of the artists, because now they feel like being part of the business. The business is set up for the corporation to make money and the artist just to work. Now the artist is getting a bigger piece of the pie.



**Q: How do the albums get released?**

**A:** When you get the Stadium app, the world music album will be unlocked. According to your participation, you earn "acorns" to be able to unlock the next album and the next album until all four albums are unlocked.

**Q: What's the amount of time you have to spend on it?**

**A:** That depends on the listener. It's almost like a game. Unfortunately you can cheat the game. Just put on the app, press play and leave it on your dresser for 3 to 4 weeks and come back and it's unlocked.

**Q: Why release the pop album the standard way?**

**A:** Eventually the goal is to make the app a formula that even the majors can use. The majors are trying to figure out how this works. So the Stadium app will be a way of allowing them to understand what this is.

**Q: It's interesting to release the music a bit at a time.**

**A:** It's like walking into a buffet. You can only fill your stomach to a certain level and then you get full. So we'll give them just enough to be able to get full long enough to look forward to the next meal.

**Q: Is there a magic number you have to hit before the pop album comes out?**

**A:** I think you jinx yourself when you do that. But I'm highly confident that once this comes out, it's going to create a new wave. It's definitely going to regenerate the music business. I think this is the answer to the problems the majors are dealing with. And it's going to take someone like me to take the chance on it. I've been gambling on myself since Day 1, so this is not new for me. — AP

## Kellie Pickler gets personal, but no drama on reality show

Country singer Kellie Pickler is a veteran of reality television after honing her musical and dancing skills on "American Idol" and "Dancing With the Stars," so she was very careful about agreeing to a new CMT reality show about her marriage to songwriter-producer Kyle Jacobs. "You definitely have to set boundaries from the start with anything you do," Pickler said of her new show, "I Love Kellie Pickler." "And keep things sacred for you and your marriage." The 13-episode series, produced by Ryan Seacrest and premiering Thursday at 10 pm Eastern, doesn't have the designer lifestyle and high drama found in the Kardashian household, or the raucous, drunken carousing of CMT's signature reality show, "Party Down South." The sweet Southern singer and her husband wanted to give fans a peek at their home life, but in a wholesome, family friendly way. — AP



In this June 10, 2015 file photo, Kellie Pickler arrives at the CMT Music Awards at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn. — AP



James Franco

## Franco's 'Memoria' bought by Monterey Media for North America

Monterey Media has acquired North American distribution rights to the indie drama "Memoria," starring James Franco, Sam Dillon and Thomas Mann. "Memoria" had its world premiere Sunday at the Austin Film Festival. Monterey Media plans to release the film next year. The film is based on the short story by Franco. "Memoria" was written and directed by Nina Ljeti and Vladimir de Fontenay, and produced by Rabbit Bandini Productions and Burn Later Productions with the Art of Elysium.

"Memoria" is the second film in Monterey's release lineup produced by the Art of Elysium and Rabbit Bandini Productions, following "Yosemite." All of the funds from these films go to the Art of Elysium, a non-profit organization which supports and encourages bringing the arts to hospitalized youth, elders and the homeless community. The film follows an anti-social boy, played by Dillon, who's living in the suburbs of Palo Alto, Calif., and retreating to a world of military combat within the confines of his bedroom. Franco plays a teacher at the boy's school.

"James and I are thrilled that 'Memoria' is the second film to be released with the Rabbit Bandini/the Art of Elysium partnership," said Vince Jolivet, partner with Franco at Rabbit Bandini. "These films are so special to us because they bring together our passion for giving young, talented artists such as Nina and Vlad the chance to create, our love for philanthropy and our production company." — Reuters

Awards

# WILL SMITH QUELLS 'CONCUSSION' CONTROVERSY AT FILM AWARDS



Jamie Foxx, left, presents the Hollywood actor award to Will Smith for "Concussion" at the Hollywood Film Awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Sunday. — AP/AFP photos

