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'TROUBLE-MAKERS WILL BE DEPORTED'

KUWAIT: "Our brothers the residents are being deeply respected and appreciated in shadow of the law and regulations of the State of Kuwait," affirmed the



Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah yesterday. "Noone, regardless of the size of the community he (she) belongs to, will be allowed to breach the laws and the regulations in the country," the minister said, adding that "any violator will be punished." Those who were involved in the brawl in Hawally district have been referred to the Public Prosecution,

"and any person who triggers trouble will be expelled, "the Interior Minister warned anew, while responding to questions by an MP during yesterday's parliament session. "We take into consideration necessity of maintaining security in the State; rather than the community size." — KUNA



KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Shiite Member of Parliament Abdulhameed Dashti (center) speaks during a parliament session at Kuwait's National Assembly in Kuwait City yesterday. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

By a Staff Reporter

KUWAIT: Sectarian sparks again marred National Assembly debate yesterday over the Iran-linked cell. Sunni and Shiite MPs traded accusations as Iran came under strong criticism. Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah regretted that four months after manifesting solid national unity in the aftermath of the deadly suicide bombing on the Shiite mosque, MPs were trading sectarian comments. He also regretted that accusations were leveled against the Kuwaiti Judiciary and the Public Prosecution.

Several MPs expressed their anger at the sectarian debate, saying lawmakers needed to focus on development projects and methods to meet the impending budget deficit due to the fall in the oil prices. The sectarian exchange had started in Tuesday's session with strong accusations traded between Sunni and Shiite MPs. The trend continued even more strongly in yesterday's session. "Iran is designing evil plots against Kuwait. Iran is responsible for terror cells" Islamist MP Ahmad Al-Azemi said. "Terror has no religion. We warn against sectarian discord," he said.

MP Faisal Al-Kundari attacked those who are trying to downplay the full impact of the terror cell by showing it as a case of hiding illegal arms. "The way the arms were stored is an indication that it is a terror cell that has been waiting for orders from states and groups to act" said Kundari who accused some MPs and others of being lawyers for Iran. MP Mohammad Al-Jabri vowed "we will silence all those defending Iran" adding that the arms were smuggled into the country for a purpose.

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SHEIKH AHMAD BLAMED FOR SPORTS SUSPENSION

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JUBA: Rescuers pick the wreckage of a cargo plane which crashed in the capital Juba, South Sudan yesterday.--- AP

36 PERISH AS PLANE CRASHES IN S SUDAN

JUBA: At least 36 people were killed yesterday when a plane crashed shortly after taking off from South Sudan's capital Juba, rescue workers said. Police and rescue workers pulled bodies of men, women and children out of the wreckage of the Russian-built Antonov An-12 cargo plane, which smashed into a farming community on an island on the White Nile river, seconds after taking off. "So far 36 bodies have been collected and brought to hospitals," South Sudan Red Cross official Majju Hillary said, adding that all the victims were on board the illfated aircraft.

Two survivors were pulled out of the twisted metal hulk of the plane but one of those later died, with a young boy the only survivor, the Red Cross said, adding the number of dead may still rise. "We can't assess this is the final toll, as some debris is too heavy to be lifted and needs some heavy machinery," Hillary added. The five-member Armenian crew was all killed, the Armenian foreign ministry said in a statement.

Farmer Ibrahim Mohamed said the plane crashed near to his home, with debris scattered around the hut where his four children were inside, but all were safe. "The sound was so loud... the plane started descending and landed near my door," Mohamed said. "One of the tyres broke off and ran into the house-but

thank God it did not injure anyone." Cargo planes to remote parts of South Sudan often carry passengers as well as goods, and are commonly overloaded.

The main fuselage of the plane ploughed into thick woodland, with debris scattered in a wide area around the riverbank, according to an AFP reporter at the site. Radio Miraya, a United Nations-backed station, said the plane had been heading to the northern Upper Nile state, crashing some "just 800 meters from Juba International Airport runway." Police said they did not know how many had been on board the plane when it crashed-nor if anyone had been killed or injured on the ground-and so were unable to give an official death toll.

Large chunks of metal were scattered across the island, which is home to several small farming communities. The UN peacekeeping mission, which is based close to the airport, said it was aiding the search and recovery operation, and had provided ambulances and troops to help. Juba's airport is the busiest in the wartorn country, which is the size of Spain and Portugal combined but has only a few tarmacked roads. The airport hosts regular commercial flights, as well as a constant string of military aircraft and cargo planes delivering aid to remote regions cut off by road.

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KUWAIT: The National Assembly has called on the government to open an immediate investigation into who caused the International Olympic Committee to suspend Kuwaiti sports activities allegedly because Kuwaiti laws breached the Olympic charter.

The call came after a special debate called by MPs to discuss the suspension amid accusations that Sheikh Ahmad Fahad Al-Sabah and his brother Sheikh Talal were responsible for the international action. The Assembly however did not vote on the recrum. The vote will take place in the next session on November 17. Minister of Information Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah, who is also the State Minister for Sports and Youth, explained to the Assembly the steps taken by the government to resolve the issue.

MP Turaiji blamed members of the ruling family of destroying sports in the country. MP Faisal Al-Shaye said that the Kuwaiti sports will not progress as long as Sheikh Ahmad and Sheikh Talal remain in control of sports institutions. MP Abdullah Maayouf directly accused Sheikh Ahmad and others and ways to meet budget deficit.

Kundari charged that Sheikh Ahmad was plotting against Kuwait and "we will not allow him and his brother to continue". MP Saleh Ashour said the sports problem is political in nature and must be resolved by politicians. He said the problem was created by disputes among various sides. The Assembly meets again on November 17.

Meanwhile, a number of MPs however did not ignore the economic issue in the National Assembly debate yesterday and criticized the government's failure so far of resolving the sharp decline in oil revenues

OIL PRICES HAVE BOTTOMED OUT: KUWAIT OIL MINISTER

'ROW BETWEEN MINISTER, KPC CHIEF OVER POSITION RESHUFFLE

RIYADH: Kuwait's Oil Minister said yesterday he believed oil prices had bottomed out. Asked whether he agreed with recent remarks by Qatar's Energy Minister that oil prices had bottomed, Ali Al-Omair told reporters on the sidelines of a carbon conference in Riyadh: "Yes I agree with him, because now for two to three months, the prices don't go down. So maybe yes, they are at the bottom." As he spoke, Brent oil was trading around \$50.70 per barrel. Omair also said: "Now we can see that several rig rates have declined as a number and the high-cost production started to withdraw from the market. For about six months we can see a decline in the rig rates. Of course this would help the prices.

"But the other point which would help the prices is economic growth, so we have to wait and see how the economic growth in south Asia, in Europe, in America proceeds. If this is going to increase, as economic growth, this would improve the prices." Asked whether OPEC should stick at its meeting in December to its current oil market strategy of not reducing production, Omair replied: "OPEC should not cut production alone, yes...I think OPEC should stick to its unity. OPEC now has been targeted by the non-OPEC countries...but if there is any cost or cutting in production, this should not be only for OPEC countries, we have to share together the cost of reduction."

In other oil-sector related news, a brewing row between the Oil Minister and the CEO of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation went public yesterday. Nizar Al-Adsani, chief executive officer of KPC, refused to carry out a decision issued by the Oil Minister to swap the CEOs of two subsidiaries. In a letter published in a local Arabic daily, Al-Adsani said that the minister did not have the authority to make such a decision.

A day earlier, Al-Omair issued a decree swapping the posts of Hashem Hashem, CEO of Kuwait Oil Co, and Sheikh Nawaf Saud Al-Sabah, CEO of Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Co.



DOHA: US First Lady Michelle Obama shakes hands with Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani during a meeting in the capital Doha. — AFP

MICHELLE OBAMA CALLS FOR AN END TO 'OUTDATED TRADITIONS'

DOHA: Michelle Obama called for an end to "outdated laws and traditions" preventing millions of girls around the world from completing their education, in an impassioned speech yesterday in Qatar. The US first lady, on a seven-day tour of the Middle East, told an education conference in Doha that an "honest conversation" was needed around the globe about how women were treated and how this prevented millions of girls from finishing school.

"If we truly want to get girls into our classrooms then we need to have an honest conversation about how we view and treat women in our societies and this conversation needs to happen in every country on this planet, including my own," she told delegates at the World Innovation Summit for Education. "When girls are young they are often seen simply as children but when they hit adolescence and start to develop into women they are **Continued on Page 13**

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AMIR'S VISIT TO RUSSIA 'GAME-CHANGER' FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION

Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's milestone visit to Russia's Black Sea city of Sochi this month would give a major boost to Kuwaiti-Russian relations, Russian experts have concurred.

"Undoubtedly, His Highness the Amir's visit will give significant impetus to mutual political, economic, commercial, and investment cooperation," Chairman of the Institute of Oriental Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences Alexandr Filonik told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA).

He added that the visit, the first by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah since he assumed power in 2006, would even signal the start of a new stage in relations between the two friendly countries. Filonik described the visit as crucial as "It coincides with the dramatic developments in the Arab region-which would have impacts on the whole world." He underlined that His Highness the Amir is a highly respected leader regionally and internationally and the United Nations has recently honored him and proclaimed him as the "Humanitarian Leader" and his country, Kuwait, as the "Humanitarian Center"

He ascribed the strength of relations between the two countries to the similarity of their stances towards regional and international issues, and the mutual high-level dialogue and regular reciprocal visits among

MOSCOW: His Highness the Amir officials as well as fruitful cooperation between their two legislative bodies. "Even some different viewpoints over certain issues in the region have no real impact harmonious relations on between the two countries," he

told KUNA. He pointed out that Russia and Kuwait are committed to the principle of peaceful solution and non-violent approaches in tackling international disputes. "Kuwait and Russia also share the demand for fair and peaceful solution to the Middle East conflict, and cooperate to defeat terrorism and promote the values of tolerance and interfaith dialogue," he said.

Fruitful relations

Filonik stressed that Russia is proud of its relations with Kuwait, which are based on mutual respect and equality. "Russia is desirous to foster fruitful relations and cooperation with Kuwait in various domains," he said. He voiced satisfaction about the role played by the Republic of Tatarstan, a federal Russian area, in enriching the relations with Kuwait.

Filonik pointed to the available great opportunities for upgrading economic and commercial cooperation to live up to the high level of political relations. He noted that both sides signed an agreement to facilitate and upgrade economic relations in 1985

"In 1994, the two countries hammered out several pacts to avoid tax duplication, protect mutual investments, founding otechnology, pharmaceuticals, he told KUNA. He recalled that Center.' "Russia greatly apprecijoint economic cooperation committee, and launching a Russian-Kuwaiti business council," he disclosed.

Furthermore, he unveiled \$100 billion in both countries.

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

reports about Kuwaiti-Russian plans for executing a number of nuclear projects. "If these projects implemented, the value of mutual investments would go up significantly," he forecasted.

Filonik said that Kuwait has started its investments in Russia by trading in the Russian stock exchange market and then extended to various domains. "Both countries share the ambition of turning into a global commercial hub, which requires increasing and intensifying bilateral commercial cooperation," he said

He suggested focusing cooperation on certain fields such as infrastructure development, information technology, nan-

"His Highness the Amir's visit would take mutual relations up to new heights," he concluded.

agriculture, food, water desalina-

tion and exploration for oil.

Filonik estimated the value of

projected joint ventures at about

Balanced approach

Meanwhile, Senior Researcher at the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Vladimir Isayev said that His Highness the Amir's visit is pivotal for bilateral ties. Isayev, who wrote two books about Kuwait social life and economic development, said that Russia is growingly involved in the developments in Middle East and North Africa region.

"Kuwait is adopting a balanced approach committed to the principle of non-inference in internal affairs of other countries,"

Kuwait was the first Gulf country to have diplomatic relations with the former Soviet Union in 1960s.

Isavev expected that His Highness the Amir's talks in Russia would help provide better and accurate understanding of Kuwait's stances toward regional and international developments of common concern. Russian officials would also listen to Kuwait's proposals to the best ways for addressing the regional crises, he said. He spoke highly about the balanced foreign policy of Kuwait under the leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Isayev told KUNA that he is confident that His Highness the Amir's visit would deepen bilateral political, economic and trade relations. "The two countries have huge potentials that allow a significant leap in joint ventures, especially in oil and chemical industries," he told KUNA. He argued that the strong relations with Kuwait would help Russia upgrade its relations and cooperation with other member states of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Isayev clarified that the Kuwaiti-Russian relations have been based on the principles of mutual respect and supporting of mutual interests, equality and partnership.

He stated that His Highness the Amir's visit gains a special significance as it comes after the UN proclamation of him as the 'Humanitarian Leader' and of Kuwait as the 'Humanitarian

ates Kuwait's humanitarian role and initiatives to help people in distress and to eradicate poverty worldwide," he said.

Frank dialogue

Furthermore, Head of the Department of Oriental Studies in the Russian State University for Humanities Elena Milkomvan indicated that this is first visit by His Highness the Amir to the Russian Federation since his assumption of power in 2006.

Milkomyan, who wrote a book about Kuwait's domestic and foreign policy in 2000s, expected that the His Highness the Amir's visit would be a game-changer in mutual relations. The Russian-Kuwaiti relations are backed by cordial and frank dialogue and harmony in stances towards main Middle East issues, particularly the Arab-Israeli conflict. She applauded Kuwait's wise and moderate policies in this critical time of the Middle East history.

Milkomyan highlighted Kuwait's contributions to international efforts to address regional and world humanitarian crises. In this regard, she extolled Kuwait's organization of three international aid pledging conferences for Syria and its repeated huge donations to alleviate the suffering of the civil conflict-traumatized Syrian people. This great role made the UN proclamation of His highness the Amir as the 'Humanitarian Leader' and of Kuwait as the 'Humanitarian Center' well-deserved, she concluded. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah and Indonesian Ambassador to Kuwait Tatang Budie Utama Razak cut the ceremony's cake.



Diplomats in attendance. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

PUTTING OUT THE FIRE

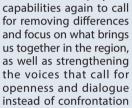
By Dr Ali Redha Enayati Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran

received a few days ago a letter from Mr Nizar Mohammad Al-Adsani, the Chief Executive Officer of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KOC) that included an invitation to participate in the celebration of putting out the fire in the last burnt oil well in the state of Kuwait in 1991. Only certain countries had participated in putting out the fire,

including the United States, France, China as well as the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI). This initiative is a good one, which the state of Kuwait is making to remember the past.

stability in the region in a wider frame. We heard a short while ago wise statements made by senior Kuwaiti officials about the necessity of regional dialogue between the region's countries, including Iran and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states. This is a correct call, and it is what the region needed during the past four decades. Iranian officials lauded this good initiative by the state of Kuwait and this is what Iran has called for many times.

We confirm that we must employ our









Guests at the event.

An Indonesian folklore display featured at the ceremony.

AMIR'S VISIT TO RUSSIA 'A TURNING POINT': DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER

'Gulf countries share common position over Syrian conflict'

KUWAIT: Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Russian President, Vladimir Putin. Meanwhile, Suleiman Al-Jarallah affirmed next week's visit to Russia by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah would constitute a crucial turning point in the history of Kuwait-Russia relations, predicting that the two sides would sign a number of accords during the visit.

The Deputy Minister Al-Jarallah told KUNA that the high-level talks between the Kuwaiti and Russian leaders during the visit would cover military, oil, investment, cultural and political issues. On prospected gas imports from Russia, he affirmed that there is no "difficulty in handling the file of importing the natural gas in case an accord has been reached on a certain mechanism for the importation, thus working out an agreement in this respect is possible."

The Amiri Diwan has confirmed that His Highness the Amir will head an official delegation during the visit to Russia starting Tuesday, and that he will hold official discussions with the

Jarallah said that Arab Gulf countries share common positions over the Syrian conflict and their efforts aimed at reaching a peaceful solution ending bloodshed and suffering of the Syrian people. "There are no differences and all Gulf efforts aimed at reaching a peaceful solution saving the Syrian people from this disaster," Jarallah said in a statement to reporters on the sidelines of a reception held by the Indonesian Embassy marking the country's national day.

Transitional period

Asked about the Russian foreign ministry's statement that said Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad's stay in power was not inevitable, Jarallah said the next round of talks between international and regional powers, due in two weeks, would determine the transitional period of Assad, which might be six months or more.

On the Arab-Latin America Summit in Riyadh,

Saudi Arabia, next week, Jarallah said Kuwait speech before the summiteers would include proposals and ideas on promotion of cooperation between the two blocs.

On relations with Iraq, Jarallah said Kuwait has accepted Baghdad's request to postpone payment of last batch of compensations, for the second time now, resulted from damages caused by the 1990-91 Iraqi invasion and occupation of Kuwait. He said Kuwaiti and Iraqi officials would meet next January to discuss the files of Kuwaiti prisoners and missing in addition to compensations.

Jarallah, meanwhile, said Kuwait-Britain steering committee was "an effective and advanced" mechanism that served mutual interest. Jarallah said Kuwait shared deep-rooted relations with Indonesia, and the two countries were members in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD). —KUNA

It is now known that IRI played an active role then in putting out the oil wells' fires, which were ignited by the former Iraqi regime, which got the entire region into burning fire that it was not able to avoid.

Contrary to what some people are saying and spreading outdated thoughts among others, The IRI is opening its arms for its neighbors and strongly opposes the start of war and strife fires, illusions, and planting the sectarian hatred. And as it participated in putting out the oil wells' fires 25 years ago, it is trying today to put out the fires of division, sectarianism and fragmentation. Also, as it contributed to fight the burning fires that created dark clouds over our neighbor Kuwait, it is contributing today to ensuring security and



and argument, and go towards constructive dealing between people of the region and staying away from illusions and theories that are built on the Iranian intervention in everything, and we do not throw the other side

in problems the region is facing. Opening up the borders, putting out the fire, helping brothers, forgetting stalemates and concentrating on calmness in arenas influenced by regional polarizations, make up the core of the decision making in IRI, and the nature of its relationship with its neighbors lead by Kuwait.

The participation of IRI in putting out the burning fire 25 years ago is a symbol Iran is proud of and considers a model of joint work which proved effective and can be generalized on other fields.

KUWAIT URGES MUSTERING INT'L **EFFORTS FOR BETTER EDUCATION**

PARIS: Kuwaiti Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Bader Al-Essa has called for mobilizing international efforts to provide "good, just and comprehensive education" as a basic requirement for realizing the 2015-2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The world is going through frequent events and accelerated changes due to the waves of conflict and unrest sweeping several countries, and whose repercussions have been weighing heavy on us all," AI-Essa said at a high-profile meeting on education by 2030 held as part of the 38th UNESCO General Conference in Paris yesterday.

This prompts mustering international efforts to unify views and orientations seeking to enhance capabilities of member states to offer good education in a bid to realize the internationally-approved 2030 SDGs, the minister noted.

Amid global developments, the coming period requires a serious stance to reconsider various educational and teaching topics and to work harder on them. These are topped with education for all, and enhancing gender equality, he said.

According to the minister, a lot of women worldwide are still suffering from poverty, ignorance and illiteracy. He also called for a rapid review of school curriculum, to include awareness of issues related to sustainable development, countering extremism and consolidating international citizenship. This last concept cannot be realized without providing the basic requirements, namely good, just and comprehensive education."—KUNA

LABOR MINISTER CALLS FOR DIVERSIFYING INCOME \$3BN IN NEW PROJECTS UP FOR BID SOON

LONDON: The visiting Kuwaiti Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Hind Al-Subaih stressed on the importance of creating a suitable work environment in order to achieve His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's vision and enable the country to become a financial and trade hub.

Minister Subaih made the remarks on the sideline of Kuwait Investment Awareness Conference 2015, which concluded late on Tuesday. The minister asserted the importance of changing the

"culture of totally depending on oil and move toward a policy of diversifying income sources," adding that such policy would not be effective unless there was a real partnership with the private sector.

She noted that the government has an ambitious plan, which includes more than 533 projects. Thirteen of these ventures will be totally funded by the private sector, namely construction of a metro, railway, two power stations, waste and treatment plant and building labor towns. The minister said the state of Kuwait has made a comprehensive review to all investment laws in the country, amended many of them, thus they have become more appealing to foreign investors.

Huge projects

Separately, the visiting Kuwait Director General of Partnerships Technical Bureau (PTB), Adel Al-Roumi, said that there are six huge projects, totaling \$3 billion, that will be up for bidding soon. These projects include two

power generation stations and one solid waste recycle plant-to be one of the biggest installations in the Middle East, he added. The PTB Chief said the recycle waste project will be launched in Om Al-Ramal area, at a cost of \$350 million, noting that there are plans to build 16 schools and investors will be allowed to manage them for 25 years. Roumi said that there is a project for building two malls, one in Al-Fintas area, noting that these projects will be financed only by investors. —KUNA



LONDON: Kuwait's Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Hind Al-Subaih (right) participates in the Kuwait Investment Awareness Conference 2015. — KUNA

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TRIO ARRESTED WITH WEAPONS, DRUGS

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Weapons detectives arrested three citizens with possession of unlicensed weapons, ammunitions and drugs. The first suspect was arrested at his home where ammunition and 250 grams of hashish and Shabu were found there. The second suspect was arrested as a pistol and ammunition were found in his house, while the third was arrested with possession of two AK-47 rifles, three pistols, ammunition and 200 grams of

Campaigns

Shabu. The suspects were sent to concerned authorities.

Several security campaigns were launched in the capital governorate, resulting in the arrest of 14 absconders, 55 workers without valid visas, 20 roaming vendors, 54 persons without IDs, 27 residency violators, and 12 fugitives. Meanwhile, two persons were arrested with drugs, 18 fights were broken up, and four vehicles were impounded during the campaigns.

SAAD AL-ABDULLAH FRIEND SLAYER SENTENCED TO DEATH By A Saleh

KUWAIT: A Kuwaiti man was sentenced to death for killing his friend and fellow tribesmen. The victim, Sultan Al-Rashdan, was on duty at Saad Al-Abdullah's Ministry of Emergency and Water's emergency department when the suspect shot him dead in the incident that happened last year. According to case papers, the suspect, 28, prepared a shotgun and drove to the victim's office, where he fired one fatal shot from a onemeter distance. Investigations indicated that the man killed his friend over suspicions that he had been having an affair with his ex-wife. The suspect pled guilty to the accusations and re-enacted the crime. Accordingly, and having found the defendant fully sane and respon-

SHEIKH SALMAN VOWS CORRECTIVE SPORTS PACKAGE

KUWAIT: Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah said yesterday the government would take a package of legal and regulatory procedures to correct, develop and buttress the sports movement in the country.

Addressing a National Assembly session on the sports situation in Kuwait, the minister said: "There is an international (sports) system that is ruled by regulations and laws, rather than interests and favoritism."

He regretted that those who sought to suspend the Kuwaiti sports activity "are some sons of Kuwait who, I hope, would backtrack on this complaint and prove to international organizations that our legislations are compatible with the Olympic Charter and the State fully supports the sports movement."

Terming the recent decision by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to suspend the Kuwaiti sports activity as "unfair", the minister said there is no interference whatsoever in Kuwaiti leg-

KUWAIT: Minister of Information and islations, and Kuwaiti sports authorities Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh have full independence.

Sheikh Salman said the main reason for the IOC's intervention, according to its letter on October 22, was the complaint by the Kuwait Olympic Committee (KOC) about a conflict with the Kuwaiti government on sports activities.

He went on to say that as a result of the sharp drop in the level of sports games and teams' results, legislative intervention was needed in 2007 by adopting a package of laws, including one that prohibits combining posts at the KOC, sports associations and clubs at the same time, which provoked those who are in charge of the sports movement. The problem was initially triggered by Decree No 26/2012 which included flaws in application, primarily the sports clubs' inability to hold their ordinary general assembly meetings with a view to revising their statutes in line with the Olympic Charter.

"We are before organized sports chaos purposed to dissolve the clubs as

pursuant to law as the government had to adopt Law No 134/2013 in order to find solutions and there were communications with the KOC in this regard," he said, noting that the State was unwilling to adopt decrees that could have been considered interference in the sports situation.

Having sought to resolve the problem, the government adopted Decree No 117/2014 in a bid to prevent the dissolution of the sports clubs by force owing to failure to hold their general assembly meetings as per Law No 26/2012, the minister noted.

The fresh law mainly aimed to cut the quorum for extraordinary general assembly meetings from two thirds of members to just 250 members, and setting minimum and maximum membership fees, given that some fees skyrocketed to KD 1,000, Sheikh Salman added.

Law No 25/2015, which was tabled by National Assembly members, was meant to regulate elections involving the sports clubs, associations and the



KUWAIT: Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah speaks during yesterday's parliament session. —Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

KOC respectively, and to address flaws regarding conflicts over sports activities or laws, with a view to streamlining litigation among the sports associations and creating a sports court. —KUNA









and a temporary compensation of KD 5001. Speaking to the press, the victim's family lawyer Sultan Al-Mandeel expressed full trust that the Kuwaiti judiciary would do justice to all parties, especially with the presence of enough substantial evidence and eyewitnesses at the crime scene when the shooting took place.

sible for his actions, the court sentenced him to death

Govt debts

For the first time in Kuwait's history, the finance ministry tends to establish a new unit within its organizational structure to run governmental debts. The new unit will be responsible for coordinating government debts and determining how to finance the state budget deficits.

Forgery

Inspection teams at the Saudi ministry of commerce and industry recently closed down a factory manufacturing isolation pipes in Riyadh for forging its products' origin, using the labels of 'Made In Kuwait' instead of 'Made In KSA'. The factory's license was also found to be expired.

COURT REJECTS KAC CASE By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: The constitutional court yesterday rejected a case filed to contest the constitutionality of Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC), pertaining with the company's privatization deal. The court also said that the financially faltering citizens' fund that had been approved by the parliament was unconstitutional. However, legal sources said that the verdict does not cancel the fund founded in 2010 nor nullifies the settlements it made so far. "The verdict only cancels Article 8 of the law," explained the sources.

Social Affairs court case

Well-informed sources at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (MSAL) said that the head of one of the ministry's departments recently filed a complaint with the public prosecutor against MSAL undersecretary over not putting a final court order into effect. It was not immediately clear the terms of the court order.

Cemetery robbed

Unidentified thieves recently stole electric cables from the Shiite cemetery causing a blackout in some parts of it, said informed security sources.

Camping sites

Municipal Council member and head of Farwaniya committee, Nayef Al-Sour urged the municipality to provide more camping sites because the ones specified for this spring were insufficient, especially those in the deserts near Suliabiya farms and Farwaniya stables. He also urged the municipality to provide better cleaning services at all camping sites, including garbage containers collection, in order to protect the environment, flora and wild life. KUWAIT: The Interior Ministry opened the first course to utilize police dogs in searching for drugs in prisons. The course, which runs through November 12, 2015, helps train police officers to use tracker dogs while conducting routine and unscheduled search operations at all prisons in Kuwait.

ABK HOSTS LONG SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR TREASURY, INVESTMENTS STAFF

KUWAIT: The Treasury and Investments Division of Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) recently honored employees who had completed between 5 and 15 years of service with the Bank.

Commenting on the long-standing commitment and value of their contribution to the development of the Bank, Grant Jackson, General Manager of Treasury and Investments took the opportunity to thank all staff receiving

awards for their loyalty and dedication to ABK. Each department in the Bank hosts regular Long Service Awards for members of staff who have been with the bank for 5 years and longer. ABK has long enjoyed a reputation of strong staff retention and an event honoring staff that have spent 20 years and above was recently held at the Symphony Hotel where 77 staff members were recognized.



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KUWAIT: A mural consisting of 1,207 pictures of Kuwait's martyrs and includes a caption that reads 'those are my Names and pictures of 1,207 Kuwaiti martyrs included in a mural to be launched as part of the campaign. children,' to be launched as part of the campaign. - KUNA

KUWAIT LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO IMMORTALIZE COUNTRY'S MARTYRS

KUWAIT: The Amiri Diwan's Martyrs Bureau is launching a campaign to immortalize the people who have sacrificed their lives for Kuwait, an official said yesterday. Speaking to KUNA, Undersecretary at the Amiri Diwan and head of the Martyrs Bureau Fatima Al-Amir, said that the campaign involves arrangement of a mural consisting of 1,207 pictures of Kuwait's martyrs, adding that copies of the mural will be distributed and displayed at all state institutions and public schools.

The mural will include a caption 'those are my children,' a statement uttered by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in the aftermath of the Imam Al-Sadeq bombing attack on June 26th.

This mural is in honor of all those who died for the country, said the official, noting the memorial plaques will bear photos and names of the Kuwaiti martyrs who had fallen for redeeming the homeland of Kuwait since the 1960s until the last terrorist attack which hit the country.

Amir said the purpose of this campaign was to invoke the spirit of unity amongst Kuwaitis amidst tension in the region. She hoped that the project will be ready by the advent of the national celebrations on February 25-26. — KUNA



A mural for Kuwait's martyrs placed outside the Amiri Diwan's Martyrs Bureau's building.

Undersecretary at the Amiri Diwan and head of the Martyrs Bureau Fatima Al-Amir.



MENA REGION IN SERIOUS ECONOMIC CRISIS: EXPERT

By Ben Garcia

KUWAIT: The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region has a serious economic crisis and countries within it are advised to accept and do something to stop further erosion. Thus says Dr





TEHRAN: Kuwait's MPs Dr Awda Al-Rowaey (right) and Dr Khalil Abdullah attend the APA's executive bureau's meeting. — KUNA

Shantayanan Devarajan, World Bank (WB) Chief Economist, Middle East and North Africa Region, as he was invited to a lecture organized at the Kuwait Economic Society (KES) organized Tuesday night. The lecture, titled 'Towards a New Social Contract in the Arab World, talked about the old and new social contract in the MENA region. The lecture is one of KES's activities within its initiative 'Towards Reforming the Public Sector in Kuwait,' which included a series of lectures, workshops and publications aiming to actively contribute in the decision-making process in the public sector, in its capacity as an institution of the civil society.

New contract

KUWAITI MPS CALL FOR **IMPLEMENTING APA RESOLUTIONS**

issues

TEHRAN: Kuwait's MPs Dr Awda Al-Rowaey and Dr Khalil Abdullah called for evaluation and implementation of resolutions adopted by the Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) in order to keep up with latest developments, events, and issues of joint interest.

The two Kuwaiti MPs made their remarks in press statements Tuesday after taking part in the meetings of APA's Executive Bureau and the Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs, kicked off in the Iranian capital Monday.

Rowaey stressed the importance of benefiting from APA's meetings through exchanging opinions and proposals regarding various issues of joint interest, calling on all participating parliamentary delegations to work on

He also called for evaluating of APA's action, as well as reviewing accuracy of its projects and proposals, noting that such meetings are also an opportunity to discuss boosting cooperation and coordination between Asian parliaments towards joint

amending some resolutions and proposals.

Meanwhile, Abdullah stressed the importance of evaluating APA's performance in order to check on the effectiveness of its resolutions, pointing out APA's important role when its resolutions are implemented. The Kuwaiti delegation strives to establish an Asian bureau tied to APA and has an effective role, similar to bureaus in Europe and other international blocs, he indicated. — KUNA

Dr Devarajan highlighted the ways in which countries can transition from the old social contract to the new. "Few years before the Arab Spring broke out, the MENA region was already in huge economic trouble; in fact it was the very reason why the Arab Spring started. There was huge discontentment among the population, the younger population wanted high paying jobs but the governments in respective countries where Arab Spring took place could not provide enough jobs for their people. Very few jobs were created by the public sector as well as the private sectors at that time. So people were unhappy," he recalled. The trouble of old economic social contract in MENA region and why it had eroded fast was because of lack of accountability and people had limited voices and they overspent on energy subsidies while taking for granted the health and education.

"Example in education and health; why they are labeled to be very poor in the public sector because some of the teachers and doctors are underpaid and the result, there has been lots of absenteeism in the part of the teachers, and doctors would not show up in the free public clinics, but they are working in their respective private clinics; so they are paid but they are

CROWNING WOMEN ATHLETES FROM GCC COUNTRIES IN INT'L TOURNEYS POSSIBLE: SHEIKHA NAIMA

Organizing Committee for Woman Sport Sheikha Naima Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah said "the road is still long for Gulf women to reach the podium in the Olympic and world sports field, but not impossible to cross."

The Gulf women confirmed their physical and mental abilities as well readiness to develop their potentials in all sports however; they need more time to enforce themselves firmly at global Olympic competitions. Sheikh Naima told KUNA, on the sidelines of the 21st congress for International Association of Sport Law (IASL), held in Marrakech. Sheikha Naima stressed that it is necessary for the girls in the GCC countries to practice sports for the physical exercise is also necessary for development. Many of the psychological and social barriers have been broken in the GCC countries, largely due to the women determination and practice of sports, she added.

GCC women athletes have won a number of competitions and proven competitive in encounters against strong foreign

MARRAKECH: President of the GCC foes, particularly in Taekwondo, Sheikha Naima said, also lauding the good performance by girls' teams in handball, volleyball and basketball. Sheikha Naima also said she was looking forward to see further good results by the Gulf women in international sports tournaments.

> The three-day annual event, co-organized by Morocco's Ministry of Youth and Sport, the Olympic committee and Association of Sports Press, discusses different issues and problems pertaining to sports law and management to improve sports system across the globe. It also deals with some topics on combating doping and training professional lawyers in sports law, and the new law of players' sponsors.

> The IASL is an international scientific Association which had been created during the first International Congress of Sports Law in 1992 in Athens, Greece. Since then, Athens has become the administrative headquarters for the Association and its president and its membership includes members from different parts of the globe. — KUNA

INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATOR PRAISES KUWAIT'S SUPPORT

KUALA LUMPUR: President of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) Fadli Zon yesterday said the Kuwaiti support to the organization helps it play its role and accomplish the tasks at the international level

Zon, currently Indonesian Parliament Deputy Speaker, was speaking during a meeting with Kuwait Ambassador to Indonesia Nasser Al-Enezi.

He praised Kuwait's role in the fight against corruption at all levels, wishing success for the two countries in their efforts at this level.

The two sides discussed ways to develop bilateral relations, especially between the two countries' parliaments, the ambassador told KUNA. — KUNA

KUWAIT: Shantayanan Devarajan speaks at the seminar. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

actually not doing their jobs," he added.

Job creation

The new social contract after 2011 underscored the need for the state to promote private-sector job creation, accountability in service delivery and targeted social protection, and citizens play an active role in the economy.

Dr Devarajan added that despite their many differences, all countries in the Arab World had a similar social contract between the state and its citizens: the state would provide jobs in the public sector, free education and health, and subsidized food and fuel.

"Perhaps in return, citizen's voice and ability to hold the state accountable must be underscored here. The main reasons behind the inefficiency of most Arab economies were corruption which weakens public institutions. We must strengthen our institutions, we must address unemployment and look at the inefficient subsidies," he mentioned. Dr Devarajan added: "For several decades, this social contract delivered poverty and inequality were low, health and education indicators improved. However, starting in the 2000s, it became clear that the social contract was reaching its limits. Unemployment rates were increasing, the economies were not diversified, the quality of public services was poor, and the subsidies were having corrosive effects on the economy. It is now vital to find other methods to achieve economic sustainability.

Important issue

He said the new social contract must be adopted and accepted after the post conflict and the threat of terrorism. "We have to wait until some countries around MENA region stabilizes as the peace and order is one important issue in the economic stability. It is not going to be easy yet we need to do something and to bring about changes and growth back on track," he said.

The MENA countries in focus are Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, UAE and Yemen.

DISABLED CLUB FESTIVAL BEGINS TODAY



Shafi Al-Hajeri

KUWAIT: The 11th National Day for Solidarity with the Handicapped is due to begin today at the headquarters of the Kuwait Disabled Sport Club, under the sponsorship of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

The organizing committee chairman, Shafi Al-Hajeri, said in a statement yesterday that His Highness the Amir's patronization of the festival would demonstrate His Highness the Amir's fatherly care for citizens of special cases. 'A Leader for Humanity' is chosen to be the logo of the festival, in appreciation for His Highness the Amir's great role at the level of humanitarian action. Such a role has earned him the UN-designated title, the 'Humanitarian Leader,' along with the State of Kuwait as the 'Humanitarian Center.' The festival includes diverse activities including showing an operetta, lectures about special cases' illnesses and physical fitness for such cases. --- KUNA



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CONSTITUTIONAL ADO

By Salah Al-Sayer

Al-Anbaa

A soon as the rain fell heavily on Kuwait last week, people rushed to social media networks and showered them with so many exaggerated remarks, to the point that the truth almost sunk in a total image defaming Kuwait. This made columnist Hamad Al-Hamad wonder about such exaggerations on his Facebook account, pointing out that he drove all the way to downtown Kuwait City and back during the so-called 'disastrous rain' without seeing any forms of the 'water disaster' that people were talking about in social media networks.

Well, reviewing nearby and regional areas, one can easily realize that exaggeration, magnifying things and intimidation have become so characteristic here in Kuwait, where the majority of people are so pessimistic and tend to magnify negative images. This phenomena originates from political practices that lack taking initiatives in Kuwait and is always manifested in reactions, fishing for and magnifying faults, criticizing the government and demeaning its achievements.

Kuwait's Constitution initiated political practices in Kuwait when people were so hastily forced to take part, which made the community enter political practices that they knew nothing about. This caused the plunge of this alien activity into exaggeration and intimidation, and the majority of people thought that political practices were all about fishing for the government's faults and mistakes.

As time went by and when everything in Kuwait was politicized, all individuals were dominated by a spirit of exaggeration, intimidation, whaling and magnifying mistakes. — Translated by Kuwait Times

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Mahdali's Year

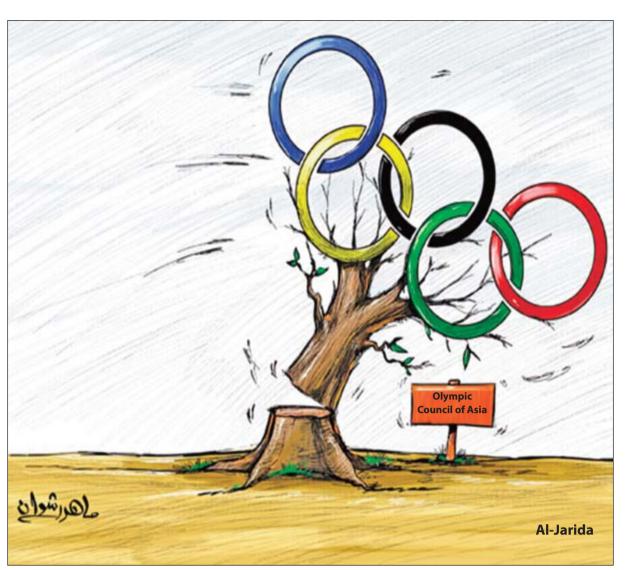
By Dr Saleh Al-Ojairi

funny yet terrifying incident took place back in 1937 when an armed gang, or at least that was the people thought at the time, kept robbing houses. People used to hear gunshots at night and immediately lock their doors and windows and stay up all night to resist the robbers in case they were attacked by the gang that used to rob a different neighborhood every night.

People were terrified for a whole week, and news about the gang of robbers travelled fast as people kept telling stories about how the robbers robbed the so and so family in Merqab or climbed the walls of another in Qebla. People were in great distress and fear.

The security chief at the time was Sheikh Sabah Al-Duaij Al-Sabah who was publically known as 'Sabah Al-Souk' (Sabah of the Market). The man suspected his own guards and accordingly examined their rifles by an expert to see whether any had been used in recent shootings during the night. They were all proven innocent, but Sabah eventually managed to identify and arrest the gang.

It turned out that the gang comprised of a young





WALK FOR A CAUSE AT LANDMARK GROUP'S ANNUAL 'BEAT DIABETES' WALKATHON 2015

KUWAIT: Landmark Group, the region's leading retail and hospitality conglomerate, supported by the Ministry of Health and Dasman Diabetes Institute encourages public to register and participate in the sixth edition of the 'Beat

port will continue." Professor Kazem Behbehani, OBE, Director-General of Dasman Diabetes Institute, an affiliate of Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) added, "Understanding symptoms that Diabetes prevention and improve the lifestyle of the population of Kuwait."

Participation in the walkathon is free of charge and all registered participants are given a walkathon kit. Qualified trainers from Fitness First will

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'DUMP DONALD TRUMP'

By Sami Al-Nisf

Al-Anbaa

new slogan is beginning to rise everywhere in USA nowadays calling to 'Dump Donald Trump.'The good thing is that the slogan did not include the word 'The Dumb' before Trump's name to refer to his dumbness or lack of intelligence. In its recent issue, the weekly Newsweek wrote a lengthy feature story about Trump and what he did in Atlantic City, which he established in New Jersey and led to bankruptcy, and is likely to do the same with US economy if he comes to office.

The magazine goes back to 1991 when businessman Trump's crown jewel, the East Coast Taj Mahal Hotel and casino closed down for bankruptcy and the holders of CTunk Ponds issued by Trump lost around \$5 billion. In the years 1991-2009, Trumps major companies ran bankrupt several times wasting the funds of shareholders and those in contract with them while the owner's wealth of \$5 billion grew larger, and he kept boosting that he managed to bail out of collapsing companies and casinos just before their collapse. He even attributed this to his own skill and wittiness.

The Newsweek interviewed a musical instruments vendor who said that he once sold ten pianos to Trump's hotel and casino for \$100,000, and that Trump's executives kept stalling in paying him and finally gave him three choices; tow wait to be paid in full without determining when, to immediately get only \$70,000 or to wait for announcing the company bankrupt and get only 10 percent of the value. The man said that he agreed to take \$70,000, adding that he would never vote for Trump. He also expressed sorrow for what might happen to America if Trump makes through the elections.

Following those reports and the debate with republican candidates, Trump's popularity seems to be falling in favor of his rival, the religious African American candidate, Ben Carson, a retired religious neurosurgeon who is strongly against having a Muslim US president. I personally believe that the hot-tempered Trump will not last the presidency race for long because figures show that he is falling behind in public opinion surveys and he keeps spending his own money on his presidential campaign. He also keeps making fatal tongue slips that might appeal to some voters but will not be good enough to have them vote for him.

Finally, if our problems with Trump are based on fears that he might rip us off our funds the way he did with the legendary Taj Mahal shareholders, US' problem with the religious candidate Ben Carson lies in his intention to apply his Christian faith in running US economy and collect only 10 percent taxes as recommended by the Bible instead of the accumulating ones that reach 50 percent with rich people. According to experts, this would run US bankrupt within a year because 42 percent of its budget is collected from accumulating taxes. Putting Carson's theory into practice would mean that the rich would get richer by paying only 10 percent of their income while the poor would suffer because the state would no longer be able to fund public health and medical services they get. I believe that what is best for the US, the entire world, as well as Muslim, Arab and GCC countries is that the wise, sane expert in state management and regional issues, Hilary Clinton wins the elections. I also hope that Muslim, Arab and GCC states would support her because the alternative will be disastrous for all!

man named 'Mahdali' who had an old shotgun and was assisted by another, a porter to carry the items he stole. They were both arrested and chained by the hands to be taken on a tour around the old souk so that people could see them and rest assured. Kids chassed the suspects lane to lane shouting: "That is the thief, Mahdali.....he is chained by the hand." Accordingly, like Kuwaitis used to name years after major incidents, 1937 was later known as the 'Year of Mahdali.'

— Translated by Kuwait Times

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RECKLESS DRIVER ARREST ATTEMPT FAILS

KUWAIT: Police in Suliabiya responded to a call about a reckless driver, endangering the lives of others, before parking in front of his house. When police attempted to arrest the man, he resisted and physically attacked the police along with his brother. Policemen then were surprised when the mother of the unemployed man came out and attacked them verbally in front of pedestrians, and allowed her sons to escape. The suspects' father was summoned to question why he hid his children and did not come to the police station.

Drug smuggling foiled

Airport customs officers foiled two attempts to smuggle drugs into the country. Customs department spokesman Mishal Al-Jaraid said airport inspectors suspected an Asian woman who attempted to hide 10 kilograms of marijuana in box, but was caught and sent to DCGD. In the second case Al-Jaraid said customs officers noticed an Asian who was confused, and when physically searched was found to have hidden 250g of marijuana inside food he had carried with him. In a third case inspectors caught an Asian who attempted to smuggle in two kilograms of heroin inside bags and clothes. They were all sent to DCGD.

Women brawl

Police received a call about a fight between an Ethiopian woman and a Filipina in Ishbiliya area. The Ethiopian attacked the Filipina with a sharp object, and both threw hot water at each other. Both were taken to hospital for treatment of burns and wounds. The case was referred to concerned authorities.

Lorry stolen

A citizen insisted on lodging a complaint against a police officer in Jleeb Al-Shuyouk for negligence, when his half lorry was stolen for the second time. The citizen said he received a call from police that the truck was at the station, and he saw it, then police asked to wait until legal procedures are complete, but he claimed that it disappeared again from the police station parking lot. —Al-Anbaa Diabetes' walkathon which will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015. The 3.2km walk will flag off from the Yacht Club and end at Green Island.

Saibal Basu, Chief Operating Officer, Landmark Group Kuwait, said "This annual campaign is calling for the nation to start walking as part of the continuous healthy lifestyle drive to encourage the community to work together to prevent and manage diabetes. Landmark Group helps to raise awareness of the growing prevalence of diabetes in the region and over the last 5 years we have received tremendous response from the Kuwait community and we are sure that this suplead to Diabetes can help establish a plan to live a healthier lifestyle. Dasman Diabetes Institute does not save any effort to promote and shed light on the awareness of Diabetes and



general health amongst the public. We are glad to support every year with The Landmark Group's 'Beat Diabetes Walkathon' to spread awareness on lead a mass warm-up session prior to the walk. The Group will also conduct walkathons across other countries including UAE, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, and India, during November which is the International Diabetes Awareness Month.

Individuals, groups and organizations can register for the walk at all Centrepoint stores and through the Beat Diabetes website www.beatdiabetes.me or the Landmark Group Kuwait's Facebook page. Further details about the sixth edition of the walkathon will be shared in the weeks preceding the event and on www.facebook.com/beatdiabetesme.

—Translated by Kuwait Times

WARBA BANK PARTICIPATES IN BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

KUWAIT: As part of its corporate social responsibility commitment to supporting and serving the Kuwaiti society, Warba Bank has participated in the Women's Health Awareness Day which was organized by Abdullah Yousef Al-Abdulhadi Medical Center, a subdivision of the Ministry of Health.

Warba Bank's female employees in addition to the Marketing and Public Relations collaborated to craft an innovative awareness campaign spearheading the slogan 'Your Health Follows your Test.'

The campaign revolved around encouraging women to take early detection tests as a precautionary check for breast cancer. The test provides early discovery and diagnosis, thus enabling treatment at the early stages of breast cancer. The campaign also aimed to increase awareness around the risks and possible threats of breast cancer and recommends periodical checkups to limit undesired diagnosis results.

Lulwa Al-Roudan, Salmiya Branch Manager, said: "Warba Bank is keen on supporting and taking an active role in similar initiatives which aim to raise breast cancer awareness during the month of October. This is an important issue that will help further harness the power and concept of voluntary work among our bank's employees and their interaction and engagement with the concept of corporate social responsibility".

Participation in this activity is part of Warba Bank's objectives in increasing social awareness, as well as supporting and sponsoring activities and conferences that are related to the health and general safety of society. This is a crucial part of the values which Warba implements to ensure contribution to developing and growing the Kuwaiti society. In addition it aims to enhance the spirit of communications and driving religious Islamic values that Warba has adopted and is passionate about spreading to better serve wider societal initiatives and humanitarian efforts.

Warba Bank has taken part in numerous community activities throughout the year including 'Let's Grow a Smile Together' during the course of the orphan day occasion, as well as awareness activities during the Holy month of Ramadan.

