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## IOC: KUWAIT 'AGGRAVATING' TENSIONS AFTER OLYMPIC BAN

COMMITTEE CLAIMS NEW SPORTS LAW TIGHTENS GOVT CONTROL



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### UNBEATABLE BOLT SIGNS OFF WITH TRIPLE-TRIPLE

RIO DE JANEIRO: Usain Bolt drew down the curtain on his brilliant Olympic career by securing a sweep of the sprint titles for a third successive Games when Jamaica successfully defended the 4x100 m relay crown in Rio on Friday. Two days shy of his 30th birthday, Bolt anchored his country to victory in 37.27 seconds so adding the relay crown to the 100 and 200 m titles he has owned since exploding onto the Olympic stage in Beijing in 2008.

He will depart that stage never having tasted defeat in a final, his nine gold medals a joint record in athletics with Finnish distance runner Paavo Nurmi and American sprinter and long jumper Carl Lewis. In the eight years since Beijing, the 11-times world champion has become one of the best known sportsmen on the planet and with the 'triple-triple' has a legitimate claim to the title of greatest Olympic track and field athlete ever.

There has never been any doubt in the Jamaican's own mind. "There you go, I am the greatest. I've worked hard every Olympics to win three gold medals... so I'm just happy that I've accomplished so much," Bolt told reporters. "It's a relief but I'm also sad that I have to leave. This is my last one... It's just so many special feelings I'm feeling."

There is no doubt that Bolt has transformed his sport, if only by almost single-handedly displacing the United States as the superpower of men's sprinting. It was only almost single-handedly, though, as his three Olympic relay titles, two in world record times, always required the input of his fellow Jamaican speedsters. — Reuters



RIO DE JANEIRO: Jamaica's Usain Bolt holds the flag of Brazil after winning the gold medal in the men's 4x100-meter relay final during the athletics competitions of the 2016 Summer Olympics at the Olympic stadium on Friday. — AP (Full Olympics coverage on Pages 18-20)

RIO DE JANEIRO: The International Olympic Committee on Friday accused Kuwait's government of "aggravating" the tensions that led to the country's ban from the Rio Olympics. New and proposed laws on state controls over sporting bodies have led the IOC and world football body FIFA to suspend Kuwait since last October. The Kuwait government has in turn condemned the IOC and recently sought \$1 billion in damages in a Swiss court, which was rejected.

The IOC said in a letter to the Kuwait government, which was seen by AFP, that a new law passed in June tightens state control over sports bodies, rather than loosening it. The letter said that "contrary to what has been suggested in a number of public statements... (the law) increases significantly the power of the government authorities to interfere with the internal operations" of sports organizations.

Kuwait has since offered a new law, but the IOC rejected the draft. The letter added: "We have noted with great disappointment that it has been decided to issue a new law - without any prior consultation with the sports organizations - which in fact is aggravating the situation." Because of the showdown, Kuwaiti athletes at the Rio Olympics have competed as neutrals under the IOC flag. Fehaid Al-Deehani won the men's double trap gold and Abdullah Al-Rashidi, wearing an Arsenal shirt, scooped a bronze in the men's shooting skeet.

Kuwaiti leaders have praised the medal-winners without offering any concession in the battle with the IOC. The state has now been suspended twice by the IOC since 2010 over political interference. FIFA has frozen its membership three times since 2008. A UN envoy and foreign governments have sought to act as intermediaries in the latest dispute, without success. The Olympic Council of Asia has its headquarters in Kuwait and several members of the ruling family have sought roles in world sport. — AFP



QAMISHLI, Syria: A wounded child lies in a hospital bed in this northeastern city yesterday, a day after he was wounded in an airstrike by Syrian government forces against Kurdish positions over the flashpoint northeastern city of Hasakeh. — AFP

### SYRIA WARPLANES FLY OVER CITY DESPITE US WARNING

HASAKEH, Syria: Syrian government warplanes took to the skies again yesterday over the flashpoint northeastern city of Hasakeh, despite a US warning against new strikes that might endanger its military advisers. In another escalation of the five-year war, regime planes this week bombed positions held by US-backed Kurdish forces in the city fighting the Islamic State (IS) jihadist group.