Will Smith is not expecting any pushback from the National Football League over his upcoming football drama "Concussion." "I don't think it's going to generate too much controversy (with the NFL). There will be a little difficulty in swallowing it, as it was for me. I'm a football dad, you know," said the 47-year-old father of three. Smith was honored Sunday at the Hollywood Film Awards for his work in "Concussion." He plays Dr Bennet Omalu, the forensic neuropathologist who uncovered the dangerous effects of head trauma on the brain in football. "You don't want it to be true," Smith said on the red carpet. "I think that the science is really irrefutable and the story of Dr Bennet Omalu is such a powerful story. I think that it will be difficult at first for some, but I don't think that it's going to be that big of an issue. It's something that we have to accept." "Concussion" made headlines after the New York Times reported that the film was altered to placate the National Football League, a charge director Peter Landesman and Sony have denied. The Grammy-winning rapper, who recently appeared on the remix of Bomba Estereo's song, "Fiesta," also discussed his return to music after a decade-long hiatus.



Will Smith accepts the Hollywood actor award for "Concussion".



Kurt Russell, from left, Michael Madsen, Walton Goggins, Bruce Dern, Tim Roth and Channing Tatum accept the Hollywood ensemble award for "The Hateful Eight".

**Police men**  
"It's such a new exploration for me. The most fun that I have. There's nothing that compares to being on the stage with a hit record. So you know I've been performing a little bit with (DJ Jazzy) Jeff. We've been sneaking out and going to places and working out a little bit. So I think it's going to be magnificent." Another hot-button honoree Sunday was Quentin Tarantino's "The Hateful Eight." Police associations have urged boycotts of Tarantino's movies after the filmmaker said he was "on the side of the murdered" during a recent rally against police brutality in New York.

"We all have a tremendous respect for what police do every day, putting their lives on the line, OK? And I know Quentin feels that way too," said Kurt Russell, who stars in Tarantino's western, out December. "Now when it comes to his comments on police men, that's his to comment on," continued Russell. "You don't have to agree every time with everybody to like work together." The awards show, which has raised eyebrows for giving honors to unreleased films, was not televised this year after dismal ratings in 2014. Still, honorees including Robert De Niro, Benicio Del Toro, Jane

Fonda and Amy Schumer turned out for the glitzy gala in Beverly Hills hosted by James Corden of "The Late Late Show." Carey Mulligan, who received an award for her historical drama "Suffragette," hoped the attention will help at the box office. "It's an important film for people to see and to understand what women went through for us to have a vote," she said. "All of this award stuff is very good because it means more people will go and see it." — AP



Charlie Puth, left, and Wiz Khalifa, winners of the Hollywood song award for 'See You Again' from the Furious 7 soundtrack, pose in the press room.



David O. Russell, left, presents Robert De Niro the Hollywood career achievement award.



Channing Tatum, from left, Walton Goggins, Tim Roth, Kurt Russell, James Parks and Michael Madsen, winners of the Hollywood ensemble award for "The Hateful Eight," pose in the press room.



Selena Gomez presents the Hollywood comedy award.



Carey Mulligan accepts the Hollywood actress award for "Suffragette".



Amy Schumer accepts the Hollywood comedy award for "Trainwreck".



Alicia Vikander accepts the Hollywood breakout actress award for "The Danish Girl".



O'Shea Jackson Jr., from left, Jason Mitchell and Corey Hawkins accept the Hollywood breakout ensemble award for "Straight Outta Compton".



Charlie Puth, left, and Wiz Khalifa perform at the Hollywood Film Awards.

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Benicio Del Toro accepts the Hollywood supporting actor award for "Sicario".



Jane Fonda accepts the Hollywood supporting actress award for "Youth."



Russell Crowe presents the Hollywood producer award.



Tom Hooper accepts the Hollywood director award for "The Danish Girl."



Saoirse Ronan accepts the new Hollywood award for "Brooklyn."



Ridley Scott accepts the Hollywood producer award for "The Martian."



Pete Docter, accepts the Hollywood animation award for "Inside Out."



