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OPEC TO STAY THE COURSE DESPITE FEARS OF \$20 OIL

LONDON/DUBAI: OPEC is determined to keep pumping oil vigorously despite the resulting financial strain even on the policy's chief architect, Saudi Arabia, alarming weaker members who fear prices may slump further towards \$20. Any policy U-turn would be possible only if large producers outside the exporters' group, notably Russia, were to join coordinated output cuts. While Moscow may consult OPEC oil ministers before their six-monthly meeting next week, the chances of it helping to halt the price slide remain slim.

"Unless non-OPEC say they are willing to help, I think there will be no change," said a delegate from a major OPEC producer. "OPEC will not cut alone." When the exporters' group last met in Vienna in June, Saudi oil minister Ali al-Naimi and those from other wealthy Gulf states could barely hide their jubilation. OPEC's historic decision in Nov 2014 - to pump more oil and defend its market share against surging rival suppliers - was working, they proclaimed as crude traded near \$65 per barrel. Six months later, it has hit \$45, down from as much as \$115 in the middle of last year.

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DUBAI: A worker fills up a car at a petrol station on Tuesday. — AFP

KUWAIT: Faced with heavy losses from low oil prices, Gulf states have embarked on belt-tightening measures to cut spending and boost non-crude revenues, but analysts warn much more needs to be done. After more than a decade of abundant surpluses thanks to high oil prices, the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states are projected to post a combined record budgetary shortfall of \$180 billion in 2015 and the drought is expected to continue for years. Some countries have already cut subsidies, while others are considering measures to reduce their spending.

International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde told GCC finance ministers in Qatar this month that "global energy prices could remain low for years" and urged them to adjust their budgets. Lagarde warned that the GCC, which has relied on energy income for 90 percent of their revenues, should reduce dependence on oil and gas. In 2014, GCC states - Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates - posted a small surplus of \$24 billion, down from \$182 billion the previous year, according to IMF foures.

Each of Bahrain, Oman and Saudi Arabia ended 2014 in the red for the first time since the global financial crisis in 2009. World oil prices have dropped by more than 50 percent since June 2014 and the IMF has projected that it will result in a \$275 billion drop in GCC revenues this year. But having amassed a wealth of around \$2.7 trillion over the past decade, the IMF advised GCC states to take a gradual approach to implementing reforms and diversifying the economy.

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RAINS BRING QATAR TO NEAR STANDSTILL

FLOODS HIT SAUDI ARABIA

DOHA: Qatar was hit by more than a year's worth of rain in several hours, while in neighboring Saudi Arabia one person was killed during flooding yesterday. Roads in Doha were blocked as overnight rain made many near impassable for commuters. Schools and malls

closed as the rain even forced the US embassy in Qatar to shut down. Worst hit seemed to be the area around Doha's Hamad International Airport, where almost 80 mm of rain fell, according to the Qatar Meteorology

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RIYADH: Vehicles are seen submerged in water on a flooded highway in western Riyadh following heavy rainfall across most of Saudi Arabia yesterday.— AFP

OBAIDI OVERSEES KEY HEALTH INITIATIVES





KUWAIT: Health Minister Dr Ali Al-Obaidi meets British Ambassador to Kuwait Matthew Lodge during a joint steering committee meeting yesterday.

By Dr M Ziad Al-Alyan

KUWAIT: Health Minister Dr Ali Al-Obaidi attended a joint steering committee meeting yesterday, which is part of a government-to-government agreement between Britain and Kuwait to increase collaboration in trade between the two countries in multiple sectors including healthcare. In an exclusive interview with Kuwait Times, Dr Obaidi stated that his attendance was to personally follow up on the progress of certain projects.

One of the most exciting of these is the electronic linking and management of patient data

between the health office in Kuwait and more than 200 clinics and hospitals around the world including those in the UK, US, Germany and France. This system will allow for rapid referrals to be made between Kuwait and any centre in the world. The system will also allow for patients' reports and data to be shared by the relevant sides securely and quickly.

This will greatly reduce loss of files and bank guarantee letters along with vital diagnostic reports, which lead to significant delays in admission and treatment. The project will significantly improve the experience of patients and relatives and will significantly reduce costs.

Dr Obaidi insisted that such projects are vital for providing a better journey for the patients. The minister also discussed several other collaborations with reputable British health organizations.

The minister's bold approach in improving the health sector in Kuwait is laudable. The UK is an old friend of Kuwait and is known to have some of the best medical facilities in the world. This along with the easy access Kuwaitis have to Britain and the shared language makes UK the perfect partner. Most people in Kuwait hope to see many of these endeavors come to life in the near future.

DEMAND SURGES FOR US WEAPONS

WASHINGTON: The US government is working hard to ensure quicker processing of US foreign arms sales, which surged 36 percent to \$46.6 billion in fiscal 2015 and look set to remain strong in coming years, a top Pentagon official said. "Projections are still strong," Vice Admiral Joe Rixey, who heads the Pentagon's Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), told Reuters in an interview late on Monday. He said the agency was trying to sort out the impact of a much stronger-than-expected fourth quarter as it finalized its forecast for arms sales in fiscal 2016, which began Oct. 1.

The fight against Islamic State militants and other armed conflicts around the globe were fueling demand for US missile defense equipment, helicopters and munitions, Rixey said, a shift from 10 years ago when the focus was on fighter jets. "It's worldwide. The demand signal is coming in Europe, in the Pacific and in Centcom," he said, referring to the US Central Command region, which includes the Middle East and Afghanistan.

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DOHA: A general view shows the entrance to the Doha City Center shopping mall in the Qatari capital on Tuesday. — AFP

'BACHELOR BAN': QATAR MULLS FAMILY MALL DAYS

DOHA: Qatar's only directly elected body is to discuss introducing family-only days at major shopping malls in a move dubbed a "bachelor ban" that is likely to restrict access for foreign laborers. What sounds like an innocuous idea is proving highly contentious and threatens once more to expose the 2022 football World Cup host's fraught relationship with its vast foreign workforce. The proposal, which will be discussed by the Central Municipal Council (CMC) on Dec 1, would restrict entrance to the country's eight biggest malls to families only on one day each weekend, either Friday or Saturday.

Many blue-collared male workers who have moved to Qatar alone, sometimes leaving behind families, would in effect be banned from entering the nation's most popular malls, potentially on the only day of the week they get to relax. The proposal is being championed by a CMC member, Nasser Bin Ibrahim Al-

Mohannadi, who claims the presence of the male laborers in the malls is intimidating for locals, especially women.

"Qatar is a family-based society, and it is the right of families to have a day especially for them," he told AFP. "Malls are not just for shopping but also for entertainment and family gatherings." Mohannadi represents the coastal city of Al-Khor, around 50 km north of the capital, Doha. He said locals there had complained to him about the "large number" of laborers gathering in one of the city's malls.

His solution was to revive the idea of a "family day", a policy previously in place but which had fallen out of favor because it was not enforced. Mohannadi has the backing of one of the two women who sit on the 29-member CMC, Sheikha Al-Jufairi, who described it as "an absolutely essential requirement". "Families are complaining that they cannot enter the big

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SYRIA CRISIS AGGRAVATED BY TERRORIST GROUPS: FM

KUWAIT: First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah yesterday spoke of tremendous challenges that resulted from the Syria crisis. He said that the crisis was extended beyond Syria at the hands of terrorist groups such as the Islamic State (IS) that came to pose a real threat to the region and the world at large.

During a meeting with the chairman and members of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA), Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled stressed that there is no other way but a political solution to the crisis to preserve what remains of Syria.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled pointed to the deteriorating humanitarian situation resulting from the crisis, with huge numbers of the Syrian internally displaced, or have already fled the country. He said that Kuwait hosted the First, Second and Third International Humanitarian Pledging Conference for Syria, to help the Syrian people. Up to \$8 billion was collected through the three events.

A fourth conference will be held in London soon, co-chaired by Kuwait, Britain,

Germany and Norway, seeking to get the world involved in seeking a solution to the Syria crisis. In a reply to a question on the recent downing of a Russian jet by Turkey, the First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister said that Russia's intervention has further complicated the situation in Syria.

For Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, what happened was expected, and further complicated the situation in the region. Yet, he hoped wisdom would be triumphant, urging directing all efforts to assist the Syrians. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled referred to recent talks by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Ál-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying that the Syrian issue featured high on the agenda of the talks. They focused mainly on the necessity of a peaceful solution, to avoid a collapse of Syria which will be "devastation for all."

The Syrian people have been facing five vears of destruction but they insist on determining their own future, he said. The Foreign Minister urged more efforts to implement what has been agreed upon during the recent Vienna talks on Syria. — KUNA



KUWAIT: His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets Nicaragua's Vice-President General Moises Omar Halleslevens Acevedo. — KUNA

Crown Prince visits Nicaraguan VP

KUWAIT: His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah visited Nicaragua's Vice-President General Moises Omar Halleslevens Acevedo at the guests' residence at Bayan Palace yesterday. During the meeting, both sides reviewed bilateral relations between the two countries and ways of enhancing them in addition to issues of common concern.

The meeting was attended by the Advisor at His Highness the Crown Prince's Diwan and head of the mission of honor Dr Humoud Mohammad Al-Otaibi, the Crown Prince's Diwan Chief Sheikh Mubarak Al-Faisal Al-Saud Al-Sabah, the Crown Prince's Protocol Chief Sheikh Mubarak Sabah AlSalem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah, and Assistant industries.' His Highness the Crown Prince warmly Foreign Minister for the Americas, Reem Al-Khaled. Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince received Minister of Commerce and Industry Dr Yousef Al-Ali accompanied by former Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiyah, Qatar's Minister of Energy and Industry Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada, Saudi Minister of Commerce and Industry Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah and Oman's Commerce and Industry Minister, Dr Ali bin Masoud Al-Sunaidy, on the occasion of holding the 15th industrialists' conference, themed 'foreign investment and direct impact on GCC

welcomed the ministers and eminent quests, wishing them a pleasant stay in Kuwait and further success in the conference.

Also yesterday, His Highness the Crown Prince received His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, as well as Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah. — KUNA

KUWAIT: First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah is pictured during a meeting with the chairman and members of the Federation of Arab News Agencies. — KUNA

SCIENTIFIC CENTER RELEASES FOUR TURTLES INTO THE SEA



KUWAIT: Kuwait Scientific Center's Board Chairman and CEO Mijbil Al-Mutawa participates in the campaign. — KUNA

KUWAIT: Kuwait Scientific Center, affiliated to Kuwait Foundation for Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), has recently released three green turtles and a hawksbill turtle into the sea, putting the animals back in their natural habitat in the Kuwait waters.

Board Chairman and CEO Mijbil Al-Mutawa said in a press release yesterday that re-introducing the turtles to their natural habitat serves the prime goal to support and preserve the Kuwaiti marine envi-

ronment. "The operation for caring and curing turtles dates to three years ago when marine environment activists and fishermen brought those injured turtles to the center," Mutawa explained.

He added that since the opening of the center in 2000, it has provided treatment for many injured or sick turtles, birds and other animals. Turtles have an essential role in maintaining the marine eco system. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah and several European ambassadors in Kuwait discussed yesterday the current regional and international developments. Several senior officials of the Foreign Ministry were present in the meeting. —KUNA

GCC TOP LEGISLATORS CONCLUDE 9TH MEETING

FIGHTING TERRORISM REQUIRES 'BATTLE OF IDEAS': GHANEM

RIYADH: The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Speakers of Shura, House of Representatives and National Assemblies concluded their 9th regular meeting yesterday. The final communique embraced many decisions, most importantly: combating terrorism, which will be the focal point of discussion in future meetings.

Participants in the meeting unanimously expressed a strong condemnation of terrorism everywhere, stressing the importance of protecting the sovereignty of the GCC nations. The communique also tasked GCC parliamentary committees to study a number of laws and legislations regarding commercial agencies in order to promote industrial projects.

with the European Parliament, as well as parliaments of Latin America in the year 2016. The meeting saw the participation of Speaker of Kuwait National Assembly Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem, MPs Ahmad Suleiman Al-Gudaibi, Ahmad Al-Enezi and National Assembly's Secretary General, Allam Ali Al-Kanderi.

Positive results

Meanwhile, Ghanem described the meeting as "replete with positive results." Numerous issues were discussed in the final meeting where it was agreed that GCC heads of legislative bodies would deal with these issues in concert with GCC leaderships, Ghanem told reporters after the meeting. "We wish that ideas arrived at in



RIYADH: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem attends the 9th GCC **Speakers of Shura, House of Representatives** and National Assemblies meeting. — KUNA

the meeting would find grounding in reality enabling the average GCC citizen to eventually benefit from them," he said.

He praised the solidarity tangibly felt among

GCC chief lawmakers. Asked about decisions the chief lawmakers made regarding the fight against terrorism, he said "there is no firm answer to the question of terrorism except that it must be confronted. As to how, this requires discussion and study." "Fighting terrorism cannot be solely done through military action but requires a battle of ideas where results might pay off over the long run," he said.

Parliamentary diplomacy

Earlier during the meeting, Chairman of Saudi Shura Council Dr Abdullah bin Mohammad bin Ibrahim Al-Sheikh emphasized the importance of "parliamentary diplomacy" for resolving efforts at other levels for boosting security and stability in the Gulf.

The region is witnessing various developments that require an active role at the level of parliamentary diplomacy, he said, alluding in particular to violations against the Holy Aqsa Mosque, fight against legitimacy in Yemen, conflicts in Syria and Iraq, besides terrorist operations in many parts of the world.

He expressed his appreciation for the efforts of GCC countries' leaders and their keenness on developing their countries, besides defending causes of the nation. He also hailed role of GCC in enhancing cooperation and coordination in all fields, as well as strengthening ties among the GCC peoples. — KUNA

KUWAIT SUPPORTS PALESTINIANS IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

EU, ARAB LEAGUE LAUNCH STRATEGIC DIALOGUE

VIENNA/BRUSSELS: Kuwait on Tuesday reiterated its support to the Palestinian people's struggle to get back their legitimate rights and to establish their own independent state on the pre-June 4th, 1967 borders. Speaking at a meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, held at the UN premises in Vienna, First Secretary of Kuwait's Embassy in Vienna Abdullah Al-Obaidi stressed that the Israeli occupation's irresponsible practices are defying the international community and undermining the two-state solution. The Israeli practices against Palestinian people are increasing tension in the Middle East and keep the region in a state of war, he warned.

Obaidi cited as example the recent escalation in the Palestinian territories after the Israeli government's decision to restrict Muslims access to Al-Agsa Mosque, the Muslim world's third holiest place of worship. He also recalled the devastating Israeli war on Gaza Strip in which over 2, 000 people were killed and nearly 10,000 injured in addition to complete and partial destructions of thousands of houses, institutions and infrastructure in the densely-populated territory.

Obaidi censured the international community inaction in face of the Israeli breaches to relevant international laws and resolutions. He underlined Kuwait's full support to the Palestinian people in their struggle to restore their legitimate rights and to establish their own independent state on the pre-June 4th, 1967 borders with East Jerusalem being its capital.

Meanwhile, Arab League Representative Wael Al-Assad said that Israel's expansion in settlement activities on usurped Palestinian land, efforts to Judaize the occupied Jerusalem and random detention of thousands of people are illegal activities in face of the UN laws. He pointed that desperate Palestinian people are in need of international forces to protect them against the Israeli abuses.

In 1977, the General Assembly called for the annual observance of 29 November as the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. On that day, in 1947, the Assembly adopted the resolution on the partition of Palestine. The observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People also encouraged member states to continue to give the widest support and publicity to the observance of the Day of

Strategic dialogue

In other news, the Arab League and the European Union launched yesterday a political and strategic dialogue to deepen their cooperation in a number of related sectors. Kuwait's permanent representative to the Arab League in Cairo, Ambassador Ahmad Abdul-Rahman Al-Bakr, told KUNA ahead of the meeting that the launch of the strategic dialogue was decided during the last EU-Arab League ministerial meeting.

Yesterday's gathering was also the fourth meeting of the Arab League and the EUs political and security committee on the level of ambassadors. The strategic dialogue working areas include crisis management, humanitarian assistance, counter terrorism weapons of mass destruction and transnational organized crime.

Bakr noted that the meeting took place under unprecedented conditions through which the Arab region and Europe are facing linked with the scourge of terrorism. "This meeting is also a message to Europe from the Arab states to underline their cooperation in the fight against terrorism," he said. Bakr noted that the two sides were set to discuss issues of mutual interest led by the Palestine question and the atrocities being committed by Israel against the Palestinians . — KUNA

KUWAIT, SCOTLAND ENJOY TRADE PROSPECTS: KCCI

KUWAIT: Scotland and Kuwait enjoy many trade and investment opportunities, especially in developmental projects' management and technology, Board Member of Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Wafa Al-Qattami said yesterday.

Qattami said, during a meeting with a visiting Scottish delegation, that the two countries aspire to achieve more cooperation, particularly since Kuwait is investing \$110 billion on developmental, infrastructural and housing projects. The Kuwaiti private sector is also seeking to collaborate with Scotland in the realms of tourism and real estate, she pointed out.

Meanwhile, head of the Scottish delegation stressed the importance of his visit to enhance foreign investment in both countries, noting that Scottish companies are looking forward to partnering with its Kuwaiti counterparts in order to create trade environment to benefit the two countries. He extended an invitation to Kuwaiti businessmen to visit Scotland to explore many trade and industrial opportunities. The Scottish delegation consists of 18 representatives from different Scottish companies specialized in investment, real estate, security and safety systems, marketing, automotive industry and education. — KUNA





MAN ARRESTED FOR PLANTING, **SELLING MARIJUANA**

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Mubarak Al-Kabeer detectives arrested a European national who planted marijuana for sale. Detectives learned earlier that the suspect sold drugs, and when they raided his home, they found a protected plantation area and marijuana seeds. He confessed to planting and selling marijuana. He was sent to concerned authorities



This handout photo shows a man arrested yesterday with possession of marijuana he planted with the intention to sell.

Domestic helpers

The domestic help department with backup from the residency violators' follow-up department carried out a campaign against domestic help offices in Ahmadi, resulting in the arrest of 10 domestic helpers who had security restrictions against them, and were sent to concerned authorities. Ten other domestic helpers were detained for residency violations.

Traffic campaigns

The traffic control department in governorates carried out several traffic campaigns during the past few days resulting in issuing 37,636 traffic citations, 9,569 for using mobile phones while driving, 20,110 for not using seatbelts and 7,957 for parking in designated handicapped areas.

Stores closed

Municipality statistics revealed that eight stores were shut down, 116 citations issued and 1,255 signs removed during October. The report shows that the emergency team issued 66 citations for store sign violations, 39 citations against stores, 11 citations for food violations, including sign license expiry, having a sign without a municipality license, employing a worker without a health certificate, working before obtaining a health certificate, selling expired goods and not complying with general hygiene, besides closing eight stores.

Fires tackled

Salmiya and South Salmiya fire departments fought a fire that broke out in an asphalt truck and trash behind Al-Rashid Hospital in Salmiya yesterday. It took firemen 20 minutes to put out the fire and no injuries were reported. A fire also broke out in a car on Abdaly road yesterday morning. Jahra fire center responded and put out the small fire in a few minutes. Meanwhile, South Salmiya fire center responded to a call about persons stuck in an elevator in Rumaithiya. Firemen lowered the elevator and freed them without injuries.

LACK OF BUILDINGS **DELAYS FAMILY COURTS: MINISTRY**

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: Justice ministry's undersecretary Abdul Aziz Al-Surayye' said moves to set up family courts in various governorates are facing difficulties in view of a lack of required buildings in Jahra and Ahmadi. He added that the courts would be launched once all needed buildings are ready.

KAC employees

MP Faisal Al-Kandari urged Minister of Communications Essa Al-Kandari to annul a previous decision to transfer around 180 Kuwait Airways Company (KAC) employees to work in other ministries and government bodies. "The decision is unfair, especially since the KAC privatization law has not so far been passed," he underlined, pointing out that the national carrier had to remain to be run by Kuwaitis, since the new law stipulates that over 75 percent of the corporation would be owned by the government as wished by His Highness the Amir. "The employees had expressed wishes not to be transferred and an agreement was made with the minister to hold the decision pending making the needed amendments," he pointed out.

Dow Chemical deal

Chairman of the parliamentary public funds protection committee MP Dr Abdullah Al-Turaiji expressed surprise at what he described as false accusations made by former oil minister Adel Al-Subaih and other former senior oil sector officials to the committee after submitting its report about investigating the Dow Chemical deal. "What gives Subaih the right to speak about this problem? Is he speaking as a normal citizen or as an ICM leader," he wondered, noting that all criticizers should have waited until the committee's report was discussed by the parliament and full truth was revealed.

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GCC Interior Ministers discuss REGIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES

Drugs destabilizing factor in region: Sheikh Mohammad

DOHA: The Middle East region is seeing vast and rapid security challenges that are being manifested in increasing terrorist activities, Qatari Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al-Thani said, as the 34th consultative meeting of the GCC Ministers of Interior convened in Doha

The Qatari Minister pointed out in his speech that due to the growing epidemic of terrorism, there should be a collective and major responsibility to protect the stability and safety of the Gulf region. Terrorism, he emphasized, has nothing to do with all values and lessons of Islam; it only aims at deconstructing and destabilizing communities.

Nonetheless, the GCC countries have taken security measures and precautions to stand against this horrific phenomenon, reiterating the GCC countries' support to any regional and international effort to put an end to terrorism.

Global cooperation

He also called on international community to enhance global cooperation by coordinating with all security bodies worldwide in accordance with the UN Security Council resolution 2199 of 2015 which affirms "terrorism in all forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable regardless of their motivations, whenever and by whomsoever com-

He stressed "the need to combat by all means, in accordance with the Charter of



DOHA: Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Sabah attends the 34th consultative meeting of the GCC Ministers of Interior. — KUNA

the United Nations and international law, including applicable international human rights, refugee, and humanitarian law, threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts, stressing in this regard the important role the United Nations plays in leading and coordinating

Deconstructive thoughts

Meanwhile, GCC Secretary General Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani said in his remark to the assembly that independent media outlets play a role in spreading deconstructive thoughts which lure young

people to dismantle national unity.

Zavani lauded security bodies in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain for exerting tremendous efforts to foil terrorist cells activities in smuggling and storing heavy weaponries. He stressed the region's safety is the responsibility of its leaders who should follow up with security issues in their countries and who should have a constructive dialogue with their people to encourage them to take part in safeguarding their countries as well.

Drugs

During his address to the meeting,

Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah said that drugs are another destabilizing factor to security in the region, along with terrorism and smuggling weapons and ammunitions. He said that the meeting provides an opportunity to study security challenges in the Gulf region, as civil wars, sectorial and ethnic conflicts ignite around it.

He pointed out that terrorism is happening everywhere, making reference to the latest terrorist attacks in Lebanon and France. He added that terrorism does not differentiate between Muslims and non-Muslims; it targets all and seeks bloodshed worldwide.

He stressed that the newly established Gulf Police Apparatus should help secure the GCC countries through exchange of security information.

Sensitive time

Sheikh Mohammad had affirmed upon arrival to Doha that the meeting was held "at very sensitive time considering rapid regional developments." In remarks to KUNA, the minister affirmed that these spates of events "are posing threats to our peoples and higher interests of our states as well as our civil, economic and cultural accomplishments."

"The objective we are robustly seeking to attain is security of the region and peoples and this warrants relentless effort now and in the future to face this aggression of darkness that seeks to bring us back to the times of negligence and backwardness, which we will not allow to happen at all," he said. — KUNA

NEW MECHANISM TO HANDLE ABSCONDING LABOR SOON

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: A new mechanism to solve absconding labor problems will be submitted to the Interior Ministry's Assistant Undersecretary for Citizenship and Residency Affairs Major General Sheikh Mazen Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah soon, said wellinformed sources at the Manpower Public Authority. "The committee entrusted with studying absconding reports has come up with a new vision to end this phenomenon, whether the reports turn out to be true or false," explained the sources.

Unconstitutional

The constitutional court yesterday deemed article 200 of the proceedings law as unconstitutional and thus allowed contest- the prime suspect, a 21-year-old bedoon, ing rulings issued in misdemeanor cases before the court of cassation. The court also banned contesting Cabinet decisions concerning NGOs.

Sentenced upheld

The court of appeal upheld a death sentence issued against the prime suspect in a murder at Sulaibiya vegetable market.



Sheikh Mazen Al-Jarrah

to death, the second, a 17-year-old Arab, to 10 years in prison and fined the third and fourth suspects KD 500 each for the armed robbery at the market.

Parliament break-in

The court of appeal yesterday adjourned hearing a case filed against 70 citizens including former MPs for breaking into the parliament till December 20.



KUWAIT: The Kuwait Fire Services Directorate (KFSD) yesterday conducted a successful drill at Kuwait and Bahrain Bank in Sharq. — Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: The speakers are pictured during the seminar. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISCUSSED AT KUWAIT HUMAN RIGHTS SOCIETY

By Faten Omar

KUWAIT: The Kuwait Human Rights Society held a seminar yesterday on domestic violence and its effect on women and the society. The seminar was titled 'Domestic Violence in Kuwait: Reality and Aspirations'. It was held in cooperation with the Women Cultural and Social Society, Kuwait Society of Lawyers, Kuwait Social Work Society, National Association of Domestic Security (Rwasi) and the Pioneers of Peace initiative.

The seminar began with an act showing a father hitting his daughter because he was angry with his wife for not cooking dinner. It was explained that domestic violence can affect the little girl and the mother psychologically. Then the scene changed and they made the father give a flower to

his daughter. "Islam is a religion of love," said Dr Amthal Al-Huwailah, psychology professor at Kuwait University, member of the Kuwait Human Rights Society and head of the family center for psycho-social counseling. In her opening speech, Huwailah explained that no one is born violent, but people learn it through their societies. "All religions call for peace, but people made Islam look like it encourages violence, which is not

Campaign

Sahar Al-Shawa, representative of the United Nations Development Programme, explained that this seminar coincides with the international day for the elimination of violence against women. "In February 2008, Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon launched a campaign titled "Unite to End Violence against Women", which represents a multi-year effort aimed to prevent violence against women and girls all over the world. The campaign called on governments, civil society, women's organizations, youth, the private sector, the media and the entire United Nations system to synergize in addressing global violence against women and girls," she explained.

Shawa added that the campaign aims to achieve five goals in all countries by 2015, protect women's rights around the world and as the Ban said, "break the silence when you witness violence against women and girls. Do not sit back - act!"

US EMBASSY: SECURITY MESSAGE FOR US CITIZENS

KUWAIT: The United States embassy in Kuwait sent the following message to US citizens in Kuwait:

The following Worldwide Travel Alert was distributed by the State Department on 23 November, 2015. The US Embassy in Kuwait is forwarding the message to ensure all STEP registrants in Kuwait are aware of its contents. This message is separate and distinct from the Worldwide Caution issued 29 July, 2015.

The State Department alerts US citizens to possible risks of travel due to increased terrorist threats. Current information suggests that IS (aka Da'esh), al-Qa'ida, Boko Haram, and other terrorist groups continue to plan terrorist attacks in multiple regions. These attacks may employ a wide variety of tactics, using conventional and non-conventional weapons and targeting both official and private interests. This Travel Alert expires on February 24, 2016.

Authorities believe the likelihood of terror attacks will continue as members of IS/Da'esh return from Syria and Iraq. Additionally, there is a continuing threat from unaffiliated persons planning attacks inspired by major terrorist organizations but conducted on an individual basis. Extremists have targeted large sporting events, theatres, open markets, and aviation services. In the past year, there have been multiple attacks in France, Nigeria, Denmark, Turkey, and Mali. IS/Da'esh has claimed responsibility for the bombing of a Russian airliner in Egypt.

US citizens should exercise vigilance when in public places or using transportation. Be aware of immediate surroundings and avoid large crowds or crowed places. Exercise particular caution during the holiday season and at holiday festivals or events. US citizens should monitor media and local information sources and factor updated information into personal travel plans and activities. Persons with specific safety concerns should contact local law enforcement authorities who are responsible for the safety and security of all visitors to their host country. US

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Ibrahim Sattout, Partner at ASAR

ASAR HIGHLIGHTS KEY PPP LAW AMENDMENTS

KUWAIT: ASAR - Al Ruwayeh and Partners (ASAR), Kuwait's leading and most prominent corporate law firm, and one of the region's top tier firms participated in the recently concluded 'MEED Kuwait Projects 2015' conference which was promoting international participation in Kuwait's USD 230+ billion potential project market. The conference, which took place at the Regency Hotel in Kuwait, provided an update on the status of the mega projects in the pipeline in Kuwait in the various sectors, including Kuwait's oil, gas, electricity, water, transport, housing and infrastructure sectors, and focused on providing in depth solutions to challenges faced by said proiects. The conference also addressed the increased confidence in Kuwait's mega projects which is confirmed by the various new private partnership (PPP) projects tendered and the number of foreign investors shortlisted to bid to these projects.

ASAR's involvement in the ground breaking Az Zour North Phase 1 independent water and power producer (IWPP) proiect provided the back drop of the firm's contribution to the conference with respect to the lessons that had been learnt from this PPP project and the numerous other PPP projects that the firm is currently involved in, in various capacities.

Ibrahim Sattout - a Partner at ASAR participated in the panel which discussed the new developments in the procurement, award and implementation of the PPP projects in light of the amendments made to the PPP projects' legal framework in Kuwait.

Sattout noted: "The new PPP law is part of a number of recent, positive legislative developments in Kuwait's investment sector designed to encourage foreign investors as well as align it with international best practices. With the implementation of the new PPP Law , Kuwait should witness significant progress in the successful implementation of its projects, attracting new investors into the market and achieving its development goals.

Al-Zour North

During the panel discussion, Sattout emphasized on the key lessons learnt from the Al-Zour North 1 project and which were taken into consideration in the drafting of the new PPP law which while not sector specific, intends to transfer these lessons to all the other sectors as well. Additionally, the PPP Law holds a lot of promise with respect to facilitating the acceleration of procurement and implementation of PPP projects.

With dedicated offices in Kuwait and Bahrain coupled with its associated offices and relationships, ASAR provides clients across an extensive range of industry sectors with comprehensive legal advice and support for their business activities in Kuwait, across the GCC and beyond.

The firm has been consistently rated as

the leading corporate and commercial law firm in Kuwait by reputable legal guides such as the Chambers Global Guide. International Financial Law Review (IFLR) and the Legal 500. In 2015, ASAR was awarded with the IFLR National Law Firm of the Year Award; an award which ASAR has been delighted to receive for the 7th consecutive year. The firm also won the "Best Restructuring Deal in the Middle East" award by IFLR in 2014. Further, the firm won the prestigious "2014 Commercial Litigation Law Firm of the Year" and the "2014 Best Banking and Finance Legal Team -Kuwait" awards from Acquisition International Magazine in 2014. ASAR lawyers have also received multiple awards under different categories in the Fourth

GCC STATES ATTRACT FOREIGN **INVESTMENTS: MINISTER**

KUWAIT: GCC states are attracting industrial investments mainly in petrochemical industries, according to Kuwaiti Minister of Commerce and Industry Yousef Al-Ali. GCC's share of direct foreign investments rose from \$27 billion in 2013 to \$29.5 in 2014, said the minister in a speech at the GCC's 15th industrialists' conference held under patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday.

Ali stressed the importance of focusing on foreign investments in the Gulf to achieve development and face the economic challenges, adding that the GCC must exert great effort to expand the industrial sector. He also said that GCC states are working on providing more facilities and establish new legislations to encourage foreign investors.

FDI flow

Meanwhile, Secretary General of the Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting (GOIC) Abdulaziz Al-Aqeel said that the flow of foreign direct investments (FDI) to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) rose from \$84.3 billion in 2005 to \$416.3 billion in 2014.

The six-member bloc is seeking to enhance the flow of FDI to supsources of income and reduce reliance on oil, which still constitutes 47 percent of their GDP, Ageel told the GCC's 15th industrialists' conference. Last year, the GCC states recorded an accumulation of \$53 billion from FDI, which helped provide up to 302,000 jobs in the Gulf markets, he said.

According to the GOIC official, further flow of FDI into the GCC will

port the industrial sector, variate bring in various benefits, namely giving a push to economic development and support national economies to keep pace with the world's technological progress. In addition, foreign capital will

boost economic variation and the gradual shift from the consumption economy to production economy, besides consolidating competitiveness of local products to help them have a more share of domestic markets, which will consequently offer a remedy for the chronic deficit in the trade balance, Ageel noted.

Favorable environment

He urged the GCC states to exert more efforts to develop a favorable environment to attract foreign capital. Aqeel underlined the need to take a multitude of measures, mainly promoting the existing policies and regulatory and legal frameworks on foreign investment, and developing new ones, in addition to carrying on with efforts to abolish obstacles, and offering more incentives and exemptions.

He noted that GOIC has always been hard at work to streamline the flow of foreign capital into the Gulf markets through several programs, referring to one for industrial investment. It is also working on a study on the promising investment opportunities in countries of the

GCC's 15th industrialists' conference is held for two days with the participation of the Kuwaiti Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Public Authority for Industry, the GCC Secretariat, the Union of the GCC Chambers of Commerce, the Industrial Bank of Kuwait and GOIC. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Minister of Commerce and Industry Yousef Al-Ali speaks at the event. — KUNA

KDIPA ATTRACTS \$1.2 BN WORTH FOREIGN INVESTMENT: SHEIKH MESHAL

KUWAIT: Chairman of Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA) Sheikh Dr Meshal Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah said Tuesday the authority succeeded in attracting \$1.2 billion worth of foreign investment, especially in technol-

Kuwait's huge oil wealth, high per capita income, low risks and low companies' tax are attracting the foreign investment to the country, Sheikh Meshal said in a speech before a conference, themed "Kuwait projects and development motivation," organized by Meed for economic studies. He said Kuwait has huge 30 investment opportunities in sectors of oil and gas, health, tourism and education.

The investment environment in

Kuwait are lucrative, said Sheikh Mishal, who pointed out to tax exemption on foreign companies which could extend to 10 years, coupled with waiver on custom duties. Sheikh Meshal said attracting huge investment in a short time showed that "Kuwait is in the right direction." Sheikh Meshal, who said private and public sectors' cooperation was essential for the national economy, Kuwait really needed to attract technology to create jobs.

Adel Al-Roumi, head of the Partnership Technical Bureau (PTB), overseeing private-public sectors partnership (PPP) programs, said the government would be executing the metro project and the GCC railway through PPP. — KUNA

ZOUR PLANT'S SHARES PLACED FOR PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION IN 6 MONTHS

KUWAIT: Al-Zour power plant will be placed for public subscription in six months, said Adel Al-Roumi, head of the Partnership Technical Bureau (PTB), which is overseeing private-public sectors partnership (PPP) programs. Once Al-Zour plant reaches its maximum operation capacity in six months, shares would be placed for Kuwaitis to buy, he said.

Roumi was speaking to KUNA on sidelines of a conference, themed "Kuwait projects and development motivation," organized by Meed for economic studies. He said PPP programs would be placed for public subscription for Kuwaiti citizens, including the second Al-Zour plant, Al-Khairan and Um Al-Haiman projects. He said the value of PPP programs in Kuwait was around KD 10 billion.

Roumi said the private sector was contributing to the rapid accomplishment of the PPP projects, citing Al-Zour power station which took 18 months to operate. He said there were five giant projects awaiting completion. Two are waste recycling, two major power stations and solar energy station. — KUNA



Edition of 'Best Lawyers' in Kuwait.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- 1. Since the beginning of 2015, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia has been repatriating overstayers Indonesian Citizen (WNIO) overseas, including those who reside in Kuwait. Currently the Indonesian Embassy work closely with the related authorities in Kuwait have repatriated 335 WNIO in Kuwait where all of them are Indonesian women domestic workers who run away from their employer due to one reason or another. Now the Embassy are processing another 147 of them.
- 2. In line with the policy of the Government of the State of Kuwait to deport overstayers and the implementation of sanction and punishment for those who are employing undocumented workers, we urge those who have been employing the undocumented Indonesian domestic workers to persuade and convince the workers to register in the Indonesian Embassy for the repatriation process.
- 3. The Indonesian Embassy in Kuwait would like to remind everyone that the registration for this program will be closed on December 5, 2015. The Government of Indonesia will bear all the expenses including airline tickets, accommodation, transportation, and all necessities during the repatriation process. Furthermore, please be informed that The Government of Indonesia will also provide varieties of training and entrepreneurship programs for those who return to Indonesia so that they could become self-sufficient. For further information, please contact the Indonesian Embassy in Kuwait in Daiya Block 1, Rashed Ibn Ahmed Al-Roumi Street Building No. 2 phone number 22531021, 22531025 or our hotline 97206060 or email kuwait.kbri@kemlu.go.id.

The Government of Indonesia would like to express its high appreciation for the kind attention and cooperation from all parties for the success of our effort to repatriate Indonesian overstayers in Kuwait.

Kuwait, 25 November 2015

KOC EAGER TO PLAY LEADING ROLE IN RENEWABLE ENERGY

KUWAIT: Kuwait Oil Company (KOC), a subsidiary of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), is eager to play a leading role in the renewable energy domain, an official said yesterday. Speaking to KUNA, KOC Deputy Chief Executive Officer Emad Sultan said the company will work with government bodies to pursue more options with in the renewable energy sector.

Regarding KOC's efforts in this regard, the official noted that KOC will host Kuwait sustainable energy conference, next Sunday, under the slogan (achieving Kuwait's energy vision for 2030). The event is organized by the KOC in cooperation with the Ministry of Electricity and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR).

The conference will aim at contributing to Kuwait's plans to increase energy supplies by 15 percent in 2030 and also to focus on spreading awareness on the necessity of sustainable development, said Sultan. An exhibition will be held on sidelines of the event for oil experts and companies to exchange views and expertise on sustainable and renewable energy, said the official. — KUNA



DUBAI: Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Al-Anbaa Adnan Al-Rashid (second from right) receives an award during the Pan Arab Application Awards. — KUNA

KUWAIT'S INDUSTRY **AUTHORITY, DAILY WIN EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

DUBAI: Kuwait's Public Authority for Industry and the Arabic-language Kuwaiti daily newspaper Al-Anbaa were granted the Pan Arab Application Awards, at an event held by the Excellence Awards Academy in conjunction with the Arab Organization for Social Responsibility.

Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Al-Anbaa Adnan Al-Rashid expressed his happiness for earning the award in magazine and newspapers' category. He also expressed his sincere gratitude to the United Arab Emirates and the organizers of the event.

Meanwhile, the Director of Information and Decision Support Center at the Public Authority for Industry, Ahmad Sadiq Mohammad Sadiq, expressed his happiness in a statement to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) for winning the golden award under the name "Pan Arab for the best application on smart phones," for the best application on the smart systems in Kuwait. He said that win is added to a series of accomplishments achieved by the authority, pointing out that this would have direct impact on advancement of the industrial sector in Kuwait.— KUNA

MABROOK COMPANY JOINS HORECA AS DIAMOND SPONSOR

KUWAIT: Preparations for the Horeca Kuwait 2016 exhibition are steadily progressing and attracting more companies to take part in the event, which provides a golden opportunity to exchange expertise that meet the local market's needs and future expansion plans. The exhibition is due to be organized by Leaders Group in collaboration with Hospitality Services Company at Badriya Ballroom, Messilah Jumeriah Hotel in the period of January 18-20, 2016.



Hotel Supplies Company's General Manager Ali Farhat recently announced the company's intention to take part in the exhibition as a diamond sponsor, especially after the remarkable success Horeca had achieved over the past number of years.

In this regard, Mabrook

Farhat added that his company was so keen on taking part in local and regional specialized exhibitions to display

with their needs of tools, kitchens and equipment. "Horeca Kuwait has major economic impact in view of the constant development in hospitality, and building new hotels and restaurants to cover the urban expansion Kuwait is currently witnessing," he stressed, noting that the total number of restaurants in Kuwait was over 5,000 and that of hotels was over 60 including 45 percent classified as four and five star

Furthermore, Farhat expressed Mabrook's pride in the status it has so far achieved in the Kuwaiti market and stressed that developing it and meeting the demands of its clients was on top of its priorities as a leading company with a long record of achievements ever since its foundation 57 years ago.

In addition, Farhat explained that during its participation in the previous Horeca exhibitions, Mabrook had displayed its latest products and that it would also present new products this year, namely Stainless Steel kitchens and ovens the best international quality standards for both central or household kitchens. He added that Mabrook also intends organizing a

chocolate festival to display its latest chocolate equipment. Farhat added that Mabrook also provides a variety of hotel, restaurants and central kitchens' needs manufactured in Mabrook's factory in Sabhan and exports them to some GCC countries in addition to Lebanon and Jordan.

Ali Farhat

its latest products, such smart kitchens using modern technology to provide companies and hotels and central kitchens



'SHOP BAHRAIN' SHOPPING FESTIVAL OPENS DEC 24

By Nawara Fattahova

KUWAIT: The second edition of the Bahrain Shopping Festival 'Shop Bahrain', the largest event in the kingdom, will be held from December 24, 2015 to January 23, 2016. A delegation from Bahrain is visiting Kuwait as part of a roadshow to promote the festival. "The 30-day nationwide festival will celebrate various elements from the culture, tourism, and rich hospitality that the kingdom is renowned for, along with a unique shopping experience filled with promotions and prizes," said Shop Bahrain Director Nawaf Al-Koheji during a press conference held yesterday at the Jumeirah Hotel and Resort.

Attractive prizes and special activities are awaiting visitors. "During the festival, shoppers will be able to benefit from the special deals offered by the registered retail outlets. They will also be able to avail the opportunity of winning fabulous prizes by entering a weekly raffle draw. For every purchase worth BD 10 or more, shoppers will be electronically registered in a loyalty scheme. They can also increase their chance of winning prizes based on their shopping frequency," Koheji said.

Activities

Reem Tawfiqi, Marketing and Communication Director, spoke about the activities at the fest. "The year's festival will focus on three main events. The most important of them is the 'VIVA Shop and Skate', which is the largest outdoor ice-skating rink in the region located at Al A'ali Shopping Complex. It will be open to the public throughout the duration of the festival, with special offers during the weekend," she explained.

The other event is Al Riwaq's 'The Nest' in the heart of the capital Manama. "The local bazaar will feature upcoming and prominent businesses and latest talents from Bahrain and the region, in addition to 'The Taste Tour' held in Block 338 in Adliya. Next on the festival's calendar is the 'Family Fair', a two-day carnival held during the New Year's Eve weekend at Prince Khalifa bin Salman Park, which will bring together an array of fun family activities. The festival, held on Dec 31, 2015 and Jan 1, 2016, will feature games, entertainment activities and mouth-watering cuisine," added Tawfiqi.

"Other fun-filled attractions include in-mall activities such as bungee jumping at Al A'ali Shopping Complex, a cinema event dedicated for children as well as the 'Kamikaze Fireflies' show among other entertainment activities. A weekly and grand raffle draw will also be held offering visitors and residents the opportunity to win big and amazing prizes," she concluded.

Visa procedures

According to Koheji, authorities in Bahrain have also recently eased the process and procedure of obtaining a visa to the kingdom, including



KUWAIT: Shop Bahrain Director Nawaf Al-Koheji (right) and Marketing and Communication Director Reem Tawfiqi attend the press conference. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

visas for tourists and businessmen along with residents of Gulf countries. "Nationals from over 103 countries can now obtain a visa either online via the eVisa website (www.evisa.gov.bh) or on arrival at Bahrain International Airport. It should take around seven days to issue the visa online," stated

Last year, Bahrain welcomed 10 million visitors, out of which around 8 million were from the GCC. "Our key focus is to attract visitors from the Gulf region. We look forward to welcoming visitors to the kingdom and encourage them to spend a few extra days to enjoy our exciting line-up of events, which embodies the spirit of fun and celebration. Last year we witnessed a 16 percent increase in tourists, and we hope this year will see an even higher number," Koheji said.