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said the raids showed Damascus was starting to see the Kurdish attempt to

consolidate territory in northern Syria as "a threat". He pledged to play a "more active" in the next months in putting an end to the conflict. Ankara sees Syrian Kurdish militia as an offshoot of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) that has waged a bloody campaign against the Turkish state since 1984.

The unprecedented strikes prompted the US-led coalition to scramble aircraft to protect its special operations forces helping the Kurdish fighters.

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### FRENCH BURKINI BAN SPARKS DISDAIN

#### TURKEY: ASSAD CAN BE PART OF SYRIA TRANSITION NOD TO ISRAEL DEAL

ISTANBUL: Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said yesterday his country is willing to accept a role for Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad during a transitional period but insisted he has no place in Syria's future. "Could Syria carry Assad in the long-term? Certainly not," Yildirim said. "The United States knows and Russia knows that Assad does not appear to be someone who can bring (the people) together. There may be talks (with Assad) for the transition. A transition may be facilitated. But



Binali Yildirim

we believe that there should be no (Kurdish rebels), Daesh or Assad in Syria's future," he said, using an Arabic acronym for the Islamic State group.

Meanwhile, the Turkish parliament approved a deal to normalize ties with Israel after a delay caused by last month's attempted coup, state-run media reported yesterday. Lawmakers ratified late Friday the agreement to restore relations between the two former close regional allies after a six-year rift, before parliament was due to go into summer recess. Under the deal, Israel will pay Turkey \$20 million in compensation for a botched Israeli commando raid on a Gaza-bound Turkish aid ship in 2010 that left 10 Turks dead, state-run Anadolu news agency said. — Agencies (See Page 8)

LONDON: The ban on the Islamic burkini swimsuit on some French beaches has triggered disdain in English-speaking countries, where outlawing religion-oriented clothing is seen as hampering integration. Newspaper commentators have condemned the ban as an absurdity, and one questioned how a burkini could be more offensive than "middle-aged bum crack" bursting out from traditional Western beachwear. And experts said the debate raised questions about the French one-size-fits-all model of integration.

In Britain, the full-face veil is not an

uncommon sight in towns and city districts with big Muslim populations, but ostensibly does not stir as strong a reaction as in France. One of the world's most secular countries, France strongly separates religion and public life. Defenders of the policy say a common arena without religious connotations helps avoid sectarian conflicts and encourages equality. As a result, the burkini - like the burqa before it - has come under fire in France. Some deem it a garment that channels radical Islam and oppresses women.

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NICE, France: This picture taken on Friday shows the bylaw forbidding women to wear burkinis at the beach. — AFP



GIZA: The sun sets behind the pyramids near Cairo on Friday. — AP

### IMAM'S SHOOTING SHAKES NY NEIGHBORHOOD

NEW YORK: The gunman, police said, was Hispanic. His two victims were Bangladeshi Muslims, one an imam, shot without provocation on their way home from their mosque. A week after the double killing, prosecutors haven't been able to offer any theory explaining why the college janitor they charged with the crime, Oscar Morel, would have singled out the two victims. Was it racial or religious hatred? Or maybe a bubbling up of old tensions between immigrant groups in one of New York's evolving neighborhoods?

The answer remains a mystery, but people living in the Ozone Park section of Queens, where the shooting took place, say it shouldn't be taken as evidence of a rift between the culturally diverse groups that share its streets.

"There's tension now because of what happened," said Sumona Kazi, 26, who was born in Bangladesh but came to New York as a baby. She said she was confident that if the motive was hatred, it was the hate of one person. "Our neighborhood - even if you're Spanish, you're Arabic, you're Muslim, you're Guyanese, whatever - we're a whole united family, you know? If you're in trouble, we're going to go out for you," she said. "There's no hatred here. There's no religious gang here. We're all friendly."