Armie Hammer presents the Hollywood breakout actress award.



Joel Edgerton accepts the Hollywood breakout actor award for "Black Mass."



Vin Diesel, left, and Jordana Brewster accept the Hollywood blockbuster award for "Furious 7."



Dakota Johnson, left, and Johnny Depp present the Hollywood breakout actor award.



Jake Gyllenhaal, left, presents Carey Mulligan the Hollywood actress award for "Suffragette".



Doris Roberts, left, and Jack Betts arrive at the Hollywood Film Awards.



Channing Tatum, left, and Jenna Dewan Tatum arrive at the Hollywood Film Awards.



Danica McKellar arrives at the Hollywood Film Awards.



Host James Corden speaks at the Hollywood Film Awards.



Michelle Rodriguez arrives at the Hollywood Film Awards.



Reese Witherspoon presents the award for Hollywood supporting actor.



Janusz Kaminski, winner of the Hollywood cinematography award for "Bridge of Spies".



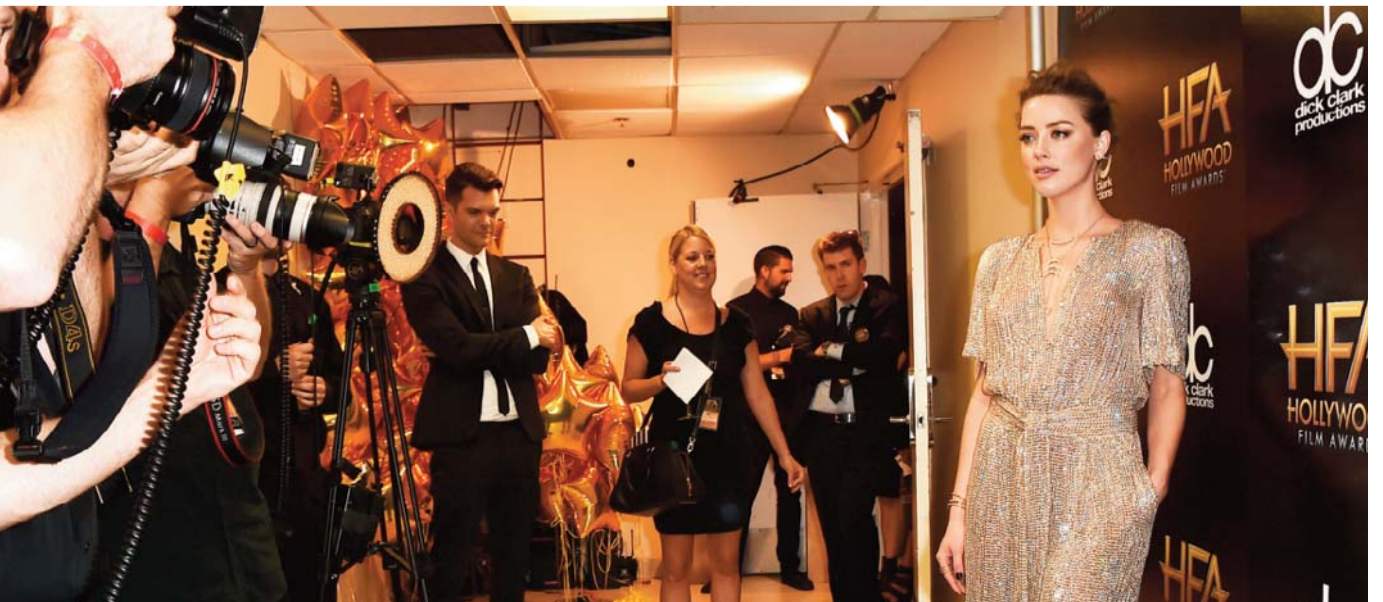
Laura Dern presents the Hollywood supporting actress award.



Steve Carell, presents the award for Hollywood breakthrough director.



Robert De Niro, winner of the Hollywood career achievement award, third from right, and from left, Drena De Niro, David O Russell and Diane Ladd pose in the press room.