"The national event aims to promote links between the public and private sectors while focusing on energizing the retail and tourism sectors by bringing together an array of events and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Shop Bahrain will mirror the kingdom's position as a welcoming, accessible, family destination with an incredibly diverse range of retail experiences from luxury malls to traditional souks to luxury boutiques coupled with unbeatable bargains and promotions," stressed Koheji.

KD 70 MILLION CULTURAL CENTER TO GRACE AHMADI GOVERNORATE

KUWAIT: The National Council for Culture, Arts Ahmad cultural center. These two should see and Letters (NCCAL) is set to establish a community cultural center in the governorate of Al-Ahmadi at a cost of KD 70 million, said secretary general of NCCAL Ali Al-Yoha yesterday.

The center, when soon constructed, will boast among its variety of amenities a museum displaying its artifacts and relics in a state-ofthe-art approach involving interactive presentation that should dazzle the visitor, Yoha told

He revealed that NCCAL is also planning to establish two more such centers to be named Abdullah Al-Salem cultural center and Jaber Althe light in a few years' time, he said.

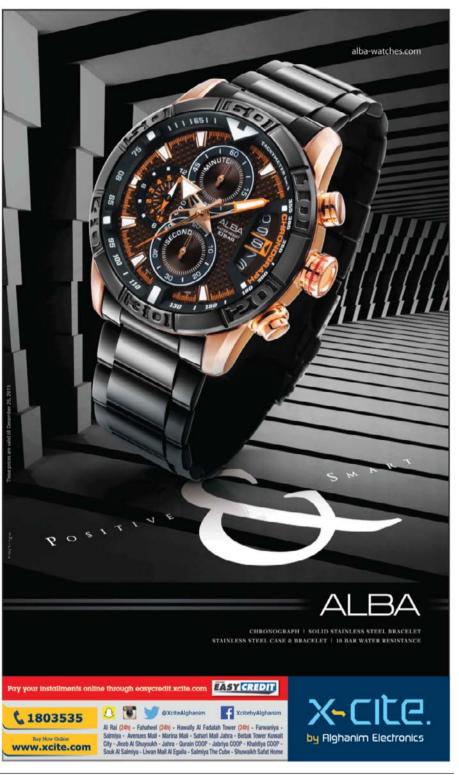
More museums are urgently needed at this time as there are vast numbers of artistic pieces (more than 1600) that need to be housed and cared for and displayed appropriately for the public, he said. Within the next four years, the public should expect seeing numerous art galleries, theaters, and music concert halls, he promised. On a different note, he said NCCAL was putting the last touches on the upcoming event celebrating Kuwait as the 2016 capital of Islamic culture, whose list of activities will be announced at the start of next month. — KUNA

MINISTRY DENIES RESHUFFLE RUMORS

Industry yesterday denied media reports which suggested that Minister Dr Yousef Al-Ali intents to refer one of his assistant undersecretaries to early retirement. The rumors also speculated that the official's liabilities would be frozen within two weeks.

The ministry said in a press statement that the assistant undersecretaries' administrative

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Commerce and structure has been recently updated by reshuffling some of the officials in accordance with work's needs, as well as the ministry's strategy in developing its sectors' performance. "There is no current intention to change or refer any of the senior officials to retirement," stressed the statement, pointing out that minister Ali supports all ministry officials out of his strong belief in their role.





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GANGS AND STATES

By Yousif Al-Jassim

hen, thanks be to Allah, and under Germany's leadership, European countries revolted and opened doors to Syrian refugees to accommodate and feed them after fleeing hell in their distressed country and the entire afflicted Arab world, the IS terrorist group came to repay and reward Europe for its humane actions through brutal attacks in France on Friday, Nov 13.

The chaos created by those international terrorism gangs' attacks goes beyond bloody violence, decapitation, burning people alive and killing innocent people. It even goes as far as creating inter-religion and intercultural conflicts under religious slogans using Almighty Allah's name and that of the holy Prophet (PBUH), taking the Holy Quran as forefront and timing the terrorist attacks and killings to happen on a Friday, Muslims' holy day, to only defame Islam and widen the gap between Muslims and other nations.

It is very tragic and incomprehensible that gangs take over countries or parts of them and then start selling its oil and resources to fund administering the territories they occupy. They provoke world armies to fight them in the long term and expensive guerrilla wars which distract the UN and major, medium and minor countries from humane missions and have them use all their armed forces and intelligent potentials in vicious wars against those gangs. They all stumble and find themselves dealing with cancerlike groups that are incurable by vaccines or radioactive medicine. They start multiplying everywhere, killing those infected while swarms of doctors stand helpless and incapable of surgically removing them.

This absurd tragedy was manifested most in states fighting terrorist organizations like Al-Qaeda and its octopus-like branches and sleeper cells worldwide, and led by the US and all its allies with all their might and potentials. Finally, this mystery of IS, that is being fought by the mightiest international coalitions without achieving any victory, remains unperceivable, because the noses of those terrorists seem to be still floating above the water's surface and are breathing. All the wars waged against them seem incapable to destroy and sink them. Major and minor countries have failed to contain their danger and avoid their sudden terrorist attacks anywhere. They keep creating more hatred between Arabs, Muslims and other nations.

It is really a painful scene and calls for many inquiries such as how long can this disgraceful farce of terrorist gangs' domination over our Arab and Muslim countries go on? How long will they be able to carry on with vicious agendas of destroying all bridges of tolerance and communication between the West and Muslims and even amongst Muslims themselves, while nobody seems to be able to stop them?

What is the lifeline keeping those gangs alive so far? Who purchases their oil exports? Who sells them weapons and WMDs? Such questions will remain unanswered in a less secure world that turned into a main target for cancerous gangs capable of resisting all remedies. However, international reactions to the recent Paris attacks might answer them and turn over this dreadful leaf of human history for good.

— Translated by Kuwait Times



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Al-Anbaa

MANUFACTURED EPIDEMICS WAR

Obviously, the entire

region is facing

major challenges

and sharp changes.

By Salah Al-Sayer

s soon as the Russian intelligence finished investigating the reason behind the Russian plane crash in Sinai and knew it happened because of a bomb put on the plane, Russian President Vladimir Putin issued supreme orders to relevant authorities to track down the terrorists and punish them according to arti-

cle 51 of the UN Charter that allows states to defend themselves in case of armed assaults, just like Egypt did when its fighters bombed IS locations in Libya at the beginning of this year.

Obviously, the entire region is facing major challenges and sharp changes. However,

regional governments are still weak and not up to the magnitude of such national sovereignty-transcending challenges. The Russian people or other peoples cannot take the consequences of security breaches in other countries, the continuity of breeding terrorists

or that of terrorism-producing cultures. Therefore, regional countries must immediately start 'updating', modernization and development to put a limit to what might happen to them within the foreseeable future.

Nobody can live in isolation nowadays because the

world has become a 'small village'. Making excuses of sovereignty, cultures, traditions or habits is not enough because any state worldwide is connected to world-governed general human values and concepts. All states must abide by those concepts and regulations and regulate things in a way that would prevent assaulting other coun-

tries because some of them (scientifically developed ones) can send extremists to spread epidemics manufactured in labs to terminate regional people in a short period.

— Translated by Kuwait Times

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Al-Qabas

THE JUSTIFIERS

By Ahmad Al-Sarraf

mong the least logical comments in justifying the criminal act that took place in the French capital, is when some people tried to link it to the crimes of the French "occupation" of Algeria and other countries. Accepting this excuse or justification means accepting the attack of any society or country on another, so that we all live in a whirlpool of revenge acts that remind us of the tribal or family vendetta stories between one group or another, that may continue for many long years.

It is difficult to find a society or a state that was not attacked by another state or group, or being at one stage of history the aggressor against others, so the Spanish have the right to invade us and occupy our countries, because we previously invaded them and occupied their lands for a 1,000 years, before nearly 1.000 years!

Although many people, including extreme ones in their stand towards the West, condemned the terrorist act in Paris, most of them, as our colleague Saad bin Tefla had said in a column published in Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper, followed the condemnation with the word "but"...but France started the attack against our countries and holy places! Or saying that Daesh does not represent Islam or Muslims, or those actions are committed by a stray group!

These justifiers do not realize that others have the same right to use the same justifications and attack us in the heart of our homes. The colleague said the humanitarian and moral duty requires us to condemn the bloody random killings that target innocent people with moral comprehensiveness that does not know selectiveness or the "buts", and this is a condemnation or a humanitarian motive that sympathizes with the human being in any place and of any nationality, religion or color, and anything else is not a condemnation, rather an insult to the victims and innocents who fall to terrorism operations anywhere.

The condemnation stand is an absolute moral one that is not tied to France's official stands, nor is it linked to the degree of others ethics - it is a basic stand that does not know how to exclude the innocent, and does not use the "but" with this victim or that.

Can we use "but" when innocents fall randomly in Paris, because colonial France committed war crimes in its colonies in the past? And to what extent in history we will go back with our vendetta mentality against others?! How does this vendetta mentality differ from the Daesh mentality which is demanding to fight will all those on earth until they bow to their caliphate, become Muslims and pledge loyalty to their caliph, or pay "jizya"?

We say that it is regretful that many of those who cheated others with what they give themselves in the form of scientific descriptions, to which they point with alphabets that precede their names, and sign their columns, topped the list of those justifiers, who would not have done this if it was not for the religious and partisan blindness that kept them from seeing the truth.

Yet there remains the puzzling question: Where are those criminal killers from Israel, for example?

araei, for example? — Translated by Kuwait Times

FORMER OIL OFFICIALS CRITICIZE DOW INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

KUWAIT: A parliamentary committee investigating the Dow Chemical case started taking new turns after some former senior oil sector officials made a statement explaining that the committee had made accusations against them without showing the least respect to their rights to be asked directly about such accusations. This was already highlighted by MP Ahmad Al-Qudhaibi, who stressed that they had not been called to be interrogated. The statement signed by former oil sector senior officials, including Saad Al-Showayyeb, Maha Mulla Hussein, Yousif Al-Ateeqi, Nasser Al-Enezi, Khaled Al-Ajeel and Salah Al-Kharji. They refuted the allegations made by chairman of the parliament's public fund protection committee MP Abdullah Al-Turaiji, who claimed that the investigation committee had summoned all related officials. — Al-Jarida

FINANCE MIN CONSIDERS SODA, TOBACCO TAX

KUWAIT: Official sources at the finance ministry said the ministry plans to impose additional tax on soda and energy drinks, and tobacco by nearly 100 percent. The sources said the decision is expected at the start of next year.

Informed sources said the taxes on products will be selective, especially those that are bad for health, because the ministry may not face popular opposition to such move. The sources said Kuwait is considered one of the highest consumers of sodas worldwide, with a rate of 65 liters per individual annually, and is considered among the large tobacco consumers. The expected price list: Soda drinks between 100 fils and 200 fils; energy drinks between 550 fils and 1.150 fils and tobacco products to reach KD 2 as a maximum. — Al-Anbaa

CONSULTANTS TO LOSE JOBS

KUWAIT: The Cabinet has asked all ministries to rationalize spending on consultant positions. Consultants are paid according to a reward system or based on individual projects and there are currently more than 5,700 such consultants working for Kuwait government departments and ministries. An official source quoted but unnamed by Al-Anbaa said that all ministries will be informed and payments for those employees will be stopped before the end of the current fiscal year, and they will be informed during January about the last salary they will receive, and they will be given a chance to find another job.

The source said the termination of those people will be immediate and does not need anything because there are no contracts with the ministries, and they do not enjoy an annual leave, and if they take one, it will be unpaid. The source said most ministries who have such jobs are Awqaf, Education, Social Affairs, Health and the Municipality.

The source said the next move will include those on contracts in ministries in order to 'Kuwaitize' those jobs, especially the administrative ones, bearing in mind that there is a long line of Kuwaitis who are looking for jobs at the civil service commission, waiting for the implementation of the replacement policy. He said some jobs will be excluded from this policy including doctors, teachers and nurses. — Al-Anbaa

SPRING CAMPS INSPECTED IN SEARCH FOR IS ELEMENTS

KUWAIT: Kuwait Municipality is currently coordinating with the interior ministry to inspect some suspected spring camps with the goal of preventing IS elements from infiltrating through Kuwaiti deserts, well-informed sources said.

The sources explained that a special integrated team is set to be formed to deal with various security as well as organizational matters related to camps. "The interior ministry is responsible for implanting security agents among the camps as well as intensifying morning and night patrols," added the sources, underlining that all sites were being monitored by satellites.

Furthermore, the sources stressed that security 'surveying'

and inspection would be done secretly by special undercover teams and that all reports made to either the municipality or interior ministry in this regard would be taken seriously.

In this regard, Municipal Council member Nayef Al-Sour warned the interior ministry as well as municipality officials of the presence of several 'suspicious camps' among those already licensed in addition to others outside the locations set by the municipality. "Those camps have to be closely watched by security forces to make sure they do not include any IS sleeping cells," he warned, pointed out that the procedure would be of great importance in order to update licensed campers'

information.

Sour also described camp subleasing as a healthy business provided that it is regulated by law and stressed that all needed information about new campers had to be provided to relevant authorities. "The municipality should have used the fingerprint system in issuing camps licenses to make sure licensees were not legally wanted for any cases. Meanwhile, Municipal Council member Abdullah Al-Kandari urged both the municipality and interior ministry to immediately reveal the truth about discovering some illegal camps near Kuwait's land borders and explain why they had not been removed nor inspected by security forces. — Al-Rai

Crime

Report

Senior official files defamation charges

KUWAIT: The head of the standards department at the Traffic General Department was insulted and defamed by anonymous persons on the internet. He filed a complaint at Rumaithiya police station. The complaint was forwarded to the electronic crimes detectives to find out the identity of the suspects.

Man swindled

A man fell victim to a swindler who made him believe that an industrial lot belonged to him, and took KD 120,000 from the him and escaped. The victim told Naeem police that a man was supposed to hand him over the lot but did not. Detectives are working on the case.

Threat

A woman accused a person who was driving a luxury car of chasing her in Salmiya and endangering her life when she did not stop, as he tried to force her to do so. She gave police the car's license plate number and they are working on the case.

Driver mugged

A driver was stabbed by a passenger and robbed in Abu Halifa. The driver went to Abu Halifa police station with a medical report stating that he had a stab wound in the hand. He said a man pulled a knife and asked him for his money, and when he refused, he was stabbed and the money was taken. Detectives were asked to investigate.

Drunk driver arrestedAhmadi traffic patrol arrested a drunk driver who was driv-

ing a Truck. Motorists called police and told them that the driver was endangering their lives, so patrol officers were sent and forced him to stop. The driver was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and endangering people's lives.

Cash stolen

A man told Fahd Al-Ahmad police that his car was broken and KD 1,700 and documents were stolen from it. Criminal evidence men lifted fingerprints and Ahmadi detectives are investigating.

Armed robbery

A grocer was robbed of KD 310 by two persons who threatened him with a knife. A security source in Maidan Hawally said the victim gave the description of the two as detectives were asked to find and arrest them.

'Missing' girl found

A woman was arrested in Sharq late at night, after police stopped her and found she was missing for 12 days, as a case was lodged at Salmiya police station. The girl was sent to the relevant police station for processing, who handed her to her family.

Shopper assaulted

Two men beat a woman inside a co-op society without an apparent reason, according to her statements. The woman filed a complaint at Salam police station. — Al-Rai



KUWAIT: VIVA, Kuwait's fastest-growing and most developed telecom operator, announced its activities during the 51st annual national conference of the National Union of Kuwaiti Students (NUKS) - United Kingdom and Ireland branch, held under the patronage of Prime Minister, His Highness Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, on 20 and 21 November 2015.

The first day featured a religious lecture for Sheikh Fahed Al-Kandari, and a poetry night for the poet Saed Bin Hindi. The anchor Ola Al-Fares shared her successful experience in the media domain. In addition, the audience enjoyed many entertaining activities.

The second day was a busy one, started with cultural and health seminars, then "Diwaniya" session presented by Dr. Mohamad Al-Safi. Al-Safi hosted the son of the late Abdulrahman Al-Sumeit who talked about the history of his father in the charity domain and the member of municipality Mr. Abdullah Al-Kandari who spoke about the future job opportunities for the students. Mr. Mohamed Al-Noghaimesh presented a lecture about the art of persuation. Moreover, the artist Mohamed Al-Khodor held an entertaining session, followed by an interactive and engaging session called "VIVA" held by the anchor Hessa Al-Loghani, which included competitions and prizes. The anchor Abdulaziz Al-Atiya presented a sportive session where he hosted the former Kuwait team soccer players Bachar Abdullah and Hamad Al-Tayar, and Mr. Abdulrazaq Bader Al-Essa, Director of Corporate Communications Division at VIVA, who discussed VIVA's sponsorships for Real Madrid and Manchester United teams. At the end, all attendees were invited to enjoy a dinner.



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RUSSIA SAYS JET DOWNING 'PROVOCATION'

PILOT DENIES WARNING • ANKARA SEEKS TO EASE TENSIONS • MOSCOW SENDS MISSILES TO SYRIA

MOSCOW: Russia yesterday accused Turkey of a "planned provocation" over the downing of a warplane on the Syrian border as a rescued pilot claimed that no warning had been given. As the diplomatic fallout from Tuesday's incident raged on, Ankara sought to play down tensions and its allies in NATO issued urgent appeals for restraint. Moscow said Russian and Syrian special forces had rescued one of the two pilots who ejected from the bomber as it plunged to the earth in a fireball but confirmed the second airman and a soldier sent to rescue him died.

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In his first interview, rescued pilot Konstantin Murakhtin told Russian state media there had been no warning before his plane was shot down by Turkish fighter jets. "There was no warning, not by radio exchange nor visually. There was no contact at all," Murakhtin said at Moscow's base in Syria, with his back to the cameras. Turkey insists it gave 10 warnings in the space of five minutes, an account backed up by its NATO ally the United States which spearheads a coalition against Islamic State jihadists in Syria.

The downing has threatened ties between two major rival players in the Syrian war and raised fears it could escalate into a wider geopolitical conflict. "We have serious doubts about this being an unpremeditated act, it really looks like a planned provocation," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told reporters after speaking to Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu by phone in the first contact between the two over the incident.

"We do not plan to go to war with Turkey, our attitude toward the Turkish people has not changed," he added, but warned Moscow would "seriously reevaluate" relaon Tuesday branded the incident a "stab in stem the flow of jihadist fighters. the back committed by accomplices of terrorists", and told Russians not to to visit Turkey, a key tourist destination.

'Friend and Neighbor'

Turkey, however, has sought to turn down the heat, with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan insisting Ankara was simply defending its border. "We have no intention to escalate this incident. We are just defending our security and the rights of our brothers," Erdogan said in a speech in Istanbul. Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu called Russia "our friend and our neighbour" and said Ankara did not want to further strain ties. Turkey says the Su-24 bomber violated its airspace 10 times within a five-minute period, despite warnings each time. Turkey's ambassador to the UN Halit Cevik said in a letter to the Security Council that two planes were involved. He said both had flown 1.36 miles (2.19 km) into Turkish airspace for 17 seconds in a final violation at 0724 GMT and that one was shot down while the other left Turkish airspace.

According to a recording of the communications aired in the Turkish media: the Turks said: "This is Turkish air force speaking - on guard. You're approaching Turkish airspace." But Russia insists the plane never strayed from Syrian territory. The shooting also risks derailing efforts to bring peace to Syria that were gaining tentative momentum following the Nov 13 Paris attacks claimed by Islamic State extremists who control swathes of northern Syria. French President Francois Hollande flies to Moscow today to meet Putin, with both struggling to make good on demands for a broader coalition to fight IS. Lavrov backed a call by

Moscow Sends Missile System Ankara and Moscow are already on starkly opposing sides in the four-year Syrian civil war, with Turkey wanting to see the ouster of President Bashar Al-Assad while Russia is one of his last remaining allies. Assad's other key ally Iran also slammed Ankara. Turkey's behaviour "sends the wrong message to the terrorists" in Syria, its Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad

Zarif told Lavrov. In an apparent response to Turkey's action, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said Moscow would send its most hi-tech S-400 air defence system to its airbase in Syria. The Moskva guided missile cruiser will be stationed near the Syrian Mediterranean port of Latakia, the defence ministry said. There has been fears of such a mid-air incident since Russia launched air strikes in Syria in September, to the consternation of nations already involved in the USled coalition. Turkey had protested that Russia's campaign was aimed at hitting Syrian rebels and buttressing the Assad regime rather than hurting IS jihadists.

Putin said Murakhtin would be given a medal, along with those involved in the rescue operation and the second pilot who was shot dead by rebels after parachuting out. Russia said another soldier had been killed in a first failed bid to rescue the pair. In Moscow several hundred activists hurled stones and eggs at Turkey's embassy and brandished anti-Turkish placards in a brief protest over the jet downing. Europe's main stock markets rebounded from losses Tuesday over the downing, but the spiking geopolitical tensions continued to domi-



MOSCOW: Protesters hold placards and shout slogans as they take part in an anti-Turkey picket outside the Turkish embassy yesterday. — AFP

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IS CLAIMS DEADLY Tunisia bombing

TUNIS: The Islamic State group yesterday claimed the suicide bombing of a busload of presidential guards in Tunisia's capital, the latest attack in a country plagued by Islamist violence. President Beji Caid Essebsi and other members of the National Security Council met to discuss more crisis measures, after imposing a nationwide state of emergency following Tuesday's blast. IS said a Tunisian, named as Abou Abdallah Al-Tounissi, had boarded the bus wearing an explosives belt only a few hundred metres from the interior ministry as it picked up guards on their way to work. Twelve of them were killed and 20 other people wounded, including four civilians, according to the health ministry.

IS said in a statement shared on jihadist social media that 20 people had died. It published a photo of the attacker dressed in white and wearing an explosives vest, his head and face covered with a scarf. The interior ministry said 10 kilos of Semtex explosives were used. It added that a 13th body "is believed to be that of the terrorist who caused the explosion", and that DNA tests were being conducted to identify the person. After the blast Essebsi ordered a 9:00 pm to 5:00 am curfew for Tunis and a state of emergency throughout the country, less than two months after a previous one had been lifted. That was imposed in June after an IS gunman massacred 38 foreign tourists at the popular Mediterranean resort of Sousse. In March, two IS jihadists stormed the National Bardo Museum in Tunis, killing 21 tourists and a policeman. And just days ago, a jihadist group claimed the beheading of a young Tunisian shepherd on behalf of IS, accusing him of having informed the army about their movements.

Some presidential guards expressed concern that not enough was being done to protect them from attacks, noting that the bombing took place where they are routinely picked up to go to work. "As usual, we got on the bus," one wounded guard said on national radio. "Just as the driver started to head off, the explosion occurred." "For years this place has been our gathering point but they didn't think to change it, although we are the first to be targeted," another one said. The site of the explosion was cordoned off, with forensic experts at work around the burnt-out shell of the bus. Behind the barricades set up, dozens of ordinary citizens demonstrated in support of Tunisia's security forces, some carrying the national flag. Meanwhile, plainclothes policemen prohibited journalists from gathering at the site and assaulted a number of them who did, an AFP correspondent said. Reporters Without Borders denounced the "abuse" of what it said was around 30 journalists. — AFP



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SYRIAN REFUGEES IN US FEAR FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND

CHICAGO: Sitting on a donated couch in her modest Chicago apartment, Safa Mshymish knows she is among the lucky ones: A Syrian refugee welcomed into the United States before the tide of public opinion turned. It hurts, she said, to hear politicians are trying to stop families just like hers from finding a safe haven, branding all Syrians a security threat in the wake of the Paris attacks. "Just like any mother who loves her children and wants to see them sleep peacefully, so do I. Just like any mother wants to feed her children, so do I," she said. They must not realize, she said, that like her these are people forced from their homes consumed with worry for the loved ones left behind. This is what she would tell them all, if she could. As her American neighbors prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving with their families on Thursday, Mshymish, 27, longs for a homeland that no longer exists. They had a good life before the war began. They were comfortable, safe and happy, surrounded by family and friends.

Her husband went to a couple of demonstrations in the early, peaceful days of the protest movement against President Bashar Al-Assad's regime, but mostly stayed out of the intensifying conflict. Until a car full of "thugs" drove up and opened fire as he sat at a cafe with five friends in Homs on Oct 15, 2011. "I was the only one who survived. Everybody else was killed," Ismil Alrife, 38, told AFP.

Watching his friends die on the street was just the beginning, as fear came to shadow their days. Now that Alrife was injured - the bullets severed the main nerve in his right leg and he needs a cane to walk - they were afraid he would become a target for the regime, indiscriminate in rounding up potential "troublemakers". Trying to leave was also dangerous. So they stayed, even as the war intensified, making it impossible for their three children to go to school and difficult to even buy groceries. Then a missile struck their apartment building. As the walls crumbled around them, they flung their children under the bed and prayed. They escaped with their lives, and little

Moonlight Escape

The family of five joined a steady stream of refugees weaving their way through the wartorn country, reaching the border with Jordan in July 2012. They waited for darkness to fall and walked 40 km though the mountains in hopes of avoiding Syrian patrols. After more than two years in Jordan, they were given clearance to emigrate to the United States. arriving in Chicago during one of its coldest winters ever. The children - now aged 11, 9, 6 and 20 months - have had an easier time adjusting to the new language and culture.

They are learning English at school and, like generations of immigrants before them, sometimes act as interpreters for their parents. "We feel very happy to be here and be safe, but at the same time it's not easy for anyone to leave home," Mshymish said. The United States has admitted fewer than 2,180 Syrian refugees out of the nearly 4.3 million who have registered

with the United Nations since the conflict began in 2011. President Barack Obama pledged to resettle 10,000 more in the next year, but Syrian refugees have become a political football in the wake of the Nov 13 attacks which killed 130 in Paris.

More than half of state governors oppose hosting any more Syrians and the House of Representatives voted to ban refugees from either Syria or Iraq without tougher screening measures - to prevent jihadists posing as refugees from slipping into the West to stage

'Despicable' Backlash

Suzanne Akhras Sahloul, director of the Syrian Community Network non-profit group, called the backlash against refugees "despicable" - coming against a backdrop of anti-Muslim rhetoric from several Republican presidential candidates. "I'm very disappointed in our country," said Sahloul, whose group helps refugees adjust to life in the United States. "What happened to us that we are now closing our doors to people who are escaping terrorism, trauma and death?"

Chicago - one of the nation's largest, most diverse cities - has welcomed just 18 families of Syrian refugees. Most live within walking distance of the Alrife family in a bustling immigrant neighborhood where shopkeepers speak Arabic and sell the thick, strong coffee that reminds them of home. Abdullah Taha, 44, arrived with his wife and three children in September. The former taxi driver was impris-



CHICAGO: Syrian refugees Safa Mshymish and Ismil Alrife sit with their children Rama, Noor, Malath and Ameer in their apartment on Nov 20, 2015. — AFP

oned for a month after driving some customers into the wrong neighborhood of Damascus in Dec 2011.

He said he was tortured by the regime while his desperate family, fearing the worst, searched the streets for his body. Taha fled to Lebanon soon after his release, but found life there too "chaotic". He said he was grateful to the kind people who made his family feel welcome in Chicago. But his days are filled with fears for his parents, siblings and all those

trapped in Syria. And he struggles to contain his anger when he hears refugees branded as terrorists.

"I get very upset when some people or candidates for the US election, they invent anything to use it during the election, anything, and they tarnish our image," he told AFP. "It's not the reality, we're not like this," he said. "I would give my life to them just to prove that those millions of Syrians are innocent and have nothing to do with terrorism." — AFP



CHICAGO: Protesters shut down a street during a protest for 17-year-old Laquan McDonald early yesterday. — AP

CHICAGO ON EDGE AFTER POLICE SHOOTING VIDEO

COP'S LAWYER SAYS VIDEO 'DISTORTS IMAGES

CHICAGO: Racial tensions soared in Chicago Tuesday as officials released a graphic video of a police officer shooting a black teen 16 times, shortly after he was charged for the death. The "chilling" video is the latest in a string of police shootings caught on camera that have sparked mass - and sometimes violent protests and engulfed the United States in a debate over racism and the use of deadly force by police.

Dozens of demonstrators marched through the city's busy streets, but there were only small scuffles with law enforcement and three arrests reported by the early hours of yesterday morning. The dashcam video shows officer Jason Van Dyke open fire on Laquan

is chilling," Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez told reporters after charging Van Dyke with first degree murder. "To watch a 17-year-old young man die in such a violent manner is deeply disturbing and I have absolutely no doubt this video will tear at the hearts of all Chicagoans."

Shot from an approaching police vehicle, it shows McDonald run down the middle of the street towards a cruiser, hitch up his pants and then start to walk away from Van Dyke and his partner. His body then spins and strikes the pavement. McDonald lifts his head, moves an arm and then a cloud from another gunshot rises up from his chest

McDonald, 17. "It is graphic, it is violent, it as he lays in a fetal position. He does not officials in appealing for calm. "No one move as an officer enters the frame for just long enough to kick a knife away from his prone hand. None of the officers approach McDonald to try to help him as he bleeds out on the street, writhing once in the remaining minute of video.

Prosecutors said Van Dyke opened fire just 30 seconds after his cruiser pulled up to the scene and six seconds after stepping out of it. McDonald - who was holding a knife when he was shot and had earlier slashed the tyres of a police cruiser - made no threatening gestures to justify the use of deadly force, Alvarez said. It was the first time a Chicago police officer has been charged with first-degree murder for an on-duty

fatality in more than 30 years, the Chicago Tribune reported.

Build bridges'

City officials, who had tried to block the video from going public, were ordered by a judge to release it no later than yesterday. Alvarez said she had planned to wait until a federal investigation was complete but decided to press charges against Van Dyke prior to the video's release "in the interest of public safety". Mayor Rahm Emanuel appealed for calm and said he hoped the city could use the incident as an opportunity to "build bridges of understanding" between police and young men like McDonald. "We as a city must rise to this moment," he told Police reporters. Superintendent Garry McCarthy said that while "people have a right to be angry" and to protest peacefully, his officers would be "intolerant of criminal

behavior". McDonald's

family joined commu-

nity leaders and city

understands the anger more than us but if you choose to speak out, we urge you to be peaceful," they said in a statement released to local media. "Don't resort to violence in Laquan's name. Let his legacy be better than that." The city approved a \$5 million settlement for McDonald's family in April. Police had initially said McDonald was high on PCP, acting erratically and lunged at the officers with a

Cop Feared for his Life

Van Dyke's lawyer said yesterday his client feared for his life and that the dashboard camera footage released by police is unreliable because video "distorts images". Daniel Herbert told CNN that Officer Jason Van Dyke arrived at the scene 18 minutes after a suspect carrying a knife was reported to have threatened businesses and vandalized police cruisers. "The reason my client Jason fired his weapon that evening back in October 2014 is that he truly was in fear for his life as well as the lives of his fellow

police officers," Herbert said. Herbert told CNN his client was afraid McDonald was going to attack him with a knife, adding the video was not an indicator of his client's guilt. "Video by its nature is 2-dimensional. It distorts images. So what appears to be clear on a video sometimes is not always that clear," Herbert said. Chicago Alderman Emma Mitts told MSNBC yesterday the video does not show anything that would justify the shooting and said Van Dyke's conduct was "just unacceptable". Mitts said McDonald's family had not wanted the video made public but now wants action taken. "There's a pain that the family is feeling," she said. "The family don't want to relive that pain over

again. We expect change." The release of the video itself has been controversial. Civil rights activist Al Sharpton criticized Chicago city officials for blocking the video, which was made public only after an independent journalist filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit. Sharpton, speaking on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" program, called for a special prosecutor to handle the case "because the politics here needs to be investigated." The Chicago Police Department had argued that releasing the video would taint multiple investigations. — Agencies

CANADA DELAYS INFLUX OF SYRIAN REFUGEES

OTTAWA: Canada remains committed to taking in 25,000 Syrian refugees but only 10,000 of them by year's end, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government said on Tuesday. The Liberal administration, which had pledged to take in the full number of refugees from camps in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon this year, said 15,000 would now arrive in the first two months of 2016. The delay was announced as the deadly Paris attacks stir fears in Europe and North America that jihadists could seek to blend in with refugees in order to strike later. Recent polls showed 54 percent of Canadians support slowing down the operation to host refugees if it meant avoiding possible security lapses. "Canadians have said do this right and if it takes a little longer to do it, then take the time," Immigration Minister John McCallum told a press conference. "And so essentially this is what we are going to be doing." Officials said communities across Canada where the refugees will be resettled also need more time to prepare for their arrival, McCallum said. "We want them to have a roof over their head," he said. "We want them to have the right supports for language training and for all the other things that they need to begin their life here in Canada, and it takes a bit of time to put all of that in place."

Single Males Turned Away

Under the plan, all 25,000 refugees would be identified by Dec 31 from lists prepared by the UN refugee agency and the government of Turkey, and invited to apply for relocation to Canada. A text message will direct them to Canadian visa offices in Amman, in Beirut and one in Turkey where 500 government staff have been dispatched to process applications. Officials said only whole families, women in vulnerable position, or single men who are gay - therefore deemed at risk of persecution - or accompanied by parents as part of a family will be accepted. Other single males old enough for military service would be turned away.

Trudeau's government has sought to reassure the White House over the safety aspect of its plans, as President Barack Obama faces a barrage of opposition to his own scheme to resettle 10,000 refugees in the coming year. "We will not compromise the quality of the security work that must get done," said Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale. "Safety and security have always been at the very top of our priority list," he said. The first refugee flight is expected to take off in early December, but a precise date has not yet been set. "We have a responsibility to significantly expand our refugee targets and give more victims of war a safe haven in Canada," Trudeau said in a statement. "The resettling of vulnerable refugees is a clear demonstration of this." Before boarding chartered flights to Toronto or Montreal, the refugees would undergo security checks, which include the verification of documents, iris scans, fingerprinting and photographing, among other measures. They will also receive a medical examination.

Defense Minister Harjit Sajjan said Canadian military transports also stand ready to assist in the massive airlift. Upon arrival in Canada, most of the refugees are expected to transit straight through to the 36 communities that have offered to sponsor them. The Canadian military is making 6,000 beds available on its bases to temporarily accommodate others. The cost of the operation could reach up to Can\$678 million over six years, officials said. Canada takes in an average of 250,000 refugees from around the world each year. The UN refugee agency estimates that more than four million Syrians have fled the civil war ravaging their country which has killed more than 250,000 people. — AFP



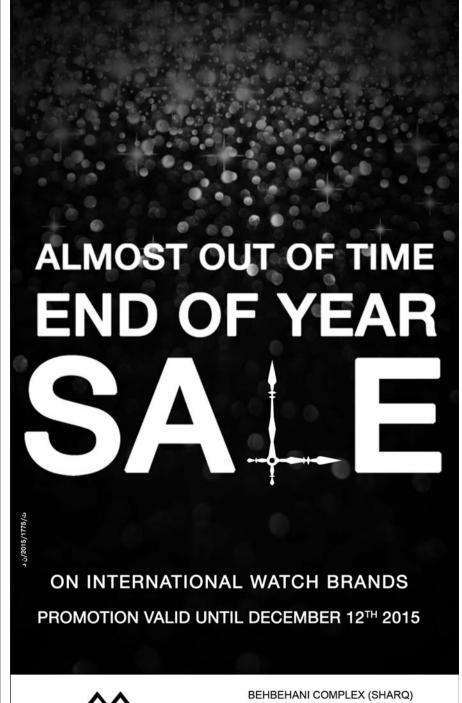
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UN DECRIES BALKANS BORDER CURBS ON REFUGEES; ARRIVALS IN GREECE FALL

GENEVAL: The United Nations on Tuesday condemned new restrictions on refugees that have left around 1,000 migrants stuck at the main border crossing into Macedonia from Greece, denied entry due to their nationalities in violation of international law. "Profiling asylum seekers on the basis of their alleged nationality infringes the human right of all people to seek asylum, irrespective of their nationality and to have their individual cases heard," U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon said in a statement issued by his press office. He urged nations to "respond with compassion, solidarity and shared responsibility."

Balkan countries have clamped down at their borders recently to stem what has been an anarchic, largely unchecked stream of humanity into Europe this year. But there were signs on Tuesday that the tide was starting to ebb somewhat - although relief officials cautioned that it was too early to declare a trend. "Talk about a sharp drop in the number of refugee arrivals to Greece may be premature. UNHCR staff on Lesbos (island) report that over 40 dinghies carrying

an estimated 2,000 refugees and migrants arrived last night (Monday) and today," UN refugee agency spokesman William Spindler told Reuters.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reported earlier that the number of refugees and migrants reaching Greek islands, the most common entry point to Europe, fell to 155 on Sunday while 478 arrived at the ports of Athens and Kavala - far fewer than the daily average for the past few months.

"The drop is significant given that, according to IOM estimates, some 100,000 migrants have crossed into Greece since the beginning of November - averaging around 4,500 crossings per day," an IOM statement said. There have also been no migrant boats landing in Italy, the other main gateway into Europe, since Nov 19, it added.

Increasingly stormy winter weather is making crossings by sea to Europe more dangerous, and refugees trekking northwards through the Balkans are now exposed to freezing cold and snow.

Traditional refugee haven Sweden

announced it will tighten border controls and asylum rules to stem the flood of asylum seekers into the Nordic country and force other EU nations to accept a bigger share of refugees. A popular backlash against refugees is intensifying in the country that has taken in the majority of asylum seekers - Germany, while it has become harder to cross borders along the main Balkan corridor toward Western Europe.

Macedonia's refusal to admit 1,000 migrants was part of a new policy by Balkan states to filter the flow by granting passage onwards towards western Europe only to those fleeing conflict in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, who are seen as genuine asylum seekers rather than "economic

UN officials said the new, uncoordinated obstacles that have stranded migrants on several frontiers in the Balkans threatened a "new humanitarian situation" that required urgent attention given the onset of winter.

"The new restrictions chiefly involve people being profiled on the basis of their claimed nationalities," UNHCR spokesman

Adrian Edwards told a news briefing in

Nationals of countries other than Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan are being stopped, leading to protests by about 200 people, mainly Iranians, Bangladeshis and Pakistanis, with about 60 now on hunger strike, Edwards said.

"All people have the right to seek asylum, irrespective of their nationality and to have their individual cases heard. Proper information needs to be provided to people affected by decisions at border points, and proper counselling needs to be available," he said. About 30 people are marooned at Macedonia's northern border with Serbia, mostly Nigerians and Moroccans, Spindler said. UNHCR had no information on whether the border curbs were linked to security fears over reports that one of the Islamic State militants who attacked Paris on Nov. 13, killing 130 people, may have entered Europe posing as a migrant.

"Nonetheless, the environment has significantly worsened for people seeking asylum and that's a very major concern,"

Edwards said. There have been no migrant deaths reported in Greek-Turkish waters since Nov. 17, "so we're hoping this is showing a trend where things are starting to fall off with the winter," IOM spokesman Joel Millman said. "There has been no landing in Italy since the 19th of November. We don't believe that this many days have gone by without an arrival in almost two years, so that's kind of significant."

Millman also cautioned against jumping to conclusions. He cited Turkish Coast Guard exercises as another possible reason for the sharp drop in migrants leaving the country for Greece. "Although we do note a sharp decrease, we're wondering if it's going to start ticking up again," he said.

About 858,805 refugees and migrants from the Middle East, Africa and Asia have arrived in Europe so far this year by sea, while 3,548 have died or gone missing, according to IOM figures. Only 148 refugees have been relocated from Italy and Greece to other EU countries under a plan for transferring 160,000 agreed by EU leaders in September, Edwards said. —Reuters

IN SWEDEN, MIGRANTS LIVE IN FEAR OF ARSON ATTACKS

LUND, Sweden: "I came from my room to see what was happening. I saw the fire and ran outside," says Dawit, a 13-year-old Ethiopian boy living in a Swedish centre for asylum seekers. His voice is steady and lacking emotion, but the arson attack on his temporary home for unaccompanied children has cast a shadow over his hopes of living in safety one day.

At least 25 centres for asylum seekers in the Scandinavian country have been reduced to ashes or damaged by fires this year, often set in the dark of night while the migrants sleep, unaware of the danger they are in.

Some centres have had stones thrown at them, while others have been vandalised. In the town of Malung, a cross two metres (six-and-a-half feet) high was raised and set ablaze outside a centre, in the style of the Ku Klux Klan, the US white supremacist movement.

Sweden's Social Democratic Prime Minister Stefan Lofven has promised "just punishment for the cowards" whose actions tarnish Swedes' sense of "national pride".

The attacks have largely taken place in rural areas in the southern third of the country, south of the capital Stockholm, where the far-right Sweden Democrats are well established.

In the southern university town of Lund, Dawit-not his real name-says the attack on his shelter left him and its 13 other young residents shaken. "People were afraid," he admits, looking far older than his 13 years as he makes toast for breakfast in the centre's dining room before starting the day in an energy drink.

Unthinkable to attack children

Lund is a liberal enclave in a relatively wealthy region in the province of Skane. otherwise known as the Sweden Democrats' heartland. On October 26, Dawit was in his room late at night when the fire broke out, smoke billowing into the cozy communal area where the boys normally watch TV after doing their homework. The flames were quickly brought under control but the brutality of the act stunned the youths.

It was unthinkable to them that someone would attack children seeking a safe haven, especially in a country known for its tolerance and openness. "Maybe they were a little bit naive," the centre's manager Fernando Cruz said. Arson attacks have surged as the number of migrants grows: Sweden expects up to 190,000 asylum seekers this year and 170,000 next year, making it the European Union country with the most migrant arrivals per capita.

Two days after the Lund attack, a man was arrested as he tried to break into an asylum seeker centre in the southwestern town of Vanersborg to "stab foreigners", by his own account.

A week earlier, a young far-right supporter armed with a sword had killed a teacher and a student, both of foreign origin, at a school in the neighbouring town of Trollhattan.

The arson attacks on centres for asylum seekers have not caused any deaths or serious injuries, but the fear is palpable among the migrants who have fled war and political, religious or ethnic persecution.

"Especially in the days that followed (the fire) I think they were a bit more vigilant about what was happening outside the building, looking out the window and finding it harder to sleep," Cruz said.

Inflammatory rhetoric

The far-right Sweden Democrats (SD) party has likened the massive influx of migrants to an "invasion", while other radical groupings that abound on the web are accused of stirring up racial hatred. SD leader Jimmie Akesson has publicly condemned all calls for violence. While there is no doubt about the criminal nature of the attacks, there is as yet no hard proof of a racial motive in most cases.

Investigators are now trying to determine whether the attacks are the work of an individual or a group or network. Mona Sahlin, the national coordinator for protecting democracy against violent extremism, is critical of the "inflammatory" rhetoric being spread in the public debate and on social networks.

"I'm certain that it is part of the far-right extremist movement to use the refugee situation to strengthen their arguments... It was the same 20 years ago," Sahlin told AFP in an interview.

In 1992, 52 attacks were carried out against centres housing refugees from the Balkans war.

At the Lund centre, life has returned to normal. Guards now patrol the outside and inside of the building every two hours. On the fire-damaged backdoor, Lund residents have left dozens of heart-shaped notes offering their support. "Welcome! I hope you will feel safe now," reads one. — AFP



PARIS: French soldiers patrol the Arch of Triumph on the Champs Elysees avenue of Paris, in France yesterday. — AP

BRUSSELS SCHOOLS AND METRO REOPEN DESPITE TERROR ALERT

Two suspects still at large

BRUSSELS: Brussels struggled to return to normal closed since Saturday and gradually returned to least a week, but took the decision to reopen the suspects from the Paris attacks still being at large

Troops and police were still patrolling the streets of the Belgian capital and the alert status remained at the highest possible level of four, leading to questions about what had changed since schools had closed on Monday. "It's not very reassuring, is it?," said Sarah, who runs a private nursery in Brussels. "If it wasn't safe to open on Monday and Tuesday, why is it now?".