Located on the border with Brooklyn, just west of Kennedy Airport, Ozone Park has had its bad and better times along with an ever-changing population. An Italian-American neighborhood for much of the 20th century,

its most famous longtime resident was the late Mafia boss John Gotti. Jimmy Burke, the real-life mobster portrayed by Robert De Niro in "Goodfellas", lived a short walk from the shooting site. So did the not-yet-famous Cyndi Lauper and Jack Kerouac.

Dramatic change came in the '70s with the arrival of a wave of Hispanic newcomers, mostly from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. Then, in the 1980s, came the next cultural jolt with the arrival of immigrants from Bangladesh. Danny Perez, 46, a school custodian who has lived in Ozone Park since he was 8, said that in the old days, the Bangladeshi and Hispanic teenagers would get into fights, West Side Story-style.

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In Brief

TAKAI REMEMBERED  
FOR SERVICE, STRENGTH

**HONOLULU:** Friends and colleagues remembered the late US Rep Mark Takai as a warm public servant who never gave up when facing adversity, paying their respects in a ceremony at the state Capitol as a soft rain fell and palm branches swayed in the breeze. During Takai's deployment in Kuwait in 2009 he excelled at the gritty, difficult and diplomatically challenging work, said Adjutant General Arthur "Joe" Logan.



KUWAIT OIL PRICE UP 37  
CENTS TO \$45.34 PER BARREL

**KUWAIT:** The price of Kuwaiti oil went up by 37 cents to \$45.34 per barrel Friday after being at \$44.97 pb the day before, said Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) yesterday. The price of crude oil jumped in the world market, hitting record numbers not witnessed in the last five weeks. The hike was attributed to the decrease of fuel and crude oil supplies in the US last week. —KUNA



JUSTICE MINISTER MEETS  
AZERBAIJAN'S AMBASSADOR

**KUWAIT:** Minister of Justice and Minister of Islamic Affairs Yaqoub Al-Sane met yesterday with Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Kuwait Elkhan Gahraman, to discuss means of improving cooperation between justice and Islamic affairs ministries in their respective countries. They also reviewed agreements that Kuwait and Azerbaijan plan to sign in the near future, including a legal cooperation and extradition agreements.



Photo

of the day



KUWAIT: People relax at the Marina Crescent beach in Salmiya, some 20 kilometers east of the Kuwaiti capital Kuwait City on August 19, 2016. —Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat



KUWAIT: National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) officials tour the 'theatrical masks' exhibition. —KUNA photos



NCCAL ORGANIZES EXPO ON 'THEATRICAL MASKS'



**KUWAIT:** The National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) held on Friday an exhibition on 'theatrical masks' which have been used in varied international and regional plays and reflect certain times throughout the history. The exhibition was part of the 11th summer cultural festival and the celebrations of the 'Kuwait Capital of Islamic Culture 2016', NCCAL's Assistant Secretary-General Bader Al-Duweish said in a statement, on the sidelines of the event. He noted that theatrical masks were taken from the Roman era. He stressed that the council seeks to materialize the directives of His Highness the Amir, and Minister of Information, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and President of NCAAL Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem Al-Sabah through involving youth in such activities. Meanwhile, the NCCAL showcased the play of 'without a cover' on a man who lost documents which confirm his identity and laid in a hospital unconsciously. The festival which concluded yesterday featured a number of varied cultural activities, seminars, workshops and others. —KUNA





## Local spotlight

## FRANCE'S BURKINI BAN



By Muna Al-Fuzai

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I do not know why people would go swimming wearing full clothes, unless they are trying to draw public attention. This is my personal opinion because I cannot find a justification for such weird behavior while swimming in public pools or the sea. The question here is why this insistence on challenging Westerners in their own countries?