Warba Bank is committed to supporting all goal-oriented community activities during the course of its operation. Warba Bank thanks those who were in charge of the campaign at Abdullah Yousef Al-Abdulhadi Medical Center and the Banks' team for volunteering their efforts in organizing this event. Noting Warba Bank's hard work and distinctive footprint to serving the Kuwaiti community in the course of its on-going quest to offering the distinctive of humanitarian efforts; and moreover offering banking solutions that propose unique products and services to customers in order to reduce financial burden upon them.



1,600 INCIDENTS HANDLED DURING RAIN: MINISTRY

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Public Work's (MPW) Assistant Undersecretary for Maintenance Engineering Mohammed Bin Nakhi reassured citizens and expatriates about the ministry's preparations to handle the downpour of rain featured in Kuwait these days, and stressed that all ministry emergency teams were fully alerted to handle further heavy rain forecast for this weekend. Bin Nakhi added that ever since the rain started a few days ago, the MPW had received 1,616 complaints with a majority reporting rain drainage system blockages and the accumulation of water forming ponds in certain places. He explained that 473 complaints were made in the capital, 315 in Jahra, 249 in Farwaniya, 229 in Hawalli, 206 in Mubarak Al-Kabeer and 132 in Ahamdi in addition to 12 on expressways. Furthermore, Bin Nakhi stressed that he toured South Surra, Farwaniya and a number of expressways to make sure the emergency teams operating there were readily available to interfere in case of contingency, especially with heavy rain forecast to fall on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. — Al-Qabas

MORNINGS EXCLUSIVE FOR CITIZENS AT OUTPATIENT CLINICS

KUWAIT: Following a two-year experimental period at Jahra hospital where outpatient clinics only received citizens during morning working hours and expatriates during the afternoon, the health ministry intends to generalize the procedure at outpatient clinics in all public hospitals throughout Kuwait starting the beginning of the next year, said informed health sources. —Al-Anbaa



MALDIVES DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY AS TURMOIL DEEPENS



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EGYPTIAN FLOODING DROWNS GAZA'S TUNNEL BUSINESS

Egypt campaign more damaging than Israeli bombing

GAZA: Mahmoud Bakeer speaks with despair about the night of the flash flood, when he screamed at his wife and five children to flee their home on Gaza's border with Egypt as the water rushed in. They made it to safety during the flooding last week, but a network of Palestinian tunnels running under the frontier town of Rafah is now water-logged, destroyed by Cairo to sever what it says is a weapons smuggling route out of Gaza for Islamist insurgents in Egypt's Sinai desert.

For Bakeer, 61, the fact that Egypt, once a gateway to the world for Gaza's 1.8 million Palestinians, was behind his family's suffering, was particularly painful. "We respect our neighbors, we love Egypt, but our neighbors are making our life harder," he said in his one-storey unfinished cinder block house, around which water seeps and cracks in the ground are growing wider. Egypt's pumping of salt water from the nearby Mediterranean into the tunnels is not only creating a mess as it rises to the surface. Palestinian officials say it is also contaminating water supplies as well as threatening to wreck farmland and spread disease.

Local residents say that at the peak of the tunnel business, after Hamas Islamists seized the Gaza Strip in 2007 and Israel tightened a closure of its crossings into the enclave, nearly 2,500 underground passages snaked under the border with Egypt. The direction of traffic was mainly into Gaza. Commercial goods - and weapons smuggled in separate tunnels controlled by Hamas and other militant factions - flowed in defiance of what Palestinians and many of their supporters decried as neighboring Israel's siege. In 2008-10, some tunnel owners were said to have become dollar millionaires as they shifted everything from Hummer vehicles and washing machines to cows and sheep through the underground system. Hamas imposed a tax on shipments. At one point an estimated 22,000



GAZA: A knife and the Palestinian national flag are placed on a mannequin outside a store in Gaza City. There has been a wave of mainly stabbing attacks by Palestinians against Israelis that have raised concerns of a full-blown uprising akin to the first and second intifadas. — AFP

Palestinians worked in the tunnel "industry". However, it shrank markedly in 2010 after Israel, under international pressure to ease restrictions on commercial imports into Gaza, allowed more goods in through its overland crossings. Then this September, battling an insurgency in northern Sinai, Egypt decided to shut down the tunnels once and for all. Determined to halt what it said was an arms flow in the opposite direction, from Gaza to the militants, it cleared the area on its side of the border and began pumping water into the underground maze, collapsing the land.

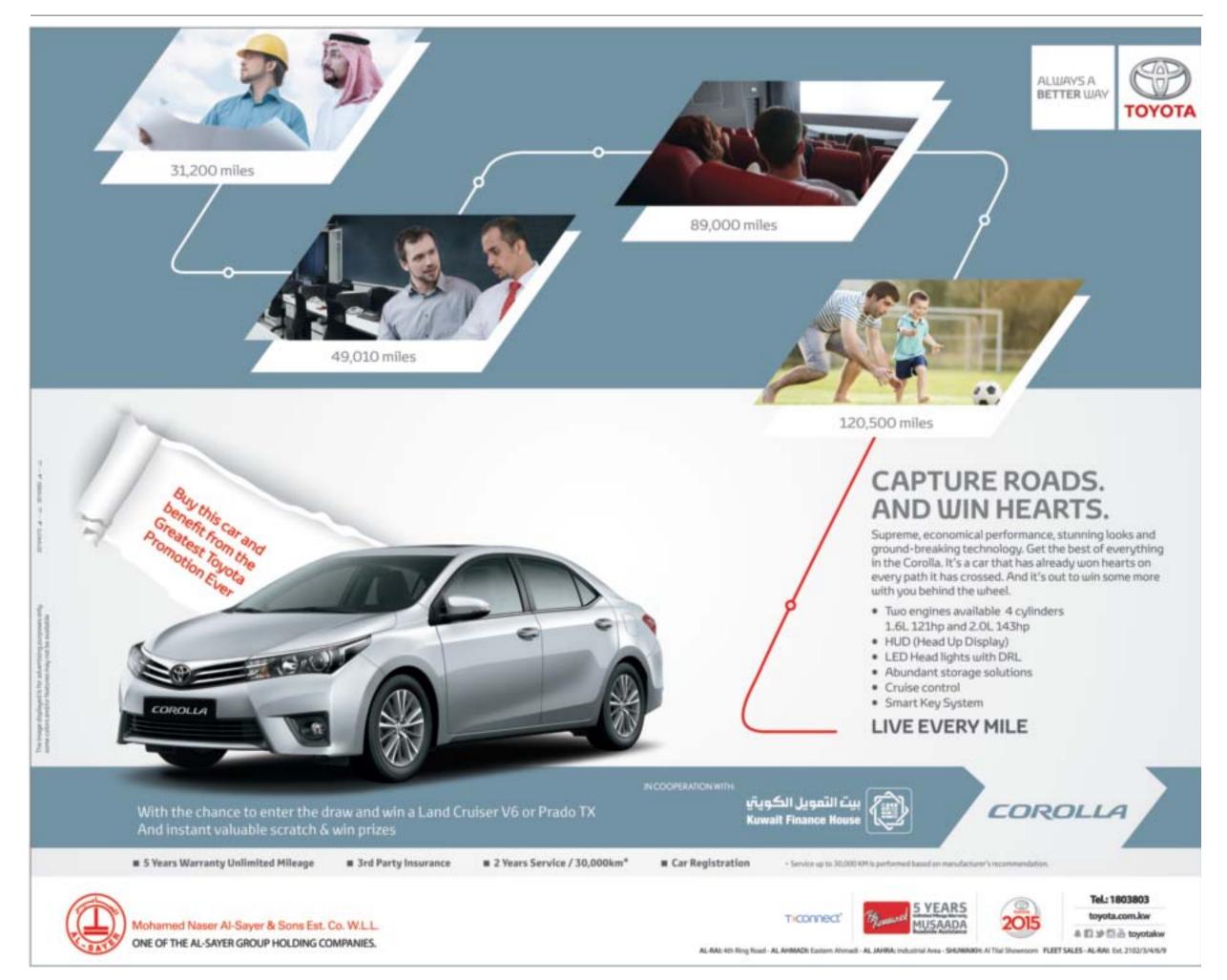
Tunnel-builders said Egypt has pumped in water several times since September, and that over the course of a few weeks had done more damage to the network, which once accounted for an estimated 30 percent of Gaza's imports, than Israeli bombing had caused over the past two decades. Now, the diggers said, fewer than 20 tunnels remain for commercial goods, with easy-to-smuggle cigarettes the main contraband. No one can, or will, say how many weapons tunnels remain - a secret that is guarded by Hamas and other armed groups, which last fought a war with Israel in 2014.

Muddy mess

What is left is an environmental mess, residents and local officials said, with the sea water polluting underground drinking reserves. The overflow has reached streets and homes within 100 meters of the border fence. Vast puddles and mud are everywhere. "One cubic meter of sea water pollutes 40 cubic meters of underground water," said Tamer Al-Sleibi, water department director in the Palestinian Environment Quality Authority in Gaza, who is concerned about longterm environmental damage. Egypt's campaign, he said, could weaken the foundations of homes already on shaky ground due to tunnel-building and make land unfit for agriculture in areas near the frontier.

There is also a health risk as the water turns stagnant, allowing mosquitoes and other disease carriers to breed. Rafah Mayor Subhy Rudwan said the six wells that serve the city of 230,000 are threatened with contamination. "We are monitoring the situation along the border closely and we have noticed some collapses of ground in some areas," he said. Last Friday, Rudwan said, Egyptian forces pumped in sea water from morning to night. "If they continue to do it, the lives and residence of people in the border area will be in danger, and they might be forced to quit their houses. We have appealed to Egypt to stop the flooding," he said.

Hamas leaders have rejected Cairo's allegations that it meddles in Egyptian affairs and that it has an armed presence outside Gaza. Representatives of the group have met Egyptian officials but failed to persuade them to turn off the taps. In the tunnel zone, workers now move mud out of the once busy hub that provided a lifeline for Gaza's inhabitants. The border crossing with Egypt has been largely closed by the Western-backed government in Cairo. One tunnel owner said it had cost him \$200,000 to build the structure, and the flooding had forced him to cut his workforce of 54 to only eight. "We bring in cigarettes for a few days a month and we spend the rest of the days clearing the mud," he said, asking not to be identified. — Reuters



FORCED MARRIAGES, TOO MANY BABIES QUASH HOPE FOR NIGER'S GIRLS

MARADI: Fifteen-year-old Ousseina's dream of becoming a nurse is already over. "For me, school's finished," said the frail teenager who sells eggs by a roadstop in the southern Niger town of Maradi. She, like so many other girls in this deeply poor west African state bordering the Sahara, has no choice but to wed very early. "My marriage?" she said, her little body shrouded in a sky-blue veil. "It will be after the harvest towards the end of November"seven months before she would have passed her school certificate, the key to further education and, with luck, a nursing career. The lot of women in Niger is among the worst, if not the worst, in the world thanks largely to a relentless tradition of early marriage, big families and having pregnancies in quick succession-fervently endorsed by the influential Muslim majority. Even efforts by the United Nations and rights groups to point out the ravagesnotably the damaged bodies of girls not ready to bear babies-have met with fierce resistance. Some clerics have condemned initiatives to hold off wedlock and promote contraception as "the devil's work brought by the West". Last year, several Muslim organizations even threatened to "block the path" of anyone who "tries to challenge marriages celebrated in our towns and villages" that are "considered by feminists as 'too early."

'Against their will' Even among the general populace reasons abound to ignore the "required" minimum age of 18 before a girl is wed. School is a frequent excuse-notably if the girl is not doing well in class. "Send your daughter to school and she's likely to come back with a baby instead of a diploma!" scoffed a Maradi moto-taxi driver named Balla Issa. Such thinking has stymied education-and chances-for Niger's women. According to UN figures, only four out of every 10 girls are enrolled in primary school and two out of 10 carry on to middle school. The percentage drops radically for high schoolonly three out of 100 girls make it that far. "Girls are married as young as 15 and at times to much older men, against their will," deplored Mintou Moctar, a midwife in Safo, a village south of Maradi

UN statistics on forced or arranged marriages are alarming: 30 percent of girls are married before 15 and 75 percent before 18, according to the UNICEF office in the capital Niamey. A separate, recent government enquiry found the same results. Economic reasons are also used to justify the custom in a nation prone to drought, food shortages and malnutrition and where 60 percent of the population lives below the poverty line, notably in the vast rural zones. Giving girls in marriage means one less mouth to feed. "Boys migrate, but girls are more vulnerable and risk getting mixed up in prostitution," argued farmer

Malam Ada, who has already married off two of his minor daughters.

'Delusional'

In some of the "most scandalous" cases girls "are promised" in marriage "even when they are still nursing", said an annoyed UN official. "It's delusional to treat early marriage as a panacea," argued Mamane Sani, a doctor in Gabou, a town in Maradi, the name of the region as well as its capital, where the problem is particularly acute. The uterus of young girls "is hardly ready to hold a baby" and pregnancy exposes them to the risk of obstetrical problems, notably fistula and damage to internal organs that leads to constant, debilitating incontinence, he said. The condition often leaves victims shunned or abandoned. It can lead to infection, even death, and while surgery exists to correct the damage, such an option is rare in poor areas. According to the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), 48 percent of married minors had fistula "before 19 years old". "And then they're chased away by their husbands and rejected by their entourage," said Saidou Issoufou, an official in Garin-Kouroum, another town in Maradi. The premature marriages have contributed to Niger's remarkably high birth rate which, at 7.6 children per woman, is one of the world's highest, according to UN figures. It goes hand in hand with another disturbing statistic-one of the world's highest maternal mortality



MADAROUNFA: Women with their children wait for a consultation in a health centre in Madarounfa. Armed only with a medical bag and her determination, nurse Salamatou Zahadi battles heat and fatigue to look after pregnant and nursing women in Maradi, one of Niger's poorest areas. —AFP

rates. UN agencies are the main drivers for change, with some government backing.

Films on the risks of underage marriage are shown in villages and UNICEF has trained volunteers to bring the message to more remote communities. Yet a decade of efforts has produced minimal results. Fatima Kako, the head of ONGAFEN, a group that joins 70 NGOs and women's associations in Niger, blames both "the lack of political will" and the "social, cultural and religious shackles" that "keep women passive about their own fate". "The fight to free women from this straightjacket will continue," she vowed. "We won't give up."Today "in Niger, a woman who simply talks on television is considered vulgar and irresponsible," she noted. But "this is far from discouraging us," she said. "We will carry on the fight... and hope for more noteworthy changes in the coming years."—AFP

MAFIA TRIAL PUTS THE BLACK SOUL OF ITALY IN THE DOCK

ROME: The alleged ringleaders of Italy's newest mafia go on trial today in a landmark case set to highlight systemic corruption in Rome and serve as a litmus test of the country's battle against organized crime. Massimo Carminati, a one-eyed gangster with a history of far-right links, stands accused with more than 40 alleged accomplices of operating a network that stole millions of euros from the city of Rome. The racketeering contributed to the crumbling state of the capital's infrastructure, strained its public services and helped bring down its mayor.

Among those brought to trial are local politicians, businessmen and city officials. All are allegedly implicated in rigging tenders and other schemes designed to siphon off cash destined for public services ranging from rubbish collection to the reception of newly arrived refugees. Hundreds more, including former mayor Gianni Alemanno, have been investigated in a case dubbed "Mafia Capitale" by prosecutors in charge of the biggest anti-corruption operation Italy has seen since the "clean hands" campaign of the early 1990s led to half the country's lawmakers being indicted for taking bribes.

John Dickie, a British mafia historian and professor of Italian Studies at University College, London, said the case represented a significant precedent in the application of custom-made legislation that has been used effectively to combat the traditional mafias of southern Italy to a new organization. "It is a very important case," he said. "If the prosecution case stands up, it will be a sign Italy is able to prosecute new mafias that emerge," he said. "Of course there are always two ways of looking at it. On the one hand, Mafia Capitale is a sign of the state doing its job, but at the same time it is also profoundly worrying in what it says about the nature of political power in Italy."



BEIRUT: Syrian refugee boy Mohammed Assaf, 9, jumps from a swing as he plays under cloudy skies at the public beach of Ramlet Al Bayda in Beirut yesterday. A thick sandstorm cloaked the Middle East yesterday, clouding skies across the region. —AP

News

In brief

Headscarf-wearing female judge conducts first trial

ISTANBUL: A female judge wearing an Islamic headscarf has conducted a trial in Turkey for the first time in the history of the Muslim but secular state, media reports said yesterday. A picture of a young, black-robed judge wearing a dark-colored headscarf in an Istanbul courtroom has been widely shared on social media, with some Twitter users denouncing it as "the declaration of Islamic sharia law". The judge was not identified and the details of the case she was hearing were not known. Turkey's Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors (HSYK) had lifted the ban on female judges and prosecutors wearing the Islamic headscarf just ahead of the June parliamentary election. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's Islamic-rooted Justice and Development Party (AKP) has long been accused of seeking to force Islamic values on society. Over the past two years, the government has lifted bans on women and girls wearing headscarves in schools and state institutions, moves denounced by opponents as undermining the basis of Turkey's secular state.

Uganda approves Mbabazi and Museveni for election

KAMPALA: Uganda's veteran leader Yoweri Museveni, in power for 29 years, has been approved by the electoral commission to run for office next year along with opposition challengers Amama Mbabazi and Kizza Besigye. The commission's formal nominations this week kickstart campaigning ahead of polls slated for February 2016, the third decade in power for Museveni, who has led the east African nation since 1986. Opposition leaders have said they will field a joint candidate, expected to be either Besigye, leader of the Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) party and a three-time challenger, or ex-prime minister Mbabazi. In September, efforts to select the candidate for The Democratic Alliance (TDA) coalition collapsed when Besigye and Mbabazi failed to agree on who would be the leader. However, last week they agreed again to field a joint candidate. Nevertheless, Museveni and the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM) are widely expected to return to power.

Hearings in prison

After an opening day in Rome's Palace of Justice, the trial will move to the city's Rebibbia prison, where it is expected to continue at a rate of four hearings per week until next July. The extent of the criminal infiltration of Rome's City Hall came to light in December 2014, when police arrested Carminati and 36 other suspects in a surprise swoop. Wire-tap evidence leaked to the media included Carminati's alleged right-hand man, Salvatore Buzzi, boasting that skimming cash intended to feed and accommodate asylum-seekers from Africa and the Middle East was more lucrative than drug dealing. Such revelations have severely damaged the image of the Italian capital.

Raffaele Cantone, head of the National Anti-Corruption Authority, observed recently that Milan has "become the country's moral capital, while Rome has shown itself not to have the necessary antibodies" to stop organized crime. They have also inflamed public anger over the state of Rome's potholed and litter-strewn streets and its failing public transport system. These factors were widely seen as having contributed to the city's centre-left mayor, Ignazio Marino, being forced to resign last month. Marino was not suspected of any personal involvement in Mafia Capitale-related wrongdoing. But he was unable to escape the fallout, with some commentators suggesting his determination to clean up the way the City does its business created a clash with vested interests that led to his downfall over a minor expenses scandal.

Carminati, who is being held in a high-security prison in northern Italy and will not attend the opening hearing for security reasons, has been described by local media as "the black soul" of Rome's underworld. He was given a 10-year prison term in 1998 for membership of an infamous criminal gang, the Magliana crew, which wielded enormous influence in Rome in the 1970s and 1980s. Now 57, he is also a former member of the Nuclei Armati Rivoluzionari (Armed Revolutionary Nuclei), a far-right group that was involved in the 1980 bombing of Bologna railway station which left 85 people dead. He lost his left eye in a 1981 shoot-out with police.— AFP

LEBANON PARLIAMENT SPEAKER CALLS FIRST SESSION IN MONTHS

WITH NO ELECTIONS, PARLIAMENT EXTEND OWN TERM UNTIL 2017

BEIRUT: Lebanon's parliament speaker yesterday called parliament to convene next week in the first attempt for months to bring deeply divided politicians together to pass laws vital to keeping the paralyzed state afloat. Lebanese politicians, bitterly divided by their own rivalries and wider conflict in the region, have been unable to take even basic decisions, including where to dump the country's rubbish. The paralysis of government was laid bare again in recent days when the government failed to pay the army on time.

"The resumption of legislative work has become more than a necessity for the country," parliament speaker Nabih Berri said in a statement, calling the session for next Thursday and Friday. It was not immediately clear whether enough MPs would attend the session to secure a quorum. Lebanon's main political blocs have been unable to agree an agenda for a legislative session, obstructing previous efforts to convene the chamber. One of the rare occasions parliament met was a year ago, when it extended its own term until 2017, after legislative elections were postponed for a second time.

"There is an agreement in principle on attendance of the session to pass important laws, otherwise the country will be in danger. We cannot continue in the country in this way - no government sessions, no legislative sessions, complete paralysis in the institutions of state," a politician close to Berri told Reuters. Berri's statement did not say which laws would be on the agenda. The governor of Lebanon's central bank, widely seen as one of the only functioning institutions of state, told Reuters on Tuesday it was essential parliament convene to pass laws for development loans, debt issuance, and banks. World Bank loans approved for Lebanon will be cancelled unless approved by parliament before the end of the year, risking more pain for an economy already hit by the deadlock.

Interior Minister Nohad Machnouk, a political opponent of Berri and his allies including the Shiite party Hezbollah, echoed the urgent need for a legislative session in comments to al-Akhbar newspaper, saying a set of financial laws needed to be approved. "For the first time in 22 years, there is a serious threat to the Lebanese pound if Lebanon delays approving the laws before the end of the year," said Machnouk, a member of the Future Movement led by Sunni politician Saad Al-Hariri.

Parliament has also failed to elect a new head of state in the absence of

consensus on who should fill the position that fell vacant when Michel Suleiman's term expired 17 months ago. Berri has called 30 sessions to elect a new president. The unity government headed by Prime Minister Tammam Salam is also barely functioning. It includes Hezbollah, which is backed by Iran, and Hariri's Future Movement, backed by Saudi Arabia. The picture is further complicated by deep rivalries between Christian leaders allied to Hezbollah and the Future Movement.

Illustrating the policymaking paralysis, the finance minister had to take an exceptional legal measure on Monday to pay soldiers whose salaries were late. He warned that government must meet to agree future transfers - indicating the problem could recur unless cabinet convenes. The army, which recruits from across Lebanon's sectarian communities, has been the guarantor of civil peace in the country since the end of its 1975-90 civil war. Meanwhile, the government has also failed to find a solution to the trash crisis that allowed refuse to pile up in the streets of Beirut this summer. The search for a new dump has been complicated by resistance from local communities, with politicians rejecting a number of proposed sites. — Reuters



TEHRAN: Iranians burn a US flag outside the former US embassy in the Iranian capital Tehran yesterday, during a demonstration marking the anniversary of its storming by student protesters that triggered a hostage crisis in 1979. — AFP

Flag-burning Iranians mark American embassy seizure

TEHRAN: Chanting "Death to America" and burning the US flag, thousands of Iranians joined protests yesterday marking the 36th anniversary of the seizure of Washington's embassy in Tehran. The outpouring of anti-US sentiment came despite a landmark nuclear deal between Iran and major powers including Washington in July. The storming of the embassy by students, months after the Islamic revolution, led to a 444-day hostage crisis and a break in diplomatic relations that continues to this day. Demonstrators gathered outside the former US embassy in Tehran and across Iran for what was declared 'national day of the fight against global arrogance" a term often used by supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Protesters held placards with slogans including "Down with USA" and "Down with Israel". Prosecutor General Ebrahim Raisi gave a fiery speech attacking US "atrocities" ranging from slavery, the treatment of Native Americans, phone tapping and "the killing of 300,000 Iraqis". "A day will come when they will have to answer in court for their atrocities," he said. On Monday, a majority of Iranian legislators said the Islamic republic would not drop the "Death to America" slogan despite the nuclear accord.

ISLAMIC STATE AFFILIATE INSISTS IT BROUGHT DOWN RUSSIAN PLANE



HASSANA: Egyptian Military experts examine a piece of an engine at the wreckage of a passenger jet bound for St Petersburg in Russia that crashed in Hassana, Egypt on Sunday, Nov 1, 2015. — AP

CAIRO: Islamic State's Egyptian affiliate dismissed in an audio message yesterday doubts that it had downed a Russian passenger plane over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, killing all aboard, and said it would tell the world how did so in its own time. The Russian-operated Airbus A321M crashed on Saturday shortly after taking off from the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh on its way to St Petersburg, killing all 224 people on board. Sinai Province, an Egyptian group loyal to Islamic State, said in a statement the same day that it had brought down the airliner "in response to Russian airstrikes that killed hundreds of Muslims on Syrian land".

The claim was dismissed by

Russian and Egyptian officials. Security experts and investigators have said the plane is unlikely to have been struck from the outside and Sinai-based militants are not believed to possess the technology to shoot down a jet from a cruising altitude above 30,000 feet. Russian officials have, however, said the plane probably broke up in the air, leaving open the prospect of some kind of explosion on board. In an audio message posted on a Twitter account used by the group, Islamic State's Egyptian affiliate insisted it was behind the crash. The claim could not immediately be authenticated.

"We say to the deniers and the doubters: Die from your frustration. We, with God's grace, are the ones who brought it down, and we are not obliged to disclose the mechanism of its demise," the speaker said. "So go to the wreckage, search, bring your black boxes and analyze, give us the summary of your research and the product of your expertise and prove that we did not bring it down or how it came down," he said in Arabic. "We will disclose the mechanism of its demise at the time that we want and in the way that we want." Russia, an ally of Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad, launched air raids against opposition groups in Syria including Islamic State on Sept 30. The hardline group has called for war against both Russia and the United States in response to their air strikes in Syria.— Reuters

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MONEY, PATRIOTISM DRIVE RUSSIANS TO JOIN SYRIA MISSION

father left his home in Crimea's Black Sea port of Sevastopol in September, he just said he would be going to "the Mediterranean Sea". But the family soon realized the true purpose of his mission-Russia's military operation in Syria. "They sent a bunch of ships from Sevastopol and everyone they could find to make up the crews," said Oxana, who agreed to speak to AFP on condition her family name not be published to protect her father.

Before he left, Oxana's father-a retired navy officer-was working on a vessel providing logistic support for Russia's Black Sea fleet. While he is not saying much during phone calls home about his latest mission or how long he will be away, she is convinced that he is now onboard a ship backing up

SEVASTOPOL: When Oxana's sailor Moscow's intervention in Syria. "My father knows when he will be back but he is not saying, he can't," Oxana said. "It was thought that it would be a few months but it's already clear that this would go until the New Year and may last longer," she said. "He calls from a satellite phone, tells us nothing, all their conversations are recorded."

Oxana said she was not worried for her father's safety as he was not planning to go on shore but felt indignant, accusing the authorities of exploiting his sense of patriotism. "My mom said recently that his latest salary had been transferred to his account-less than 10,000 rubles (\$156)." "They are using them any way they want and he thinks he needs to be there for the sake of Russia, out of a sense of patriotism." On September 30, Russia launched a

needed to target Islamic State jihadists, but the West has accused Moscow of seeking to prop up the regime of Bashar Al-Assad and hitting moderate rebels. Moscow has not publicly put a timeframe on its campaign in Syria.

Secret Soviet-era Syria mission

There is one other reason why Oxana believes her father was sent to help the mission in Syria-she suspects he was already sent there back in the 1980s as part of a secret Soviet deployment. "Those who remember our first Syrian campaign, from the Soviet era, are especially in demand," she said. After Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982 and chased Syrian troops from Beirut, the Soviet Union sent several thousand troops to prop up Damascus. The 1983

bombing campaign in Syria, saying it intervention-dubbed Caucasus-2 military drills-was shrouded in secrecy and set in motion after Syrian leader Hafez al-Assad, the father of Bashar Al-Assad, came to Russia for talks with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

The young woman said she believes her father was on a mission in Syria in the 1980s-"before I was born"-although he never directly confirmed this. Another Sevastopol-based source, who knows some of those who served in Syria in the 1980s, said they are still reluctant to talk about the Soviet-era mission. "Many did not even tell their families what they got their awards for," she told AFP on condition her first and last names not be published because she was not authorized to speak on the matter.

cize their role in the current intervention, she said, estimating that more than 1,000 people have been sent to Syria from Sevastopol including marines. The source, whose son used to serve in the army, said the servicemen had been promised in August that they would be rotated. "Three months there, two months

vicemen are equally reluctant to publi-

at home," she said. "They were told that they would now be going to Syria regularly. Those who believe that their families will not survive so much time apart are beginning to quietly resign." Those who left town in August have not spoken to their families since, she said. "There is practically no communication with them. Relatives are hoping that everything is okay with them."—AFP



ATHENS: In this photo released by Greek Prime Minister's office yesterday, Greece's Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras (center), the President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz (center right), Foreign Minister of Luxembourg Jean Asselborn (second right) and European Commissioner for Migration Home Affairs Dimitris Avramopoulos (centre left) pose with refugees at the Athens International airport. — AP

FIRST REFUGEES LEAVE GREECE AS EU PLAN GETS UNDER WAY

ATHENS: The first refugees left Greece yesterday under the second phase of a troubled European Union relocation plan as the number of people entering Europe illegally reached 800,000. And Sweden-a top destination for many asylum-seekers-asked for EU help to relocate some of the migrants it has taken in as it struggles with record numbers of new arrivals. Thirty refugees were given a VIP sendoff from Athens airport before flying to Luxembourg where they will begin a new life. They are the first to be relocated from Greece under plans, fiercely contested by some states, to share out nearly 160,000 migrants whose arrival has left frontline states swamped. At the airport, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said the six Syrian and Iraqi families were making "a trip to hope." "Today they have the opportunity to make ... a better life," he said, flanked by Luxembourg Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn, EU migration commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos and European Parliament chief Martin Schulz. "It's a drop in the ocean, but we hope the drop will become a stream and then a river of humanity." His remarks came after Fabrice Leggeri, head of the EU's Frontex border agency said 800,000 people had entered the EU illegally this year, telling Germany's Bild newspaper the influx had probably not "reached its peak". The need for a solution to Europe's worst migration crisis since World War II is becoming increasingly urgent, with at least 80 people-many of them children-dying in the last week while trying to cross the sea from Turkey to Greece. "The human sacrifice that shames European civilisation must stop," said Tsipras, whose country saw more than 200,000 people reaching its shores last month alone, UN figures show.

EU help to relocate some of the refugees it had taken in.

"Sweden has taken a disproportionately large responsibility in comparison with other countries in the EU, and now we are extremely strained," he said in a statement. "It is time that other countries take responsibility and that is why the government requires redistribution of refugees from Sweden." Sweden, a country of 9.8 million, is expecting to receive up to 190,000 asylum seekers this yearputting it among the EU states with the highest proportion of refugees per capita.

The EU proposal would have seen 54,000 migrants and refugees relocated from Hungary, but Budapest rejected the scheme out of hand-and Sweden is reportedly keen to take advantage of the offer for some of its own refugees. As the crisis bites, several European countries have closed their borders, with Austria becoming the latest country to propose tightening its asylum rules. Lawmakers have tabled a bill proposing that anyone granted asylum would be reassessed after three years and sent back home if their country of origin was deemed safe. EU members have also stepped up action against people smugglers, with German police raiding three states yesterday and arresting the network's suspected mastermind. And in France, a young French fishermen was among eight people arrested on suspicion of helping migrants cross the Channel to Britain aboard a high-speed inflatable boat.

ROMANIAN PM QUITS AMID SLEAZE SCANDAL, NIGHTCLUB BLAZE FALLOUT 20,000 people protest in Bucharest

The new generation of Russian ser-

BUCHAREST: Romania's embattled Prime Minister Victor Ponta, mired in a corruption scandal, resigned yesterday following a deadly nightclub blaze, a day after more than 20,000 people rallied in Bucharest to demand he step down.

The 43-year-old announced his resignation on television, saying it was right that top officials took responsibility for Friday's tragedy at the Colectiv disco in Bucharest, which left 32 dead and nearly 200 injured of whom many remain in critical condition. Ponta, Romania's premier since 2012, had faced weeks of intense pressure to quit after going on trial in September facing charges of fraud, tax evasion and money laundering. "I am stepping down as prime minister," he said. "I hope the government's resignation will satisfy the people who came out in the streets. "I have to acknowledge the legitimate anger of the people." Demonstrators massed on Tuesday evening in Bucharest's Victory Square, the seat of government, calling for Ponta's resignation and that of his interior minister, Gabriel Oprea. The marchers chanted "Ponta resign" and "Killers", and some waved the national flag with holes in it-a symbol of the popular revolution 25 years ago that toppled the dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. "This tragedy touched the nation's most sensitive nerve," President Klaus Iohannis said. "Romanians' indignation has turned into a real revolt." He regretted that "people had to die for the government to step down."

After the resignation announcement Ponta and his Social Democrat party met their coalition partners and nominated Defense Minister Mircea Dusa as interim premier. The conservative lohannis must now start talks with political parties on the formation of a new government, though his own National Liberal Party-in opposition in parliament-called for early elections.

Analyst Ciprian Ciucu of the Romanian Centre for European Policies said the cumulative pressure of the graft scandal and anger over the nightclub disaster had become too much for Ponta to bear. Unless he stepped aside, "the protests would have gone on, which would have further damaged his party," Ciucu told AFP. "Ponta was looking for a way out, his government was coming to its end."



BUCHAREST: In this June 9, 2015 file photo, Romanian Prime Minister Victor Ponta adjusts his collar during a meeting with foreign media at the government headquarters. — AP

Rugina, who went repeatedly into the burning club to rescue trapped revelers, only to die themselves. Witnesses said a fireworks display triggered the blaze at the Colectiv, which was located in a former shoe factory. The inferno sparked a deadly stampede.

Three of the nightclub's bosses were arrested on Monday on suspicion of manslaughter over the fire, which officials and witnesses have blamed on a failure to observe safety regulations. The venue did not have the required authorisation to hold concerts or to stage ovrotechnic displays, the secretary of state at the interior ministry, Raed Arafat, has said. The tragedy shocked Romania and prompted Iohannis-Ponta's bitter political rival-to call for fundamental change in a society riven by corruption. "We should no longer tolerate government incompetence, institutional inefficiency, and we cannot let corruption spread to the point that it kills people," he said on Sunday. Prosecutors accuse Ponta of receiving the equivalent of 55,000 euros (\$63,000) from Dan Sova, a political ally and member of parliament

suspected by prosecutors of abuse of power but who enjoys immunity. Ponta stepped down as head of the Social Democrat party in July, but survived a no-confidence vote in parliament in September shortly after his trial started. Another preliminary hearing is due on Friday.

The charges date back to 2007-11, when Ponta-the first Romanian head of government to stand trial while still in office-was working as a lawyer. Prosecutors also suspect Ponta of conflict of interest during his time as premier, but that probe was stymied when parliament refused to lift his immunity from prosecution. Ponta's party holds a comfortable majority in the chamber. Dozens of former politicians and judges have been swept up in investigations launched by the anti-corruption agency in one of Europe's poorest and most graft-plagued countries. Yesterday's drama comes as Romania hosted a summit of Central and Eastern European leaders which is expected to ask for greater NATO involvement in the region, rattled by the conflict in nearby Ukraine. — AFP

EU rift

The relocation scheme was got under way in Italy on October 9 after a bitter debate that split the 28-nation bloc along east-west lines, dividing older EU members from former Soviet bloc nations. In Stockholm, Sweden's Prime Minister Stefan Lofven said he wanted

Turkey's role

The crisis has also put the spotlight on Turkey, the gateway for hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing war-torn Syria and Iraq. Tsipras yesterday said he would visit Turkey to discuss "more substantial cooperation" over the refugee crisis. He also said Turkey should play a more active role in registering those on its soil. The EU last month announced a refugee cooperation deal with Turkey including a possible three billion euros (\$3.3 billion) in aid, but Ankara has since played down expectations. —AFP

BUSH APOLOGIZES FOR 'FRENCH WORK WEEK'

WASHINGTON: Republican presidential hopeful Jeb Bush has informally apologized to France for accusing a rival of only showing up for "a French work week." Speaking Tuesday to reporters while campaigning in the state of New Hampshire, Bush said that it was wrong to criticize the French when attempting to make an issue of Republican rival Marco Rubio's poor Senate voting record.

"I made the mistake of saying that the Congress operates on a French work week," Bush said, according to Time magazine. "I really did a disservice to the French," he added. "I now know that the average French work week is actually greater than the German work week," Bush said.

"So, my God, I totally insulted an entire country-our first ally-that helped us become free as a nation! And I apologize. That did a huge disservice to France. It didn't really get to the magnitude of the problem: Three-day work week." France played a key role in the US war of independence in the 18th century.

Florida Senator Rubio-who like Bush hopes to steal the lead from current frontrunners Ben Carson and Donald Trump-has come under fire for the perception he has neglected his duties as he focuses on 2016. In a heated exchange during the October 28 Republican debate, Bush verbally slapped Rubio over his attendance record.

"Literally, the Senate, is it a French work week?" Bush asked. "Just resign and let somebody else take the job. There are a lot of people who are living paycheck to paycheck in Florida." Many see Rubio as the most serious establishment challenger beyond Bush to face Carson or Trump, neither of whom have held elected office.

Rubio responded by saying that many White House hopefuls had missed Senate votes as they focused on the presidential race. The day after the debate, the French ambassador to the United States, Gerard Araud, wrote on Twitter: "In any country, electoral campaigns offer the opportunity for a lot of bombastic nonsense. Let's be indulgent." He added: "A French work week of three days? No but a pregnancy paid leave of 16 weeks yes! And proud of it." Bush was Florida governor from 1999 to 2007. He is the brother of former president George W. Bush (2001-2009), and the son of former president George H.W. Bush (1989-1993). — AFP

Heroism, bitterness

The toll from the nightclub fire would have been worse but for the heroism of two men, physicist Claudiu Petre and drummer Adrian

BEN CARSON 2016: UNLIKELY US FRONTRUNNER IN MODERN ERA

WASHINGTON: Humble but controversial, politically inexperienced yet deeply popular, retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson is a campaign contradiction, albeit one who just surpassed Donald Trump as frontrunner in the 2016 Republican presidential battle.

Recent major national polls have Carson edging ahead of his fellow political outsider, a noteworthy trend in a primary campaign season in which voters are venting their frustrations with Washington and anger with establishment politicians who they see as failing to change the status quo. Both men are clearly capitalizing on that sentiment. But while Trump is brash, direct and combative, Carson is thoughtful and reserved, an anti-Trump preaching tolerance and compromise, a work in progress who admits he is on a steep learning curve as he seeks the most powerful job in the world.

That does not stop the doctor from unleashing blunt rhetoric which has sent him careening into trouble, like his many references to Nazi Germany, including his suggestion last month that Jews would have fared better in the Holocaust if they had been armed. Or in 2013, when he said President Barack Obama's health care law was "the worst thing that has happened in this nation since slaverv."

Or this September, when he said "I would not advocate that we put a Muslim in charge of this nation." Carson is the least combative of the 14candidate Republican field, as evidenced during their party's three debate, in which he often struggled to stand out but delivered a calm, evenkeeled performance that is rapidly becoming his trademark.

Ahead of Trump

His standing in the race has been one of the main surprises of the election cycle, surging into second in the polls, nipping for weeks at Trump's heels before edging ahead. Yesterday the RealClearPolitics poll average placed him out front for the first time, with 25.3 percent support, one point ahead of Trump and 14 points ahead of

Senator Marco Rubio.

Carson has been criticized for lacking a consistent message. He has been obtuse in explaining his position on key issues, including abortion and guns, a sign of what he himself calls his "political inexperience," according to Yahoo News, in an age of increasing discipline among presidential candidates.

The 64-year-old is the only African-American in the presidential race, and like billionaire Trump he is praised by supporters for his authenticity.



FLORIDA: Presidential candidate Ben Carson, MD, smiles and shakes hands with local residents during his book signing event in Lake Sumter Landing. — AP

Carson's history is the epitome of the American dream. He grew up poor in Detroit and Boston, raised by an illiterate mother who married at age 13 but left her bigamist husband.

At 14, Carson tried to stab a classmate, but the boy's metal belt buckle stopped the blade. The incident leaves audiences speechless when Carson tells it at conservative gatherings, an opportunity for him to show how faith and family values helped a drifting teenager escape pover-

ty's grip and find the internal strength to realize his dream of becoming a doctor.

"That was the last day I had an angry outburst," the Seventh Day Adventist said this year. Carson grew into a model student, earning a scholarship to Yale University and attending University of Michigan medical school. At 33, he became the director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University, earning global acclaim in 1987 by performing the first successful separation of twins conjoined at the head.

'Saving the nation'

Carson has authored six books, from the spiritual to the motivational and, in 2014, a best-selling guide to problem-solving in US political discourse. He retired in 2013 to hit the conservative talk circuit. On stage, his affable delivery is punctuated with anecdotes, jokes, life stories and passages from the Bible. He routinely promotes compassion and a return to individual responsibility a value that led him to denounce the welfare state, which he has warned only traps people in poverty. "If we continually keep people in a dependent position, then they're soon going to lose the drive that is necessary to achieve in our society," he told conservatives in 2013.

Carson increasingly has grown "politically incorrect," rallying his supporters who appreciate the straight talk but leaving many shocked by his statements, including on homosexuality. Shortly before declaring his candidacy, he said being gay was a choice. "A lot of people who go into prison straight and when they come out they're gay, so did something happen while they were in there?" he told CNN.

His surge in polls is thanks largely to success with the evangelical Christian base, particularly in lowa, the state that votes first in the primary process. Like Trump, Carson has taken advantage of the anti-establishment wave sweeping the Republican race. This summer in Iowa he reminded conservatives why it was so important that he is "not a politician." "They want to get re-elected," he said, "and I want to save our nation." — AFP

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SECULAR BANGLADESH PUBLISHER DEFIANT AFTER MACHETE ATTACK

DHAKA: The secular Bangladeshi publisher who survived a horrific weekend attack at the hands of suspected Islamist extremists has vowed to continue his work, and says the country needs to do more to promote free speech. Ahmedur Rashid Tutul was chatting with two writers in the office of his publishing firm in Dhaka on Saturday, when a group of young men wielding machetes and meat cleavers stormed the building.

"Before we could realize what was happening they started hacking us indiscriminately," the 43-year-old said from his heavily guarded hospital bed. His attackers, one of whom had visited the firm earlier posing as a book buyer, left the three victims lying in a pool of blood as they left, padlocking the door from the outside. The victims eventually managed to call the police. Looking tired and with a deep gash on his face, Tutul said the brutal violence had only left him "more determined" to publish controversial books in the face of rising extremism. "Once I recover, I will continue my work," he said, visibly struggling with the pain, as more than a dozen armed policemen stood guard outside his room in the capital. Tutul, whose firm Shuddhaswar specializes in publishing young, liberal authors, is well aware of the intensifying dangers of his profession. On the same day as the savage attack, his friend Faisal Arefin Dipan, also a secular publisher, was murdered at his office in the Bangladeshi capital.

It follows a wave of violence against secular and atheist writers at the hands of Islamist militants this year that have left at least four bloggers dead. Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) claimed responsibility for the attacks and several previous killings, calling the victims "atheists and blasphemers". Tensions were already running high in the mainly Muslim, officially secular nation following the murders of an Italian aid worker and a Japanese farmer last month-attacks claimed by the Islamic State group. Police have rejected these claims of responsibility, saying they suspect a banned local Islamist group was likely responsible.

'Failed education'

The latest attacks have outraged Bangladesh's secular activists, with Dipan's murder sparking nationwide demonstrations Tuesday from a "free thinkers" organization representing teachers and writers. Publishers also staged a strike to protest against the government's failure to halt the attacks, burning books and shuttering thousands of bookshops across the country. Both Dipan and Tutul had put out books by Avijit Roy, an American atheist writer of Bangladeshi origin who was hacked to death near a book fair in February. Tutul, who had published a book on homosexuality by Roy, the most prominent of the murdered bloggers, says he took "precautions" after the killing. "I don't consider my work as my business only, but it is also how I contribute to foster free thinking here," he said.

Tutul said he blames Bangladesh's "failed" education system for the rise of Islamist militants. "We've failed. We've failed to teach our younger generation the need and power of free thoughts. But (militants) have successfully preached their agenda." Although no one has been arrested for the attacks yet, the secular government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina pointed the finger at the Islamist-allied opposition, saying the killings were aimed at destabilizing the country.

'No justice'

The father of murdered publisher Dipan blamed the nation's deeply polarized politics for the death of his son. Abul Kashem Fazlul Haq, himself a noted intellectual, told reporters on Saturday there was "no point" in seeking justice until the rift between pro-Islamist and secular parties was healed. Tutul echoed Haq's sentiment. "To whom would I seek justice? (Blogger) Avijit was killed in front of the law enforcers. Did that help? No," he said. Tutul's two compatriots-secular blogger and writer Ranadipam Basu and poet Tareq Rahim are being kept by in nearby hospital cabins, also guarded by armed policemen. —AFP



YANGON: In this photograph taken on November 3, 2015, a large portrait of Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi decorates a campaign van of the National League for Democracy (NLD). —AFP

MYANMAR VOTERS HOPE FOR CHANGE AS ELECTION LOOMS

YANGON: When hundreds of election observers fan out across Myanmar for Sunday's landmark poll, their boss Ko Sai will be relishing a very personal milestone-his first chance to vote in a ballot that could reshape the political landscape after decades of military dominance.

Ko Sai, whose full name is Sai Ye Kyaw Swar Myint, is in charge of a network of 2,000 domestic observers monitoring the election, which pits Aung San Suu Kyi's opposition against the army-backed ruling party. But as with many people of his generation, the 38-year-old has never marked a ballot paper.

"I haven't had the experience inside a polling station properly yet. It is crazy," he told AFP in the bustling Yangon command centre for his People's Alliance for mass uprisings against military rule in 1988 that were brutally crushed by the army. "We were under such pressure at that time," she told AFP, wearing a traditional dress in the vibrant red of the NLD. Arrested in 2002 for supporting Suu Kyi, she spent four months in jail, largely in Yangon's notorious Insein prison.

"There were no human rights. We barely even ate and the curry they gave us smelled like cockroach droppings," she said. But the grandmother said she was "never afraid because I did nothing wrong." In her eyes, Suu Kyi, who was unable to see her children or dying husband during 15 years of house arrest under the junta, is a "hero" for her personal sacrifice. Sunday's poll is a key shot at changing the system and Myint Myint San is confident the electorate will seize the moment after years of struggle and hardship. "I don't want this to happen to the next generation," she said.

AFGHANS SWELL MIGRANT TIDE AS THEY FLEE WAR, UNEMPLOYMENT

'EVERY DAY THERE IS ANOTHER SUICIDE ATTACK'

KABUL: As a recent high school graduate from a middle-class Kabul family, Mohammed Fahim Aazar has the means to go to college and pursue a profession in Afghanistan, but instead he's acquired a \$5,600 visa and a plane ticket to Turkey, where he will embark on the migrant trail to Europe. The 19-year-old said he has had enough of his country's neverending wars and dismal job prospects. "Every day there is another suicide attack, and when a person leaves his house he cannot be sure he will make it back alive."

Bound for far-off Finland, he's joining the largest wave of global migrants and refugees since World War II, hundreds of thousands of people seeking a better life in Europe. Afghans make up the second largest nationality - after Syrians - arriving on Europe's shores, accounting for nearly a fifth of total arrivals, according to the UN. Their flight is driven by despair in a country that remains mired in war and poverty despite a 14-year US-led intervention and billions of dollars in international aid. And their ranks include middle and upper-class Afghans with skills needed to rebuild the war-torn country.