For two days parents scrambled to cope with the extraordinary decision to close schools which authorities said was necessary to foil an imminent Paris-style attack by jihadists.

"I had decided to not bring my kids to school this morning, but changed my mind late last night. Life must go on," said a 47-year-old father who drove his two daughters to school.

"Thank goodness we only have a half day today," said Marc, 14, as he boarded a school bus, adding that he fully enjoyed the two extra days off from school. The Brussels metro system had been more than usual in Brussels, already one of Europe's most congested cities.

About 300 extra police from other cities in Belgium were sent to Brussels to guard schools and 200 extra soldiers helped patrol the metro.

Paratroopers outside school

At the French Lycee in a posh Brussels suburb paratroopers cradled automatic rifles at the top of the small street leading to the school. "I'm not reassured... this school is a symbol," said mother Godeleve, as dozens of French parents dropped off their children

Across town, the huge Kinepolis cinema multiplex reopened with added security by local police. Public museums and concert halls also returned to normal. Hospitals were also put on a special alert, with Belgian officials worried attackers could specifically target emergency rooms and ambulances. Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel on Monday extended the maximum threat level by at

yesterday after four days on maximum terror alert, service, but with many stops still shut to better schools yesterday. Belgium on Tuesday issued an with schools and the metro reopening despite two deploy security staff. Car traffic was also backed up international arrest warrant for a "dangerous" man, Mohamed Abrini, who was seen driving a car with key Paris attacks suspect Salah Abdeslam. Abdeslam is also at large.

The police on Tuesday also charged a fifth suspect in connection with the Paris attacks. Belgian daily L'Echo said a series of police raids on Sunday successfully foiled an imminent terrorist plot.

"We're staying calm but we're keeping a close eye on everyone around us," said Nadia, a mother of two children aged nine and 11. "We Muslims are also targeted," she said. School officials were under orders to implement strict guidelines, including not letting parents onto the premises.

"I had nightmares all night," said Fatima, whose child attends a kindergarten north of Brussels.

The increased security presence in front of the school was discreet, with police patrol cars moving between three schools in the neighborhood. "They drove by six times this morning," said the school principal as the morning bell rang, signalling that it was time for parents to leave. — AFP

MENTAL SCARS OF WAR LEAVE UKRAINE TROOPS BATTLING SUICIDE THREAT

BROVARY: Artur Galtsov survived the bombs and bullets on the frontline in east Ukraine but after returning home the army volunteer faced another battle-overcoming his horrifying memories. Haunted by the recollection of seeing two comrades blown apart before his eyes in fighting with pro-Russian rebels, Galtsov, 24, got drunk one day and jumped from a third-floor window in a bid to end his life. Now a year on, the young man lies on a hospital bed in a small town near Kiev-still unable to talk and barely recognizing relatives due to the injuries he sustained in the fall. "Look at me, Artur. Look at me. You have made great progress, we are so proud of you," a doctor says to him gently.

As the conflict in east Ukraine has plunged the region into bloodletting and seen thousands of young men called up to fight in their own country, Galtsov's story is far from unique.

Suicide is the main cause of non-combat losses in the Ukrainian army since the beginning of conflict. The defense ministry says 171 soldiers committed suicide in 2014 and 2015 but volunteers working with ex-combatants say the real figure is much higher. "We know perfectly well that there are a lot of suicides among those guys, who took part" in the fighting, says volunteer Kseniya Negrey, who has been taking care of Galtsov since his arrival at the private clinic. "There is a moment between the return from the conflict zone and coming back home, when they start drinking, when they just can't cope without their comrades around."

'Psychological exhaustion'

The fighting in east Ukraine has for the most part been waged by inexperienced soldiers firing Soviet-era mortars and rockets at rebels across a sometimes narrow frontline.

Psychologist Tetiana Nazarenko from the Povernennya (Return) trauma treatment centre in Brovary, a town outside Kiev, says that witnessing the devastating impact leaves psychological scars. "The worst thing in terms of psychological effects is when they evacuate the bodies", she said. "Very often these bodies are in pieces, they are in a bad state and coming into contact with them is very tough."

Not only that, but given the stop-start nature of much of the fighting in the conflictwhich Kiev and the West says involved Russian troops-the long periods of waiting for an attack took a heavy mental toll on the soldiers. "There is psychological exhaustion because of the waiting, they start to think what are we doing here, why are we here? We want to go home," she said. Semen Gluzman, the president of the Ukrainian Psychiatric Association, says that alcoholism and drug addiction are the biggest problems Ukrainian soldiers face.

What they need above all are not psychologists and psychiatrists, but qualified social workers and loving care from family members to help them readjust after the fighting. "A man comes back home after a year's absence, after a year of sitting in trenches, losing touch with his family and a normal way of life, after getting used to living in danger," Gluzman said.

"The experiences he had at war are something he must learn to live with. His pain will decrease with time, but initially he needs social assistance", Gluzman adds. But, while the Ukrainian parliament this month passed a law making it mandatory for soldiers to go through a program of psychological rehabilitation after coming back home, Gluzman says the government provision is woefully inadequate.—AFP

BIDEN MEETS BALKAN LEADERS AT SUMMIT ON REFUGEES, THREATS

ZAGREB, Croatia: Tensions over a record surge of asylum-seekers and fears that Islamic militants may have infiltrated the flow brought former Balkans rivals together in an urgent summit yesterday, along with US Vice President Joe Biden.

Biden's trip comes amid a heated debate in the US about whether to admit Syrian refugees following the Islamic State group's attack in Paris that left 130 dead and hundreds wounded. At least two of the militants involved in the Nov. 13 Paris attacks had passed through Greece, apparently posing as asylum-seekers.

In Washington, the House of Representatives has passed laws tightening vetting for refugees from Syria and Iraq, although the White House contends the additional restrictions would effectively block people from those countries. Biden's appearance indicates renewed U.S. interest in the region, which was engulfed in a bloody civil war in the 1990s as the former Yugoslavia broke up. The summit includes former Yugoslav states and Albania.

"The United States of America, and me in particular speaking for the president of the United States, has had an overwhelming interest in this region for the last 25 years," Biden said after meeting the Slovenian president ahead of the summit in the Croatian capital of Zagreb.

The refugee crisis is stoking tensions among the countries on the migrant corridor - Greece, Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia. "The summit comes at the right time, as security concerns have increased due to recent events," Slovenian President Borut Pahor said. "Politicians now have the responsibility to take measures for securing peace and security in the region."

Managing the massive refugee flow has proved a major political and security challenge for the countries on the migrant route - and Europe's inability to agree on a common policy toward the surge has made the situation worse. Slovenia wants to limit the flow of people talking the Balkans route - from Greece through the Balkans up to Germany - so it can re-establish the normal functioning of Europe's passport-free Schengen border zone. Slovenia has started to erect a razor wire fence along its border with Croatia to aid these efforts, but Pahor said getting an agreement with its southern neighbor should be its main priority.

The Balkan nations now say they will only let

in people fleeing conflicts, such those from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, and not people considered economic migrants. Biden said it's "quite an accomplishment" that the region's former war foes are now sitting at the same table and discussing common challenges. "I have been working on this for the past 25 years," Biden said, joking that he was last in the region during the rule of former Yugoslav Communist Leader Josip Broz Tito, who died in 1980, and Croatia's first President Franjo Tudjman, who died in 1999. "That's how old I am," Biden, 73, said. —AP



ZAGREB: US Vice President Joe Biden, center, Croatia's President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, left and Slovenia's President Borut Pahor greet the media in Zagreb yesterday. — AP



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INTERNATIONAL

India's ruling party confronts Gandhis as parliament gathers

NEW DELHI: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi hitting the line that Congress is a dynastic party. has just suffered a bruising election setback, yet his party appears in no mood to compromise with the main political opposition to get stalled economic reforms back on track.

Instead, the nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has launched an all-out offensive against the Congress party, in a potentially dangerous game of brinkmanship that risks turning the next parliamentary session into a prolonged slanging match. "It's a political vendetta," said veteran newspaper editor and commentator Shekhar Gupta of the BJP's attacks on Congress, and specifically Rahul Gandhi, heir apparent to his mother and party leader Sonia Gandhi. Yet behind the sound and fury on TV news networks may lie a more considered tactic, party strategists and political analysts said: isolate Congress while quietly persuading regional parties to back a tax reform bill that is the BJP's top priority. "We are trying to convey to everyone that the government is willing to tweak the bill and present it in a form that benefits all the states," said one senior BJP source, who did not want to be named.

Sanjay Kumar, director of the CSDS think-tank and a leading opinion researcher, said: "They keep The idea is to split the opposition."

In May, 2014, Modi won India's strongest election mandate in three decades, but his dominance in the lower house is neutralised by an upper house where the BJP is in the minority.

And, while he has pushed through some reforms by executive order, that solution is temporary and likely to put off foreign companies who want stable legal frameworks in place before investing in Asia's third-largest economy. One of the biggest changes Modi envisages to make the economy run more smoothly, a unified tax system, requires altering the constitution.

Securing that amendment in the winter session of parliament that starts on Thursday would be vital to implementing tax reform in 2016, as Modi has repeatedly assured global investors he would.

APPEARANCE OF STRENGTH

The BJP's aggression may serve as cover for backroom deals that recognise the realities created by its defeat this month in the eastern state of Bihar, Modi's biggest setback as prime minister.

That election result has given a sense of empow-

erment to regional leaders like Nitish Kumar, chief minister of Bihar, who teamed up with a local ally to rebuff Modi's challenge in the state of more than 100 million people. So, while the BJP strategist spoke of exposing rampant corruption during the decade of Congress rule that ended in May 2014, he saw no contradiction with the idea that "Modi may consider having a cup of tea with Sonia Gandhi".

The two party leaders have not held face-to-face talks in this parliament since it was elected.

Congress, part of the victorious Bihar alliance, sees no sign that the government wants to engage in sincere dialogue. Instead it has chided Modi for going on a series of foreign trips since the Bihar landslide and neglecting his work at home.

"Where is a conciliatory attitude?" asked Anand Sharma, a senior Congress leader and interlocutor on the key tax reforms. "You have a prime minister who has a confrontational mindset, who is arrogant. He humiliates the opposition, day in and day out," Sharma told ET Now, a financial news channel.

That is despite some senior aides recommending to Modi that he engages the opposition more actively, while a handful of top BJP figures have openly questioned his leadership.

Perhaps more worrying for businesses waiting with increasing frustration for the new national goods and services tax (GST), there appears to be a lack of consensus on how it would work in practice.

The GST would create a single market in India for the first time since independence in 1947 and, the government estimates, boost the economy by up to two percentage points.

But there is as yet no agreement on what rate the tax should be levied at; three separate committees have yet to make their final proposals. And, at a meeting of federal and state officials last week, there was no agreement on the threshold at which the tax should apply to small businesses. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley skipped that discussion to attend a film festival.

Some officials express doubts over the Modi government's strategy for securing the passage of the GST amendment, saying it could miss its selfimposed deadline.

You have to go more than half the way to convince the Congress," said a senior government official involved in the policy process. "You have to be more than generous. But the BJP is still behaving as if it was in the opposition." — Reuters



MANILA: Residents wave to a helicopter that uses a water bucket to help douse the flames of a fire that broke out in an informal settlers area in Mandaluyong City, suburban Manila yesterday. The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) estimates that 800 houses were destroyed, affecting 1600 families. — AFP

MILITANT ATTACKS ABROAD A DIPLOMATIC QUANDARY FOR XI

Is China ready to play a global role?

BEIJING: The killings of Chinese citizens by Islamic militants in Syria and Mali place President Xi Jinping in a quandary: How can Beijing respond effectively without betraying its strict stance against intervention?

The dilemma underscores the tension between China's desire to be seen as a leading global power and its desire to maintain its own independent foreign policy while shunning the US-led Western liberal democratic political

How Xi will square that ideological circle and what concrete actions he'll take in response could mark an inflection point in Chinese diplomacy. More likely, analysts say, he'll stick to China's long-established neutrality while possibly taking limited behind-thescenes measures to help in the global campaign against Islamic extremists.

"For China, intervention would be a real game-changer," said Australian National Security College expert Michael Clarke. "Frankly, I think Xi is in a very difficult position here." Regardless of what it chooses to do,

China has increasingly found itself confronted by Islamic militant groups. Three Chinese - all high-ranking executives with the state-owned China Railway Construction Corp.'s international group - were among the 19 victims of last week's attack on the Radisson Blu hotel in Mali's capital, Bamako. The Al-Qaeda-linked group known as Al-Mourabitoun - or The Sentinels - has claimed responsibility for the attack. That followed the killing of 50-year-old Beijing native Fan Jinghui by Islamic State group extremists. Xi vowed to bring Fan's killers to justice, but China has offered no details on how it plans to do so.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei told reporters Monday that China was working to "increase our emergency reaction and early warning capabilities" to confront threats against overseas personnel and assets. Calls online from the Chinese public dismissing Beijing's response and calling for action against militants have been suppressed by China's Internet censors. With more Chinese than ever traveling abroad for work, study and travel, the



BEIJING: Poland's President Andrzej Duda (left) and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping shake hands after a signing ceremony following their meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday. — AFP

government has been under growing pressure to identify threats and ensure their safety through its consulates and

Al-Qaeda, and more recently IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, have also threatened China over what they call the oppression of the Muslim Turkic Uighur people native to the northwestern region of Xinjiang. China says it is fighting a separatist insurgency in Xinjiang, and has been eager to equate that fight with the international struggle against extremist groups including IS and al-Qaida. Some critics see little evidence of substantial links between China's Muslim Uighur groups and groups such as IS. Chinese forces, some equipped with flamethrowers, recently concluded a 56-day operation to kill or capture 30 suspects in a deadly attack on a Xinjiang coal mine. China blamed the attack on insurgents it says were directly led by an unidentified overseas group.

A top Xinjiang official, Xi Hairong, this week warned that the continuing influence of "pan-Islamism and pan-Turkism thoughts" placed Xinjiang in "an active period for violent and terrorist activities and an acute period in the battle against separatists." China says Uighur extremists have links to Al-Oaeda and that some have traveled to Syria to fight alongside IS, although Clarke and other outside observers question those claims. And while China's campaign against Uighur extremism has been relentless, it has shown no appetite to apply such tactics when threatened abroad. Under Mao Zedong, China was a frontline combatant in global ideological battles, contributing to insurgencies in Africa and vying with both the Soviets and the West for influence in developing nations. However, since the 1990s Beijing has remained on the sidelines in most major global security crises, often abstaining at the United Nations Security Council or following Russia's lead in opposing actions such as the 2003 Iraq invasion. Beijing felt especially burnt by its failure to oppose UN action in Libya that paved the way for NATO military action. When it came to Syria, Beijing was unmoving in its opposition to intervention, a stance it maintained even after Russia recently committed forces to defend the Syrian regime.

China's objection to humanitarian interventions also has roots in fears of foreign interference in its own domestic affairs, particularly in Xinjiang and Tibet, where Beijing is largely seen as an occupying power. China is also hyper-vigilant about the introduction of Western concepts of democracy and civil rights into its own society and lashes out at all criticisms of the oneparty state's human rights abuses.

China has no particular affection for Bashar al-Assad, but doesn't want to be seen as potentially supporting Washington's position that he must give up power before IS can be defeated and the civil war ended, Clarke said. —AP

FOUR DEAD AS ATTACKERS STORM INDIAN ARMY CAMP

SRINAGAR: The Indian army killed three suspected rebels and another person was shot dead during a six-hour gun battle yesterday on a military camp in Indian Kashmir near the border with Pakistan, a military spokesman said. Heavily-armed fighters stormed the army base in Tangdhar, 140 kilometres (87 miles) northwest of the main city of Srinagar, setting off grenades and firing automatic weapons.

"Three terrorists were killed in the exchange of stand-off fire that began in the morning hours. One soldier was wounded in the firefight," defence spokesman in Srinagar N N Joshi told AFP. A civilian who worked on the base was also killed in the firing, Joshi said, adding that the attack finished some six hours after the militants infiltrated the base.

Kashmir has been divided between India and Pakistan since the end of British colonial rule in 1947. Several rebel groups have for decades been fighting Indian forces deployed in the region, seeking independence or a merger of the territory with Pakistan. The fighting has left tens of thousands dead, mostly civilians.

India often accuses Pakistan of arming, training and sending rebels across the heavily militarized border into Indian-administered Kashmir. Islamabad denies the charge, saying it provides only political support for their struggle for self-determination.

In July, three gunmen stormed a police station in neighboring Punjab state, close to the border with Pakistan, and killed seven people. The Indian government said the attackers crossed the border from Pakistan before launching their assault that led to a gun battle that lasted nearly 11 hours. The attack in Kashmir comes on the eve of Thursday's anniversary of the 2008 attacks in Mumbai which claimed 166 lives, and was blamed by India on Pakistan militants. — AFP

INDONESIA INCREASES SECURITY AFTER VIDEO CALLS FOR ATTACK

JAKARTA, Indonesia: Authorities increased security across Indonesia after a video appearing on social media threatened attacks against police and other targets, police and officials said yesterday.

Security was raised at airports, the presidential palace, foreign embassies, and shopping centers in the capital after a threat was made by an Islamic militant group, said Jakarta police chief Maj. Gen. Tito Karnavian. "There will be enhanced security," Karnavian told reporters. "But public vigilance and caution on suspicious behavior in their neighborhood is particularly important to ward off terror attacks." The video calling for attacks on Jakarta police headquarters and the presidential palace appeared on social media, including Facebook this weekend. It was blocked by authorities on Monday.

The 9-minute voice-recorded video purportedly came from the East Indonesia Mujahidin, led by the country's most wanted militant, Abu Wardah Santoso, who has taken responsibility for the killings of several police officers and has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq.

Santoso faces charges of running a terrorist training camp in Poso, a flashpoint of terrorism in Central Sulawesi where a Muslim-Christian conflict killed at least 1,000 people from 1998 to 2002. Indonesia's security forces began a large manhunt early this month against Santoso and his group in their hideout in Poso.

Karnavian said police are still investigating whether the speaker in the video, featuring a picture of Santoso with black Islamic State flags, is Santoso himself or a follower. But he said that he did not want to downplay any potential threat anytime a terrorist group calls for an attack. In addition to the increased security, Indonesia's alert level was upgraded from "green" to "yellow" because of the threat to civil aviation after the Paris attacks, the Transportation Ministry's spokesman Julius Barata said. Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, has seen a spate of deadly attacks by the Jemaah Islamiyah network, including the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists. Strikes in recent years have been smaller and less deadly and have targeted government authorities, mainly police and anti-terrorism forces. — AP

MYANMAR ROHINGYA CALENDAR MEN JAILED ON NEW CHARGES

YANGON: Five Myanmar men fined for publishing a calendar that described the country's persecuted Muslim Rohingya as a recognized ethnic minority have been rearrested and jailed on fresh charges, police said yesterday. The men were initially taken into custody over the weekend in Yangon and fined \$800 each on Monday after pleading guilty to a publishing law offence. But they have now been rearrested and jailed on separate charges of inciting alarm or panic, a charge that carries up to two years jail.

"We arrested five persons yesterday under the warrant by the court. They were sent to Insein prison," Khin Maung Latt, police chief of Pazundaung township, told AFP, referring to the city's notorious junta era prison. Local media reported that the calendar, which initially appeared on Facebook, quoted former officials from the 1950s and 1960s as saying Myanmar's Rohingya were a distinct ethnic group. It also contained quotes from Myanmar's liberation hero Aung San in 1946

saying Muslims and Buddhists should live in peace with each other.

Myanmar's government does not recognize the term Rohingya, arguing that the Muslim minority are illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, despite the fact that many have lived in the country for generations. Use of the term has become both sensitive and dangerous in recent years as Myanmar undergoes a surge of Buddhist nationalism and anti-Muslim sentiment.

The United Nations and other rights groups have condemned the treatment of the Rohingya in western Rakhine state where they face restrictions over employment and travel with many living in bleak displacement camps. Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya were also unable to vote in this month's landmark elections after they were struck off voter lists. Local media reported that the arrests of the men came after hardline Buddhist nationalist group Ma Ba Tha complained about the calendar.



NEW DELHI: Sikhs throng the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib on the birth anniversary of their first guru, Guru Nanak, in New Delhi yesterday. Sikhism was founded in the 15th century by Guru Nanak, who preached the equality of races and genders, and the rejection of image-worship and the caste system. — AP



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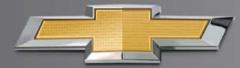


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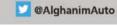


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BECAUSE TAIWAN IS PART OF GAIA

By Kuo-Yen Wei

uring the 1970s, British scholar James Lovelock put forward the Gaia hypothesis, which proposes that the Earth is a self-regulating, complex system and that human beings constitute one organ of this entity. The well-being of the planet is, thus, dependent on humankind's ability to achieve an appropriate balance between economic and social development and environmental protection. As a responsible member of the global village, Taiwan has long been committed and proactive in its efforts to tackle climate change and ensure ecological sustainability.

In just the past year, the government has put into law its long-term greenhouse gas, or GHG, emissions reduction target, which is a testament to Taiwan's willingness to contribute to global efforts toward carbon reduction. Its measures in this regard have been recognized by European nations, the United States and other advanced countries.

On July 1, 2015, the government promulgated the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction and Management Act, the purposes of which are to provide a legal foundation for Taiwan's long-term efforts to combat climate change, respond to the call for global measures on carbon reduction and pave the way for policy planning and the investment of resources so as to expedite economic transformation and the development of a low-carbon society. The act empowers the government to take action on the implementation of national mitigation and adaptation strategies.

By clearly articulating Taiwan's long-term emissions reduction goal, defining the responsibilities of the central and local governments, laying out GHG targets over successive five-year periods and providing a legal basis for the establishment of a GHG reduction and management fund, the law enables Taiwan to progressively build its emissions-cutting capacity so it can better respond to climate change and move into a low-carbon era.

In response to the Lima Call for Climate Action of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, or UNFCCC, Taiwan has taken the initiative to publish its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution, or INDC, in accordance with its Basic Environment Act and Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction and Management Act. As indicated in its INDC, Taiwan's target is to achieve a 50 percent reduction from the business-as-usual scenario by 2030, which is equivalent to lowering GHG emissions to 20 percent below 2005 levels. This is an intermediary objective toward achieving the long-term target stipulated in the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction and Management Act, which is to reduce emissions to 50 percent of 2005 levels by

The long-term goal is ambitious yet achievable. Taiwan has already taken substantial actions to meet its mitigation commitments. These include the promulgation of the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction and Management Act, Energy Administration Act, and Renewable Energy Development Act, as well as relevant policies, projects and programs implemented in accordance with these laws. These measures have been introduced to help businesses reduce emissions, accelerate the development of renewable energy and promote sustainable growth. In order to maintain national competitiveness, the government also plans to participate in international market

After years of efforts, international climate change negotiations have arrived at a critical juncture. At the upcoming 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in Paris from Nov. 30 to Dec. 11, talks are expected to lead to a new climate change agreement that will encompass all signatories to the convention. The measures that Taiwan, as a part of Gaia, has thus far enacted underscore its commitment to meeting its obligations as a responsible global citizen, achieving meaningful participation in climate change accords and creating a prosperous and sustainable world for future generations.

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REALITY CHECK FOR PUTIN AFTER PLANE DOWNED

By Anna Smolchenko

resident Vladimir Putin has found himself in a bind after the downing of a Russian warplane by Turkey, which highlights the risks of his gung-ho Syria campaign and the difficulty of forging consensus on the war-torn country's future. The dramatic escalation in tensions between Russia and NATO member Turkey comes as Putin prepares for talks today in Moscow with France's Francois Hollande on building a broad coalition to fight Islamic State (IS) jihadists.

Putin, who supports Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime, has sought to capitalise on shifting dynamics in the West in the wake of the Nov 13 attacks in Paris that were claimed by IS. Welcoming Hollande's call for greater cooperation on combatting the jihadists in Syria, he ordered his military to work with NATO member France"as allies" - a first since World War II.

But analysts say that the downing of the Russian plane on Turkey's border serves as a reminder that global and regional powers are unlikely to band together in a broad coalition given their stark differences on the Syrian conflict, not least on the fate of Assad, a friend of Moscow but a foe of Turkey and the West.

Global Coalition Unlikely

"It is impossible to imagine Russia and Turkey in the same coalition," Fyodor Lukyanov, head of the government-linked Council on Foreign and Defence Policy, told AFP. "But the situation did not change - and maybe even improved - as far as Russia's cooperation with the United States and France is concerned." Turkey's NATO allies called for a rapid de-escalation of tensions and stressed the need to prevent such incidents in the future.

Russia, for its part, said it would not retaliate militarily and Moscow's ambassador to France, Alexander Orlov, even said Moscow was ready to establish a "joint staff" to fight the Islamic State together with Paris, Washington and Ankara. But Putin's fury was on full display Tuesday when he

accused Turkey of betraying Russia and backing Islamic State and suggested Russia could retaliate with economic and political measures.

"Judging by the president's face yesterday, no losses to Russian companies will be able to stop him," Lukyanov said. "The entire model of economic ties with Turkey - tourism, food, consumer goods, construction and so on - all of this will be under huge pressure." Putin's domestic critics flayed the Kremlin strongman for the loss of one of the warplane's pilot and another soldier who was killed during a failed operation to rescue the crew. Their deaths became Russia's first known combat casualties since Moscow began a bombing campaign in Syria on Sept 30. The loss of the Russian jet was also the first known downing of a plane over Syria since a Jordanian aircraft came down over the country in 2014.

'Humiliation of Adventurer'

Political observer and satirist Viktor Shenderovich accused Putin of taking the country to the brink of war with a NATO member. "The international humiliation of the military adventurer had to take place one way or another," Shenderovich wrote in a blog, predicting the Kremlin would try to harness the incident for political gain. "There is no doubt they will manage to use the nation's shock for their own political purposes; not for the first time," he said.

Some Russian analysts suggested Turkey shot down the Russian jet out of anger over Putin's cavalier attitude to the conflict and apparent disregard for Ankara's interests in the war-torn country. While Putin insisted the plane posed no threat to Turkey, Ankara said Moscow was bombing Syria's Turkmen, a minority it views as an ally in its struggle against the Assad regime. "The Turks want Russia to acknowledge that along their border there lies a zone not suitable for sorties and bombings," military analyst Pavel Felgenhauer told AFP. "Russia is not simply bombing the Turkmen, it is clearing a path for an offensive by Assad and Hezbollah," he added. "This could lead to the ethnic cleansing of Turkmens, which is

unacceptable for Turkey." Russia said it would ratchet up its firepower in Syria and send its most advanced air defence systems to its airbase there, adding that bombers flying sorties would be accompanied by fighter jets. The military buildup will in turn increase the risk of new incidents. "The

longer the operation, the greater the risks," Lukyanov said. "You have to be a complete lunatic to believe - after everything we have seen in the Middle East over the past 15 years - that an intervention in a civil war in the Middle East will be easy and problem-free." — AFP

CRIME AND STRUGGLE IN NAIROBI'S SLUMS

By Siegfried Modola

have lost a lot of people I knew to crime," says George Kiru, nursing a drink at 2 in the morning in a bar on the edge of Nairobi's Korogocho slum. Music blares as he lists childhood friends who joined gangs, many of them now dead or in jail. "Personally I always said no to crime," says Kiru, who buys and sells second-hand goods and picks up occasional work as a minibus driver to feed his two daughters and send them to school. "It never ends well if you choose to become a criminal. Eventually, you will get killed."

Around 2 million people have made their homes in the shantytowns packed in around Kenya's capital - Korogocho, its bigger, equally infamous near neighbours Mathare, Mukuru kwa Njenga, Kibera and others. The neighbourhoods are bustling and bursting with energy. Churches are packed, young men hang out at neighbourhood gyms and friends gather at roadside stalls serving chicken. But crime and unemployment are high. Basic services and sanitation are scarce.

People in ramshackle dwellings of wood and corrugated iron describe a daily struggle to eke out a living. Some turn to prostitution and other crimes. Alice, 20, says her partner was killed in a shoot-out five years ago. Left with no means to support herself and her newborn baby son, she started working as a prostitute.

Claire, 17, said she has been a sex worker since she was 14. Four policemen have died in shootouts in the past two years, says one officer on a night patrol in Korogocho, Dandora and Makadara, declining to give his name. "We need to be tough or the situation will get out of control ... Every week there is a shooting, a robbery, and a murder. Every second day some criminal here commits a serious crime."

But residents say it is they, not the officers who face the brunt of the violence. One Korogocho man says his 20-year-old son was killed during a police operation last year. The government has urged residents to report corrupt or violent police officers. But the man asks not to be named for fear of reprisals. Many Kenyans complain about how police deal with the public, so crimes often go unreported and relations with officers are strained. Police officials insist the force investigates reported complaints and reports of corruption, while officers on the ground say they are exposed to violent crime on a regular basis. Drug and alcohol addiction is a common problem. An illegal brew called Chang'aa is prepared over open fires in oil drums in Mathare. In Huruma, Stanley and Saaid are heroin addicts. Stanley, 36, is a rubbish collector and Saaid, 32, gathers unused metal to sell for recycling. "It is a hard life here," says Kiru, nursing his drink in the Korogocho bar. Across the room, staff serve drinks, separated off from customers by a grid of metal rods. — Reuters

BELGIUM BATTLES 'FAILED STATE' TAG

By Philippe SIUBERSKI

elgium is battling accusations that it has become a "failed state" whose linguistic and communal divisions contributed to failures that let it become a jihadist base for the Paris attacks. Years of increasing federalism have deepened rifts between the wealthy country's French-, Flemish- and German-speaking regions, leaving it with little sense of nationhood and a dysfunctional, multi-layered bureaucracy.

A brief moment of unity in the face of its own terror alert in Brussels merely papered over the underlying problems that made Belgium unable to dismantle a leading European jihadist hotspot that produced two of the Paris attackers. Internationally there has been harsh criticism since French President Francois Hollande said that the Paris attacks which killed 130 people were "planned in Syria, prepared and organized in Belgium."

French newspaper Le Monde warned in an editorial this week that "this state without a nation risks becoming a nation without a state". Politico Europe commentator Tim King went even further, saying "Belgium is a failed state" while Italy's La Repubblica newspaper dubbed it "Belgistan". "The problem is that in Belgium you have a federal police force, but generally the police are from local forces. So the powers of the interior minister exist but are limited, and that poses political problems," analyst Claude Moniquet told AFP.

'Islamo-Socialism'

Belgium is a relatively modern invention, born in 1830 as an independent state to act as a buffer between France and Germany. It is now an uneasy mix of a Flemish-speaking, more conservative north and a French-speaking, poorer left-leaning south with a small German-speaking population near the border. But any illusion of political unity on the terrorism issue was shattered on Tuesday, when the main Flemish nationalist party accused the francophone socialist party of "Islamo-socialism" and failing to counter radicalism.

"Twenty years of laxity by the Socialist Party and of Islamo-socialism have brought us where we are today, with Brussels as the rear base for barbarism," lawmaker Karl Vanlouwe, whose N-VA party is part of the coalition government of Prime Minister Charles Michel, said in a vitriolic article in the newspaper Le Soir. His criticisms

focused on the run-down Brussels district of Molenbeek, which was home to at least three of the Paris attack suspects and been branded a

haven for jihadists by the government.

The former socialist mayor of Molenbeek from 1992 to 2012, Philippe Moureaux, has been accused of turning a blind eye to the march of radicalism in the area. Hassan Bousetta, a specialist on the politics of integration from Belgium's Liege University, said that the problem was a wider one involving a "profile of disaffected young men of Moroccan or Algerian origin" in an area of high unemployment that the Belgian state had failed to tackle. "The absence of strong links within a communi-

19 Mayors, 6 Police Chiefs
Police operations are hampered by the fact that Brussels has 19 mayors and six different district police chiefs for the capital, with whom everything must be coordinated in different languages. The system leads to moments of surreal bureaucracy, such as the fact that Brussels airport remained on a level three terror alert while the city itself was on the highest level of four, because the airport is officially in the Flemish-speaking region that surrounds the capital.

Le Monde said that Belgium had shown "too much tolerance" and was "prisoner to an institutional debate which one could have found picture the said that the sai

ty generates jihadism," he told AFP

after elections in 2010.

The fragmented state is ill-equipped to deal

with many problems. Belgium after all holds the

world record for the longest period that a coun-

try has gone without a government - 541 days

much tolerance" and was "prisoner to an institutional debate which one could have found picturesque but is now turning tragic". Belgium's La Libre newspaper reacted angrily, saying that "French condescension knows no limits", but admitted that criticisms would be easier to accept "if it was a state that was a model of coexistence and integration."

Migration and multiculturalism expert Andrea Rea said many of the domestic criticisms of the Belgian system's dysfunctionality were more about political point-scoring and the rivalry between the Flemish separatists and the French-speaking socialists than reality. "It is more pertinent to point to a lack of coordination at the European level," said Rea, a professor at the Free University of Brussels. "The jihadists think transnationally, while the police are stuck in their national positions."— AFP



Belgian army soldiers and Belgian police patrol a shopping street in the center of Brussels yesterday. — AP





In this November 19, 2015 NASA handout photo, three WB-57 aircraft photographed from a Navy T-6 aircraft fly in formation over Houston, Texas and the Johnson Space Center (JSC). This was the first time that all three WB-57s were aloft simultaneously since the early 1970s, when the US Air Force had an operational squadron of WB-57s. — AFP

RAINS BRING QATAR TO NEAR STANDSTILL

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Department, causing reports on social media of leaks at the estimated \$17 billion building, which opened just last year. However, Hamad International said that flights were operating normally, despite the weather conditions.

The World Bank calculates that Qatar receives, on average, 74 mm of rain each year. The US embassy said that the weather had forced it to shut yesterday and the offices would not open again until next week. "Due to inclement weather, the US Embassy in #Qatar will be closed today," it said on Twitter. The rainwater flooded streets and shut down some stores and malls in Doha. Local media reported some schools and daycare centers closed early because of the downpour. At 4 pm, the temperature was a cool 24 degrees Celsius.

The interior ministry pleaded for drivers to take care in the rainy conditions. Ashgal, the public works authority, denied rumors that the rain had caused structural problems at a major Doha intersection. Football World Cup 2022 host Qatar is well-known for its fierce summer temperatures, which will force the tournament to be played instead in November and December.

Meanwhile, in Saudi Arabia, schools were closed for a second day as rain continued to fall on Riyadh, flooding some streets and forcing drivers to abandon their cars. About 10 cars were submerged under about two metres of water in a highway underpass in the Labban district on the capital's western outskirts, an AFP photographer reported. Workers were trying to drain the floodwaters into tanker trucks as a light rain fell from gloomy skies.

The Civil Defence agency reported that 72 vehicles had been rescued in the Riyadh region with their occupants unharmed. One person died in Rimah, northeast of the city, the agency said. Roads in the city centre were unaffected, although traffic moved along the main King Fahd Road even more slowly than usual. Some side streets were partly flooded elsewhere in the desert city of 5.7 million, which is dry and sunny for most of the year. Other parts of the kingdom have also been soaked this week. At least eight people died in flooding last week in the Madinah and Jeddah areas of western Saudi Arabia.

In Dubai, clouds darkened the skies and rain fell across parts of the city and elsewhere in the United Arab Emirates. At Dubai's Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, the temperature stood at 22 C at 4 pm. — Agencies

GULF BRACES FOR AUSTERITY AS OIL INCOME...

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Although the measures may not be easy to enforce in countries that have long offered generous welfare systems, analysts believe this time fiscal consolidation, diversification and reforms must be deeper, long-term and sustainable. "The magnitude of the problem is much larger this time because subsidies and salaries have immensely increased in the past few years together they form 90 percent of current expenditure," said the head of economic research at Kuwait Financial Center (Markaz), M R Raghu. "They cannot roll back on salaries because this is too sensitive," Raghu told AFP.

Spending in Gulf states, mostly on salaries and subsidies, almost doubled to \$550 billion between 2008 and 2013, according to IMF statistics. The six nations have a population of 50 million, half of them foreigners, and pump around 18 million barrels per day. The steep rise in expenditures greatly increased the breakeven price for oil, to \$106 a barrel in the case of Saudi Arabia from under \$70 a few years ago. It is higher for Bahrain and Oman.

IMF and the World Bank estimate that the direct cost of energy subsidies in the GCC was \$60 billion last year. Steps taken by the GCC states to cut spending and raise non-oil income have been modest so far. The UAE took the lead by liberalizing fuel prices in June and raised electricity charges in Abu Dhabi. Both measures are expected to save billions of dollars. Having the most

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diversified economy in the Gulf, the UAE said it has earmarked more than \$80 billion for projects away from oil.

Kuwait began selling diesel and kerosene at market prices at the start of 2015. It has cut spending by 17 percent and is in the process of raising petrol prices and charges on electricity and water. However, it has still awarded projects worth a record \$30 billion so far this year, according to officials and experts. Saudi Arabia, for its part, said it was considering delaying "unnecessary" projects and studying energy subsidies reforms.

Gas-rich Qatar said it is also considering some spending cuts and reducing subsidies. Oman and Bahrain, the poorest members of the GCC in terms of energy wealth, have announced similar plans. "This is not enough. They have a long way to go," said Shanta Devarajan, World Bank chief economist for the Middle East and North Africa. "This is just the beginning ... the measures must focus on reforms, unemployment and diversification. Much more steps are needed," Devarajan told AFP.

The IMF said reforms should include comprehensive energy efficiency and price alterations, expanding nonoil revenues, reviewing capital and current expenditures and reducing the government wage bill. The IMF said Saudi Arabia, Oman and Bahrain will spend all their fiscal reserves in under five years if they fail to take additional austerity measures. "GCC states must be serious this time ... The \$100 a barrel days are gone and they have to live with a \$40-\$50 price," Raghu said. — AFP

DEMAND SURGES FOR US WEAPONS

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US companies and some foreign countries have expressed growing frustration in recent months about delays in arms sales approvals. They argue that the US government has not expanded its capacity to process arms deals despite a big spike in such transactions. Jeff Kohler, Boeing Co's vice president for international business development, said earlier this month he and his Gulf customers were "a little frustrated" with delays in getting US approvals for fighter jet sales. A \$3 billion deal for 28 Boeing F/A-18E/F fighter jets for Kuwait, and a separate Qatari deal for F-15 fighters, have been delayed for some time.

Rixey said DSCA was keeping up with surging arms sales requests largely through process improvements and better training, but he warned that potential cuts in Pentagon headquarters funding could pose a problem. DSCA is handling a total of 13,500 cases with a total value of \$461 billion. Last year's total was the biggest yet, outside of a spike caused by Saudi fighter jet sales in 2012.

Rixey said his agency was coordinating more closely with the US State Department, the US Commerce Department and other Pentagon agencies and leaders to advocate for US arms sales as a key instrument of US foreign policy. He said requests from countries that were "well-behaved" and protected US technology were generally processed quickly, but the US government would take its time vetting sales to countries with weaker records on human rights and technology.

DSCA had increased training and was working on a variety of initiatives, Rixey said, including pre-processing reviews and stockpiling some munitions and other weapons that were in high demand by using a special revolving defense acquisition fund. Congress has authorized the agency to spend up to \$400 million from the account since it was reconstituted in 2011, about \$75 million of which remains available, said Pentagon spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Joe Sowers. Rixey said some munitions had also been sold from US military reserves to ensure that they were available to allies quicker. — Reuters

BACHELOR BAN': QATAR MULLS FAMILY MALL DAYS

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malls on weekends because of the huge number of laborers," she said. "Families suffer and we want to allocate one day, either Friday or Saturday, and the rest of the week is open to laborers. Moreover, there are many other malls they (laborers) can use on that family day."

She added, however, that the proposal was not aimed specifically at blue-collar workers. "It is not a matter of laborers. It is a matter of singles and families from all nationalities, even single Qataris. We do not discriminate against anyone." The CMC does not have the power to enforce the ban, but has asked the economy and commerce ministry to intervene to ensure malls comply. An official from that department will attend December's meeting.

Malls play a central role in the day-to-day life of people in Qatar, especially during the baking hot summer months. On most days throughout the year, the biggest malls will be full, used by Qataris and expats, including many laborers. There are about 1.8 million foreign workers, mostly male, who make up about 90 percent of the population in the tiny Gulf state. Many work on major infrastructure projects directly or indirectly related to the

World Cup.

The proposal has already caught the eye of human rights groups, which have been quick to warn the policy could further impact on Qatar's reputation, which has been savaged since being awarded football's biggest tournament. "This looks like discrimination by stealth," says Nicholas McGeehan, Gulf researcher at Human Rights Watch. "It will certainly have a detrimental effect." McGeehan says he "doesn't buy" the explanation that the proposal is motivated by family concerns and says it raises the prospect of "segregation". "When you are receiving so much criticism on workers' rights, why would you add racial discrimination to the mix?"

It also comes on top of a recent map published by the country's urban planning ministry showing which areas in Qatar, including large parts of Doha, were designated "no-go zones" for laborer accommodation. George, a pipe-fitter from Ghana who lives in Qatar but has a wife and two children back home, told AFP while in the popular City Center Mall in Doha that any shopping restrictions would cause a "big problem". "This is bad news. Friday is when I do my shopping," he said, adding: "We are treated as second-class citizens here." — AFP

OPEC TO STAY THE COURSE DESPITE FEARS...

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Now some member states are talking about a return to twenty-dollar-oil, last seen at the turn of the millennium. They point to Iranian confidence that international sanctions on its economy will be lifted by the end of the year. "Iran is announcing its production is going to increase as soon as they lift the sanctions and we need to do something. We (OPEC) cannot allow going into a war of prices. We need to stabilize the market," Venezuelan oil minister Eulogio del Pino said on Sunday. Asked how low prices could go next year if OPEC failed to change course, he said:

Goldman Sachs said this year it saw a possibility of crude going even below \$20 because of the huge global oversupply, a strong dollar and a slowing Chinese economy. Most analysts doubt the Iranian sanctions will be lifted before next spring under its nuclear deal with world powers, but sooner or later its output will rise. Already the collapse in prices has partly achieved OPF

goals. It has boosted global demand and curbed growth in supplies of US shale oil, which is relatively expensive to produce. Non-OPEC supply is also expected to fall for the first time in almost a decade next year as struggling producers cut back on capital spending. But the world is still producing much more oil than it needs. Russian output has unexpectedly set new records and global stocks are ballooning. Even the finances of Saudi Arabia, which led OPEC's poli-

cy shift, are under more strain. Standard & Poor's rating agency forecasts its budget deficit will rocket to 16 percent of GDP in 2015 from 1.5 percent in 2014. Riyadh describes this year's deficit as manageable. However, Bank of America Merrill Lynch said on Monday it believed the pressure was so high that the Saudi government would be forced either to devalue its dollar-pegged currency or cut oil output.

Such a cut would mean executing an about-face that many rivals would interpret as a strategy failure. Keeping the taps open while hoping for a longer-term payoff still appears to be the choice of Riyadh and its wealthy Gulf allies - Oatar, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait. Russia

may attend informal consultations with OPEC before the Vienna meeting on Dec 4 but there is little likelihood Moscow will change its stance and work with OPEC on cutting output, sources said.

OPEC kept policy unchanged at the June meeting apparently with no major dissent. But this time, the opposition from OPEC hawks and poorer members, such as Venezuela, is more visible and the criticism is getting stronger. "I don't think anything will happen because the Saudis do not want to reduce production. They are shooting themselves in the foot. And they are shooting everyone else," said a second OPEC delegate, who asked not to be named.