The burkini, a wetsuit-like garment that covers the torso, limbs and head, has prompted growing national discussion in France about Islam and women's bodies, even though it is only worn by a handful of Muslims. This weird swimwear raised heated debate in French society and calls for a ban on burkinis. It has received support by most French political classes because they see the burkinis have no place in a country whose motto celebrates equality and freedom, and this dress code has no place in French values, traditions or customs.

France's Socialist prime minister expressed support for local bans, saying that the swimwear is based on the "enslavement of women" and therefore incompatible with French values. Three French Mediterranean towns have banned the garment on beaches this summer, citing security concerns after deadly extremist attacks throughout the year. Some have criticized the ban, saying it is a discriminatory decision and could inflame religious and social tensions. Some also expressed readiness to pay the Euros38 penalty against any woman who wears the burkini.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls expressed an opinion in an interview saying that this kind of swimwear is not compatible with the values of France, adding that he does not think a legislation is needed because general rules on clothing restrictions cannot be a solution.

I believe he is right. I keep wondering why any of those women are so desperate to go to the beach and attract public attention by wearing clothes that are alien to French society. If these women are so keen to swim, why do they not have their own pool in their private homes instead of making themselves a subject of security concern and attract public and media attention. I cannot see it as a matter of fashion or personal liberty.

It is known that French laws ban face-covering veils in public. France has lost a lot of innocent people because of terrorism. It is natural that when you cannot see the face of a person, you are concerned, especially in these circumstances. I do not know why some people insist on imposing their vision on countries that do not deprive them of religious practices and try to impose their views by force. France has the right to decide on matters for millions of its citizens and protect them.

## KFH ENCOURAGES CHILDREN TO READ BOOKS AND VISIT LIBRARY

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Finance House (KFH) has launched a new initiative to encourage reading skills in children and bring back books to life again and retain its value as one of the most significant and highly sophisticated tools of knowledge. KFH aims to achieve this activity through 'Baiti Reading Club' held at That Al-Salasel Library - Avenues Mall in August, for children aged 4-7 years old holding 'Baiti' card.

Children are invited to participate in this event through various social media. Four courses have already been held with the participation of hundreds of children as KFH aims to make children get used to reading books and visit libraries in a very existing and interesting way and in a very friendly and pleasant atmosphere. Fully integrated programs are presented to participants including headlines review, narration of stories and rehearsal of certain alphabets suitable for their age, decoration of book marks, competitions, games, presents and prizes. This aims to support the main goal to encourage reading and libraries in children's hearts and minds.

Registration still continues in the next and last part of the program titled 'Encourage your children to love reading with Baiti Reading Club' till the 25th of August. The program targets Baiti Account customers aged 4-7 years old - 2 days a week 10 AM - 12 Noon - Wednesday and Thursday only. You may register online through kfh.com. Parents were highly satisfied and happy with these events and activities.



## NEW PROCEDURE TO IDENTIFY HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

## 'ELECTRONIC' BIRTH CERTIFICATES PLANNED

By A Saleh and Meshaal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** The Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) began implementation of a new procedure at its labor shelter that will significantly help the shelter's management identify the victims of human trafficking among the female inmates there. This was announced by the Center Supervisor Falah Al-Mutairi, saying in a statement yesterday that new indicator that will be added to the procedures of the shelter is called 'The Indicator of Discovering Labor Exploitation'. It has been used with the help of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and financed by the Secretariat General of the Higher Planning and Development Council, he added.

Mutairi said the exploitation indicator is taken from the 'Delphi method' which seeks to determine indicators of human trafficking through the agreement of experts working in various scientific fields. He said the 'Delphi method' is a survey utilized by the International Labor Organization (ILO) to identify indicators of human trafficking and is based on two electronic surveys. He said experts were selected from 27 member countries in the European Union who work in police, government bodies and academic institutions, NGOs and international societies including the IOM and labor inspectors. Mutairi said the shelter is for women only and was established in 2014. It can accommodate 500 women, and houses nearly 300 foreign laborers most times.