'Change the future'

"Even those who are working or studying are not sure they will be able to change the future of Afghanistan - it is not possible," Aazar said. "Everyone has lost hope and trust in this country and that is why they leave." He calls his own decision to depart a "matter of life or death." He paid for the visa and plane ticket by using a parcel of land as collateral for a loan. He plans to meet up with friends who will help him with the trip to northern Europe. In the years after the 2001 invasion that toppled the Taleban, more than 5.8 million Afghans returned home, but the rate of return slowed five years ago, according to the UN refugee agency, as the insurgents regrouped and reconstruction stalled. Over the past two years, as the US and NATO withdrew most of their forces and the Taleban advanced, aid and investment dried up, leaving few opportunities even for educated Afghans. Unemployment hovers at 24 percent, according to the Ministry of Work and Social Affairs, as oncepromising industries like mining have been crippled by the unrest and lack of investment. An estimated

120,000 Afghans have left so far this year, according to Hossain Alemi Balkhi, the minister for refugees and repatriation. He expects that number to reach 160,000 by the end of the year, four times the number who departed in 2013.

Among them are educated Afghans who had fled previous bouts of violence but returned when things appeared more hopeful. Mohsen Hossaini, an artist and performer, fled war with his family as a child, but came back after the fall of the Taleban in 2001. He welcomed the election last year of President Ashraf

police shut down the surrounding roads. "I was in Iran for 20 years and I blamed my parents for not providing a better life for us," he said. "Now that I am a father I realize this is not a good place for my children."

Balkhi, the minister for refugees, says ominous news from the frontlines in recent months may have hastened people's decision to leave. The Taleban briefly seized the northern city of Kunduz in September in their biggest foray into an urban area since 2001, and militants loyal to the Islamic State have a growing presence in the east, where they have waged turf atively safe city of Herat in the country's far west, where he sang in a rock band called The Ants.

"We sang songs that were very anti-government, anti-Taleban, antiwarlords," he said during a brief return to Kabul to produce a CD of songs about the migrant experience. "Even though the threats were a problem for me, I could have found a way to live with them, but frankly it was not right that my daughter should be threatened, too," Mosadeq said. "Now, in Germany, she is having the childhood that I never had."

With a visa that allows him to live



Credible Elections (PACE). He was too young to vote in 1990, when Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) won a nationwide vote by a landslide. The generals ignored that result, embarking on a wave of repression that saw thousands of critics locked up and cast a shadow over a generation.

The next election was held in 2010, yet despite the 20-year wait Sai Ye Kyaw Swar Myint opted not to vote in polls boycotted by the NLD and seen as unfair. Those flawed polls ushered in the current quasi-civilian government that has set the country on the path to reform. With a history of disenfranchisement, he believes Sunday's vote will be a gamechanger for Myanmar's long-repressed people, explaining his belief that the "experience is much more valuable than the outcome". "The election result might not bring the country democracy, but I think having the opportunity to be involved, that empowers the people," he said.

'Never afraid'

As election day edges nearer, anticipation and anxiety is building at the NLD's bustling headquarters in downtown Yangon. Myint Myint San watches the frantic preparations with the calm of someone who has lived through Myanmar's treacherous politics.

The 70-year-old was born five days before Suu Kyi and has supported Myanmar's most famous activist since

Economy rules

Nearly half a century under military rule drove Myanmar-once the rice bowl of Asia-into economic ruin. Reforms since the end of outright military rule in 2011 have delivered a shot-in-the arm for the economy and enticed billions of dollars of foreign investment to the frontier market of 51 million. But life expectancy remains among the lowest in the region and 37 percent of the population still live in poverty according to the World Bank.

"Whichever party wins, they need to solve the problems of ordinary people," said Aung Chit Mhuu a trishaw rider whose battered vehicle sports the lion insignia of the ruling Union Solidarity and Development Party. Hundreds of thousands will not get the chance to have their say on Sunday.

Zin Mar Oo, 23, supports her family in rural central Magway division by hauling concrete on Yangon construction sites for less than \$4 a day. She missed the deadline to register in Yangon and the cost of travelling home for the vote is beyond her means. But she is not apathetic. "I want Aung San Suu Kyi to win. I want this economic system to change," she said. But she says the people will have to be patient. "The changes won't come right away. We have to wait." —AFP LESBOS: Afghan refugees gather around a fire to warm themselves from the early morning cold, after spending the night at a resting point, after arriving on a dinghy from the Turkish coast. —AP

Ghani, an American-educated technocrat whose daughter is an artist in New York. But Ghani has yet to deliver on promises of peace and jobs.

Turf wars

"I have tried very hard to stay here in Afghanistan, but I cannot." Hossaini said at a garden cafe in Kabul last month, the day before he left on a flight for Norway with his wife and two sons, 12 and two years old. He recalls a suicide bombing in central Kabul in 2011, and how he and his son were trapped at the scene when wars with the police and the Taleban. He said US President Barack Obama's announcement that 9,800 US soldiers would remain in the country through next year, instead of halving the number as originally planned, provided some reassurance. But those who have left say the country's problems extend far beyond security, to a corrupt government, thuggish local warlords and a deeply-rooted Islamic conservatism that limits freedoms. Shekib Mosadeq left five years ago and now lives in Berlin with his wife and daughter. They come from the reland work in 26 European countries, Mosadeq can come and go. But he has no plans to return to Afghanistan permanently. "Everything that we achieved in the years after 2001 freedom of speech, cultural development, education and rights for women - is disappearing," he said. "Our leaders and those who use Afghanistan as a battleground for their own strategic aims don't think about us, about young people who have the ability and the desire to do something for their country. So we are leaving. That's it." —AP

Police detain hundreds before PM's Kashmir visit

SRINAGAR: Indian authorities detained key separatist leaders and hundreds of their supporters to prevent them from holding a protest rally during a visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Kashmir this weekend, police said yesterday.

Separatists have called for a march by a million people near the site of Modi's public meeting in Srinagar on Saturday, challenging India's sovereignty over the disputed region. Separatist leaders Syed Ali Geelani, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and Shabir Ahmed Shah have been put under house arrest, while Mohammed Yasin Malik has been detained at a police station, police said.

Preventive arrests are fairly common in the Indian-administered portion of Kashmir, particularly ahead of important events that authorities fear could be targeted by anti-India protests. "Our rally is to showcase to the world that Kashmiris reject India's brutal military occupation of Kashmir," Geelani said in a statement. Mufti Mohammed Sayeed, who rules the Indian portion of Kashmir in coalition with Modi's Bharatiya Janta Party, said Modi "genuinely wants to win the hearts and minds of people" through the region's development. Modi is scheduled to inaugurate a power project in the area and offer economic assistance.

However, a key pro-India Kashmiri leader, Omar Abdullah, denounced the arrest of hundreds of Kashmiri people. He tweeted that Modi's "Srinagar rally will be historic - for the number of people arrested to make the rally possible." Government forces have rounded up about 300 people, mostly during night raids on their homes this week, a police officer said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

Hundreds of troops have been checking government and private vehicles entering Srinagar, the main city in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir, for suspected militants or separatist activists. Inspector-General Syed Javaid Mujtaba Gillani said the detentions were part of a "usual security drill" in the region. "Police are taking precautionary measures as we apprehend breach of peace during the prime minister's visit. There's nothing unusual about these detentions," he said.

Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan, which both claim the entire region. Separatist groups have been fighting for Kashmir's independence or merger with neighboring Pakistan since 1989. An estimated 68,000 people have died in the fighting and the ensuing crackdown by Indian forces. Kashmiris often express their opposition to Indian rule through street demonstrations since Indian troops largely suppressed the armed uprising. —AP

PAKISTAN INCREASES CHILD SEX ABUSE PUNISHMENTS

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has taken a step towards punishing the sexual abuse of girls with life imprisonment or even death after an influential parliamentary committee voted to amend current laws. The National Assembly's standing committee approved the proposal by lawmaker Shaista Perveiz Malik on Tuesday, according to a statement on parliament's website.

"After detailed discussions, the committee unanimously passed the bill," it said. The amendment only appears to address the sexual abuse of girls aged under 14, not boys. Under the existing penal code, the punishment for rape ranges from a minimum of ten years' incarceration to the death penalty, but it does not

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has taken a specify the victim's age or gender. The bill will now come before law-makers in both parliamentary chambers, who are set to pass it into law.

Malik told the committee the state should protect vulnerable women and children. In a report, independent child rights watchdog Sahil said that last year almost 10 children were sexually abused in Pakistan every day on average. Parliamentary records show that some 14,583 rape cases were registered in Pakistan between 2009-2014, while only 1,041 offenders were convicted. Pakistan ended a sixyear moratorium on the death penalty last year, at first just for terror-related charges but later for offences including murder, drug smuggling, blasphemy and treason. —AFP



SRINAGAR: A Kashmiri Muslim woman shouts slogans after Indian police detained separatist People's Political Party (PPP) leader Hilal Ahmad War. — AP

MILLIONS SENT FROM AUSTRALIA TO FUND TERROR GROUPS

was striving to shut down money flows to terrorist groups after its anti-money laundering agency tracked Aus\$53 million (US\$38 million) in suspect transactions in a year. Government body AUS-TRAC said that between July 2014 and June 2015, it monitored more than 100 people "of interest" and investigated 536 suspicious transactions valued at Aus\$53 million, most of which were associated with militant groups in Iraq nationals travelling to war zones in the

SYDNEY: Australia said yesterday it and Syria. "Those 100 are obviously part of a wider group of people who we're worried about supporting ISIL," Justice Minister Michael Keenan told reporters in Canberra, using an acronym for the Islamic State group. "Because it's not just money we are concerned about, but other Australians who might be involved such as (in) recruitment." Australia has been increasingly worried about its

Middle East to join militant groups.

The government estimates some 120 Australians are in Iraq and Syria supporting the Islamic State and other terror-linked groups, with another 160 actively supporting extremist organizations at home through financing and recruitment. Canberra has also been concerned about attacks by homegrown extremists. It has raised its terror threat level to high, introduced new national security laws and con-

ducted several counter-terrorism raids. It plans to tighten laws further to restrict the movements of suspects as young as 14 after a 15-year-old boy shot dead a police employee in early October.

AUSTRAC cautioned that not all the Aus\$53 million in transactions would be directly funding terrorism, since some funds were mixed in with legitimate financing. But it drew a link between the amount of money and people going overseas, adding that some Aus\$11 million of the transactions were in cash. "Currently, the volume of terrorism financing in Australia is linked to the number of Australians travelling to join terrorist groups in Syria and Iraq," AUSTRAC said in its annual report presented to parliament Tuesday. "Australians travelling to fight in the region may fund their own activities or receive financial support from Australian sympathizers."— AFP

N KOREA URGES US TO END ITS 'NUKE-BASED THREATS'

LONDON: North Korea says the United States needs to end its "nuclear-based threats and blackmail" and respond to the North's recent diplomatic overture to formally end the decades-old Korean conflict. Fighting ended in 1953 without a peace treaty, leaving North and South Korea still technically at war. Speaking in an interview Tuesday in London with Associated Press Television News, senior North Korean Foreign Ministry official Jong Tong Hak said a permanent peace settlement on the Korean Peninsula first requires a North Korean-US agreement.

Discussing North Korea's view of the root cause of tensions, he blamed what he described as "the US government's decades of hostile policies against the DPRK and its endless nuclear-based threats, blackmail and manipulative schemes." North Korea's official name is the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea, or DPRK. He said Washington provides "strategic nuclear weapons" to South Korea, "in other words the nuclear-powered aircraft carriers it always pushes (toward the DPRK) and the strategic nuclear bombers it always has flying in the skies above the southern part of the Korean Peninsula."

Jong said a compromise to break the impasse requires decisive action by Washington. "The issue of signing a peace treaty between the DPRK and the United States depends on the policy determinations of the US administration," he said, adding that Washington must "make a policy decision to respect our republic's sovereignty and end the decades-long hostility between the DPRK and the US to guarantee peace in the Korean Peninsula."

Last month, Sung Kim, US special representative for North Korea policy, described the North's latest proposal for treaty negotiations as "disingenuous." The two sides' positions are so deeply at odds that it can seem like a chicken-or-egg situation. Washington's position - which is in line with ally South Korea - is that it is only open to talks on easing sanctions if the North makes it clear it is willing to negotiate an end to its nuclear program, stop developing long-range missiles that could reach foreign targets and live up to other international agreements.

North Korea, for its part, maintains that it must have a deterrent to counter the threat of a US attack - nuclear or otherwise. The US Congress, meanwhile, is mulling whether the North should be designated a state sponsor of terrorism. That designation was lifted in 2008 during negotiations on its nuclear program that stalled soon after. Among the allegations was that North Korean-supplied rockets had been used against Israel by fighters from the militant group Hamas. North Korea likes to point out that the US has 28,500 troops stationed in South Korea. There are no foreign military bases in North Korea, though China was a key North Korea ally during the Korean War. — AP



MALE: Maldives National Defense Force (MNDF) personnel patrol the streets after a state of emergency was declared yesterday. — AP

MALDIVES TURMOIL DEEPENS

AUTHORITIES DECLARE STATE OF EMERGENCY

MALE: The Maldives declared a state of emergency yesterday, as President Abdulla Yameen sought to shore up his power over the Indian Ocean island nation following a suspected assassination attempt. Citing a threat to national security, the foreign ministry announced on its official Twitter feed that emergency rule would remain in force for 30 days. The authorities acted after discovering explosive devices near Yameen's official residence and the main mosque in the capital Male, as well as stashes of weapons believed to have been stolen from army stores. "Because these would be a threat to the public and the nation, the National Security Council advised taking immediate steps to protect the people of Maldives," Attorney General Mohamed Anil said in a live televised address. The imposition of emergency rule, for the first time under a constitution passed in 2008, came two days before a demonstration planned by the main opposition party. The string of tropical islands, home to 400,000 people and a favorite of tourists, has been in turmoil since a Sept. 28 blast on board Yameen's launch as it was about to dock at the capital, Male. Yameen was unhurt but his wife and two aides were injured in the explosion, which the government guickly concluded was an attempt on his life. Senior ministers told Reuters the government would only make use of limited powers to restrict the right of assembly. There would no curfew or arbitrary detention. "Please go ahead with your holidays - the Maldives are a peaceful country," Foreign Minister Dunya Maumoon told Reuters. "There has never been a major incident targeting tourists." A Western diplomat in Colombo said European Union members may consider a travel advisory after the order, which comes just before the peak tourism season. A record 1.2 million tourists visited in 2014 and accounted for 29 percent of the economy.

US DEFENSE CHIEF TO VISIT SHIP IN **S** CHINA SEA AS TENSION SIMMERS

KUALA LUMPUR: US Defense Secretary Ashton Carter said he would visit an American aircraft carrier in the South China Sea on Thursday as US-Chinese tensions over the waterway escalate. Speaking after a regional summit yesterday, Carter said he would fly out heightened fears of conflict. The work to the nuclear-powered USS Theodore Roosevelt, which "is conducting routine operations while transiting the South China Sea". Carter's visit could increase discord between Washington and Beijing over Chinese claims to virtually the entire Sea, and its attempts to reinforce those claims by turning reefs and tiny islets into full-fledged islands through reclamation. Last week Washington pressed its right to freedom of navigation by sending the guided missile destroyer USS Lassen to within 12 nautical miles of at least one of the artificial islets in the Spratlys chain, angering China. Earlier yesterday Carter attended an Asia-Pacific defense ministers' meeting in Malaysia that ended on a sour note as the United States and China butted heads over whether a final joint statement should mention the South China Sea. "We could not reach a consensus on a joint declaration," Malaysian Defense Minister Hishammuddin Hussein told reporters. Carter said he had gone into the summit with "no expectation" there would be an agreement. That illustrates "the level of concern that was reflected in the conversation about activities in the South China Sea", he said, noting that all countries he met with raised the issue. "It was a persistent topic," he said. "To me, that says that's something we all need to pay attention to." But both China and the United States pointed the finger at each other. The US side said several Southeast Asian defense ministers opposed China's demand that the South China Sea be left out of any statement. A US official said the United States felt that "no statement is better than one that avoids the important issue of China's reclamation and militarization in the South China Sea". China's claims to almost all the waterway are widely disputed. Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Brunei and Taiwan also have various claims, some overlapping, though none are as extensive as Beijing's.

land reclamation, stop the construction of new facilities and cease further militarisation of disputed maritime features," Carter said. The Sea has long been viewed as a potential flashpoint, and the Chinese island-building has includes runways and other large-scale development, making the islands potentially capable of hosting military personnel and hardware. The US official stressed that the Roosevelt would be far from any of the reclaimed Chinese "islands" at the time of Carter's visit, and the ship was not conducting the sort of freedom of navigation cruise performed by the USS Lassen.

HISTORIC MEETING SEALS SEISMIC SHIFTS FOR CHINA AND TAIWAN

TAIPEI: The presidents of China and Taiwan will meet this weekend in Singapore with a handshake that will mark a seismic shift in a relationship frozen in enmity since 1949. When Taiwan's leader Ma Ying-jeou meets his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping it will be an unprecedented official stamp on a seven-year rapprochement that has seen the launch of direct flights, trade deals and a tourism boom as the two sides have forged previously

University. "It will allow cross-strait ties to move into a new chapter."

Risk of backlash

But some observers say both China and Ma's ruling Kuomintang (KMT) risk a backlash at presidential elections in January. Public support for the KMT has plummeted, with its China-friendly policy a major factor. Opponents have accused Ma of selling out the island by attending the

unthinkable ties.

Their split at the end of a civil war on the mainland in 1949 was the start of decades of hostility as self-ruled Taiwan forged its own identity and developed into a democracy, while Beijing insisted it was still part of its territory to be reunited by force if necessary. The island became a cold war outpost with the United States its major ally, committed to defending Taiwan against any Chinese aggression. But when Ma came to power in 2008 promising better relations would lead to prosperity, ties swiftly warmed with high-level talks resumed for the first time in over 10 years.

Political sensitivities have meant the burgeoning relationship has not been overtly played out-the first governmentto-government meetings only took place last year. Now it will be formally sealed at the highest level. China hailed the talks as a milestone in a dispatch on the state Xinhua news agency that said the two sides would "exchange views on promoting the peaceful development of cross-Strait relations", referring to the stretch of water that separates them.

"For the past seven years... the two sides have built up mutual trust and opened up a path of peaceful development," it cited Zhang Zhijun, head of the mainland's Taiwan affairs office, as saying. There were few other details on the substance of the summit. Ma's spokesman said that the goal is to "secure cross-Strait peace," but that there would be no agreement signed nor any joint statement issued. To avoid the risk of a protocol problem over the title "president", Xinhua cited Zhang as saying that the two leaders will call each other "Mister". "This meeting will be crucial," said political analyst Alexander Huang of Graduate Institute of International Affairs and Strategic Studies at Tamkang

meeting with Xi. Five young protesters were arrested Wednesday afternoon for throwing smoke devices and eggs near the presidential office in Taipei and political opponents gathered outside parliament earlier in the day. The main opposition Beijing-sceptic Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) — tipped to win the presidencv in January-slammed the meeting.

"Any interaction between the two sides can only happen when it will benefit the country's free and democratic development as well as regional stabilization," it said. The US will also be watching closelythe White House gave a cautious welcome to any steps to reduce cross-strait tensions. "On the one hand it likes this thaw and improvement of relations across the Strait." said Jean-Pierre Cabestan, professor in political science and Hong Kong Baptist University. "On the other hand, it thinks that Ma's rapprochement policy went too far and has contributed to weaken Taiwan's security."

Time is right

Taiwan's top China policy decision-making body, the Mainland Affairs Council, denied the meeting was an election ploy. "Everyone wants to maintain cross-strait peace, so we are taking steps to reinforce that and deepen interactions between the two sides," MAC chief Andrew Hsia told reporters yesterday. Ma's hopes for a meeting with Xi have previously been dashed, but Hsia said the "timing is mature" now for the summit.

Ma will step down next year after a maximum two terms with dwindling approval ratings. The KMT suffered its heaviest-ever local election defeat last year, with many voters feeling big business has benefited from China ties, rather than ordinary Taiwanese people.—AFP

Questions over blast

The opposition Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) had planned the Friday protest to demand the release of ex-president Mohamed Nasheed, jailed in March for 13 years for terrorism in a trial that drew international criticism. A spokesman for Nasheed said imposing emergency rule showed that Yameen, having locked up his opponents, had lost the support of his allies and could no longer count on the loyalty of the security forces. "It looks like Yameen has lost control or is losing control," the spokesman said, expressing concern that the state of emergency could be indefinite. The US Federal Bureau of Investigation, asked to examine the scene of the boat blast, said it found "no conclusive evidence" that a bomb had exploded, raising doubts over its cause.

Maumoon, however, said Sri Lankan and Saudi Arabian investigators had found traces of high explosives. The government was "convinced" that the blast was caused by a bomb. Yameen has acted quickly to crack down on those suspected of disloyalty, with Vice President Ahmed Adeeb arrested in connection with the explosion and several suspects deported to the Maldives from Malaysia and Sri Lanka. Adeeb denies any involvement in the blast, which has ratcheted up tension that was already running high after the trial and imprisonment of Nasheed. Nasheed lost a 2013 presidential election to Yameen. The United States and human rights groups say Yameen's government failed to follow due process and that the case against Nasheed was politically motivated.—Reuters

"We urge all claimants to permanently halt

'Bottom line' warning

Carter will be joined on the visit by Hishammuddin. They are expected to spend a couple of hours onboard. "The Teddy Roosevelt's presence there, and our visit, is a symbol of our commitment to our 'rebalance' and the importance of the Asia-Pacific for the United States," Carter said, referring to America's strategic shift to the region. Yesterday's annual dialogue in Malaysia included defense ministers from the 10-country Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and several regional partners such as Carter and China's Defense Minister Chang Wanquan. China's state-run Xinhua news agency quoted the country's defense ministry expressing "regret" over the failure to agree on a final text.

It said agreement had been reached with ASEAN countries on the wording but "individual countries outside the region"-an apparent reference to the United States-attempted to "forcefully add" new content. Carter told Chang in a bilateral meeting late Tuesday that the United States would continue sailing in waters China claims. Chang responded by warning that there was a "bottom line" below which Beijing would act to defend the islets, according to a US account of the talks, but the US delegation told reporters this would not deter future warship sailings. China and its allies in ASEAN have previously opposed declarations at the grouping's meetings expressing concern at Beijing's maritime conduct. But recent ASEAN declarations have increasingly made clear its worries over China's actions.— AFP



This US Navy photo obtained yesterday shows the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71)as it transits the South China Sea. — AFP



TAIPAI: A pro-independence activist displays a sign that reads "black box (operation) for the Ma-Xi meeting" while arrested by police for throwing a smoke bomb in front of the Presidential Palace. — AFP

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ZARAGOZA: A helicopter, Mil Mi-17 (NATO reporting name Hip) takes part in the NATO's Trident Juncture Exercise at San Gregorio training ground near Zaragoza yesterday. — AFP

NATO TESTS ITS CAPABILITIES; SENDS A MESSAGE TO RUSSIA

ZARAGOZA: NATO is putting on its most fearsome display of military might in over a decade, a choreographed large-scale movement of soldiers, ships and planes meant to hone its capabilities as well as transmit an unmistakable signal to Russia and other possible foes. The US-led alliance's aim is to train and exercise, but it is also "sending a very clear message to our nations and to any potential adversary," NATO Jen Stoltenberg told a news conference yesterday.

"NATO does not seek confrontation," Stoltenberg said. "But we stand ready to defend all allies." For three weeks starting Oct. 21, more than 36,000 personnel from all 28 NATO allies and eight partner nations, as well as more than 160 aircraft and 60 warships, are taking part in exercises across a broad swath of southern Europe stretching from Portugal to Italy.

The No 1 objective of the maneuvers, codenamed Trident Juncture, is to ensure NATO's beefed-up Response Force is up to the job, and that the United States and its allies can respond promptly and in unison to a crisis. For more than a year, the alliance has been in the throes of a major makeover, largely in response to Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea and support for a pro-Russia separatist insurgency in eastern Ukraine, but also to better meet the new types of security threat represented by Islamic State and other armed extremist organizations.

"The last time NATO regularly held exercises of this magnitude, we were in the midst of the Cold War, facing the Soviet threat," Alexander Vershbow, Stoltenberg's deputy and the ranking American civilian at NATO, said at last month's official opening of Trident Juncture at Trapani air base in Sicily. "Now, we have a far more unstable and potentially more dangerous situation," said Vershbow. "In this new world, NATO's allies and partners must be able to move quickly and act decisively." Yesterday, more than 500 paratroopers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, parachuted onto a military training ground in northeastern Spain after a nine-hour flight aboard C-17 Globemaster IIIs from their home base at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Ohio, a member of the brigade's advance party Earlier in the day, also as part of Trident Juncture, 1,800 troops from 12 NATO nations, backed by helicopters and tanks, simulated an attack against an imaginary enemy holed up in a mock village at the San Gregorio training ground near the Spanish city of Zaragoza. The displays, to which NATO top brass and civilian leaders have been invited, were meant to showcase the alliance's military muscle and the trans-Atlantic bond it was founded to safeguard.

And NATO has said it wants other countries to witness what it's doing. It said three Russian inspection teams arrived in late October to examine Trident Juncture activities in Italy, Portugal and Spain, and that "in the interest of promoting transparency," observers from 11 other countries, ranging from the United Arab Emirates to Mexico, have also been invited. So far, the Russians appear un-persuaded. They stayed away from yesterday's events at the San Gregorio training grounds, according to German Army Gen Hans-Lothar Domroese, Trident Juncture's commander.

On Monday, Alexander Grushko, Moscow's permanent representative to NATO, told the Rossiya-24 television channel that the key process underway" at NATO these days is military planning he said indicates the US-led alliance is moving "from the policy of partnership to the policy of containing Russia." The exercises, which end Nov 6, will test the new, ultrafast-response "spearhead force" of 5,000 ground troops that has been created to reinforce NATO allies under threat in as little as two days. The war games, which took two years of planning, were rejiggered to add areas where many NATO officials say the alliance has been deficient, including defending against cyberattack. Even if Trident Juncture is deemed a success, some observers say NATO must do more to adapt. Retired Adm. James Stavridis, dean of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and former NATO supreme allied commander, said he has been discouraged by the alliance's "tepid response to Syria," its inadequate measures taken for cyberdefence and the continuing reluctance of many European allies to spend more on their militaries. When it comes to NATO's success in remaking itself, the former supreme commander said, "if you want a letter grade, I'd say a B minus."— AP

IRANIAN DEFENSE HAWKS PREPARE FOR THE WORST

GULF ARABS, ISRAEL SEE THREAT FROM IRAN

DUBAI: As Iran's government promises a new age of prosperity after sanctions, many Iranians are hoping for the best. But the security establishment, with an eye to its political survival, is very publicly preparing for the worst. In the past few weeks, Iran has begun to implement a historic accord with world powers, voluntarily curbing its nuclear program in exchange for relief from the sanctions that have cut Tehran off from much of the world.

At the same time, the armed forces have loudly advertised developments to Iran's missile deterrent and other defense capabilities, proclaiming they are still prepared for an attack by the Islamic Republic's enemies. The increase in martial messaging, which analysts say is aimed both at Iran's enemies abroad and political moderates at home, has alarmed Israel and Gulf Arab countries which are wary of Iran's ambitions in the Middle East.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei approved the nuclear deal last month. But he insisted that it did not herald a new era of co-operation with the United States, which he believes is determined to bring about regime change in Tehran. "America's goals have not changed. If they could destroy the Islamic Republic today, they would not hesitate for a moment," he said on Tuesday. Ali Hajizadeh walking through the underground complex and addressing ranks of uniformed men wearing sunglasses. The video was released just days after Iran tested a new precisionguided ballistic missile, the Emad, which will be the its first weapon able to accurately strike targets in its arch-enemy Israel.

The armed forces have also announced improvements to Iran's radar and naval capabilities, with an emphasis on domestic production and self-sufficiency, and last week conducted annual civil defense drills. Michael Elleman, senior fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), said the tunnels had been in use for a long time, while the Emad missile was likely years away from operational readiness. That would suggest that the timing of the messages was tied to politics rather than technological advances, he said.

Fears of 'sedition'

"High ceiling, low winds, bright sky - it's a beautiful day to be a paratrooper," remarked Master Sgt Patrick Malone, 31, of Stow,

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As Shiite MP Abdulhameed Dashti tried to intervene, Jabri yelled at him saying "you have appointed yourself as a defense lawyer for Iran". MP Mohammad Al-Huwailah said the cell is supported by the party of evil in a reference to Lebanese Shiite militia Hezbollah. Many exchanges and interruptions took place during the debate which is essentially over the Amiri address delivered at the Assembly's new term opening session last week.

Leading Shiite MP Adnan Abdulsamad however said there has been an organized media campaign against the whole Shiite community even before a final judgment has been issued by the court against the alleged cell members, all of whom are Shiites. "The Amir has not said that the cell belongs to Iran or Hezbollah" said Abdulsamad, adding that judgments should not be rushed before the court verdict.

He said that the campaign and accusations were being leveled to "terrorize the Shiite community in Kuwait." "We will not be terrorized or intimidated. We are against terrorism and those who work against Kuwait" Abdulamad said. He said that "we remained silent even despite the accusations because we did not want to be drawn into sectarian rift". "But some have exceeded the limit and have been rushing judgments and accusing the whole Shiite community" he said. Abdusamad said that "we are not against penalizing anyone but after being proven guilty by the court - and not before". He said that most of the seized arms are from the time of the 1990-91 Iraqi occupation and some from local sources.

He complained that confessions from some of the alleged cell members were extracted under physical torture and claimed that investigation rules were not followed by the Public Prosecution. Justice Minister Yacoub Al-Sane denied the accusations and called for deleting any reference to the judicial procedures in the case. Similar sectarian flare-ups took place in Tuesday's session. During the debate, MP Saadoun Hammad protested that during the Shiite mosque attack case, photos of those accused and their full names were published and that in the Iran-linked cell case, information were not fully published.



KUWAIT: Photo shows a pair of pycnonotus (bolbol in Arabic). A natural reserve in Kuwait hosts various species of wild animals, settled and migratory birds. — KUNA

Men in sunglasses

The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) and other security hawks, whose narrative of resisting neo-imperialism found a ready audience under sanctions, have happily heeded his warnings. State television released a video on Oct 14 showing the head of the IRGC's aerospace division inspecting an underground tunnel complex, purportedly 500 meters underground, filled with a variety of missiles on mobile launchers that the presenter said were ready to fire.

With the theme music from the historical epic Gladiator playing in the background, the video showed Brigadier Amir Tehran is wary of the United States and Israel, some of whose commentators have called for military attacks on the Iran even after the nuclear deal, and also of Gulf Arab powers who are fighting a proxy war with Iran's allies in Syria and waging a direct conflict against them in Yemen. Domestically, the security establishment likely has an eye on upcoming elections to parliament and the Assembly of Experts, a clerical body with nominal power over the Supreme Leader, in February next year.

If President Hassan Rouhani's 'nuclear dividend' brings those bodies under the control of his moderate allies, security hawks could see their influence eroded which, in their view, would threaten the Islamic Republic itself. Yesterday, hardline demonstrators marched through Tehran carrying missileshaped balloons and placards warning against US economic influence, on the anniversary of radical students storming the US Embassy after the 1979 Islamic Revolution. — — Reuters

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suddenly subject to all of their society's bias around gender. That is precisely when they start to fall behind in their education," she added.

"It's also about attitude and beliefs. It's about whether parents think their daughters are worthy of an education as their son. "It's about whether our societies cling to outdated laws and traditions that oppress and exclude women." Obama spoke for almost 25 minutes at the Qatar National Convention Centre to a packed audience which included political and education leaders from around the world and dignitaries including Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, mother of Qatar's Emir. The first lady's speech was also highly personal and she said that her own education had helped take her to places she could only "dream of" as a child.

Obama also said the constraints put on women "limit men too". To loud applause she told the audience: "Today, to all of the men here, I want to be very clear-we need you. We need you as fathers, as husbands and simply as human beings. This is your struggle too. We need you to speak out against laws and beliefs that harm women." Obama's speech was part of the "Let Girls Learn" initiative, a program to find ways to provide education for the 62 million girls worldwide, according to the first lady, who do not go to school every day. Opening the conference, Sheikha Moza warned that the challenges faced by girls in the Middle East were worsening.

"In this region we are not only paralyzed, but going backwards at the speed of light," she said, adding that "education was under attack". Sheikha Moza and Michelle Obama also presented the 2015 WISE Prize for education, worth \$500,000, to Sakena Yacoobi, the founder of the Afghan Institute of Learning who said she was accepting the award on behalf of "Afghan people, children and women". After Qatar, where she also visited a major US air base with television chat show host Conan O'Brien, Obama is due to head to Jordan but her flight has been delayed because of the weather. Conditions were cloudy and dusty yesterday in Amman but an airport source said that regular air traffic had not been disrupted by the weather. — AFP

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"The decision is beyond the scope of your authority," Adsani told the minister in the letter, posted by Al-Rai newspaper on its website. Such issues must be decided by the Supreme Petroleum Council and the KPC board of directors. "As a result, your decision cannot be implemented," Adsani said. There was no immediate reaction from the minister. Kuwait pumps around 2.8 million barrels per day and sits on around 7.0 percent of world reserves, according to latest data. The sector generates more than 90 percent of public revenues.

made by "someone who is not entitled to make such decisions as per KOC primary law that had been approved by the Supreme Petroleum Council." The syndicate added that the powers invested in the minister as chairman of KPC's board to appoint and reshuffle executives working in oil companies basically conditioned not violating any of the companies' primary laws. "The minister made the decision solely without referring to KPC's board of directors," said the syndicate expressing trust that the prime minister would reverse the decision.

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Civil war broke out in December 2013 when President Salva Kiir accused his former deputy Riek Machar of planning a coup, setting off a cycle of retaliatory killings that has split the poverty-stricken, landlocked country along ethnic lines. Fighting continues despite an August peace deal, but battles today are far from the capital. Tens of thousands have been killed, and UN-backed experts have warned of the "concrete risk of famine" before the end of the year, if fighting continues and aid does not reach the hardest-hit areas. — AFP



TORTURED BY IS, RESCUED BEFORE EXECUTION: FREED HOSTAGES RECOUNT ORDEAL

By Isabel Coles

The last thing that came to Saad Khalaf Ali's mind as his Islamic State interrogators smothered him with a plastic bag was his two wives and children. Then everything went dark. He was jolted back to his senses by an electric current coursing through his body, and came round soaked in water and gasping for breath on the floor of a prison in northern Iraq. The former policeman is one of many Iraqis to have suffered at the hands of Islamic State, which tortures, executes or beheads anyone deemed immoral or an opponent of its ideology and its goal of creating a caliphate across the Muslim world.

Saad withstood the punishment but succumbed to psychological pressure when the militants threatened to slaughter his entire family. He confessed to informing Kurdish and Iraqi forces about Islamic State positions, an action frequently punishable by beheading or shooting at point blank range. "I confessed to everything," said the 32-year old former policeman from the Hawija area. A small man with large ears, Saad was brought blindfolded before a judge who sentenced him to death. It would have been carried out on the morning of Oct. 22 if not for a daring rescue mission that same night by Kurdish and US Special Forces. Saad and 68 other hostages were freed.

Reuters interviewed three of them at a security facility in the Kurdish regional capital Erbil. The men recounted their experiences of life under Islamic State rule, and the physical and psychological torment that often comes with it. Many of the prisoners were former members of the Iraqi security forces who fought some of the same insurgents before the militants overran a third of Iraq. Reuters could not independently verify the accounts. One US commando was killed - the first American to die in ground combat in Iraq since the United States withdrew its troops in 2011 - and four Kurds were wounded in the rescue.

Two witnesses

The windowless room in which 31-year old Ahmed Mahmoud Mustafa was held could only just fit him and 38 others when they stretched out to sleep. The prisoners were expected to remain silent, pray five times a day and read Islamic lessons ber of staff on all the Republican campaigns combined.

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provided by their captors. Meals consisted of potatoes, lentils and tomato. Occasionally, one of the men would say a verse of poetry as a lament and the others wept quietly. Surveillance cameras in the corners of the room monitored their movements, and they were sometimes forced to watch clips of beheadings played on a large screen.

One man averted his gaze from a particularly grisly scene and was beaten on the head, according to Ahmed and Mohammed Abd Ahmed, who was also held there. It was neither man's first brush with Islamic State's wrath. Several months earlier, Mohammed had been whipped fifty times for criticizing the militants, and was warned they would slice off his tongue next time. Ahmed had also been detained on four previous occasions because a person he had a personal dispute with had connections with the militants. This time, both men faced the more serious charge of spying. Their interrogators - fellow Iraqis - had a file for each prisoner detailing crimes corroborated by two witnesses.

One of the two men who had testified against Ahmed was killed in an airstrike, winning him a brief reprieve. But the militants soon found another man prepared to testify against him: his own cousin. Once the interrogators finished their work, they gave the prisoner's file to a judge, who ordered either execution or more interrogation. In the end, Mohammed succumbed to the torture and put his fingerprint on a list of charges as an admission of guilt, reasoning that denial would only prolong his suffering and death was inevitable anyway. The interrogators asked whether he would prefer to be decapitated from in front or behind. "It's up to you," he replied.

Last wishes

In a separate room, Saad could hear the sound of heavy machinery outside and clambered onto the back of another prisoner to peer through an opening in the wall. He saw a bulldozer digging a trench. The following day, October 21, four of the prisoners were taken from the room and a short while later, the remaining 26 heard four gunshots. Saad was informed it would be his turn the following morning. There was no paper or pencil, so he used a nail to etch his last wishes onto a Muslim prayer timetable as the hours ran out.

The message addressed to his nephew was short: It asked that he look after his family and identified the two men who had informed on him, so his death could be avenged. Then Saad prayed for himself, weeping uncontrollably until he was interrupted at around 2 am by the sound of helicopter rotors that heralded the end of his ordeal. Following an intense firefight, the door of the room was smashed down by a Kurdish commando with an M16 rifle. "Are any of you Kurds?" the man shouted, as Saad recalls. "We said no, we are Arabs". One of the men explained they were prisoners of Islamic State, to which the commando replied: "Don't be afraid, we have come to liberate you with the Americans".—Reuters

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POLICE QUESTION BENZEMA IN SEX TAPE INQUIRY

PARIS: French police questioned Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema yesterday in connection with an inquiry into an alleged attempt to blackmail fellow-France soccer international Mathieu

Valbuena, a police source said. Investigators are looking into allegations of attempts to blackmail Valbuena using sex video footage and they took several others, including former Liverpool striker Djibril Cisse, in for questioning in mid-October. Benzema's name came up during phone taps in relation to the inquiry opened last July, said the police source, speaking on condition of anonymity as is standard practice in France for police officers without official communications roles. "He has nothing to reproach himself for," Benzema's lawyer, Sylvain Cormier, was quoted as saying by French media. "He is even happy to be able to put an end to this terrible controversy." — Reuters

CAIRNS POCKETED MORE THAN £250,000 FOR MATCH-FIXING

LONDON: Former New Zealand cricket captain Chris Cairns pocketed more than a quarter of a million dollars in return for fixing matches, a London court heard yesterday. The all-rounder moved to Dubai in 2008 with his partner to work for a family in the rough diamond industry, a move he said was to build a career after retiring from the sport. But a jury was told the real reason was much more sinister - that the businessmen were bankrolling his lavish lifestyle in payment for throwing games while playing in India.

They also paid for three other men - including two suspected of match-fixing - to try to involve them in the scams, it was alleged. Giving evidence for a second day at his perjury trial at Southwark Crown Court, Cairns was unco-operative on the witness stand, repeatedly evading questions from prosecutor Sasha Wass QC to such an extent that he was warned by the judge to directly answer them. The court heard that Cairns, 45, was paid more than \$250,000 by Vijay Dimon, a diamond firm run by father and son Vijay and Vishal Shah.

Cairns had met Vishal during a charity cricket event. Cairns said the money was to set himself up in Dubai, which had a "brutal" rental market, where he worked for the business by meeting clients, speaking at dinners and acting as an ambassador. But Wass said: "I am going to suggest it was a reward for your part in fixing matches." Wass said Cairns had told fellow cricketers Lou Vincent and Brendon McCullum they could earn tens of thousands of dollars for fixing games, and that everyone was doing it.

YOUNG AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY DIES IN HIGH-RISE FALL

SINGAPORE: An up-and-coming Australian jockey died after falling 12 floors to the ground from his Singapore apartment, police said yesterday. Tim Bell, 22, "was found lying motionless at the foot of the building" late Tuesday, a police statement said. It said an unconscious Bell was taken to Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, where he died from his injuries. "Police are investigating the unnatural death," the statement said. Bell rode 135 winners in his first season as a senior jockey, winning the 2013-14 Brisbane jockey's premiership. He was runner-up last season.

A three-month riding contract with the Singapore Turf Club was to end in December. The club said in a statement that unconfirmed reports suggest Bell fell while trying to climb into his apartment, after locking himself out. Trainer Steven Burridge, who was instrumental in bringing Bell to Singapore, called the man's death a tragedy. "Timmy had the whole future ahead of him and not only could he ride, but he was also such a great young man, and was very driven to become a very good jockey," Burridge said. —AP

OMAN INTERNATIONAL RALLY ENTRY GETS UNDERWAY IN MUSCAT TODAY

MUSCAT: The 2015 Oman International Rally gets underway at the Oman Automobile Association (OAA) in Muscat today afternoon and precedes the first competitive special stage of three kilometres, starting at 16.48hrs.

The Sultanate of Oman's return to the FIA Middle East Rally Championship for the first time since 2007 has attracted an impressive 20-car field and three of the leading drivers will be eyeing victory for very different reasons.

Qatar's Nasser Saleh Al-Attiyah has recently confirmed an 11th regional championship crown in 13 glorious seasons of competing in the area. But he has one eye on one of the longest standing records in world motor sport this weekend. Dubai's Mohammed Ben Sulayem amassed 60 outright MERC rally victories between 1984 and 2002 and a win over the 13-timed gravel stages in Oman would see Al-Attiyah equal the Emirati's remarkable feat.

"Obviously the championship is won and we have nearly finished an amazing year with the victory on the Dakar Rally, the FIA World Cup, the WRC 2 title and the Middle East Championship," said Al-Attiyah, who won four times in Oman between 2003 and 2006. "But this is a different type of milestone and it would be great to match Ben Sulayem's number of wins with a win here in Oman."

Abu Dhabi Racing's Sheikh Khalid Al-Qassimi won this event the last time it was a round of the series in 2007 and would like to add to the seven regional events on which he has graced the top of the podium. Al-Qassimi wheels out a Citroîn DS3 RRC with Al-Attiyah's former navigator Chris Patterson reading the notes. Local drivers

Oman organisers ran a successful candidate event in 2014 for the country's return to the MERC and Qatar's Abdulaziz Al-Kuwari was the winner with Irish co-driver Killian Duffy. His solitary outright MERC victory came in Qatar and the Doha driver is long overdue another win in his Ford Fiesta RRC.

In addition to other drivers from Kuwait, Germany, Qatar and Abu Dhabi, the Sultanate of Oman has attracted 10 local drivers to compete in a variety of Mitsubishis, Subarus and a Toyota. Topping a list that includes Zakariya Al-Ofi, Faisal Al-Rashdi, Humaid Al-Waili, Hamid Al-Qasmi, Haitham Al-Zadjali, Zakariya Said, Ahmed Qassim Al-Zadjali and Ehab Al-Zadali are the Subaru crew of Khalid Al-Manji and Saif Al-Aisri.

"I have competed here several times in various local rallies and the international and can honestly say that these are some of the most beautiful, flowing and challenging special stages anywhere in the world," enthused Ulster co-driver Allan Harryman, who is co-driving for Abu Dhabi Racing's Saeed Bintowq in one of a pair of two-wheel drive Citron DS3 R3s on the entry list.

After Thursday afternoon's super special stage, the competitive action switches to the remote gravel trails through the Hajar mountains and surrounding area.

There will be six special stages in the Rusayll, Misfah and Saal areas on Friday (November 6) and a further half a dozen timed tests on Saturday (November 7) around Khoud, Murayrat and Misfah before the ceremonial finish at the OAA from 4pm.



MELBOURNE: Australian jockey Michelle Payne poses with the winner's trophy during a Melbourne Cup Carnival press conference in Melbourne yesterday, after she became the first female jockey to win Australia's 154-year-old Melbourne Cup when she rode outsider Prince of Penzance to victory at Flemington Tuesday. — AFP

'NEVER EVER GIVE UP', URGES HISTORIC PAYNE



MUSCAT: The Oman International Rally starts today afternoon. Former Omani WRC driver Hamed Al-Wahaibi is pictured on a classic Oman stage in 2011.

MELBOURNE: Champion jockey Michelle Payne yesterday said she wanted to be a role model for women in sport, adding that being the first woman to triumph in Australia's Melbourne Cup was proof that dreams can come true.

Payne rode 100-1 long-shot Prince of Penzance to an historic win at Flemington on Tuesday and said she was ready for the attention that came with winning the Aus\$6.2 million (\$4.4 million) race.

"I really want to be a great ambassador, not just for our industry, but for sports people, for women, for anybody who has a dream... you never give up," the 30-year-old told reporters in Melbourne.

"And I hope that it helps people with dreams, young kids and not just females, anyone, that if you've got a dream, never give up, always have faith in yourself."

After winning the race Tuesday, Payne

spoke of racing as a "chauvinistic sport" while trainer Darren Weir revealed that while Prince of Penzance's major owners John Richards and Sandy McGregor had backed her, others had not. Payne, who has ridden Prince of Penzance in all but one of the six-year-old gelding's 24 races, admitted to fighting hard to be given the chance to saddle up for the big race.

Proud of daughter's win

"It is fair to say I drove Darren mad about this horse because I obviously knew that some of the owners wanted to take me off," Payne told The Australian newspaper.

"I just kept showing up and doing all of his gallops and just annoying the hell out of Darren in the hope they wouldn't take me off. He said, 'Just win on it and don't give them the excuse."

Payne's father Paddy, who raised his 10 chil-

dren after their mother Mary died in a car crash when Michelle was a baby, spoke of his pride at his daughter's win. "I thought a girl would win the Melbourne Cup but I didn't think it would be one of mine," he told Melbourne's 3AW radio.

But he also said it was almost time for his daughter to retire, telling the Australian Broadcasting Corporation: "She's 30 years old, she's been doing it for 15 years, I think it's time for her to give it away." Retirement did not appear to be his daughter's mind, with Payne due to race at the Aus\$100,000 Kyneton Cup near Melbourne later Wednesday. "I love working and I love my job. It's the best job in the world even though it's so dangerous," Payne said. "It's not a job to me. It's my passion and it's what I love. I definitely don't do it for the money. I wouldn't have even thought twice about the money yesterday, but it is a bonus." — AFP



Zain Football Tournament players.

Zain Football Tournament winners.

ZAIN CONCLUDES EMPLOYEES' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, successfully concluded its Employees Football Tournament with the final match that was held at GOAL! football pitches. The championship, which is conducted annually for the company's employees, took place throughout last week with active participation.

Zain remains committed to the well-being

of its employees, and this is highlighted by the organization of this annual sporting event, which attracts a great deal of attention from employees given football's status as the most popular sport in Kuwait.

The final match was held with the attendance of prominent Kuwaiti footballers including previous National team players Saad Al Houti, Ayman Al Husaini, and Abdulaziz Al Hindi, as well as current National team players Ali Makseed, Fahad Al Ansari, and Sulaiman Abdulghafour, who took part in an exciting exhibition match and awarded the tournament's first place winners.

The tournament was organized as part of Zain's Corporate Social Responsibility strategy, which looks to cater to the different talents and interests of its employees. The teams participated in an exciting atmosphere throughout the course of four days. The final match was held between the two top qualifying teams, with the winners of the first and second places awarded by Zain officials and the distinguished guests.