Illustrating the growing divisions, OPEC was unable to agree in November on an update of its Long-Term Strategy. Iran and Algeria, in comments on a draft OPEC document seen by Reuters, suggested the group should resume defending prices and controlling supply through quotas for member states. But even some of those in OPEC who support such steps see little chance of their being agreed. "I helieve that OPEC will not reach an agreement production rates and the Saudis will stand by their strategy," said a third OPEC delegate. "No quotas will reached."

OPEC ditched quotas when it set its overall output target at 30 million barrels per day for 2012. This has been exceeded all this year, driven by record Saudi and Iragi output. According to OPEC figures, production was 31.38 million bpd last month. Ministers might consider raising the ceiling to 31 million bpd to accommodate Indonesia, which pumps about 900,000 bpd and is rejoining OPEC after a seven-year break, delegates say.

A big unknown for 2016 is how much extra oil Iran can produce quickly. Gulf OPEC delegates predict a modest 100,000-200,000 bpd, while Tehran says it could pump another 500,000 bpd within a few months of the lifting of sanctions. "At present, I can't see any indication that Saudi Arabia will seek to alter its market-share oriented strategy," said David Fyfe, head of research at trading firm Gunvor. "The resilience of the strategy will be tested over the next 12-18 months by any production increases that emerge from Iran, Iraq and Libya." — Reuters



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LANCASTER LET ME DOWN BY DROPPING ME

LONDON: Luther Burrell has said that former head coach Stuart Lancaster let him down by dropping him from England's Rugby World Cup squad, but that he holds no grudge against Sam Burgess, who took his place. In his first public comments since the World Cup, Burrell, who plays centre for Northampton in the English Premiership, described how the "heartbreaking" news left him fighting back tears around the other players. The Six Nations regular was informed by Lancaster that he had been dropped on Aug. 27, a few hours before the squad was officially announced. "I knew as soon as I

walked into the office ... that it was not good news," the 27-year-old was quoted as saying by the British media. "I was the first player in. Obviously, Stuart wanted to get the tough one out of the way first. "I've known Stuart for 12 or 13 years. I have huge respect for him as a bloke and for what he has achieved. I know it was a tough decision to make. "But he let me down. That's how I feel about it. "It was one of the most heartbreaking things in my life. To get shipped out on the day that it is all announced, well that is a huge setback. "I just didn't feel I had done anything wrong. I had trained well all summer. I had done for the jersey everything I could. That was the hardest thing for me.

UEFA SANCTION DYNAMO KIEV OVER RACISM

PARIS: UEFA yesterday ordered Dynamo Kiev to play their next three European matches behind closed doors and fined the Ukrainian team 100,000 euros for their fans' racist behaviour during a match against Chelsea. UEFA's charges against Dynamo Kiev related to "racist behaviour ... crowd disturbances (and) stairways blocked" during the goalless draw against Chelsea on October 20 at the Olympic Stadium. The third match is suspended for a probationary period of three years, UEFA said. The sanction means that there will no fans present when Dynamo Kiev host Maccabi Tel-Aviv in their final Group D match on December 9. The Ukrainians currently sit third in Group D on eight points, but they remain in contention for the knock-out stages should they notch up a victory over the Israelis. Chelsea and Porto are tied on 10 points apiece atop the group. Dynamo were fined 15,000 euros (\$17,000) by European football's governing body earlier this year following their fans' racist behaviour during an Europa League match against Everton. The Ukrainian side were also punished for setting off fireworks and for insufficient organisation during the 5-2 second leg win in March. UEFA also ordered the partial closure of the stadium for the first leg of the quarter-final against Fiorentina. — AFP

TYSON FURY SERENADES KLITSCHKO IN LATEST STUNT

D:SSELDORF: Having previously dressed as Batman for a press conference, Tyson Fury employed more theatrics yesterday by turning to song in the latest round of mind-games with Wladimir Klitschko. World heavyweight champion Klitschko will defend his IBF, WBA and IBO titles against British challenger Fury in Dusseldorf on Saturday. Fury, 27, ran into a press conference last September dressed as Batman, then called Klitschko 'a joker' to his face, but he grabbed the microphone for his latest stunt. At a training event for the press at Dusseldorf airport, the 2.06m (6ft 9in) Fury seized the chance to show off his singing ability. He adapted the lyrics of the Bette Midler song 'Wing Beneath My Wings' to include the words "I'll be the one with the belts". "I was impressed," said Klitschko. "If it was down to singing, I'd have no chance. But things look different when it comes to boxing." This is not the first time Fury has showed off his vocal prowess, having sung the same song when he beat Kevin Johnson of the USA in Belfast in December 2012. He also sang a different song in the ring after beating US boxer Steve Cunningham in New York in April 2013. Rob Stewart will sing before Saturday's heavyweight bout in Dusseldorf and Fury wants to seek out the Scottish crooner for a duet if he beats

KENYAN GOVT ASKS ATHLETICS FEDERATION CHIEFS TO QUIT

PAKISTAN, ENGLAND GEAR

UP FOR WORLD TWENTY20

March 11-April 3.

NAIROBI: The Kenyan government yesterday called for top officials in its athletics federation to step down after athletes stormed Athletics Kenya (AK) headquarters in Nairobi in protest over corruption and feeble efforts to tackle doping.

The East African country boasts some of the world's finest middle and long-distance runners but in recent years has been shaken by a spate of failed drug tests undergone by athletes. AK officials have denied embezzling funds relating to a sponsorship deal with US sports giant Nike, and say Kenya is doing its best to root out drug cheats despite limited resources.

A group of athletes swooped on the AK headquarters on Monday morning, ordering staff to leave and barricading themselves inside until Tuesday evening. The stand-off ended after athletes met with government officials.

In a joint statement with athletes, Richard Ekai, the top civil servant in the sports ministry, called for "any AK officials mentioned ... or being investigated for corruption to step aside to allow for further full and conclusive investigation to be done". Long-serving AK President Isaiah Kiplagat, Vice President David Okeyo and former AK treasurer Joseph Kinyua were questioned earlier this year by the police over the Nike sponsorship funds and their files were forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) for further action. Okeyo, Kiplagat and Kinyua have denied any wrongdoing. Kiplagat, who in May

DUBAI: Former champions Pakistan will

face England in a three-match Twenty20

series in Dubai from today as they begin to

settle their squads for next year's World

Twenty20. Pakistan finished runners-up in

the first edition of the World Twenty20 in

2007 before winning the crown two years

later in England and are now ranked num-

ber two in the shortest and the most popu-

lar format of the game. They need to win

the series, at least by a 2-1 margin, to main-

tain their standings-a fact Afridi believes

will spur on his team. "We want to settle

down before the World Twenty20," said

Afridi of the event to be held in India from

temporarily stepped down from his AK post to contest the vice presidency of the world athletics body IAAF, itself mired in its worst-ever doping crisis, on Wednesday rejected calls for him to step down.

"We are going to wait for recommendations from the (Athletics Kenya) executive. Non-elected people cannot decide our fate. It's clear, only elected officials can ask one to vacate the office," said Kiplagat.

The statement by sports ministry Permanent Secretary Ekai was co-signed by AK's acting president, Jack Tuwei, and Wilson Kipsang, a former world marathon record holder and president of the Professional Athletes Association of Kenya (PAAK). It was PAAK members who stormed the AK headquarters on Monday, fearful Kenyan athletes could face collective punishment from the World Anti-Doping Agency for a rash of failed tests. Kenya topped the medals table at the August world championships in China but PAAK athletes worry that alleged graft by AK chiefs could see the country follow Russia in being banned from international track and field. The statement said PAAK athletes would meet sports ministry officials next week to list their grievances with AK, an organisation they say has failed to listen to athletes' concerns and does take care of Kenya's champion runners. "There will be no discrimination and or victimisation of any athletes," the statement said. "Alleged issues of corruption and or misappropriation of funds by AK officials (will) be thoroughly investigated." — Reuters

COE UNDER FIRE FOR SUPPORT OF EUGENE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

LONDON: The head of world athletics Sebastian Coe faced fresh allegations about his involvement in the controversial award of the 2021 world championships to the American city of Eugene on Tuesday, but insisted he had acted fairly throughout.

In April this year the hosting rights were surprisingly awarded without a bidding process, much to the surprise of the Swedish city of Gothenburg, which was in the process of preparing to present its own case.

The then-president of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Lamine Diack supported the idea of giving Eugene hosting rights. But in the light of the 82year-old being investigated by French authorities over a doping corruption scandal, many observers have questioned the validity and transparency of the decision. On Tuesday the BBC published internal emails it said it had obtained from Nike, the sportswear company closely linked to Eugene and which pays Coe a retainer, which it claims suggest Coe also gave support to the US city's bid. The emails have raised questions about whether there was a conflict of interests in Coe, who succeeded Diack as IAAF chief in August, supporting Eugene's bid given his links to Nike. One email from January this year from Nike marketing executive Craig Masback to Vin Lananna and Robert Fasulo, both from "Track Town USA" - the organization behind Eugene's bid, reads: "He(Coe) made clear his support for 2021 in Eugene but made equally clear he had reached out to Diack specifically on this topic and got a clear statement from Diack that 'I am not going to take any action at the April meeting to choose a 2021 site". The IAAF also published the email on its website on Tuesday, along with answers Coe gave to questions on the issue. "I did not lobby anyone on behalf of the Eugene 2021 bid," Coe said. "After their narrow defeat (to Doha) for the 2019 world championships I encouraged them to re-enter another bidding cycle as they had a strong bid."

Worst doping crisis

"All my interests were, and continue to be, fully declared to the IAAF Ethics Committee and listed at the House of Lords." Coe said he always thought there would be a bidding process until Diack told the Council "there were political and financial considerations in terms of the way the funding package came together for Eugene that may not be present again and we should award 2021 to Fugene"

The Council voted, in secret, 23-1, with one abstention to give the event directly to Eugene.

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Despite Coe's explanation, Bjorn Eriksson, leader of the Gothenburg bid at the time and



LONDON: In this Nov. 13 2015 file photo, IAAF President Sebastian Coe gives a statement to journalists outside his office in London. A step-by-step anti-doping roadmap that Russia will have to follow to be allowed back into international competition is to be discussed today by track and field's governing body. The meeting in Monaco of the IAAF council could throw up difficult questions for its president, Sebastian Coe. — AP

former head of Interpol, told the BBC: "The idea we don't even get the chance to deliver an offer, we don't get the chance to be judged. That makes me still furious.

"It smells and it has to be investigated." However, an IAAF spokesman told Reuters: "There is nothing to revisit. This was a democratic decision of the IAAF Council." A further IAAF statement on the issue released earlier this week said: "Sebastian Coe sought the advice of the IAAF Ethics Commission when he was appointed to the role as Chairman of the Evaluation Commission for the 2019 World Championships, and openly declared his interests, as he has consistently done. On that basis his long-standing role with Nike has never been seen, nor is it seen, as a matter of ethical concern." Despite the IAAF and Coe's fighting rearguard, the guestions are unlikely to go away and such a backdrop is the last thing the IAAF needs as it attempts to deal with arguably the worst doping crisis in the

sport's history.
Its Council, which meets again in Monaco on Thursday, has banned Russia from all athletics

following the publication of the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) independent commission report that uncovered systematic and widespread state-supported doping and cover-ups in the country. The commission said it had more findings, critical of the IAAF, which it would reveal later in the year following the conclusion on an Interpol investigation into corruption within the organization.

Coe, a double Olympic 1500 metres champion, will appear before a British Parliamentary committee next week when he will be grilled again about his role.

The BBC said on Tuesday that Coe had been given 67,000 pounds of public money towards his presidential election campaign, a figure he has publicly acknowledged. British Member of Parliament Damian Collins, a member of that committee and a long-standing campaigner against corruption within soccer's governing body FIFA, said on Tuesday: "Seb Coe should end his job with Nike if he is to continue as president of the IAAF. "The perception of conflicts of interests is too great." — Reuters

A MIXED MESSAGE IN RYDER CUP QUALIFYING

ST SIMONS ISLAND: Davis Love III wore more than one hat at Sea Island, and sometimes he couldn't switch them fast enough. Love is the Ryder Cup captain, and he was part of the task force that decided Americans who competed

in the fall start to the PGA Tour season should not get any Ryder Cup points. Love also is the tournament host of the RSM Classic, the final event of the fall

"Besides that we are ranked number two

so it's an important series for us in many

ways and we will do our best to win it."

Pakistan are likely to get two to three

Twenty20 matches if their series against

India is held next month before they head

to New Zealand for another three matches.

Twenty20 they will also feature in the Asia

Cup to be held in Bangladesh in February.

Pakistan are hampered by the absence of

ace spinner Saeed Ajmal, who is struggling

with a new bowling action which needed

alteration after it was deemed illegal.—AFP

Before the sixth edition of the World

Love's playing partner the first two rounds -

not to mention his house guest for the weekwas Justin Thomas. He won the CIMB Classic in Malaysia and missed the playoff by one shot at the Frys.com Open, a field that included four players from the last Ryder Cup.



SYDNEY: Jordan Spieth of the US tees off on the 8th hole during the PRO-AM event before the Australian Open golf tournament at the Australian Golf Club in Sydney yesterday. World number one Spieth is on a mission to join Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player as the only non-locals to win back-to-back Australian Opens, with Adam Scott warning he has his work cut out. — AFP

Thomas remains No. 33 in the Ryder Cup standings. If points had been awarded in the fall - when several top golfers only play sparingly - he would be No. 6. Love handed out the RSM Classic trophy to Kevin Kisner, who broke the tournament scoring record by four shots with his six-shot victory.

Kisner is on the verge of becoming a force in American golf, having built an efficient swing under John Tillery to go along with an already stout short game. He was No. 236 going into the year and - thanks to four runner-up finishes and his victory at Sea Island - he now is No. 17.

He would be No. 3 in the Ryder Cup if the fall had counted. He remains at No. 6, one spot behind Phil Mickelson. Along with wearing different hats, Love had to change shirts to a Ryder Cup logo when he announced three more vice captains for the 2016 matches at Hazeltine. It was during that press conference that Love was asked if he was comfortable that no Ryder Cup points were awarded in the fall.

"It's tough for me to answer that question at the RSM Classic," Love said with a smile. At least he didn't duck it. Love must have been in an awkward spot at those task force meetings. He had to divide his loyalties to the Ryder Cup task force, to his fall tournament at Sea Island and to his tour, which saved the fall events and their combined \$39.8 million in prize money. The fall events now are like all the other standalone PGA Tour events by awarding full FedEx Cup points and a spot in the Masters to the

They just don't get Ryder Cup points, which they did in 2013. "As a group, that was the decision that was made," Love said. "Yes, that's what I said. We didn't take minutes, luckily, but I think I said that after a lot of discussion I can always consider ... the guys when they play, I can always give them credit for it. Justin Thomas winning in Malaysia was noticed, obviously. Got him an extra pillow on his bed this week. So I will take notice of how guys are playing."

Straight shooter

Kisner is a straight shooter with Southern drollness. "I definitely want to be on the Ryder Cup," he said. "And to be able to play for Davis would be huge for me after winning here. Obviously, I didn't get any points here. But if I continue playing the way I am now, I hope to be on that team."

Does it even matter that points were not awarded? Only two winners from the fall of 2013 qualified for the US team - Jimmy Walker and Dustin Johnson - and they would have made it without those points. Besides, the Americans are as deep as Europe was a decade ago. They probably could field two teams of equal strength (and, given recent history, Europe would beat either one).

Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland picked up valuable Ryder Cup points from his two fall events on the PGA Tour. Just like Kisner or Thomas, he won't make the team unless he keeps playing well.

For the Americans, the message has been mixed. Mickelson, who doesn't play in the fall, was eager to explain in March that fall tournaments should not be awarded points. He said it wouldn't be fair to give the "bottom half of the tour" what amounts to a head start over the "top guys."

Given the emergence of a new generation, does anyone know who the top guys are anymore? Love, meanwhile, said last week that the last six months of qualification are the most important. He said in a perfect world, "I

wouldn't even count much this year."
For 2015, one point was awarded for every \$1,000 in the majors, with one point for every \$2,000 in The Players Championship and World Golf Championships. Kisner didn't play in three of them. Thomas didn't play in five of

Mickelson received twice as many points for his runner-up finish in April at the Masters than Kisner for his runner-up finish in a World Golf Championship in November. — AP



NAGPUR: India's wicketkeeper Wriddhiman Saha (C) and captain Virat Kohli (R) appeal unsuccessfully for a stumping against South Africa's Imran Tahir (L) during play on the first day of the third Test cricket match between India and South Africa at The Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Nagpur yesterday. — AFP

MORKEL, HARMER SKITTLE INDIA ON DICEY PITCH

NAGPUR: Morne Morkel and Simon Harmer bamboozled India with pace and spin on a tricky wicket but South Africa also suffered early blows in the third Test in Nagpur yesterday. Off-spinner Harmer claimed four wickets for 78 and fast bowler Morkel took three for 35 as the Proteas bowled India out for 215 in the post-tea session of the first day's play.

South Africa, seeking a series-levelling win, had plodded to 11 for two by stumps, setting the stage for an exciting battle ahead on a dusty and dry pitch at the VCA stadium. Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin had opener Stiaan van Zyl caught in the slips for a duck before nightwatchman Imran Tahir was bowled by Ravindra Jadeja for four.

At stumps Dean Elgar was unbeaten on seven and skipper Hashim Amla had yet to score. India were reduced to 125-6 after winning the toss, before the last four wickets added 90 runs that included a 48-run stand for the seventh wicket between Jadeja (34) and wicketkeeper Wriddhiman Saha (32). Opener Murali Vijay topscored with 40, but none of the other f cialist batsmen crossed 22 on a first-day pitch batted had they won the toss, removed openers Delhi starting December 3. —AFP

that already shows cracks and continues to deteriorate fast.

Morkel made up for the absence of his unfit speed partner Dale Steyn to negate India's initial advantage of batting first, but then himself limped off the field while bowling his 17th over in the final session.

'Test won't last five days'

Harmer said he was happy to bowl on a pitch that helps slow bowlers and predicted the Test would be over before the fifth day. "This wicket is not prepared to last five days, there is bound to be a result," the off-spinner said.

"In South Africa we prepare pitches that suit our type of cricket. So this does not surprise us at all. But being a spinner, I like bowling on such wickets." India's batting coach Sanjay Bangar said it was too soon to predict the outcome.

This is a challenging wicket to score runs on," said Bangar. "This has been a low-scoring series, but it is too early to say how this match will go. "There is a lot of time left in the match, so anything can happen." The Proteas, who would have

Shikhar Dhawan and Murali Vijay in the morning session which ended with India on 85 for two.

Dhawan and Vijay put on 50 for the first wicket before South Africa hit back to remove both batsmen in the space of 19 runs. Left-arm spinner Dean Elgar took a low return catch to dismiss Dhawan for 12 before Morkel got rid of the settled Vijay for 40. Vijay smashed Harmer for the first six of the match and also hit three fours before he was trapped plumb in front of the wicket by a full-length delivery from Morkel.

Cheteshwar Pujara, who was unbeaten on 18 at lunch, added just three more after the break before playing back to Harmer to be leg-before. Ajinkya Rahane brought up India's 100 with a six off Harmer but his off-stump was sent cartwheeling by Morkel when he reached 13. Morkel then had skipper Virat Kohli caught behind by Dane Vilas for 22 and Harmer had Rohit Sharma caught at short-leg for two to leave the hosts reeling on 125-6. The tourists, who lost the first Test in Mohali before the rainhit second game in Bangalore was drawn, need to take the series into the decider in

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day in the third Test between India and South Africa on yesterday in Nagpur, India.

India 1st innings		7-1; I. Tahir 12	.5-1-41-1; J. [
M. Vijay Ibw b M. Morkel	40	South Africa	1st innings
S. Dhawan c&b Elgar	12	D. Elgar not o	ut
C. Pujara Ibw b Harmer	21	S. van Zyl c Ra	hane b Ashw
V. Kohli c Vilas b M. Morkel	22	I. Tahir b Jade	ja
A. Rahane b M. Morkel	13	H. Amla not o	ut
Ro. Sharma c de Villiers b Harmer	2	Extras	
W. Saha c Duminy b Harmer	32	Total (for 2 wi	ckets, 9 overs
R. Jadeja b Rabada	34	Fall of wickets	: 1-4 S. van Z
R. Ashwin b Tahir	15	To bat: A. de	Villiers, J. Dur
A. Mishra Ibw b Harmer	3	S. Harmer, M.	Morkel, F. du
I. Sharma not out	0	Bowling:	
Extras (b-15 lb-3 nb-1 w-2)	21	I. Sharma	2 - 1 - 4 -
Total (all out, 78.2 overs)	215	R. Ashwin	4 - 2 - 5
Fall of wickets: 1-50 S. Dhawan, 2-69 M	И. Vijay, 3-94	R. Jadeja	3 - 1 - 2 -
C. Pujara, 4-115 A. Rahane, 5-116 V.	Kohli, 6-125	Referees	
Ro. Sharma, 7-173 R. Jadeja, 8-201 W.	Saha, 9-215	Umpire: lan G	ould
R. Ashwin, 10-215 A. Mishra		Umpire: Bruce	Oxenford
Bowling: M. Morkel 16.1-7-35-3(nb-1); K. Rabada	TV umpire: Ar	nil Chaudhary
17-8-30-1(w-2); S. Harmer 27.2-2-78-4;	D. Elgar 4-0-	Match referee	: Jeff Crowe

I. Tahir b Jadeja H. Amla not out Total (for 2 wickets, 9 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-4 S. van Zyl, 2-9 I. Tahir To bat: A. de Villiers, J. Duminy, D. Vilas, K. Rabada, S. Harmer, M. Morkel, F. du Plessis Bowling: I. Sharma R. Ashwin 4-2-5-1 3 - 1 - 2 - 1 R. Jadeia Referees Umpire: Ian Gould

7-1; I. Tahir 12.5-1-41-1; J. Duminy 1-0-6-0.

S. van Zyl c Rahane b Ashwir

STARC IN THE PINK FOR HISTORIC DAY-NIGHT TEST

ADELAIDE: Mitchell Starc looms as Australia's big weapon with the allnew pink ball as Test cricket ventures into the unknown with the first ever day-night Test against New Zealand in Adelaide starting tomor-

The performance of the ball, and the success of Test cricket under floodlights, will be closely watched in what could be a breakthrough in attracting more fans to the struggling five-day format. Ticket sales have been promising, with a firstday crowd of up to 40,000 expected-compared with 16,000 the last time the two sides met in Adelaide in 2008. TV audiences should also be higher with play continuing until 9:00 pm local time.

The first day-night match in 138 years of Tests is one of cricket's rare innovations, and follows the advent of one-day internationals in the

1970s and the glitzy Twenty20 format in the last decade.

Tactics are expected to be dramatically affected with the new ball, coloured pink to help visibility, expected to swing freely during the night session-conditions which should bring Starc to the fore. Starc, Australia's premier paceman since Mitchell Johnson retired after the second Test in Perth, grabbed three wickets with lively swing in an evening session of a domestic Sheffield Shield match in Adelaide earlier this season. Starc also bowled the fastest ever Test delivery of 160.4kilometres per hour (99.7 mph) during the drawn second Test, and he could be crucial as Australia look to seal the three-Test

'Can't see the seam' "It usually swings with the new

swing a little bit more," Australia spinner Nathan Lyon said of the pink ball. "I'm a big fan of bowling with the pink ball because they (batsmen) can't see the seam so it's going to be interesting times." Australia hold a 1-0 lead after winning by 208 runs in Brisbane, meaning the Kiwis can level the series if they win in Adelaide. Black Caps coach Mike Hesson said both sides will be keen to bowl at night, something which will affect strategy including declarations. "There's definitely something to that (declaring to bowl at night), if you think that's the best chance to take a few early wickets," he said. "There'll definitely be some tactical plays throughout the Test." Australia are contemplating playing two spinners with Stephen O'Keefe's record in

ball and also under lights it tends to tention alongside Lyon. O'Keefe has taken 18 wickets for New South Wales in three pink-ball Sheffield Shield games at the Adelaide Oval, and he has no doubt the third Test will produce a result.

> "In my opinion this is the best ground to play with the pink ball," O'Keefe said. "I think that is a result wicket out there, without a doubt."

AC/DC

David Warner, who hit twin centuries in Brisbane and a maiden double-ton in Perth, believes a switch to the pink ball and a likely grassy Adelaide Oval pitch may tilt

the balance to the bowlers. "The last two wickets have been very batter-friendly," Warner said. "It's going to be a different story playing here and I think you'll see the ball move around a bit off the wicket." Ground staff have had their work cut out after a rock concert by AC/DC at the Oval on Saturday, putting a drop-in pitch in place and replacing some 800 square metres (8,600 square feet) of outfield.

James Pattinson, who has struggled with injuries, is expected to play his first Test since March 2014, while Shaun Marsh has another chance to prove his worth at Test level as he replaces injured batsman Usman Khawaja. New Zealand have Neil Wagner in line to replace Trent Boult if the key paceman succumbs to a back injury.

Teams

Australia (from) - David Warner, Joe Burns, Steve Smith (capt), Shaun Marsh, Adam Voges, Mitch Marsh, Peter Nevill, Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood, James Pattinson, Nathan Lyon, Steve O'Keefe, Peter Siddle. New Zealand (from) - Tom Latham, Martin Guptill, Kane Williamson, Ross Taylor, Brendon McCullum (capt), BJ Watling, Mark Craig, Doug Bracewell, Matt Henry, Tim Southee, Trent Boult, Neil Wagner. —AFP



Phillip Hughes

A YEAR ON: HUGHES AND THE DELIVERY THAT CHANGED CRICKET

MELBOURNE: Cricket has changed in Australia in the 12 months since Phillip Hughes was felled by a rising delivery that ultimately led to his death. Hughes, who played 26 tests for Australia, died three days short of his 26th birthday of a brain hemorrhage on Nov 27, 2014, two days after he was struck under the rear of his batting helmet by a short-pitch ball while playing for South Australia against New South Wales at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

His death stunned the international cricket community, causing an outpouring of grief from players, officials and from the general public - tens of thousands of fans around Australia showed solidarity in mourning by putting their cricket bats on display outside their homes as a tribute.

While new safety measures such as improved batting helmets are the obvious legacy of Hughes' passing, others are more subtle but affect the very culture of cricket. Fast bowlers, by and large, tend no longer to aim to intimidate batsmen with head-high bouncers, and spectators no longer rejoice in pacemen serving up "chin music" or cheer when a batsman is hit.

Recently retired strike bowler Mitchell Johnson, one of cricket's most feared pacemen, told Australian Broadcasting Corp. television that Hughes' death made him question the way

he played the game. "I had that (2013-2014) Ashes series where I was really aggressive and bowling a lot of short balls and I did hit players," he said, reflecting on the summer before Hughes died. The death, he added, "made me think, was I doing the right thing? You know, was I playing in the spirit of the game?"

While Johnson eventually came to terms with his intimidating style, his former teammates agree the game is different now. A number of senior players have since retired from international cricket, Johnson being the most recent of a line that includes former skipper Michael Clarke, allrounder Shane Watson and wicketkeeper Brad Haddin - who all played in provincial and national teams with Hughes.

"The game has changed for me forever. It's not what it was," said recalled spin bowler Steve O'Keefe, who was who was fielding for New South Wales when Hughes was struck.

Emotions

O'Keefe told a news conference in Adelaide, where Australia will take on New Zealand in the first day-night cricket test match starting tomorrow, that his perspective changed. 'You're playing a game that's supposed to be fun and you're supposed to be in a great contest, and then in the blink of a ball it completely changes on you," he said. "I just hope in my lifetime that I never have to see anything like that again, and we can remember Phil Hughes for what he was, which was a great bloke and an even better player."

The schedule for Australia's 2014-15 home series against India was redrafted in the wake of Hughes' death, with the emotional opening test played at Adelaide Oval, the same venue where the Australia vs. New Zealand test will start on the first anniversary of the batsman's passing. In that match last year, Australia players wore No. 408 - Hughes' test cap number with black armbands on their shirts. Hughes was 63 not out late on Nov. 25, 2014 when fatally injured at the SCG. The Adelaide Oval crowd offered 63 seconds of applause in his honor before the start of play in the next test match, and a large number 408 was painted on the field in tribute.—AP



ADELAIDE: Austalia's Peter Nevill, right, reaches for a ball during training at the Adelaide Oval ahead of their cricket test against New Zealand in Adelaide, yesterday. The test starting tomorrow will be the first ever day/night cricket test match. — AP

TISSOT THE TOP PLAYER IN THE WORLD OF BASKETBALL

Official Timekeeper of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA). More recently, on October 5, 2015, it signed the biggest contract of its history and became the first Official Timekeeper of the National Basketball Association (NBA). Today, to add to this impressive list, Tissot renews its partnership with the Chinese Basketball Association (CBA), which positions the Swiss watch brand as the top player in the world of basketball timekeeping.

Tissot's initial commitment to basketball was in 2008. It signed a deal with the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), which is the world governing body for basketball and organiser of the FIBA Basketball World Cup. The French NBA star Tony Parker was then added to the equation as one of the brand's main ambassadors. The partnership was already starting to grow. Today, Tissot is the first ever to be the Official Timekeeper and Watch of

Association (WNBA), and NBA Development League (NBA D-League). To complete the picture, it renews its contract with the CBA, the pre-eminent professional basketball league in Asia, of which it was already Official Timekeeper in 2007. These deals make Tissot the global actor in the field of Basketball Timekeeping.

Francois Thiebaud, Tissot President, said: "We are very proud to play an active role in one of the most popular sports worldwide. We are a global brand and a global association in the world of basketball seemed only fitting. The next step for us is to bring our innovative spirit and expertise timekeeping to the game to improve the experience for everyone involved."

It's the Swissness at the very heart of Tissot that makes the brand such a distinguished one. The + in the Tissot logo is the same as the Swiss flag, symbolising the quality and the reliability

LE LOCLE: In 2008, Tissot became the the NBA, Women's National Basketball that watchmakers have proudly demonstrated since 1853. The innovative brand remains in its home in Le Locle in the Swiss Jura Mountains, keeping its Swiss identity at its core. Tissot watches are authentic and accessible, using special materials, advanced functionality and meticulous design detail to create pieces that are both precise and stylish. The high calibre of the brand has been repeatedly recognised, as in its illustrious history Tissot has been named Official Timekeeper and Partner of the NBA, Moto GPTM, FIM World Superbike, FIBA, AFL, RBS 6 Nations Rugby and the World Championships of cycling, fencing and ice hockey. Tissot, which sells its timepieces in more than 160 countries round the world, is a member of the Swatch Group, the world's largest watch producer and distributor of Swiss watches. As it continues to create pioneering creations, Tissot stands by its signature, "Innovators by Tradition."



NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, Tissot President François Thiebaud, FIBA President Yvan Manini, InFront Basketball Director Benedikt Von Dohnanyi.



OAKLAND: Stephen Curry #30 of the Golden State Warriors shoots over Jordan Clarkson #6 of the Los Angeles Lakers during their NBA basket-

Warriors thrash Lakers for BEST START IN NBA HISTORY

OAKLAND: The defending champion Golden State Warriors set the record for best start in NBA history at 16-0, as Stephen Curry had 24 points and nine assists in a 111-77 rout of the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday. With their coach sidelined, the Warriors surpassed the 15-0 starts by the Washington Capitols of 1948-49 and 1993-94 Houston Rockets. Confetti streamed down when the final buzzer sounded, but Golden State's players barely celebrated. Kobe Bryant shot 1 of 14 for just four points, matching the worst-shooting performance of his career in a game where he had at least one basket. The Lakers dropped to 2-12 with the second-worst record in the NBA.

PACERS 123, WIZARDS 106

Paul George scored a season-high 40 points and made seven 3-pointers, part of a franchise-record 19 by Indiana in a victory over Washington. C.J. Miles added 32 points, his most since joining the Pacers before the start of last season, as Indiana won for the ninth time in 11 games. Miles was 8 of 9 from beyond the arc, and George also missed only once from deep. The Pacers finished 73.1 percent (19 of 26) from 3-point range, crushing their previous season high of 44.4 percent (12 of 27). Gary Neal scored 23 points off the bench for the Wizards, whose three-game winning streak was

GRIZZLIES 110, MAVERICKS 96

Mike Conley scored 21 points, Jeff Green added 19 and seven Memphis players reached double figures in a victory over Dallas. Marc Gasol had 15 points and 10 rebounds for Memphis, which won its fifth in the last six games. Matt Barnes and Mario Chalmers added 14 points apiece, and JaMychal Green contributed 13. Raymond Felton and J.J. Barea each scored 16 points and tried to pull the Mavericks back into the game in the fourth quarter. Dirk Nowitzki finished with 14 points and Zaza Pachulia had 13, both also grabbing 10 rebounds.

Wesley Matthews had 11 points and Deron Williams finished with 10 as Dallas lost its second straight.

HAWKS 121, CELTICS 97

Paul Millsap scored 25 points, Jeff Teague added 16 and Atlanta beat Boston. Atlanta had dropped four of five and was coming off a loss Saturday at Cleveland in which coach Mike Budenholzer was ejected and subsequently fined \$25,000 for bumping into referee Ben Taylor. The Hawks essentially put the game out of reach with an 18-3 run that made it 100-80 with 6:20 remaining on Teague's three-point play. Avery Bradley had 15 of his 25 points in the first half for Boston, which has dropped three of four. Isaiah Thomas scored 14 points as the Celtics, who began the game ranked ninth in opponent scoring, allowed a season high in points.

BULLS 93, TRAIL BLAZERS 88

Jimmy Butler scored 22 points, Derrick Rose added 17 in his return to the lineup and Chicago held off Portland. Rose had missed two games with a left ankle injury. His floating jumper stretched Chicago's lead to 78-65 early in the fourth quarter, but Portland rallied within 78-76 on Ed Davis' tip shot. Damian Lillard missed a 3pointer to tie it for Portland with 2:25 left, then missed the second of a pair of free throws with 20.7 seconds left that would have also pulled the Blazers into a tie. Lillard finished with 19 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists, but shot 4 of 22 from the field. CJ McCollum added 18 points.

CLIPPERS 111, NUGGETS 94

Blake Griffin and DeAndre Jordan each scored 18 points as Los Angeles beat Denver to end a three-game losing streak. Jordan finished with 11 rebounds and four blocks, while Griffin had 10 rebounds. Chris Paul had 15 points and 10 assists to give the Clippers (7-7) three players with double-doubles. The Clippers, who hadn't been under .500 this far into a season under coach Doc Rivers, made eight 3-pointers after coming into the game at 31.3 percent. Danilo Gallinari led Denver with 20 points and had a career-high 18 rebounds.—AP

Indiana 123, Washington 106; Atlanta 121, Boston 97; Memphis 110, Dallas 96; LA Clippers 111, Denver 94; Chicago 93, Portland 88; Golden State 111, LA Lakers 77.

NBA Results/Standings

	Easte	ern Coi	nference			West	ern Co	nference	:
	Atla	antic D	ivision			Nort	hwest	Division	
	W	L	PCT	GB	Oklahoma City	9	6	.600	-
Toronto	9	6	.600	-	Utah	6	7	.462	2
NY Knicks	8	7	.533	1	Minnesota	6	8	.429	2.5
Boston	7	7	.500	1.5	Denver	6	9	.400	3
Brooklyn	3	11	.214	5.5	Portland	6	10	.375	3.5
Philadelphia	0	15	0	9		_		ivision	0.0
	Cei	ntral D	ivision		Golden State	16	0	1.000	
Cleveland	11	3	.786	-			-		-
Chicago	9	4	.692	1.5	Phoenix	7	7	.500	8
Indiana	9	5	.643	2	LA Clippers	7	7	.500	8
Detroit	7	7	.500	4	Sacramento	5	10	.333	10.5
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	5	LA Lakers	2	12	.143	13
	Sout	heast	Division	_		Sout	hwest	Division	
Miami	9	4	.692	_	San Antonio	11	3	.786	-
Atlanta	10	6	.625	0.5	Dallas	9	6	.600	2.5
Charlotte	8	6	.571	1.5	Memphis	8	7	.533	3.5
Washington	6	5	.545	2	Houston	5	9	.357	6
Orlando	6	8	.429	3.5	New Orleans	3	11	.214	8

HAMILTON READY TO WRAP UP SEASON ON A HIGH

ABU DHABI: Lewis Hamilton will find his number is up in lights in Abu Dhabi, and that can only be a good omen as the triple Formula One world champion seeks to end another dominant season on a high this weekend. The number 44, the one the Briton has on his Mercedes, figures prominently on roadside illuminations as the United Arab Emirates celebrates the 44th anniversary of its founding on Dec. 2, 1971.

The return to Yas Marina will also bring back fond memories for the 30-year-old who clinched his second title by winning at the circuit last season and can take his 50th career pole position this weekend.

"Last year, this place brought probably the most intense weekend of my life. I didn't sleep much through nerves and not knowing what was ahead," the race favourite recalled. "But this time around there's no pressure, so I'll be well-rested and aiming to go out on a high. "A lot of British fans come out to Abu Dhabi so it's like another home crowd for me. To win for them and show how grateful I am for the fantastic support I've had all year would be the best way to end an incredible season," he added. Another win would also be his 11th of the season, matching his 2014 tally. For Mercedes, regardless of who wins, a 12th one-two finish from 19 races would also be the icing on the cake by breaking their own record set last year. With first and second assured in the championship for the second year in a row, and the construc-

tor's title retained, there is also the hope of seeing both Mercedes drivers battling wheel to wheel.

Entertaining battle

There was none of that in Brazil two weeks ago, or in Mexico, as Mercedes made clear that their priority was to secure second place for Nico Rosberg. "We will not be backing off-and an entertaining battle at the front between our boys for one last time in 2015 will be the ideal way to show that," said motorsport head Toto Wolff. Rosberg will be aiming to continue two sequences of his own, the German chasing his third win in a row and sixth successive pole to go into the winter with at least some bragging rights. —Reuters

MURRAY THE KEY AS BRITAIN, **BELGIUM CONTEST DAVIS FINAL**

GHENT: Belgium host Britain in the Davis Cup final in Ghent this weekend in a matchup no-one expected and an atmosphere no-one wants. The picturesque Flanders city is just 55 kilometres (35 miles) from Brussels, still reeling from the fallout of the terrorist attacks on Paris that killed 130 people and injured hundreds more.

The Belgian government has declared the highest level of terror alert in the capital city as the hunt for those responsible for the Paris atrocities continues.

Both teams, though, are in Ghent and saying that, despite all the fears and anxiety, the focus is fully on tennis and historymaking. Britain are seeking their 10th Davis Cup win in all, but first since 1936 when Fred Perry ruled the roost. Belgium's only previous appearance in the final came 111 years ago when they lost to what was then the British Isles.

The central figure in the Friday to Sunday clash at the 13,000-capacity Flanders Expo is undoubtedly British number one Andy Murray.

Ranked second in the world, he has been the inspiration behind his country reaching the Davis Cup final for the first time since 1978, winning all eight rubbers he has played-six singles and two doublesagainst heavyweights United States, France and Australia.

Should he win both his singles-as he is heavily favoured to do-he would be just the third player-after John McEnroe and Mats Wilander-to win all eight Davis Cup singles matches in the same year.

Murray, who will finish the year ranked second in the world behind Novak Djokovic, is on a crash course to get himself adapted to playing on indoor clay after a week spent on a hardcourt in London for the World Tour Finals.

But the 28-year-old Scot, who is likely to team up again with brother Jamie in what could be a key doubles rubber on Saturday, said he was confident he would be up to

scratch by Friday. "To win the biggest team competition in

tennis, having beaten the other three Grand Slam nations, I think it would be a huge victory for everyone in the team," he

"It would be well-deserved, as well. It's taken a lot of time and hard work from many of the players, many of the staff, coaches, physios, everyone. It's taken like five years.

"I know when you win like a slam or a big competition, it's years, obviously, in the works. But this is a bit different. "The last five years it's been a progression from a pretty low place in world tennis to playing for the biggest team competition. It would be big for everyone involved, for sure."

Lucky Belgium

Belgium's astonishing run into the final had much to do with good fortune and three home ties. In the first round they came up against defending champions Switzerland, but neither Roger Federer, nor Stanislas Wawrinka elected to play.

In the next round, Canada's top two players were both missing through injury and they then edged a mediocre Argentina side 3-2 in the semis. Home hopes rest with their top player David Goffin and number two Steve Darcis both taking points off the second British player, possibly 20-year-old debutant Kyle Edmund, and also winning the doubles.

Ranked 16th in the world, Goffin recently felt the full force of the Murray firepower, winning just one game as he lost in straight sets in under an hour at the Paris Masters.

It was, he said, a chastening experience, but one which he said he has fully put out of his mind.

"I think the day I played Andy in (Paris) Bercy, it was just a day off for me. I didn't play really well. But Andy was really aggressive. He played an unbelievable match there," he said.

"The conditions here, it's a completely different match, another surface. I just have to forget this match and to think about the matches of this weekend." — AFP



GENT: Great Britain's Andy Murray practices during a training session two days ahead of the Davis Cup World Group tennis final between Belgium and Great Britain, yesterday, at Flanders Expo in Gent. — AFP

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BARCELONA: Barcelona's Brazilian forward Neymar (C) kicks a ball during the UEFA Champions League Group E football match FC Barcelona vs AS Roma at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on Tuesday. —AFP

SUAREZ, MESSI HIT DOUBLES AS BARCA ROUT ROMA

BARCELONA: Lionel Messi scored his first two goals after a two-month injury layoff and Luis Suarez netted a brace in a 6-1 rout of Roma on Tuesday as Barcelona advanced to the Champions League knockout rounds for a 12th consecutive season. Suarez got Barcelona rolling at Camp Nou in the 15th minute. Three minutes later Messi scored his first goal in his second appearance since returning from a left-knee injury. With Roma in disarray, Messi netted the hosts' fifth after Suarez and Gerard Pique scored.

Adriano capped the demolition before Edin Dzeko got Roma's consolation. Messi showed no rust from his time on the sideline recovering from a ligament he tore on Sept. 26. On Saturday, he played a little more than half an hour as a second-

half substitute in Barcelona's memorable 4-0 win at Real Madrid, looking threatening as ever despite not scoring.

Frighteningly enough for opponents, Barcelona's all-time leading scorer said despite his strong return, he has yet to recover his peak form. "It's tough to get back up to full speed," said

"It's tough to get back up to full speed," said Messi. "I prepared well and trained but it's not the same as going out on the pitch and lasting 90 minutes. I will take it with calm and get my pace back."

Barcelona had already qualified for the next phase before kickoff after Bayer Leverkusen was held 1-1 at BATE Borisov, but the victory moved the defending champions onto 13 points and the top spot in Group E with a game to spare.

Roma was left with five points along with

Leverkusen, while BATE has four. "Right now Barca is unstoppable, it's not a coincidence that it beat Madrid 4-0," said Roma coach Rudi Garcia. "For us the good news arrived before the match. The draw between Leverkusen and BATE keeps our options

Messi's goals were his first in the Champions League this campaign (he has only made two appearance) and 78th and 79th in competition history, second only to Crisitano Ronaldo's record of 83. Suarez, meanwhile, continued his scoring streak with his ninth and tenth goals in his last six matches taking him up to 17 for the season. Both Suarez and striker partner Neymar, who missed a late penalty, also excelled at playing a part in their team's goals with their passing.

"We are in a sweet moment and hope to keep it going as long as possible," said Barcelona coach Luis Enrique, whose team also leads the Spanish league. "I see my team very focused, with everyone

Barcelona was soon in front after Neymar drifted back into midfield and sent forward a perfect pass to meet Dani Alves' run from the flank. The right back only had to square the ball for the unmarked Suarez to steer it in.

Messi doubled the lead moments later after he finished off a series of one-touch passes before Suarez lobbed him the ball, leaving Messi to dink the ball over Szczesny.

Barcelona continued to dominate both possession and the initiative, and Suarez blasted a right-

foot volley of a cleared ball that fell to him just inside the far post right before halftime.