## Electronic portal

Meanwhile, Deputy Director General of PAM Khuloud Al-Shihab said processing of transactions at the labor department through the electronic portal is done at a higher successful rate as the body is nearing the completion of transferring and enhancing the electronic system in all labor departments. She said that thousands of transactions were processed on Thursday, while collecting more than KD 120,000 through K-net.

"The automation system to process transactions at the labor departments used to follow MSAL and was operated by the Civil Services Commission. When PAM was founded, the system continued being run by the CSC until a month ago," Shihab said. He said transactions of 646 companies out of 13,819 registered companies were processed through the electronic portal on Thursday, Aug 18. The



KUWAIT: The expatriate labors' shelter of the Public Authority for Manpower. —KUNA

number of work permits issued was 294, and those for the first time was 270, while the number of renewed permits totaled 3,468 on this day, while 68 permits and 75 national labor permits were cancelled.

## Electronic chip

The Health Ministry will start a series of meetings with the Public Authority for Civil Information to complete the birth certificate project through the 'electronic chip' system instead of paper before the end of the year. Health Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Legal Affairs Dr Mahmoud Al-Abdelhadi said issuing smart card aims at preventing forgeries and manipulations the previous certificates may be exposed to, as well as damage. He said a smart birth certificate will be provided with a chip that saves all information. He said another project is to have machines at maternity

hospitals similar to those for civil IDs, where the parents place documents and the name of the newborn, then receive the card from the machine.

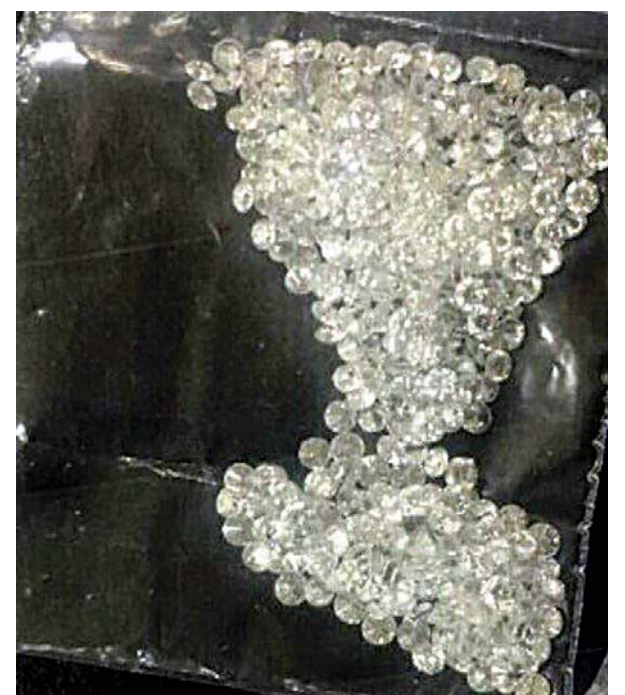
## Possible forgery

Kuwait Municipality is investigating possible forgeries in documents of Iranian fish shipments at Doha port, as they do not have official certificates and have contradicting dates. The Municipality said transactions to be checked go back six months, adding that the shipments do not have certificates confirming that they are fit for human consumption, and were only examined visually and there is no evidence that they were examined in the laboratory. The inspection department at the municipality admitted the suspicions are true in an answer to a complaint sent to the minister.

## KRCS FUNDS EDUCATION OF NEEDY FAMILIES' CHILDREN

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) announced yesterday that it will kick start tomorrow a campaign aimed at providing education for children hailing from needy and less fortunate families. Secretary General of KRCS Maha Al-Barjas said that the campaign will cover the expenses of families who were unable to afford adequate education for their children.