Zain is keen to ensure employees take part in all of the company's social activities and programs, whether they be cultural, sporting, or entertainment events. The organization of this championship is part of Zain's belief in supporting the physical well-being and health-orientation of its employees, as well as the company's commitment to the development of the sports sector in Kuwait. Zain continues to look for ways to positively impact the communities in which it operates, and to remain an inspiration to its staff.



MANZIEL TO START FOR INJURED MCCOWN AGAINST UNBEATEN BENGALS

CLEVELAND: Welcome to The Jungle, Johnny. With starting quarterback Josh McCown unable to play because of a painful rib injury, Johnny Manziel will start Thursday night's game against the Cincinnati Bengals, who treated him so rudely as a rookie on the road last year and now get him on their home turf. In his first NFL start last season, Manziel was chased, sacked, intercepted and taunted by the Bengals in a 30-0 embarrassment. Now, Manziel's facing one of the league's four remaining unbeaten teams on short notice.

McCown was unable to practice Tuesday night because of his ribs - and sore shoulder - and Browns coach Mike Pettine announced the decision to start Manziel on Wednesday before the team left for Cincinnati.

"On the short week we realized that Josh just wasn't going to be able to get to the point where he could go," Pettine said. "Johnny has worked hard to prepare himself. He is excited about his opportunity and we are all looking forward to the challenge we face in a good Bengals football team."

McCown played through severe pain in the second half of Sunday's 34-20 loss to Arizona. The 36year-old QB said Tuesday he was having difficulty breathing and sleeping because his ribs were so sore. If he's not able to play at all, the Browns will have third-string QB Austin Davis active to back up Manziel against the Bengals.

This will be the second start this season for Manziel, who won against Tennessee in Week 2 when McCown was sidelined with a concussion sustained on the season's opening drive on Sept. 13 against the Jets. Manziel replaced McCown late in the second half the past two weeks.

The 2012 Heisman Trophy winner, who is also being investigated by the NFL for a recent domestic dispute, will be able to show a prime-time TV audience his improvement since his rocky rookie season. The Browns have been pleased with Manziel's dedication and progress following a rough first year, which was followed by a lengthy stay in a rehab facility for an unspecified problem.

Manziel won that lone start this season, com-

pleting 8 of 15 passes for 172 yards and two touchdowns in a 28-14 victory over the Titans. Manziel, though, fumbled twice on plays where he was under pressure.

His starting debut against the Bengals in last season's home finale couldn't have gone worse. He passed for 80 yards, threw two interceptions and endured some taunts from Bengals defenders, who relished the chance to take down the hyped QB.

Biggest improvement

Pettine said Manziel has come a long way since that performance. "He's a different player," Pettine said. "I just think we've all seen it from going back to the amount of work in the spring to training camp.

"When the rush became live, I think that's where you saw that he made his biggest improvement with his demeanor in the pocket. That it wasn't as frenetic, that his feet were calm.

"I just think he has a really good understanding of what we're doing, understands the plays, what's designed for what. All the intricate details, he has a much better grasp of and it's shown when he's been out there."

Last week, Manziel was interviewed by a league adviser about his actions in an Oct. 12 argument with his girlfriend, Colleen Crowley, who told police he hit her during their disagreement. If Manziel violated the league's personal conduct policy he could be fined or suspended.

A league spokesman said in an email to the AP that Manziel's case "continues to be under review." Manziel hasn't played enough for the Browns to know if can be their long-term solution at quarterback, but general manager Ray Farmer feels the 22year-old can develop into a quality starter.

Farmer said Manziel's off-field issue last month hasn't changed his belief. "I would tell you from the interactions here in the building and the time I have spent with him and what I have seen of him here recently is definitely positive," he said. "I understand where the league is and we are going to continue to listen and wait until that comes out. I think that he has matured." — AP



BEIJING: This file photo taken on August 21, 2015 shows outgoing International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) president Lamine Diack speaking during a press conference in Beijing ahead of the 2015 IAAF World Championships. Senegalese former IAAF president Lamine Diack was charged yesterday in Paris with corruption relating to the International Association of Athletics Federation's antidoping campaign, legal sources said. — AFP

LAMINE DIACK - AFRICA'S POWERBROKER IN SPORT

DAKAR: Lamine Diack was the first non-European president of the world governing body of athletics, the cornerstone Olympic sport now at the centre of a corruption and doping storm. Diack, a former long jumper, football coach and then businessman and politician, led the International Athletics Associations Federation during a huge boom in its revenues. He was warned about his own financial conduct as well.

The IAAF earned more than \$1.3 billion (one billion euros) from the time the Senegal's national team from 1966 to 1969.

Diack also became head of Senegal's Olympic Committee, mayor of Dakar, a lawmaker and was head of the West African country's national water company before taking over as head of the IAAF following the sudden death of its previous president Primo Nebiolo.

The African power-broker said he had played a key role in globalising athletics. He had previous brushes with scandal before the new charges. Diack and FIFA's current

UCI CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON TOKYO OLYMPIC VENUE

LONDON: After months of negotiations, the UCI is nearing final agreement with Olympic organizers on their proposal to move cycling events at the 2020 Tokyo Games to a venue outside the capital to save money.

Brian Cookson, president of cycling's governing body, told The Associated Press that the UCI stands ready to accept the change but is looking for certain "assurances" to "minimize" the impact of moving events so far from the host city.

"I'm optimistic we will have a solution within the next couple of weeks," he said. Track cycling, mountain biking and BMX were originally set to be held in Tokyo, but organizers decided to move the venue to Izu - more than two hours from the host city by train - as part of a series of cost-cutting changes.

The UCI opposed the move, saying it would diminish the Olympic experience for athletes and fans. But, after protracted talks with Japanese organizers and the IOC, the cycling body has softened its position. "We have a better understanding now of what's possible and what's not possible," Cookson said. "We still want to have one or two assurances about the changes that are proposed, the impact that will have on the cycling events and the success of the cycling events.

"I don't want to say too much more until we agree on the final details, but we will inevitably have to accept that there will be some changes to the venues and we are just making sure that we minimize any negative aspects of that," he added in an interview on the sidelines of Olympic meetings in Washington last week.

Maximum use of existing facilities

Izu has an existing indoor velodrome for track cycling, but the venue may need upgrading and extra seating for the Olympics. "It's no secret that the big issue was moving the track events out to Izu," Cookson said. "It's a long way from central Tokyo to Izu and we need to make sure the impact of that is minimized if that's the only available solution. The discussions are still around that."



RICHMOND: In this Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014 file photo, International Cycling Union President Brian Cookson gestures during a press conference announcing courses for the 2015 World Cycling Championships in Richmond, Va. After months of negotiations, cycling's governing body is close to a final agreement with Olympic organizers on their proposal to move cycling events at the 2020 Tokyo Games to a venue outside the capital to save money. UCI President Brian Cookson told The Associated Press that "I'm optimistic we will have a solution within the next couple of weeks." — AP

organizers as well as IOC President Thomas Bach and IOC Vice President John Coates, who heads the coordination commission for the 2020 Games

Cycling is the last major piece of Tokyo's venue plan that still needs to be finalized. Previous deadlines on reaching a solution have come and gone. The original venue plan for cycling had the events in the so-called Tokyo Bay Zone on the

Tokyo's original plan was for 28 of the venues to be located within an 8-kilometer (5-mile) radius of the Olympic Village. Several sports have already been moved to surrounding prefectures. Organizers say the moves have saved \$1.7 billion, in line with the IOC's "Olympic Agenda 2020" efforts to hold down costs by making maximum use of existing or temporary facilities.

Senegalese official took over as president in 1999 to the time he handed over, aged 82, to British running legend Sebastian Coe in August. The federation has reserves of about \$65 million (60 million euros). Doping has been a continual stain on athletics over the past 30 years. Now tainted by accusations that he took bribes to cover up doping cases, Diack told AFP in an interview in August that athletics led the "crusade to have a clean sport".

"When confronted with painful issues such as doping the IAAF has always stood firm and we continue to lead the way in this global fight against cheating," Diack insisted on the sidelines of an IAAF Congress in Beijing.

Born in Dakar on June 7, 1933, Diack started his sporting career as a long jumper, winning the French athletics championships title in 1958. A knee injury prevented him from competing in the 1960 Olympics, however. He was also a footballer and was technical director of

interim leader Issa Hayatou both received warnings from the International Olympic Committee in 2011 over cash payments they received from International Sport and Leisure (ISL), a marketing company whose collapse caused a major scandal for football's governing body. Diack told the IOC he received payments totalling about \$35,000 from ISL.

At the time, the IAAF was negotiating a marketing contract with ISL. Diack had "placed himself in a conflict of interest situation", the IOC said.

His son, Pape Massata Diack, left the IAAF in December last year over allegations that he was involved in covering up Russian doping scandals. Before leaving office, Diack said that the media was turning athletics into a "monster."

"The IAAF completely understands the importance of credibility in competition. I have said on many occasions that when the day comes where we no longer can believe what we see then sport is dead." — AFP

HABANA AMONG TOP SPRINGBOKS NAMED IN TRAINING SQUAD

CAPE TOWN: They may have had to settle for bronze at the recent World Cup but a number of South Africa's leading 15-a-side players could be going for gold when rugby returns to the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro next year. Leading try-scorer Bryan Habana and centre Damian de Allende are among a number of full Springboks that have been included in a sevens training squad to be held later this month, the South African Rugby Union announced on Wednesday. Habana, who has 64 test tries, has played sevens before, appearing in two tournaments when he first burst onto the scene in 2004. Others in the training squad with full test experience are Juan de Jongh, Cornal Hendricks, Francois Hougaard, Ryan Kankowski, Oupa Mohoje, Lwazi Mvovo and Warren Whiteley as SARU make a clear statement about their ambitions in Rio. "The announcement of this group is a significant achievement for us and it is the culmination of a lot of hard work behind the scenes," SARU CEO Jurie Roux said in a statement. "The forthcoming season is the most important in the history of Sevens rugby. The new, expanded World Series and the Olympic Games are two huge challenges and we at SARU want to make sure we give our Springbok Sevens team the best possible chance of success."

Olympic officials are keen for some of rugby's big names to grace the stage in Rio but most of the leading nations have yet to indicate whether they are likely to stick with their specialist sevens players.

One exception is New Zealand, with Sonny Bill Williams, fresh from winning the World Cup on Saturday, included in the All Blacks sevens squad for next year.

Springbok duo Hougaard and Kankowski have also agreed to be part of the sevens side for the 2016 season, putting aside their Super Rugby ambitions to help coach Neil Powell from early in the year. "The signing of players such as Francois Hougaard and Ryan Kankowski is a real coup for us," Roux added. "It means they will focus solely on the sevena-side game in the coming season, bringing their unique skill sets that our sevens department has identified as being ideal for the code." Since taking over the coaching reins in 2014, Powell, has steered the Springbok Sevens to second place on the World Series log, the gold medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and automatic qualification for the Olympic Games. The sevens tournament in Rio will run from Aug. 6-11 and is the first time it will appear at the Olympics. The 15-man game was played in four previous Olympics, the last being in 1924 when the gold medal was won by the US.

South Africa training squad: Cecil Afrika, Tim Agaba, Ryno Benjamin, Kyle Brown, Branco du Preez, Carel du Preez, Damian de Allende, Stephan Dippenaar, Chris Dry, Juan de Jongh, Justin Geduld, Warrick Gelant, Lungelo Gosa, Bryan Habana, Cornal Hendricks, Francois Hougaard, Frankie Horne, Dewald Human, Ryan Kankowski, Werner Kok, Cheslin Kolbe, Jaco Kriel, Oupa Mohoje, Lwazi Mvovo, Sibahle Maxwane, Ruhan Nel, Sandile Ngcobo, Sphamandla Ngcobo, Seabelo Senatla, Philip Snyman, Kwagga Smith, Rosko Specman, Warren Whiteley. — Reuters

Cookson held talks recently with Tokyo

waterfront.

"I think we are being asked to accept the biggest changes of any sport on the program and we have a responsibility to make sure those changes don't negatively impact on our sport too much," Cookson said.

Basketball will now take place at Saitama Super Arena, about an hour outside Tokyo. Fencing, taekwondo and wrestling have been moved to Makuhari Messe, a large convention center in Chiba prefecture, also about an hour from Tokyo. — AP



MELBOURNE: This is a Friday, March 13, 2015 file photo of Williams Formula One test driver Susie Wolff of Britain as she signs autographs for fans as she arrives at Albert Park circuit ahead of the Australian Formula One Grand Prix in Melbourne, Australia. Wolff, the first female driver to take part in a Formula One race weekend in more than two decades, is retiring from racing at the end of the season. Wolff issued a statement yesterday thanking Williams for allowing her to ``achieve my dream of driving a Formula One car." — AP

WOLFF TO RETIRE FROM MOTORSPORT

LONDON: Britain's Susie Wolff, the first woman driver in 22 years to take part in a Formula One grand prix weekend, yesterday announced her retirement from motorsport at the end of the year. The 32-year-old Williams development driver accepted her dream of racing in Formula One was not going to happen and she now wanted to help the next generation of women drivers reach the top.

"I dared to be different, I want to inspire others to do the same," she wrote in a blog on the Huffington Post website. Wolff, whose husband Toto is the Mercedes motorsport director, was appointed Williams development driver in 2012 and last year made a breakthrough when she took part in free practice for the British Grand

part in practice at the 2014 German Grand Prix and in Spain and Britain again this season.

No woman has raced in Formula One since 1976 and the last before Wolff to take part in a grand prix weekend was Italian Giovanna Amati who failed to qualify with Brabham in 1992.

"I got oh so close," she said on Wednesday. "I wanted and fought very hard to make it onto that starting grid but the events at the start of this year and the current environment in F1 the way it is, it isn't going to happen.

"I can only tell you, I gave it my all," she added. "Do I think F1 is ready for a competitive female racing driver that can perform at the highest level? Yes. Do I think it is achievable as a woman?

Prix at Silverstone. She subsequently also took Most definitely. "Do I think it will happen soon? Sadlv no."

> Wolff said too few young girls were getting involved in karting and they lacked a clear role model, and they were issues she wanted to address with a new initiative to celebrate successful women in motorsport on and off the track.

> The annual Race of Champions in London later this month will be her last race. "It has been a pleasure to work with Susie over the years and see her develop as a driver within the team," said Williams deputy principal Claire Williams.

> "Her feedback and knowledge of the car has been an important part our recent development and we will be sorry to see her go." — Reuters

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Fuhaid Al-Daihai, center, with Chinese and Qatari shooters being honored by Eng Al-Otaibi.

KUWAIT WINS TWO GOLD MEDALS IN ASIAN SHOOTING TOURNEY

By Abdellatif Sharaa

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Olympian Fuhaid Al-Daihani shot several targets on Tuesday when he got a quota place that qualifies him for Brazil 2016 Olympics in the double trap event when he won the gold medal at the 13th Asian Shooting Championship.

Al-Daihani who won the double trap bronze in Sydney 2000 and trap zone bronze in London 2012 Olympics beat the Chinese shooter Hu Bin Yuan, who took silver while Qatar's Hamad Al-Merri took bronze. As the Chinese had already qualified for the Olympics earlier, Al-Merri qualified also. Kuwait's double trap team of Al-Daihani, Saad Al-Mutairi and Ahmad Al-Afasi won the gold medal while China came second and Qatar third.

China had strong showing in the rifle and pistol events as it got three gold medals by the world record holder Ye Siling, beating her compatriot Do Li, and Iran's Narjes Imam Ghouli who ended in third place. China's Chi Mingyuo with the juniors 10M rifle event beat Singapore's Hu Cheo Ye and Vietnam's Ayuo Lki Iy, meanwhile in the team's event Iran was first followed by India and South Korea.

Tajikistan's Malika Lagotinko won the 10M rifle event while the silver medal went to S Korea's Chon Su Yuong and India's Pratehi Ghadkari won third place. South Korea's team won first place for the team's event followed by India and Thailand.

China's Jang Boyun won the gold medal of the 50M pistol for juniors, while Malaysia's Abdelhadi Abdelmalek won silver and India's Somed Kumar won the bronze. The team's event was won by South Korea followed by India and Thailand.



Double Trap team winners.

Shooter Fuhaid Al-Daihani dedicated the gold medals to HH the Amir. He said competition was fierce and strong with the Chinese champions of champions, and was able to win at the end. Al-Daihani hoped that his medal qualifies him for Brazil 2016 Olympics, following the International Olympic Committee's decision to consider the championship not qualifying for the games.



LUNDQVIST HAS 32 SAVES AS Rangers beat Caps in rematch



PARIS: Britain's Andy Murray returns the ball to Croatia's Borna Coric during their second round tennis match at the ATP World Tour Masters 1000 indoor tennis tournament in Paris yesterday. — AFP

MURRAY SET FOR DAVIS CUP FINAL SAMPLER

PARIS: Andy Murray will get a true taste of what awaits him in the Davis Cup final when he takes on Belgium's David Goffin for just the second time in the Paris Masters last 16 today. Murray made it through on Wednesday with a dominating 6-1, 6-2 second round win over Croatian youngster Borna Coric. Goffin was just as commanding with 6-2, 6-2 disposal of Dusan Lajovic of Serbia.

Both will be out to lay down some early bragging rights when they meet today. The Scot has made it clear that, with the end of the season in sight, his priority is to give Britain its first Davis Cup triumph since 1936 with a victory over the Belgians on clay in Ghent later in the month. But before then he has to negotiate the last two events of the ATP season, both on hardcourts, at Paris and the World Tour Finals in London. It's not an easy task with the punishing change of surfaces to handle, and it nearly floored Roger Federer at the same time last year before he and Swiss compatriot Stan Wawrinka finally saw off France in Lille. And the last thing Murray needs is a series of punishing three-setters to drain his batteries and niggle his ailing back.

Against teenager Coric, who had beaten the Scot for the loss of just four games the last time the pair met early this year in Dubai, that never looked likely to happen.

Goffin should prove to be a different prospect as the slightly built Belgian number one gears up his preparations for his country's first Davis Cup final since 1904 when they lost 5-0 to what was then the British Isles. Murray has some knowledge of Goffin's game, even though they have only played each other the once.

"He's very solid, obviously," he said. "He's ranked around 15 in the world, and the last 18 months he's been extremely consistent. He's not the biggest guy on the tour, but he hits the ball clean off both sides. He's got good hands. He's quick around the court. "We have only practiced together really once, I want to say, once or twice. That was this year. We practiced in Munich together and at the US Open, so we don't really know each other's games that well.

"So that's why getting a chance to play against him is good before the Davis Cup." The one and only time the two have played each other throws little light on what might unfold in Ghent. Murray won that one 6-1, 6-4, 7-5 in the first round of Wimbledon 2014 but Goffin is a far superior player on clay than he is on grass.

They had been due to meet for a second time in the last 16 of the Rome Masters this year, but Goffin went through on a walkover with Murray blaming fatigue. — AFP **NEW YORK:** Goaltender Henrik Lundqvist made 32 saves as the New York Rangers defeated the Washington Capitals 5-2 at Madison Square Garden in a rematch of last season's conference semi-finals. The Rangers (8-2-2) are 5-0-2 in their past seven games. Five Rangers scored goals - Kevin Klein, Oscar Lindberg, Kevin Hayes, Derick Brassard and Jarret Stoll, who notched his first as a Ranger midway through the third period.

ISLANDERS 2, DEVILS 1

Casey Cizikas' tie-breaking goal with 2:12 left led the New York Islanders to a 2-1 win over the New Jersey Devils at Barclays Center. Goaltender Jaroslav Halak made 22 saves and Brock Nelson also scored for the Islanders (7-3-3), who snapped a three-game winless streak. Goaltender Cory Schneider made 32 saves and Travis Zajac scored for the Devils (6-5-1).

STARS 5, BRUINS 3

Dallas center Tyler Seguin came back to haunt his old team on Tuesday. Sent to Dallas in July 2013 after three years in Boston, Seguin posted the seventh hat-trick of his career to power the Stars to a 5-3 victory over the Bruins. Seguin, booed every time he touched the puck or had his name announced, even though he left via trade and not free agency, scored two of Dallas' three power-play goals as the Stars improved to 10-3-0 (5-2-0 on the road) and snapped the Bruins' four-game winning streak.

RED WINGS 2, LIGHTNING 1

Dylan Larkin's goal early in the third period broke a tie and gave the Detroit Red Wings a 2-1 win against the Tampa Bay Lightning at Joe Louis Arena. Riley Sheahan also scored for Detroit while goaltender Jimmy Howard made 29 saves. Nikita Kucherov scored for Tampa Bay and goalie Ben Bishop made 27 saves.

SENATORS 2, CANADIENS 1 (OVERTIME)

Kyle Turris scored 34 seconds into overtime, lifting the Ottawa Senators to a 2-1 win over the Montreal Canadiens at the Bell Centre. A Montreal chance in the Ottawa zone turned into a three-onone the other way, with Mike Hoffman feeding Turris, who roofed it over Canadiens goaltender Mike Condon.

KINGS 3, BLUES 0

Jeff Carter scored on a second-period power play and backup goalie Jhonas Enroth recorded the shutout for the Los Angeles Kings in a 3-0 win over the St. Louis Blues. The Kings, who had a seven-game winning streak snapped Monday in Chicago, handed the Blues their first regulation loss at home this season and ended St. Louis' threegame winning streak.

OILERS 4, FLYERS 2

Matt Hendricks and Taylor Hall scored thirdperiod goals to lead the Edmonton Oilers to a

NHL Results/Standings

Dallas 5, Boston 3; NY Islanders 2, New Jersey 1; NY Rangers 5, Washington 2; Ottawa 2, Montreal 1 (OT); Detroit 2, Tampa Bay 1; Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 0; Colorado 6, Calgary 3; Edmonton 4, Philadelphia 2; Columbus 5, San Jose 2.

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Nashville	7	2	2	32	25	16					
Ninnipeg	7	4	1	36	33	15					
Chicago	7	5	0	28	26	14					
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San Jose	6	6	0	33	33	12					
Arizona	5	5	1	30	32	11					
Edmonton	5	8	0	36	41	10					
Calgary	3	9	1	30	56	7					
Anaheim	2	7	2	14	29	6					

third-period comeback win over the Philadelphia Flyers at Rexall Place. The 4-2 win came at a heavy price, however, as star rookie Connor McDavid left the game in the second period with an apparent shoulder injury.

AVALANCHE 6, FLAMES 3

Matt Duchene broke out of a slump with two goals as the Corloado Avalanche beat the Calgary Flames 6-3. Jarome Iginla had two goals and two

assists and Erik Johnson had a goal and an assist for the Avalanche, while goaltender Semyon Varlamov made 22 saves.

BLUE JACKETS 5, SHARKS 2

The Columbus Blue Jackets beat the San Jose Sharks 5-2 on Wednesday at SAP Center to win for the third time in five games as visitors under the direction of new head coach John Tortorella. The Blue Jackets remain 0-5 at home. — Reuters



NEW YORK: New York Islanders center Brock Nelson (29) checks New Jersey Devils right wing Kyle Palmieri (21) against the boards during the third period of an NHL hockey game in New York, Tuesday. The Islanders defeated the Devils 2-1. — AP

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HASHIM AMLA BRACES FOR SPIN IN MOHALI TEST

to favor spin bowlers and said he is not surprised that the hosts are likely to go for pitches aiding turn during the fourtest series.

"It looks a bit different pitch from the Mohali wicket I know, it might turn a bit," Amla said Wednesday. "As a player, I always expect the conditions to suit the home team wherever I go in the world. It doesn't really matter to us."

Amla is aiming to lead the team to its first test series victory in 15 years in India

MOHALI: South Africa captain Hashim Amla expects the first test against India Vernon Philander and Morne Morkel Vernon Philander and Morne Morkel were all capable of playing a hand in it.

> "There are some countries where playing in their home yards is more challenging. Playing India at home is considered one of the tougher challenges for any team, so (the prospect) for us to come out on top is something we are all relishing," Amla said.

> Amla said he was hoping to overcome a lean run of scores in the limited overs leg of the tour and that "a good one is around the corner."

South Africa, which is in line to win in all three formats after winning a threegame Twenty20 series 2-0 and a fivegame ODI series 3-2, will in all probability miss Jean-Paul Duminy while Morkel's fitness was being monitored. Meanwhile, India captain Virat Kohli was boosted by the return of off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin after he missed most of the limited overs leg because of a side strain. Ashwin will also have leg-spinner Amit Mishra and left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja for support.

"For the last 2-3 years, Ashwin has

been our go-to man in test cricket, Kohli said. "He's someone who has done really well in conditions that suit spinners. You see him taking 5-6 wickets consistently in those conditions. He is certainly someone who has taken his game to the next level."

Kohli was not amused by the fact that India's spin tracks are discussed time and again. "Pitches are not the focus when we tour abroad," Kohli said. "We have to tackle the conditions when we play away from home, we are judged on that. But if you win in difficult conditions, you will

get more satisfaction.

"Teams which are at the top are the ones playing well away from home. Every team wants to be at the top and so needs to do well abroad." Kohli said if pitches needed to be standardized, it was up to the International Cricket Council to do it.

"If pitches need to be similar then they should be so all around the world," Kohli said. "In case you want to make a rule, ICC should send someone to assess the pitches." The remaining tests will be played in Bangalore, Nagpur and New Delhi. — AP

LATE 12-0 RUN RALLIES **RAPTORS PAST MAVERICKS**

DALLAS: Kyle Lowry scored 27 points as 11 points on 4-of-11 shooting, doing little the Toronto Raptors spoiled the home opener in Dallas, beating the Mavericks 102-91 on Tuesday for the first 4-0 start in club history. The Raptors took the lead for good on a 12-0 run that started in the middle of the fourth quarter. Jonas Valanciunas had six of his 16 points during the decisive stretch. The Mavericks went almost 4 minutes without a basket after Dirk Nowitzki hit a 3-pointer for an 86-82 lead. Nowitzki finished with 18 points.

DeMar DeRozan scored 20 points, and Luis Scola had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Raptors, who opened with three straight wins two other times in their first 20 seasons. Lowry had a game-high 10 assists, and Toronto held Dallas to 6-of-22 shooting in the fourth quarter and 38 percent for the game. Deron Williams, who starred at a Dallas-area high school, had 13 points in his home debut for the Mavericks.

HAWKS 98, HEAT 92

Jeff Teague had 26 points and nine assists, leading the Hawks to a road win. Al Horford scored 17 points and Paul Millsap had 12 points and 10 rebounds for Atlanta, which has won four straight following a season-opening loss. Hassan Whiteside finished with 23 points and 14 rebounds for Miami, doing so on 11-for-12 shooting. According to STATS, Whiteside was the third Heat center to shoot at least 11 for 12 and block four shots in a game, joining Alonzo Mourning and Shaquille O'Neal. Dwyane Wade scored 21 points despite spending a long stretch of the second half back in the Heat locker room after feeling a migraine start coming on. He took some medicine and returned in the fourth quarter.

NUGGETS 120, LAKERS 109

Kenneth Faried had 28 points and 15 rebounds, and Danilo Gallinari got 14 of his 21 points in the second half of Denver's victory over winless Los Angeles. J.J. Hickson scored 17 points in the Nuggets' fifth consecutive win over the Lakers at Staples Center since November 2012. Faried domiated the low post, went 10 for 13 and hit all eight of his free throws in Denver's 10th win over Los Angeles in the last 11 meetings. Jordan Clarkson matched his career high with 30 points, and Lou Williams added 14 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter for the Lakers, who started 0-4 for the second straight year. Kobe Bryant had

to end his slump.

GRIZZLIES 103, KINGS 89

Zach Randolph had 20 points and 11 rebounds as Memphis bounced back from an embarrassing loss with a victory over Sacramento. The Grizzlies were eager to rebound after a franchise-worst, 50-point loss Monday to the defending NBA champion Golden State Warriors. The Grizzlies were outscored 72-27 in the middle two quarters and set a team low for shooting (27.1 percent). Mike Conley had 14 points and six assists for Memphis, and Courtney Lee also scored 14. Marc Gasol developed a neck spasm and didn't play in the second half. Rudy Gay had 19 points for the Kings, who played without All-Star center DeMarcus Cousins because of a strained right Achilles. Sacramento's perennial scoring and rebounding leader is also expected to miss Wednesday's game in Phoenix.

HORNETS 130, BULLS 105

Jeremy Lamb scored 20 points on 9-of-10 shooting and Nicolas Batum added 18 as Charlotte cruised to its first victory of the season. Jeremy Lin added 15 points, and Al Jefferson had 14. The hot-shooting Hornets shot 14 of 22 from beyond the arc and made 22 of 23 free throws. Charlotte (1-3) led by as many as 27 in the second quarter after starting the game by hitting 13 of 18 shots from the field and all 11 foul shots in the first quarter. The Bulls never mounted a serious challenge. Jimmy Butler led the Bulls (3-2) with a season-high 26 points on 10-of-16 shooting, while Doug McDermott added 17 points.

MAGIC 103, PELICANS 94

Evan Fournier capped a career-high, 30point performance with a pair of 3-pointers in the final 1:13 as Orlando won for the first time this season. Nikola Vucevic had 22 points and 13 rebounds, and Victor Oladipo added 12 points for the Magic, who, like the Pelicans, entered the contest at 0-3. Eric Gordon had 21 points for New which trimmed an 18-point, first half deficit to 95-90 with 2:46 to go. Then Fournier helped Orlando put it away. Anthony Davis, Jrue Holiday and Ryan Anderson each scored 14 for the injuryplagued Pelicans, who have yielded more than 100 points in all four losses under new coach Alvin Gentry.



SHARJAH: England's Joe Root (2L) plays a shot during the fourth day of the third Test match between Pakistan and England in the Gulf Emirate of Sharjah yesterday. — AFP

PAKISTAN HOLD EDGE AS ENGLAND SEEK SERIES-LEVELLING WIN

SHARJAH: Pakistan grabbed two early wickets to hit England hard in their chase of a 284-run target as the third and final Test heads for an intriguing finish after day four in Sharjah yesterday. England were 46-2 with Alastair Cook (17) and Joe Root (six) fighting hard against Pakistan's spinners, led by Shoaib Malik who claimed both the wickets on a weary Sharjah stadium pitch.

England will need another 238 runs on the fifth and final day today for a series-levelling win while Pakistan will fancy a 2-0 victory. Pakistan won the while the first end second Test by 178 runs in Duba

SCOREBOARD

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

Pakistan 1st innings 234 (Misbah-ul-Haq 71; 146 Y. Khan, 4-152 R. Ali, 5-245 Misbah-ul-Haq, J. Anderson 4-17)

England 1st innings 306 (J. Taylor 76; Shoaib Malik 4-33, Yasir Shah 3-99)

Pakistan 2nd innings (Overnight: 146-3)

6-257 M. Hafeez, 7-312 S. Ahmed, 8-319 Y. Shah, 9-354 A. Shafiq, 10-355 W. Riaz. Bowling: J. Anderson 26-8-52-2; S. Broad 23-6-44-3; S. Patel 19-1-79-1; M. Ali 2-1-72-1; A. Rashid 29-3-97-1

NBA Results/Standings

Charlotte 130, Chicago 105; Indiana 94, Detroit 82; Atlanta 98, Miami 92; Orlando 103, New Orleans 94; Toronto 102, Dallas 91; Memphis 103, Sacramento 89; Denver 120, LA Lakers 109.

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Boston	1	2	.333	2.5	Portland	2	2	.500	1			
Philadelphia	0	3	0	3.5	Denver	2	2	.500	1			
Brooklyn	0	4	0	Pa	cific	Divisi	on					
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Detroit	3	1	.750	-	LA Clippers	4	0	1.000	-			
Cleveland	3	1	.750	_	Golden State	4	0	1.000	-			
Chicago	3	2	.600	0.5	Phoenix	2	2	.500	2			
Indiana	1	3	.250	2	Sacramento	1	3	.250	3			
Milwaukee	1	3	.250	2	LA Lakers	0	4	0	4			
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Miami	2	2	.500	1.5	Dallas	2	2	.500	1			
Charlotte	1	3	.250	2.5	Houston	1	3	.250	2			
Orlando	1	3	.250	2.5	New Orleans	0	4	0	3			



CHARLOTTE: Chicago Bulls' Taj Gibson, left, dunks over Charlotte Hornets' Cody Zeller during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Charlotte, N.C., Tuesday. The Hornets won 130-105. — AP

ed in a draw in Abu Dhabi.

It was Malik, due to quit Test cricket after this match, who provided Pakistan's early breakthroughs, trapping Moeen Ali (22) leg-before and then bowling lan Bell (nought) in successive overs. Cook and Root survived confident leg-before appeals off Zulfiqar Babar in the dying moments, much to the relief of the England camp. England's best chase in all Test cricket is the 332 they made against Australia at Melboure in 1928 while they have not reached more than a 209run target in Asia, achieved against Bangladesh at Dhaka five years ago.

England could have dismissed Pakistan for less than 355 in their second innings and subsequently chasing an easier target had they not dropped two crucial catches, of Hafeez on 113 and Asad Shafiq, who made 46, on 29. It was paceman Stuart Broad who led the attack admirably with 3-44 and was ably backed up by James Anderson (2-52) to help England take the last six Pakistan wickets with the second new ball for 126 runs.

Determination

It was only through Shafiq and Srafraz Ahmed's 55-run stand for the seventh wicket that Pakistan's lead soared over 250, as the pair batted with determination. Spinner Samit Patel dismissed the Pakistan wicketkeeper for 36 before Broad had Shafiq to leave Pakistan at 354-9. England took the second new ball after 81 overs with Pakistan at a lunch score of 229-4 and Broad struck in the fifth over, trapping Pakistan skipper Misbah-ul-Haq leg before for 38. Misbah hit two fours and a six and became Broad's 50th wicket in the calendar year in 13th Test, the best in 2015. Misbah and Hafeez added an invaluable 93 runs for the fifth wicket. Hafeez, dropped by Broad off his own bowling when on 113, drove Anderson for two to reach the 150-mark, his fourth 150-plus in Tests, but a run later holed out to spinner Ali at long-on where Bell took a simple catch.

Hafeez batted for 380 minutes, faced 266 balls and hit 15 fours and three sixes. Hafeez said he was pleased with his contribution. "I am happy that I have contributed to the kind of total we wanted to achieve," said Hafeez. "We have got two wickets so we fancy our chances on this pitch which is helping spinners." With Hafeez's catch, Bell became the eighth English fielder to take 100-plus catches in Test cricket. This is his 118th match. It was a battle of survival for Pakistan in the morning session as England looked for early wickets.

Hafeez survived some anxious moments as legspinner Adil Rashid trapped him in front of the wicket with the first ball of the day, after Pakistan resumed on 146-3. England challenged New Zealand umpire Chris Gaffaney's not out decision but television umpire Paul Reiffel of Australia upheld the verdict. One ball later, Hafeez charged down the wicket against a googly from Rashid but missed the ball completely.

However wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow missed a stumping chance and the ball went for four byes. Hafeez swept Rashid in the next over for a single to reach his century off 169 balls, his second at the Sharjah stadium. England players wore black armbands in memory of former batsman Tom Graveney who died on Tuesday at the age of 88 after long illness. He played 79 Tests for England. — AFP

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S. Malik Ibw b Anderson	0	M. Ali Ibw k
Y. Khan Ibw b Broad	14	A. Cook no
R. Ali b Anderson	0	I. Bell b Ma
Misbah-ul-Haq Ibw b Broad	38	J. Root not
A. Shafiq b Broad	46	Extras (nb-
S. Ahmed b Patel	36	Total (for 2
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	England 2nd innings (Target: 284 ru	ns)
	M. Ali Ibw b Malik	22
	A. Cook not out	17
	I. Bell b Malik	0
	J. Root not out	6
	Extras (nb-1)	1
	Total (for 2 wickets, 22 overs)	46
	Fall of wickets: 1-34 M. Ali, 2-34 I. Bell	
	To bat: J. Taylor, B. Stokes, J. Bairstov	v, S. Patel,
	A. Rashid, S. Broad, J. Anderson	
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	1); Z. Babar 9-2-11-0; S. Malik 7-3-8-	2; Y. Shah
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NSS UPSET TEC, CET AND TKM WIN ON OPENING DAY

in the 2nd over but a fighting 2nd

wicket partnership of 43 runs

between Nishanth (21) and

Praveen (11) took NSS to 51 by the

7th over. Then Dileep (17 including

2 sixers - man of the match) took

over with his unorthodox style to

help NSS reach a fighting 83 for 5

in their 12 overs. For TEC Dinto (2),

Anoop, Sreekumar, Sajeer (1 each)

took wickets but could not stem

earnest with Suresh (15) and

Ramesh (13) putting on 31 runs for

the opening wicket in 4 overs. After

Ramesh's exit, Sunil (13) kept up

the tempo to take TEC to 55 by the

8th over. TEC seemed well on

course with just 29 required off 4

overs and 9 wickets in hand. But

Dileep (3 for 14) bowled a match

winning spell restricting TEC to 74

TEC began the chase in real

the flow of runs.

KUWAIT: The 18th Prof. Ramachandran Memorial Cricket Tournament (RMC) conducted by College of Engineering Trivandrum Alumini Association (CETAA) and sponsored by GTE Olayan Co, Khuff GT&C and Nouri Industrial Est began on 30th October 2015 at the Fahaheel Cricket Ground. Tapan Ramesh, Regional Manager, GTE Olayan who was the Chief Guest was introduced to the players taking part.

In the first match, bowling 1st, CET bowlers maintained a steady line and length to choke NIT in the initial stages. At the end of the 6th over NIT were on a none too impressive 36 runs for the loss of 2 wickets. But Amal (12), Tarun (12 including a 6) and Baiju (19 no) raised the tempo to enable NIT to finish on a challenging 82 for 4 wickets off their 12 overs. For CET Prashanth, James, Daniel and Arief (1 wt each) bowled impressively to keep CET in the hunt.

In reply, CET got off to a bright start reaching 41 without any loss by the 6th over. The feature off the opening stand of 51 runs between KS Arun (27) and Binu (11) was the intelligent rotation of strike keeping the scoreboard moving. But NIT came back strongly with 4 quick wickets and CET were on the back foot needing 28 in the last 3 overs. But skipper Daniel (30 no - man of the match) rose to the occasion with 2 huge sixers and CET got home to a much awaited 5 wicket victory with 3 balls to spare. Aswin and Jacob (2 wickets each) bowled their hearts out for NIT but in vain.

In the 2nd match, favoured TEC were expected to win without much trouble but NSS had other ideas. Batting 1st, NSS lost Deepak for 6 off their 12 overs to earn NSS a famous 9 run win.

In the last match of the day, MACE batting 1st lost their star Roy early, bowled by Mukesh but Aju (50 no) scored the 1st half century of the tournament to guide MACE to 80 for 5 wickets off their 12 overs. For TKM, Kiran (2 wickets), Mukesh and Rahul (1 each) bowled manfully but Aju proved a stumbling block. In reply, Isaac (21 no) played the sheet anchor but TKM found it difficult to keep up with the asking rate. The match was interestingly poised but Anfar (45 man of the match) hit 3 sixers in the 8th over to effectively seal the match for TKM.

Matches for 6th Nov are as follows:- MACE vs TEC at 7 am, AECK vs NIT at 9 am, and CET vs KEA at 11 am



Tapan Ramesh presenting Man of the Match to Daniel - CET.



KEEPING GUANGZHOU'S FORWARDS AT BAY KEY: AL-AHLI

sheet when they host Chinese champions Guangzhou Evegrande in the first leg of the AFC Champions League final on Saturday.

Al-Ahli's route to a first ACL final has been built on the attacking threats posed by Brazilian duo Everton Ribeiro and Lima as well as UAE international Ahmed Khalil, who have combined to score six of their last seven goals. Coach Cosmin Olaroiu, though, wants his side to avoid conceding an away goal, something they have managed to do in only two of their six matches at home in the tournament. "The most important thing for me in this type of

DUBAI: Emiratis Al-Ahli are targeting a rare clean game is not to concede a goal at home, this will make a lot of complications," the Romanian said on Wednesday. "But in the same way, we are looking forward to winning the game and doing as much as we can not to concede too many." Ahli reached the final by beating Saudi Arabia's Al-Hilal 4-3 on aggregate after a last gasp winner in the second leg in Dubai by Kwon Kyung-won.

The Saudis have asked the Court of Arbitration for Sport to overturn the defeat arguing Al-Ahli fielded an ineligible player in Oussama Assaidi. They asked CAS to investigate after the Asian Football Confederation twice dismissed the claim. Olariou

was just focussing on a surprise final. "We feel good Saturday and boast tournament top scorer because we have to play a game that everyone wants to play in," the former Saudi Arabia and Al-Hilal boss added.

"We don't have any pressure, we are just enjoying being here. When we started our target was to pass the group for the first time in the history of the club. "Then we fixed the target of getting past Al-Ain and into the quarter-final, and then the semi-final, and now we are here and hope to win the trophy." They face a formidable task in Luiz Felipe Scolari's Guangzhou side, who won a fifth straight Chinese Super League title on

Ricardo Goulart and Brazilian compatriot Elkeson in their attacking ranks.

But the 2013 ACL winners will be without suspended South Korea centreback Kim Young-gwon for the match at Rashid Stadium. Olaroiu was optimistic his side could surprise again ahead of the second leg in China on Nov. 21.

"I have confidence in all my team and all my players," he said. "It is important to play a good game and for everyone to enjoy and for everyone to look forward to the AFC Champions League final." — Reuters

PALESTINE ORDERED TO PLAY QUALIFIERS **ON NEUTRAL TERRITORY**

ZURICH: FIFA have reversed their decision to allow Palestine to host today's World Cup qualifier against Saudi Arabia at home, ordered that it be played on neutral territory and postponed the game until Monday. FIFA said on Wednesday that their emergency committee, headed by Asian Football Confederation president Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa of Bahrain, had also ordered Palestine's game at home to Malaysia next week to be played elsewhere. FIFA said the decision "followed a meeting held in Palestine yesterday (Tuesday) between FIFA's security officer and local authorities, after which the Palestinian government confirmed that it could no longer guarantee the safety and security around the matches in question."

"In view of this, the Emergency Bureau for the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers has confirmed that the security guarantees cannot be compromised and that both matches need to be played on neutral ground." FIFA said that Saudi Arabia fixture would be played on Nov.

9 and the Malaysia match would be played on Nov. 12 as planned. "FIFA has asked the Palestinian Football Association to provide details on the neutral ground in Asia that will host both matches," said the statement.

FIFA said the emergency committee also included Juan Angel Napout of Paraguay and Michel D'Hooghe of Belgium, who like Sheikh Salman are members of FIFA's executive committee. Saudi Arabia had previously declined to play the fixture in September, saying they could not travel to the Palestinian territories due to force majeure.

On Oct 21, FIFA said that it had been agreed to stage the game in Palestine. The Saudi team, whose government does not recognise Israel, would have to pass through an Israeli border post to reach Palestine's Faisal Husseini stadium in Al-Ram. Saudi Arabia lead Group A in the second round of Asian qualifying after winning all their first four games. Palestine are third with five points.

Wednesday's announcement came hours after Malaysian sports minister Khairy Jamaluddin said they were prepared to travel to Palestine for the Nov. 12 game. "I am confident that they can go to Palestine. I have communicated with the Palestinian ambassador to Malaysia and he has given his assurance of safety for our team in Hebron," he told reporters in Kuala Lumpur.

"I, myself, have received a personal assurance from the Palestinian ambassador and he will personally accompany our team from the border to the stadium. "He said the Palestinian government will facilitate our team's passage through checkpoints controlled by the Israeli regisaudme," Khairy added. — Reuters



SEVILLE: Manchester City's Brazilian midfielder Fernando (L) vies with Sevilla's midfielder Vicente Iborra during the UEFA Champions League football match Sevilla FC vs Manchester City at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan stadium in Sevilla. — AFP

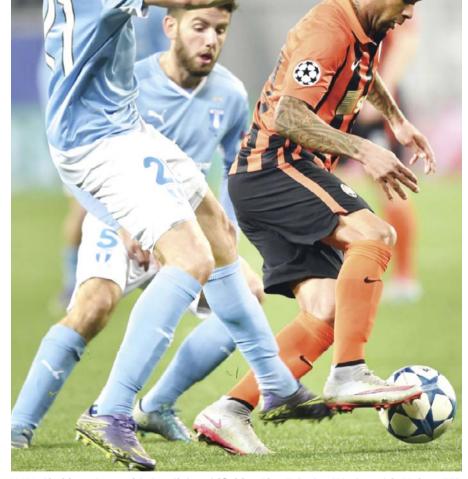
TRIUMPHANT CITY MARCH INTO LAST 16 BY CRUSHING SEVILLA **SEVILLE:** Manchester City threw off their shacksetting up Fernandinho who headed the second

les, went for goals and reached the Champions League last 16 with two games to spare by demolishing Sevilla 3-1 with a brilliant first-half attacking display in Group D on Tuesday. Firsthalf goals from Raheem Sterling, Fernandinho and Wilfried Bony sent City into the dressing rooms 3-1 up at halftime with the contest already effectively over. City top the section with nine points, a point ahead of Juventus who drew 1-1 at Borussia Moenchengladbach. Sevilla have three points above the Germans who now have two. In what captain Vincent Kompany described as probably their finest ever performance in the competition, City were far too strong for a Sevilla side that had won their last 10 home matches in European competition. The Spaniards were as good as buried by the 11th minute in front of their own fans at the Sanchez Pizjuan Stadium. Man-of-the match Sterling, with his best performance since his 49 million pounds (\$75.54 million) move from Liverpool, ignited City with an eighth minute goal. The England winger then had a key role in

three minutes later. Benoit Tremoulinas headed Sevilla's back into the contest after 25 minutes before Bony wrapped up the victory with City's third in the 36th. Like Sterling, it was Bony's first

happy with the way we were playing, but I am happy with the way we played today and with the way the three midfielders played and with two forwards," Pellegrini told BT Sport.

City broke the deadlock when Sterling, who



LVIV: Shakhtar Donetsk's Brazilain midfielder Alex Teixeira (R) vies with Malmo FF's Icelandic defender Kari Arnason during the UEFA Champions League football match Shakhtar Donetsk vs Malmo on Tuesday in Lviv. — AFP

Shakhtar destroy Malmo WITH FOUR-GOAL BLITZ

LVIV: Shakhtar Donetsk ended their goal famine in spectacular fashion by thrashing Malmo 4-0 in a clash between the third and fourth-placed teams in Champions League Group A on Tuesday. Elsewhere, Real Madrid sealed a place in the knockout stages by beating Paris St Germain 1-0 in the Spanish capital. Real have 10 points from four games followed by PSG on seven. Shakhtar and Malmo have three points and both the Ukrainians and the Swedes seem unlikely to progress.

Oleksandr Gladkyy netted in the first half before captain Darijo Srna (penalty), substitute Eduardo and Alex Teixeira killed off Malmo after the break in a one-sided encounter at the Lviv Arena.

"Malmo should be pleased they only conceded four goals because we had so many scoring chances," Shakhtar coach Mircea Lucescu told reporters. "We showed football is not only about the long balls Malmo are used to playing."

Gladkyy opened the scoring in the 29th minute when he knocked the rebound into the roof of the net after his first attempt was parried by keeper Johan Wiland. Defender Kari Arnason then brought down Brazilian Teixeira three minutes after halftime and Srna converted the spot kick. Eduardo, who replaced Gladkyy at the start of the second period, redirected a long-range shot from Bernard into the net to make it 3-0. Teixeira completed the rout with a

header in the 73rd minute after good work from Srna and Taison.

The only negatives for Shakhtar were the yellow cards received by defenders Srna and Oleksandr Kucher that mean they will be suspended for the next game against Real. Malmo had Arnason sent off one minute from time. "We did not look good from the very beginning of the game, we allowed them too much space," said visiting coach Age Hareide. — Reuters

Champions League goal.

INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT

"For us to be qualified with two games to spare is an incredible achievement," Belgium international Kompany told BT Sport. "It's probably the best performance we have had in the Champions League so far.

"The biggest thing to take from this game is that we were not naive. We played in a very British way today, we had a big man up front and a lot of runs from midfield and we hurt them like this. We brought the best of English football today to beat a very strong team."

City manager Manuel Pellegrini opted to play with Sterling and former Sevilla player Jesus Navas wide, with Bony and Fernandinho marauding in attack, and the plan worked perfectly. "I changed the system because I was not

was outstanding match, found the net with a sweet angled left-foot shot to become, at 20 years and 330 days, City's youngest Champions League scorer and, almost from that moment on, City dominated. City keeper Joe Hart was forced to make an important save when the score was 2-1 by blocking a Timothee Kolodziejczak header with Vicente Iborra smacking the ball into the side netting on the followup. City played a different, containing game in the second half, but, after their early breakthrough, there was only going to be one winner.

Sevilla coach Unai Emery said: "The team gave their best, we had chances. I have nothing to say against the players. The match went against them and they (City) took advantage. "We are looking to improve against rivals of the calibre of City and Juventus. We continue to have chances to qualify for second place." — Reuters

LICHTSTEINER NETS ON RETURN AS JUVE DRAW AT GLADBACH

MONCHENGLADBACH: Ten-man trolled the game and had the better Juventus took a step towards the Champions League knockout phase with a 1-1 draw at Borussia Moenchenglad bach on Tuesday as Stephan Lichtsteiner scored on his return from heart surgery.

The Swiss defender netted just before the half-time break to cancel out Fabian Johnson's 18th-minute opener for the hosts. It was Lichtsteiner's first appearance since the 31-year-old wing-back had an operation to fix an irregular heartbeat after coming off during a match in September with breathing difficulties

"For me it was important to resume playing quickly (after surgery]. I trained only twice with the team but the match was really important for us and I wanted to help the team," said Lichtsteiner.

"We wanted a victory, but considering that we conceded early and that we were reduced to 10 men early in the second half, we can be satisfied with the draw." Juventus played the last 35 minutes with 10 men after their Brazilian midfielder Hernanes was sent off for a late tackle on Gladbach's Alvaro Dominguez, just as the visitors were starting to take control of the game.

Despite the point, Juventus remain unbeaten in Europe, but dropped to second in Group D with Manchester City going top by virtue of their 3-1 away win at Sevilla, in so doing qualifying for the last 16.

Gladbach remain bottom of the group with just two points from four games and need to beat Sevilla in their next home Champions League match later this month just to stay in contention to qualify for the Europa League knockout phase as third in the group.

"We're all very disappointed, we con-

chances," Gladbach's Guinea international Ibrahima Traore told Sky. "Unfortunately all that was missing at the end was a goal."

After their teenage defensive midfielder Mahmoud Dahoud hit the crossbar with a curling long-range shot, the hosts took a deserved lead at Borussia Park. Juve's Giorgio Chiellini failed to clear a low cross into the box, Brazilian striker Raffael collected the loose ball and played in US international Johnson. who slotted his shot past the Italian goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon.

Having been named in the starting line-up, Lichtsteiner showed he is back to his best when Paul Pogba lifted a superb pass over the Gladbach defence and the Swiss smashed the ball past his national team-mate Yann Sommer on the volley on 44 minutes.

It was 1-1 at the break but the game's tempo changed when Dutch referee Bjorn Kuipers showed Hernanes a straight red card on 55 minutes, although replays showed both he and Dominguez went fully committed into a challenge for the loose ball. However, the few clear chances Gladbach carved out were expertly saved by the impressive Buffon.

With time almost up, Juventus's veteran goalkeeper kept his side in the game when the 37-year-old palmed Thorgan Hazard's shot over the bar with a reflex save. Gladbach's caretaker coach Andre Schubert has yet to secure a contract despite winning six straight Bundesliga games. His record in Europe is now two draws and a defeat after his side earned a point in the away match in Turin a fortnight ago and lost at home to Manchester City. — AFP



MOENCHENGLADBACH: Juventus' Hernanes, left, and Juventus' Paul Pogba watch the ball during the Champions League Group D soccer match between Borussia Moenchengladbach and Juventus Turin in Moenchengladbach, western Germany, Tuesday. — AP



OLD TRAFFORD: Manchester United's Wayne Rooney fights for the ball with CSKA's Pontus Wernbloom during the Champions League Group B soccer match between Manchester United and CSKA Moskva at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, England, Tuesday. — AP

ROONEY HEADER SENDS UNITED TOP IN GROUP CSKA MOSCOW BOTTOM OF GROUP AFTER LOSING 1-0

MANCHESTER: A thumping header from Wayne Rooney ended Manchester United's scoring drought and secured a 1-0 Champions League victory over CSKA Moscow as they went top of Group B on Tuesday.

United seemed to be heading for a fourth successive goalless draw before Rooney met a Jesse Lingard cross and sent a bullet of a header soaring past CSKA keeper Igor Akinfeev and into the roof of the net in the 79th minute.

It was the England striker's 237th goal for the Old Trafford outfit and drew him level with Denis Law as the club's second highest scorer, 12 behind Bobby Charlton.

Despite dominating possession throughout the encounter, United had struggled to break down the

resilient Russians whose own attacking ambitions were limited to infrequent counter attacks.

United, who had previously failed to score in Premier League encounters against Manchester City and Crystal Palace as well as a League Cup clash against second tier Middlesbrough, mustered little more than half chances until Rooney's winner.

The result left the group perfectly poised with United on seven points, one clear of VfL Wolfsburg and PSV Eindhoven, who won 2-0 at home to the Germans on Tuesday. CSKA are bottom with four.

"It is unbelievable because we created at least 12 chances tonight and had to wait a long time," United manager Louis van Gaal told BT Sport.

"Before that they could have scored and then it is a

different match. I am happy. We played well."

United began brightly, fizzing the ball around the slick surface with intent.

HALF CHANCES

Their possession, however, counted for little in the opening 45 minutes with a succession of half chances coming to nothing as the home crowd grew increasingly restless.

Rooney, whose form had been questioned after scoring only two Premier League goals this season, flashed an effort fractionally wide after three minutes and then almost latched on to an under-hit back pass before Akinfeev cleared the danger.

CSKA, who won 2-1 at United's neighbours

Manchester City 12 months ago, were happy to keep men behind the ball and barely threatened Van Gaal's well-drilled rearguard.

It looked like it would not be Rooney's night when he got the ball stuck under his feet from five metres with 20 minutes remaining, just before United keeper David De Gea pulled off a superb save to deny Seydou Doumbia when he was through on goal.

"Denis Law is a legend at this club and to equal his record is a huge honour for me," said England's record international goal-scorer Rooney.

Having faced criticism from many quarters this season, United need only win one of their final two matches at home to PSV and away to Wolfsburg to reach the last 16. — Reuters

REAL SEAL LAST 16 SPOT AS NACHO STRIKE SINKS PSG

BERNABEU: Real Madrid booked a place in the last 16 of the Champions League on Tuesday after substitute Nacho Fernandez scored late in the first half to clinch a 1-0 win in a tight game with Paris Saint Germain at the Bernabeu.

The 25-year-old defender had been on the pitch for less than three minutes when he slotted home from a tight angle against the run of play after Toni Kroos's shot was blocked in the 35th.

PSG will rue their poor finishing as they missed several chances, especially in the first period when Adrien Rabiot's volley hit the post after 37 minutes. Former-Real player Angel Di Maria also struck the woodwork late on with a free-kick for the visitors.

"It was not a comfortable game for us at all," Real defender Sergio Ramos told reporters. "It was a difficult game and it has given us a lot to think about. We played a lot better away in Paris where we could only draw. We were up against a strong side with good players who had a lot of possession and created chances."

Real have 10 points from four games in Group A while PSG, who suffered their first defeat in all competitions this season, are second with seven. Shakhtar Donetsk beat visiting Malmo 4-0 in the other group match with both teams now on three points.

There was a disruptive start to the game with players receiving treatment for knocks and PSG lost Marco Verratti after 17 minutes with what appeared to be a twisted ankle and he was replaced by the 20-year-old Rabiot.

It was the visitors who found their feet first with a shot from Blaise Matuidi straight at goalkeeper Keylor Navas and then Zlatan Ibrahimovic, inside the area, stroked the ball a whisker the wrong side



MADRID: PSG's David Luiz, left, tries to score as Real Madrid's Carlos Henrique Casemiro defends during the Champions League group A soccer match between Real Madrid and PSG at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, Tuesday. Real Madrid won 1-0. — AP of the right post.

Real fullback Marcelo then limped off after 33 minutes to add to the home side's injury problems this season, with Gareth Bale and Karim Benzema among those unfit to face the French.

Replacement Nacho made an instant impact by knocking the ball home after a Kroos shot deflected to him off Thiago Silva.

Real responded when Rabiot hit the post with a long-range volley and Edinson Cavani miscued with only Navas to beat in first half stoppage time.

After the restart Di Maria was also denied by Navas in front of goal but as the game went on Real took most of the steam out of the contest. Di Maria was inches away in the 89th minute, however, with a long-range free-kick that clipped the bar. — Reuters

PERERA SHINES, S LANKA THRASH WEST INDIES

COLOMBO: Opener Kusal Perera fell just one run short of a century as he guided Sri Lanka to an eight-wicket win against the West Indies in the second one-day international yesterday. Perera, 25, hit four sixes and six fours in his 92-ball knock before being dismissed for 99 in the rain-curtailed day-night game at the Premadasa stadium in Colombo.

The victory helped the hosts take an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three-match series after having won the opener by one wicket at the same venue on Sunday. Perera, who was troubled by cramps, shared a 156-run partnership for the second wicket with Lahiru Thirimanne who chipped in with an unbeaten 81.

"It (cramps) has rarely happened to me but I kept the (wickets) in the first innings so maybe that was it," Perera, named man of the match, said after the game. "(Tillakaratne) Dilshan and I had a good start and when Lahiru (Thirimanne) came, I decided to rotate the strike and take calculated risks."

Set a revised Duckworth-Lewis target of 225 in 38 overs after rain interrupted play for more than three hours, Sri Lanka cantered to the emphatic win with nine balls to spare.

The third and final one-dayer will be played on Saturday followed by two

Twenty20 games. Sri Lanka swept the preceding Test series 2-0. Perera, dropped on 62, ran out of luck when he holed out to Carlos Brathwaite at short fine leg off paceman Ravi Rampaul, much to the disappointment of the home crowd.

Earlier, West Indies opener Johnson Charles top-scored with 83 after the visitors elected to bat. Stand-in captain Marlon Samuels scored a quickfire 61-ball 63 before being run out in the penultimate over.

The West Indies were off to a wobbly start with opener Andre Fletcher edging behind paceman Lasith Malinga (2-43) off the first ball that he faced in the game. Jermaine Blackwood (9), making his oneday debut, also departed early but Charles steadied the innings in the company of Darren Bravo (21).

Charles raced to his fourth one-day half-century with a paddle swept boundary followed by a massive six over the long-on fence, Ajantha Mendis being the unlucky bowler. Just when Charles looked set for a bigger score, he was trapped leg before by left-arm spinner Milinda Siriwardana (2-27). Samuels, leading in the absence of regular captain Jason Holder who is serving a one-match ban for slow over rate, provided the late sparks with his quick hitting. — AFP



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TOKYO: A man is reflected on an electronic stock indicator of a securities firm. — AP

K MARKETS HIGHER JAPAN POWERED BY BLOCKBUSTER SHARE SALE

HONG KONG: China led gains in global stocks yesterday on hopes Ltd. said there is no agreement yet on the proposed second link; its for a Hong Kong-Shenzhen stock trading link that would further open China's financial markets while Japan was powered by a blockbuster share sale.

Keeping score

In morning trade, France's CAC 40 was up 1.1 percent to 4,989.64 and Germany's DAX added 0.3 percent to 10,987.82. Britain's FTSE 100 gained 1 percent to 6,445.72. US stocks were poised to open higher. Dow futures rose 0.2 percent to 17,884.00 and broader S&P 500 futures advanced 0.2 percent to 2,107.10.

Stock link

The People's Bank of China posted an article on its website by Governor Zhou Xiaochuan in which he said a stock trading link between Hong Kong and China's second smaller exchange in Shenzhen would be launched this year. The article was amended at midday yesterday to say that it was the text of a speech Zhou gave on May 27, before a stock market crash that threw into doubt Beijing's plans to widen access to its markets. Nevertheless, it boosted sentiment among investors, who were expecting the follow-up to last year's Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect to be delayed until next year. Stock exchange operator Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing

shares jumped as much as 9 percent.

Analyst view

Chinese markets continued to rally in the afternoon even after the central bank's clarification and "this behavior suggests that the HKenzhen Connect development was just one of the components of the rally," Gerry Alfonso of Shenwan Hongyuan Securities in Beijing wrote in a commentary. More details from China's latest five-year plan, an unprecedented meeting between the leaders of China and Taiwan and an upbeat report on China's services industry also supported shares, he said. "There were quite a few positive stories in the market today and despite some confusion the market reacted accordingly."

Japan jump

Shares of Japan Post jumped about 26 percent in their first day of trading after the company and its banking and insurance units raised a combined 1.44 trillion yen (\$11.9 billion) in the world's biggest initial public offering of stock this year. The long awaited sale of shares in the stateowned company is the biggest since Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group Holdings raised \$25 billion in its IPO in September 2014. The Japan Post sale is meant to tease out some of the more than \$14 trillion that Japanese have squirreled away in savings accounts.

Asian scorecard

The Shanghai Composite Index in mainland China ended 4.3 percent higher at 3,459.64 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 2.2 percent to 23,053.57 after earlier rising more than 3 percent. China's smaller Shenzhen Composite also finished 5.1 percent higher at 2,089.29. Japan's Nikkei 225 advanced 1.3 percent to 18,926.01 and South Korea's Kospi edged up 0.2 percent to 2,052.77. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 gained 0.1 percent to 5,242.30. Markets in Taiwan, India, Singapore and Thailand also rose.

China services

A survey found that the country's service industries strengthened last month. The Caixin/Markit purchasing managers' index for October rose to 52 from a 14-month low of 50.5 in September, based on a 100-point scale on which numbers below 50 indicate contraction. China's service industries such as retailing and tourism have helped offset weakness in manufacturing amid a slowdown in the world's No. 2 economy.

Energy

Benchmark US crude futures slipped 24 cents to \$47.66 in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract added \$1.76 to close at \$47.90 a barrel in New York on Tuesday. Brent crude, which is a benchmark for international oils, fell 27 cents to \$50.26 a barrel in London. — AP

AL DAWLI APPROVES LATEST STRATEGIC TRANSFORMATION PLAN

KUWAIT: Sheikh Mohammed Al Jarrah Al Sabah, Chairman of Kuwait International Bank (Al Dawli), declared that the Bank realized 18% growth in profits for the 9 months ended 30 September 2015, amounting to KD11.8 million compared to KD10 million for the corresponding period last year (2014). This growth has come as a result of increase in revenues and an



improvement in the controlling of expenditures. The financing revenues rose by 9.3% ie KD3.7 million totaling KD 43.4 million compared to KD39.7 million for the corresponding period last year. Revenues from fees and commissions realized a growth of 9.3%, amounting to KD6.5 million compared to KD5.9 million for the same period last year. The revenues from investment increased also by KD1.6 million, amounting to KD4.5 million compared to KD2.8 million for the corresponding period of 2014, thus realizing a remarkable growth of 58%. On the other hand, the total expenditures reached KD19 million compared to KD19.3 million, decreasing by 1.4% compared to the corresponding period last year. The earnings per share (EPS) increased for the period ended 30 September 2015 by 18% reaching 12.59fils compared to 10.66fils for the corresponding period last year.

Sheikh Mohammed Al Jarrah also indicated that Al Dawli's assets increased by KD76.4 million, ie by 4.6% reaching KD1.74 billion compared to KD1.66 billion at the end of 2014. This increase has come as a result of a growth of KD64 million in the financing portfolio reaching KD1.13 billion, compared to KD1.06 billion last year. Depositors' accounts rose to approximately KD1.03billion in comparison with KD989 million at the end of 2014 that is an increase of 4.3%, resulting in net new deposits of KD42 million.

Kuwait International Bank's strong growth during the third quarter of 2015 was further strengthened by a significant lowering of NPLs that decreased by 22.8% to reach 4.4% versus 5.7% for the same period last year. Kuwait International Bank continued to maintain a comfortable capital adequacy ratio of 22.7% and financial leverage ratio of above 11%. Indeed, the aforementioned positive results fostered rise of return on equity to reach 6.49% in comparison with 5.78% for the same period last year. Moreover, distributions on depositors' accounts moved from 1.2% in the first quarter to1.5% in the second quarter and 1.8% in the third quarter.

Sheikh Mohammed Jarrah Al-Sabah, KIB Chairman commented on the most distinguished features of KIB's new ambitious strategic transformation plan which was presented to the Bank's Board of Directors for approval. The plan was approved for implementation this year and in the coming years. It aims to help the Bank excel within the Kuwaiti market and establish itself as the Islamic Institution of choice.

Creativity and Innovation

"Through implementing this innovative allinclusive plan, Kuwait International Bank is keen on applying a strategic transformation and to realize ambitious goals with respect to its performance, assets, products and services in order to become the fastest-growing Islamic bank in the State of Kuwait and the mostattractive Islamic Financial Institution to the national youth workforce looking for promising job opportunities. To this end, KIB needs to improve the quality of its assets, encourage creative ideas, promote retail services, and establish itself as a trusted adviser for Kuwaiti companies. In addition, KIB will further ensure to continue abiding by CBK's instructions and the international supervisory standards approved by Kuwaiti regulators, particularly the recent instructions pertinent to applying governance rules and Basel III Committee. KIB's Risk Management Department has been always cautious about risks, the matter which is deemed to be the basis for our bank's uniqueness" Sheikh Mohammed Jarrah Al-Sabah added.

Sheikh Al Jarrah reiterated Al Dawli's ambitious plan for strategic transformation saying: "We have developed an ambitious 5-year strategy and detailed an implementation plan to transform the bank to new inspirational levels. KIB's transformation plan is structured in three phases: The first of which is enhancing the bank's fundamental infrastructure for 2015, moving forward with the transformation process for 2016, then ending up with achieving competitive advantage for 2017. He also stressed that it is imperative upgrade the bank's policies and procedures to a lean infrastructure enabling seamless transactions and service excellence. Furthermore, KIB will be launching and innovative products, services, campaigns, and offers, tailored to the varied needs of its customers.



JAZEERA AIRWAYS GROUP ANNOUNCES 11.7% RISE IN YEAR-TO-DATE NET PROFIT

KUWAIT: Jazeera Airways yesterday announced its third quarter financial results. The company recorded a 2.4% rise in net profit for the quarter, bringing its nine-month net profit to KD14.5 million, reflecting an 11.7% increase over the same period last year.

Q3 Financial Highlights:

- Operating revenue: KD21.0 million, less 0.9% from Q3 2014
- Operating profit: KD8.5 million, up 14.9% from Q3 2014
- Net profit: KD8.3 million, up 2.4% from Q3 2014

Nine-month Financial Highlights:

- Operating revenue: KD47.6 million
- Operating expenses: KD34.4 million, less 7.2% from the same period in 2014
- Operating profit: KD13.2 million, up 25.5% from the same period in 2014
- Net profit: KD14.5 million, up 11.7% from the same period in 2014

Jazeera Airways Chairman, Marwan Boodai, said: "We are pleased with this quarter's results and we forecast the last quarter to be in line with expectations. As for our previously announced capital reduction scheme and shareholder payout program we are well on track and expect the last payout by early December."

Last month, the board gained shareholder approval to reduce the company's capital following the exit from the aircraft leasing business last January. Today, the company is in the process of reducing capital from KD42 million to KD20 million through a share buyback program of 220 million shares at the nominal share price of 100 fils, resulting in a KD22 million shareholder payout, which when combined with the company's special dividends payout of KD20 million in June, and with KD10.7 million in 2015 accumulated earnings and other reserves that are required by law to be distributed as part of the capital reduction, the company's cash payout to shareholders in 2015 will total KD52.7 million.



WARBA BANK REPORTS KD 1.2M NET PROFITS IN THE THIRD QUARTER 2015

KUWAIT: Warba Bank achieved excellent profits in the third quarter exceeding expectations for its financial results for the first nine months of 2015. The Bank achieved net profit of KD 1.251 million compared to KD 318,000 for the same period in 2014. The Bank's total assets grew by 34% reaching KD 682.760 million compared to KD 507.140 million as on 30 September 2014. The Bank maintains high level of asset quality due to the expansion strategy adopted by the Bank in its pursuit for viable financing opportunities risk studied locally and internationally for making investment and achieving lucrative revenues thus supporting the Bank's future growth, enhancing its competitiveness and increasing its market share in the Islamic banking industry, which witnesses increasing boom.

The realized profits before provisions increased at 100% reaching KD 3.314 million due to the quality and diversity of the Bank's assets and retaining high growth rates despite the severe competition in the sector. The Bank's financing portfolio grew by 42% reaching KD 492.386 million by the end of the third quarter 2015 compared to KD 346.747 million for the same period last year.

Mr Emad Abdullah Al Thaqeb, Chairman of Warba Bank, said: "Warba Bank's strong performance continues to the third quarter with growth ascending trend reflecting the Bank's solid financial position, successful and flexible strategy that adapts to accelerating economic and legislative recent changes despite the ongoing political and security turbulences in the region."

Al Thaqeb noted that Warba Bank's operational revenue grew by 34% reaching KD 13.283 million by the end of the third quarter 2015 compared to KD 9.891 million for the same period in 2014. He assured that the excellent achieved results are the outcome of the operational activities and strong growth in the business volume and high performance which are the main factors for Warba receiving its first time rating of Baa2/Prim-2 for deposits in local and foreign currencies with a stable outlook by Moody's International Agency. This rating is due to some other factors of which the most important are the good quality of the financing and investment assets portfolio, the low rate of problem financing and the adequate liquidity levels retained and consistently balanced by the Bank.

He pointed out that receiving that rating is a milestone added to the Bank's record despite the few years of its operation and in such stage and conditions prevailing in the region that press international rating agencies to be more reserved in giving ratings. He added; "Warba Bank demonstrates high capitalization levels due to its solid capital base and the assets' quality. The tangible common equity "TCE" to risk weighted assets (RWAs) ratio stood at 23.76% as of 30 September 2015 (29.76% as on 31 December 2014), comparing favorably to local banks in Kuwait average of 13.9% as of December 2014 and to the global median of 13.4%.

He noted that the Bank gives special care for monitoring capitalization levels and capital adequacy ratio in line with the solid and significant growth in the asset portfolios through ICAAP, Stress Testing and Capital Management models and forms. This is for maintaining and controlling the appropriate capitalization levels and sustaining growth rates through diversification of the financed sectors and managing risks associated with the financing operations in addition to mitigating both market risks and operation risks.



Al Thaqeb also mentioned that the Bank has achieved these good results due to the efforts exerted by the executive management, all staff members to whom we express our thanks and the support extended by the Board of Directors. Thus the Bank has become able to enhance its future marketing plan, developing its competitiveness and increasing its market share in the Islamic Banking sector under the severe competition in the market."

Mr Jassar Dakheel Al Jassar, Vice Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Warba Bank, said: "Warba Bank maintains a strategy of diversifying investments and income sources by improving business and operational performance across the Bank, including Investment, Treasury, Corporate Finance, Planning, Risk Management, Operations, Retail Banking and Information Technology. He added; "We implement our strategy by continually seizing new lucrative opportunities or introducing innovative new financial products and services that will increase the Bank's market share specifically in the financing portfolio through providing customers with great offers for satisfying their modern needs and more specifically in the field of ecommerce. The net financing revenues increased reaching KD 8.613 million compared to 6.408 million for the same period last year with increase ratio of 34.4 %." Al Jassar noted; "Customer deposits increased by 42.2% reaching KD 585.300 million in the third quarter of 2015, compared to KD 411.608 million during the same period last vear.



BERLIN: German Chancellor Angela Merkel delivers a speech during a reception of the Federation of German Industries. — AP

EURO-ZONE ECONOMIC GROWTH REMAINS 'FRUSTRATINGLY WEAK'

LONDON: The 19-country euro-zone economy is growing steadily but there's no sign of any marked lift-off, a key survey showed yesterday in another development that's likely to pile pressure on the European Central Bank to expand its stimulus next month.

In its monthly survey of economic conditions around the single currency bloc, financial information company Markit said its composite purchasing managers' index - a broad gauge of economic activity encompassing both the manufacturing and services sectors rose to 53.9 points in October from the fourmonth low of 53.6 in September. and, according to Markit, October's figure points to quarterly growth of 0.4 percent. That's on a par with recent quarters but doesn't amount to much - around 1.6 percent on an annualized basis, which is markedly lower than the rate of growth the US economy has experienced for much of the past few years and not enough to lower unemployment rates across the euro-zone quickly. "The pace of growth looks set to remain frustratingly weak given the amount of stimulus in play at the moment," said Markit's chief economist Chris Williamson. — AP

Anything above 50 indicates expansion

DOLLAR RETREATS AGAINST EMERGING CURRENCIES

SAUDI REBOUNDS FROM CHART SUPPORT, REGION STAYS WEAK

DUBAI: Saudi Arabia's stock market rebounded from near technical support yesterday but most major Middle Eastern bourses were weak, weighed down by concern about slowing economic growth. The Saudi stock index, which has support at its August low of 6,921 points, fell to 6,890 during the day but rebounded to close 1.2 percent higher at 7,035 points.

Petrochemical blue chip Saudi Basic Industries climbed 1.9 percent and Al-Rajhi Bank added 3 percent. Saudi Printing and Packaging Co, which has been rising since shortly after it reported quarterly earnings on Oct 20, added a further 9.7 percent, bringing its gains in the last five trading days to 59 percent.

Telecommunications firm Etihad Etisalat (Mobily) gained 2.1 percent after its chief executive, speaking a year after the company made the first in a series of shock earnings restatements, told Reuters that the company aimed to become profitable again within 12 months. Market turnover during the rebound was only moderate, however, and it was not clear that the Saudi bourse was starting any extended recovery. Investor sentiment was hit hard by Standard & Poor's downgrade of Saudi sovereign debt at the end of last week, and by a purchasing managers' survey on Tuesday showing private sector growth was the slowest since 2009.

Another purchasing managers' survey on Tuesday showed private sector growth in the United Arab Emirates dropping to a 30-month low, a sign that low oil prices are starting to drag on economies across the region. Dubai's stock index rose in early trade but a late bout of selling caused it to close 2.7 percent lower. Real estate blue chip Emaar Properties tumbled 5 percent.

Islamic mortgage provider Amlak Finance surged over 6 percent in early trade after it reported thirdquarter group net profit jumped to 57 million dirhams (\$15.5 million) from 7 million dirhams a year ago; ninemonth profit dropped 11 percent. But the stock ended only 1.2 percent higher at 1.74 dirhams. It is not covered widely by analysts or followed by many institutional investors; Thomson Reuters data shows one analyst covers it, with a "sell" rating and a target of 0.30 dirham.

Abu Dhabi's index fell 4.4 percent. Qatar's index edged down 0.04 percent. Egypt's index edged up 0.2

percent, underperforming gains in emerging markets outside the region. A purchasing managers' survey on Tuesday showed Egyptian business activity shrinking at the fastest pace since February. Palm Hills Development added 3.4 percent, however, after saying it had agreed to co-develop an integrated residential and commercial community with a total size of 10.000 square meters.

Yesterday's highlights

SAUDI ARABIA: Index added 1.2 percent to 7,035 points.

DUBAI: Index dropped 2.7 percent to 3,427 points. **ABU DHABI:** Index fell 1.4 percent to 4,264 points. **QATAR:** Index edged down 0.04 percent to 11,512 points.

EGYPT: Index edged up 0.2 percent to 7,450 points. **KUWAIT:** Index slipped 0.3 percent to 5,775 points. **OMAN:** Index edged down 0.1 percent to 5,942 points.

BAHRAIN: Index fell 0.7 percent to 1,251 points. — Reuters



TOKYO: The US dollar fell against emerging market currencies in Asia yesterday as worries over China's economy faded and investors awaited fresh input from the Federal Reserve on its timeline for an interest rate hike.

The Malaysian ringgit and the Indonesian rupiah booked solid gains against the greenback as a commodity price recovery pushed equity markets into positive territory. The South Korean won, the Taiwan and Singapore dollars and the Thai baht were also up against the US currency. But the dollar gained against Japan's currency, rising to 121.19 yen from 121.03 yen Tuesday in New York.

Expectations remain that the Japanese central bank may need to increase its bondbuying program to further stimulate the country's slumping economic growth and weak consumer prices. The euro, meanwhile, dropped to \$1.0948 from \$1.0959 but showed continued strength against the yen, edging up to 132.68 yen from 132.64 yen.

High-yield, riskier assets have taken a big hit this year on fears of a flight of capital back to the United States as traders look for better, safer investments. But the dollar suffered a heavy sell-off against emerging currencies in October, as concerns about the world's top economy boosted the argument the Fed would delay a rate hike until 2016.

"We still have some uncertainties over when US interest rates will start to climb, but it seems the clouds of pessimism around China's economy are starting to clear," chief market strategist Michael McCarthy of CMC Markets Plc told Bloomberg News. "It's unlikely we'll see a hard landing in China. There's been demonstrated commitment from authorities in China to underpin the economy. We're certainly seeing good support for risk assets."— AP

MASISI: Cheese factory workers pose in Kilolirwe in the eastern territory of Masisi on November 2, 2015. Masisi in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is known for the production of cheese, a legacy started by Belgian priests in 1975. — AFP

EXCHANGE RATES

AL-MUZAINI EXCHAN	20 gram	GOLD 227.87	Saudi Riyals Jordanian Dinar	81.740 428.080	US Dollars Mint
ASIAN COUNTRI	ES 10 gram	116.63 59.00	Egyptian Pound Sri Lankan Rupees	37.724 2.160	Bangladesh Taka
Japanese Yen 2.506	5		Indian Rupees	4.638	Chinese Yuan
Indian Rupees 4.636		_	Pakistani Rupees	2.878	Hong Kong Dolla
Pakistani Rupees 2.881	UAE EX	CHANGE CENTRE WLL	Bangladesh Taka	3.887	Indian Rupees
Srilankan Rupees 2.158			Philippines Pesso	6.483	Indonesian Rupia
Nepali Rupees 2.908	CURRENCIES	TELEX TRANSFER PER 1000	Cyprus pound	578.645	Japanese Yen
Singapore Dollar 218.600	Australian Dollar	206.73	Japanese Yen	3.510	Kenyan Shilling
Hongkong Dollar 39.209	Canadian Dollar	236.35	Syrian Pound	2.605	Korean Won
Bangladesh Taka 3.892 Philippine Peso 6.506	Swiss Franc	310.66	Nepalese Rupees	3.895	Malaysian Ringgit
	Euro	335.72	Malaysian Ringgit	71.750	Nepalese Rupee
Thai Baht 8.577	US Dollar	304.05	Chinese Yuan Renminbi	48.415	Pakistan Rupee
GCC COUNTRIE	Sterling Pound	471.32	Thai Bhat	9.520	Philippine Peso
Saudi Riyal 81.070	Supariese refi	2.55	Turkish Lira	108.260	Sierra Leone
Qatari Riyal 83.510	Bangladesh Taka	3.891 4.634			Singapore Dollar
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HONDA PROFIT UP DESPITE HIT FROM TAKATA AIR BAG RECALLS

TOKYO: Honda reported a quarterly profit of 127.7 billion yen (\$1 billion) yesterday, up 7 percent from its revised result from the year before, even as costs of a massive recall related to defective air bags dented the boost from healthy sales. Tokyo-based Honda, hard hit by air bag problems at supplier Takata Corp., said it will stop buying air bag inflators from Takata for models now under development.

The maker of the Odyssey minivan, Civic sedan and Asimo robot had recall-related expenses totaling 87.5 billion yen (\$723 million) for the quarter. July-September sales rose nearly 16 percent to 3.6 trillion yen (\$30 billion). The automaker said it revised past earnings because it has adopted International Financial Reporting Standards,

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> Honda, which has repeatedly said it won't rescue Takata, issued a statement saying Takata had not been forthright enough. "We have become aware of evidence that suggests that Takata misrepresented and manipulated test data for certain air bag inflators," Honda said. "Honda expects its suppliers to act with integrity at all times, and we are deeply troubled by this apparent behavior by one of our suppliers."

US penalties

Takata agreed to pay \$70 million in US penalties for lapses in how it handled recalls

of millions of explosion-prone air bags, blamed in eight deaths and more than 100 injuries worldwide. Under the five-year pact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration can increase the penalty to a record \$200 million if Takata fails to abide by the terms. Takata agreed to phase out air bag inflators that use ammonium nitrate, the propellant blamed for the explosions.

Takata Chief Executive Shigehisa Takada stressed the company will comply and deliver a fix. But the root cause of the propellant remains under investigation. Although there is a question mark about Takata's future, one factor in its favor is that it makes a variety of products, including seat belts and steering wheels. Air bags made up 38 percent of Takata sales last fiscal year. "I don't know if it's enough to take the company down," said Kelley Blue Book senior analyst Rebecca Lindland. "I think they will weather the storm, but they need to come clean."

It is also not easy for automakers to switch suppliers because model development and planning take several years, and various models at a manufacturer share platforms, or basic parts. Honda has not ruled out the use of other Takata products, including air bags minus the inflators. Takata shares plunged 13 percent in Tokyo yesterday. It reports earnings Friday.

Takata plans to pay \$10 million in the NHTSA fines this fiscal year, but will book the entire amount in its next earnings. Takata said it has enough in its coffers to pay the \$10 million. Takata's inflators can rupture and hurl shrapnel at drivers and passengers in a crash. So far, about 23.4 million driver's-side and passenger-side inflators have been recalled on 19.2 million US vehicles sold by 12 automakers. In Japan, the affected vehicles total nearly 10 million.

According to NHTSA and Honda, Takata's misconduct dates back to at least 2009. Automakers must notify NHTSA of defects within five days of discovering them. Among other Japanese automakers, Nissan Motor Co. reported a 38 percent rise in profit for the July-September quarter at 172.8 billion yen (\$1.4 billion), on the back of healthy sales surging 13 percent. Toyota Motor Corp, the world's biggest automaker, reports financial results today. — AP

M&S RAISES PROFIT ESTIMATES DESPITE CLOTHING SALES DIP

LONDON: British retailer Marks & Spencer yesterday raised its annual forecast for margins in clothing and homewares even though quarterly sales fell in this troubled division. The 131-year-old group also beat forecasts for first-half profit and increased its dividend, sending its shares up 3.7 percent.

The performance is likely to give a boost to Chief Executive Marc Bolland, who, rather than chasing unprofitable sales has focused on gross margins - the difference between the price M&S pays for goods and the price it sells them through improvements in sourcing operations. The company said sales of general merchandise, spanning clothing, footwear and home wares, at stores open over a year, fell 1.9 percent in the 13 weeks to Sept. 26, its fiscal second quarter.

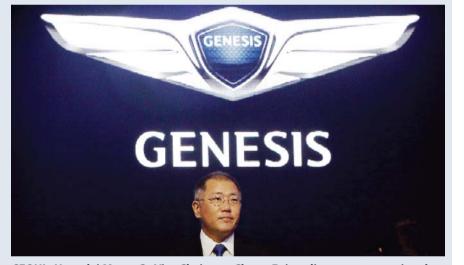
That compares to analysts' forecasts in a range of flat to down 2.0 percent, with a consensus of down 1.2 percent, and a first quarter fall of 0.4 percent. M&S said the sales performance reflected unseasonal conditions and a decision to focus on full price sales. M&S's non-food division increased its gross margin by a greater than expected 2.85 percentage points in the first half and it raised full-year guidance to up 2 to 2.5 percentage points from up 1 to 1.5 percentage points previously.

"We delivered good underlying profit growth in the first half and made strong progress against our key priorities," Bolland said. M&S reported a 6.1 percent rise in first-half underlying pretax profit to 284 million pounds (\$437.96 million), ahead of analysts' average forecast of 270 million pounds. While UK profits rose 14.6 percent, overall profit growth was dragged back by a weak international performance, where profit fell 52 percent.

Under investment

Second quarter like-for-like sales in M&S's food business rose 0.2 percent, a 24th straight quarterly increase. M&S food is outperforming Britain's grocery industry, benefiting from product innovation and a focus on providing for special occasions. M&S shares have risen 29 percent over the last year on hopes that the billions of pounds spent by Bolland on the redesign of products, stores, supply chain logistics and the website, to address decades of under investment, will pay off. But his critics argue that increasing gross margins alone is not a source of long-term growth. M&S's results are the first since Steve Rowe switched from running the food business to heading the general merchandise arm. Richard Hunter, Head of Equities at Hargreaves Lansdown Stockbrokers, said the improving margins, profits and dividend were all welcome.

"The largest challenge remains in the form of sales within General Merchandise, where M&S is focusing on margin improvements by eschewing discounts and concentrating on full price sales. This buys the company some time to rediscover the magic potion which may tempt younger shoppers into its stores." Prior to yesterday's update analysts were, on average, forecasting underlying pretax profit for the full 2015-16 year of 703 million pounds, up from 661 million pounds in 2014-15. M&S raised its interim dividend by 6.3 percent to 6.8 pence. — Reuters



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This is a frame grab from a Volkswagen commercial for a vehicle with their TDI Clean Diesel engine. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is investigating whether Volkswagen's "clean diesel" advertising claims amounted to a fraud on American consumers, adding a new avenue for regulators to punish the company for its deception. — AP

VW INQUIRY: STATES SCRUTINIZE Advertisements to build case

ADS COULD BRING MAJOR SHOCK FOR AUTOMAKER

WASHINGTON: For years, Volkswagen lured customers with "clean diesel" ads that sent cars zooming off the lot and the company's revenues spiraling. Now, in the wake of VW's admission that its software cheated emissions tests, those ads could bring major sticker shock for the German automaker.

An expanding investigation by state attorneys general into VW's emissions claims will likely focus on every ad, banner or social media sales pitch describing its diesel cars as good for the environment. Those ads are at odds with the company acknowledging that it put stealth software in millions of vehicles worldwide to cheat on emissions tests. State laws ban deceptive or misleading business practices and violations can bring fines of \$5,000 or more for each instance. ment of the multistate review, which will also examine VW's environmental harm, and is only one piece of a larger body of inquiries into VW. The Environmental Protection Agency this week said it discovered more emissions-cheating software on other VW vehicles, including Audi and Porsche models, which the company disputes. The Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission are also examining the company's actions. So far, the District of Columbia and every state but three have joined the multistate investigation. California, Texas and West Virginia are pursuing their own lawsuits. pollutant - "Diesel is no longer a dirty word," one claimed - and touted the vehicles as cleaner than most on the road. The lawsuit seeks \$20,000 for each violation.

India questions emission tests

In related news, India's government will demand answers from Volkswagen after major discrepancies were found in emission tests on its cars, an official said Wednesday, becoming the latest country drawn into the pollution cheating scandal.

The embattled auto giant will be formally asked

SEOUL: Hyundai Motor Co Vice Chairman Chung Euisun listens to a question during a press conference. — AP

HYUNDAI LAUNCHES LUXURY CAR BRAND

SEOUL: Hyundai Motor Co said yesterday it has launched a premium car brand named after its Genesis sedan to boost earnings and its share of the fast-growing global market for luxury vehicles. South Korea's largest automaker said that the Genesis brand begins with two sedans, including the namesake upscale car launched two years ago and a large flagship sedan slated for release next month.

It will add four more models including a sports coupe and sports utility vehicles by 2020. The company began preparing for the brand in 2004. Hyundai had planned to launch it when it released the first Genesis sedan in 2008 but postponed because the global financial crisis dented sales of luxury cars.

Hyundai was the only major automaker without a separate luxury brand. The announcement is a "new start" for Hyundai, said Chung Euisun, a vice chairman and grandson of the company's founder. Even though luxury cars account for just 10 percent of global auto sales, they set technology and design trends for the overall automobile industry and their sales growth has outpaced mainstream cars. Hyundai hired Luc Donckerwolke, former chief designer at Bentley who also previously worked at Lamborghini and Audi, to work on Genesis models as well as Hyundai cars starting early next year. The move comes after Hyundai's latest quarterly profit slid to the lowest in five years.

Its sales in China dropped sharply this year, like other foreign auto brands in China, due to heightened competition from Chinese carmakers. The automaker's underestimation of strong demand for SUVs and a cheap Japanese yen that boosted rivals Toyota and Honda also contributed to its weak performance. In South Korea, the company faced competition from German and Japanese cars. — AP In all, Volkswagen sold nearly 500,000 "clean diesel" cars in the US that emitted smog-causing exhaust up to 40 times dirtier than the law allows. The affected cars date back to the 2009 model year, so the states' legal strategy could implicate advertisements that aired or were published since then.

"Each incident is a separate violation," said James Tierney, former Maine attorney general and now program director of the National State Attorneys General Program at Columbia Law School. "Advertising, even if the sale does not occur, could violate these laws. Every time there was a banner on a website, every time a salesman said this car is terrific, all of that is a violation." Jeannine Ginivan, a VW spokeswoman, said the company was unable to comment on active or pending litigation.

Deceptive practices

The deceptive practices statutes are one ele-

States have sent wide-ranging demands for records and testimony to Volkswagen in a sweeping investigation that could last for years. The company is coordinating its response to the various requests, which include potentially overlapping information, said Kristina Edmunson, a spokeswoman for Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, whose state is among those leading the investigation. New York, another state leading the review, has also demanded documents from VW.

Last week, the National Association of Attorneys General awarded a \$1.5 million grant to support the case.

West Virginia's lawsuit notes that Volkswagen claimed its models were the "most clean," delivered 30 percent better fuel mileage, offered "significantly more torque" and were "more fun" to drive. Consumers paid a premium from \$1,000 to \$6,855 above the cost of standard gasoline engines, the lawsuit said. Texas' lawsuit said Volkswagen's brochures and Internet and television ads dismissed the longstanding reputation of diesel as a to explain results of tests carried out on three VW models by the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), the government official said. "Testing agency ARAI has found significant variation in emission levels in on-road vehicles of three Volkswagen models compared to laboratory measurements," Ambuj Sharma, additional secretary of the heavy industries ministry, told the Press Trust of India news agency.

Sharma said his ministry will issue the notice to the company over its concerns for diesel models Jetta, Audi A4 and Vento. An ARAI official told AFP it ran tests on all models made and sold in India. "We had been tasked to do testing of cars in September. We did rigorous tests and the report is with the government," the official said, requesting not to be named. A spokesman for Volkswagen India said it would wait to receive the government's notification before commenting. Volkswagen India has two factories in the western state of Maharashtra, with a manufacturing capacity of more than 200,000 cars annually. — Agencies

TESLA'S 3Q LOSS WIDENS, BUT SHARES RISE ON PRODUCTION

DETROIT: Tesla Motors' net loss more than tripled in the third quarter as expenses and research costs rose, but investors cheered news that the company expects to meet or exceed its production targets this year.

The Palo Alto, California-based electric car maker said it expects to produce between 50,000 and 52,000 vehicles this year. That's lower than the target of 55,000 it set earlier this year, but meets an updated forecast the company provided in August. Tesla shares rose almost 10 percent in after-hours trading. Tesla's loss of \$229.9 million, or \$1.78 per share, compares to a loss of \$74.7 million, or 60 cents per share, in the July-September period a year ago.

Tesla said it delivered 11,603 vehicles in the third quarter, slightly ahead of its plan and up from 7,785 in the same period a year ago. Among those were a handful of new Model X SUVs, which the company delivered to the first customers at the end of September. Tesla CEO Elon Musk said only a few small issues have cropped up during the Model X production launch, like difficulty sealing its elaborate falcon-wing doors. Musk said the company is on track to build between 15,000 and 17,000 vehicles in the fourth quarter.

"We feel very confident that we can get to several hundred vehicles per week by the end of the year," Musk told analysts in a conference call. Tesla said the average selling price of its other vehicle, the Model S sedan, declined slightly in the third quarter because it began offering a lower-priced, \$75,000 variant with a smaller battery. The typical Model S sells for closer to \$90,000.

Next vehicle on track

Tesla confirmed that its next vehicle, the \$35,000 Model 3, is on track for an unveiling in late March. It is set to go on sale in 2017. Revenue rose 10 percent to \$936.8 million. Tesla's operating expenses rose 43 percent during the quarter and included \$52 million in stock-based compensation. Research and development costs declined from the second quarter as the Model X and Tesla's new semi-autonomous Autopilot system went on the market, but they were up 32 percent from the same quarter a year ago. Musk dismissed reports that the Autopilot system has caused some drivers to go off the road. He has repeatedly said that the system is only meant to aid drivers, not replace them, and drivers need to keep their hands on the wheel. He also said the system is designed to learn and improve over time. "I don't think it should be surprising that there were reports of errors," he said. "The system will learn over time and get better. Exactly what we described is occurring. I would expect that learning to accelerate, and it'll start to feel quite refined within a few months."

Tesla spent \$392 million to expand its Fremont, California, factory for Model X production and continue construction of its battery factory near Reno, Nevada. The company recently started making battery cells at the factory for its Tesla Energy home battery business. Tesla said it expects to invest \$1.7 billion in the battery factory and other capital projects this year. — AP

CINCINNATI: In this March 17, 2014 file photo, Tesla representative John Van Cleave, right, shows customers Sarah and Robert Reynolds, left, and Vince Giardina, a new Tesla all electric car at a Tesla showroom inside the Kenwood Towne Centre. — AP

AXEL SPRINGER SAYS DIGITAL BUSINESS INCREASE PROFITS

BERLIN: German media giant Axel Springer said yesterday that profits grew strongly in the third quarter, boosted by the group's fast-growing digital business and windfall gains from divestments. Axel Springer, which publishes the mass-circulation daily Bild, said in a statement that its net profit soared by 68 percent to 147 million Euros (\$160 million) in the period from July to September. Gains from the sale of the fitness app developer Runtastic helped drive the company's bottom line higher, the group said. Underlying or operating profit was up 32 percent at 129 million Euros on a seven-percent increase in revenues to 795 million euro.

"Axel Springer benefited from the continuous dynamic development of its digital activities, (which) contributed more than 60 percent to the total revenues and more than 70 percent to" underlying profit in the first nine months, the statement said. "Our priority this year is growth. We see great potential with our Classified Ad Models and journalistic brands in Europe and also, increasingly, in the Englishspeaking world," said chief executive Mathias Doepfner. At the end of September, Axel Springer announced it had agreed to buy the US website Business Insider for around 300 million Euros. "Through the acquisition of Business Insider, Axel Springer has, already being the market leader in Europe in terms of reach, developed into one of the biggest digital publishers in the world," said CEO Doepfner.

On the basis of its performance so far this year, Axel Springer said it now expects full-year sales to rise "by an amount in the mid singledigit percentage range," or around five percent. That is slightly higher than previously projected. Rising advertising revenues would likely more than compensate for the declining circulation revenues and other revenues, the company said. In terms of operating profit, Axel Springer it was sticking to its target for "high single-digit percentage range" or up to nine percent. — AFP



US RAIL FREIGHT FALLS, INDUSTRIAL ECONOMY STRUGGLES

LONDON: Freight carried by major US railroads fell by 7 percent in the second quarter of 2015 compared with the same period in 2014, confirming that large parts of the industrial economy are in recession. The major Class 1 railroads carried 431 billion ton-miles of freight in the three months ending June, down from 463 billion ton-miles in 2014, according to the US Surface Transportation Board.