With Roma still in disarray, Pique got on the scoresheet after Messi was played through by Suarez and passed for the defender to tap home in the 56th. Suarez was again playmaker four minutes later after Neymar found him in the area to set up Messi, who finished off his own rebound for this second goal.

Neymar earned a penalty from Salih Ucan but had his spot kick saved by Szczesny, only for substitute Adriano to rush in a fire in the rebound in the 77th. Dzeko also had a penalty saved by Marc-Andre ter Stegen in the 82nd after being fouled by Thomas Vermaelen but got the Italian side a consolation goal just before the final whistle. — AP

SANCHEZ DOUBLE KEEPS ARSENAL'S HOPES ALIVE

LONDON: Alexis Sanchez scored twice and Mesut Ozil headed the other goal as never-say-die Arsenal beat Dinamo Zagreb 3-0 on Tuesday and kept alive their hopes of reaching the Champions League last 16 for a 16th straight sea-

The Gunners, whose chances of advancing looked remote after defeats by Dinamo, Olympiakos Piraeus and Bayern Munich in their opening four matches, were given a huge helping hand by Bayern Munich who thrashed the Greeks 4-0 in the other Group F match. Those results mean that Bayern are through to the knockout round and Arsenal will join them if they beat Olympiakos by two clear goals in Greece on Dec. 9.

Bayern have 12 points, Olympiakos have nine, Arsenal are on six and Dinamo have three. If Olympiakos gain at least a point against Arsenal they will go through instead of the London side while Dinamo are already eliminated and will finish bottom. Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger told reporters he was pleased his side now had their fate back in their hands. "It was important we did not concede the first goal because they (Dinamo) were quite dangerous going forward. "We had to come out of the game tonight with a chance to qualify-we needed to do the job and Bayern needed to do the job and it happened-and now I believe we can do it. "We have to go there (Olympiakos) and win, and if we are winning 1-0, then we can win 2-0."

Dinamo coach Zoran Mamic agreed, telling reporters: "I think they can go through, they have more quality than Olympiakos and are a better team and I think they will reach the next stage." There was nervous apprehension from the home fans on a chilly night but that eased as Arsenal weathered early pressure before taking control with excellent quick-passing football. Ozil, Sanchez and Santi Cazorla were dominant in midfield and the Germany playmaker made the breakthrough when he scored with a stooped header after Sanchez had run more than 50 metres with the ball as Arsenal broke on the counter. Sanchez scored the second after poor defending by Leonardo Sigali, whose weak clearance inside his area was intercepted by Nacho Monreal who set up his Chilean team mate for a tap-in. The second half followed much the same pattern and, although Dinamo weaved some nice moves in midfield, they hardly created a chance to trouble Arsenal keeper Petr Cech. Cazorla, Olivier Giroud and the excellent Joel Campbell kept Eduardo busy in the visitors' goal, with Sanchez netting the third goal by rounding the keeper, leaving Arsenal believing they can complete the job of qualifying in two weeks' time. — Reuters



LONDON: Arsenal's Chilean striker Alexis Sanchez in action during their UEFA Champions League Group F football match between Arsenal and GNK Dinamo Zagreb at The Emirates Stadium in London on Tuesday. — AFP

CHELSEA REPEAT DRUBBING OF MACCABI TO MOVE IN ON LAST 16

HAIFA: Chelsea enjoyed their second 4-0 Champions League victory over 10-man Maccabi Tel Aviv this season to move into prime position to reach the knockout stages of the competition from Group G on Tuesday.

With Dynamo Kiev winning 2-0 at Porto, however, the qualifiers for the last 16 will only be determined in the last round of matches when Chelsea host Porto and Kiev welcome Maccabi. Goals by Gary Cahill, Willian, Oscar and Kurt Zouma secured the victory for Chelsea whose task was made easier when Maccabi captain Tal Ben Haim, a key player in the heart of the defence, was sent off five minutes before halftime.

After five games, Chelsea, who only need to draw their final match to progress, and Porto each have 10 points with Kiev on eight, while Maccabi are bottom without a point.

Cahill had put the visitors on the scoresheet in the 20th minute with a closerange effort after mounting Chelsea pressure as Maccabi's spirited start faded after about 15 minutes.

Maccabi kept up their attempts to penetrate the Chelsea defence but their cause was undermined when Ben Haim was shown a red card for a wild kick on striker Diego Costa. The Israelis maintained their efforts after the break but the result was sealed when Willian scored in the 73rd minute with a perfectly-executed curling free kick that beat the Maccabi wall and left goalkeeper Predrag Rajkovic stranded.

Oscar made it 3-0 in the 77th from close range as Maccabi's defensive shield was breached again before Zouma pounced on a corner in the first minute of added time to seal the win.

Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho said the result flattered his side. "I think we played very well in the first half, the pitch didn't help," Mourinho said. "In the second we slept a bit for the first 15-20 minutes waiting for the second goal to come and only when we were again in danger did we react well. No doubt about the victory but I think Maccabi deserved a bit more than that."

Maccabi coach Slavisa Jokanovic said the sending off made it impossible for his players to overcome technically superior opposition.

"Playing 11 against 11 is hard enough in the Champions League and when it's 10

against 11 Chelsea players it becomes pretty much impossible," he said.

Moments before the second goal, Chelsea captain John Terry had to be substituted after injuring his ankle, an incident which Mourinho said occurred as a result of the poor playing surface.

The extent of the injury was not initially known but Mourinho looked worried and suggested Terry may not be available to play against Tottenham Hotspur in the Premier League on Sunday.

"This is such a beautiful stadium and a wonderful crowd but the surface was really bad. They deserve better than this," he said. — Reuters

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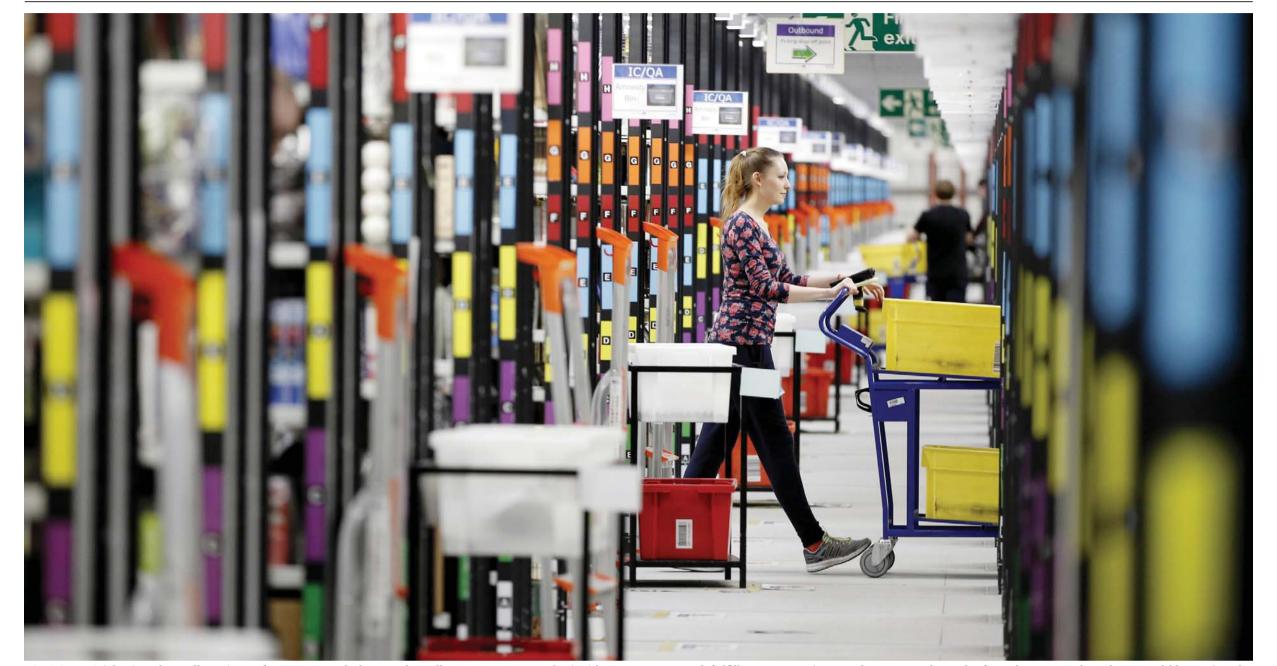


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LONDON: A 'picker' worker collects items from storage shelves as she collates a customer order inside an Amazon.co.uk fulfillment centre in Hemel Hempstead, north of London, yesterday. Shops could be seeing the effect of consumers postponing purchases until "Black Friday" tomorrow, a day of sales in the United States that has become increasingly popular in Britain. — AFP

US CONSUMER SPENDING SHOWS SIGNS OF SLOWING

BUSINESS SENTIMENT IMPROVES, WEEKLY JOBLESS CLAIMS FALL

in October as households took advantage of rising incomes to boost savings to their highest level in nearly three years, pointing to moderate economic growth in the fourth quarter.

Anemic consumer spending will probably do little change expectations that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates next month as other data yesterday showed a surge in business spending plans in October and a drop in new applications for unemployment benefits last week.

The Commerce Department said consumer spending edged up 0.1 percent after a similar increase in September. When adjusted for inflation, consumer spending rose by the same margin.

That suggests consumer spending, which accounts for more than two-thirds of US economic activity, has slowed from the third quarter's brisk 3.0 percent annual pace. The tepid rise in consumer spending could combine with an anticipated drag from an ongoing inventory reduction to hold the economy to around a 2 percent growth rate in the fourth quarter. The government reported on Tuesday that the economy expanded at a 2.1 percent rate in the third quarter.

The economy could get support from business spending. In a separate report, the Commerce Department said non-defense capital goods orders excluding aircraft, a closely watched proxy for business spending plans, increased 1.3 percent last month after rising 0.4 percent in September.

The report came on the heels of data this month showing a solid increase in manufacturing output in

WASHINGTON: US consumer spending barely rose October, and was the latest suggestion that the years, and remain close to levels last seen in the earworst of the drag from a strong dollar and deep spending cuts by energy firms was over. Fed officials had held off raising rates at their last two meetings as they assessed the degree to which a stronger dollar and a slowing in economies overseas would weigh on the United States.

> Manufacturing, which accounts for 12 percent of the economy, has been slammed by the dollar strength and the spending cuts in the energy sector. The dollar has appreciated 18.1 percent against the currencies of the United States' main trading partners since June 2014. The pace of appreciation, however, is gradually slowing. Economists also believe that the bulk of spending cuts by oil field firms like Schlumberger in response to lower crude prices have already been implemented. US Treasury debt prices pared gains after the reports, while the dollar hit an eight-month high against a basket of currencies. US stock index futures slightly extended gains.

WAGES RISING

Economists speculate that rising rents are diverting money from discretionary spending. But as the labor market continues to tighten, there is optimism that wage growth will pick up and encourage consumers to loosen their purse strings and boost spending. A third report from the Labor Department showed initial claims for state unemployment benefits declined 12,000 to a seasonally adjusted 260,000 for the week ended Nov 21.

Claims have now held below the 300,000 threshold for 38 consecutive weeks, the longest stretch in ly 1970s. Strengthening labor market conditions are gradually lifting income. The Commerce Department said personal income increased 0.4 percent last month, accelerating after a 0.2 percent gain in September. Wages and salaries shot up 0.6 percent, the largest increase since May.

Savings increased to \$761.9 billion last month, the highest level since December 2012, from \$722.9 billion in September. Higher savings could over time buoy consumer spending.

There was still no sign of inflation, which has persistently run below the Federal Reserve's 2 percent target. A price index for consumer spending ticked up 0.1 percent after declining in September for the first time since January. In the 12 months through October, the personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index was up 0.2 percent after a similar rise in September. Excluding food and energy, prices were unchanged after rising by 0.2 percent in September. The so-called core PCE price index rose 1.3 percent in the 12 months through October, for the 10th straight month.

Home sales

Sales of new homes recovered in October after suffering a steep drop in September, indicating a return to stability in the housing market.

The Commerce Department says new-home sales climbed 10.7 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 495,000. This rebound followed a 12.9 percent plunge in the sales rate during September. Americans recovered much of their



A customer (at left) pays for produce at a stand at the Atlanta Farmers Market. The Commerce Department released a report on consumer spending and income growth for October yesterday. —AP

appetite for owning new homes this year. Purchases have surged 15.7 percent year-to-date, benefiting from the solid hiring gains and low mortgage rates.

The new-home sales report tends to be volatile from month to month. Home-buying surged 135.5 percent in the Northeast in October, while rising less

aggressively in the Midwest and South. Sales dropped slightly in the West. But prices dipped last month despite other industry reports indicating that real estate prices have eclipsed income growth. In October, the median new-home sales price fell 8.5 percent from a year ago to \$281,500. — Agencies

AUSTRALIA-LED GROUP WINS \$7BN ELECTRICITY DEAL OVER CHINA BID

SYDNEY: An Australia-led consortium of investment funds from Canada and the Middle East won the bid for electricity transmission network TransGrid yesterday, beating a Chinese challenger in a deal worth Aus\$10 billion (\$7.3 billion).

China's State Grid was considered a frontrunner but the New South Wales state government said the strongest bid belonged to the locally led NSW Electricity Networks consortium. "The transaction will deliver gross proceeds of Aus\$10.258 billion which will help fund a raft of infrastructure projects across the state," NSW Premier Mike Baird said in a statement.

The winning consortium includes Canadian pension fund Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec (CDPQ), the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority's Tawreed Investments Limited, and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), Wren House

The consortium is led by investment fund Hastings as manager of Utilities Trust of Australia, while locally listed Spark Infrastructure, which owns and manages energy assets, is also part of the group.

The Chinese bid had generated concerns given TransGrid is a critical piece of national infrastructure underpinning the NSW economy and a key part of the

country's electricity market. State Grid's loss comes just days after national Treasurer Scott Morrison blocked the sale of one of the world's largest cattle estates to foreign entities, ruling it was not in the national interest. Chinese companies Genius Link Group and Shanghai Pengxin had reportedly been in a bidding war to secure the S. Kidman and Co Ltd pastoral empire for up to Aus\$350 million ahead of that

And last week a decision by the Northern Territory to lease the Port of Darwin to a Chinese firm prompted a review of the rules that allow Australian states to sell strategic assets to foreign firms without federal scrutiny.

Morrison welcomed the awarding of the 99-year lease for TransGrid to the consortium. "The Foreign Investment Review Board has been in extensive consultation with the NSW government for over 12 months to ensure that national interest considerations are addressed," he said.

"This consultation has also included relevant... agencies that have an interest in the acquisition of critical infrastructure." Once the transaction is finalized, the state government will retain significant influence over TransGrid, including as regulator.

Morrison said he had asked for further safeguards that were "more stringent than any previous conditions imposed on acquisitions of critical infrastructure". These include an insistence that foreign consortium members hold no more than a 50 percent share in TransGrid and that 50 percent of TransGrid's boards comprise Australian citizens and residents.

"Australia continues to be open for business and we welcome foreign investment when it is not contrary to the national interest," Morrison said. — AFP

GULF MARKETS FLAT, EGYPT BOUNCES BACK

MIDEAST STOCK MARKETS

DUBAI: A bounce in shares of Commercial International Bank (CIB) helped Egypt's stock market rebound from near technical support yesterday, while most Gulf markets were little changed.

CIB, a traditional favourite of foreign investors, had tumbled 22 percent over the past three weeks ago, hit by concern that Egypt might soon devalue its currency because of the blow to tourism revenues from last month's apparent bombing of a Russian passenger jet over the Sinai Peninsula.

Devaluation worries have not gone away, but some investors bought back into CIB at Wednesday's lows. The stock climbed 3 percent to 42.57 Egyptian pounds, helping Cairo's main share index gain 1.1 percent to 6,391 points. It has minor chart support at last week's low of 6,302 points. According to Thomson Reuters data, 12 analysts rate CIB a "buy" or

"strong buy", four rate it a "hold" and none a "sell". Their median target price is 64.00 pounds. Most Gulf markets fluctuated narrowly as low oil and gas prices, and a lack of positive corporate news, deterred many buyers. The Saudi stock index edged up 0.1 percent. After gaining for seven straight days, leading petrochemical producer Saudi Basic Industries rose in early trade but closed flat. Saudi Automotive Services gained 1.2 percent after saying it had repaid early 20 million riyals (\$5.3 mln) of a loan from Arab National Bank. The company said it had paid the debt, which had been due in February 2017, with internal resources in order to reduce financial

Qatar's index fell 1 percent as the most heavily traded stock, Gulf International Services, slid 4.1 percent. MSCI will delete the stock from its emerging markets index at the end of this month. Dubai edged up 0.2 percent as builder Arabtec , the most heavily traded stock, rebounded 2.7 percent after sliding 4.3 percent on Tuesday. Abu Dhabi rose 0.3 as Abu Dhabi National Energy Co (TAQA) soared to its 15 percent daily limit to touch 0.46 dirham in its heaviest trade since April 2013.

The company posted a big third-quarter loss and its shares have been trending down this year because of low oil prices, but in recent days they have bounced from a record low of 0.36 dirham. TAQA said on Wednesday that it had filed with US regulators for the sale of its stake in the Lakefield wind power plant in the United States, aiming to complete the deal in the first quarter of 2016. The company said earlier this year that it had decided to sell the asset, given a "carrying value" of 147 million dirhams (\$40 million); it said that amount was expected to be surpassed in the sale. — Reuters

NBK-EGYPT REPORTS EGP 445.6M IN NET PROFITS FOR 9-MONTH 2015

Total assets grew by 60.6% y-o-y to EGP 36.7 billion

(NBK-E), reported net profits of EGP 445.6 million for the first nine months of 2015 compared with EGP 273.5 million for the same period last year, an increase of 62.9 percent year-on-year (y-o-y).

As of end of September 2015, NBK-Egypt total assets increased by 60.6 percent y-o-y to EGP 36.7 billion compared to EGP 22.9 billion as of end-September 2014. Customers' deposits grew by 56.1 percent y-o-y to EGP 30.9 billion com-

pared to EGP 19.8 billion in 2014. Isam Al-Sager, NBK Group Chief

KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait-Egypt Executive Officer and NBK-Egypt Chairman, said "The solid growth achieved affirms NBK-Egypt's successful strategy in better-positioning itself in the Egyptian market, offering best-in-class products and services to its customers. This is also a testimony to NBK Group's successful regional expansion strategy where Egypt is one of its main pillars considering the strong outlook and promising growth opportunities that the Egyptian market offers".

Dr. Yasser Hassan, Managing Director of NBK-Egypt highlighted the solid perform-



Isam Al-Sager

ance of the Bank, delivering strong growth in all financial indicators despite the challenging operating environment in Egypt. This strong performance is attributed to the bank's conservative strategy as a member of the NBK Group. This strategy mainly focuses on diversifying the loan portfolio and providing the best financial solutions tailored for clients, reflecting thorough analyses of customer needs and market conditions.

NBK-Egypt (previously Al Watany Bank of Egypt) is a member of National Bank of Kuwait Group and was established in 1980. The Bank has a network of 39 branches situated at strategic locations within the various Egyptian governorates and cities including Cairo, Giza, Alexandria, Delta, Sinai, and the Red Sea as well as in industrial areas such as Sixth of October and Tenth of Ramadan cities.



National Bank of Kuwait was founded in 1952 as the first indigenous national bank and financial institution in Kuwait and the GCC and is one of the largest and most prominent Arab banks. NBK continues to enjoy collectively the highest ratings among all banks in the Middle East from the three international rating agencies Moody's, Fitch Ratings and Standard and Poor's. NBK was also named among Global Finance's list of the 50 safest banks in the world for the tenth consecutive time topping all Arab commercial banks and ahead of major international banks. The National Bank of Kuwait Group has a wide presence of branches locally and internationally in the most important financial centers such as London, New York, Geneva, and Singapore in parallel to branches in Bahrain, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iraq, Turkey and China.

in brief

US dollar firms against Kuwaiti dinar at 0.304

KUWAIT: US dollar stabilized vis-a-vis the Kuwaiti dinar yesterday trading at KD 0.304, the euro rose to KD 0.324, as compared to Monday's rates, the Central Bank of Kuwait said. Sterling pound dropped to KD 0.459, Swiss franc climbed to KD 0.299 while the Japanese yen firmed at KD 0.002.

Qatar riyal sinks in forwards market

DUBAI: Qatar's riyal fell sharply in the forward foreign exchange market yesterday because of concern about the country's progress in obtaining a syndicated loan of up to \$10 billion from banks, traders said. One-year US dollar/riyal forwards rose as high as 312 points, their highest level since February 2009 during the global financial crisis, from 250 points on Tuesday. Earlier this month, bankers said Qatar was in talks with banks for a loan of up to \$10 billion to help cover its expenses. Qatar is one of the wealthiest of the Gulf Arab energy exporters, but its income has been pressured by low oil and gas prices. The five-year loan was expected to carry a margin below 100 basis points over the London interbank offered rate, one of the bankers said at the time. Qatar was aiming to complete the deal by the end of this year. Yesterday, senior traders at two major Gulf banks said there was talk in the market that banks were having trouble agreeing with Qatar on the pricing of the loan.

East Port Said side channel to be completed by June 2016

CAIRO: Egypt plans to complete a side channel in East Port Said, near the Suez Canal, that would speed up shipping and allow ships direct entry into the port by the end of June 2016, Mohab Memish, head of the Suez Canal Authority, said yesterday. The new channel will cost \$36 million, of which \$7.5 million will be financed by the Suez Canal Container Terminal (SCCT), Memish said. SCCT is 55 percent owned by APM Terminals, part of Maersk Group. 'We are building the side channel which will allow the ships to enter from open waters directly into East Port Said," said Memish at a news conference in Ismailiya. Currently vessels that come through East Port Said have to be coordinated with the Suez Canal convoy. "There was a problem with the ships that enter East Port Said which have to wait between seven to 10 hours to enter the port," Memish said, adding that he expects the new channel to increase traffic at the port by 2020 to reach 12 million containers.

Egypt's GASC receives offers in wheat tender

ABU DHABI: The lowest offer in Egyptian state buyer GASC's wheat purchase tender that closed yesterday was \$195.54 a ton free on board (FOB) for French wheat, traders said. The offer was made for 60,000 tons, they said, adding that no purchase has yet been made and results are expected later yesterday.

TAQA files for sale of **US wind power asset**

ABU DHABI: Abu Dhabi National Energy Co, or TAQA, has filed with US energy regulators to sell its stake in the Lakefield wind power plant in the US state of Minnesota to a Qatari company. TAQA, which reported a net loss of 416 million dirhams (\$113.3 million) for the quarter ending Sept. 30, said earlier this month it was aiming to develop local oil and gas projects, leveraging on its overseas expertise and signalling a shift in strategy. A filing made last week sought authorisation for the sale of the Lakefield plant to Nebras Power Co by the end of this year, so the deal can be completed in the first quarter of 2016. TAQA, majority-owned by the government of Abu Dhabi, bought a 50 percent stake in the 205.5 megawatt project from a subsidiary of France's EDF in early 2013. It is the only wind power holding in TAQA's portfolio and the company said earlier this year it had decided to sell the asset, given a "carrying value" of 147 million dirhams (\$40 million) which it said was expected to be surpassed in the sale. A TAQA spokesman confirmed the filing but declined to give further details.

OIL FALLS AS SPOTLIGHT RETURNS TO GLUT, DOLLAR UP

LONDON: Crude oil futures fell back towards \$45 per barrel yesterday as the dollar gained and investor focus shifted back to a deep global supply glut. Brent was down 94 cents at \$45.18 a barrel at 1241 GMT, having touched a low of \$45.11.

The benchmark hit its highest since Nov. 11 at \$46.50 on Tuesday after Turkey shot down a Russian jet. It had risen for five consecutive days, its longest run of positive sessions since April.

US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures fell 78 cents to \$42.09 a barrel, having gained \$1.12 to \$42.87 on Tuesday. Data from industry group the American Petroleum Institute (API) on Tuesday showed that U.S. crude stocks rose by 2.6 million barrels in the week to Nov. 20, more than double analysts' expectations for an increase of 1.2 million

"Inventories surprised on the upside and it will draw back attention to the supply that hangs over the market," said Hans van Cleef, senior energy economist at ABN Amro in Amsterdam.

A gain in the dollar, which rose to an eight month high against a basket of currencies, also weighed on prices as oil, priced in the US unit, became less affordable to holders of other currencies.

The API data came ahead of figures from the Energy Information Administration, due at 1530 GMT (1030 EST) and expected to show crude oil stocks rose for a ninth consecutive week.

OPEC is determined to keep pumping oil vigorously despite the resulting financial strain-even on the policy's chief architect, Saudi Arabia-alarming weaker members who fear that prices may slump further towards \$20. President Tayyip Erdogan said yesterday that Turkey did not want any escalation of tension over the downing of the Russian warplane, and that it had acted simply to defend its own security and the "rights of our brothers" in Syria. — Reuters

MOROCCAN REFINERY'S DEBTS POINT TO OIL SECTOR LENDING WOES

LONDON: When Morocco's only oil refinery suspended production in early August due to financial difficulties, it owed \$450 million to trading houses, including Glencore, Vitol and BB Energy, according to traders and refinery sources familiar with the sit-

While the amount is relatively small compared with the balance sheets of large trading houses, it underscores simmering trouble in high-risk, high-margin developing regions that did not insure themselves against the steep decline in oil prices. The idled refinery - the 200,000 barrel per day (bpd) Societe Anonyme Marocaine de l'Industrie du Raffinage refinery, known as Samir - is a further sign of emerging risks now that oil prices appear set to stay lower for longer.

"They had a very large inventory of crude oil at a very high price," said Mark Elliott, chairman of Africafocused consultancy CITAC. "And they were not hedged."

Samir reported a first-half loss of roughly \$223 million this year, following a \$354 million hit it took at the end of 2014, due primarily to losses on inventory when crude oil prices plummeted.

Elliott said that the bulk of the African oil industry, from refineries to major producers such as Nigeria and Angola, also do not hedge to protect themselves against price fluctuations.

The structure of the debt owed by Samir was not immediately clear. Sources said some traders were to be a safe bet, with a captive marowed oil products, while others had given Samir a mix of their own money and money borrowed from banks - shielding the trading house from cash flow problems related to the fallout.

Glencore, Vitol and BB Energy all declined to comment. Sources at Glencore and Vitol said the two companies had necessary risk procedures in place when dealing with Samir.

But Samir's unexpected idling underscores a problem for these types of prepayment deals through which companies and countries who need cash upfront get their financing from traders and banks while pledging exclusive access to oil or refined products.

PRICE SHOCK

Last month, Vitol's Chief Executive lan Taylor told the Reuters Commodities Summit he was worried about the rise of non-performing oil industry loans and government obligations in the volatile commodities environment.

"I am actually increasingly concerned by that," Taylor said. "The stress of \$40, or \$50 (oil), takes time to come through the system. And it's starting to come through the sys-

"This is an area where the industry has got to be really careful," Taylor said, adding that he expected banks to become "much tougher" on emerging markets. As Morocco's only refinery, Samir would have appeared

ket that consumes some 300,000 bpd of petroleum products.

But the refinery, controlled by Saudi's Corral Petroleum Holdings, overextended itself with a \$1 billion upgrade to produce better quality fuel, traders said. Then crude oil prices crashed, which was good for refineries in nearly every other region - but less so for Samir.

Samir itself did not return requests for comment. Elsewhere, importers, many backed by trading houses, are owed some \$2 billion by Nigeria's government in back payments for gasoline subsidies.

Other countries, such as Venezuela, are relying on trading desks of oil majors such as Statoil, Shell and Total and traders like Vitol, to import crude oil. As for Samir, three months after

announcing their imminent restart, a cargo of crude oil that arrived in August remained parked off the shores of Mohammedia, according to traders and Reuters vessel tracking. The roughly \$5 decline in oil prices alone since the cargo arrived in mid-August means the cargo lost nearly \$4 million in value - not counting the cost of the parked vessel itself.

Samir is working on a fresh infusion of capital, and has said it will restart. But Morocco's tax administration seized its bank accounts in pursuit of a \$1.3 billion tax claim, making a restart or debt repayment even more difficult. — Reuters

EXCHANGE RATES

AL-MUZAINI EXCHANGE CO.

	ASIAN COUNTRIES
Japanese Yen	2.491
Indian Rupees	4.600
Pakistani Rupees	2.893
Srilankan Rupees	2.142
Nepali Rupees	2.879
Singapore Dollar	217.590
Hongkong Dollar	39.348
Bangladesh Taka	3.863
Philippine Peso	6.488
Thai Baht	8.512

GCC COUNTRIES Saudi Riyal Qatari Riyal 83.812 Omani Riyal 792.490 Bahraini Dinar 810.280 **UAE Dirham** 83.070

ARAB COUNTRIES

Egyptian Pound - Cash Egyptian Pound - Transfer 39.013 Yemen Riyal/for 1000 1.424 **Tunisian Dinar** 149.120 Jordanian Dinar 429.660 Lebanese Lira/for 1000 2.033 Syrian Lira 2.174 Morocco Dirham 30.803

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US Dollar Transfer	304.950
Euro	326.300
Sterling Pound	462.000
Canadian dollar	230.320
Turkish lira	105.960
Swiss Franc	301.190
Australian dollar	223.070
US Dollar Buying	303.750

GOLD 20 gram 220.51 112.95 10 gram 5 gram 57.16

UAE EXCHANGE CENTRE WLI

CURRENCIES	TELEX TRANSFER PER 100
Australian Dollar	204.98
Canadian Dollar	233.02
Swiss Franc	304.26
Euro	328.08
US Dollar	305.15
Sterling Pound	463.25
Japanese Yen	2.53
Bangladesh Taka	3.870
Indian Rupee	4.602
Sri Lankan Rupee	2.143
Nepali Rupee	2.876
Pakistani Rupee	2.890
UAE Dirhams	0.08304
Bahraini Dinar	0.8110
Egyptian Pound	0.03888
Jordanian Dinar	0.4340
Omani Riyal	0.7924
Qatari Riyal	0.08413

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0.08134

Rate for Transfer	Selling Rate
US Dollar	305.200
Canadian Dollar	231.580
Sterling Pound	461.650
Euro	326.430
Swiss Frank	311.325
Bahrain Dinar	810.045
UAE Dirhams	83.390
Qatari Riyals	91.430

Saudi Riyal

Saudi Riyals	82.110
Jordanian Dinar	430.055
Egyptian Pound	38.866
Sri Lankan Rupees	2.143
Indian Rupees	4.595
Pakistani Rupees	2.890
Bangladesh Taka	3.862
Philippines Pesso	6.480
Cyprus pound	581.315
Japanese Yen	3.485
Syrian Pound	2.615
Nepalese Rupees	3.865
Malaysian Ringgit	73.430
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	48.110
Thai Bhat	9.530
Turkish Lira	106.125

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BAHRAIN I	EXCHANGE C	OMPANY
CURRENCY	BUY Europe	SELL
British Pound	0.453387	0.462387
Czech Korune	0.004001	
Danish Krone	0.039466	0.044466
Euro	0.319300	0.327300
Norwegian Krone	0.031255	0.036455
Romanian Leu	0.072881	0.072881
Slovakia	0.009125	0.019125
Swedish Krona	0.031040	0.36040
Swiss Franc	0.293252	0.303452
Turkish Lira	0.102861	0.113161
	Australasia	
Australian Dollar	0.213251	0.224751
New Zealand Dollar	0.194044	0.203544
	America	
Canadian Dollar	0.223880	0.232380
US Dollars	0.300850	0.305350

US Dollars Mint	0.301350	0.305350
	Asia	
Bangladesh Taka	0.003516	0.004116
Chinese Yuan	0.046338	0.049838
Hong Kong Dollar	0.037258	0.040008
ndian upee	0.004355	0.004745
ndonesian Rupiah	0.000018	0.000024
Japanese Yen	0.002405	0.002585
Kenyan Shilling	0.002978	0.002978
Korean Won	0.000256	0.000271
Malaysian Ringgit	0.068787	0.074787
Nepalese Rupee	0.002922	0.003092
Pakistan Rupee	0.002706	0.002986
Philippine Peso	0.006417	0.006697
Sierra Leone	0.000067	0.000073
Singapore Dollar	0.213610	0.219610
South African Rand	0.015703	0.0242203
Sri Lankan Rupee	0.001771	0.002351
Taiwan	0.009263	0.009443
Гhai Baht	0.008218	0.008768
	Arab	
Bahraini Dinar	0.801994	0.809994
Egyptian Pound	0.037507	0.040337
ranian Riyal	0.000084	0.000086
raqi Dinar	0.000204	0.000264
Jordanian Dinar	0.426122	0.433622
Kuwaiti Dinar	1.000000	1.000000
Lebanese Pound	0.000152	0.000252
Moroccan Dirhams	0.022185	0.046185
Nigerian Naira	0.001262	0.001897
	0.785657	0.791337
Omani Riyal	0.763037	0./9133/
Qatar Riyal	0.783057	0.084264
Qatar Riyal Saudi Riyal		
Omani Riyal Qatar Riyal Saudi Riyal Syrian Pound	0.083051	0.084264
Qatar Riyal Saudi Riyal Syrian Pound	0.083051 0.080683	0.084264 0.081383
Qatar Riyal Saudi Riyal	0.083051 0.080683 0.001293	0.084264 0.081383 0.001513
Qatar Riyal Saudi Riyal Syrian Pound Tunisian Dinar	0.083051 0.080683 0.001293 0.145433	0.084264 0.081383 0.001513 0.153433

PARAGON'S FY PROFIT UP 9%; BUYBACK RAISED

LONDON: British lender Paragon Group of Companies Plc reported a 9 percent increase in full-year pretax profit and raised its share buyback program by up to 50 million pounds (\$76 million) after extending it into next year.

The company, which owns Paragon Bank, said its buy-to-let lending doubled to 1.33 billion pounds in the year ended Sept. 30, while its pipeline at year-end was up 72 percent at 713.7 million pounds.

Buy-to-let is a form of investment in which people buy a property, typically with a mortgage, to rent out. Increasing house prices, brought about by restricted supply and an uptick in demand, have made such investments more attractive.

Paragon said its banking unit, which reported a loss of 8.6 million pounds in 2015, is expected to make a profit in 2016.

Paragon launched the retail-funded lending bank last year to enable it to diversify beyond the mortgage market. Chief Executive Nigel Terrington said the bank would not earn enough in 2016 to come under a proposed banking tax - an 8 percent surcharge on banks' profits above 25 million pounds.

"In one sense, it will be good news to pay the extra 8 percent tax because that

Terrington told Reuters.

Sky News reported on Sunday that Chancellor Osborne would this week extend the Funding for Lending Scheme (FLS), a programme aimed at increasing lending to small businesses, beyond its intended expiry in January.

Terrington said Paragon, which is not currently a part of the scheme, could consider joining if there were such an extension. Paragon said last month it had bought SME lending-focused Five Arrows Leasing from Rothschild & Co.

The asset finance business would contribute about 10 million pounds to the group's profit this year, with about 3 million pounds expected to go towards transac-

Paragon also raised its dividend by 22 percent to 11 pence per share. The lender said Idem Capital, its Ioan portfolio acquisition unit, made net investments of 104.4 million pounds, down from 175.7 million pounds a year earlier. Paragon Group's shares were down 2.7 percent at 389.2 pence at 1040 GMT, after rising as much as 5 percent in early trading on the London Stock Exchange.

The fall was in line with a decline in Europe's banking sector, with the Stoxx 600



KLAIPEDA: Andrius Petraitis, 34, his wife Jurga and nine-month-old daughter Laisve are in their kitchen in Klaipeda, Lithuania. Since last year, a floating gas terminal called Independence has protected thousands of Lithuanians from the risk of sudden cutoffs in gas supplies from Russia, a regional heavyweight that has long used its near monopoly on energy in Eastern Europe as a political weapon. —AP

Vanishing China executives a VEXATIOUS MYSTERY FOR HK MARKET

HONG KONG: The chairman of the Hong Kong arm of one of China's biggest securities companies goes missing. The head of another firm resurfaces after months incommunicado. An executive at a film studio is detained for allegedly taking bribes. They're not plot outlines for crime novels but real life cases lifted from the normally dry Hong Kong stock exchange filings of Chinese companies over the past year.

The latest example came Monday when Guotai Junan International Holdings Ltd., the Hong Kong unit of a Chinese securities company, said it was unable to reach its chairman and chief executive Yim Fung since Nov. 18, sending its shares plummeting 12 per-

Speculation swirled in local media that his disappearance was related to a recently launched investigation into a senior official at China's securities regulator. That probe is part of a broad crackdown on the finance industry following China's stock market meltdown over the summer. The company said it would appoint temporary replacements for Yim but declined further

Such cases would be highly unusual for other global financial centers, but have become commonplace in Hong Kong, where the city's stock exchange allows international investors to access an increasing number of mainland Chinese companies. They highlight some of the risks of investing in China's public companies, which operate in an opaque political and legal system, and face additional uncertainty because of President Xi Jinping's ongoing and wide-ranging assault on corruption.

"It shows on one level that investing in some of these companies is quite risky," said Jamie Allen, secretary general of the Asian Corporate Governance Association. "It also says a lot about the legal and political system in China. China doesn't have a system of law like Hong Kong. In China you can disappear." Hong Kong is a former British colony that's now a specially administered Chinese region with legal and financial systems that are separate from mainland China's.

Among the Hong Kong-listed Chinese companies that have reported missing executives this year:

Under surveillance Waste disposal company Dongjiang

Environmental Co. last month suspended its shares from trading because it couldn't reach Chairman Zhang Weiyang before a scheduled board meeting.

The company said it later found out from Zhang's family that he was being investigated "by the relevant authority" in China, although it didn't say why. Shopping mall and department store operator Century Ginwa Retail Holdings said in September that its chairman, Wu Yijian, who went missing in mid-May, had resurfaced and gone back to work. He explained to the company that he was "assisting the relevant department" of the Chinese government with an investigation while he was away, without disclosing further

China Aircraft Leasing Group said in June it was not able to reach its CEO, Mike Poon, after he submitted his resignation while he was in the middle of

his annual vacation. The company said Poon didn't give any reason for his departure in his resignation letter. Nor did he make any reference to news reports in Hong Kong and mainland Chinese that said he might be caught up in a Chinese government investigation into China Southern Airlines, which is a customer of China Aircraft Leasing.

Aside from disappearing executives, much more clear-cut announcements of alleged wrongdoing are a recurring theme at Hong Kong-listed Chinese companies. Among the slew of cases this year, Alibaba Pictures Group Ltd., the film arm of the Chinese e-commerce giant, said one of its directors, Patrick Liu Chunning, was detained by the Public Security Bureau in connection with an investigation into the "alleged receipt of bribes" while Liu worked at Internet company Tencent Holdings. The company said the charges were unrelated to his employment at Alibaba

A Chinese investigation is not always the only reason for an executive's disappearance. Pearl Oriental Oil Ltd. said in late September it was unable to contact Chairman Wong Kwan, who had been due in a Hong Kong court on fraud charges. In October, police in Taiwan freed him from a gang of kidnappers who had been holding him captive for more than a month and demanding a ransom of HK\$70 million (\$9 million).

This story has been corrected to show that the missing chairman in the first paragraph worked for the Hong Kong unit of the Chinese securities company, not the parent company. — AP



LONDON: A video grab from footage broadcast by the UK Parliament's Parliamentary Recording Unit (PRU) shows British Prime Minister David Cameron (R) listening as British Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne delivers his Autumn Statement and Spending Review in the House of Commons in London yesterday. — AFP

UK BACKS OFF CUTS TO TAX BREAKS FOR LOWER INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

OSBORNE ACCEPTS CONCERNS OF MINIMUM WAGE EARNERS

LONDON: Britain's Treasury chief abandoned controversial cuts in tax credits for the working poor and refrained from slashing funding to the police yesterday as he updated Parliament on the government's tax and spending plans. George Osborne said improvements in public finances made it possible to back away from the unpopular credit cuts his government had proposed earlier. As members of his party cheered, Osborne said he accepted the concerns of those who feared the impact on people making minimum wage.

"I've listened to the concerns. I hear and understand them," he said. "And because I've been able to announce today an improvement in the public finances, the simplest thing to do is not to phase these changes in, but to avoid them altogether."

The move was made possible by higher than

predicted tax receipts and lower interest rates. The Office for Budget Responsibility, an independent agency, estimated that public finances would be 27 billion pounds (\$40 billion) better off next year than it had forecast in July. The 4.4 billion in cuts had been blocked earlier in an unusual move by the upper house of Parliament, the House of Lords, in April.

Despite the U-turn on tax credits, Osborne promised to keep in place 12 billion pounds of cuts from the welfare budget over the next five years. The cuts were promised by the Conservative Party during the last election. He also announced plans to boost property ownership as he delivered the so-called Autumn Statement, one of two showpiece budget

Osborne announced plans to help build 400,000 affordable homes, a decision that had prompted British newspapers to print images of him in a hard hat and describe him as "George the Builder." The move will be popular because of strains throughout the country on property prices. "We are the builders!" he said to cheers.

But the statement also detailed deep cuts in public spending on social care, renewable energy and local government. In a surprise move, no cuts were made in policing, though they had been anticipated. Osborne also pledged that the 15 million raised each year from taxes on feminine hygiene products would be used to fund women's health and support charities. Women have been protesting the tax, arguing that such products are not a luxury item. In accompanying economic forecasts, the Office of Budget Responsibility predicted economic growth of 2.4 percent in 2015, 2.4 percent in 2016, and 2.5 percent in 2017. — AFP

EXHAUSTION OF AUSTERITY MEETS MAXED-OUT MONETARY POLICY

LONDON: There won't be any press conferences. fireworks or tears to mark its passing, but the latest wave of austerity worldwide may well have had its day. While that may sound peculiar to Greeks still struggling to meet stiff budget targets set by creditors or even Britons faced with another round of spending cuts by finance minister George Osborne this week, a turn in post-credit crisis government retrenchment looks to be under way.

With monetary policy virtually maxed out in many parts of the world, fiscal policy is again forecast to act as a marginal net stimulant rather than a drag on world growth over the coming year. Even in the region that epitomises post-crisis government budget cuts, the euro zone, the heavy lifting looks to be over. What's more, the so-called 'bond vigilantes' in the debt markets have barely blinked. Their growing ambivalence about how austerity affects debt sustainability, growth and investment amid the anaesthetic of zero interest rates, quantitative easing and a global savings glut means there's no sign of a tantrum. Framing the shift, Edinburgh-based Standard Life Investments reckons the average country in the 34-nation Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development will structurally loosen fiscal policy next year for the first time since 2010.

That relaxation - where 'structural' refers to what the fiscal balance would be if you strip out the ebb and flow of spending and taxation associated with a normal business cycle - is forecast to be just 0.2 percentage points of output.

But it's a big moment after the eye-watering tightening of the three years through 2013 when the average OECD member structurally squeezed fiscal policy by 1.3 points per annum.

"There have been tentative signs that this 'austerity consensus' is breaking down," SLI told clients, pointing to a new mood across the world on how a lack of investment is depressing the already dour world growth outlook. Economists at the firm cited ball is now back in the fiscal camp." changes of direction such as the infrastructure spending platform that helped the new Liberal government in Canada to power last month and Australia's new prime minister promising to lift government investment.

Budget caps

Others point to last month's US government deal loosening strict budget caps through 2017, moves that allow an additional \$80 billion in spending on military and domestic programs over two years. Some cite expected new fiscal stimuli from Beijing as it pursues growth targets from China's new five-year plan.

But the eye-catcher has been the euro zone, where spending projections have been catalysed by the conflict in Syria.