Amber Heard poses in the press room at the Hollywood Film Awards.

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Will Smith quells 'Concussion' controversy at Film Awards

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Mary Triana, 16, wears an intricate Day Of The Dead face at the first annual 'Viva la Vida' festival at the Santa Ana, Calif, train station Sunday.—AP

## In Egypt's Red Sea resort, 'Russian season' all year round



Swimmers use a floating bridge to access the coral reef on the Red Sea at Sharm El-Sheikh.



A Russian models for a photograph as the sun sets over the Red Sea at Sharm El-Sheikh.



Divers prepare to enter the Red Seas as the sun sets in Sharm El-Sheikh.

"Dava! Spasibo!" cry the restaurant touts along the main strip in Egypt's Sharm El-Sheikh resort, a mecca of Oriental kitsch where "let's go" and "thanks!" no longer pull the same weight as their Russian equivalents. Some hawkers even go so far as to evoke the last name of Russia's strongman president, shouting "Putini!" at people walking by. As Egypt's tourism sector slowly recovers from years of political tumult that left the economy battered, Russians have emerged as the dominant group on its Red Sea beaches. And it was here that over 200 of them had their final getaway before perishing on the way home in Saturday's airline disaster.

Menus, advertisements, club flyers, and souvenir shops all feature prominent Russian language signage, with one store, ironically across from the Americana-standard Hard Rock Cafe, bearing in large letters "СССР", the Cyrillic acronym for the Soviet Union. Ekaterina Ivanova, 34, a scientist researching nanoparticles from St. Petersburg, Russia, the destination of the downed Russian plane, arrived after a day of delays. She said the aircraft she was initially supposed to take to Egypt was the very one that crashed.

"My mother begged me to cancel the trip, but we were waiting all day and dreaming of the sea for so long so we went anyway," she said after a dip in the bay and lunch with her friend, engineer Sergei Igoikin, also of St Petersburg. "This place is wonderful for the weather and because it's close for us," compared to holiday destinations like India with more expensive long-haul flights, Ivanova said - adding that this was her sixth trip to the resort town since she began coming as a student. Roughly three million Russian tourists came to Egypt in 2014 - nearly a third of all visitors - with most heading to the resorts in the southern Sinai Peninsula or its opposite mainland coast, far off from an insurgency being fought by Islamic militants against the army further north. While Sharm El-Sheikh, the most developed of the resort areas, draws many British, Germans and Gulf Arabs, Russians have left a particular mark, and Egyptian proprietors have adapted. "You have to speak Russian here, they're most of our customers and they don't necessarily speak English," said Mustapha Abdel-Hakim, 26, who has been working in Sharm El-Sheikh for six years.

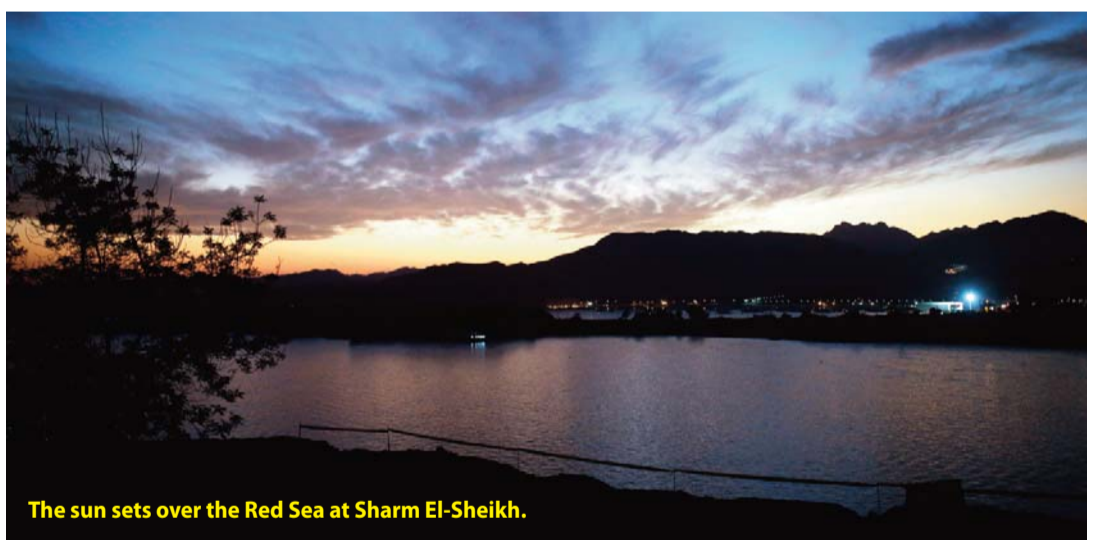
"They come for diving, snorkeling, and of course, the parties ... We love Russia and make many friends and connections with them," he said in front of his cafe, called "La Rose" but which he pronounced "La Rousse" - Arabic for Russian. Nearby souvenir shop vendor Raymond Michael said the winter months are particularly prized by the Russians, seeking to escape cold winters of the north, but that "Russian season" was now all year round. "They are all