Changes in freight volumes reflect broader difficulties in the industrial economy. Rail operators have been struck by a perfect storm

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which has hit both their traditional and new business lines. Coal shipments to power plants, the biggest commodity on the network, accounting for about one-third of total tonnage, have been hit by a combination of environmental regulations and low gas prices. Coal shipments were down by 27 million tons. around 15 percent, in the second quarter compared with same 2014 period.

Petroleum shipments, one of the fastest growing sources of new business during the oil boom, fell more than 650,000 tons, 5 percent, as production began to peak and new pipelines diverted crude from the rails. And shipments of sand and gravel, a key ingredient in fracking, plunged by more than 2 million tons, nearly 14 percent, as the number of new wells drilled and fracked tumbled. Shipments of a range of other items from chemicals to fertilizers and other industrial supplies were also lower as the industrial economy ran into stiff headwinds from a stronger dollar and sluggish capital spending.

Industrial slowdown The slowdown in industrial-related freight

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has continued into the second half of the year according to data from a range of other sources. Total traffic on US railroads in the 42 weeks ending on Oct. 24 was down 1.3 percent compared with 2014, according to weekly carload statistics published by the Association of American Railroads (AAR). Shipments of intermodal shipping containers, which mostly handle manufactured products, were up 2.2 percent but shipments using box cars, tank cars, hoppers and gondolas, which handle farm and industrial products, were down 4.5 percent.

Shipments were down in five of the 10 freight categories including coal (10 percent), forest products (3 percent), metallic ores and minerals (10 percent), nonmetallic minerals (2 percent) and petroleum (7 percent).

The downturn has deepened and spread to more sectors as the year has progressed, according to AAR data. The number of cars carrying coal is down 10 percent so far this year but almost 13 percent in the most recent week. The number of cars carrying petroleum and petroleum products is down 7 percent year-to-date but almost 22 percent in the most recent week.

Volumes fall on all railroads

In its third quarter earnings presentation on Oct 22, Union Pacific, the largest publicly owned railroad, acknowledged freight had shrink in five of six categories during the quarter compared with 2014. Union Pacific carried lower volumes of farm products (3 percent), chemicals (3 percent), containers (4 percent), industrial products (12 percent) and coal (15 percent). The only sector to increase was automotive (5 percent). Other publicly owned railroads all reported falling volumes during the third guarter compared with 2014.

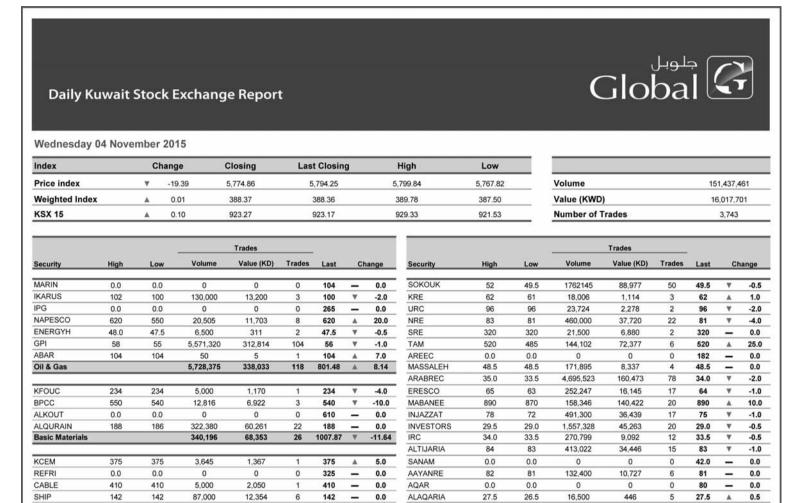
Norfolk Southern blamed a "decline in metals and construction traffic due to softer steel production" and reported a 16 percent in coal volumes. Kansas City Southern reported that its volumes were down 2 percent including a 24 percent decline in frac sand. CSX reported volumes fell 3 percent including a 15 percent drop in metals traffic and an 18 percent drop in coal.

Industrial production flat

According to the US Federal Reserve, total industrial output was 0.4 percent higher in September 2015 than September 2014. But while production of consumer goods was up 2.6 percent and business equipment 1.8 percent, industrial supplies were up just 0.2 percent and production of raw materials was actually down 0.2 percent. The struggling industrial economy explains some of the weakness in demand for distillate fuel oil compared with gasoline this year in the United States.

Two-thirds of diesel is consumed by vehicles, mostly heavy trucks, on the highways, with another 5 percent on farms, 6 percent on railroads and around 4 percent in construction. But the expansion of the consumer-facing economy, coupled with employment gains and cheap fuel prices, has pushed gasoline demand to its highest since 2007. — Reuters

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ALRAI ZIMAH JFIG KOUTFOOD Mezzan	162 92 0.0 0.0 1,120	160 91 0.0 0.0	168,035 647,623 0 0 24,000	26,888 59,123 0 0 26,700	9 35 0 0 4	160 92 140 580 1,120	¥ ▲	1 0 0 0	EKHOLDING GFH INOVEST	66 0.0 44.0 0.0	61 0.0 41.5	140,650 0 7,796,636 0	8,733 0 339,291 0	16 0 91 0	66 190 44.0 58		
ALRAI (IMAH JFIG KOUTFOOD Mezzan	162 92 0.0 0.0 1,120	160 91 0.0 0.0	168,035 647,623 0 0	26,888 59,123 0 0	9 35 0 0	160 92 140 580	× ▲ —	1 0 0	EKHOLDING GFH INOVEST Financial Services	66 0.0 44.0 0.0	61 0.0 41.5	140,650 0 7,796,636 0 46,830,678	8,733 0 339,291 0 2,353,526	16 0 91 0 1,028	66 190 44.0 58 651.95	A 	(
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ALRAI ZIMAH JFIG KOUTFOOD Mezzan Consumer Service ZAIN	162 92 0.0 0.0 1,120 s 370	160 91 0.0 0.0 1,100 365	168,035 647,623 0 24,000 2,071,030 4,293,840	26,888 59,123 0 26,700 258,717 1,569,010	9 35 0 4 150 101	160 92 140 580 1,120 981.83 365	¥ ▲ — — ▼	1 0 0 -9.13 0	EKHOLDING GFH INOVEST Financial Services	66 0.0 44.0 0.0 s	61 0.0 41.5 0.0	140,650 0 7,796,636 0 46,830,678 0	8,733 0 339,291 0 2,353,526 0	16 0 91 0 1,028 0	66 190 44.0 58 651.95 1081.97	A 	(
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ALRAI ZIMAH JFIG KOUTFOOD Mezzan Consumer Service ZAIN DOREDOO	162 92 0.0 0.0 1,120 s 370	160 91 0.0 0.0 1,100 365	168,035 647,623 0 24,000 2,071,030 4,293,840	26,888 59,123 0 26,700 258,717 1,569,010	9 35 0 4 150 101	160 92 140 580 1,120 981.83 365	¥ ▲ — — ▼	1 0 0 -9.13 0	EKHOLDING GFH INOVEST Financial Services	66 0.0 44.0 0.0 s	61 0.0 41.5 0.0	140,650 0 7,796,636 0 46,830,678 0	8,733 0 339,291 0 2,353,526 0	16 0 91 0 1,028 0	66 190 44.0 58 651.95 1081.97	* *	0
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ALRAI ZIMAH JFIG COUTFOOD Mezzan Consumer Service ZAIN DOREDOO HITSTELEC /IVA	162 92 0.0 1,120 s 370 1,060 31.0 900	160 91 0.0 1,100 365 1,040 30.5	168,035 647,623 0 24,000 2,071,030 4,293,840 9,291 1,245,861 1,099,218	26,888 59,123 0 26,700 258,717 1,569,010 9,821 38,455 984,059	9 35 0 4 150 101 5 28 133	160 92 140 580 1,120 981.83 365 1,040 30.5 900	V 4 V V V 4	1 0 0 -9.13 0 0 -1 20	EKHOLDING GFH INOVEST Financial Services Investment Instru ASC	66 0.0 44.0 0.0 s ments 0.0 80 110	61 0.0 41.5 0.0 0.0 80 108	140,650 0 7,796,636 0 46,830,678 0 0 234,125 46,650	8,733 0 339,291 0 2,353,526 0 18,730 5,088	16 0 91 0 1,028 0 0 3 3 3	66 190 44.0 58 651.95 1081.97 325 80 108	A A 	(
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ALRAI CIMAH JFIG KOUTFOOD Aezzan Cansumer Service CAIN DOREDOO IITSTELEC /IVA relecommunicatio IBK BBK	162 92 0.0 1,120 s 370 1,060 31.0 900 ns 830	160 91 0.0 0.0 1,100 365 1,040 30.5 880 820	168,035 647,623 0 24,000 2,071,030 4,293,840 9,291 1,245,861 1,099,218 6,648,210 931,943	26,888 59,123 0 26,700 258,717 1,569,010 9,821 38,455 984,059 2,601,344 764,200	9 35 0 4 150 101 5 28 133 267 34	160 92 140 580 1,120 981.83 365 1,040 30.5 900 572.39 820	V A 	1 0 0 -9.13 0 0 -1 20 4.26	EKHOLDING GFH INOVEST Financial Services Investment Instru ASC OSOS FUTURE HAYATCOMM Technology	66 0.0 44.0 0.0 5 ments 0.0 80 110 48.5	61 0.0 41.5 0.0 0.0 80 108 47.5	140,650 0 7,796,636 0 46,830,678 0 234,125 46,650 197,460 478,235	8,733 0 339,291 0 2,353,526 0 0 18,730 5,088 9,384 33,203	16 0 91 0 1,028 0 0 3 3 3 14 20	66 190 44.0 58 651.95 1081.97 325 80 108 48.0 850.41	A A 	(
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ALRAI ZIMAH JFIG COUTFOOD Mezzan Consumer Service ZAIN DOREDOO HITSTELEC /IVA Felecommunicatio VBK SBK SBK SBK ALMUTAHED KIB	162 92 0.0 1,120 s 370 1,060 31.0 900 ns 830 270 0.0 370 540 230	160 91 0.0 0.0 1,100 365 1,040 30.5 880 820 270 0.0 365 530 230	168,035 647,623 0 24,000 2,071,030 4,293,840 9,291 1,245,861 1,099,218 6,648,210 931,943 356,925 0 50,022 139,974 372,004	26,888 59,123 0 26,700 258,717 1,569,010 9,821 38,455 984,059 2,601,344 764,200 96,370 0 18,508 74,221 85,561	9 35 0 4 150 101 5 28 133 267 34 13 0 4 4 16 4	160 92 140 580 1,120 981.83 365 1,040 30.5 900 572.39 820 270 520 370 540 230	V A - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1 0 0 -9.13 0 0 -1 20 4.26 0 0 0 0 -5 0 0 -2	EKHOLDING GFH INOVEST Financial Services Investment Instru ASC OSOS FUTURE HAYATCOMM Technology BAREEQ AFAQ ALSHAMEL SAFRE AJWAN	66 0.0 44.0 0.0 5 ments 0.0 80 110 48.5 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0	61 0.0 41.5 0.0 80 108 47.5 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0	140,650 0 7,796,636 0 46,830,678 0 0 234,125 46,650 197,460 478,235 0 0 0 0 0 0	8,733 0 339,291 0 2,353,526 0 0 18,730 5,088 9,384 33,203 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	16 0 91 0 1,028 0 0 3 3 3 14 20 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 29	66 190 44.0 58 651.95 1081.97 325 80 108 48.0 850.41 110 182 100 16.5 28.5	A A 	-
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AL BABTAIN CELEBRATES THE WINNERS OF THE AFTERSALES CONTEST

KUWAIT: Abdulmohsen Abdulaziz Al Babtain Co (AABC), the exclusive agent and distributor of Nissan in the State of Kuwait, held an Aftersales contest to select the winners, who will represent Kuwait at the Regional Nissan Middle East Contest in Dubai during the month of February 2016.

An elaborate competition was organized on 16th October at Nissan Service Centre, Shuwaikh, to test the skills of the Nissan Service Advisors: Service Technicians and Parts Sales Executives in three different categories: Nissan International Service Advisor Contest (NISAC); Nissan Group said, "Abdulmohsen Abdulaziz Al- "Congratulation to the team spirit and The event was concluded with a lunch ban-International Service Technician Contest Babtain co is committed to develop staff enthusiasm of the after sales team here."

(NISTEC) and Nissan International Parts Sales Executive Contest (NIPEC).

In the presence of more than 300 attendees including Al-Babtain group top management, senior representatives of Principals from Nissan Middle East FZE (NMEF) and Nissan Gulf FZE (NGF) - Dubai, senior management and staff were present to witness and motivate the contestants, along with representatives from business partners like TOTAL Lubricants & Standox Paints.

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skills that lead to an enhanced customer experience." In the opening address, Mr Mohammed Shalaby, COO, Al-Babtain Group noted, "Our group is investing heavily on developing its learning and development capabilities in addition to the operational infrastructure. "Step Up - Elevating your success" is the theme of Year 2015 After-sales contests. These contests are a good opportunity to challenges the staff to develop their skills in a competitive environment."

Mr Mohammed Shalaby added,

Nissan Gulf FZE (NGF) team was also very pleased to witness the wide participation, which really was a big "Step Up" in this year's Nissan contests.

A big thank you was given to all the volunteers, judges, organizers, operation and support staff who contributed in the event's success. Three winners from each category were selected and awarded certificates, trophies and prizes by AABC Top Management. Gold medal winners for the Year 2015 are: Mr Abdul Rahim Surve (NISAC); Mr Tiljo Varkey (NISTEC) and Mr Jethin Jose (NIPEC)



quet for all attendees.



MALABAR GOLD AND DIAMONDS OPENS MIDDLE EAST'S LARGEST JEWELRY SHOWROOM

alabar Gold and Diamonds, one of the world's largest gold and diamond retailers, has opened the largest gold and diamond showroom in the Middle East, at Hamdan Street in Abu Dhabi - spanning a floor space of 10,000 square feet that showcases over 50,000 pieces of jewelry handcrafted by jewelers from over 10 countries.

The showroom unveils a 30-kilogramme gold replica of Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, worth Dh3.5 million at current price of gold, for people to visit. Bollywood star KareenaKapoor Khan leads the star attraction at the showroom to meet and greet thousands of shoppers ahead of Diwali celebrations in the UAE capital.

"Opening of the Middle East's largest gold and jewelry showroom in Abu Dhabi reaffirms our strong commitment to the UAE and the GCC where we are a partner in the region's economic growth," MP Ahammed, Chairman of Malabar Group, said. "The UAE has remained one of the best performing markets - where sales continued to grow amid varying market dynamics that reaffirmed our commitment to this market. Our continued investment in the UAE market reflects our strong belief in the country's resilience. "The growth story of Malabar Gold and Diamonds will continue regardless of the market situation where ups and downs are part of the business. However, we are here for the long haul and share the UAE government's vision."

Of the total, Malabar Gold and Diamonds is investing Dh223 million in eight stores in the UAE, Dh100 million in five outlets in Saudi Arabia, Dh57 million in three outlets in Oman and Dh20 million in one outlet in Malaysia. In addition to these, the company will add five more outlets in India.

The expansion will see the largest gold and diamond jewelry retailer expand its retail network from 134 to 155 - reinforcing its position as the most preferred jeweler in the world. The move also reflects the fastest growth by a jewelry retail chain in the world - emerging from being a small player to become one of the top 5 jewelry retailer in the world within the span of just a decade.

Malabar Gold and Diamonds, which started its international operations in Dubai just under ten years ago, has recorded phenomenal growth in gold and diamond jewelry sale despite the fluctuating gold price in the market. Malabar Gold and Diamonds opened the largest jewelry outlet in Dubai at the Gold Soug in Deira, Dubai last year - the success of which has prompted the company to set up a similar facility in Abu Dhabi.

Shamlal Ahamed, Managing Director of Malabar Gold and Diamonds International Operations, said, the company has an aggressive development plan that will spread its wings in new markets while strengthening its presence in the key growth markets such as India, the UAE and Saudi Arabia. "Despite lower market sentiments due to global slowdown, the UAE market has shown strong sales across our networks," Shamlal Ahamed, who spearheaded the company's international expansion, says. "We will continue to invest in the Middle East and other key market, despite the market fluctuations. "With consumer demand growing by the day, we feel the need to offer greater space, design, collections and options to our customers. The higher footfall and brisk business at our large-format outlet at the Gold Souq, has prompted us to invest in a similar facility in Abu Dhabi, where customers will be spoilt for choice, designs and a wider price point." The move is part of the \$700 million (Dh2.5 billion) expansion drive announced by Malabar Gold and Diamonds in 2013 - that is expected to more than double the number of its outlets to 220 by the end of 2018.



(From left) M P Ahammed, Chairman - Malabar Group; Dr P A Ibrahim Haji, Co-Chairman, Malabar Group; Shamlal Ahamed M P, Managing Director, International **Operations - Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Abdul Salam K P, Group Executive Director;** and Mr Faizal AK, Corporate Executive Director during the preview of largest outlet in the Middle East.

<u> Kuwait – Times</u>

BUSINESS



LEXUS NX 200T WINS 'BEST COMPACT PREMIUM SUV' AT MIDDLE EAST CAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

exus underlined its significant appeal and credentials in the fast-expanding compact luxury segment as its popular luxury crossover, the NX 200t, took home the award for 'Best Compact Premium SUV' at the 2015 Middle East Car of the Year Awards (MECOTY). The Lexus NX 200t was chosen for the coveted accolade by a jury of 14 independent motoring journalists from leading automotive publications throughout the Middle East.

Nominees for the 'Best Compact Premium SUV' were rated across 10 different attributes including design and quality (exterior & interior), handling and drivability, safety and durability, performance & capability, technological innovation, emotional appeal & driver satisfaction, value for money (new purchase & resale), environmental friendliness, regional appeal, comfort & practicality.

Considered among the biggest and most prestigious awards in the regional automotive sector, Middle East Car of the Year Awards follows a fair and transparent nomination in addition to a scoring methodology which is



developed, tested and implemented by the most experienced 'motoring minds' of the industry.

"The Lexus NX 200t continues to earn widespread acclaim for being a genuine allrounder that sets a new benchmark in the luxury crossover segment. With its head-turning

sporty design, outstanding performance and drivability, and best-in-class safety and comfort features -complemented by Lexus' matchless reliability - the NX is an elegant and emphatic expression of time-honored Lexus design and engineering prowess," said Takayuki Yoshitsugu, Chief Representative of

Middle East & North Africa Representative Office, TOYOTA Motor Corporation. "We are delighted that the NX 200t has emerged triumphant at this year's MECOTY Awards. It's a proud moment for us and we thank our customers for their support and loyalty in making Lexus one of the most aspirational luxury automotive brands in the Middle East."

Marking Lexus' maiden entry into the compact crossover segment, the NX 200t combines the expertise of racers within the engineering team and the impeccable touch of Lexus luxury through an exciting and sporty design to set a new benchmark in the automotive world. Inspired by performance vehicles, the compact crossover offers outstanding performance with the first-ever Lexus turbocharged gasoline engine. The new engine was tested extensively on various road conditions and harsh environments, and comes with a world-first combination of watercooled cylinder head integrated exhaust manifold and twin scroll turbo charger.

The NX sets new standards for interior comfort, on-board technology and safety, and features numerous firsts in a Lexus, including keyhole-less outside door handle, power reclining and power folding 60:40 split rear seat, a Wireless charging Tray for compatible phones and devices, the new Lexus Remote Touch Interface (RTI) with a touch pad and a Pre-Load Differential to control differential torque.



AIR ARABIA NAMED AIRLINE OF THE

FORD TO REVEAL TOUGHER, SMARTER, MORE CAPABLE RANGER PICKUP

DUBAI: The new Ford Ranger is set to establish new benchmarks in the light commercial vehicle segment with an uncompromised blend of robust capability, craftsmanship and advanced technology. The refreshed version of Ford's compact pickup makes its regional debut at the upcoming Dubai International Motorshow (10-14 November).

"The new Ford Ranger brings a new level of comfort and refinement to its segment without compromising on the rugged capability that our customers demand and have

drivers with information about the vehicle, as well as entertainment and cellphone features at a glance. "The interior of the new Ranger is sleek and modern, with a strong technical aspect to it," says Delate. "Accentuating the design, materials were chosen that are stylish and attractive while being durable enough to handle the harsh life of a work truck. The interior may look more car-like, but it's as practical as ever."

with a level of refinement not usually seen in the pick-up segment. While the current Ranger already sets the standard for ride and handling, Ford engineers fine-tuned the suspension of the new version for additional comfort and even better handling.

The driving experience is further enhanced by an electric powerassisted steering (EPAS) system, which provides precise steering with a natural and confident feel. With EPAS, steering is light and manageRanger Limited and Wildtrak. Using natural voice commands, like "temperature 20 degrees", "play" or "callAhmed", the driver can control the car's climate controls, entertainment system and phone functions more easily than ever before. An eight-inch touchscreen places more controls at the driver's fingertips, with color-coded corners for easy menu navigation.

For extra convenience, the new Ranger features a 240-volt power socket that can be used to power a laptop computer or mobile device

anywhere, from a work site to a

family road trip. There is also an

array of driver assist technologies.

The entire new Ranger line-up fea-

tures an impressive level of stan-

dard equipment, including

Electronic Stability Program (ESP)

YEAR AT AVIATION BUSINESS AWARDS

SHARJAH: Air Arabia has won two of the top prizes at the Aviation Business Awards 2015, being named "Low Cost Airline of the Year" and "Airline of the Year - Middle East." The airline was recognized for a number of milestones over the past twelve months, including expanding its route network to more than 115 destinations, increasing its total fleet size to 42 new Airbus A320 aircraft, and opening a fifth international hub in Amman, Jordan.

Air Arabia also achieved two industry firsts in 2015. In February, it became the first low-cost airline from the Middle East and Africa to enter the Chinese market, with the launch of regular non-stop services to Urumqi, the largest city in Western China. This was followed in March by the introduction of "Airewards," the first ever Low Cost Carrier rewards program in the MENA region

Adel A Ali, Group Chief Executive Officer of Air Arabia, said: "2015 has been a year of significant expansion and real innovation for Air Arabia. Every new initiative over the last twelve months has been launched squarely with the objective of offering more value, flexibility and convenience to our customers. We have been delighted by their response, which is helping the airline to reach new heights in 2015."

These are the latest in a series of accolades won by Air Arabia this year. The company was named "Best Low-cost Airline in the Middle East" at the annual Skytrax World Airline Awards in France, "Best Low-Cost Carrier" at the 2015 World Tourism Forum Awards in Turkey, and most recently took home the "Award for Customer Innovation" at the first Aviation Achievement Awards.

The ninth edition of the Aviation Business Awards was held at the Park Hyatt hotel in Dubai. Awards were bestowed in 15 categories with winners chosen by an independent jury of senior aviation industry leaders.

As Miebach becomes chief product

officer, he will bring an extended global

experience from mature and emerging

markets in Europe, the Middle East and

and impactful business across the Middle

East and Africa. I am pleased that today's

appointment demonstrates our contin-

ued commitment to empowering strong

leaders who can drive innovation and

inclusion in a meaningful and connected

way. Through this new appointment, we

will continue to build a business that

delivers to the needs of both the partner

and the cardholder. During his tenure,

Michael has helped shape and build

MasterCard's business and reputation for

excellence in this exciting region and I

am grateful to him and delighted that

the business is transitioning to a new

and dynamic leader in Raghu."

Asia and the Middle East.

come to appreciate from the current model," says Tracey Delate, General Marketing Manager, Ford Motor Company Sub-Saharan Africa Region. "It represents a smarter kind of tough, and will help our customers to achieve more in every

type of application." 'The current Ranger is one of the toughest, most capable pickups out there, and this is reflected in the exceptional sales of the Ranger to date," Delate says. "Thanks to our proud truck heritage and global expertise in the utility segment, we've made what was great even better, with a bold new look, improved efficiency and a new level of refinement."

The new Ranger continues to be produced at Ford's Silverton Assembly Plant in Pretoria and exported to 148 markets in Africa and Europe. The DuratorqTDCi engines are manufactured at the Struandale Engine Plant in Port Elizabeth.

Tough and modern design

The changes to the new Ranger begin with an updated exterior design. A bold, more modern look lends new Ranger a powerful presence on the road, and immediately conveys a sense of capability. A more muscular hood flows into a strong new trapezoidal grille, which connects seamlessly with the chiseled projector headlamps, accentuating the new Ranger's width and strong stance.

"When you look at how our customers use their vehicles, it's important that a Ranger looks and functions as a tough, dependable tool," Delate adds. "Ford's design team saw an opportunity to give the design extra tension, and to emphasize 'Built Ford Tough' design elements like the outboard nostrils - all while maintaining the Ranger's excellent aerodynamic characteristics."

The updated exterior has been combined with a stylish new interior that creates an even more comfortable, contemporary and car-like environment for the driver and passengers.

Strong horizontal lines run across the width of the cab, giving a sense of spaciousness, creating a clear distinction between the upper and lower levels, and placing the focus on the central eight-inch touch screen on the high-spec models.

Behind the steering wheel, a new dual-TFT instrument cluster provides

Capability and refinement

The new Ford Ranger remains one of the most capable pick-ups in its class. With an exceptional 800mm water wading depth, and with 230mm of ground clearance, it is designed and engineered to handle





the most extreme terrains with ease. Thanks to a 28-degree approach angle and 25-degree departure angle, drivers in the new Ranger can feel confident when taking on steep obstacles.

A robust electronically controlled transfer case allows drivers in 4x4 models to shift on the fly from 4x2 to 4x4 high via a knob on the centre console.

For low-speed torque or additional downhill control, drivers can also engage low-range 4x4 gearing, while an electronic locking rear differential helps to improve traction in difficult conditions. These off-road strengths are matched to a towing capability of up to 3,500kg and impressive payload capacity.

The new Ranger achieves all this

able for low-speed maneuvering such as parking, and precise at higher speeds.

The level of assistance varies based on speed, steering wheel angle, cornering forces and acceleration or deceleration.

Furthermore, by eliminating the

power steering pump used in a tra-

ditional power-steering system,

EPAS also results in a quieter vehi-

cle and improves fuel efficiency by

about three percent. Engineers fit-

ted the new Ranger with advanced

sound-deadening materials and

improved insulation for one of the

quietest and most comfortable

Advanced technology

gies are available on the new Ford

Ranger to help drivers stay connect-

ed and in control. SYNC(r)2, the lat-

est generation of Ford's in-car con-

nectivity system, gives drivers

smarter and safer ways to stay con-

nected and is standard on the new

A host of cutting-edge technolo-

cabin interiors in its class.

and ABS on all but some Base models (ABS is an option). The ESP system integrates Traction Control, Hill Launch Assist, Hill Descent Control, Adaptive Load Control and Trailer Sway Control, while ABS includes Emergency Brake Assistance and Electronic Brakeforce Distribution. Ranger also offers a wide range of first-in-class driver aids, including Tyre Pressure

Efficient power

and Rear Park Assist.

Monitoring System, as well as Front

The new Ranger's impressive power, capability, and payload and towing capacity are made possible thanks to the latest generation of powerful, more refined and fuel-efficient DuratorqTDCi diesel engines, as well as the proven Duratec petrol unit. These engines provide Ranger customers with a winning combination of power and efficiency in all conditions, and help to underscore Ford's fun-to-drive promise. Ford's mighty 3.2-litre DuratorqTDC ifivecylinder diesel engine tops the range, and has earned an impressive reputation for its segment-defining levels of performance. Upgrades include a new exhaust gas recirculation system that helps improve fuel efficiency by up to 18 percent, while still producing 200PS of power and 470Nm of torque.

Similarly the revised 2.2-litre four-cylinder DuratorqTDCi benefits from a raft of upgrades in the interests of performance, refinement and efficiency, producing a power of 150PS and 375Nm of torque. The new Ranger is also available with Ford's dependable 2.5-litreDuratec petrol engine, providing 163PS of power and 225Nm of torque. Depending on model derivative, the new Ranger is equipped with a six-speed manual or automatic transmission, or a five-speed manual on the diesel and petrol versions.

Refreshed model range

The new Ford Ranger is available in a wide range of models and specification levels to cater to customer needs whether for work or play. Ranger is available in single cab, Super Cab, Double Cab as well as Wildtrak variants.

MASTERCARD NAMES RAGHU MALHOTRA PRESIDENT OF MIDEAST, AFRICA REGION

KUWAIT: Raghu Malhotra has been appointed president, Middle East and Africa, taking over from Michael Miebach, who will become chief product officer, based at the company's global headquarters in New York.



activities for the 39 markets across the Middle East and North Africa, will now be responsible for driving the evolution of the company's technologies and delivering increased value to MasterCard stakeholders across the entire region, including sub-Saharan Africa and South Africa. He has been at MasterCard for more 10 years, holding senior leadership roles in



INTERNET FIRMS MUST STORE USAGE DATA FOR ONE YEAR

store customer usage data for up to a year according to a new bill the British government will present to parliament yesterday, local newspapers reported. Britain's Investigatory Powers Bill, a renewed attempt to give security agencies powers to track online communications, will also tackle criticism from privacy campaigners by including assurances that any access of so-called Internet connection records would need judicial authorisation, the

LONDON: Internet companies will have to Guardian said. A debate about how to protect privacy while giving agencies the powers they need in the digital age has raged since former US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden leaked details about mass surveillance by British and USspies in 2013. Britain's security chiefs argue they are facing a capability gap because of technological advances, and say that their work has been severely hampered by Snowden's disclosures. But rights campaigners say that Snowden's disclosures showed the

authorities were not respecting people's entitlement to privacy. A spokeswoman for David Cameron said on Tuesday the British prime minister saw the bill as "one of the most important pieces of legislation during this parliament because it goes ... to the heart of the government's duty to keep the British public safe." "The prime minister underlined that this is about maintaining the agencies' current capabilities, that this is about the powers they need to keep us safe and about increasing public confi-

dence in what they do and the process." On Sunday, Interior Minister Theresa May said the new bill was "quite different" from earlier plans to give police greater powers to monitor communications and web activities that opponents dubbed a "snoopers' charter". She said the Investigatory Powers Bill would not include automatic powers to go through people's browsing history and any "intrusive" actions would be subject of "strong oversight arrangements".

One sticking point has been who gives

that authorisation - the minister or an independent judge. The Guardian reported that May would try to strengthen the oversight regime by replacing the current system of three commissioners with a single "investigatory powers commissioner" a senior judge appointed by the prime minister. The Telegraph newspaper said the bill would also retain ministers' power to sign off on warrants for "instrusive surveillance" - which may anger civil rights aroups. — Reuters



SAN FRANCISCO: In this April 28, 2015 file photo, a man walks past a Microsoft sign set up for the Microsoft BUILD conference at Moscone Center in San Francisco. Starting next year, Microsoft will cut the free space it offers through its OneDrive service to 5 gigabytes, down from 15 gigabytes now. Microsoft says the new allotment is enough for about 6,600 Office documents or 1,600 photos. — AP

MICROSOFT GETS STINGY WITH FREE ONLINE STORAGE

NEW YORK: Microsoft is getting stingy with online storage. The company just cut the free space it offers through its OneDrive service by two-thirds, making it the second major company to retreat from a consumer cloud-storage boom that tempted users with price cuts and ever-larger free offers.

Starting next year, Microsoft will cut its free option to 5 gigabytes, down from 15 gigabytes now. Microsoft says the new allotment is enough for about 6,600 Office documents or 1,600 photos.

Earlier this year, Amazon eliminated a free 5 gigabyte storage plan, although it still offers that amount to those who pay for its Prime loyalty program. Microsoft is also effectively doubling prices for some storage plans. It will charge \$2 a month for 50 gigabytes of storage, including the free allotment, rather than the 100 gigabytes it currently offers at that price. The company is eliminating a \$4-a-month, 200 gigabyte plan.

Subscribers to Microsoft's Office 365, which offers word processing, spreadsheet and other apps starting at \$7 a month, will now be limited to 1 terabyte, or 1,000 gigabytes, of storage. The company is killing off an "unlimited" option that it said a "small number of users" had abused by backing up numerous personal computers and storing entire movie collections. As with similar services from Google, Dropbox and others, OneDrive can store just about any type of files. Apps can automatically sync what you store on a device. Under CEO Satya Nadella, Microsoft has emphasized mobile and online services such as OneDrive over traditional sales of Windows and Office software for personal computers. The company has offered services for free as a way to hook people into using other services, such as Microsoft's ad -supported Bing search engine and the Office 365 subscription. Microsoft didn't explain why it was cutting back its storage offer, or why it advertised an "unlimited" option if actually using large amounts of storage posed a problem. The company

declined to comment beyond a blog post it published Monday night. Microsoft says it will give people time - up to a year in some cases - to remove files that exceed its new limits. Here's a look at some of the alternatives:

DROPBOX

People get only 2 gigabytes for free, but can earn bonuses by getting friends to sign up or by uploading photos automatically from phones. After that, it's \$10 a month for a terabyte of space. Business plans with unlimited storage cost \$15 a month per person, with a minimum of five people.

GOOGLE DRIVE

It's 15 gigabytes of free storage to start, but that includes Gmail messages on the account. Photos of up to 16 megapixels, which covers most phones, won't count toward the limit. For more storage, prices range from \$2 a month for 100 gigabytes to \$300 for 30 terabytes.

APPLE'S ICLOUD

CISCO EXTENDS SECURITY WITH BROADER VISIBILITY Showcases security portfolio at RSA Conference 2015 Abu Dhabi

DUBAI: Cisco yesterday announced it is advancing its Security Everywhere strategy deeper into the cloud, network, and endpoints with new security products and features, and a threat awareness service as organizations execute on their digital transformation. The company also announced that it is showcasing its extensive security portfolio and capabilities at RSA Conference 2015 Abu Dhabi, being held at the Emirates Palace Hotel in Abu Dhabi from November 4-5, 2015. Rabih Dabboussi, Managing Director, Cisco UAE to speak on 'Cybersecurity in the IoE Era' on November 5th, 2015 at 1.50 pm.

Companies are banking on digital initiatives to provide new avenues of financial growth and reduce operational complexity. As data becomes more pervasive, so do attacks by threat actors which often leave companies scrambling to secure their assets. They are faced with a complex array of point solutions, which by design often are not interoperable, leaving security teams with limited visibility into potential threats and compromises on their networks. The value of Cisco architecture is its emphasis on embedding security spanning the extended network — including routers, switches and the data center — closing gaps across the attack continuum and significantly reducing time to detection and remediation.

Specifically, Cisco is adding Cisco(r) Cloud Access Security (CAS), which provides visibility and data security for cloud-based applications; Identity Services Engine (ISE) enhancements, extending visibility and control for network and endpoints with new location access controls; and Threat Awareness Service, which provides organizations with threat visibility into their networks.

Cloud Visibility and Control

According to the Cisco Cloud Consumption Services trend data, the number of unauthorized cloud applications used by employees in the enterprise is 15 to 20 times higher than CIOs predicted due to Shadow IT. The new Cisco Cloud Access Security (CAS) offering allows organizations to address this complexity as well as increase visibility and control over data in cloud applications. Cisco Cloud Web Security now integrates with CAS and provides branch offices secure direct Internet access with Integrated Services Router 4K router integration, saving on bandwidth costs.

Extended Security for Partners

The advancement of the Cisco Security Everywhere strategy creates new profitable business opportunities for partners by further addressing customers' security challenges across their entire IT infrastructure and extended network. This expanded portfolio provides greater visibility, context and control further into the cloud, the network and endpoints. It provides an end-to-end security platform that covers the entire attack continuum, while reducing complexity for the customer and driving growth for partners. Cisco has made significant investments to help partners profitably grow their Cisco Security business through a joint go-to-market approach, training, and skills development workshops.

Supporting Quotes

"Middle East organizations that are seizing the digital opportunity need security everywhere — from the network to the endpoint and from the cloud to



Rabih Dabboussi, Managing Director, Cisco UAE

every corner of their operations — to limit the risk of sensitive data compromise. Our integrated approach minimizes security risks and exposure versus point solutions that can leave gaps as they lack a holistic view. Today's product, solution and services enhancements provide our customers with visibility, protection and control to address a broader cross-section of issues. This will allow them to focus on growing their businesses.



Free storage starts at 5 gigabytes, which includes what's needed for iPhone backups. Those needing more can pay \$1 a month for 50 gigabytes, \$3 for 200 gigabytes or \$10 for 1 terabyte. iCloud storage works best with Apple devices.

AMAZON CLOUD DRIVE

Amazon offers unlimited photo storage and 5 gigabytes for video and other files for \$12 a year, or \$1 a month. For unlimited storage of all files, it's \$60 a year, or \$5 a month. Members of Amazon's \$99-a-year Prime loyalty program get the lower option for free. Amazon eliminated its 5-gigabyte free plan in March.

YAHOO

Although Yahoo doesn't have a general filestorage service, it offers a generous 1 terabyte for e-mail and an additional 1 terabyte for photos and video through Flickr. —AP

SAN GABRIEL: This August 2015 photo provided by Shu Chien shows her son Moshe Kai Cavalin at the Black Hat USA computer security conference in Las Vegas. Cavalin, of San Gabriel, Calif., earned a bachelor's in math from UCLA at age 15, and is taking online classes through Brandeis University, near Boston, towards a master's in cybersecurity. He's also working for NASA, where he is developing aircraft tracking technology. — AP

TV NETWORKS OPEN LABS TO **READ THE MINDS OF VIEWERS**

NEW YORK: TV networks are trying a new tactic to understand what shows and commercials people like to watch: Read their minds. Comcast Corp's NBCUniversal and Viacom Inc are each opening labs where they will study TV viewers in mock living rooms filled with infrared cameras tracking their biometrics such things as eye movements and facial reactions made while hooked up to skin sensors and heart monitors.

Viacom's lab, which is being built in New York, will include electroencephalograms (EEGs) to monitor peoples' brain waves while watching television. And ratings firm Nielsen Holdings, which just bought neuroscience firm Innerscope Research earlier this year, is adding facial coding and biometrics to its labs, which currently conduct eye tracking and perform EEGs.

Networks have tried for years to find out what viewers think, but their technology is still mostly based on surveys and asking watchers to turn dials about what they like and don't. The new biometric data avoids questions, tapping straight into physical response.

"The problem is that when you ask someone how they respond to things, they sometimes think about it or they overthink it," said Alan Wurtzel, president of research and media development at NBCU. "This is the closest to what's going on inside your brain."

As more viewers fast-forward through ads, and advertisers increasingly shift their budgets away from TV in favor of digital ads, networks see neuroscience and biometrics as a way for them to target ads better and improve relations with advertisers.

The experience of The Ad Council, a New Yorkbased organization that creates ad campaigns for nonprofits and government agencies, shows how using biometrics could help boost response from viewers. It has worked with Nielsen Neuroscience to test some of its ads.

REACHING OUT TO VIEWERS

In testing one ad, for The Shelter Pet Project, which promotes the adoption of pets from local animal shelters, viewers were engaged by watching a mixedbreed dog playing with the screen and reaching out to viewers. But the parts of viewers' brains triggering memory weren't firing when the message about contacting Shelterpetproject.org appeared on the screen, said Patty Goldman, research director with Ad Council.

So Ad Council tweaked the ad to add audio encouraging viewers to visit the site. While it's not known how much the change affected the results of the ad, the Ad Council did have success with the entire campaign, seeing average monthly visitors to the Web site increase to 174,000 from 74,000 within the first three months of the campaign.

NBCUniversal, which opened its lab in Orlando, Florida, in September, wants to be able to tell which scenes elicit the strongest emotional response from viewers, and then use those scenes in its promotional ads, said Wurtzel.

Viacom is examining different kinds of viewer focus and ultimately wants to find the best time for a commercial, so that, for example, if a scene elicits a response from expectant mothers it can plug in a diaper ad; if the scene makes people hungry, it's time to run an ad for food. Viacom, whose offerings include Nickelodeon and MTV, has been working to improve the ratings of many of its top networks, which have been in decline.

The concern is that the new process, which at \$30,000 to \$100,000 per study costs about twice as much as normal focus groups, may not improve sales.

"Just because their brain cells are lighting up during a commercial, doesn't necessarily mean they are going to buy the product, they may simply find the commercial engaging," said Beth Rockwood, senior vice president, market resources and advertising sales research at Discovery Communications, which is looking into possibly doing more with neuroscience research.

Hershey Co has been using neuroscience and biometric research for several years, and still is unsure what conclusions it can draw regarding their effectiveness. "I don't think anyone is comfortable saying that this is going to translate into more sales," said Andy Smith, director of consumer insights at Hershey.

He said he agrees that the research can win points with advertisers, a crucial advantage in TV's war with the Internet. "If I can get more growth by spending less, we benefit," Smith said.

MIND READING

Every week in the Time Warner Center in New York City about 200 people are paid to come to be watched watching television, movies or playing on computers in Time Warner Inc's three-year old Medialab. Participants get paid anywhere from \$10 for a 10minute study to \$1,000 for a full day.

Cameras which track their eyes and record their facial expression line the front of a fake living room. Clip-on sensors on their fingers pump a micro-electric current to track sweat. Belts track heart rates and next year, the lab will add EEGs.

Time Warner's Turner Broadcasting System, a pioneer in biometrics, with Innerscope Research tested a US Navy ad that depicted an aircraft carrier. Using eye tracking technology, Turner was able to see that viewers with devices in their hands looked up at the sound of the helicopters in the middle of the ad. There also was a spike in the heart rates and skin sensors in the moments following the sound, showing that they had the strongest emotional response to the ad during those seconds, said Howard Shimmel, chief research officer at Turner. — Reuters

TECH-SHARING KEY TO SUCCESS OF CLIMATE SUMMIT: FRANCE

SEOUL: French President Francois Hollande said yesterday that sharing emissions-cutting technology with emerging nations like India and China will be a key part of the "success or failure" of climate change talks in Paris next month.

Hollande made the call on a visit to South Korea, the first by a French head of state in 15 years, where he is looking to bring Seoul on board as a "very useful" ally in securing a global climate deal in Paris next month. He flew to South Korea after a visit to China, where he reached what he described as a "historic" agreement that the international deal on tackling climate change to be negotiated in Paris should include checks on compliance. The November 30-December 11 conference, to be attended by at least 80 world leaders, seeks a single global agreement, with the goal of capping warming at two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-Industrial Revolution levels.

At a climate change and green growth round table in Seoul, Hollande stressed the critical importance of sharing emissions-cutting technology with emerging countries like India and China.

"It's not just about fixing norms and limits, but also about taking a big technological leap, and not being scared to share technology," he said. "To my mind, that is what will decide success or failure," he added. Several countries, including India, have said they want assurances of finance and clean-energy technology transfers from richer nations to adapt to a new, climate-altered world.

Climate talks go-between

Hollande is hoping South Korea, which hosts the Green Climate Fund-the global

fund created to spearhead climate change financing-will act as a go-between in negotiations on whether developed or developing countries should bear more of the burden for reducing emissions. The French president said the negotiations would begin before the Paris conference, with leaders of the G20 group of leading industrialised and emerging economies due to meet next week at a summit in Turkey. "Success in Paris needs to be secured before Paris, and that's why I thought it was necessary to stop over in Seoul," Hollande told the round table. South Korea has made significant efforts to boost its green credentials in recent years, and in January became the first Asian country to set up a carbon emissions trading exchange.

The country, Asia's fourth largest economy, is among the world's top-10 carbon emitters, but in June it finalised a 2030 target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 37 percent from business-as-usual (BAU) levelshigher than its earlier plan for a 15-30 percent cut.

China coal consumption shock

While Hollande was in Seoul, it emerged that China has likely been under-reporting its coal consumption for years, after official statistics were revised upwards by hundreds of millions of tonnes a year. The updated figures suggest that Chinese emissions of greenhouse gas carbon dioxide are bigger than previously thought, but Hollande stressed Beijing's commitments to reductions still stood. He also noted that the statistical revision showed the importance of the compliance checks agreed to during his trip to Beijing. "It will allows us to be even more vigilant," he said. — AFP

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VIRTUAL DOCTOR VISITS OFFER CONVENIENCE, LOWER COSTS

WASHINGTON: When you're coming down with a cold, there are a few items you typically reach for to start feeling better: cough drops, herbal tea, maybe an over-the-counter medication. For most of us, though, a smartphone wouldn't top that list. But that may change as health care companies increasingly steer customers toward streaming video apps that connect patients with doctors online. The push toward virtual health care comes as many primary doctors are over-booked and patients struggle with their own busy schedules. At the same time, insurers and employers see an opportunity to save money by reducing pricier visits to doctors' offices and urgent care clinics.

Outsourcing care is not new. In rural areas, doctors have long relied on telephone and video connections to consult with specialists far away. But this year an estimated 450,000 patients will see a doctor over the Internet for basic ailments like colds, infections or aches and pains, according to the American Telemedicine Association industry group. Here are some key questions and answers about these virtual visits.

Q: How do these services work?

A: A number of companies allow consumers to connect with a health care provider through a smartphone, tablet or computer. Some of the leading companies include Teladoc, Doctor on Demand and MDLive. Typically patients are routed to a doctor who is licensed to practice and prescribe medicine in their home state.

Q: If this technology isn't new, why am I hearing about it now?

A: In the last year, several leading health care companies announced they would begin incorporating telemedicine into their offerings. Walgreens is currently rolling out a virtual doctor service in 25 states. Meanwhile, UnitedHealth Group and the Blue Cross-Blue Shield insurer Anthem prepare to make telemedicine services available to more than 40 million people by 2016. This increased adoption is partially a response to recent law changes in 29 states requiring health insurance companies to cover telemedicine delivered via online video or over the phone.

Additionally, the programs appeal to consumers and their employers by reducing time lost to traditional doctor appointments. "The ability to get a doctor to see you within minutes from your phone is something that people really value," says Dr Jonah Feldman, a health care delivery specialist at Winthrop University Hospital

Q: How much do online visits cost?

A: It depends. If you're in one of the states that require insurance coverage of telemedicine, you may not owe anything - or you may only owe your standard co-pay, which can range from \$15 to \$25. But even without insurance, you may still save money. Most online services charge about \$40 to \$50 per consultation, which is about half the typical \$100 or more to see a primary care doctor. The savings could be even greater compared with an emergency room visit, which typically costs hundreds of dollars. Many people who don't have insurance go to the emergency room as a last resort when other health providers won't see them.

Those savings have attracted interest in the technology from large insurers and employers. "If I'm managing a health plan, I clearly don't want someone to go to the emergency room for coughs, colds, sneezes or urinary infections," said Dr. Ford Brewer, an executive with MDLive, which provides online consultations for Humana, Cigna and other companies.

Q: What kind of issues can a doctor address online?

A: Most online services specialize in treating easy-to-diagnose conditions, including colds, ear infections, rashes and allergy problems. Doctors in telemedicine companies can usually prescribe from a small list of common medications. The prescription is typically sent electronically to a pharmacy near the patient. Virtual visits can also be effective for addressing mental health issues like anxiety and depression. Brewer says the demand for online therapists is driven by the same issues affecting primary care doctors.

"There's just not enough access out there in the country," Brewer says. "So you have that

ability for mental health providers, as well as primary care docs, to be able to see more patients, provide more access online." It's important to note that the level of care available to patients can vary by state. For instance, some states require a doctor to have an established relationship with a patient, which might include a physical or mental exam, before allowing them to do a telemedicine visit.

Q: What type of problems cannot be addressed online?

A: Telemedicine companies are generally not designed to handle medical emergencies and will instead direct patients to call 911. Likewise, they will not attempt to treat complex, chronic diseases like cancer, Parkinson's disease or Alzheimer's. Finally, experts say most companies will not write prescriptions for addictive painkillers or non-essential medications like Viagra. "Patients should not expect to get controlled substances, lifestyle drugs or anything that's going to raise evebrows," says Nathaniel Lacktman, an attorney who specializes in telemedicine. — AP

10-YEAR JUMP IN LIFE EXPECTANCY FOR RICH NATIONS, US LAGS: OECD

PARIS: Rich countries have gained more than 10 years in life expectancy on average since 1970, a study released by the OECD said yesterday, but the United States has slumped to near the bottom. Averaged across men and women, the USat 78.8 years-was 27th in life expectancy at birth among the 34 countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in the latest ranking for 2013, it said. Forty years ago, Americans lived a year longer than the OECD average, but today they have fallen well below the median, it said. At the same time, the US outstripped other nations in per capita health expenditure, spending two-and-a-half times more than the average within the OECD, which also includes a handful of emerging economies such as Mexico and Turkey.