Spending plans by European governments are rising as they settle the hundreds of thousands of migrants that have streamed in since the summer and France's outlay on defence has been boosted in response to the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris. At least seven of the 19 euro members are set to loosen budget policy next year even if European Commission forecasts show the aggregate budget deficit falling slightly. And sands are clearly shifting. Germany, Italy, Austria, Finland and Belgium included the financial impact of the refugee crisis in draft budgets for 2016 but the full cost may be far higher. French defence spending plans have already been blessed by the Commission as

'EXHAUSTION OF AUSTERITY'

"The idea that austerity's not exactly the perfect recipe is gaining momentum. This is a theme across the West," Pascal Blanque, chief investment officer at Europe's biggest asset manager Amundi. "Since monetary policy has appproached its limits, the

Pictet Asset Management's head of multi-asset strategy Percival Stanion described it as the "exhaustion of austerity" with a clear realisation in Europe at least that enough was enough large-scale stimulus is still off the table.

The public and private sector rethink of fiscal policy is driven in part by fears that the world economy could be heading for another recession with monetary policy levers at full tilt, and how central banks can't do it all. But Deutsche Bank says its projection of an easing in 2015 of euro fiscal policy for the first time in five years hinges on QE and what has been such a sharp drop in interest payments. Together these will see public debt ratios peaking at 94.4 percent of output this year and down to 93.7 percent next.

"We imposed on central banks the need to keep economies growing without giving them an explicit mandate to do so or forcing governments to sort the rest out," said Anne Richards, Chief Investment Officer at Aberdeen Asset Management. "We need to link fiscal and monetary policy a bit more closely." Public policy bodies such as the OECD now urge governments to re-examine their budget spending echoing long-standing concerns among many liberal and left-leaning economists that austerity for its own sake was self-defeating over time.

"One reason for weak potential output growth at present is weak investment growth. This has implications for the composition of fiscal packages," the OECD said this month. "Cutting public investment...could result in higher debt ratios and harm both actual and potential output growth."

Investors are listening. "With interest rates close to all-time lows, other governments should join Canada and shift to a more growth-friendly spending mix," SLI said. "In the process, they might even find that the higher spending pays for itself." — Reuters

EUROPE MORE VULNERABLE TO **EMERGING MARKETS: ECB**

BERLIN: European financial markets are increasingly vulnerable to turmoil in large emerging economies, the European Central Bank warned in a report yesterday. It said the eurozone financial system had proved "resilient" through brief periods of volatility in recent months, linked to Greece and China.

However, the ECB stressed that the "occasional bouts of financial market volatility suggest that vulnerabilities stemming from emerging markets are increasing".

Of particular concern was the outlook for China, given its growing role in the world economy, the ECB said in its Financial Stability Report, published twice a year. "Turmoil in Chinese and other emerging market economies' equity markets in August led to a strong and broad spillover around the world, including to the euro area," it said.

"This strong global co-movement of equity prices does not appear to have been solely driven by macroeconomic fundamentals," it said, suggesting markets tend to overreact to developments in China. "Developments in China and other large emerging market economies have become important drivers of global confidence," the Frankfurtbased bank warned.

It said a "rapidly growing" eurozone investment fund industry had been gradually broadening its exposure to emerging markets, also including Brazil and Russia.

The report said that with interest rates at near zero and as the eurozone goes through "a weak economic recovery", many investors are tempted by more high-risk, high-return investments in emerging markets. —AFP



PARIS: French Economy minister Emmanuel Macron answers journalists questions as he visits the christmas outdoor market in La Defense Business district, near Paris, yesterday. —AFP

EUROPEAN EQUITIES REBOUND, ASIA RETREATS

LONDON: Europe's main stock markets FTSE 100 index added 0.9 pecent, boosted rebounded yesterday from the previous day's losses, but spiking geopolitical tensions continued to dominate investor sentiment. The region's equities had fallen Tuesday with airlines and hotel groups hit by a US travel warning and the downing of a Russian jet by Turkey.

Asian markets retreated yesterday, also mirroring a sell-off in tourism-linked firms in the United States overnight. The incident also sent oil prices up on concern about supplies in the crude-rich Middle East region.

"European equities are positive this morning, having fully rebounded from their geopolitical tension-fuelled lows of yesterday after Turkey shot down a Russian military jet on the Turko-Syrian border, heightening worries about the region even further," said Accendo Markets analyst Mike van Dulken.

At about 1130 GMT, London's benchmark

ahead of a British government budget update. In the eurozone, Frankfurt's DAX 30 won 1.4 percent, the Paris CAC 40 index was also up 1.4 percent compared with Tuesday's close, while Milan gained 1.1 percent.

In foreign exchange activity, the euro nudged down to \$1.0604. European markets rose "after the escalation of tensions between Russia and Turkey proved short-lived", noted Rebecca O'Keeffe, head of investment at stockbroker Interactive Investor.

Delight for homebuilders

British homebuilders topped the FTSE 100 risers' board. The sector won a major boost as finance minister George Osborne prepared to unveil a scheme to build 400,000 new homes deemed by the government to be affordable.

The plan will form part of Osborne's latest

autumn statement, or budget update, which will be delivered before parliament at 1230 GMT.

Ahead of the update, homebuilders Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon surged by more than six percent in value. Meanwhile, the Russia-Turkey incident has ratcheted up tensions between the rival players in the Syrian war, and with NATO backing its member Turkey there are fears the crisis could escalate beyond the Middle East. "A spreading and escalation in recent terror attacks and now the downing of a Russian warplane by Turkey are raising concerns of the possible unforeseen spillover impacts of Middle East conflicts." Con Williams, a rural economist at ANZ Bank New Zealand, said in a note to clients.

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The losses tracked a sell-off in tourismlinked firms in the United States and Europe as already delicate nerves were frayed on trading floors after Turkey shot down the Russian warplane on the Syrian border. The incident also sent oil prices up on concern about supplies. While Ankara said it acted after the jet entered its airspace, Russian President Vladimir Putin called it a "stab in the back" and warned of serious consequences. Moscow insists the plane was in Syrian territory.

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'Increased terrorist threats'

On Monday Washington issued a world travel alert, warning Americans of "increased terrorist threats" and saying they should "exercise vigilance when in public places or using transportation".

Airline shares fell in Asia. Sydney-listed Qantas was down 1.6 percent, Cathay Pacific in Hong Kong shed two percent, ANA lost 1.7 percent in Tokyo and Seoullisted Korean Air Lines was 0.7 percent off.

The losses came after a sell-off in travel firms during New York and European trade. Expedia, TripAdvisor and United Continental sank in the US, while Lufthansa and British Airways's parent IAG fell in Europe. London, Frankfurt and Paris all ended in the red but edged higher in early trade yesterday. Wall Street enjoyed a positive close, as energy firms were boosted by an uptick in crude prices. Both US benchmark West Texas Intermediate and European benchmark Brent surged more than a dollar Tuesday. However, they reversed slightly in Asia, with WTI down 0.5 percent and Brent dipping 0.3 percent. Among Asian stock markets, Tokyo, Sydney and Hong Kong were down, but Shanghai ended higher for a second straight day. The dollar stepped back against emerging-market currencies after a dip in US consumer confidence and despite an upward revision of economic growth.

The South Korean won rose 0.9 percent, Indonesia's rupiah was 0.2 percent up and the Malaysian ringgit jumped 0.9 percent.

Daily Kuwait Stock Exchange Report Wednesday 25 November 2015 Last Closing High Price Index 7.62 5,772.66 5,765.04 5,778.75 5,756.89 131.998,231 Weighted Index 395.96 Value (KWD) 393.43 393.07 11,478,334 **KSX 15** 938.59 Number of Trades 0.09 938.58 949.88

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PAPER	400	400	11.223	4,489	1	400	_	5.0
MRC	74	74	10	1	1	74		5.0
VOICO	300	295	600	179	2	300	-	0.0
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CITYGROUP	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	395	=	0.0
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CCFC	222	222	50	11	1	222	-	0.0
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lealth Care			6,000	1,060	2	994.77	À	10.38
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VBK	840	820	201,729	167,269	19	820	_	0
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MASSALEH	63	63	100	6	1	63		3.0
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ERESCO	64	63	2.585	162	7	64	7	-1.0
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NJAZZAT	84	80	111,386	8,915	9	80	7	-1.0
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ALTIJARIA	84	83	184,156	15,289	11	83	7	-1.0
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ARGAN	188	180	23,510	4,236	4	180	7	-8.0
ABYAAR	31.0	30.6	1,284 675	38,583	22	30.5	7	-0.5
MUNSHAAT	86	85	121,480	10,339	15	86		1.0
FIRSTDUBAL	52	61	850,231	33,521	27	52	7	-1.0
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ALMUDON	33.5	35.0	3,337.500	120,079	49	36.0		1.0
MARAKEZ	25.0	25.0	150	4	1	26.0	_	0.0
REMAL	39.0	38.5	120,400	4,638	14	38.5	-	0.0
MASHAER	114	106	44,100	4,804	8	114		8.0
Real Estate			30,241,256	2,958,997	736	972.29	À	0.03
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FACIL	188	184	201,050	37,305	15	185		2.0
FA	33.0	33.0	1,880 048	62,042	50	33.0	7	-0.5
NINV	106	104	177,466	18,456	21	104	7	-2.0
KPROJ	600	590	563,736	333,354	31	590	_	0.0
COAST	34.0	33.5	896,504		29	34.0		0.0
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ALOLA ALMAL GH AAYAN BAYANINV OSOUL KEIC KAMCO NIH ISKAN MADAR ALDEERA ALSALAM EKTITAB GURAINHLD ALMADINA NOOR TAMINV	66 0.0 35 0 52 39 0 35 0 41.5 0.0 63 33.6 0.0 35 0 39 5 8.0 43 6 0.0	96 90 33.5 51 37.5 35.0 41.0 90 61 33.6 90 33.0 39.0 32.5 80 90 345	515,050 D 2,242,519 2,134,886 2,414,760 8,543 854,496 D 251,010 260,790 D 89,267 707,848 358,520 328,175 1,809,950 D 130,000	33,993 0 76,079 110,200 52,156 269 26,834 0 15,492 8,733 0 3,007 27,580 11,729 2,625 82,126 0	15 G 58 42 66 2 16 G 17 17 17 11 4 72 G 9	66 32.5 34.0 52 38.0 36.0 41.5 112 63 33.5 20.5 34.5 39.5 39.5 8.0 44.5 56		0.0 0.0 0.5 0.0 0.0 -2.0 0.0 -2.0 -0.5 0.0 -1.0 0.5 0.0 -1.0 0.0
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ALOLA ALMAL GIH AAYAN BAYANINV OSOUL KFIC KAMCO NIH IS-KAN MADAR ALDEERA ALDEERA ALSALAM EKTTITAB QURAINHLD ALMADINA NOOR TAMINV EXCH TABA KSHC STRATEGIA	66 0.0 35 0 52 39 0 35 0 41 5 0.0 63 33 6 0.0 35 0 33 6 0.0 35 0 37 6 0.0 37 6 0.0 38 6 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.	06 00 33.5 51 37.5 36.0 41.0 00 61 33.6 00 33.0 39.0 32.5 8.0 45.5 0.0 346 0.0 346 0.0	515,050 D 2,242 9 19 2,134 886 2,414 760 8,549 854,486 D 251,010 20,700 D 89,267 707,846 358,520 328,175 1,809 980 D 130,000 D 0,555 D	33,993 0 76,079 110,200 52,156 299 26,634 0 15,402 8,733 0 3,007 27,580 11,729 2,525 82,926 0 45,200 0	15 0 58 42 66 2 16 0 111 10 0 17 17 11 4 72 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0	66 32.5 34.0 52 38.0 41.5 112 63 33.5 20.5 34.5 33.5 8.0 48.5 55 35 31.5 8.0 48.5 33.5 33.5 8.0 48.5 33.5 8.0 48.5 33.5 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0 8.0		0.0 0.5 0.0 0.0 0.0 -2.0 0.0 -2.5 0.0 -1.0 0.5 0.5 0.0 -1.0 0.0 -1.0 0.0 -0.5
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ETIHAD AIRWAYS CELEBRATES ARRIVAL OF ITS FIRST A380 FLIGHTS IN JFK

NEW YORK FIRST US PORT OF ENTRY FOR ETIHAD'S AIRBUS 380 DESTINATIONS

ABU DHABI: Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, celebrated the highly-anticipated arrival of its award-winning Airbus A380 service at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), welcoming and thanking guests travelling on the first flights between two of the world's top travel destinations.

Yesterday marked the US debut of the airline's exclusive A380 service, including The Residence by Etihad(tm), the only commercially available threeroom suite in the sky, luxurious First Apartments, comfortable Business Studios and Economy Smart Seats. The A380 now serves guests travelling on one of the airline's two daily flights between Abu Dhabi and New York. "The arrival of our A380 service at JFK International Airport is an important milestone for Etihad Airways as we respond to increased demand from our guests travelling between Abu Dhabi and New York and it represents the significant growth our airline has undergone in just 12 years of operation," said James Hogan, Etihad Airways' President and Chief Executive Officer. "Etihad Airways has stayed ahead of the competition by providing our guests with the luxury, comfort, and hospitality they expect and deserve when they fly

with us, and by remaining focused on use. Located on the forward upper continuing to transform the air travel experience across all cabins of service."

Hogan continued: "The revolutionary products found onboard Etihad Airways' fleet of A380s completely reimagine commercial aviation standards and we are proud to bring them to our guests travelling between the US and Abu Dhabi."

The introduction of the airline's signature A380 travel experience comes just in time for the busy holiday travel season, as well as to serve guests travelling to the 2015 Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix taking place from 27 to 29 November 2015. The inaugural Abu Dhabi to New York A380 flight EY 103 landed at JFK International Airport yesterday. The return JFK-AUH flight EY102 arrived into Abu Dhabi this afternoon.

Guests staying in The Residence by Etihad enjoy the ultimate in luxury travel, both on the ground and in the air. From a chauffeur-driven limousine service to Concierge Service and private check-in at the airport, every part of the travel experience is seamless and discreet. Guests of The Residence will also enjoy the airline's newly opened First and Business Class Lounge, featuring a dedicated area for their exclusive

deck of the A380, The Residence is available for \$32,000 one way between Abu Dhabi and New York - for either single or double occupancy. The ultraprivate, three-room suite features a living room with a 32" LCD monitor, bedroom with a double bed, separate ensuite shower room, and dedicated Butler trained at the Savoy Academy in London to look after the needs of its discerning guests. The revolutionary cabin also comes with a private chef ready to custom-create menus to order.

The nine First Apartments in First Class are private living spaces featuring a reclining Poltrona Frau leather lounge chair and ottoman, which opens up to become a separate 80.5 inch long fullyflat bed. This marks a 74 per cent increase in space from Etihad Airways' current award-winning First Class Suites. Each Apartment features a 24inch flat-screen television, a chilled mini-bar, personal vanity unit, and wardrobe. A fully equipped shower room is available for the exclusive use of First Class guests.

A total of 70 Business Studios, set in a 1-2-1 configuration, are located on the upper deck of the A380, all offering direct aisle access, a fully flat bed of up to 80.5 inches long and an increase of

20 per cent in personal space. The Lobby, a luxurious lounge located between the First Class and Business Class cabins, features two comfortable leather sofas and a staffed bar serving a wide selection of hot snacks and refreshments, perfect for relaxing and

The main deck features 415 Economy Smart Seats which offer unique ergonomic fixed-wing headrests, lumbar support and an 11-inch personal, high-definition monitor screen to enjoy over 750 hours of ondemand movies and series, improved gaming and live TV programming via the state-of-the-art Panasonic eX3 entertainment system.

Also unique to Etihad Airways, the airline offers a dedicated inflight child care assistance program for families, led by a Flying Nanny available onboard long-haul flights and trained by the world renowned Norland College. Since its launch in 2013, the Flying Nanny has become a key feature on Etihad Airways' long haul flights, providing a 'helping hand' to families and children and creating fun and memorable moments with games and activi-

The Residence by Etihad is exclusive to Etihad Airways' fleet of A380s, which



Etihad Airways' A380 pilot waves flags from the United Arab Emirates and the United States to celebrate A380 inaugural service between New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport and Abu Dhabi.

currently serve London's Heathrow, Sydney and now New York's JFK, with services to Mumbai and Melbourne scheduled to begin on 1 May 2016 and 1 June 2016, respectively. The airline's A380 fleet will grow to a total of 10 aircraft. Guests on all Etihad Airways flights from Abu Dhabi International Airport (AUH) to the airline's six US ports of entry, including New York's JFK Airport, are processed

through the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Preclearance facility, which allows them to clear all US immigration and customs checks in Abu Dhabi and arrive at their US destination as domestic passengers. Other US airports served by Etihad Airways include Chicago (ORD), Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW), Los Angeles (LAX), San Francisco (SFO) and Washington's DC (IAD).



The flight crew of Etihad Airways' inaugural A380 flight after arriving at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport from Abu Dhabi, including the Butlers who exclusively serve guests of The Residence by Etihad, the only three-room suite in the sky. The crew is joined by Martin Drew, Senior Vice President, The Americas; Pieter Nel, Airport Manager, JFK; Vincent Frascogna, Vice President, Eastern USA; and Suzanne Alipourian, Area Manager, Airport Operations, The Americas (executives from left to right).



Etihad Airways' inaugural A380 flight arrives from Abu Dhabi at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport on 23 November 2015. New York marks the first US destination for Etihad Airways' network of Airbus 380 destinations.

BRAZIL SENATE LEADER, BTG PACTUAL CEO ARRESTED

SAO PAULO/BRASILIA: Brazilian police arrested the ruling party's leader in the Senate and the chief executive of Latin America's biggest investment bank yesterday on suspicion of obstructing an investigation into corruption at state-run oil companv Petrobras. Andrè Esteves, the CEO and controlling shareholder of BTG Pactual SA, was arrested at his home in Rio de Janeiro and television images showed him arriving handcuffed at federal police headquarters

Documents were seized from his home and the bank's main office in S"o Paulo, a source with knowledge of the situation said on condition of anonymity. In Brasilia, police arrested ruling Workers' Party senator Delcidio do Amaral, a veteran lawmaker who is close to former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Amaral is chairman of the Senate's economic affairs committee and a key

figure in trying to push President Dilma Rousseff's unpopular austerity measures through Congress.

He is among 50 Brazilian politicians under investigation for allegedly taking bribes in the massive kickback scandal at the state-run oil giant known as Petroleo Brasileiro SA, and is the first sitting senator ever arrested in Brazil. Supreme Court Justice Teori Zavascki said he authorized the arrest because prosecutors presented evidence that Amaral had planned the flight of Petrobras' former international director, Nestor Cervero, in return for his silence.

Cervero was sentenced in August to 12 years in prison for corruption and money laundering in connection to bribes paid during Petrobras' controversial 2006 purchase of a refinery in Pasadena, Texas. Another defendant in the case said in a plea bargain statement that Cervero had passed bribe money to Amaral.

Police entered Brazil's Congress to search for documents in connection with Amaral's arrest. They also searched his home in Campo Grande,

in the state of Mato Grosso.

BTG Pactual confirmed the arrest of its chief executive and said the bank was available to cooperate with the investigation. Units of the bank tumbled 20 percent in early trading on the Sao Paulo stock exchange. Court representatives said Esteves had been arrested temporarily for five days, with a potential extension of five days. Amaral was arrested for an indefinite period. Esteves, a 47-year-old billionaire, has steered BTG Pactual through turbulent times in Brazil's capital markets as the economy plunged into its worst recession in a quarter of a century.

He is worth about \$2.2 billion, according to Forbes Magazine. BTG Pactual is Brazil's sixth largest bank and the largest independent investment bank in Latin America. — Reuters

NIGERIA GOVT FACES SEPARATIST PRESSURE OVER OIL WEALTH SHARING

LAGOS: When Boko Haram captured territory in Nigeria's northeast last year and declared a caliphate, there were real fears for the sovereignty of Africa's most populous nation.

A deadline is looming for the military to end the six years of violence, with signs that troops have wrested back control of most of the towns and villages lost to the Islamists. But now President Muhammadu Buhari is facing another potential headache with the revival of separatist sentiment in the country's southeast and renewed debate over the sharing of oil wealth. Recent weeks have seen a wave of protests calling for an independent state of Biafra, 45 years after the end of the brutal civil sparked by a previous declaration of inde-

pendence. Now, campaigners in the oil-producing Niger delta are demanding total control of resources to develop the region, which remains under-developed despite billions of dollars earned from crude. Last Friday, the Niger Delta Self-Determination Movement (NDSDM) lobby group, declared the current agreement, whereby oil revenue is divided among Nigeria's 36 states, was unfair.

"The 13 percent (share for the Niger Delta) enshrined in the 1999 constitution by the military is depriving us of our Godgiven resources," the group's convener Annkio Briggs told reporters in Lagos. "We want 100 percent control and ownership of our oil so that we can control our future."

Northern 'dominance'

Nigeria's crude-reliant economy has been battered by the fall in global oil prices, hampering government spending and

even the payment of state-sector salaries. Crude accounts for 90 percent of Nigeria's export earnings and 70 percent of government overall revenue. In 2014, the country earned \$77 billion from oil exports, according to the US Department of Energy, down from \$84 billion in 2013 and \$94 billion in 2012. How much each state in the federation gets from the sector has long been a thorny issue, exposing barely concealed

regional and ethnic rivalries. Demands for a greater share of oil revenue were a factor in the violence that gripped the delta in the 2000s until a government amnesty program, which ends this year, bought off militants.

Briggs' group argues Nigeria's political architecture, with 19 states classed as northern and 17 in the south, unfairly penalizes the southern states where oil is found. "Of the 774 local government areas (administrative divisions within each state), the north is given almost 70 percent," she said, calling it "manipulations for... socioeconomic and political dominance". She blamed a succession of northern-dominated military governments for forcing through the revenue-sharing agreement down the barrel of a gun "without our free,

prior and informed consent". Briggs denied calling for a break away from the federation but argued every region instead should use its own natural resources to develop itself. The NDSDM was founded last year during a national conference convened by former president Goodluck Jonathan at which delegates recommended the delta region received 18

percent of oil revenue. The recommendation was not implemented before Jonathan left office.

'Politically motivated'

Nigeria is almost evenly split between a Muslim-majority north and largely Christian south and the sharp division informs most aspects of political debate. But the argument for so-called "fiscal federalism" is seen by some as unrealistic, with sectors such as agriculture and manufacturing not sufficiently developed yet to be sustainable.

Anyakwee Nsirimovu, of the Niger Delta Civil Society Coalition pressure group, said demands from southern pressure groups were predictable now Buhari, a northern Muslim, was in power.

"Why is it after the defeat of Jonathan you see the likes of Annkio Briggs, MASSOB (Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra) and IPOB (Indigenous Peoples of Biafra) asking for resource control and self-determination?" he asked. The complaints in fact exposed the failure of Jonathan, from the oil-producing Bayelsa state, to help his southern kinsmen during his six years in power, he argued.

"Those who lost out in the power equation are behind the crisis," he claimed. But Tony Nnadi, of the Movement for New Nigeria, said every ethnic group had the right to either belong to or pull out of Nigeria, nearly 102 years after the country was formed. "In 1914, the so-called Nigeria came into being through an amalgamation of southern and northern protectorates by the British colonial power," he said.

"By the provisions of the amalgamation, we have the right since 2014 to renegotiate the basis of our continued existence. The experiences of various ethnic groups "in the last 100 years have shown we cannot continue in the marriage", he added. — AFP



BRASILIA: Brazilian Minister of Finance Joaquim Levy (second left) arrives for a public hearing at the National Congress in Brasilia on Tuesday. Levy keeps negotiating with pro-government and opposition parliamentarians for the approval of the fiscal adjustment proposed by the government. — AFP

SHOPPERS RESCUING EURO-ZONE **GROWTH AS EXPORTS SLOW: AGENCY**

PARIS: US rating agency Standard and Poor's said yesterday a budding euro-zone recovery was gathering steam thanks to consumers loosening their purse strings. In a report entitled "Hangin' In There Despite Weak Foreign Demand", it said domestic demand had emerged as a main driver for growth,

offsetting export weakness. "The latest indicators show that stronger domestic demand is overcoming soft exports, which suggests that the eurozone upturn continues to forge ahead," it said. Consumers in the eurozone had provided "a welcome boost" to growth, most pointedly in powerhouse Germany, but shoppers were starting to spend more elsewhere, too. Recent developments may be overtaking the European Central Bank's more gloomy analysis of the eurozone economy, Standard and Poor's said, recommending that the ECB refrain from hasty monetary easing in its

fight against the spectre of deflation.

The central bank is widely expected to expand its quantitative easing (QE) program, which pumps cash into the banking system in the hope that it will find its way into the real economy, stimulating demand. "The ECB is putting too much pressure on itself too soon, as QE programs typically need time to produce some effects," Standard and Poor's cautioned.

The agency said, however, there was still much uncertainty concerning any sustained recovery in corporate investment, which it identified as the "main way for the eurozone to lower its stubbornly high unemployment levels."

Growth in the 19-nation eurozone slowed to 0.3 percent in the third quarter, official data showed earlier this month, with the economy in Germany cooling as France returned to expan-

GREEK SHIPOWNERS TALK UP THEIR ROLE TO PROTECT TAX BREAKS

PIRAEUS, Greece: On the day he took office as Greece's shipping minister in June 2012, Kostis Moussouroulis received a visit from a 90-year-old shipowner. He still remembers the older man's words: "Don't forget, the best minister of shipping and maritime affairs is the minister who is doing nothing for the shipping industry. He is the one who is leaving us alone."

That's the way Greek shipowners like it. The magnates who run one of the biggest merchant marine fleets in the world have long argued that if Greece tried to tax them, they would leave - and that their departure would devastate the economy. In recent years, as international institutions repeatedly bailed out Greece, the lenders have also pushed Athens to beef up its tax take. Shipowners have resisted any effort to ditch the tax breaks they enjoy, and no government has dared touch them.

"Shipping is a pillar of the Greek economy," says the Union of Greek Shipowners, the ocean-going industry's main association. Greece's statistics office says shipping contributes around \$9 billion - or 4 percent - of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). When you include related business, the industry says, the figure jumps to 7.5 percent of GDP, or about \$17 billion a year. Deep-sea shipping and related trades employ more than 192,000 people, it says. That's 4 percent of all Greek workers.

Debtratio

But a Reuters analysis of corporate filings and economic data suggests shipping's heroic role in Greece's economy is largely a myth. That's because Greek shipowners include in their statistics billions of dollars which never actually enter the Greek economy. If Greece counted only payments to Greek companies and individuals - as other countries do - the deep-sea shipping industry's contribution would be equivalent to around 1 percent of GDP.

For Greece, the cost of the tax breaks granted to shipowners runs into hundreds of millions of euros. Though that is small compared with the country's debt, plenty of other citizens have had to tighten their belts. The country has cut jobless benefits by one-fifth, and health spending by a tenth, between 2009 and 2012 in exchange for bailouts from the European Union and International Monetary Fund. The nation's

farmers have seen their tax breaks axed and Greece has raised taxes on high earners. Shipping magnates, on the other hand, have their exemptions written into the con-

The shipowners "are powerful in that they ... get the media to write what they want," said economist and former finance minister George Papaconstantinou. "And immediately when you start touching them you start to hear: 'We are 7 percent of the economy we bring 17 billion every year, 200,000 jobs' ... That's not the case."

Syriza, the governing party of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, initially promised to end the industry's generous tax allowances. Shipping Minister Thodoris Dritsas concedes the way Greece measures its shipping industry is not effective. He said the government is reviewing the tax system and expects to publish details next year. But while he said changes for shipping are possible, the government is reluctant to advocate anything that would damage shipping groups. "What is very important for us is maintaining the competitiveness of Greek shipping," he told Reuters in his office across Piraeus harbour from dozens of tree-shaded ship management offices. The ministry has a dilapidated air: Paint peels off the walls and staff ferry documents in supermarket shopping trolleys.

The Union of Greek Shipowners declined to comment on the Reuters analysis, but said any suggestion it used political or media influence to perpetuate inaccuracies about its economic contribution was "a completely false allegation." It used official data and analysis by respected bodies, it said. "The Greek shipping community stands on its stellar track record as the global success story of Greece." The industry says government tax revenues from Greek shipping have increased more than eightfold since the outbreak of the economic crisis. It said this was due to a number of factors including the fact that in 2013, the industry volunteered to pay 420 million euros in extra taxes over several years. Greece's central bank and its statistics office ELSTAT, which publish official data on the economy and the industry, said they follow international rules on counting the economy. Both declined to comment on Reuters analysis. The Ministry of Finance did not respond to requests for comment.— Reuters

SINGAPORE CUTS 2015 GROWTH FORECAST TO 2%

SINGAPORE: Singapore lowered its growth forecast for 2015 because of weakness in manufacturing and said gains will continue to be modest next year even as the global economy improves.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry yesterday forecast economic growth in 2015 at "close to 2 percent" and between 1 and 3 percent in 2016. It previously forecast 2015 growth at between 2 and 2.5 percent.

Singapore, a city-state at the tip of peninsula Malaysia, is the wealthiest economy in Southeast Asia but has shifted to lower growth rates in the past decade as other countries including China eroded its traditional strengths in electronics and other manufacturing. It has encouraged investment in higher value industries such as pharmaceuticals and also tried to boost services by opening two casinos, encouraging tourism and becoming a center for princeto banking. The ministry said global

growth is expected to improve next year but Singapore and other countries in Southeast Asia may not see "significant uplift" in demand for their exports.

China's economic slowdown has dimmed its appetite for imports, growth in the US is driven by service industries, and both China and the US are tending to rely more on domestic manufacturers, it said.

"Against this backdrop, the growth outlook for the Singapore economy in 2016 is modest," the report said. Singapore's economy grew 1.9 percent from a year earlier in the third quarter, marginally lower than the 2 percent growth in the previous quarter, the ministry said. "Given the current subdued demand, and the fact that the International Monetary Fund and World Bank have both lowered forecasts, it isn't a surprise that Singapore has followed suit," said Song Seng Wun, an economist at CIMB



SINGAPORE: A boat pack with tourists passes through the Cavenagh bridge next to the financial district in Singapore yesterday. Singapore's economic growth will dip to "close to 2.0 percent" this year after the city-state avoided a technical recession, the government said November 25, with a potential further slowdown seen in 2016. —AFP

GOLD DROPS ON DOLLAR, BUT RISK TEMPERS LOSSES

LONDON: The price of gold edged down yesterday on a rebounding dollar and expectations of a US rate hike next month, but the downside was capped by retail demand emerging on tension between Turkey and Russia. Turkey shot down the Russian jet near the Syrian border on Tuesday, saying the plane had violated its air space, in one of the most serious publicly acknowledged clashes between a NATO member country and Russia for half a century.

The tensions initially triggered a sell-off in equities and the dollar, while boosting safehaven yen, gold and government debt.

Spot gold was down 0.1 percent at \$1,074.76 an ounce by 1247 GMT. U.S. gold was unchanged on the day after a near 1 percent gain in the previous session.

"We have seen some profit taking on the highs and some modest buying on concerns of tension between Russia and Turkey," bullion broker Sharps Pixley's CEO Ross Norman said. "A positive tone to the market can be expected with some caution, bearing in mind that we are expecting the rate rise from the Federal Reserve." A rebound in the dollar, which rose 0.4 percent against a basket of currencies, weighed on dollar-denominated gold, making it more expensive for foreign currency holders. Gold was not too far from a near-six-year low of \$1,064.95 hit last week on increasing views that the Federal Reserve will hike US rates next month for the first time in pearly a decade.

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Higher US rates would increase the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding bullion, weighing on prices. Data on Tuesday supported views of a December rate hike. The US economy grew at a healthier clip in the third quarter than initially thought. Traders will be eyeing more US data due later on Wednesday, including weekly jobless claims and October new home sales, to gauge the strength of the economy.—Reuters



ZAIN GROUP TO HOST ITS FIFTH ANNUAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE IN BAHRAIN

60 Global technology providers to showcase latest digital innovations

MANAMA: Zain Group, a leading mobile telecom innovator in eight markets across the Middle East and Africa, is set to host its fifth annual Zain Technology Conference (ZTC), November 30 to December 2, 2015 at the Art Rotana -Amwaj Hotel in the economic friendly city of Manama, Bahrain. The theme of this year's Conference is 'Transforming Our World', reflecting Zain's strategic aspirations of delivering on a compelling digital lifestyle to its customers.

This year's ZTC will be held in the presence and patronage of His Excellency Engineer Kamal Bin Ahmed Mohammed, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications for the Kingdom of Bahrain and attended by Zain Bahrain Chairman, Sheikh Ahmed Bin Ali Al Khalifa; Zain Group CEO, Scott Gegenheimer; Zain Bahrain General Manager, Mohammed Zainalabedin and Zain Group CTO, Hisham Allam amongst a host of Zain personnel that will be making presentations. Notably the opening session of the three-day event will see a keynote presentation from Dr Jean Pierre Scerri, Director of Legal Affairs from Bahrain's Telecom Regulatory Authority.

For some time now, Zain has recognized the enormous growth opportunities available in the B2B, Enterprise, and Smart City spaces, and these sectors have become major areas of focus for the company, requiring the full support of all its partners. Demand for mobility, broadband, virtualization, cloud based services and enhanced customer experience are drivers for transformation in the modern ICT space, and Zain is on a perennial mission to deliver cutting-edge apps, services, and devices to support these mega-trends.

With some 60 technology providers and vendors participating and showcasing their latest technologies at this year's event, ZTC 2015 represents one of Zain's most impressive conferences to date. Relevant technology and business topics that will be discussed over the three days of intensive interactions include: Road to 5G; Core Virtualization Evolution; Business Enablement Solutions; Big Data Analytics & Cloud Services; Customer Quality of Experience; Services Innovation; Energy Efficiency, and Site Optimization.

In addition, there will be opening partner speeches made by three of Zain's main global technology solutions providers, Ericsson, Huawei and

Nokia, as well as a keynote presentation by global information technology research and advisory firm

Shaikh Ahmed Bin Ali Al-Khalifa, Chairman of Zain Bahrain said, "The Kingdom of Bahrain continuously focuses its efforts and resources in keeping abreast with the latest trends in technology. We are



Zain Group CEO Scott Gegenheimer

proud to host one of the biggest regional technology conferences in the Kingdom of Bahrain, putting Zain Bahrain on the map as a hub for digital innovation."

Shaikh Ahmed continued, "Hosting such events goes in line with the Kingdom's Economic Vision 2030, which was launched back in October 2008 by King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa, adopting globalization and increased competition and sustainability through innovation, supported by the clear direction outlined for the continued development of the Kingdom's economy." Shaikh Ahmed also noted that the Kingdom's economy is fully supported by the esteemed government, led by Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa, Prime Minister and the support of Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister. He also extended his thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Engineer Kamal

Bin Ahmed Mohammed, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications for patronizing the event.

Commenting on the preparation for ZTC 2015, Zain Group CEO, Scott Gegenheimer said, "We are pleased to be hosting ZTC 2015 in Bahrain once again having held our very first technology conference in the Kingdom back in 2009. We are also proud to be an active participant in the kingdom's ICT sector, having invested over US\$100 million in the last year alone to revamp our 4G network to better serve our customers, reflecting Zain's faith in the Kingdom's future prosperity.

Gegenheimer continued: "With numerous keynote presentations and around 95 break-out sessions planned at the Conference, we are looking forward to holding many fruitful discussions that will lead to even better cooperation between Zain and its array of technology partners. Digital innovation and its implementation to enhance our customers' mobile experience lies at the heart of Zain's vision."

Exciting

Zain Group's Chief Technology Officer, Hisham Allam commented: "ZTC 2015 is going to be a momentous occasion for Zain and its technology innovation partners. Our sector is an exciting, vibrant, evolving, complex one, and now, more than at any time in the past it is important for there to be a large degree of information exchange and transparency in our industry."

up predominantly of Zain technology and innovation personnel from across its eight operations as well as representatives from the 60 technology partners participating. The conference will be comprehensively covered live on Zain's social media channels covering many aspects of the event. ENDS

About Zain Group: Zain is a leading telecommunications operator across the Middle East and Africa providing mobile voice and data services to over 45.6 million active customers as of 30 September 2015. With a commercial presence in 8 countries, Zain operates in: Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and South Sudan. In Lebanon, the Group manages 'touch' on behalf of the government. In Morocco, Zain has a 15.5 percent stake in 'INWI', through a joint venture. Zain is listed on the Kuwait Stock Exchange.

OMAN AIR TO FLY DOUBLE DAILY TO KEY INDIAN SECTORS

KUWAIT: Oman Air is set to increase frequencies on four of its key destinations to India. The number of flights from Muscat to Goa will increase from six per week to one a day. And in a major move for the national carrier of the Sultanate of Oman, daily flights from Muscat to Bangalore and Kochi and will increase from daily to double-daily and will operate 11 flights weekly to Lucknow and 10 to Jaipur.

The additional flights will offer a total of 5,131 more seats to the four named destinations, and will be operated using Boeing 737-800 and 737-900 aircraft. Once the uplift in frequencies has been introduced, Oman Air will operate a total of 126 frequencies per week between Muscat and its destinations in India. Oman Air flies to 19 destinations in the Indian subcontinent that include the core lands of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives, out of which 11 destinations in India.

The Chief Executive Officer of Oman Air, Paul Gregorowitsch, commented: "We are delighted to be offering thousands more air travellers the opportunity to fly between Muscat and four of our key destinations in India.

"Since we first launched flights to India in the 1990s, demand for seats aboard Oman Air's outstanding aircraft has been consistently high. We will now offer daily or double-daily flights to all eleven of our destinations in India.

"Our new flights to Goa, Bangalore, Kochi, Lucknow and Jaipur will offer even greater choice and convenience for both leisure and business travellers. Therefore they will not only support the growth of tourism in Oman and India, but will also help to promote vital trading partnerships between our two countries. We are confident that our additional flights will be greeted with enthusiasm by both existing customers and those who are new to Oman Air.

"On behalf of Oman Air, I would like to thank the Indian Government for their very positive response to our proposals." Oman Air first launched flights to the world-renowned leisure destination of Goa in March 2015. In response to customer demand, the airline has since increased frequencies from four flights per week to six per week. Oman Air's flights to Bangalore serve both business and leisure travelers. The city is the third most populous in India and is known as 'the Silicon Valley of India' as a result of its role as the country's major exporter of information technology. It is also a major centre for the aviation and aerospace sectors, with Boeing, Airbus, the National Aerospace Laboratories and the Indian Space Research Organization each having corporate centres in the city.

Oman Air's increased frequencies to Kochi offer travellers access to the beauty of the southwestern state of Kerala. Kerala>s culture and traditions, coupled with its varied demographics, have made the state one of the most popular tourist destinations in India. In 2012, National Geographics Traveller magazine named Kerala as one of the "ten paradises of the world". Furthermore, Kochi's role as a major international centre for container trans-shipment provide important synergies with Oman's burgeoning cargo sector.

Oman Air's increased frequencies between Muscat, Goa, Bangalore, Kochi, Lucknow and Jaipur will further serve India's expatriate workforce, which enjoys a significant presence in Oman and the wider Gulf region.



AUSTRALIA TO USE DRONES TO TRACK SHARKS FROM THE AIR

SYDNEY: Testing of aerial drones to track the movements of sharks in Australian waters began yesterday as the government admitted there was "no easy way" to protect swimmers from the predators.

The trials began at Coffs Harbour, on the midnorth coast of New South Wales state which has endured 13 attacks by the creatures this year, including one lethal mauling.

"There is no easy way to reduce risks for swimmers and surfers," New South Wales Primary Industries Minister Niall Blair said in a statement.

"We are delivering on a commitment to test the best science available, including new technologies, as we try to find an effective long-term solution to keep our beaches safe."

The drones are expected to feed live in

The drones are expected to feed live images back to an operator, including GPS coordinates, to better warn and protect people from shark attacks.

Blair said the trials were the first of several to be undertaken during the summer months, including testing "smart" drum lines which he said not only hooked sharks but alerted authorities who could then tag and release the animals.

Baited hooks attached to floating drums were used to capture sharks in Western Australia in 2014 after a string of fatalities, with the largest of the animals put down. But the controversial catch-and-kill policy was later abandoned after objections from

the state's environmental agency and conservationists. The New South Wales government said its drum lines were more humane.

"They're like a baited hook that has technology connected to it so when the bait is taken, a message is sent to our vessels and they'll attend those lines immediately," Blair told national radio. "They will then tag and release the sharks that are caught on those. So they're very different to the traditional drum lines which could have sharks sitting on them for days before they're checked."

Under a Aus\$16 million (US\$11.6 million) shark strategy, the New South Wales government will also boost helicopter surveillance over popular beaches.

It has also fast-tracked the delivery of two "listening stations" to be positioned on the far north coast of the state to provide real time tracking data of tagged sharks. New South Wales, the nation's most populous state, has ruled out culling sharks despite the spike in attacks this year. A Japanese surfer died in February after his legs were torn off by a shark and there have been 12 other serious attacks up and down the more than 2,000-kilometre-long (1,200-mile) NSW coast.

There were only three attacks in the state in 2014. Experts say attacks are increasing as water sports become more popular and bait fish move closer to shore, but fatalities remain rare. —AFP

CHINA DREAMS OF ELECTRIC SHEEP AT ROBOT CONFERENCE

BEIJING: In a martial artist's white silk pyjamas, a man practised tai-chi in harmony with a motorised arm at a Beijing exhibition showcasing a vision of robots with Chinese characteristics. Vehicles with automated gun turrets sat alongside drink-serving karaoke machines at the World Robot Conference, as manufacturers sought new buyers for their "jiqiren"-"machine people" in Chinese.

The push has support at the highest levels of government. President Xi Jinping issued a letter of congratulations for the conference, and the industry is name-checked in the draft version of the country's new five-year plan, the policy document that guides national economic development. The world's second-largest economy is already the leading market for industrial robots, accounting for a quarter of global sales, according to the International Federation of Robotics.

But executives at a conference roundtable said the real market opportunity was in service robots for the homes and offices of the world's most populous country.

"There are now less than 100,000 robots in Chinese families, not including vacuum cleaners," said Liu Xuenan, chief executive officer of Canbot. In the future, said Yu Kai, the head of Horizon Robotics, China's automated helpers will do everything from building cars to driving them, predicting that "each person might have 10 robots"-nearly 14 billion potential tin men at current population levels.

Planet of the Apps

Robots have captured China's imagination. From Transformers to Baymax, the star of Disney's movie "Big Hero 6", Chinese consumers have embraced robot heroes, spending hundreds of millions on related movies and merchandise. In Chinese cities, businesses try to attract customers with robot waiters, cooks, and concierges. In the countryside, rural Da Vincis cobble together mechanical men from scrapyard junk. A panel at the conference struggled with the question of how China would deal with the rise of artificially intelligent machines. But the transition from the world of fantasy and novelty to a real robot economy could be tricky, with the country's technology still lagging far behind neighbours Korea and Japan, the undisputed king of the robots. China should have more realistic expectations for the near future, said Pinpin Zhu, president of China's voice controlled service Xiao I Robot, which was involved in a patent dispute with American tech giant Apple linked to its personal digital assistant Siri.

The country may descend from the peak of high expectations into a "trough of disillusionment", said Zhu, who believes a smartphone-based "Planet of the Apps" is more likely than a world served by humanoid robots. Some companies, he said, were focusing on more realistic products, such as "trying to modify the microwave oven into a robot that can fry eggs... maybe it doesn't look like a robot, but it has artificial intelligence."

'I won't be alive'

Skynet, the malicious computer that rains nuclear destruction on the Earth in the Terminator series of movies, remains a far distant prospect.

A badminton-playing robot on display at the conference could barely defend against a small boy's serve, much less trigger the apocalypse. And for China to lead the robot revolution, it will have to do more than design machines able to beat children at lawn sports-it will also have to overcome what many experts see as a penchant for mechanistic copying. The Chinese vision of the future on display in the cavernous exhibition hall had a distinct whiff of the past.