over Sharm, they buy all sorts of souvenirs, King Tut statues and carved wooden objects but especially Arabic water pipes - this is number one for the Russians," he said.

### Fake blood

On the strip in the central Naama Bay, the party starts after midnight, after a lull when families retreat home to surrender the night to 20-somethings seeking a high-

guests wore elaborate costumes as electronic music boomed across a packed dancefloor. For the moment, the impact of Saturday's crash, which killed all 224 people on board, is far from being felt in Sharm El-Sheikh. Egyptian authorities have said the pilot had radioed and said the aircraft was experiencing technical problems, and a multinational team of experts has been dispatched to Egypt to investigate the crash. On Sunday Russia's top aviation offi-



The sun sets over the Red Sea at Sharm El-Sheikh.

octane good time. On Saturday, the day of the crash, the show went on, with many of the hundreds roaming the main drag dripping fake blood and sporting macabre costumes for Halloween. That segment, a lucrative market with disposable income for clubbing nights that last till sunrise, is an essential element to Red Sea tourism.

Adly El-Mestekawy, a former software engineer turned nightclub prince who helped pioneer the area from barren desert in the 1980s into the bustling resort of today, said he wanted to make it into a destination for young adults to enjoy themselves. Russians make up some 60 percent of guests these days, he said. "I created entertainment in Sharm to be an international clubbing destination and here we are 20 years later," he said, describing himself as the "Sheikh of Sharm" from inside his club, Pacha - smack in the middle of the main pedestrian thoroughfare.

### Technical problems

"We have sunshine all year and open-air parties all year, what's not to love," he said during the Halloween festivities, where acrobats swung from the ceilings and most

cial on the scene said it appeared the plane had broken up in midair at high altitude.

Hesitation by tourists so far has focused on the airline, Metrojet, not Egypt in general, with Russian state media reporting that some tourists were seeking to cancel package tours that used the carrier.

Still, two major European airlines, as well as Qatar Airways and Dubai-based Emirates, the Middle East's biggest carrier, announced they would stop flying over the area for safety reasons. Egyptian authorities say it is too early to tell what impact, if any, the crash will have on tourism. When asked, tourists, Russian and otherwise, expressed sorrow over the tragedy, seen as a terrible accident. "It's very sad, I had some people from the flight who were potential clients who cancelled at the last moment, and I never got to meet them," said Muscovite Anna Vishneskaya, 29, a photographer who lives in Sharm El-Sheikh, shooting weddings, tourism and fashion here. "Everyone is sad here about this story, it's obvious. There are no words to describe it."— AP



In this image made from video, Russian tourists and Egyptian Coptic Christians pray at the Coptic Orthodox Cathedral of the Heavens in Sharm El-Sheikh.



A vendor waits for customers at a kiosk in Naama Bay, Sharm El-Sheikh.