Life expectancy at birth measures how long someone born today would live if current mortality rates continued to apply. In reality, improvements in medicine means that age spans are likely to increase over time. Average lifespan across all OECD nations reached 80.5 years in 2013, an increase of more than 10 years since 1970. A persistent gap in life expectancy between women, who live longer, and men has gradually narrowed from about seven years to five, the study found.

Japan-at 83.4 years-along with Switzerland and Spain topped the charts for life expectancy in 2013, followed by Italy, France and Australia, according to the annual overview of health metrics. At the bottom of the OECD 34-strong ranking were Slovakia, Hungary and, in last place, Mexico, where life expectancy was nine years less than in Japan or Spain. Several factors account for the poor and declining life expectancy in the US, the report said, starting with its weak public health sector and the millions of Americans who remain uninsured.

High income inequality, illegal drug use, along with high rates of obesity, traffic accidents and homicide also push average life spans down. Looking at major risk factors-smoking, alcohol and obesity-the US ranked last on the obesity index, but was among healthiest nations for tobacco consumption. Austria, Estonia, France and Hungary scored very poorly across two risk categories: smoking and drinking. Hungarians were the only people to seriously overindulge in all three. Sweden and Norway were the only countries among the 34 in which all three risk factors remained very low.

Gender gap

Japanese and Italians were virtuous when it came to alcohol and overeating, but fell into the middle of the pack on smoking. Tobacco intake showed surprising variation across nations. Iceland is the only country in which more women smoked than men, but the overall rate of tobacco consumption was among the lowest among rich countries. The largest disparity among OECD nations was in South Korea, where some 37 percent of men smoked, and less than five percent of women. — AFP



WASHINGTON: In this photo taken Oct 6, 2015, the HealthCare.gov website, where people can buy health insurance, is displayed on a laptop screen. —AP

Health law's 3rd sign-up season FACES CHALLENGES FROM PRICES

WASHINGTON: The government's insurance website is mechanism driving coverage, the limitations are clearer southern states - Texas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and faster and easier to use, but as a third sign-up season and perhaps more consequential. The 2012 Supreme North Carolina - were to expand Medicaid, that could law is approaching limits. Enrollment on the federal and state exchanges began Sunday. While the law's expanded coverage has reduced the uninsured rate to a historic low of about 9 percent, the gains will be harder in 2016. Supporters may feel they're running to stay in place, rather than taking a victory lap during the president's last full year in office. The reasons have to do with the structure of the complicated law, the effects of a major change introduced by the Supreme Court and political divisions likely to be magnified in an election year. The fate of the Affordable Care Act - known as "Obamacare" to its detractors - is very much in the hands of the next president. A weak sign-up season could embolden opponents who are so far unwilling to relent. The law's two major engines of coverage expansion face challenges simultaneously. Costs are going up on the private, taxpaver-subsidized coverage sold through HealthCare.gov and state insurance exchanges, and many of the more than 10 million eligible uninsured Americans are skeptics. They tend to be younger people on tight budgets, with other priorities for spending their money. A sharp increase in fines may sway at least some fence-sitters. In 2016, the penalty will rise to \$695 or 2.5 percent of taxable income, whichever is higher. This year, the fine is the greater of \$325 or 2 percent of income. On the law's Medicaid expansion, the other big

gets underway, President Barack Obama's health care Court decision that upheld the law's individual coverage potentially add another 2 million people to the coverrequirement also gave states the choice to decline expanding Medicaid. Across the South, Republican-led states have turned down the Medicaid option, leaving millions uninsured.



RIYADH, Saudi Arabia: Saudi Oil Minister, Ali Al-Naimi (left), chats with US Secretary of Energy, Ernest Moniz, during the 6th Ministerial Conference of the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF) yesterday, in the Saudi capital Riyadh. —AFP

SAUDI SAYS FOSSIL FUELS STILL NEEDED DESPITE GLOBAL WARMING FEARS

RIYADH: Leading crude exporter Saudi Arabia supports efforts to limit global warming but believes fossil fuels should remain part of the world energy mix, Oil Minister Ali Al-Naimi said yesterday. Naimi was speaking at a meeting of major fossil fuel producer and consumer nations in Riyadh ahead of a UN conference on climate change in Paris later this month. Saudi Arabia is seen as an opponent of a proposed treaty to be discussed at the conference that would demand legally binding commitments from signatory countries on cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

Naimi did not refer specifically to the conference, but said he believed improving the technology for reducing emissions from fossil fuel plants was as important as boosting the use of renewable sources of energy in meeting emissions targets. "I believe all the nations represented (at this meeting), and many beyond, share a belief that carbon capture and storage is a critical part of the global quest to reduce greenhouse gas emis-

sions," he said. "We believe all forms of energy will be required to help meet the needs of future generations," said Naimi, whose country sits on 16 percent of world oil reserves. "Renewable forms of energy, such as nuclear, solar and wind are increasingly utilized, and they complement fossil fuels." The November 30-December 11 UN summit in Paris aims to unite all the world's nations in a single agreement on tackling climate change, with the goal of capping warming at two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-Industrial Revolution levels.

Naimi said Saudi Arabia is not in "dire need" to cut domestic energy subsidies, which the International Monetary Fund had recommended among other adjustments to reduce a deficit triggered by plummeting oil prices. "You only go back and take assistance away (from people) if you are in dire need, and, fortunately, Saudi Arabia is not today in such a dire need," he told reporters. — AFP

'Medicaid gap'

Many are trapped in what's called the "Medicaid gap." They cannot get health insurance through HealthCare.gov because the law prevents people below the poverty line from using the insurance exchanges. So the private insurance alternative is closed to them, even as their states refuse to expand public coverage. Among them is John Davis of Port Charlotte, Florida, a 49-yearold construction worker unemployed because of health problems. A doctor at a free clinic is monitoring a suspicious spot on his lungs. "They won't biopsy it. Nobody will touch it because I don't have insurance," Davis said. "I feel like I'm walking around with a time bomb on my back and I can't see the timer." In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, there are about 580,000 marketplace-eligible uninsured, the most in the nation, according to government figures. Donald Parish, the pastor of True Lee Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, uses the pulpit to encourage people to enroll through the marketplace. Many of his parishioners are wary.

"It's economic. That you can get affordable health insurance still does not resonate," Parish said. If five

age rolls. It would amount to a seismic shift, one unlike in a political year when partisan divisions will be accentuated. "It seems like most of the Deep South is saving, 'We are not doing it," said Tom Scully, a lobbyist who served as Medicare chief for former President George W Bush.

Reading the signs, the Obama administration has set a modest sign-up target of about 10 million private insurance customers enrolled and paying their premiums by the end of 2016. Most would be consumers renewing from this year, but one-third or more are expected to be new customers previously uninsured. Part of the challenge for the administration is that the market for individual health insurance policies is volatile. People drop coverage as their circumstances change, for example landing a job that comes with health insurance. Partly because it can be so hard to hang on to customers, the administration and the states have focused on making their websites more consumer friendly this year. Consumers have until Jan. 31 to sign up for coverage. If they want their coverage to start at the first of the year, they need to apply by Dec 15.

Consumers can expect to see such changes as:

* Automatic reminders to enter Social Security numbers and immigration information, critical details that help the government verify eligibility and prevent cancellations months later. — AP

STUDY: REPRODUCTION OF DOLPHINS HURT BY BP OIL SPILL

NEW ORLEANS: Dolphins living in a Louisiana bay polluted by BP's massive 2010 offshore oil spill have had a very difficult time giving birth long after their bay was covered in slicks, a new study shows. The government study is the latest by a team of scientists that has tracked the health of a population of common bottlenose dolphins in Barataria Bay, an estuary south of New Orleans covered in heavy slicks after BP's April 2010 oil spill off the coast of Louisiana.

The researchers tracked 10 pregnant dolphins for nearly four years and found that only two of the dol-

phins gave birth to calves. The study was published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the Royal Academy of Sciences in Britain. BP PLC's blown-out well killed 11 workers aboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig and spewed more than 130 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. After the spill, researchers found dolphins in Barataria suffering from lung diseases and abnormalities they associated with exposure to oil contamination. Since then, the dolphins have become a focus of work to assess the effects from the oil spill. In August 2011, about a year after oil stopped leaking

from BP's blown-out well, researchers tagged 32 dolphins and followed them to see what happened.

The new study found they've suffered from a high mortality rate and chronic diseases that have hurt the animals' ability to reproduce. The study said the effects of the spill "have been long-lasting." "The take-home message is that this dolphin population, as well as other dolphin and whale populations that were exposed to the Deepwater Horizon oil, will take a long time to recover," said Lori Schwacke, a wildlife epidemiologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She was the lead researcher.

Schwacke said data on 2013 and 2014 reproduction rates show continuing problems. Those data were not included in the new paper. Dolphins are slow to reach reproductive maturity, and once they do it takes about a year and a half for them to give birth. They only give birth to a single calf every three to five years. In a recent report on restoring the Gulf, government scientists say it could take decades for mammal populations to recover from the spill.

It's not just fleeting

BP declined to comment Tuesday on the study. Cynthia Smith, the executive director of the National Marine Mammal Foundation and a researcher in the study, said the dolphins are most likely suffering lingering health problems from when they swam in the oil slicks covering Barataria. "Those health effects can last a long time," Smith said. "It's not just fleeting." Researchers estimated that there were about 2,300 dolphins living in Barataria at the time of the spill and that about 35 percent of them died because of the spill. — AP

WHAT WASTE: HUMAN EXCREMENT CAN FUEL DEVELOPING WORLD

WASHINGTON: Gas produced by decaying human waste is a potentially major source of energy, providing electricity for millions of homes while improving sanitary conditions in developing countries, says a UN report released Tuesday. Biogas-about 60 percent methanecan be produced by having bacteria break down human feces. And it would be worth the equivalent of \$9.5 billion in non-renewable natural gas, the UN Institute for Water, Environment and Health said.

Residues from treated waste could yield two million tons a year of "solid" fuel worldwide that could reduce charcoal use and the number of trees being felled, which would help in global warming reduction efforts, the report added. Almost a billion people around the world do not have access to toilets, about 60 percent of

them in India, and have to relieve themselves outdoors. If their excrement were collected, it could potentially be used to create more than 200 million dollars a year worth of biogas, and eventually rise to 376 million dollars, the researchers said.

This volume of energy would be enough to power 18 million homes in developing nations, the report added. Bringing toilets to so many areas also will improve hygiene and public health in these countries. Poor sanitation is to blame for 10 percent of illnesses in developing countries, the researchers said. "Challenges are many, but clearly there is a compelling, multi-dimensional financial case to be made for deriving energy from waste," said Chris Metcalfe, one of the authors of the study. — AFP



THE CHANDELEUR ISLANDS: In this Thursday, May 6, 2010, file photo, a pod of Bottle Nose dolphins swim under the oily water of Chandeleur Sound, La. — AP

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CRYOTHERAPY USE SPREADS, THOUGH IT'S UNPROVEN, UNREGULATED

LAS VEGAS: From Japan to Europe and now in the US, a growing number of people are seeking cryotherapy - a treatment that subjects their bodies to temperatures far below those found anywhere on Earth. Backers claim it can ease pain and inflammation, aid blood flow and weight loss, improve skin and even ward off aging and depression. The treatments, however, have come under scrutiny after a Las Vegas spa employee was found dead last month in the chamber of a cryotherapy machine chilled by liquid nitrogen. Cryotherapy involves entering the cold chamber and spending two to four minutes in temperatures ranging from minus-166 to minus-319 degrees Fahrenheit (minus-110 to minus-195 Celsius).

It is believed to have started in Japan in the 1970s to treat inflammatory conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis. It has been used by professional athletes on the premise that inflammation caused by exercise could also be treated by extreme cold and has made its way across the globe. It is primarily used in Eastern Europe. Joseph Costello, a researcher with the University of Portsmouth in England who studies cryotherapy, said the entire rugby team of Wales traveled to Poland to use the technology in 2011. It hit the US about two



years ago and now, the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers said the professional basketball team has its own cryotherapy chamber at its training center. The treatments are also available at some spas, sports medicine clinics and wellness centers.

Las Vegas police and Nevada state officials

have opened investigations into the circumstances involving the death, but it has moved slowly because the industry is so new in the state that no one agency assumed responsibility for it. Nevada's chief medical officer said Tuesday that the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance will assume responsibility for investigating complaints as the state health department takes over an expanded probe to determine whether or not the treatment itself is safe. The long review process is now only in its fact-finding stage, but Dr Tracey Green said some form of education, regulation, scope of work agreement and/or licensure could ultimately be proposed.

Conscious consumers

"Education will be very important because there are many alternative services in many areas of medicine, science, health, nutrition and beauty. We need to be conscious consumers," Green said. And any rules or policies put in place in Nevada would mark some of the first regulations in the world governing cryotherapy. In other states, oversight varies widely. The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies has assigned cryotherapy to a medical category that requires doctor oversight. California officials said its industrial relations and consumer affairs departments and state medical board have no oversight of the practice, calling it an experimental and alternative treatment unsupported by evidence.

Given that the lowest temperature ever recorded on Earth was minus-128 degrees Fahrenheit (minus-89 Celsius), experts say the health impacts of cryotherapy can't be predicted without more research. Costello urged that more studies should be done and noted that it may take a long time to fully understand the risks and possible benefits. "Technology is moving at such a rapid pace, but it often takes time for scientific studies to be completed," he said. The science and medical communities haven't embraced cryotherapy, and the US Food and Drug Administration has not approved any whole-body cryogenic devices for medical use

The FDA said in a statement it would regulate any device if a manufacturer makes medical claims such as reducing muscle soreness, shortening injury recovery time or increasing blood circulation, but not if the claims are nonmedical and involve such things as comfort, soothing or relief. Eric Rauscher, founder of Dallas-based distributor CryoUSA, said the company supports some form of regulation and specifically trains buyers of the machines not to make medical claims. Rauscher said he's even voided warranties after discovering customers advertising otherwise. "We tell them 'let's not use words like treatment and procedures - these are sessions. These aren't your patients, they are clients," Rauscher said. — AP

KIDS WHO HAVE PUPPIES OR PONIES MAY HAVE LOWER ASTHMA RISK

and farm animals may be less likely to develop asthma by the age six, a Swedish study suggests. Dog exposure during infancy was associated with a 13 percent lower risk of asthma in school-age children, while farm animal exposure was linked to a 52 percent risk reduction.

While the findings don't prove that puppies prevent asthma, they do suggest that expectant parents may not need to give away the family pet for fear their baby might develop asthma from being around the dog, said lead study author Tove Fall of Uppsala University in Sweden. "To let children have a pet in their home is likely to enrich the family life in many ways, and perhaps also enriches the child's microbiome and immune system," Fall said by email.

Fall and colleagues reviewed data on more than one million children born in Sweden from 2001 through 2010. The analysis included about 276,000 school-age kids, including nearly 22,000 with a parent who owned a dog during the child's first year of life and about 950 with a parent who worked with farm animals. Overall, about 11,600 had an asthmatic event during their seventh year of

NEW YORK: Babies exposed to dogs 28,000 additional cases of asthma were recorded during follow-up. Exposure to animals did not seem to have a protective effect in children under age three. Shortcomings of the study include a lack of data on allergies in the family and a potential undercount of the number of households with dogs, the authors acknowledge in the journal JAMA Pediatrics.

Physically active

Researchers also lacked data on exposure to dogs or farm animals outside the home, and on cases when exposure to animals may have stopped after the start of the study. The study also wasn't designed to pinpoint why the animals might be linked to a reduced asthma risk, Fall said. "It might be due to a single factor or more likely, a combination of several factors related to dog ownership lifestyle or dog owner's attitudes, such as kids' exposure to household dirt and pet dust, time spent outdoors or being physically active," Fall said.

"As a parent in a dog and baby household, it is nearly impossible to keep everything clean, and maybe this is a good thing for your baby's future health," Fall added. Children who spend a lot of time around dogs or farm animals might be exposed to bacteria that are linked to a lower risk of asthma, noted Dr. Frank Virant, an allergy researcher at the University of Washington and Seattle Children's Hospital. Other factors that might connect animal ownership to lower asthma risk include the potential for kids who live with dogs or on farms to spend more time outside and get less indoor allergen exposure and live outside polluted urban areas, Virant, who wasn't involved in the study, said by email. Unless mom or dad are allergic, "the more animals the better," Virant said. — Reuters

E COLI OUTBREAK TESTS CHIPOTLE'S VOW TO TRACK INGREDIENTS

SEATTLE: Chipotle's industry-leading commitment to tracking its ingredients from farm to table is being put to the test by an E coli outbreak that has sickened at least 37 people as of Tuesday, nearly all of whom ate recently at one of the chain's restaurants in Washington state or Oregon. Scientists also said Tuesday that they identified the specific microorganism responsible, which they believe was carried on fresh produce such as lettuce, tomatoes, cilantro or onions, or possibly even spices.

The chain of casual Mexican restaurants voluntarily closed 43 locations in the two states after health officials alerted the company to a growing number of E. coli cases involving people who shared one common experience: a meal at Chipotle during the last two weeks. The numbers grew Tuesday from three to 12 probable cases in Portland area and from 19 to 25 probable cases in five counties near Seattle.

Food samples

Dr Scott Lindquist, Washington's state epidemiologist, said the specific microorganism responsible for the out-



break is Shiga toxin-producing E coli O26. Now officials are doing more tests, on samples of human waste and on any E coli found in food samples, looking for exact DNA matches. That, in turn, should indicate which ingredient carried it into the meals of diners, Lindquist said. Food from the restaurants linked to the outbreak is being tested, and Lindquist said they may know by Wednesday which produce, if any, tests positive for the same bacteria. Authorities have already asked Chipotle to turn over information about its food suppliers.

"We're really relying on working closely with Chipotle," said Dr Katrina Hedberg, Oregon's state epidemiologist. Chipotle Mexican Grill Chairman Steve Ells said in a statement Tuesday that the company immediately closed the restaurants "out of an abundance of caution, even though only eight restaurants have drawn concern." The company also says it is doing its own tests in restaurants and distribution centers. It is fully sanitizing the restaurants, replacing all the food and testing batches of ingredients in its supply chain as it helps investigators, the statement said.



WASHINGTON: Dr Kathy Lofy addresses a news conference about an E coli outbreak, at the Washington State Dept of Health, in Shoreline, Washington. — AP photos

Multi-state outbreaks have increased sharply in recent years, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Tuesday. On average, two dozen occurred from 2010 to 2014, up from six a year from 1973 to 2010. That's partly due to better detection, but food industry consolidation has meant companies ship to wider networks of grocery stores and restaurants now, so tainted products can spread more widely as well. In this case, identifying the supplier of any contaminated produce should be easier because Chipotle uses traceability software, made by the Durham, North Carolina-based FoodLogiQ company, and has promised its consumers that it can trace every box of fresh ingredients from farm to table, in real time.

of food along Chipotle's supply chain will give them useful information, said Dr Jeff Duchin, health officer for Seattle and King County Public Health. "We're really hoping that the trace-back will give us some good clues about what the cause could be," Duchin said.

He acknowledged, however, that this will be a difficult investigation because so many of the same ingredients go into multiple dishes at Chipotle. In 2008, health officials initial ly suspected raw tomatoes to be the source of a salmonella outbreak that sickened people around the country, Hanson said. Without adequate ways of tracing tomatoes or other contaminated produce to their origins, everybody stopped buying tomatoes, everywhere. In this case, Chipotle has been able to have a much more targeted response. "Being able to quickly find where the problem is, is why our organization and others have been arguing for good traceability, from farm to fork," Hanson said. "Chipotle is to be commended for trying to put in place a system to trace its supply, and hopefully it works this time." — AP

Exposure to dogs and farm animals during the first year of life cut the risk of asthma for preschoolers, too, the authors found. Preschoolers had a 10 percent lower risk of asthma if they'd been exposed to dogs, and a 21 percent lower risk with exposure to farm animals.

The study involved almost 379,000 preschool-age kids, including about 53,000 exposed to dogs and 1,700 exposed to farm animals. Roughly 19,000 preschoolers had experienced at least one episode of asthma at the start of the study, and more than

WASHINGTON: Microbiologist Mi Kang works to identify a strain of E coli from a specimen in a lab at the Washington State Dept of Health.

Good clues

"Ideally, any of these trace-back systems should help," said Jaydee Hanson, a senior policy analyst at the Center for Food Safety, a Washington, DC-based nonprofit that promotes food safety and sustainable agriculture. Health officials believe knowing the distribution



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SAYID ASLAM THANGAL RECEIVES WARM RECEPTION FROM KUWAITI MERCHANTS



well-known Philanthropist and Spiritual leader Sayid Aslam Thangal was given welcome by Dr Waleed Dawood Al Najjar, Former Asst. Undersecretary of Ministry of Communications, Government of Kuwait. Dr Najjar shared his old memories during his earlier acquaintance with Sayid Aslam since the year 1982.

Sayid Aslam Thangal was on a short trip to Kuwait by the invitation of Indo-Kuwait

Friendship Society. Aslam Thangal hails from Kannur district of Kerala State is the Founding Chairman of Al Mashoor Foundation for Prophetic Legacy as well as the Chief Patron of Darul Al-Hasanath Orphanage Committee, Patron of SKSSF (Samastha Kerala Ulama Federation) and number of philanthropic associations in Kannur District. Aslam Thangal is a helping hand for poor and underprivileged people in Kerala. Mashoor Foundation for Prophetic Legacy has initiated construction of a complex house for the poor autism children as well as down syndrome diseased kids in Belathur, Kannur District, Kerala, India.

During Sayid Aslam Thangal's very brief stay in Kuwait, President of Kuwait Kerala Islamic Council, Sahikh Shamsuddin Faisi also hosted a warm reception at Sangham Hotel. In addition to couple of business Institutions Kuwaiti businessman and a distinguished personality Hani Bader Abdul Wahab Al-Othman, also hosted a warm reception to the visiting guest Sayid Aslam Thangal at his diwaniya located at Rawdha. During the both events, Indo Kuwait Friendship Society Vice President Attorney Sayid Nizar, President Dr Ghalib Al-Mashoor also attended in the reception. Kerala Businessmen Hanief Saheb, Anwar Saheb, Nasir Thangal and other community members were also hosted reception in honor of Aslam Thangal.

OSN LAUDS EGYPTIAN POLICE FOR TAKING ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL TV OPERATORS

Two arrested in first anti-piracy raids in the country

SN, the region's leading pay-TV network in the Middle East and North Africa, has commended the efforts of the Egyptian police for carrying out its first and most successful raid to date against illegal TV operators in Cairo.

Egyptian authorities have conducted successful raids at two shops in the Bab Elok area of the city resulting in the confiscation of illegal TV decoders, a personal computer with IP activated codes, local area connector converters, and IPTV software with flash memory cards. Two men were arrested in the raids.

The raids in Egypt against illegal TV operators are part of a concerted campaign organized by OSN across the region. Several illegal operators have been arrested in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Oman as authorities step up efforts to curb TV piracy that causes heavy losses to the industry and the creative sector. Ahmed Atef, Director of the Works Crime Investigation, Egyptian police, said: "We have added several sophisticated technologies that enable us to identify illegal TV operators and take prompt action. TV piracy is a blatant violation of Intellectual Property Rights that has an adverse impact on the economy. We take this issue seriously and are committed to taking firm action against illegal operators."

David Butorac, CEO of OSN, said: "Egypt has a rich and vibrant television industry and thousands of people depend on the industry for their livelihood. TV piracy causes enormous loss to the industry, potentially impacting the creative professionals and their ability to produce high quality work. As one of the thriving creative centers of Arabic entertainment, it is important that TV piracy is curbed in Egypt, thus encouraging more investments in the industry. We thank Egyptian police for their support to the campaign to curb TV piracy."

PARADIGM 2015 - A CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA



ega arts festival, unique to ICSK Senior - PAR- on Teacher's Day, added charm to the evening



Sayid Aslam Al Mashoor Thangal in his reply speech extended warm gratitude and regards to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, and the people of Kuwait. He thanked Dr Waleed Al-Najjar, Hani Al-Othman, Bader Al-Othman, Dr Ghailb Al-Mashoor, Advocate Sayid Nizar Thangal and IKFS team for hosting wonderful receptions in honor of him.

INDIAN CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS ORGANIZE SEMINAR ON 'SMARTER ANALYTICS'



he Kuwait Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) organized a Seminar on 19 October 2015 on the topic of "Smarter Analytics" at the Holiday Inn Down Town. Joy Paul, Consultant at GBM, Kuwait was the main speaker at the event and was accompanied on the panel by Shawki and Sulaiman (Consultants at GBM). CA Sai Devata, Secretary of the ICAI Kuwait Chapter, welcomed the panel of Speakers and introduced Joy Paul, consultant at GBM. A one minute silence was observed to convey condolences on the recent sad demise of CA. Sunil Mishra, who was a member of the Membership Committee of the ICAI Kuwait Chapter. A house full audience that included around 100 Indian Chartered Accountants from various walks of Industry and Professional Firms were in attendance. The speaker, Joy delivered an insightful session on the role of data and analytics in performance management and decision making. Joy covered various types of analytics including descriptive, predictive, prescriptive and cognitive analyses. The lively and interactive session was helpful in understanding about enabling excel sheets in Performance Management (Variance Analysis, Forecast Projection and Modeling) and connecting the final dots - from KPI to Score Card and making it sense to the Senior Management Dashboard (Balanced Score Card, Impact Analysis etc). This was showcased in a Live Demo of the IBM Analytics - Forward Looking Performance Management and relevant presentations.

CA Firdaus Alam Khan, member of the CPE Committee of the ICAI Kuwait Chapter extended a vote of thanks, on behalf of the Kuwait Chapter of the ICAI, to the speaker, sponsors and all those who assisted in putting together and publicising the event. As a token of appreciation, a memento was presented to the speaker by CA Prashantha Shetty, Chairman of the Chapter. The session was followed by a sumptuous buffet dinner. ADIGM 2015 was inaugurated in the midst of much pomp and fervor by great luminaries on the 24th of October, 2015. The inauguration set the stage ready for all the onstage items. Paradigm provides a rostrum for the budding talents of the school, enhancing the aesthetic development of each child. 45 onstage items and 25 offstage items were conducted to discover the latent talents. The present year witnessed a tremendous participation with over 900 contestants in various events.

The inauguration was done by lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest, His Highness Dr Mohammed Al-Haifi, the former Minister of Health, Kuwait and Guest of Honor Maha Al-Barjas, Vice-President, Kuwait Society for Human Rights. This session was blessed with the presence of S K Wadhawan, the Honorary Chairman of the board of trustees, Bobby A Mathew, the Honorary Vice-Chairman, Vijay Karayil, the Honorary Secretary, members of the Board of Trustees, members of the Parent Advisory Council, the Principals and Vice-Principals of the other branch schools.

Days of hectic activity came to an end with the valedictory ceremony on the 25th of October. Certificates and mementos were distributed to the winners in both the individual and group items. Apart from felicitating the winners, the top scorers in the Gulf Region for AISSC Examination March 2014 in Science, Commerce and Humanities Streams were honored for their effort and efficiency. While Ashwin Karthik Ambalavanan was Honored in the Science stream, Surin Rajesh Gandhi was the Commerce stream topper. Razia Fakhruddin, Shabbir Basrai and Krishnaveer Roy claimed the first, second and third positions in the Gulf region. Special felicitation to the student teachers who excelled through their ability in pedagogy The Chief Guest Ahmad Shah Arsalaie, Deputy

Ambassador of the Embassy of Afghanistan to Kuwait, congratulated the winners and spoke on the intangible relation between aesthetics and the intellect. The atmosphere of the auditorium was imbued with the profusions of music and dance as the winning team's spectacular performance stunned the spectators. The titles of Kalathilak and Kalapratibha, which is the highest Honor in the arts fest was bestowed on the students with the maximum number of points for onstage and offstage in Category 4, Rudra Vipul Patel of class 8-B was awarded the title of KALAPRATIBHA and Ranjana Rajendran of class 10-C claimed the title of KALATHILAK. Omar K Ismail, of class 12-C was conferred with the title of KALAPRATIBHA in Category 5 and Anamika Anilkumar of class 11-B was presented with the title of KALATHILAK. House points were awarded based on the overall score and 'Sahyog' house was declared to be in the first position followed by 'Shanti' house.

All the awards were presented to the beaming winners in the presence of Bobby A Mathew, the Honorary Vice-Chairman, Vijay Karayil, the Honorary Secretary, members of the Board of Trustees and members of the Parent Advisory Council and the Principals of the other branch schools. The Joint Convener Jacob George expressed his sincere gratitude to all the guests, the management, Principal, Vice-Principal and the ICSK fraternity for the successful conduct of the mega event. Meticulous planning, dedication and hard work of the entire team of ICSK with the Principal Dr V Binumon at its helm is praiseworthy. Empowering the younger generation through innovative ideas and ensuring opportunities to all students has become the hallmark of ICSK.







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WHAT'S ON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015



MARRIOTT HOTELS IN KUWAIT CELEBRATE THE GLOBAL CUSTOMER APPRECIATION WEEK 2015

arriott Hotels in Kuwait launch their annual community engagement program; known as the Global Customer Appreciation Week (GCAW), from November 1 until November 5, 2015. A wide range of events will be hosted to express Marriott's appreciation to their customers and community throughout the week.

Focused on celebrating this occasion, the JW Marriott Kuwait City, the Courtyard

by Marriott Kuwait City and the Residence Inn by Marriott Kuwait City have put together various activities all under the theme "Marriott says thank you". The different activities include calling and thanking the top producing companies for their business and distributing certificates of appreciation and gifts. Business partners will also be invited for an exclusive lunch at Soul & Spice restaurant at Courtyard by Marriott Kuwait City. Further initiatives include a telemarketing campaign designed to call and personally thank all the guests for their business, in addition to organizing an event for the children of the NBK Cancer Hospital as part of Marriott's spirit to serve activities. Marriott takes both the communities and the environment in which they operate very seriously and strive to ensure that all the business practices are conducted in the most ethical way possible. Marriott hotels in Kuwait have established a reputation for serving the society with active involvement in various local charities.

Cluster General Manager of Marriott Hotels in Kuwait, George Aoun, said "We are delighted to celebrate the Global Customer Appreciation Week 2015. This is a great opportunity for us to express our appreciation to our valued customers for their continuous support and loyalty."





WORLD'S FAVORITE JEWELER, JOYALUKKAS, OPENED 3 NEW SHOWROOMS IN QATAR

he world's favorite jeweler has major plans for expanding across the world for the next two years. Joyalukkas, the world's favorite jeweler, continues its massive expansion drive with the opening of twelve brand new showrooms in choice locations across GCC and India in the last week of October. The back-to-back inaugurations were in keeping with Joyalukkas Chairman and MD, Joy Alukkas' objective to make the brand more accessible to all jewelry lovers. The opening of the new showrooms, just before the historically frenzied gold and jewelry buying months of November and December, is a move that was welcomed by loyal customers. Joyalukkas opened their jewelry showrooms in Safari Mall, Abu Hamour, Doha, Al-Watan Centre, Airport Road, Doha, Barwa Village, A-Wakrah and re-launched Lulu Hyper Market, Gharafa showroom on 30th October.

The Safari Mall, Abu Hamour, Doha showroom was inaugurated by Dato Ahmed Jazri Johari, Ambassador of Malaysia and his wife Datin Sabariah jazri in the presence of Sathathip Laismit wife of Ambassador of Royal Thailand Embassy, Chao Anh Nguyen wife of Socialist Republic of Vietnam, John Paul Joy Alukkas, Executive Director, Joyalukkas Group, many local dignitaries and VIP's.

The Al-Watan Centre, Airport Road, Doha showroom was

inaugurated by Abdulla Saleh Al-Raisi, CEO, Commercial Bank of Qatar in the presence of John Paul Joy Alukkas, Executive Director, Joyalukkas Group, many local dignitaries and VIP's. The Barwa Village, Al-Wakrah showroom was inaugurated by Farhan Johar A Ali Suwaidi-Rtd. Ministry of Interior and immigration Department captain in the presence of John Paul Joy Alukkas, Executive Director, Joyalukkas Group, many local dignitaries and VIP's.

The Lulu Hyper Market, Gharafa showroom was relaunched by Hassan Ali Mohammad Kama, Corporate Branch Manager, Doha bank in the presence of John Paul Joy Alukkas, Executive Director, Joyalukkas Group, many local dignitaries and VIP's. John Paul Joy Alukkas, Executive Director, Joyalukkas Group says, "We are very pleased that our goals to expand rapidly across GCC and India are coming to fruition according to schedule proving that there is quite a demand for the unique Joyalukkas experience. I personally thank each and every customer for the support and encouragement offered to us in the last 28 years."

The New showrooms feature the brand's signature bright and spacious interiors, showcasing the jewelry collections' world-class craftsmanship, as well as the high quality of service Joyalukkas is known for in all its locations.

ELEVATION BURGER KUWAIT PARTNERS WITH NUQAT CREATIVE CONFERENCE FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW

The partnership between Nuqat and Elevation Burger has been renewed for the third consecutive year. This partnership started when Nuqat Creative Conference launched in 2013, and has continued and developed thanks to the enthusiasm and motivation of both entities to encourage innovation and creativity.

This strategic partnership, has produced many activities which were organized by Nuqat, and in many times hosted by Elevation Burger. In 2014, Elevation Burger and Nuqat hosted one of the most memorable artistic ventures in Kuwait, The Organic Link, a live graffiti show. Over seven local graffiti artists were invited to present their work at Elevation Burger's Bida'a store. The beautiful murals, created over multiple, two meters high, aluminum walls, reflected the shared values of all parties driven by promotion of the arts.

Since the beginning of 2015, the

scope of this partnership broadened beyond the limits of Nuqat's annual conference. Last April, Elevation Burger hosted a Social Media Writing



workshop organized by Nuqat. To crown this ongoing partnership, Elevation Burger offers its gold sponsorship the third Nuqat Creative Conference this November. Elevation Burger's sponsorship, is translated to a workshop by Wajha, a design duo from Jordan. Participants attending the Wajha workshop will learn how they can enhance the store fronts of small businesses, such as Laundromats, grocery stores, and salons. This workshop stems from Elevation Burgers' community development aims and support of local small businesses. Hussa Al-Humaidhi, a founding

member of Nuqat, expressed her deepest gratitude and appreciation of the continuity of this strategic partnership with Elevation Burger and their faith in the role Nuqat plays in empowering creativity.

Ali Ashkanani, the CEO of TABCo. Food, the company operating Elevation Burger in Kuwait - stated that "In TABCo. Food and Elevation Burger we understand the value of creative youth. Seeing what creative youth can achieve keeps us keen on our partnership with Nuqat."

LADIES' NIGHT

By Salma Al-Misbah. Enjoy a casual, friendly environment and discuss different aspects of life. Come and enjoy a cup of tea and the company of other ladies living here in Kuwait. This event is free for all ladies. Every Sunday in November @ 5 - 7:30pm (Ladies Only)



ctivist Narjis Al-Shatti sent the picture above which shows firefighters and a Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) team on November 6, 1991, when the last oilfield fire which was let up during the Iraqi Invasion was extinguished.

GULF BANK CREDIT CARD CUSTOMERS ENJOY EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS AT HILTON KUWAIT RESORT

Gulf Bank announced that its credit card customers can take advantage of exclusive discounts of up to 15 percent at Hilton Kuwait Resort. This offer is valid until 31 December 2015.

Gulf Bank credit card customers will benefit from a 10 percent discount when booking their rooms during the weekend at the hotel to enjoy a relaxing time off away from the city (excluding New Year Eve). In addition, the Bank's credit card customers can take advantage of a 15 percent discount for the Health Club membership, Spa treatments and packages, as well as the food and beverage facilities at the hotel at: Teatro Restaurant; Song Bird CafÈ; Wave Breaker; and Palm Court Terrace. Hilton Kuwait Resort is a five star resort located on the coast of Al-Mangaf, approximately 30 minutes from the city and is part of Hilton Worldwide, one of the largest hospitality companies and includes over 4,440 properties around the world. Hilton Kuwait Resort received the 2015 Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence Award for its outstanding traveler reviews for offering an exceptional experience at the resort.

Gulf Bank continuously seeks ways in which it can differentiate its services and provide its most valued customers with new and exciting offers. Gulf Bank also strives to provide the best in customer service and was recently named "Best Customer Service in Kuwait" from Banker Middle East -Industry Awards.

To take advantage of this latest special offer, customers must use their Gulf Bank Visa or MasterCard credit cards when paying at Hilton Kuwait Resort.

For more information about Gulf Bank's latest products and services, visit the bank's bilingual website www.egulfbank.com, or one of Gulf Bank's 56 branches, or call the Customer Contact Center on 1805805 for assistance and guidance.

WHAT'S ON - SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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TV PROGRAMS

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- 03:00 Odyssey 07:00 Emmerdale 07:30 Coronation Street 08:00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show 10:00 Emmerdale
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ACTION

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- 10:00 The Love Guide 12:00 The Nutty Professor (1996) 14:00 The Pretty One
- 16:00 Big Fat Liar 18:00 Napoleon Dynamite
- 20:00 22 Jump Street The Right Kind Of Wrong 22:00

MOVIES

DRAMA

- 01:00 For Greater Glory-PG15 03:30 Fruitvale Station-PG15 05:00 Snitch-PG15 07:00 The Dependables-PG15 09:00 InSight-PG15 11:00 The Dependables-PG15 13:00 Snitch-PG15 15:00 Yellow Rock-PG15 17:00 InSight-PG15 19:00 One Last Look-PG15 21:00 Zulu-PG15
- 23:00 The Snitch Cartel-18

MOVIES FESTIVAL

01:00 Won't Back Down 03:00 Eternal Sunshine Of The Spotless Mind 05:00 The Nightmare Before Christmas 07:00 Atlas Shrugged Part 2: The

09:00 Sleepless In Seattle

13:00 The Nightmare Before

11:00 Waitress

Christmas 14:45 Safe Haven

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JEFFREY DEAN MORGAN JOSIE HO TIL SCHWEIGER AND MICKEY ROURKE

FROM ACADEMY AWARD WINNING DIRECTOR HANY ABU-ASSAD

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10:00

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THE COURIER ON OSN MOVIES HD ACTION

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07:00 Uncle Grandpa 07:25 Adventure Time 07:50 Teen Titans Go! 08:35 Ninjago: Masters Of Spinjitzu

09:00 Ben 10 Omniverse

10:55 Dreamworks Dragons:

11:20 Total Drama: Pahkitew Island

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11:40 Mighty Med 12:05 Ultimate Spider-Man Supa Strikas



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00:30 Last Man Standing

04:00 Marry Me

06:00 Community

08:00 Marry Me

Jimmy Fallon

Til Death

Til Death

Jimmy Fallon

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02:30 Man Seeking Woman

The Tonight Show Starring

07:00 Late Night With Seth Meyers

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MOVIES PREMIERE

00:00 Lost In The Cloud-18 02:00 No Clue-PG15 04:00 Fatal Instinct-PG15 06:00 Heaven Is For Real-PG 08:00 Recoil-PG15 10:00 40 Days And Nights-PG15 12:00 HairBrained-PG15 14:00 Bully-PG15 16:00 Recoil-PG15 18:00 The Monuments Men-PG15 20:00 Snowpiercer-PG15 22:00 Thanks For Sharing-18



03:14 Grojband 03:35 Johnny Test 05:05 Total Drama World Tour 05:27 Total Drama World Tour 05:50 Regular Show 06:00 The Amazing World Of Gumball





03:10 Scorned: Crimes Of Passion 04:00 Blood Relatives 04:45 Who On Earth Did I Marry? Pirates Who On Earth Did I Marry? 06:20 Forensic Detectives True Crime With Aphrodite Jones 08:00 Nightmare Next Door Pirates 08:50 On The Case With Paula Murder Shift Bears 12:10 True Crime With Aphrodite 00:00 13:50 | Almost Got Away With It 00:05 California Investigator 00:20 Calimero 00:35 Zou 00:50 Loopdidoo 16:45 On The Case With Paula 01:05 Art Attack Zahn 17:35 Murder Shift 01:30 Henry Hugglemonster 01:45 Calimero 18:25 I Almost Got Away With It 02:00 Zou 19:15 Forensic Detectives 02:15 Loopdidoo 20:05 True Crime With Aphrodite 02:30 Art Attack 02:55 Henry Hugglemonster 20:55 California Investigator 21:20 The Will 22:10 Who On Earth Did I Marry?

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03:40 The Undateables 04:30 Jon & Kate Plus 8 05:00 Little People, Big World 05:30 Cake Boss Say Yes To The Dress 06:00 06:25 Bakery Boss 07:15 Toddlers & Tiaras 08:05 Cake Boss 08:30 Cake Boss 08:55 Perfect Look 09:45 Jon & Kate Plus 8 10:10 Little People, Big World 10:35 Sister Wives 11:25 Cake Boss 11:50 Oprah's Master Class 12:40 Bakery Boss 13:30 Say Yes To The Dress: Randy Knows Best 13:55 Sav Yes To The Dress Randy Knows Best 14:20 Cake Boss 14:45 Cake Boss 15:10 Jon & Kate Plus 8 15:35 Little People, Big World

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- 02:20 Ghost Lab





06:00 Penn Zero: Part Time Hero

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07:40 Lab Rats

07:15 K.C Undercover

06:00 07:00 Witches Of East End 08:00 Sleepy Hollow 12:00 Emmerdale 12:30 Coronation Street 13:00 14:00 16:00 Emmerdale 16:30 Coronation Street 17:00

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JEM AND THE HOLOGRAMS	12:45 PM	BURNT
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PARANORMAL ACTIVITY: THE GHOST DIMENSION

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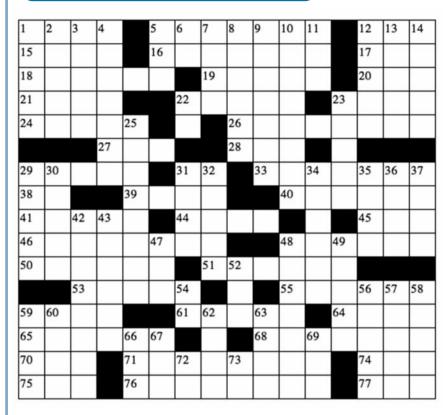
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ACROSS

- 1. An area in a town where a public mercantile establishment is set up.
- 5. Cut open or cut apart. 12. A cas unit of work or energy.
- 15. Not only so, but.
- 16. Brownish Old World bunting often eaten
- as a delicacy.
- 17. The basic unit of money in Romania. 18. God of the underworld and judge of the
- dead.
- 19. Verv attentive or observant.
- 20. An inflammatory complication of leprosy that results in painful skin lesions on the arms and leas and face.
- 21. Excavation in the earth from which ores and minerals are extracted.
- 24. Of or relating to the former Indo-European people.
- 26. Marked by continuous change or effective action
- 27. An informal term for a father.
- 28. Take in solid food.
- 29. A person of Iranian descent.
- 33. A windstorm that lifts up clouds of dust or sand.
- 38. A state in the Rocky Mountains.
- 39. An accidental hole that allows something (fluid or light etc.) to enter or escape.
- 40. A hanging fold of loose skin on an elderly person's neck.
- 41. A Hindu prince or king in India. 44. Used as a Hindi courtesy title.

- DOWN
- 1. A benign tumor composed of muscle tissue. 2. (Norse mythology) The chief race of gods living at Asgard.
- 3. (of weather) Wet by periods of rain.
- 4. Informal terms for clothing.
- 5. An operating system that is on a disk. 6. A heavy brittle metallic element of the platinum group.
- 7. Indicating the most important performer or role.
- 8. The comfort you feel when consoled in
- times of disappointment. 9. Type genus of the family Elephantidae.
- 10. A supporting column carved in the shape of a person.
- 11. Explosive consisting of a yellow crystalline compound that is a flammable toxic derivative of toluene.
- 12. Fragrant resin obtain from trees of the family Burseraceae and used as incense.
- 13. A proteolytic enzyme secreted by the kid-
- nevs. 14. A Russian prison camp for political prisoners.
- 22. 1,000,000,000 periods per second.
- 23. Softly bright or radiant.
- 25. Something resembling the head of a nail that is used an an ornamental device.
- 30. (Babylonian) A demigod or first man.
- 31. A sock with a separation for the big toe.
- 32. Jordan's port.
- 34. Popular music originating in the West
- Indies. 35. Burrowing marine mollusk living on sand
 - or mud.

STAR TRACK



No matter what you hope to do today, work-related tasks demand your undivided attention until the job is complete. This ambitious commitment may sound like bad news, but doing your chores could turn out to be a pleasant experience if you don't put up a fight. Keep your eye on the final goal, regardless of whatever delightful distractions pop up. Just think of it as an endurance test from the universe. If you stay focused on the finish line, you'll cross it with flying colors. Rewards are sweeter when you sweat for them.



Whatever concerns surface today may not be as daunting as they seem at first. Ultimately, the current pressure is not great enough to prompt a significant life change, but you still might have to jump through a few hoops to move things along. Thankfully, once you get the ball rolling, progress becomes easier as the day wears on. Surprisingly, you could even have time for a playful diversion. Keep your productivity on target by avoiding extreme reactions. Balancing your energy maximizes your potential.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Even if your thoughts are running amok now, this is a perfect chance to set clear priorities and consciously focus on what's most important. Your emotions may be entangled with those of close family members, but something unexpected could pull you away from your plans at home today. Although responsibilities are calling from all directions, you can still reconnect with the ones you love later on in the evening. There's nothing wrong with admitting that home is where your heart is happiest.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

There is so much going on at work that it is nearly impossible to reestablish balance to your daily routine. Fortunately, you can feel a subtle but significant shift in the energy today. Even if you don't yet fully understand where the current trajectory is heading, at least recognize that you can't tie yourself to the status quo any longer. Don't be too calculating as you plan your future or you'll end up outsmarting yourself. Follow the flow; your life is changing and you need to change with it.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

You might be worrying about your long-term financial condition for not-so-obvious reasons. Although your mind is on your money today, chances are that your current anxiety is a reflection of a deeper concern you are harboring about your life goals. Thankfully, a little self-examination will set the record straight. What do you consider valuable? Where do you see yourself in five years? What's on your bucket list? The more you envision the future now, the more you realize how much work there is to do in the present moment.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Relationships are the source of confusion today if you impulsively act on your feelings. You might be suddenly confronted with the fact that everyone doesn't necessarily share the same level of interest as you. Don't push for resolution to prove a point; solutions may remain elusive for a while longer. Take as much time as you need to listen to the whispers of your heart and decipher the clues in your dreams. Don't grow complacent; be ready to run with your answer when you find it.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

Turning your brilliant ideas into action is tricky now, but it's not because anyone wants to see you fail. Instead, it's your own indecisiveness that stymies your progress. Although you may have ongoing issues about making timely decisions, this is one choice you're actually better off postponing today because you don't have the objective perspective you need. Give it a few days and then make up your mind. It might look like procrastination to the rest of the world, but you know it's all about strategic timing.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Fight the impulse to be overly vague when you ask for what you need today. Even if the stars don't grant your every wish, you can still end up closer to getting what you want. Exploring the possibility that you're missing something crucial to the big picture inspires you to dig deeper. Look within and you can transform uncertainty into specificity but you won't find your answers immediately. In the meantime, your willingness to be truly authentic with those you love is appreciated more than you know.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Your naturally cheerful disposition normally opens doors for you, but your exuberance could work against you today. It's unrealistic to expect others to take you seriously when you're busy breaking out the party favors and cracking jokes. It's wonderful to play the master of ceremonies whenever possible, but now you can't leave the practical matters behind until they are fully addressed. Surprise everyone with your willingness to work hard, and then dazzle them with your brilliance.