Robots with a more than passing resemblance to mechanical super heroes Iron Man and Optimus Prime danced to the Chinese mega pop hit "Little Apple", while booths pushed derivative Segways and Roombas. Most of the remaining displays were heavy industry mechanical arms, leavened with robotic butlers reminiscent of a 1980s movie. But manufacturers are making rapid progress, said Toshio Fukuda, an expert on robotics at Japan's Nagoya University, adding that imitation was a way-station on the road to

"In the beginning, you just make a copy. There's no creativity," he said, noting that Japan too was once criticised for having a copycat culture. "It's a process. They have to improve." Asked about the possibility of future robots turning against their masters and taking over the world, he laughed. "Maybe in 30 or 40 years," he said. "But I'm not worried. I won't still be alive." — AFP



BOSTON: In this Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, file photo, Tashalee Rodriguez, of Boston, uses a smartphone app while shopping at Macy's in downtown Boston. For the first time, analysts predict more than half of online traffic to retailer sites will come from smartphones than desktops during the busy Black Friday holiday shopping weekend. And though it's still a small fraction of online revenue, mobile sales are jumping too. — AP

SMARTPHONES OVERTAKE DESKTOPS, TABLETS FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

NEW YORK: If the beginning of the holiday season is any indication, it could be a merry mobile Christmas for shoppers. For the first time, there's expected to be more people visiting retailers' web sites through their smartphones than on desktop computers or tablets during the first weekend of the holiday shopping season that begins on Thanksgiving Day.

Mobile traffic during the five-day start to what is typically the busiest shopping period of the year is expected to reach 56.9 percent of total traffic, up from 48.5 percent last year, according to IBM Watson. And even though everyone who "window shops" on their phones isn't going to buy, mobile sales are jumping too. Mobile sales are expected to account for 36.1 percent of online sales, up from 27 percent last year, according to IBM Watson Trend.

The bumps in traffic and sales come as retailers try to make the mobile shopping experience easier by improving their mobile apps and adding coupons and other deals. Shoppers also have gotten more comfortable browsing retailers' web sites as smartphone screen sizes have gotten bigger, making it easier for them to see photos of the items they want to buy. Digital wallets and apps that let shoppers store payment information are helping too. "It's very convenient," said Seth Reineke, 25, an insurance worker from lowa City, lowa, who plans to peruse Amazon's weekend deals from his phone. "It allows me to keep track of time-sensitive sales without being tied to a computer or having to leave a holiday event or get-together."

Overall spending this season is expected to be somewhat muted. The National Retail Federation, a

trade group for storeowners, expects industry-wide sales to be up 3.7 percent in November and December, less than the 4.1 percent of last year's holiday season. But online spending figures are stronger. Forrester predicts online sales will rise 11 percent to \$95 billion. And mobile sales are becoming a bigger piece of that pie. Forrester expects them to account for 35 percent of e-commerce this year and 49 percent in five years. That compares to 29 percent in 2014.

Significantly

Adobe, which measures 80 percent of online sales from the top 100 US retailers, predicts 40 to 45 percent of all retail traffic during November and December will come from mobile devices, up from 37 percent last year. Mobile sales are expected to total 20 to 25 percent of total online sales, up from 16 percent last year. Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, expects that 75 percent of US traffic to its website will come from mobile devices this holiday shopping season. That's up from 50 percent two years ago. Likewise, eBay says it expects mobile sales during the holidays will be "significantly" higher than the 41 percent mobile sales made up of total revenue in the third quarter.

Thanksgiving and the day after the holiday known as Black Friday are expected to be particularly mobile-friendly shopping dates because people can use their phones to take advantage of limited-time offers wherever they may be. Adobe predicts mobile will drive the majority of shopping traffic, 51 percent, for the first time on Thanksgiving Day.

"There's a lot of opportunity to do 'shopping under the table' on Thanksgiving Day," said Tamara Gaffney, director of Adobe Digital Index. "In between cooking, watching football and in general hanging around family and friends, there's down time to glance at the iPad and smartphone and do some shopping." Take Danyell Taylor, 34, a writer in Washington, D.C. who likes the "easy access" of smartphone shopping. Taylor plans to start looking for holiday deals on Wednesday and continuing through the weekend, specifically for Converse shoes and Kate Spade home accessories.

"I'm going to sit on my couch with my phone and my laptop and buy from there," she says. "I don't plan on going into the store at all." Mobile shopping still has its problems, including security concerns, sluggish apps and hard-to-navigate mobile web sites. And much of mobile traffic doesn't translate into sales.

But for shoppers, the convenience factor is hard to beat, says Forrester Research analyst Sucharita Mulpuru. "While retailers may lament their low conversion rates and slow download speeds on mobile devices, shoppers still keep shopping on those devices," Mulpuru says, adding that shoppers "appear to have greater tolerance for imperfection, much like in the early days of desktop." Jill Markiewicz, 38, a personal shopper in New York, says she shops frequently on her iPhone 6s on Saks Fifth Ave and J.Crew's mobile web sites.

"I'm typically on foot running around a lot ... don't get a whole lot of desk time," Markiewicz says. "You can go from email to checkout cart in a matter

US SIGNAL MOVE TOWARD EMBRACING SELF-DRIVING CARS

LOS ANGELES: Federal transportation officials are rethinking their position on self-driving cars with an eye toward getting the emerging technology into the public's hands.

Just two years ago, the US Department of Transportation struck a cautious tone. Its official policy statement, published in May 2013, says cars should be limited to testing and not "authorized for use by members of the public for general driving purposes."

With the technology's rapid development, that federal policy is being updated, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said Tuesday. "I want the posture of our agency to be obviously vigilant on the safety front, but I don't want our agency to be skittish about innovations that are out there," Foxx said.

It's unclear what the new policy will be, but Foxx clearly signaled that the technology intrigues him. He told reporters that he hoped the update overseen by his department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration would be ready in "weeks, not months."

For several years, Google and a handful of automakers including Tesla Motors, Nissan and Honda have been testing prototypes equipped with a suite of sensors and cameras on public streets and highways, mostly in California.

Those cars must have someone behind the wheel, ready to take over. Some have gotten into collisions, though in each case the companies say a person in another car caused the accident. Google has advocated getting self-driving cars into the public domain as quickly as possible once the tech titan concludes the technology is safe.

While states have taken the lead on reg-

ulating self-driving cars, policymakers in Washington hold indirect sway over states' decision-making. California's Department of Motor Vehicles in particular has sought federal guidance as it struggles with how to move the cars safely from small-scale road tests to broader adoption.

Language that the federal government is revisiting specifies that in states where the public can get access to the cars, a licensed driver should be behind the wheel.

Google sees that as unnecessary. It has argued that once cars can drive as safely as humans, it would be better to remove the steering wheel and pedals so that people don't mess up the ride.

A Google spokesman had no comment on word of the federal review. The California State Transportation Agency has interpreted the 2013 federal guidance as urging caution. The federal update "reaffirms that the topic is evolving and one worthy of continued discussion and public input," spokeswoman Melissa Figueroa said. The Department of Motor Vehicles is working to publish draft regulations by year's end, Figueroa said. The draft was due last Jan. 1, but concerns such as proving that the technology is safe have held up those rules.

The nonprofit group Consumer Watchdog has been advocating restraint. "The California DMV correctly is focused on getting the regulations correct, rather than rushing them out the door," John Simpson of Consumer Watchdog said in a written statement Tuesday. Federal authorities must "not succumb to corporate pressure to move so fast that our safety on the highways is compromised." — AP



MOUNTAIN VIEW: In this May 13, 2015, file photo, Google's new self-driving prototype car is presented during a demonstration at the Google campus in Mountain View, Calif. Federal transportation officials say they are updating their position on self-driving cars, with a goal of getting the emerging technology into the public's hands sooner than later. — AP

WHY GOVERNMENT AND TECH CAN'T AGREE ABOUT ENCRYPTION

NEW YORK: Your phone is getting better and better at protecting your privacy. But Uncle Sam isn't totally comfortable with that, because it's also complicating the work of tracking criminals and potential national-security threats.

For decades, tech companies have steadily expanded the use of encryption - a data-scrambling technology that shields information from prying eyes, whether it's sent over the Internet or stored on phones and computers. For almost as long, police and intelligence agencies have sought to poke holes in the security technology, which can thwart investigators even when they have a legal warrant for, say, possibly incriminating text mes-

sages stored on a phone. The authorities haven't fared well; strong encryption now keeps strangers out of everything from your iMessages to app data stored on the latest Android phones. But in the wake of the Paris attacks, U.S. officials are again pushing for limits on encryption, even though there's still no evidence the extremists used it to safeguard their communications. While various experts are exploring ways of resolving the impasse, none are making much headway. For now, the status quo favors civil libertarians and the tech industry, although that could change quickly - for instance, should another attack lead to mass U.S. casualties. Such a scenario could stampede Congress into passing hasty and potentially counterproductive restrictions on encryption.

Protects everything

"There are completely reasonable concerns on both sides," said Yeshiva University law professor Deborah Pearlstein. The aftermath of an attack, however, "is the least practical time to have a



MOUNTAIN VIEW: In this July 30, 2014, file photo, Silicon Valley pioneer and Silent Circle cofounder Jon Callas holds up Blackphone with encryption apps displayed on it at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, Calif. The Paris terrorist attacks have renewed the debate between law-enforcement officials and privacy advocates over whether there should be limits to encryption technology. — AP

rational discussion about these issues."

Encryption plays a little heralded, yet crucial role in the modern economy and daily life. It protects everything from corporate secrets to the credit-card numbers of online shoppers to the communications of democracy advocates fighting totalitarian regimes.

At the same time, recent decisions by Apple and Google to encrypt smartphone data by default have rankled law enforcement officials, who complain of growing difficulty in getting access to the data they feel they need to build

criminal cases and prevent attacks. For months, the Obama administration - which has steered away from legislative restrictions on encryption - has been in talks with technology companies to brainstorm ways of giving investigators legal access to encrypted information.

But technology experts and their allies say there's no way to grant law enforcement such access without making everyone more vulnerable to cybercriminals and identity thieves. "It would put American bank accounts and their health records, and their phones, at a huge risk to hackers and foreign criminals and spies, while at the same time doing little or nothing to stop terrorists," Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said in an interview Monday.

Lawmakers on the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence remain on what they call an "exploratory" search for options that might expand access for law enforcement, although they're not necessarily looking at new legislation.

The FBI and police have other options even if they can't read encrypted files and messages. So-called metadata - basically, a record of everyone an individual contacts via phone, email or text message - isn't encrypted, and service providers can make it available when served with subpoenas. Data stored on remote computers in the cloud - for instance, on Apple's iCloud service or Google's Drive - is also often available to investigators with search warrants. (Apple and Google encrypt that data, but also hold the keys.)

Some security experts suggest that should be enough. Michael Moore, chief technology officer and co-founder of the Baltimore, Maryland-based data security firm Terbium Labs, noted that police have managed to take down online criminals even without bypassing encryption.—AP

GOOD COP, BAD COP: WILL PARIS CLIMATE SUMMIT PREVAIL?

the Danish capital's name can send a chill down the spine of even the toughest climate negotiator. It was there in December 2009 that high hopes for a legal pact to curb climate-harming greenhouse gases came crashing down as diplomacy foundered in extra time. Now, six years later, 195 nations will try again, this time in Paris. Much has changed in the climate arena since 2009, and observers say there is reason to be hopeful that negotiators may finally seal some sort of deal. "The world has learned some valuable lessons from the experience in Copenhagen," former US vice president turned climate activist Al Gore said.

A key difference is that heads of state and government, who swooped in at the end of the 2009 summit, have been invited to attend only the first day in Paris. When leaders failed to reach consensus six years ago, a handful among them representing key players such as the United States, European Union, Japan, China, India and Brazil-huddled together to thrash out a face-saving "accord". Instead of ratifying it, shell-shocked delegates simply "took note" of the non-binding document-an event French President Francois Hollande remembered this week as "an immense failure"

"It was the worst moment in my life," Maldives negotiator Amjad Abdulla said. "We all worked very hard day and night. And at the very last minute we were told there is a text being negotiated by the heads of state," he recalled. "You can't just... pick... some people and say this is the draft, take it or leave it. That's what happened in Copenhagen." To avoid a repeat, summit host France has opted to leave heads of state out of the nitty-gritty haggling over text. Instead, they will give back-to-back speeches on the first day of the November

imbue it with a sense of mission.

'Small text'

Bureaucrats who have been hammering out a blueprint for the last six years will take a final stab at drafting, and then leave it to ministers to seal the deal. Another change is that delegates to the 21st annual Conference of Parties (COP 21) in Paris will

in at 55 pages. "This is the first time before a COP that we have such a small text. Before Copenhagen we had 300" pages, France's climate negotiator Laurence Tubiana said.

There are other reasons to expect a more positive outcome. The risk has come into sharper focus as scientific evidence has accumulated since 2009 of mankind's devastating impact on Earth's climate system.

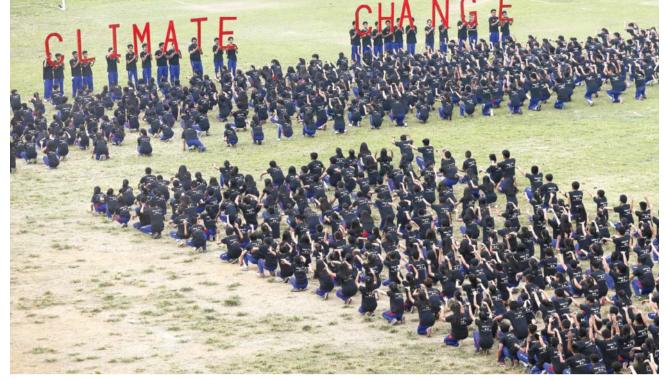
PARIS: "Copenhagen". The mere mention of 30-December 11 marathon, seeking to work with a much slimmer draft, weighing At the same time, many now argue that build-up, some 170 nations responsible for shifting away from climate-harming fossil fuel makes not only environmental but also economic sense. "The cost of solar power has halved since 2010 and renewables are increasingly cost competitive or even cheaper than carbon-intensive fuels," said World Resources Institute climate expert Jennifer Morgan. And on a political level, observers say Paris has more buy-in. In the

more than 90 percent of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions have submitted carboncurbing pledges. They include number one and two polluters China and the United States-both perceived as a drag on the Copenhagen process. This time, they have joined forces to become the engine of COP21. The pledges for Paris are voluntary, or "bottom-up" in climate jargon, rather than imposed "top-down" targets, opposed by Washington and others.

Everyone's talking

According to Japanese negotiator Aya Yoshida, the level of mutual trust ahead of Paris is "far, far better". "At least we have a talking turn, we know what the others are thinking about," she told AFP. "We have much more informal meetings, we have much more conversations." Many say the jihadist attacks that killed 130 people in Paris little over two weeks before the summit may forge a common resolve among nations, many of whose leaders said they decided to come in fact to take a stand against violence.

Some things, however, have not changed since Copenhagen. Rich and developing nations are still at odds about how to divvy up responsibility for emissions cuts, and who should pay. "I've seen this movie," Venezuelan negotiator Claudia Salerno warned at a combative meeting last month, where developing nations accused rich ones of using "apartheid" tactics to wipe their core demands off the table. "I hope this is not going to be just a really, really nasty bad second Copenhagen," Salerno said. But UN climate chief Christiana Figueres said there was "no comparison" between the two, "other than, you know, they are on the same continent". — AFP



PASIG CITY: Hundreds of students perform to launch an advocacy by the Government's National Youth Commission (NYC) that aims to enhance public awareness on climate change at the Rizal High School campus at suburban Pasig city, east of Manila, Philippines yesterday. — AP



HONG KONG: A performer wearing a lion dance costume stands at the door of an electric bus during the opening of the China International New Energy Vehicle (CINEV) show in Hong Kong. — AFP

HONG KONG POLLUTION IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT SMART CAR SHOW

HONG KONG: Asian countries are running out of time to combat air pollution, campaigners said Wednesday, as smart car firms converged in Hong Kong to promote clean energy vehicles. The China International New Energy Vehicle (CINEV) show displays the latest products from major Chinese manufacturers and French firm Renault and takes place in a city where 3,000 people die of air pollution every year, according to a 2013 Hong Kong University report.

In Hong Kong there is increasing concern over pollution levels, with the government's monitoring system frequently measuring the air as hazardous. "In terms of air pollution in Hong Kong...this is really the biggest health crisis", Hong Kong-based Clean Air Network chief executive officer, Kwong Sum-yin said. Government proposals to reduce emissions include a plan to replace more than 80,000 older commercial

diesel vehicles between 2014 and 2019. Cities across China, India and Pakistan dominate global pollution rankings. "All the Asian countries really need to act right now, otherwise we'll really reach the point of no return," Kwong said. "It's still the mentality to develop first and then fix the problem later, but we don't really have that timeline anymore."

The smart car show takes place less than a week before a major climate summit in Paris, which 147 world leaders will attend. "We need to have concrete cooperation from this conference," former French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin, who opened the CINEV show Tuesday said. "We have to develop new initiatives the year after the conference and we have to act very quickly." The November 30-December 11 Paris conference is tasked with signing the first-ever truly universal pact to curb global warming. The CINEV show closes today. — AFP

FROM DUNG TO BMWS AT GREEN **ENERGY PLANT IN SOUTH AFRICA**

BRONKHORSTSPRUIT: Forty minutes east of South Africa's capital Pretoria, amid the lowing of thousands of cows and the strong stink of dung, a small factory has taken on the challenge of turning manure into energy. "Every day, 120 tons of manure and 66 tons of recycled paper are mixed in one of these tanks," Bio2Watt project manager Steven Roux said in the shadow of a looming 9,000 cubic meter vat. Also in the tank alongside the bacteria-rich dung is a steaming mix of old yoghurt, fruit juice and abattoir waste, which bubbles away at 52

degrees Celsius for 22 days. "It's basically a huge living organism," explained project creator Sean Thomas. "While the bacteria is breaking down the waste, it's producing methane gas, which is our primary fuel for our combustion engine-similar to that of a car." The engine, in turn, is connected to an alternator. The result: 4.4 megawatts (MW) of electricity, enough to power a village of about 1,500 people, said Thomas. A Briton now settled in South Africa, it took Thomas eight years to go from bright idea to power production, which the factory achieved in mid-October. On the farm next door, 40,000 cattle roamed about, chewing the cud that would become Thomas' brown gold.

The dung contributes only about a quarter of Bio2Watt's output. But in volume, it makes up 60 percent of the potent sludge ripening in the hot tanks, containing the vital bacteria needed to break the waste down into methane gasthe first project of its kind in South Africa. "There are other projects like this coming up now, but I think we created a precedent," said Thomas. Bio2Watt's 4.4 MW is a mere blip compared to the 40,000 MW of the national power provider Eskombut it does offer a decentralized solution in a country where 85 percent of electricity comes from ageing and failing centralized coal-fired power stations.

BMW plant among clients

South Africa suffered frequent blackouts earlier this year as Eskom struggled to meet demand in the cold winter months. And while the cow farmer next door didn't have enough power to expand his operation, he's now able to tap into Bio2Watt's supply. But the company's primary client is a plant belonging to German car manufacturer BMW in Pretoria. "At present, (the plant) consumes around 12 megawatts per hour and about 30 percent of that (3-4 megawatts) per hour is generated by Bio2Watt-that is 30 percent of green electricity," said Edward Makwana, director of communications for BMW South Africa. Along with a 97-million-rand (\$6.79 million) injection from the French Development Agency, the project also received a helping hand from a law enacted last year banning organic waste from dump sites. —AFP

CLIMATE CHANGES TAKE HEAVY TOLL ON THE UGANDAN COFFEE FARMERS

DRY CONDITIONS HIT YEAR'S HARVEST

KASESE: Luka Kinyere felt the wet, dark volcanic soil in his calloused palm, thankful for the rain that was falling again after a dry spell. Although the coffee plants in his plantation were turning green, dry conditions had doomed his chances of turning a profit from this year's second harvest. Here in the foothills of Uganda's Rwenzori Mountains near the border with Congo, coffee is the lifeblood of many families, and men like the polygamous Kinyere need great coffee yields to run their households.

But their success is threatened by climate change, which has warmed the region over the years, encouraging pests and diseases and bringing erratic but intense rains that erode fertile earth. Consequently, harvests have become unpredictable. "We are in trouble now," Kinyere said one recent morning as he weeded his coffee plantation, which is interspersed with banana trees. Many of the plants in his estate are infected with leaf rust, a fungal disease that coffee production experts here say has become more prevalent because of rising temperatures.

When the rust infects a coffee estate, the leaves of some plants develop yellow spots and fall prematurely. The result is a delayed harvest with coffee beans so small they can't fetch a good price in the market. Alice Sanyu, a production adviser with the local government who tours plantations in several villages teaching smallholder farmers how to adapt to climate change, contorted her face when she saw Kinyere's afflicted garden and asked him why he appeared unable to control leaf rust. He shrugged, saying only that "the sun is disturbing the crop." Although many locals here know about climate change, which will be the focus of an upcoming UN conference where African countries hope to play a major role, they are not equipped to deal with its impact on the quality and quantity of their agricultural output. Kinyere mulched his two-acre plantation and dug trenches to conserve water when it rains, but that won't help when a dry spell lasts more than several months. And often he can't afford to apply herbicides when dangerous diseases invade his estate. "You will find coffee plants naked, without leaves," said Sanyu, the adviser, talking about drought conditions. "When that happens, the plant will take a long time to return to its normal state. Flowering will almost fail."

Fruity taste

Uganda is one of Africa's top coffee producers, second only to Ethiopia, and some of the country's finest Arabica coffee - favored by many for its low caffeine amount and for its sweet, fruity taste - is grown here in this frontier district of Kasese along the Equator. The days tend to be hot and the nights cold, but long-time residents say the conditions have been getting more extreme as the Rwenzori Mountains, an alpine range dubbed "mountains of the moon" and depicted in 1990 Hollywood film of the same name, lose much of their glaciers.

Last year, the conservation group Pax Arctica said at the end an expedition to the Rwenzoris that rapid ice melting linked to climate change had reduced the amount of water flowing into the Nyamwamba River, which residents use to irrigate their crops. Experts now believe the glaciers atop the Rwenzoris will disappear in two decades, perhaps as early as 2025. That's bad news not just for coffee growers but for all farmers in the region. A 2013 study by the aid group Oxfam concluded that "most areas" in the Rwenzoris, especially those at altitudes below 1,500 meters, will eventually become unsuitable for coffee and coffee growers "will have to switch crops."

'Black beans'

A top-quality harvest can fetch up to \$1.5 per kilogram, but buyers will pay much less for a harvest including so-called "black beans," cherries picked before they were ripe. Some harvests may even be rejected if the buyer suspects the beans will return "sour, unpleasant coffee that tastes like urine," said Rajabu Kituku, the local manager of Great Lakes Coffee Ltd. "The farmers don't know when the rains will start, and when the rains start they don't know when the sun wil shine," Kituku said. "Climate change is for real. It affects the whole system: the farmer, the buyer the government, everyone. They never get enough rain here."

Ahead of the UN climate change conference in Paris, African leaders say they hope for "climate justice," a comprehensive agreement that would help one of the worst-affected continents to cope with climate change. African governments expect to be helped on issues of mitigation and adaptation, especially through technology transfer, Ayele Hegena, an Ethiopian official who will be among a group of African negotiators at the Paris summit, told a recent meeting organized by the African Union. "Africa must be strategically engaged in this process," he said. — AFP

2015 set to be the hottest year ever

GENEVA: The year 2015 is shaping up to be the hottest on record, the UN's weather agency said yesterday, a week ahead of a crucial climate change summit in Paris. "2015 is likely to be the hottest year on record, with ocean surface temperatures at the highest level since measurements began," said Michel Jarraud, head of the World Meteorological Organization. "This is all bad news for the planet," he added in a statement.

The WMO said data from the first 10 months of the year suggested temperatures over land and sea would tick in at their highest level ever measured this year, after already reaching record highs in 2014. The UN agency said the preliminary data showed the global average surface temperature has reached "the symbolic and significant milestone" of 1.0 degree Celsius (1.8 degree Fahrenheit) above mid-19th century levels.

Global surface temperatures this year are also about 0.73 degrees Celsius above the 1961-1990 average of 14 degrees Celsius, WMO said. The UN agency usually waits to have data stretching over a full year before drawing any conclusions, but said it wanted to release its preliminary findings "to inform negotiators at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris." More than 145 world leaders are set to gather in the French capital Monday to launch the 12-day conference aimed at securing a rescue pact for the global climate aimed at capping global warming at two degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above the pre-industrial era.

'We have a choice'

"Greenhouse gas emissions, which are causing climate change, can be controlled," Jarraud said. "We have the knowledge and the tools to act. We have a choice," he said. "Future generations will not." Sea-surface temperatures hit new records last year, and WMO said yesterday they were "likely to equal or surpass that record in 2015." Since oceans have been absorbing more than 90 percent of the energy accumulated in the climate system from human emissions of greenhouse gases, temperatures at greater depths are also rising, as are sea levels, the agency said. In the first nine months of 2015, global ocean heat content through both the upper 700 meters and 2,000 meters of the oceans hit record highs, it said.

Sea levels in the first half of the year meanwhile appeared to be "the highest since satellite observations became available in 1993." The UN agency also said significantly warmer than average temperatures had been measured so far this year over the majority of observed land areas. China had its warmest January-to-October period on record, Africa is experiencing its second warmest year on record, while temperatures have also soared in western North America, large parts of South America, Africa and southern and eastern Eurasia. Severe heatwaves have hit India and Pakistan, as well as Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

Hottest five-year period

The soaring temperatures this year appear to be part of a trend, with WMO indicating that the years 2011-2015 marked the hottest five-year period ever measured. The past five years have been 0.57

degrees Celsius (1.01 degrees Fahrenheit) above the 1961-90 average, it said, referring to preliminary data up to the end of September, WMO said, explaining that its five-year analysis provides a better indication of how the climate is changing over time than its annual reports.

The five-year period had seen numerous extreme weather events that were influenced by climate change, WMO said, adding that the warming climate had increased the probability of heat waves by a factor of 10 or more in some cases. The pending heat records come after concentrations of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere hit record highs in 2014, prompting WMO earlier this month to warn that climate change was moving the world into "uncharted territory." Yesterday's report also comes as El Nino, a natural phenomenon that sparks global climate extremes, is at its strongest in more than 15 years and still gaining strength. — AFP



TELANGANA: An Indian man rests in front of an air cooler to cool himself on a hot summer day in Hyderabad, in the southern Indian state of Telangana. Because of man-made global warming and a strong El Nino, Earth's wild weather this year is bursting the annual heat record, the World Meteorological Organization announced yesterday. — AP

A GAME PLAN: MORE HUNTERS DONATING MEAT TO THE HUNGRY

PORTLAND: It's a cool fall morning outside a red brick warehouse in Maine's largest city, and Don Morrison is facing a tall order. It's time to turn 40 pounds of moose and deer meat into enough shepherd's pie to feed 200 people by sundown. Morrison, manager of the Portland anti-hunger group Wayside Food Programs, is happy to do it, in part, because of the source of the meat. Tonight's dinner was acquired through Hunters for the Hungry, a state-run program that allows hunters to donate their game. It has grown exponentially in recent years.

The amount of deer, moose and bear meat donated by hunters to food pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters through the program has quietly grown tenfold since its founding. The program generated about 1,000 pounds per year when it started nearly 20 years ago. It now often generates about 10,000 pounds per year, director Jason Hall said.

Feeding the Hungry

Game meat donation programs in general are growing steadily since the recession, now that hunters have more time and money to pursue the hobby, according to Hagerstown, Marylandbased Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry, which coordinates game meat drives in several states. Donations have grown nearly 20 percent since 2008 to about 1.3 million meals last year, the organization said. Dishes like moose sloppy joes and bear corned "beef" are a little foreign to some people, but the program has helped hunger relief agencies, Morrison said. Thirteen-year-old Cheyennee McMahan, of Portland, sitting recently at one of Wayside's free community meals with her mother, Vicki, described bears as "too cute" for



PORTLAND: Vicki McMahon (left) and her daughter, Cheyennee McMahon-Dumont, dine on venison shepherd's pie at a church dinner in Portland, Maine. — AP photos

consumption, but she was willing to give moose a try. Vicki, a peer support worker for Catholic Charities Maine, said the family relies on the weekly meals for nutrition and to make ends meet. She said she has learned a lot about the versatility of deer and moose meat. Last year's big hit was deer enchiladas. "It was great - and this was the first time I've had it as shepherd's pie," McMahan said. The Legislature created Maine's program in 1996 as a way to find a home for potential food that might otherwise be wasted. The program costs the state \$2,000 to \$4,000 per year, depending on

the volume of donations, but money given to the program has helped defray some of that cost, Hall said. Hunters typically drop off their animals at one of 32 designated processors around the state, Hall said. The state then tries to match the processor with a charity in the region so the meat stays local, he said.

The uptick in interest, aided by a campaign by the state, has been noticeable, Hall said. "Even with out-of-staters. They may have gotten a moose permit, they might be from New Jersey. They want the rack, so they will donate the 900-



PORTLAND: A plate of shepherd's pie made with venison and moose meat is served at a church dinner in Portland, Maine.

pound moose to us and just take the head with them," he said. Game meat donation programs exist all over the country, with some dating back decades. Wisconsin-based Hunt for the Hungry says on its website that it has overseen the donation of more than 700 tons of deer and other game meat in its 20 years of existence. The programs have occasionally run afoul of health authorities, such as in Louisiana in 2013, when officials ordered the destruction of 1,600 pounds of donated venison because it wasn't allowed in homeless shelters. Maine's program avoids the

problem by contracting with processors that are inspected by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Hall said. Maine's program is popular with Thin Blue Line Meats, a Rockland meat cutter that processes game animals for charity at no charge. Owner Jeff McLaughlin said he also asks every hunter if they'd like to donate a pound of their meat to Hunters for the Hungry, and most do. "The owner of a deer just said, I'd like to keep the backstrap, make me a little sausage and donate the rest to Hunters for the Hungry," McLaughlin said. "It's a great program." — AP

RESEARCH RAISES QUESTIONS **OVER ADHD DRUG EFFECTS**

LONDON: Researchers voiced concern yesterday about poor quality studies on the popular ADHD treatment Ritalin, saying evidence of some benefits, but also of sleep problems and appetite loss, suggests the drug should be prescribed with caution. Ritalin is sold by Swiss pharmaceutical firm Novartis, known generically as methylphenidate and also sold under the brand names Concerta, Medikinet and Equasym. It has been used to treat Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)for more than 50 years.

The Cochrane Review researchers, who conducted a full assessment of studies on the benefits and harms of the Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) drug, said evidence on its use in children was poor. "Our expectations of this treatment are probably greater than they should be," said Morris Zwi, a London-based consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist, who worked on the review. "Whilst our review shows some evidence of benefit, we should bear in mind that this finding was based on very low-quality evidence. What we still need are large, well-conducted trials to clarify the risks versus the benefits."

Cochrane Reviews are conducted by international panels of independent researchers and considered as studies of the best available science on a topic. Jonathan Green, a professor of child and adolescent psychiatry at Britain's Manchester University who was asked to comment on the Cochrane Review, said it would be "wrong to draw the conclusion ... that methylphenidate is ineffective. "In fact, clinical level evidence strongly supports the effectiveness of methylphenidate for many children with ADHD."The Cochrane Review included data from 185 randomized controlled trials involving more than 12,000 children or adolescents. The studies were conducted mainly in the United States, Canada and Europe, and each one compared Ritalin with either a placebo dummy pill or no intervention. ADHD is one of the most commonly diagnosed childhood disorders and can continue through adolescence into adulthood. Symptoms include difficulty focusing, impulsive behavior, and extreme hyperactivity. It is estimated to affect about 5 percent of children. —Reuters

EBOLA FLARE-UP IN LIBERIA STOKES FEARS OVER WORKERS' VIGILANCE

DAKAR: A failure to send a suspected Ebola patient were no cases for a while and Liberia was nearing break of the virus in Liberia may reflect fatigue and complacency among health workers, a health expert said yesterday. Liberia has placed 153 people under surveillance after three Ebola cases emerged on Friday, more than two months after the West African country was declared free of the virus. The first of the new patients was 15-year-old Nathan Gbotoe from Paynesville, a suburb east of the capital Monrovia, and his father and brother have since been confirmed as positive. The teenager went to several health centers before being referred to an Ebola treatment unit and several health workers who cared for him may have not worn protective equipment, said Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) representative Carissa Guild.

"Normally with a surveillance system, if someone has signs and symptoms (of Ebola) they would not be hospitalized but immediately sent to an Ebola treatment centre to be tested." "There

directly to a specialist treatment unit in a fresh out- the end of a 90-day period of heightened surveiliance... it is quite possible that people were tired and got complacent," Guild said. Ebola symptoms can be similar to other diseases, especially in the early stages of infection, making it crucial to identify and contain any flare-ups rapidly, said Adam Kucharski, a lecturer at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

It is not known how Gbotoe, who died of Ebola late on Monday and is the first such fatality for months in Liberia, was infected but investigations are under way. Cross-border transmission appears unlikely as Guinea has no cases and Sierra Leone was declared Ebola-free on Nov 7 after 42 days without a case. Liberia has twice been declared Ebola-free, in May and September, only for new cases to emerge, and the latest flare-up should be a warning to Guinea and Sierra Leone to remain vigilant, the United Nations children's agency UNICEF said. —Reuters

RIVER TURBINES TURN AUSTRIA'S DANUBE FROM BLUE TO GREEN

SPITZ: The Wachau, a picture-postcard river valley in Austria, makes a lot of wine. Soon it could be producing its own electricity too, and in a way that will not spoil the stunning views. "Wind turbines are out of the question and solar panels are strictly regulated," says Andreas Nunzer, mayor of picturesque Spitz on the left bank of the Danube river. "But we have found a way to contribute to the fight against global warming without harming our quality of life." It is called river current power. The idea is to place in the river what looks on the surface like the top of a submarine but is in fact a six-ton buoy producing enough electricity for 250 people. Below the waves is a turbine turned by the fast-flowing waters-more brown than the blue of Strauss's famous waltz-of the Danube, one of Europe's main waterways.

So far, three prototype river turbines producing between 40 and 80 gigawatts of electricity have been tested in the Wachau, but Nunzer has ambitious plans. "We have obtained all the necessary permits to have nine of them, and we don't plan to stop there. We're just waiting for mass production," he said. According to Fritz Mondl, co-president of Aqua Libre, the Austrian firm that has spent the past 10 years developing the technology, this stage should begin next year. In time, the aim is for all the 30,000 inhabitants of the UNESCO-protected valley, its steep slopes covered in vineyards and dotted with centuries-old castles, to get their power in this way.

24/7 renewable energy

Mankind has long harnessed the awesome kinetic energy of rivers, most notably with hydroelectric power, the first plant being built at Niagara Falls in the United States back in 1879. But even though the technology produces no climate-changing greenhouse gases-which the Paris climate talks aim to reduce-building the vast dams necessary nowadays is politically tricky, particularly in Europe. "Forty years ago we successfully fought against a hydroelectric dam here," said Christian Thiery, owner of a Wachau hotel and restaurant at Durnstein, where English king Richard the Lionheart was famously imprisoned in



VIENNA: Photo shows a river turbine manufactured by Aqua Libre installed in Danube river in Vienna. Austrian developers believe they have solved the squared circle with renewable energy as several river turbines are already immersed experimentally in the Danube. — AFP

the 12th century. "Thank goodness we did, because we live off tourism now," he says. He has already ordered one of Aqua Libre's buoys to power his 100-bed hotel. And apart from being unobtrusive, a key selling point of this new technology, its proponents say, is that it is the only source of renewable energy that works 24 hours a day and without the need for heavy infrastructure. Problems that have long held the technology back, such as clogging of the turbines by plants and debris in the river, have been overcome. Nor do the buoys interfere with shipping or kill fish. "The global market is forecast to be worth 15 billion euros (\$16 billion) in 10 years," said Jean-Francois Simon, chief executive of French firm HydroQuest, which has installed its water turbines

in French Guiana and in Orleans, France.

According to Simon, the relatively small generating capacity of the turbines is a turnoff to big firms, so the sector is dominated by smaller companies like his, Aqua Libre, Smart Hydro of Germany, Canada's Idenergie and Torcado of The Netherlands. But it is the small water turbines' modest size, simplicity and ease of installation that make them attractive, in particular for areas of the developing world that are not connected to any power grid, he believes. "The water turbines can work in farms of several dozen units and above all can use untapped sources of hydroelectric energy," he said. "They aren't going to turn the energy mix upside down, but they can play their part." — AFP



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TSC WHOLESALE CENTER OPENS AT ARABIA MALL

he Sultan Center held an opening ceremony on Saturday,
November 21st to celebrate the opening of its thirty-fourth store in Kuwait and sixty-sixth in the region at The Arabia Mall located in Egaila opposite AUM University. The opening ceremony was attended by TSC management, suppliers, customers and media representatives.

With over 35 years of experience and expertise in the retail industry, TSC continues to pave the way for customers to enjoy a pleasurable shopping experience. TSC Wholesale Center is a shopping destination unlike any other where customers can find quality products at low prices. The store offers a complete range of local and imported products from supermarket and fresh food to home center items, at exceptional value as well as a dedicated area where cus-

tomers can shop from a range of seasonal products and promotional packs.

TSC Wholesale Center features a spectacular selection of local and imported fresh food products. The store contains a full service meat and seafood counter featuring an abundant variety of seafood and meat cuts, including whole lamb carcasses. The deli contains all the local favorites of cheese, olives, pickles, labnah including specialty cheese, cold cuts and salads. Customers can also find a complete range of ready meals-entrees to take away or dine-in from roasted chicken to khababs, pizza and fatayer, with menu changes daily. The produce section is extensive and spacious where customers can buy in cases or kilos depending on their needs. The store houses an in-house bakery offering local Arabic sweets, breads,

cakes and more

Commenting on the new store opening, Ayman Sultan, Vice Chairman and Group Managing Director stated "The opening of TSC Wholesale Center at Arabia Mall will provide the neighborhood and surrounding community with a new shopping experience. TSC Wholesale Centers provide a complete assortment of products, with a special focus on bulk deals at an everyday low price"

TSC Wholesale Center offers exceptional value of quality products at low prices in a pleasurable shopping experience all under one roof. Visit us today to experience the difference. TSC Wholesale Center Egailah is opened 24 hours.





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BURGAN BANK OFFERS EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT AT LILLYWHITES, FRANKLIN & MARSHALL

urgan Bank announced an exclusive promotion to all its clients, where they get a 20 percent exclusive discount for a period of 3 days only from 26th to 28th November, 2015 at Lillywhites and Franklin & Marshall stores enjoying a wonderful shopping experience by using any of Burgan Bank's ATM, credit, and prepaid cards.

To get this offer, the client will visit any of Lillywhites branches located at Avenues, Tilal Mall, and Albairaq Mall. As well as any of Franklin & Marshall branches at Avenues and 360 Mall.

Today's announcement indicates Burgan

Bank's efforts in providing utmost exclusivity to its customers by providing them with the chance to shop at well-known brand stores and at deducted prices.

Customers are among the bank's main priorities and by providing this offer, the bank continues to reinforce its position as a leading financial institution that meets individual customers' aspirations.

To find out more about Burgan Bank's latest promotions, customers are required to visit their nearest Burgan Bank branch or contact the call center on 1804080. For more information, customers can visit the bank's website on www.burgan.com.



KALPAK PRESENTS NEW DRAMA 'ADHIPAN'



tion KALPAK celebrated its 26th anniversary on November 5 and 6 at the Indian Community School auditorium with the staging of its latest theatre production 'Adhipan'. 'Adhipan' a historical and musical drama, was staged in three shows in two days.

The two-and-half-hour-long drama drew wide applause from theatre lovers in Kuwait and the auditorium was packed during all the three shows. The drama was directed by well-known theatre personality Babu Chakola. Its stage setting was created by renowned Malayalam artistic director Artist Sujathan while its lighting was done by popular theatre personality Chirackal Raju. An array of actors and actresses performed in the play.

The anniversary celebration was inaugurated by Indian Community School Hon Secretary Vijay Karayil while anniversary souvenir was released by Adv John Thomas be handing over a copy to Artist Sujathan.

MCDONALD'S 'TASTES OF WORLD' CAMPAIGN LANDS IN SPAIN

cDonald's Kuwait continues to take its customers on a delicious journey of flavors from around the world, with its annual 'Tastes of the World' campaign. After starting things of in Italy with 'The Italian', the campaign moves onto its second destination with the equally mouth-watering 'The Spanish', which will be available at all McDonald's restaurants starting November 21st until stocks last.

'The Spanish' burger is boldly flavored with an onion and capsicum mix, paprika, and

spicy bravas sauce, all smothering a 100 percent pure Halal beef patty, topped off with Pepper Jack cheese, Halal beef salami and crispy fresh lettuce sandwiched in a braided sesame seed bun.

"Tastes of the World has become one of our most beloved campaigns, and the innovative and mouth-watering limited creations have become something our customers look forward to all year long," said Sherif Coutry, Marketing Director at McDonald's Kuwait. "This year, 'The Italian' proved to be a big hit, and I am certain 'The Spanish' will be just as

The 'Tastes of the World' campaign will conclude with one final exotic burger, which will be revealed soon. In the meantime, customers can still enjoy the limited-time 'Jalapeno Blasters', the bite-sized spicy delight featuring a breaded jalapeno stuffed with creamy cheese. For more information on 'Tastes of the World' limited-time offers, please visit www.mcdonaldsarabia.com.





NAFO MANNAM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE 'REMINISCENCE 2015' HUGE SUCCESS

AFO MAE - Reminiscence - 2015, which was conducted on Friday 20th, November, 2015, at the Indian Community School (Senior Branch), Salmiya, turned out to be a hugely successful and skillfully conducted outstanding program which tested the academic brilliance and leadership skills of a prudently handpicked group of highly talented Indian students in Kuwait. After completing registration formalities, a brief orientation session was provided in order to introduce the vision, mission and rules and regulations of the MAE contest.

After the orientation session, the contest was officially declared open by NAFO Patron, Vijay Karail and the contest proceedings started at 09:45 am.

All registrants were clustered into three groups (A, B and C) through a lot system. The competition was arranged at three different

locations so as to easefully, but professionally conduct the testing sequences. The contest system included four levels of grueling processes which were evaluated by a very prominent and authenticated group of 13 Judges. First round examined the Innovation Skill of the contestants; second round assessed their Oratory Skill, third round judged their Debate Skill, and then a final round of Leadership Skill test. Three toppers from each group entered the final round, where their Leadership Skills were exclusively tested. The proficient and stylish skills of all contestants who participated in all rounds were immensely admired by both the Judges and the public. The Oratory Skill test round which dispensed with the 'Life History of His Excellency Padmabhushan Mannathu Padmanabhan', was gloriously presented by all contestants, and some of them gracefully commented that they got an exclusive opportunity to learn and talk

about such visionary social reformer. The whole contest event took almost a day to complete,

which began at 10:00am and ended at 5:30pm. Final results were declared in front of an enthusiastic crowd including Judges, contestants and their parents, and NAFO families. Sudarsan Rathna Kumar (Indian Central School) was declared as the First Prize Winner, Gayatri Nair (Indian Community Senior School, Salmiya) as Second Prize Winner, and Anjali Sunil Chacko (Fahaheel Al Watanaiah Indian Private School, DPS) as Third Prize Winner. As a complementary gesture, the contest selected the following winners, which was according to their aggregate marks scored for each round, SudarsanRathna Kumar (Indian Central School) as the Best Innovator, again same SudarsanRathna Kumaras the Best Orator, and Mohammad Mishal (Indian Community School, Khaitan) as the Best





Dr Hossam Afify with Sheikha Sheikha Al Khalifa Al Sabah



Al Sayer Life Care

AL SAYER MEDICAL COMPANY PARTICIPATES IN 11TH NATIONAL DAY FOR SOLIDARITY FESTIVAL

KUWAIT: Al Sayer Medical Company, one of the Al Sayer Group Holding Companies and leading medical companies in Kuwait with the biggest medical outlet displaying wide range of world class products was invited by Kuwait Disabled Sports Club (KDSC) for the 11th National Day for Solidarity Festival.