Your attention to detail is admirable today, but you could grow so obsessed with gathering more facts that you lose track of your original goal. You might believe that possessing the right piece of information now can empower you to overcome nearly any obstacle. However, you may be sorely disappointed if you become so fascinated with the pixels that you no longer see the big picture. Change your perspective by taking a few steps back and then boldly recreate your vision of the future from your new vantage point.



Although everything might seem a little off center today, you remain hopeful that the tension will dissipate on its own. There's not quite enough conflict for you to initiate any major changes in your life now. But there is just the right amount of free-floating anxiety to encourage you to assume a self-protective posture. Don't let down your guard or you could court disaster. Thankfully, your clever ability of staying one step ahead of everyone else will surely pay off in the days ahead.

Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Struggling with the fine distinctions between fact and fiction takes up most of your energy today. Even with your natural proclivity toward fantasy, you can usually tell what's real when push comes to shove. However, it's nearly impossible to know what to trust now. Dream big while delaying major decisions for a few more days. Although your judgment may be temporarily clouded, your imagination is more vivid than ever. Keep dipping into the deep waters since that's

- 45. Fermented alcoholic beverage similar to but heavier than beer.
- 46. A cut of pork ribs with much of the meat trimmed off.
- 50. Dutch navigator who was the first European to discover Tasmania and New Zealand (1603-1659).
- 51. (music) Characterized by avoidance of traditional Western tonality.
- 53. Egyptian statesman who (as President of Egypt) negotiated a peace treaty with Menachem Begin of Israel (1918-1981).
- 55. Cause to become detached or separated.
- 59 Harsh or corrosive in tone
- 61. A coffee cake flavored with orange rind and raisins and almonds.
- 64. Make amends for.
- 65. A member of an agricultural people in southeastern India.
- 68. A bee that is a a member of the genus Andrena
- 70. Title for a civil or military leader (especially in Turkey).
- 71. A weakly magnetic black mineral found in metamorphic and plutonic rocks.
- 74. (Irish) The sea personified.
- 75. The seed of the cereal grass.
- 76. Put in or stored in a barrel. 77. The administration of a strong electric cur-
- rent that passes through the brain to induce convulsions and coma.

- 36. City in southwestern Colombia in a rich agricultural area.
- 37. An organization of countries formed in 1961 to agree on a common policy for the sale of petroleum.
- 42. Family of small leafhoppers coextensive with the Cicadellidae and not distinguished from it in some classifications.
- 43. A large fleet.
- 47. A nucleic acid that transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm.
- 48. (of tempo) Moderately slow n.
- 49. The table in Christian churches where communion is given.
- 52. A bachelor's degree in theology.
- 54. A metallic element of the rare earth group. 56. A poplar that is widely cultivated in the United States.
- 57. Someone who is critical of the motives of others.
- 58. The locus of feelings and intuitions.
- 60. Showing self-interest and shrewdness in dealing with others.
- 62. Someone who copies the words or behavior of another.
- 63. A hardy cabbage with coarse curly leaves that do not form a head.
- 66. Top part of an apron.
- 67. A flat wing-shaped process or winglike part of an organism.
- 69. A doctor's degree in education.
- 72. A form of address for a man.
- 73. A colorless odorless gaseous element that give a red glow in a vacuum tube.

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Adan Hospital	23940620
Ibn Sina Hospital	24840300
Al-Razi Hospital	24846000
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Sama Safwan	Fahaeel Makka St	23915883
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Modern Jahra	Jahra-Block 3 Lot 1	24575518
Madina Munawara	Jahra-Block 92	24566622
Ahlam	Fahad Al-Salem St	22436184
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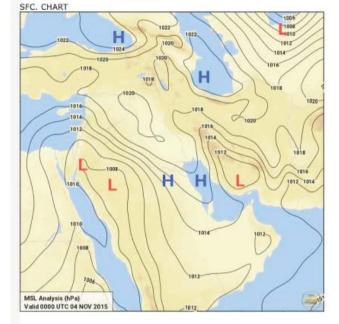
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By Day : Partly cloudy with light to moderate north easterly to light variable wind, with speed of 08 - 26 km/h By Night : Fair with variable wind changing to light to moderate north easterly wind, with speed of 06 - 26 km/h

Four-Day Forecast

New Jahra	24575755
West Jahra	24772608
South Jahra	24775066
North Jahra	24775992
North Jleeb	24311795
Ardhiya	24884079
Firdous	24892674
Omariya	24719048
N Khaitan	24710044
Fintas	23900322

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Expected Weather	Mostly sunny	partly cloudy + scattered thunder rain	unstable +scattered thunder rain	cloudy +scattered thunder rain
Min Temp °C	18	22	22	22
Max Temp °C	29	30	28	27
Wind Direction	variable wind changing to light to moderate south easterly later on	southerly to south easterly	southerly to south easterly	north easterly to northerly
Wind Speed km/h	08 - 26	12 - 35	15 - 40	12 - 35

All times are local time (GMT+3) unless otherwise stated



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In this photo, Shino Fukuyama, standing, teaches US and Swiss tourists how to roll sushi as she hosts a dinner at her home in Tokyo. — AP photos

A tourist prepares Japanese mustard "wasabi" for a dinner at the home of Shino Fukuyama in Tokyo.

Sushi and culture: Dining with locals on a visit to Japan



Tourists are taught to make Nigiri sushi with sushi rice and slices of fish, as they prepare dinner at the home of Shino Fukuyama.



C ome of my most treasured travel memories involve food. Like the time my husband and I went to what was billed as New Delhi's best rumali roti stall, where we turned the hood of a car into a table so that the extravagantly thin and succulent flatbread could be wolfed down before it cooled. Or the time I introduced my in-laws to a Johannesburg street vendor's vetkoeks, slightly sweet, slightly sour dollops of fried dough. So when we were planning a trip to Japan and my husband heard about EatWith.com, we knew we had to try it.

EatWith links travelers to chefs and talented home cooks around the world to share a meal. It's one of several sites, including EatFeastly, VizEat and PlateCulture, offering opportunities to dine informally with locals. The price is set by the chef, typically comparable to a mid-range restaurant meal. We used EatWith to book a date with Shino Fukuyama, a marketing manager who loves to share her country's cuisine and culture. I, my husband, our tween daughter, my father-in-law and his wife experienced what felt like a homestay for an evening.

Sharing worlds

Fukuyama's father was a foreign correspondent and their family lived in Mexico and South Korea. In 2002, her husband's job took them to New York. They devoted much of their spare time to exploring restaurants with a Zagat guide. But it was a Thanksgiving dinner in the suburbs with the family of her husband's co-worker that gave her a taste for sharing worlds over a meal in someone's home. She studied how to teach sushimaking in 2010, and opened her home to visitors after Japan's tourism industry began to revive following the 2011 tsunami.

We scheduled our visit with Fukuyama toward the end of our stay in Japan's capital. That gave us a few days to get to know our way around the city a bit before venturing by subway from the sleek Roppongi embassy-and-nightclub district where our hotel was located to her more down-to-earth Meguro neighborhood in central Tokyo.

Fukuvama and her friend Akiko Yamauchi, an auction company art buyer, met us as we emerged from the subway station. They first ushered us to a nearby supermarket, where they answered questions about meats, vegetables and fruits we had until then only seen on restaurant menus. Fukuyama agreed to add whale bacon, spotted in the prepared meat case by my husband, to our menu. We would come to see how gracious that was when we realized just how meticulously she had planned the evening. Fukuyama told me later she usually

Fukuyama is a kimono connoisseur. She and Yamauchi met in a kimono club, where people who like to look at and talk about the traditional clothing gather. That night, she wore a chic dress cut from an old kimono that she had ordered off the Internet



Once we got to Fukuyama's house, we learned how to roll sushi using fish she had bought ahead of time. We also learned to set a Japanese table, with pottery handed down in Fukuyama's family. Chopsticks are placed horizontally in front of diners, with the narrow ends that touch the food pointing left. Dinner stretched from our sushi, mine inexpertly rolled, to fruit cut into the rabbit shapes that doting Japanese moms put in their kids' bento boxes. We had plum pickled by Yamauchi's mother-in-law. Fukuyama's husband was out socializing with workmates, but he left us a vegetable dish he had prepared the night before. The whale bacon, more a textural experience than anything else, didn't clash with Fukuyama's carefully curated menu. (I've never eaten a rubber

Shino Fukuyama, left, and her husband, Shigeru, right, host a dinner for tourists at their home.

spends two days preparing for her guests.

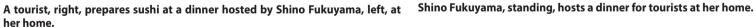
Textural experience

The supermarket was a five-minute stroll to Fukuvama's home, a modern concrete box that was a fitting setting for her traditional touches - tatami mats, paper sliding screens, minimal decor. Along the way, Fukuyama pointed out local landmarks. The Shinto shrine. The liquor shop that's been in the same family for three generations. The kimono consignment shop where we bought a delicately woven, lightly used kimono. The textures, patterns and stories of fabric make it, like food, one of our family obsessions. It turned out

ducky, but I imagine it tastes like the whale bacon did.) After dinner, Fukuyama dressed my 11-year-old daughter in a kimono, delighting her grandfather. Fukuyama said such moments when she can surprise and charm her guests, along with those when she learns something about another culture are among "the joys of my life."- AP

Shino Fukuyama, center, discussing Japanese drinks with tourists at a liquor store before hosting a dinner for them at her home.









Shino Fukuyama, standing background, shows tourists how to roll sushi.

Chef Jose Andres focuses on Haitian cuisine in PBS special

Thef Jose Andres hopes that by boosting the profile of Haitian cuisine, he can inspire more travelers to visit. Andres turned his culinary adventures around Haiti into a one-hour film special called "Undiscovered Haiti With Jose Andres." It's airing on PBS stations this fall and can also be watched online. "It's a great country," Andres said during an interview in New York earlier this month. The special shows him spending time with local chefs and markets, and sampling island specialties ranging from spicy pikliz sauce to djon-djon rice and akasan, a sweet, thick milky beverage.

Andres says adventurous travelers will find plenty to do in Haiti. "The best of Africa, the best of the Caribbean, the best of America ... all here," he says in the show, in between hunting for crabs, visiting a hilltop fortress and attending a voodoo ceremony. Former President Bill Clinton and chef Mario Batali make guest appearances. Andres first visited Haiti after the 2010 earthquake to help with rebuilding, and founded the World Central Kitchen when he got back to the U.S., a nonprofit that fights hunger and poverty in developing nations. As part of that effort, he opened a bakery in an orphanage in

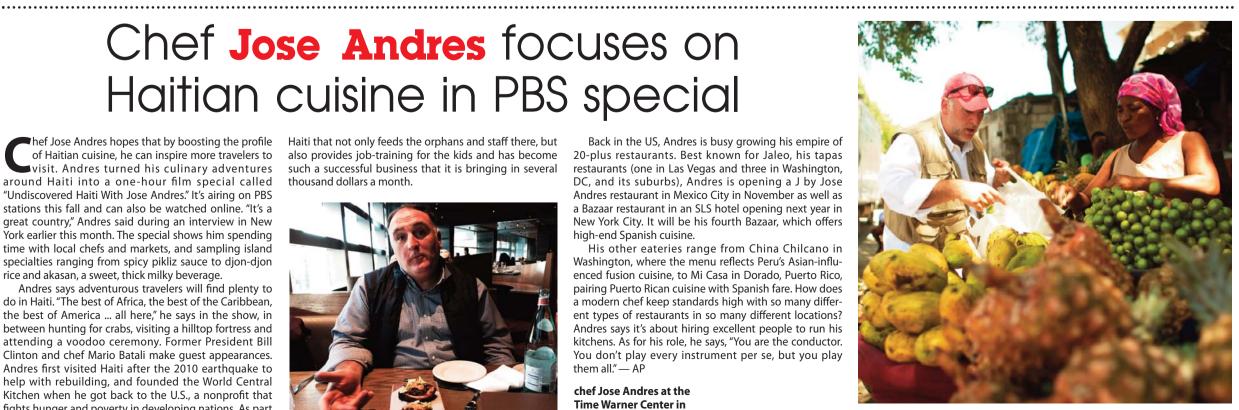
Haiti that not only feeds the orphans and staff there, but also provides job-training for the kids and has become such a successful business that it is bringing in several thousand dollars a month.



Back in the US, Andres is busy growing his empire of 20-plus restaurants. Best known for Jaleo, his tapas restaurants (one in Las Vegas and three in Washington, DC, and its suburbs), Andres is opening a J by Jose Andres restaurant in Mexico City in November as well as a Bazaar restaurant in an SLS hotel opening next year in New York City. It will be his fourth Bazaar, which offers high-end Spanish cuisine.

His other eateries range from China Chilcano in Washington, where the menu reflects Peru's Asian-influenced fusion cuisine, to Mi Casa in Dorado, Puerto Rico, pairing Puerto Rican cuisine with Spanish fare. How does a modern chef keep standards high with so many different types of restaurants in so many different locations? Andres says it's about hiring excellent people to run his kitchens. As for his role, he says, "You are the conductor. You don't play every instrument per se, but you play them all." — AP

chef Jose Andres at the **Time Warner Center in** New York.



Chef Jose Andres, left, with a vendor at a market in Haiti. — AP photos

Features

Healthy lifestyle is the secret to a healthy skin



it doesn't come naturally to all of us, including myself. A while back, I had to take Roaccutane due (I thought). It all started while I was on a trip during the summer, I was enjoying most of my time under the sun. After a good five days of roasting myself I started to notice small white bumps under my skin, within a couple of days they were showing up all over my face. What made it all worse was the fact that I had to shoot my first magazine cover ever in a few days and I was not cover ready at all!

Once I got back from my trip, I made an appointment with my dermatologist who was also alarmed with what was going on with my skin. He suggested Roaccutane, which I ended up taking for four months. I guess this medication is

the most controversial medication I've heard of, you hear so many weird side effects girls suffer from that worried me, however, at that point I was willing to suffer the consequences. My experience with Roaccutane was not bad at all, the worst was the severe dehydration and flaky lips, other than that it was pretty much fine. During those four months I read a lot about different skin types and what could I do or change in order to improve my skin, I realized I was doing so many things wrong.

I changed my diet, worked out more often and threw out many products I was using. Medication alone cannot clear your skin completely, you will eventually have to change your lifestyle. Glowing skin can be a huge boost to your confidence, and in order to achieve that you should figure out what you're doing that may cause you skin to break out or produce more acne. Figuring out what skin type you are is the first and most essential step, before treating your skin or purchasing skin products you should know which skin type you are out of the five types; dry, oily, combination, normal and sensitive.

Cleaning your skin is crucial to avoid any dirt or makeup accumulating in your skin, the more you allow your skin to breathe the less acne will show up. Removing your make up at the end of the day and moisturizing it will make a huge difference when it comes to break outs, and you should always avoid using testers in stores or make up brushes used on many people, because they tend to carry so much bacteria and the stories I've read about this are horrific.

Start using a toner every night, especially if you oily skin, you can target the T zone and affected areas to avoid more break outs. Toners tend to slightly dry out your skin so moisturizing after you've cleaned your skin is also a must. I like to use oil-free moisturizers because I don't like how my skin feels being oily nor does it look well for my make-up, I'm more into the matte look than glowy. We need to educate ourselves to what works for our skin and our skin only, not everything used on different people will work on you. Each person is different, treat your skin to have healthy skin which will even result in flawless and less application is makeup. Be beautiful!



Many months of merry: The wide range of subscription gifts

uffering from a pre-holiday "what to give" headache? The prescription may be a subscription. Subscription gifts, one of the hottest retail trends, literally keep on giving: New installments arrive over the course of weeks or months. While the idea isn't new (remember those record-of-the-month clubs?), the breadth and variety of what you can subscribe to is. Everything from Anna Sui makeup to zebra masks for kids. Freshly-pressed records, juices and high-fashion togs. Mystery boxes for people and for pets.

If your loved one is more into Content than Stuff, consider ordering a subscription for e-books, movie passes, or classes in art, cooking or exercise. "They're a great improvement on the gift card," says Neale Martin, a consumer expert and CEO at Sublime Behavior Marketing in Marietta, Georgia; like gift cards, subscription gifts are easy to buy, especially last-minute, at a variety of prices, but they also can be highly customized. "The idea of giving a present that will be bringing smiles for months creates a very powerful reinforcement," he said.

Liz Cadman founded a website, MySubscription Addiction.com, devoted to boxes containing a mix of items each month. That improves the odds that your recipients will like what you gave them, she says: "Boxes give you variety. Most include five-plus items, so you know someone's going to like at least a few of them." Many local stores will work with customers to put together subscription-gift options. For ideas, here are some online offerings:

Home

Decoterie sends a curated box of limited-edition home accessories and textiles - coasters, thank-you notes and a personalized ceramic bowl were among items in this

sends an array of green, root, citrus and fruit juices.

Women

There are all kinds of beauty, fashion and wellness subscriptions, many of which ask you to describe your personal style and makeup parameters; the companies take it from there. Birchbox, a subscription pioneer, offers monthly boxes of sample sizes and one full-size product. (From Stitch Fix, five new wardrobe items, chosen by a stylist, appear at the door. Send an e-gift card that your



recipients can redeem; they select delivery dates, keep what they want and return the rest in the prepaid mailing bag.

At Quarterly, prominent people like Nina Garcia, cre-

Men

With Dollar Shave, you choose the style of blade and razor you want and refills arrive on the schedule you determine. Or try Bespoke Post, Cadman says: "It's \$45 a month and they deliver high-quality items (think ties, barware, grooming kits, shoes, etc.). Each month they announce new box options, and your giftee gets to pick which one they want."

At Chicago-based Trunk Club, a stylist gathers a clothing selection which you preview and approve online.



don't fit or don't look right. Socks are sometimes called a lame gift, but what about a whole year's worth of cool ones? Soul Socks, which sends a house-designed pair of quality toys, games and snacks. Peruvian cotton socks each month, helps support jobtraining programs for American high schoolers.

ners through sixth graders, sends enough stuff each month for over a dozen science experiments. My Geek Box centers around a theme - "sidekicks" and "justice" were recent ones - with geek gear, collectibles and Tshirts

GiftLit sends monthly book boxes, while Brickbox's niche is - you guessed it - all things Lego. Expose your budding 3- to 12-year-old traveler to new places with Little Passports. Young armchair globetrotters get started with a little suitcase and a map. Then comes a monthly



When the items arrive in a box, you can nix them if they array of activity kits, gadgets, stickers and souvenirs that explore sciences and world cultures. Citrus Lane sends boxes skewed to babies, toddlers or preschoolers, full of

summer's box. Burke DÈcor's subscriptions include a mix of home, spa and travel accessories. Set your style parameters at Linen Crate and get a monthly box of tablecloths, placemats, towels or rugs, as well as coordinating items like platters and spa accessories.

The edible subscription universe is vast and varied. Chocolate of the Month, Bacon of the Month, Spice to Meet You, Candy Japan and Original Craft Beer Club are all services that might appeal to foodies. Pressed Juicery

ative director of Elle DÈcor, and science icon Bill Nye create their own boxes and include a personal note outlining why they chose what they did. Nye's boxes have included bow ties and cardboard DNA models.

Cadman recommends Popsugar Must Have as a subscription gift for women. "It's \$40 a month, and they send a variety of beauty, fashion, home, food and fitness items," she says. October's box included a satin pillowcase and a gift card for monogrammed jewelry.

Kids

Arts and crafts are a fun subscription gift for children; each month brings a new box of creative possibilities. Check out Green Kid Crafts and Art in a Box. Tinker Crate offers puzzles and engineering challenges for 9- to 12year-olds. Spangler Science Club, aimed at kindergart-

Pets Barkbox lets pets in on the subscription-gift game with dog and cat toys and treats arriving monthly.



Bust of British Queen **`looks like Tom Hanks**'

ueen Elizabeth II or American actor Tom Hanks? A new porcelain bust of the British monarch based on a confectionary box really takes the biscuit for some art critics. Celebrated Chinese sculptor Chen Dapeng made the 20-kilogramme (44-pound) artwork-the biggest piece of Chinese porcelain ever made-which will be offered to the queen as a gift. The bust, apparently based on an image of the Queen embossed on a tin of biscuits, took three months and 12 tries by a dozen technicians to fire before a lucky 13th attempt held together.

The strong-jawed, broad-nosed bust was unveiled at London's Winter Olympia Art and Antiques Fair, catching the eye of the Daily Telegraph's art critic Mark Hudson, who described the work as "rather out of proportion" and "looking a bit like Tom Hanks". But Chen's agent in Britain, Paul Harris, hit back at critics, inviting them to come and see the bust for themselves, and pointing out that "you'd never see Tom Hanks wearing a gold crown".

Harris admitted that Chen relied mostly on the biscuit tin to fashion the Queen, first out of

clay and then Chinese porcelain. "We provided (Chen) with video, pictures, photos and, bizarrely, as I was going out to China in June to see him, I bought at Heathrow airport a very nice box of biscuits, which had a two-dimensional image of the Queen embossed on it in," Harris told AFP. "I think it was a Harrods biscuit tin, and Chen thought that it was the best thing to work from," he said. Chen himself said: "I can see that your British Oueen is a remarkable and wonderful person who has served the British people well. "As an artist, I can see the wisdom and kind-

ness in her features." Harris said the reported likeness to Tom Hanks had brought the bust and Chen a great deal of welcome international attention, which they were enjoying "enormously". The event organizers too have capitalized on the similarity, calling on people to come to the event to see the bust and "judge for yourself". — AFP

Cheers, kisses as Rome's Trevi Fountain reopens

merald waters gushed from Rome's Trevi fountain on Tuesday and spotlights lit up its gleaming Baroque facade as the taps were turned back on after a 16-month clean-up to cheers from delighted tourists. Crowds packed the small square in the Eternal City's historic centre for the ceremony, with excited couples hugging and kissing next to the ornate fountain where tradition has it they can ensure eternal love by drinking its waters.

Frustrated tourists have spent months peeking at bits of the monument from a special walkway put in over the fountain while repairs, funded by Italian fashion house Fendi, were carried out to the tune of over two million euros (\$2.2 million).

The basin was drained but the most determined visitors had still been slinging coins over their shoulders-a tradition that is said to ensure a return to Rome-in the hope of getting them into a small substitute pool. As the water cascaded once more from the base of the fountain's sea-god scene, a hail of coins plopped into the refilled basin as the Italian house's designer Silvia Venturini Fendi looked on.

Now the fountain, made famous by a scene in Federico Fellini's "La Dolce Vita" in which Anita Ekberg wades through its pristine waters, makes the surrounding buildings in Rome's historic centre look decidedly shabby. "It's very emotional, especially for us Romans," Fendi said, after the company's CEO Pietro Beccari announced that the fashion house would fund the restoration of four other fountains in the Italian capital in a "gesture of love" for Rome. More than 100 new LED lamps were installed to better illuminate the details of the fountain's centrepiece, while the plumbing was replaced to ensure the water's pH level will be maintained to protect the marble.

Virgin waters

The nearly 300-year-old monument, visited by millions of tourists every year, hit the headlines in 2012 after bits of its elaborate cornice began falling off following a particularly harsh winter. Emergency repairs cost 320,000 euros, and a survey of the monument found that more critical work



A picture shows the restored Trevi fountain during its inauguration in central Rome. — AFP photos

was needed, prompting a cash-strapped city hall to appeal to large companies and donors for funding. Fendi answered the call. The company, founded as a leather goods business in Rome in the 1920s and now part of French luxury giant LVMH, signed up to a deal that allows it to hang a plaque near the monument for four years.

It also funded the restoration of the Quattro Fontane-the late Renaissance fountains that grace each corner of a busy intersection in the capital. It is not the only fashion house to help shore up the Eternal City's ailing monuments: luxury jeweller Bulgari has begun cleaning up the famous Spanish Steps, while shoemaker Tod's is financing work at the Colosseum. The Trevi Fountain, commissioned by Pope Clement XII in 1730, is the end point of

one of the aqueducts that supplied ancient Rome with water. It was last restored 23 years ago.

The Acqua Vergine runs for a total of 20 kilometers (12 miles) and ends up in the fountain, where tourists can drink from a special tap tucked away at one side. Legend has it the water source was discovered in 19 BC by thirsty Roman soldiers guided to the site by a young virgin-hence the name, Virgin Waters. The tradition of throwing coins into the fountain was made famous by Frank Sinatra's rendition of "Three Coins in the Fountain" in the 1954 romantic comedy film of the same name.—AFP



Trent Tomlinson, left, and Stephen Barker Liles are seen at the 63rd Annual BMI Country Awards at BMI's Music Row Luke Bryan attends the 63rd Annual BMI Country Awards. offices. — AP photos

Thomas Rhett

Elvis songwriter Mac Davis honored by BMI





ongwriter Mac Davis, who wrote the Elvis Presley classic "In the Ghetto," was honored at the BMI Country Awards in Nashville, Tennessee, on Tuesday with tributes from Luke Bryan and Little Big Town. Davis was given the BMI Icon award for penning five decades of hits in the pop and country worlds including "Memories," "A Little Less Conversation," and "Texas in my Rearview Mirror." The Lubbock, Texas-native was

him," Davis told the crowd of songwriters, artists and music industry representatives. "And I said, 'Man, I want to do that."" Rascal Flatts performed Davis' song "Baby, Don't Get Hooked on Me," while the four-part vocal group Little Big Town performed the softly poignant "In the Ghetto." "I also want to know how you wrote a lyric that tells a woman to shut her mouth," Bryan joked before breaking into his best Elvis impres-

Chase Bryant



Rodney Clawson Nicolle Galyon

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also a film and stage actor, IV and radio personality and had a solo career as a singer. Davis said he was in awe of Elvis' personality and thanked him for helping him as a songwriter and later as an artist.

"I watched him when he first came to Lubbock, Texas, and he stood on the back of a flatbed truck . and the girls were just screaming and yelling and climbing up and trying to get to

sion of "A Little Less Conversation."

Rodney Clawson was named songwriter of the year for his writing credits on seven top country songs, including Kenny Chesney's "American Kids," and Lady Antebellum's "Bartender." "Beat of the Music," performed and co-written by Brett Eldredge, was named the song of the year.-AP



Big Kenny Alphin and his wife, Christiev Carothers.

Fire damages singer Mathis' Los Angeles home



In this Monday, Nov 2, 2015 still frame from video provided by KABC-TV, singer Johnny Mathis talks to reporters outside his heavily fire-damaged home in the Hollywood Hills of Los Angeles. — AP

fire has damaged singer Johnny A Mathis' longtime home in the Hollywood Hills. The 80-year-old had just flown back to Los Angeles to learn that his home of 56 years caught fire Monday. Fire department spokesman Brian Humphrey said a vegetation fire spread to the mansion. Mathis told reporters that the blaze caused extensive damage and that only a few mementos were spared.

But he says it's most important that nobody got hurt, adding that "we can always replace things." The fire's cause is under investigation. Mathis is known for such hit songs as "Chances Are," "It's Not for Me to Say" and "Too Much, Too Little, Too Late." He launched a tour this year to celebrate his six decades in the music industry. Mathis' website says he performed in Cleveland on Sunday. — AP

Danny Boyle on the job of selling 'Steve Jobs'

anny Boyle admits "Steve Jobs" is a hard sell. The film about the Apple co-founder got disappointing figures when it opened across the US, taking only \$7.1 million on wide release despite critical acclaim and two successful preview weekends on limited release. Boyle was surprised by the film's box office numbers but says he's not interested in taking the easy route when making movies.

"You try and make complex films, not simplistic films. You also want to make them highly pleasurable as well," the 59year-old British director told The Associated Press in an interview Monday. "We did brilliantly the first two weekends," he explained. "Then they went too wide too soon and that's a mistake. But hindsight experts are always around on Monday mornings." The movie, starring Michael Fassbender as Jobs and Kate Winslet as his right-hand woman Joanna Hoffman, comes from a script by Aaron Sorkin. It is structured into three acts each the run-up to launching a new tech product: the Macintosh in 1984, NeXT in 1988 and the iMac in 1998.

Considered an award-season heavyweight, the Oscarwinning Boyle ("Slumdog Millionaire" 2008) is confident the film will find its audience and says he won't be shocked if Fassbender and Winslet feature high on the upcoming trophy circuit season. "I've been very lucky to be involved with a lot of very good performances over the years, and this is on a different planet, I think. I mean Fassbender and Winslet - and Seth Rogan is just extraordinary in his playing (Apple engineer Steve) Wozniak - so yes, I'm very, very proud to be associated with them," he said. "Steve Jobs" opens in the UK on Nov 13. — AP



In this Thursday, July 25, 2013, file photo, British film director Danny Boyle speaks during a conference at the International Film Festival in Guanajuato, Mexico. — AP



Music & Movies

Tarantino says he won't be intimidated by police boycotts

threatening to boycott his upcoming film, Quentin Tarantino stood by his comments about police brutality and said he wouldn't be intimidated from voicing his opinion. Tarantino told the Los Angeles Times on Tuesday that law enforcement groups are trying to bully him. "Instead of dealing with the problem of police brutality in this country, better they single me out," Tarantino told the Times.

"And their message is very clear," he continued. "It's to shut me down. It's to discredit me. It is to intimidate me. It is to shut my mouth, and even more important than that, it is to send a message out to any other prominent person that might feel the need to join that side of the argument." The director's strong response signaled that he wasn't backing down from what he said last month at an anti-police brutality rally Brooklyn. Tarantino said he was "on the side of the murdered." His com-

fter a week of backlash from police groups ments provoked outrage from a growing number of police groups that have called for the boycott of Tarantino's December release "The Hateful Eight." They include the National Association of Police Organizations and local groups in New York, New Jersey, Los Angeles, Chicago and Philadelphia.

'Tarantino lives in a fantasy world," Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck said Tuesday. "That's how he makes his living. His movies are extremely violent but he doesn't understand violence. He doesn't understand the nature of the violence that police officers confront. Unfortunately he mistakes lawful use of force for murder, and it's not." Tarantino told the Times "it feels lousy to have a bunch of police mouthpieces call me a cop hater. I'm not a cop hater. That is a misrepresentation. That is slanderous. That is not how I feel."

"But you know, that's their choice to do that to me," the director added to the Times. "What can I do? I'm not taking back what I said. What I said was

the truth. I'm used to people misrepresenting me; I'm used to being misunderstood. What I'd like to think is their attack against me is so vicious that they're revealing themselves. They're hiding in plain sight." Jamie Foxx, the star of his "Django Unchained," has backed Tarantino. At the Hollywood Film Awards, Foxx said: "Keep telling the truth and don't worry about none of the haters." On Tuesday, the Weinstein Co., the longtime distributor of Tarantino's films including "Hateful Eight," said it supported Tarantino's right to say what he wants. "We don't speak for Quentin," the Weinstein Co. said in a statement. "He can and should be allowed to speak for himself." - AP

> In this Oct 24, 2015 file photo, director Quentin Tarantino, center, participates in a rally to protest against police brutality in New York. — AP





Actors Josh Hutcherson, Jennifer Lawrence and Liam Hemsworth attend Lionsgate's 'The Hunger Games: Mockingjay -Part 2' Hand and Footprint Ceremony at TCL Chinese Theatre. — AFP

Teen fans await world premiere of final 'Hunger Games' movie

eenage fans awaited the world premiere of the final movie of "The Hunger Games" blockbuster franchise yesterday in Berlin, whose monumental architecture served as the backdrop for much of the dystopian fantasy. The star of the wildly successful saga, Oscar winner futuristic Sony Center on historic Potsdamer Platz, along-

'Dark architecture'

The director and cast also said they felt inspired by Berlin, whose gigantic Nazi-era Tempelhof airport building, a crucial airhub during the Cold War, serves as the setting for an explosive battle of good versus evil in the movie. The The pursuit skirts the snowy peaks of Austria, the cloak-and-Jennifer Lawrence, was set to walk the red carpet in the shuttered airport terminal, a towering semi-circular edifice of the country's fascist past, today houses refugees who have escaped real-life war and oppression-a fact director : Francis Lawrence said he found "strange" indeed. "The city head Max Denbigh (Andrew Scott) is overhauling the intellihas a unique monumentalize in its architecture," said the director, who also shot in abandoned Soviet army barracks and a former power plant in the city that, until a guartercentury ago, was divided by the Berlin Wall. "Some of the dark architecture you find in the city suits the movie perfectly," he told the Berliner Morgenpost daily. For Moore, who plays the character President Alma Coin, Tempelhof brought back family memories. "As I rolled up to the set, I kept taking pictures of it to send to my father, who used to fly into Tempelhof when he was stationed in Frankfurt," said Moore, 54. "So, it was interesting to be in a place that is so historical and to be shooting something." "I loved Berlin. I went to high school in Frankfurt, and it was a different Germany then, obviously, it was before the Wall came down. So to see the city, which is the center of so much culture and so alive has been really fun for me." Sutherland-who plays the tyrannical President Snow ruling over a post-apocalyptic state-said he hoped the story of revolution will give youngsters in today's turbulent world hope for "a decent future". "This is just the beginning," said Sutherland, commenting on the movie adapted from the hugely popular novels by Suzanne Collins. "The intent of this-for Suzanne Collins, for me, everyone actually who was involved in this project-is that it would be a catalyst for young people all over the world, everywhere. That they would see in it their doom, and the possibility for a decent future." — AFP

'Spectre' stirs, doesn't shake old Bond formulas

here to go when 53 years of action-scene set pieces have exhausted seemingly every exotic corner of the Earth? How much globe can a globe-trotter trot? The answer kicking off the latest James Bond film, "Spectre," is a doozy. Beginning with the words "the dead are alive" across the screen, director Sam Mendes opens on a long shot through the Day of the Dead in Mexico City, tracking Bond (Daniel Craig), masked but unmissable in a skeleton costume, through the festive throngs. He ushers a woman (Stephanie Sigman) out of the masses and into her bed, only to disrobe into a suit, step out the window and stride down the ledge. Finally spying his real prey, explosions follow, walls collapse and the resulting chase spins into a helicopter careening over a mobbed Zocalo Square.

It's a sequence of such startling audacity (some 1,500 extra were used) and gorgeous black-on-sepia tones that a nagging desire to hit "rewind" persists through the rest of "Spectre." Handsome and riveting as it often is, the film never again reaches such heights. It's not for lack of effort. Mendes, who helmed the last entry, the smash "Skyfall," has raised the bar on 007, pushing the budgets and the grandiosity in a bid to not just reinvent the franchise but overwhelm it with eyepopping craft. "Spectre" is Craig's fourth Bond movie and his muscular tenure has been defined not just by his full embodiment of the character, but his overall stewardship. His ability to attract top-notch talent, in front and behind the camera, and to imbue the spy series with a seriousness of purpose reads in every frame. His Bond may still sip martinis, but he's stone-cold sober.

Digital surveillance

Having ushered 007 through the Eva Green highs of "Casino Royale," the overwrought lows of "Quantum of Solace" and the climactic extravagance of "Skyfall," "Spectre" finds Craig's Bond pursuing the videotaped orders of Judi Dench's late M in a more traditional 007 plot. Her instructions lead him to a shadowy international criminal organization led by a longtime Bond villain, Franz Oberhauser (Christoph Waltz). danger cobblestones of Rome and the Mediterranean maze of Tangier, with enough corresponding outfit changes to stock a runway show. Bond is operating outside of MI5, where new gence services with digital surveillance that he says will render the old-fashioned 00 program obsolete.

The surveillance reference is a mostly shallow attempt at political depth. But such self-aware conflicts between new and old now constantly bounce throughout Bond films. The mythology, fearful of showing its age, is perpetually torn down and built back up again like an ever-rebooting superhero. Every gesture (and drink order) is a winking comment on 007 traditions; even the opening recalls the New Orleans funeral march of "Live and Let Die." When it works, it's refreshing; when it doesn't, it's merely repackaging. "Spectre," scripted by John Logan, Neal Purvis and Robert Wade, feels more like the latter. For the first time, all of Craig's reinvention hasn't carried Bond all that much further than where the spy always was - especially when it comes to the women that adorn "Spectre."

Love interest

First there's Monica Belluci as the widow of the man Bond kills in Mexico City. He sleeps with her after picking her up at the funeral. She's quickly dispatched for Madeleine Swann (Lea Seydoux), whose family connections bring Bond closer to the elusive Oberhauser. Seydoux, the French actress of "Blue is the Warmest Color," gives the film a jolt, but the romance between Swann and Bond is slight and the character is little more than Bond's usual love interest. That said, the seductive Seydoux and the sinewy Craig make an attractive pair. When they eventually arrive at a remote Sahara outpost, they could really just stay there, handsomely smoldering in the dry heat like a Hemingway couple.

What's missing most is the steely spine of Dench. The offkilter menace of Waltz would seem perfectly suited for "Spectre," but his scenes pale in comparison with Javier Bardem's Raoul Silva in "Skyfall." Also with big shoes to fill is cinematographer Hoyte van Hoytema, stepping in for Roger Deakins. He surrounds the film with shadows and reflective mirrors, ably capturing Craig's slinky stride in any locale. "Spectre," a Sony Pictures release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "intense sequences of action and violence, some disturbing images, sensuality and language." Running time: 148 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four. — AP

side Julianne Moore, Liam Hemsworth, Donald Sutherland and Josh Hutcherson.

Hundreds of fans camped out from as early as midnight, many wrapped in aluminum heat blankets, eagerly waiting to catch a glimpse of the stars ahead of the rare global premiere in the German capital, at 1830 GMT, before the movie hits screens worldwide from November 18-20. "I think it's great Jennifer Lawrence started at such a young age and yet stayed so level-headed, so funny and cool," said one of the fans, Celeste Sopi, 18, waiting behind steel barricades. "She is my idol, because I want to be an actress too."

Art student Ronja Kappel, 20, rugged up in a sleeping bag, used the wait to draw a picture of the cast and praised Lawrence for "saying what she thinks. Actresses are told they have to be skinny, and she says she loves pizza." Ahead of the opening, Lawrence-the world's highestpaid actress at age 25 — said she felt bitter-sweet to say goodbye to bow-and-arrow heroine Katniss Everdeen, who leads a rebellion against dictatorship in "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2". "She is kind, she is ruthless, she is independent-minded. She is strong but merciful," said Lawrence at a press conference about the character who has battled her way through reality TV style life-anddeath games.

"I wish that I could have a percentage of her courage and thoughtfulness. She inspires me in every way." While the books of the teen novel triology have sold 87 million copies worldwide, the four-part movie franchise has passed the billion-dollar (910-million-euro) mark at the box office, and Lawrence has topped Forbes magazine's 2015 list of best-paid actresses at \$52 million.



In this image released by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures/Columbia Pictures/EON Productions, Daniel Craig appears in a scene from the James Bond film, 'Spectre.' — AP

'Peanuts Movie' a worthy romp for the beloved gang

aybe the Peanuts gang hasn't been on the big screen in decades because they've had so much success on the small one, with specials like "The Great Pumpkin" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas" that have been annual TV traditions since the 1960s. Thankfully, "The Peanuts Movie" isn't just a small-screen special writ large. The filmmakers take advantage of their cinematic scope with a bigger story, more sophisticated animation and effective use of 3-D that gives new depth to the Peanuts world. But the characters loved by generations of fans - Lucy, Linus, Snoopy, Woodstock and beloved blockhead Charlie Brown - are as charming and timeless as ever.

It's been nearly 40 years since the last Peanuts film, 1977's "Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown." The gang's other theatrical outings were "A Boy Named Charlie Brown" in 1969 and "Snoopy, Come Home" in 1972. "The Peanuts Movie," written by the son and grandson of Peanuts creator Charles M. Schulz, doesn't cover new thematic territory, but it doesn't really need to. Relving on 50 years of character development, the Peanuts gang stays true to their original selves - there's no new edge or post-modern snark in the mix. The central concepts (be honest, be yourself, do your best) are as gentle as the curves of Charlie Brown's silhouette.

There are two simultaneous stories at play in the film: one set in the "real world" of Charlie Brown and his friends, and a more fantastical tale of Snoopy as his alter-ego, the Flying Ace. "The Peanuts Movie" opens during wintertime, and a snowy introductory scene

with Woodstock sets viewers up for the 3-D experience. Charlie Brown and the gang are excited about a new kid moving into their neighborhood. She turns out to be the Little Red-Haired Girl, and Charlie is instantly smitten. School starts up again, bringing a series of challenges. First of all, the Little Red-Haired Girl is in Charlie's class.

"I just came down with a serious case of inadequacy," he says. Then there is the talent show, school-wide tests, book reports and other kid-sized hurdles to overcome. The story follows the gang through the school year, focusing on Charlie's foibles. Sally Brown plays a supporting role. Everything looks as colorful and round as the comic strip. Meanwhile, Snoopy types himself into a high-flying adventure atop his doghouse as he battles his nemesis, the Red Baron. These sequences are distinguished by more realistic background animation - snowy mountains and grassy landscapes that look more like the world outside the movie theater. Snoopy's Flying Ace, aided by a team of Woodstock mechanics, flies off in pursuit of his love, Fifi, just as Charlie Brown tries to work up the nerve to introduce himself to the Little Red-Haired Girl.

Director Steve Martino cast child actors to voice the Peanuts gang, and used vintage recordings of late actor-producer Bill Melendez to realize Snoopy and Woodstock's inimitable expressions. A catchy new song contributed by pop star Meghan Trainor is a bouncy bonus. While "The Peanuts Movie" may lack the wink-wink wisdom aimed at adults often found in Pixar releases, it retains the wholesome appeal of those stalwart TV specials. — AP



Long-lost **Disney** film discovered in British archive

long-lost Walt Disney animated film has been discovered in a British archive and will be screened for the first time in 87 years, the British Film Institute announced Tuesday. The forgotten six-minute film, "Sleigh Bells", has not been seen since its original release in 1928, according to the BFI National Archive, where the sole surviving film print was discovered. The film, which features an early precursor to Mickey Mouse, has been restored with the help of Walt Disney Animation Studios and will have its world premiere in London on December 12.

"What a joyful treat to discover a long-lost Walt Disney film in the BFI National Archive and to be able to show 'Sleigh Bells' to a whole new audience 87 years after it was made," said Robin Baker, head curator of the BFI National Archive. The short film features the first ever Disney character, "Oswald the Lucky Rabbit", a long-eared forerunner of Mickey Mouse. Oswald was created in 1927 and "loved for his mischievous and rebellious personality," according to the **BFI** National Archive.

The animation in "Sleigh Bells" is the work of Walt Disney and Ub Iwerks, who created the Oswald films for Universal and following a contractual dispute went on to create Mickey Mouse. The film was rediscovered by a researcher who was looking through the online catalogue of the BFI National Archive, which is one of the world's largest film collections. Baker, the curator, said the film could introduce new audiences to "the vitality and imagination" of Walt Disney's creations during his early silent period. Andrew Millstein, president of Walt Disney Animation Studios, indicated there could be more "lost" Disney films yet to be discovered. "The Oswald shorts are an important part of our studios' history, and we have been working with film archives and private collectors all around the world to research the missing titles," Millstein said. — AFP



The traditional Tantawawas, bread shaped as children, sits on a grave offered to the deadduring Day of the Dead celebrations at the La Llamita cemetery in La Paz, Bolivia.—AP

Craft a unique holiday tree this Christmas







Ornaments hang on the Popcorn, Peanut, Pretzel and Pickle Tree on display.



The Reflector Tree sits atop a shelf at the Jimtown Store in Healdsburg, Calif.



Cyclists stop at the Jimtown Store in Healdsburg, Calif.

n Christmas Tree, oh Christmas Tree, how poring are thy branches? If you're in a bit of a holiday rut when it comes to seasonal decorating, Carrie Brown's recently released "The New Christmas Tree" (Artisan Books) may be just what you need to get that creative sap flowing. Brown, owner of the popular Jimtown Store near Healdsburg, Calif., a country store and cafe, has been re-inventing trees for years, from the "blue tree" she made one Christmas to reflect her mood (which magically improved the more she got into the project) to the "bonfire ready" trees she came up with one year - manzanita branches studded with plump marshmallows. Her book presents 24 ideas for rethinking the tree, starting with the basics: Picking the tree, what types work best with certain designs and caring for your festive foliage. Some of the trees are quite simple, like a silver tree that's a skinny branch strung with silver jewelry and other found objects. Some are aimed at keen crafters, like the paperwhite tree decorated with all kinds of ornaments made from different weights of white paper.

A stunner of a tree - and the one that made the cover - is the bees' tree, made of rosemary branches arranged in a vase and decorated with felted bees, beeswax ornaments and tiny vials of wax-dipped honey, among other things. Beautifully photographed and coffee-table ready, the book is also practical, containing detailed instructions on how to recreate the featured trees along with website references for downloading templates.

Carrie Brown adjusts an ornament on The Giving Tree.

Annual publication

Brown would like it to serve as both blueprint and inspiration. "I decided that it would be a wonderful thing to share, because there's a lot of commercialism for Christmas, a lot of the same-old, same-old," says Brown. "I think young people particularly feel that some of the old commercial ways don't reflect them. I wanted to present something that could give people the opportunity to express themselves."

Personalizing your tree is one of the trends of the season, says Ann Blevins, senior editor of Better Homes and Gardens' "Christmas Ideas," an annual publication on newsstands. "People have become much more comfortable making their tree personalized, whether it's ornaments from your vacations or framed letters to Santa," she says.

Although many people stick with traditional red and green in their tree dÈcor, a new twist this year is faceted metallic ornaments, which go hand-in-hand with the home-decorating trend of faceted metal lamps, says Blevins. New takes on lighting include Edison lights, which look like old-fashioned bulbs with a visible "filament," as well as tiny fairy lights designed to be woven deep in the tree and used in abundance. Getting your tree together can be one of the best parts of the season (unlike, say, pre-party house cleaning) and some of the ideas in Brown's book could be the basis for a trimming party.

Age-appropriate

A tree decorated with gingerbread cookies and

other sweets, Brown's "deconstructed gingerbread house" might be a good choice for a child with a December birthday. Partygoers could help decorate some of the simpler cookie ornaments and go home with treats from the tree.

Several of the trees are inspired by collections. For instance, Brown used her collection of decorative pin cushions in a tree that includes the cushions studded with decorative pins as well as homemade bugle and sequin balls. The Giving Tree, one of Brown's favorites, turns the tables on the typical advent calendar. Ornaments include envelopes holding age-appropriate "good deed" slips. Children get to open an envelope every day in the countdown to Christmas, but instead of getting chocolate they have a chance to exercise their generosity.

Brown offers lots of ideas for home-made and inventive ornaments, including copper "bonbons" made with copper plumbing floats, available in hardware stores, covered with unraveled copper kitchen scrub pads. And she suggests taking the decorating theme down to the floor, placing interesting objects beneath the tree and skipping the store-bought tree skirt in favor of an interesting throw or length of material. Finding an alternative to old-fashioned skirts comes with a hidden bonus, notes Blevins. "We're wrapping the tree in a throw a fur throw or a sweater throw - which is nice because when Christmas is over and it's January, you have a new afghan, and it's perfect." — AP

Ornaments hang on The Giving Tree on the display at the Jimtown Store in Healdsburg, Calif.



Carrie Brown works in the background on a Popcorn, Peanut, Pretzel and Pickle Tree.



Carrie Brown adjusts a Popcorn, Peanut, Pretzel and Pickle Tree.



Carrie Brown, author of "The New Christmas Tree," poses with ornaments from The Pin Tree at the Jimtown Store in Healdsburg, Calif. — AP photos