The event was held under the sponsorship of His Highness, the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah. Chief guests of the event were Sheikha Sheikha Al Khalifa Al Sabah, The Honorary President of the Kuwait Sports Club and Shafi Al-Hajeri, Chairman of the Kuwait Disabled Sports Club. The festival comprised of Medical events, social and cultural programs by children besides awareness activities. Many exhibition booths were in place displaying different types of medical articles and healthcare products.

The Festival commenced with the National Anthem of Kuwait followed by rendering of versus from the Holy Quran by Mohammad Mubarak. The opening ceremony was followed by a speech by Dr Tareq Al-Shatti, Director General of Kuwait's Public Authority for the Disabled. Dr Al-Shatti emphasized on the importance to concentrate on the spiritual, social and sports aspects in addition to the physical side of the handicapped.

Continuous growth

On this occasion Faisal Bader Al Sayer, Vice Chairman Al Sayer Group Holding said "Since inception in 1954, Al Sayer Group has imbibed the values of honesty, trust and integrity which are at the heart of all our business dealings. We have achieved continuous growth by providing only the best quality products supported by outstanding Service, and by being

acknowledged as the Best in the Business by Customers, Principals, Employees, Community and Shareholders. Our relentless efforts to keep building on 60 years of success will continue and Al Sayer Medical Company is a testimony of this vision. The Company's core objective is to develop healthcare infrastructure in the region by working closely with healthcare service providers and professionals. In addition to this we have further strengthened the commitment towards society, partnering in initiatives safeguarding the interest of our community."

Al Sayer Medical Company was allotted the biggest booth at the event, where huge range of medical products were displayed, with hands on demonstration. Huge number of visitors were attracted to the booth who inquired about various medical products. Professional team represented Al Sayer Medical who guid-

ed and assisted the visitors, explaining product information and technical detail. The honorary chief guest was impressed with Al Sayer Medical's booth and assistance from the professional team. Sheikha Al Khalifa Al Sabah presented Al Sayer Medical with a token of appreciation and expressed gratitude for the support and participation.

Mingle with society

According to Dr Hossam Afify General Manager Al Sayer Medical Company "Our prime motto is to allow and provide the disabled to mingle with the society, to make it a productive community. It is indeed an honor to participate in disabled events, to safeguard the interests of people with special needs in Kuwaiti community. We care for our community hence, Lifecare our medical showroom provides free consultation for any disabled

requirements and needs. All products displayed here are available in LifeCare showroom, our medical retail outlet at Dajeej".

Al Sayer Medical Company's mission is to improve and transform people's lives by assisting healthcare service providers with the most advanced & reliable pharmaceuticals and medical technologies that ease pain, restore

health, and cure illness.

The group's approach is to maintain a good citizenship as a company operating in Kuwait, capitalize on its resources, assets and expertise in social initiatives that increase individuals' awareness of health and environmental issues, this will consequently lead to improving quality of life, and to operate responsibly in the different aspects where there is interaction with







WARBA BANK PARTICIPATED AT HEALTH & FITNESS EXHIBITION, CONFERENCE

arba Bank announces its participation at the Health and Fitness Exhibition and Conference held at Shaikha Salwa Al Sabah Hall at the Marina Hotel Kuwait from the 23rd to 25th of November. The event was sponsored by Dr Ali Al-Obeidi, the Minister of Health and also an elite group of health and fitness experts and specialists inside and outside Kuwait.

Warba Bank's participation, in this first of its type event in Kuwait, comes as part of the Bank's activities that aim to raise health awareness for men and women. The Bank is devoted to familiarize its customers with the latest techniques and innovations to maintain a healthy lifestyle. In view of the Bank's solid relationship with its customers aside from the financial transactions atmosphere, the Bank invited its Al Safwa and Lamar customers to take part in this exhibition in order to benefit from the

Haya Saleh Al-Habbas, Customer
Segments Development Specialist at Warba
Bank said: "Through this participation,
Warba Bank is dedicated to enhance the
health culture and the concept of a balanced healthy life style, awareness of the
pros and cons of cosmetic surgeries, how
to deal with such surgeries and avail from
the guidance, lectures and discussions at
the exhibition. The exhibition tackled the
latest developments in this field and provided visitors with a valuable chance to
meet experts, getting to know concerned
institutions and organizations as well as
being introduced to new products in the

cosmetics and pharmaceuticals industry."
Habbas added: "Warba Bank's participation in this exhibition aims to enhance customers' awareness of the banking business and the services provided to its customers through its innovative banking products. The Lamar account provides ladies- with tailored features such as the unique design of the ATM card enabling them to shop safely locally and internationally as well as the excellent service provided by the Bank to its female customers and the several promotions and offers to satisfy their needs and meet their aspirations.

Warba Bank continues to support innovative social activities based on its commitment to its corporate social responsibility and care to strengthen its relationship with customers especially ladies and business women market segment. Warba Bank's participation at this event comes from its strategy which is to develop the society and spread awareness about public health and safety particularly because this vital sector attracts the attention of a major segment of its customers. This sector has become an important window for keeping pace with sustainable development in Kuwait and the

region.

Furthermore, Warba Bank has recently contributed in the awareness campaign for breast cancer and the necessity for early check-ups and detection launched by the Ministry of Health. The Bank has also contributed in Kuwait National Diabetes Conference and other constructive awareness activities.

ABK CONCLUDES UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY EVENT

I Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) announced the successful conclusion of its special film-themed event, which was held on Friday, 20 November, 2015 to honor Universal Children's Day. The event was held at the Attraction 5D Cinema in Discovery Mall for all Isave and Bedayati cardholders.

ABK's Corporate Communications team accompanied the children to the most recent 5D movies, which display the latest form of theatrical effects that include rain, snow, bubbles, wind, and lightning, in addition to detailed movements like water drizzle, air blast and vibrations. Children enjoyed free beverages and snacks when they entered the theatre, along with a free pass to the movies. Three 5D movies were shown per hour.

ABK continuously aims to engage with Kuwait's communities by supporting different initiatives, such as Universal Children's Day, which was established in 1954 to encourage all countries to institute a day, firstly to promote mutual exchange and understanding among children and secondly to initiate action to benefit and promote the welfare of the world's children.















A Russian ballet show performed by the 'Moiseyev Ballet' band was held recently at the Abdul Hussein Abdul Redha Theater, in presence of Russian Ambassador to Kuwait Alexey Solomatin, and officials from the National Council of Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL).

—Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

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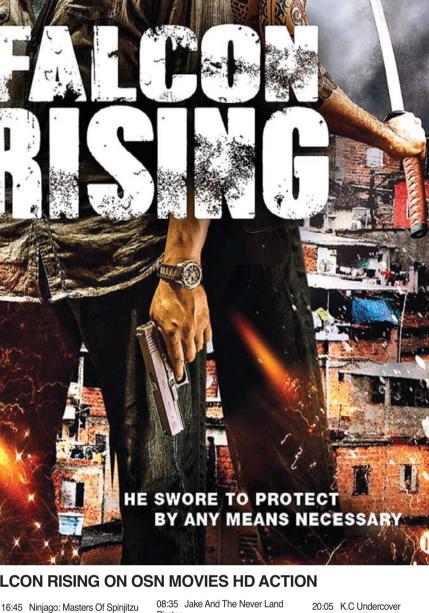
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KNCC PROGRAMME FROM THURSDAY TO WEDNESDAY (26/11/2015 TO 02/12/2015)

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I, Fahad Habib Dadapeer holder of Indian Passport No. G8813498 hereby change my name to Fahad Habib, Gadde Street, Rajampet, A.P. (C 5084) 24-11-2015

Farida D/o Ismail, holder of Indian Passport No. J1328035 hereby change my name to Farida Pakawala, 16-Rituvan Collectorate, Paricer Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh. (C 5082) 22-11-2015

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Fajr:	04:56
Shorook	06:20
Duhr:	11:35
Asr:	14:31
Maghrib:	16:50
Isha:	18:11

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ACROSS

- 1. Pan with a convex bottom. 4. An esoteric or occult matter that is traditionally secret.
- 12. The federal agency that insures residential mortgages.
- 15. Any of various primates with short tails or no tail at all. 16. A manually operated device to correct the
- operation of an automatic device.
- 17. The sense organ for hearing and equilibri-
- 18. Vietnamese New Year.
- 19. Genus of perennial wildflowers of North American plains and prairies.
- 20. A hotel providing overnight lodging for travelers.
- 21. Of or relating to a directionless magnitude.
- 23. Functioning correctly and ready for action.
- 24. (of tempo) Leisurely n.
- 26. Being one more than fifty.
- 27. A drug (trade names Atarax and Vistaril) used as a tranquilizer to treat anxiety and motion sickness.
- 30. An organization of independent states to promote international peace and security. 31. A thrusting blow with a knife.
- 33. Worthy of imitation.
- 34. Conforming to an ultimate standard of perfection or excellence.
- 37. Suggestive of the supernatural.
- 38. English economist noted for his studies of international trade and finance (born in
- 40. An edge tool used to cut and shape wood. 41. (astronomy) A measure of time defined by Earth's orbital motion.
- 42. According to the Old Testament he was a pagan king of Israel and husband of
- Jezebel (9th century BC). 45. Medication (trade name Lopid) used to lower the levels of triglyceride in the
- blood.
- 47. In operation or operational.
- 48. A metal-bearing mineral valuable enough
- to be mined.
- 50. Not only so, but.
- 52. An enclosed space.
- 54. Civet of Madagascar. 57. An armed adversary (especially a member of an opposing military force).
- 58. The district occupied entirely by the city of Washington
- 61. Distant in either space or time.
- 62. A tall Brazilian feather palm with a terminal crown of very large leathery pinnatisect leaves rising from long strong stems used for structural purposes.
- 65. English writer of macabre short stories (1863-1943).
- 70. Number the pages of a book or manu-
- 74. A rapid bustling commotion. 75. A mountain in central Greece where (according to Greek mythology) the Muses lived.
- 78. (often followed by `of') A large number or amount or extent.
- 79. British informal term.

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- 80. The blade of a rotor (as in the compressor of a jet engine).
- 81. A Turkish unit of weight equal to about 2.75 pounds.
- 82. A constellation in the southern hemisphere near Telescopium and Norma.
- 83. A river in northeastern Brazil that flows generally northward to the Atlantic
- 84. A rapid escape (as by criminals).

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- 2. An organization of countries formed in 1961 to agree on a common policy for the sale of petroleum.
- 3. A general anesthetic (not a barbiturate) that is administered intravenously or intramus-
- 4. (Greek mythology) Daughter of Zeus and
- Demeter. 5. Evergreen Indian shrub with vivid yellow
- flowers whose bark is used in tanning.
- 6. The money risked on a gamble. 7. Army unit smaller than a division.
- 8. Of or relating to or formed by trees.
- 9. Being two more than fifty. 10. Large antelope with lightly spiraled horns
- of desert regions of North Africa. 11. (of persons) Highest in rank or authority or
- office.
- 12. Not genuine.
- 13. A Loloish language.
- 14. A river in central Italy rising in the Apennines and flowing through Florence and Pisa to the Ligurian Sea.
- 22. A military dictatorship in North Africa on the Mediterranean.
- 25. Wild sheep of northern Africa.
- 28. An alloy of copper and zinc (and sometimes arsenic) used to imitate gold in cheap jewelry and for gilding.
- 29. A monosaccharide sugar that contains the aldehyde group or is hemiacetal.
- 32. Type genus of the Tetraonidae.
- 35. A genus of fern sometimes placed in its own family Azollaceae. 36. Cause to be more favorably inclined.
- 39. A federal agency established to coordinate programs aimed at reducing pollution and protecting the environment.
- 43. Type genus of the Hylidae.
- 44. (in Gnosticism) A divine power or nature emanating from the Supreme Being and playing various roles in the operation of the universe.
- 46. Being nine more than ninety.
- 49. The compass point midway between
- northeast and east. 51. A pilgrimage to Mecca.
- 53. The sound made by corvine birds.
- 55. A platform raised above the surrounding level to give prominence to the person on
- 56. (Old Testament) Cain and Abel were the first children of Adam and Eve born after
- the Fall of Man. 59. A vertical cylindrical furnace for melting
- iron for casting. 60. The capital of Croatia.
- 63. United States physicist (born in Austria) who proposed the exclusion principle (thus providing a theoretical basis for the periodic table) (1900-1958).
- 64. A crown-like jewelled headdress worn by
- women on formal occasions. 66. The sixth month of the civil year.
- 67. A South American shrub whose leaves are chewed by natives of the Andes.
- 68. A sudden minor shock or meaningless
- interruption. 69. Rock that form the continuous lower layer
- of the earth's crust. 71. Absent without permission.

Yesterday's Solution

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- 72. The basic unit of money in Bangladesh. 73. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls.
- 76. The month following March and preceding
- 77. Range of what one can know or understand.

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STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

You're capable of sinking into deep and dark places today while still maintaining an outer air of confidence. Others may accuse you of being in denial, but they couldn't be further from the truth. You can brush up against the emotional pain, but you choose not to dwell in it. Acknowledging your fears enables you to navigate through troubling circumstances and emerge victorious on the other side. Just don't move so quickly now that you miss the lessons you need to learn.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Naturally, you prefer experiencing pleasure in the present moment, but you also are motivated by a strong moral compass. Unfortunately, you might believe you must choose one approach or the other. But this isn't the end of the story, for your attempts to incorporate both aspects of yourself create your current dilemma. Finding your way through your existential crisis takes you on a journey into your own subconscious mind. What you find there can help you be a happier person in the real world.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your high ideals don't always match up with the reality of your relationships. Reaching your goals today becomes a struggle if someone close to you seems to be an obstacle to your success. Instead of just accepting another person's lack of faith in you, stand firm in your convictions. Use your talent to think on your feet to decide what you want out of the current situation and then lay your cards out on the table. Once you're clear about your destination, there's no reason to hide your intentions



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Finding a middle path is a challenging task today, especially with respect to the patterns and routines of your everyday life. There are specific things you wish to improve upon, but you prefer to create change gradually. Nevertheless, you might have to make significant shifts in your daily habits in order to produce a lasting affect now. Shaking everything up may sound radical, but the positive results will be worth it in the long run.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

You might be obsessing over a current relationship or a potential romance. Sometimes, it's best to keep your desires to yourself. Other times, it can be transformative to share your feelings with someone you trust. Naturally, it's always wise to be socially appropriate; observe the boundaries and don't overstep them unless it's an emergency. Nevertheless, choosing how much to disclose is ultimately your decision, so take time to quiet your mind and tune into your heart.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Your anticipation of the future is too great to be contained by your current social conditions. Even if others are giving you permission to do whatever it takes to resolve the conflict between your personal and professional life, don't believe them. Irresponsible behavior may be fine for other signs, but you conscientious Virgos are expected to carry the torch for ethics and integrity. Don't sacrifice your ideals for what seems to be a quick solution to a complex dilemma. Follow your heart and you won't go wrong

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Libra (September 23-October 22)

Your thoughts are soaring today, zipping in and out of the clouds of your mind. You can catch glimpses of them from your pragmatic position on the ground, and yet it's challenging to latch onto any one image and turn it into reality. Accept that you may not be ready to go public with plans that others might judge as too outrageous. Instead, let the ideas come and go for now. The best ones will continue to gain traction in the weeks ahead. Err on the side of caution when it comes to maintaining your credibility.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Although you're willing to alter your course as needed now, you're not going to go through the motions until you believe it's absolutely necessary. Fortunately, you are a master at work as you journey into the shamanic realms of dreamy visions. Use your multitasking skills to walk in multiple worlds and manifest the seeds of personal transfor-



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

The pressure to change continues to build all around you, especially in your personal world. Thankfully, if you remain flexible in your thinking today, you can cultivate a wonderful peace even in the midst of turmoil. The eye of a hurricane is a weird place; as still as everything is, you must stay on high alert every moment in case the energy shifts. Turn up the volume on your psychic radar, for magic is definitely in the air.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Balancing your fantasies with your responsibilities within a relationship can be a full-time job today. You normally honor your promises without hesitation, but now your deep feelings are driven by even deeper compulsions that might not support your previous commitments. Don't make any dramatic changes yet: just sit with your discomfort. The issues that are coming to light won't pass quickly, but will feed your soul over the next few months in ways you can't even imagine.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

You tend to intellectualize your emotions, but today it might be the other way around. Your thoughts carry an extra emotional charge, making it easy to become overly zealous about what you believe is true. You may be at odds with your colleagues or friends over a looming decision about the future. If you find yourself obsessing about this conflict, back off just enough to regain a healthy perspective. Clarity is elusive now but will be within your grasp soon

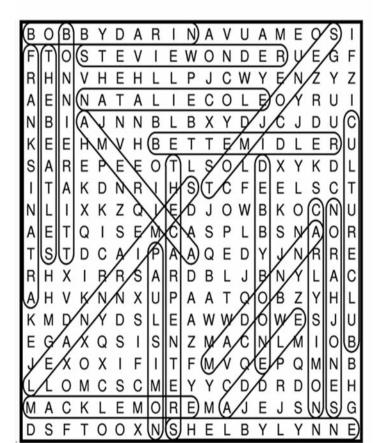


Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Just as you begin to settle into your new responsibilities, you are confronted by so much data that the details are overwhelming. You may threaten to throw in the towel today, but your conscience won't let you do it. Instead, this is an opportunity to engage in a dance between the power of knowing the truth and the need to trust your intuition — even if these two extremes are in direct conflict now. Find a place to stand where you can honor both approaches and you will make the most out of this pivotal turning point.

Yesterday Solution

SOLUTION TO GRAMMY WINNERS PUZZLE



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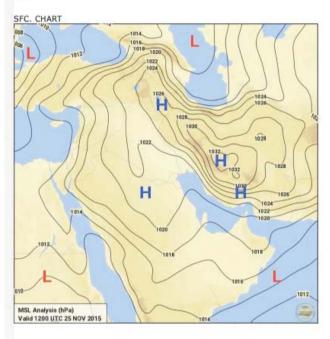
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Expected Weather for the Next 24 Hours Issued 25/11/2015-19:00 LT UTC +3h

MIN Temperature 9 °C

By Night :Cool with light north westerly to light variable wind, with speed of 08 - 20 km/h By Day: Fair with light variable wind, with speed of 06 - 20 km/h and some scattered clouds will



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QAROH ISLAND	21	26
UMM AL-MARADEM	21	25
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WAFRA	13	26
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Sunrise	06:20
Zuhr	11:35
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Sunset	16:50
Isha	18:11



PRIVATE CLINICS

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Gossip



Kim Kardashian West may need a caesarean section

birth to her and Kanye West's second child, a son, next month, but she has learned she may be unable to deliver naturally as he is breech, meaning his head is still facing upwards. She wrote on her blog: "My latest concern is that my baby is breech, meaning he's in the wrong position for childbirth. "His head is still up and it's supposed to be down. He was supposed to turn by 32 weeks. So now, I will have to get a C-section. Or so I thought!" The 35-year-old beauty has been researching alternative options and is doing "everything she can" to get the baby to turn until her due date. She

he 'Keeping Up With the Kardashians' star is due to give explained: "Since my baby is pretty big - over seven poundsmaybe he's just too big at this point but I started intensive chiropractic work with Dr Elliot Berlin. He is 'the' pregnancy chiropractor! I've learned so much from my few sessions with him. "I have been doing everything I can to try to turn the baby. I lay practically upside down three times a day for 15

Tracy Morgan doesn't think he'll ever feel normal again



■he 47-year-old comedian - who was left with a traumatic brain injury and a broken leg after a road accident in New Jersey in June 2014 - admits the horrifying incident has changed his life forever. He said: "You're never going to be normal after you go through something like that. "You don't die for a few weeks and then come back to normal, trust me. Something's going to be missing, something's going to be gained-you just got to live your life after that. "But after surviving something like that, I'm probably never going to feel normal." The 'Saturday Night Live' star claimed he "went to the other side" and spoke to God after the accident, but was told it wasn't his time to die. He added to Complex magazine: "I went to the other side. This is not something I'm making up. Do you know what God said to me? He said, 'Your room ain't ready. I still got something for you to do.' And here I am, doing an interview with you." Tracy - who has two-yearold daughter Maven with wife Megan Woolover - has now learned not to make plans for the future but live every day to the max.



Brad Pitt credits 'a lot of love' for youthful looks

■he 51-year-old actor - who has children Maddox, 14, Pax, 11, Zahara, nine, and twins Knox and Vivienne, seven, with wife Angelina Jolie - also believes in never overindulging in his favorite things. Asked his secret to looking and feeling young, he told 'Extra': "Everything in moderation and a lot of love." The 'Moneyball' actor is looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with his family and plans to cook up a feast in the kitchen. He said: "Yeah, I'll get in there, I'll mess it up a little bit. We got Thanksgiving, man-I'm all over that turkey." Brad can next be seen in 'The Big Short' - which he also produced - and felt it was "important" to make the movie, which is about the build-up of the housing and credit bubble, which led to America's recent financial crisis. He said: "I wanted to play a small part in it to help get it to the screen, so I jumped in on the acting side as well. "It was a really important story to me, I'm still angry by it, that no one was held accountable, this financial crisis, this housing meltdown that so many people got



•he 'Sorry' hitmaker cancelled a series of performances - including an appearance on 'The Late Show With Stephen Colbert' - without offering a proper explanation and has now taken to his Twitter account to say sorry to those people who were hoping to see him. Justin said: "My apologies to @colbertlateshow as I won't be able to make it to nyc tomorrow for the show. I look forward to making it up to you soon. (sic)" Later, he thanked his fans for their understanding, though he again declined the chance to explain the problem. He wrote: "@StephenAtHome thank you for the understanding as sometimes life kicks our ass and we need to deal with it. I will see u soon. Thank you (sic)." Gossip website TMZ said Justin has been on an emotional rollercoaster in recent weeks and simply could not continue with his hectic schedule. The announcement comes shortly after it was reported Justin serenaded his ex-girlfriend Selena Gomez in a hotel bar. The on/off couple were seen at the Montage Hotel in Beverly Hills, where Justin sang a number of songs, including 'My Girl' and his own tune 'Sorry'. And Justin recently admitted he will always love the singer.



Chiwetel Ejiofor couldn't cope with Cumberbatch fame level

■he 38-year-old actor - who stars alongside the Brit in Marvel's new comic book movie 'Doctor Strange', which is due out next year - has revealed he has no desire to become more famous than he already is. He said: "This is something that I'm very grateful for, but on the whole, people are very respectful with me. "They're nice, and they ask for an autograph or photograph, and it very rarely has any kind of hysterical quality to it. That's the thing I don't respond very well to, and I see it very often with friends of mine." And to underline his point, Chiwetel cited the example of his 'Doctor Strange' co-star, who is among the most sought-after actors in Hollywood. He told Vulture: "For example, I'm working with Benedict Cumberbatch at the moment, and people have that quality when they're around him. They get a little hysterical about it, and that is really odd to watch. To be in the centre of that is very peculiar." Chiwetel insisted he's "glad" he doesn't receive such adoration. He said: "Each actor influences the people who go to see their movies in totally different ways. It's fascinating to see that distinction in action, but I'm sort of glad it's not something I contend with."



Will Smith admits his marriage has been excruciating at times

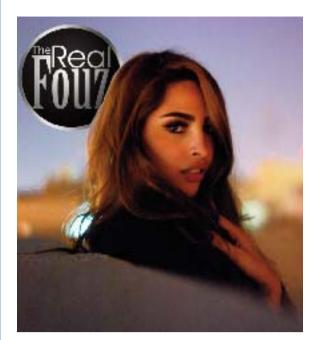
■he 47-year-old actor has been married to fellow Hollywood star Jada Pinkett Smith since 1997, and has revealed their relationship has been "grueling". He shared: "We've been married 20 years and we've been asking ourselves [what's the secret to marriage] and really at the end of the day it's just not quitting. "You can't expect it to be easy. It's like our marriage was the most difficult, grueling, excruciating thing that we have ever taken on in our lives. And you know we're just not quitters." Will also revealed what he considers to be the secret to maintaining a good marriage. The actor - who shares 17-year-old son Jaden and 15-year-old daughter Willow with his wife - told Entertainment Tonight: "I would say is that we never went into working on our relationship. "We only ever worked on ourselves individually, and then presented ourselves to one another better than we were previously."



Katie Price's son playing the keyboard from hospital bed

■he British star has released a video of her son Harvey - who has been in Great Ormond Street Hospital in London undergoing a minor operation - in which he entertains his mother with the keyboard. Katie, 37, captioned the adorable video: "My gorgeous boy entertaining me in hospital before bedtime #family." The TV personality recently thanked her online followers for their supportive messages towards Harvey, who suffers from a rare genetic condition called Prader-Willi Syndrome. Katie said: "Harvey is currently in Great Ormond Street Hospital for a routine operation. "He will hopefully be out in a few days but I wanted to say how touched I am by all those asking about his wellbeing." Katie also previously revealed she's grown used to dealing with Harvey's health issues. She said: "I'm not going to lie - it's very hard work bringing up a child with disabilities ... He's on medication six times a day and if he doesn't take it, he'll die. And he has an injection at night.

Alarming increase in negativity



nce in a while, we go through ups and downs that either give us a reality check or makes us truly appreciate the things we have in life and what we shouldn't take for granted. Lately, I've been amazed by the alarming increase in negativity within people, maybe because I live my life with public I get to see or experience it more, but it has become an issue most people deal with.

Whether or not you live your life publicly, I'm sure you realize how all of a sudden problems seem to snowball or just pile all at once, then again, they all disappear. I'm the type of person that works better under pressure, it's just how I am. I also like to drown myself with work whenever I'm feeling down. I find that lately people's mentalities towards accepting others and what they do have become more negative than positive, of course people who love themselves and who see the good in others don't suffer from such a mentality.

Many people ask me how I deal with all the negative posts and comments people post about me or how I deal with the negative side in general, and my answer is always "I don't". I don't deal with it full stop. During my 25 years of existence, I've been through enough of experiences, bullying, problems and what on that made me love myself and respect myself. It's hard to see the good when people are

being negative towards you, but you know what? People do that to you when they want you to stop whatever it is that you are doing well. No one would pay attention to you if you're not doing something that is worthy. I've reach a point in life where I am capable of blocking people out of my brain, not necessarily out of my life. When you're in peace with yourself you will genuinely feel sorry and sad towards people who carry around so much hate and shallowness

People who feel the need to constantly talk about others negatively, bring them down or try to harm them in any sort of way, physically/mentally/emotionally are not happy people. They may act like they are, but they're really not. No one who's happy and satisfied with their life, job, family and friends has the time of day to feel anything but happy for others. You don't need to know people personally in order to see the good in others, you can always have your opinion about people but if it was negative then you should keep it to yourself unless you express it maturely and respectfully.

We are all human, we all feel, and those emotions play a huge role towards out character and what we end up feeling can either ruin another human being or encourage another human being to do bigger and better things in their life. People don't seem to understand that sometimes people can be weak, and that one thing you say about them or to them can seriously cause emotional damage, some people can't deal with any judgment at all to a point where it causes them depression and they can be antisocial, but why do that to anyone? Life is too short! Enjoy it, go out, travel with good company, experience life and meet new people who might give you a whole new prospective

When you genuinely love yourself you can love others, achieve that goal you've been thinking about, make that dream become a reality, and get that job you've been waiting for. Love yourself, self-worth is essential. Be around friends and lovers that want to see you happy, healthy and successful. Give people a chance to prove themselves to you, not everyone is the same. Once you become positive you attract positive vibes and positives tribes. Aim for love, stability and most importantly health.





A New French Luxury Ambiance for Korloff Boutique Renovation



o present its French collections, Korloff Paris has upgraded its boutique concept and has brought innovations into the concept of the Korloff Prestige boutique at the 360 MALL in Kuwait City.

In-store launch of a new concept

The new facade of the Korloff Paris Boutique offers shimmering columns of astrakhan which highlight the flagship collection of the brand. The space of the store has been enlarged by combining two main areas: Jewelry collections presented in large elongated wall units in black and white lacquer, enhanced by outstanding bright red color bases. - Watch collections exhibited in dedicated counters. Round windows present the Voyageur line for clients to view.

A VIP area has been created for our prestigious guests, with special counters displaying the entire solitaires and special Korloff diamonds ranges. Designer chandeliers impart a warm, intimate atmosphere to the VIP room, where privacy can be ensured. Video screens both inside the boutique and outside in the main facade present the latest films created

by the brand: a transparent LCD screen shows the inside of the outstanding Voyageur reversible watch, revealing a 5-carat solitaire when the film magically disappears.

Overall, our French designer has given priority to a luxury environment with pure lines: a smart mix of curves and straight lines, with light effects for the wall showcases. Unlike other stores, the floor is embellished with a two-tone grey carpet with the usual "K" pattern. Official opening in Kuwait City with the official launch of the new Jardin du Luxembourg watch collection. On November 24th 2015, a new Korloff Prestige Boutique will be inaugurated in Kuwait City. In the presence of Ali Behbehani, Chairman of the Behbehani Group, and Bassam Azakir, managing partner of Korloff France, we invite you to experience the new French ambiance of the new boutique concept and the Jardin du Luxembourg collection.





'Carol' leads Spirit Awards film nominations

arol," the story of a 1950s housewife who falls for a store clerk, led the pack of independent movies tipped for Oscars glory as the Spirit Awards nominations were unveiled Tuesday. Starring Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara, the film was nominated in six categories, including best feature, best director and best actress. "Beasts of No Nation," about a child soldier, came in second with five nominations, while "Spotlight," on the Boston Globe's Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation into sex abuse in the Catholic Church, won four nominations. The Film Independent Spirit Awards are seen as an strong indicator of independent movies that could win Oscar glory.

Other contenders for best feature are "Anomalisa," an animated comedy drama, and "Tangerine," about two transgender prostitutes in Los Angeles. "This year's nominees are a testament to the strength, vitality and diversity of independent, artist-driven filmmaking," said Film Independent president Josh Welsh. "It's an astonishingly strong group of films and performances this year and we look forward to celebrating them all at the Spirit Awards." The winners will be announced on February 27, a day before the Academy Awards.— AFP



US President Barack Obama presents the Presidential Medal of Freedom to movie director Steven Spielberg at the White House in Washington on November 24, 2015. — AFP

Obama hails Spielberg's 'boundless imagination'

President Barack Obama awarded the highest civilian honor Tuesday to filmmaker Steven Spielberg, the man behind Hollywood hits "E.T.," "Jurassic Park" and "Indiana Jones." "Steven's films are marked most importantly by a faith in our common humanity," Obama said as he awarded him the Medal of Freedom."His stories have shaped America's story, and his values have shaped

our world."

Obama noted Spielberg's work in founding the Shoah Foundation, which records testimonies of survivors and other witnesses of the Holocaust. The director, who has won three Oscars and whose films have grossed more than \$9 billion in ticket sales, has celebrated his own ability to navigate between various genres, from blockbusters like "Jurassic" park to historic dramas like "Schindler's list." "Film has always been the greatest way for me to unbur-

cast my demons on you," he said earlier this month while presenting his Cold War thriller "Bridge of Spies" in Berlin.

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Among the 17 awardees at the White House ceremony were singer-director Barbra Streisand and songwriter James Taylor. Among other entertainment stars honored were music producer Emilio Estefan and pop star Gloria Estefan, a Cuban American couple seen as trailblazers for being Spanish-language stars who successfully crossed over to the English-language market. Grammy-winner Itzhak Perlman and composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim also received the honor alongside baseball great Willie Mays and fellow legend Yogi Berra, who got a posthumous award.— AFP

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Fashion

KUWAIT FASHION WEEK





uwait Fashion Week proved to be a full 360° spectrum of surreal and daring surprises. Saeed Qubaisi presented a collection of glamorous decadence. The gowns hugged the models. The delicate fabrics were opulent and the sheer magnitude of the dresses was impressive. Angelina Jolin, stylist to the A-Listers based in New York commented "these dresses were ideal for the likes of Celine Dion and Beyonce." The international crowd gasped in admiration when Haya Al-Bugayli quietly stepped on stage in her abaya and paraded the catwalk hand in hand with her gorgeous bride model.

Aprel Al-Saleh stele the hearts of the ground Her

Anfal Al-Saleh stole the hearts of the crowd. Her wedding gowns were cutting-edge, sublime and urban.

The dresses nodded to town-hall city weddings in London and Milan; there was a sense or urbanism yet the gowns were timeless. Julette N White promoted their rising star from Tunisia Safi Rabah, an emerging jewel for evening gowns. The house was packed due to the overwhelming instagraming and twittering the night before. Celebrities such as the actress Elham Al-Fadeala, that I mistakenly took for a Parisian aristocrat, was dressed all in Chanel. We were also honored to have with us the owner of Jumeirah Hotels Kuwait, Khawla Moubarak Al-Hasawi.





Models display new creations by Kuwaiti designer Anfal Al-Saleh during the fashion week on November 24, 2015.









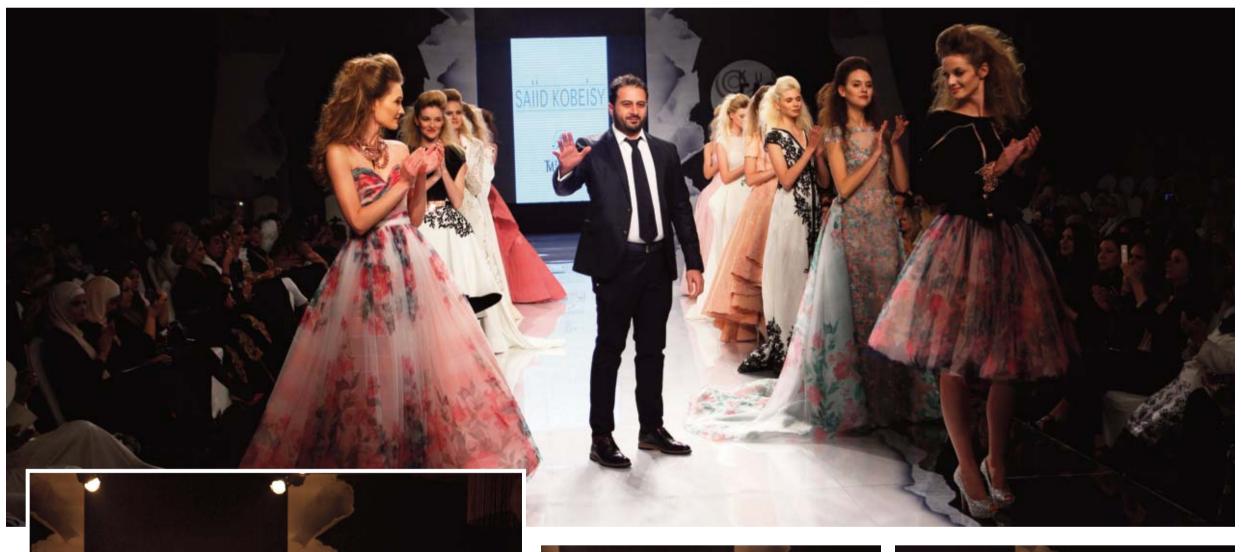
'ELEGANT AND STYLISH'







Models display a new creation by Julette N White during the fashion week.









Models display new creations by Saiid Kobeisy during the Kuwait Fashion Week.



Dancers dressed in traditional Bolivian costumes perform during a parade organized by Spanish leftist Podemos ('We Can') party as a pre-campaign meeting in Madrid. During the parade dance folk groups from Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador per-

'Child brides' suffer as African Union seeks to end the custom

ucia Felix, a 15-year-old Mozambican girl, dreams of returning to her village school but instead she must prepare for motherhood after she was chosen for an arranged marriage and became pregnant. She is one of the millions of "child brides" across Africa who are married before their 18th birthday, with many already wed when they are younger than 15. This week, the African Union will meet in Zambia to hold its first conference on "Ending Child Marriage in Africa"-a small step in efforts to protect girls like Lucia. "One day, a young man arrived here to choose a wife from several girls and he chose me. Then I got pregnant," she told AFP, speaking under a mango tree in the courtyard of her family's home in the southern village of Jangamo.

formed along the streets of the city centre of the Spanish capital. — AP

Lucia, who is eight months pregnant, had just returned from the doctor after contracting malaria and she complained of pains in her belly. "I'm afraid because I'm still a child and I fear I won't be able to take care of my baby," she said. "I want to go back to school and to study to become a teacher." The African Union says about 14 million under-age girls are married on the

continent each year-almost all of them forced by their parents, often against laws that are rarely enforced.

'A rights violation'

"Child marriage is a human rights violation that robs girls of their rights to health, to live in security, and to choose if, when and whom to marry," the AU said ahead of the meeting today and tomorrow in Lusaka. "It is a harmful practice which severely affects the rights of a child." The meeting will gather representatives from member states, first ladies, UN officials and civil society groups to discuss how to change long-established cultural norms and how to eventually end child marriage altogether. Lucia's mother, Zaida Zunguze, admits she first supported her daughter's marriage to her 20-year-old suitor, but said that she wanted Lucia to wait until she turned 18.

"She's still a child, she knows nothing. I want to continue teaching her how to take care of her house," Zaida said, sitting on a mat next to Lucia. "I'm worried because the man said he would provide for the baby, and now he doesn't say anything."

The legal age of marriage in Mozambique is 18, or 16 with parental consent, but nearly half the girls are married in traditional ceremonies before they turn 18.

According to the last national census conducted in 2011, about 14 percent are married before the age of 15. "The concept of the child here is different. As soon as they show the first signs of puberty, they are already considered an adult," Pascoa Ferrao, director of the social action department in the southern city of Inhambane said. "(Child marriage) has often to do with economic circumstances. If a girl is married off, then there's one less mouth to feed. "It leads to increased child mortality because teen moms don't know how to take care properly of their children"

'Girls not brides'

According to the international coalition Girls Not Brides, girls who marry before 18 are also more vulnerable to HIV, domestic violence and malnutrition. "I lost my job as a maid because I was pregnant. The bosses don't like it," said Cidalia Daniel, 17, who

has a 10-month-old son. She now lives with her parents after her husband, 21, fled abroad when she got pregnant. "He would beat me up if I said something he didn't like. He got angry. I didn't like his behavior," she said.

To try to help discourage parents from arranging the marriages, Mozambique in 2007 created "community committees for child protection". "These committees are responsible for identifying cases, and contacting social workers so that they can intervene," said Ana Machaieie, from UNICEF, which trains and equips the project. "We must make parents take responsibility, because too often they impose marriage on their own children, instead of protecting them." Under-age marriage rates in Africa are highest in Niger, Chad and the Central African Republic. The inaugural AU "child bride" meeting in Lusaka will focus on sharing experience of campaigns to reduce child marriage and on securing higher government funding. — AFP



Bindi Irwin and Derek Hough on stage at ABC's 'Dancing With The Stars' Live Finale at The Grove on November 24, 2015 in Los Angeles. — AFP

'Dancing with the Stars'Crowns Season 21 winner

poiler warning: This post contains results for the Season 21 finale of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars." ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" has crowned Bindi Irwin and Derek Hough as the winners of Season 21, beating Nick Carter and Sharna Burgess to take home the Mirror Ball trophy. A tearful Irwin was clearly overwhelmed by the victory, squealing, "Thank you so much-I can't believe I'm here, thank you for changing my life" after host Tom Bergeron announced the results. This marks Hough's sixth win on the show to date. See More: Dancing with the Stars' Sets Season 22 Premiere Date. "This experience was a bonding experience, it was something I will always remember," Carter said after receiving the news that he'd come in second. "Bindi deserved it, she kicked butt."

The third place finalist was Alek Skarlatos, who was partnered with Lindsay Arnold. The episode also featured performances from Chaka Khan and Andy Grammer, and former contestants returned to strut their stuff one last time, including "Real Housewives" star Kim Zolciak, who was forced to withdraw from the competition earlier this season due to a health issue. She and partner Tony Dovolani performed a section of their "I Dream of Jeannie" dance. Carlos PenaVega also recreated his "Magic Mike" routine, much to the approval of co-host Erin Andrews. Do you think the right winner was crowned on "DWTS"? Weigh in

S Korea 'webtoon' craze making global waves

eoul office worker Park Sun-Min constantly checks his smartphone-trawling for updates on an insect apocalypse, ghost soldiers haunting the inter-Korean border, and a supermarket worker's struggle to form a trade union. Along with millions of other South Koreans, Park is, by his own admission, irrevocably hooked on the vast network of varied Internet-based comic strips-or "webtoons"-available through his mobile. "I read four to five a day and more than 30 a week ... I sometimes see them at work and keep reading them on holiday-even overseas," the 30-year-old said. The genre is a growing cultural force in South Korea, supported by an ultra-fast Internet and smartphone-crazy populace, and fuelled by a small army of young, creative, tech-savvy graphic artists.

Most webtoon serials are published on major Internet portals free of charge and once or twice a week. They cover pretty much every genre, from romantic comedies to horror, via historical epics and crime.

Their popularity has drawn the attention of the wider entertainment industry, and top rated webtoons have been successfully adapted into TV dramas, films, online games-even musicals. According to Digieco, a Seoul-based technology think tank, the market for webtoons, and their "derivatives," is currently valued at around 420 billion won (\$368 million) and is expected to more than double to 880 billion won by 2018.

Steep earning curve

A recent example of the sort of stellar trajectory a webtoon can take was provided by "Misaeng" (or "Incomplete Life") - a highly-acclaimed series about a young part-time worker trying to survive South Korea's cutthroat corporate culture. The twice-weekly comic built up an Internet readership of one million, and the series was collated in a book version that sold two million copies. A TV drama spin-off was a major hit last year, and the final accolade came when the government named a new piece of legislation to help part-time workers after the webtoon's main character.

"I think this is a distinctive genre ...and the market is exploding at a mind-blowing pace," said Cha Jung-Yoon, a spokesman for Naver-Seoul's top Internet portal. South Korea had a traditional comics industry which all but collapsed during the

1997-98 Asian financial crisis that drove many publishers into bankruptcy. But the Internet opened a new door. Naver launched a dedicated webtoon section in 2005, commissioning three artists whose work attracted 10,000 views a day. The section now boasts more than 220 commissioned artists and 7.5 million daily views, Cha said, adding that 75 percent of readers are aged 20 or older.

'A whole new genre'

Most webtoons are created digitally, often in long-strip format for scroll-down viewing on computers or smartphones. Many contain moving, flashing or 3D images as well as sound effects and background music. Some even make the smartphone vibrate when readers scroll to a certain scene. "Webtoons are not simply scanned versions of print comics. It's a whole new, different genre tailored for the Internet age," said Kim Suk, senior researcher at state-run Korea Creative Content Agency. "The introduction of smartphones in 2009 was a watershed moment for webtoons ... it really

fuelled their growth," Kim said. More than 80 percent of the South's 51 million population own smartphones, allowing fans to read webtoons anywhere, and they have become particularly popular with commuters.

Seok-Woo became a full time webtoon artist after a series he devised-a psychological thriller about school bullying-won a 2007 competition to publish a regular series on Naver. The 32-year-old, who writes under his given name, grew up in a family that moved a lot when he was a teenager, leaving him feeling friendless and isolated. "Many artists blend their own life experiences into the story and that often resonates well with readers," he said. Action heroes are relatively rare-often the most popular webtoons are those dealing with issues like poverty, cyber bullying, suicide, youth unemployment, and domestic violence. —AFP



A South Korean webtoon artist Seok-Woo poses for a photo at his office in Bucheon, west of Seoul. — AFP