Last school semester, KRCS cooperated with the National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) to cover expenses of some 562 students, said Barjas who stressed that the future of this country lies in bettering the prospects of education for the younger generations of Kuwait. She called on both the private and public sectors to boost their contributions within this domain to draw a smile on the faces of those children. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Kuwait International Airport customs officers arrested an Asian man who attempted to smuggle a bag containing diamonds in his wallet. He was sent to concerned authorities. —By Meshaal Al-Enezi



PARIS: Kuwait Finance Ministry's delegation members are pictured with Development and Economic Cooperation Organization's Deputy Secretary General Rinatro Tamaki. —KUNA

## KUWAIT INKS INT'L TREATY TO COMBAT TAX EVASION

**PARIS:** The State of Kuwait has joined the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement for swapping taxation information according to criteria of the Development and Economic Cooperation Organization (OECD), becoming the first Arab country to ink the relevant international treaty.

Kuwait Finance Undersecretary Khalifa Hamada said in a statement that he led the country's delegation that signed the accord with the organization. Its Deputy Secretary General Rinatro Tamaki attended the signing ceremony-marking Kuwait as the 84th signatory state of the accord.

According to the agreement, finan-

cial institutions and banks are compelled to inform official quarters with information regarding interests, profits, assets, income; realized from settling financial assets for the benefit of citizens residing abroad. It regulates information swap, rights and duties of each party. The rules are also applicable on banking accounts that opened between 2016 and September 2017.

The Undersecretary affirmed that Kuwait's joining of the accord affirms its adherence to rules for financial information exchanges as a means for combating tax evasion, which has pledged to put into effect ahead of the year 2018. After inking the agreement,

the Kuwaiti delegation discussed with representatives of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes prospects of future cooperation. Monica Bhatia, the forum secretariat chair, said in a statement to KUNA that Kuwait's joining of the international treaty, currently, is of utter significance, considering its approach for taxation reforms.

The forum was set up in 2009 by the G20 and the OECD with aim of enforcing the international rules for information swap in the domain. The move came in shadow of mounting cases of tax evasion globally, threatening States' revenues. —KUNA



## ABK MARKS WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

**KUWAIT:** Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) recently celebrated World Humanitarian Day, as a group of ABK staff dedicated their time and volunteered to distribute packages

to street cleaners across Kuwait. World Humanitarian Day, which falls on 19 August, is marked universally through initiatives and projects dedicated to recognizing humani-

tarian personnel who dedicate their lives to the cause and to encourage humanitarian deeds worldwide.

The packages distributed by ABK included

a cooler box with water bottles, water sprays, caps and towels; all in an effort to keep street cleaners refreshed and hydrated throughout the day. This initiative came as a gesture from

ABK to demonstrate its support to these hardworking individuals that humbly dedicate their time and energy to keeping the streets of our beloved Kuwait clean.





# OOREDOO HOSTS KUWAITI OLYMPIC SHOOTING CHAMPION DEEHANI AT ITS HEADQUARTERS

## SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO HIS GREAT ACHIEVEMENT



Fehaid Al-Deehani with Ooredoo Kuwait Executive Director of the General Manager's Office Dr Hamad Al-Nuwaime.



Fehaid Al-Deehani with Ooredoo Kuwait CEO and General Manager, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al-Thani.



Deehani participates in the 'Al-Arda' show.

**KUWAIT:** Ooredoo Kuwait, a member of the international Ooredoo Group, was honored to host the Kuwaiti shooting champion Fehaid Al-Deehani upon his return to Kuwait with the gold medal from the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio, after his historical achievement. The reception took place at the company's headquarters and was attended by Ooredoo's executive managers and departments' heads.

The champion was welcomed with 'Al-Arda' show performed by 'Dayem' band, followed by an honorary ceremony, where Deehani then met with Ooredoo's employees. During his visit, Ooredoo Kuwait CEO and General Manager, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al-Thani, welcomed and honored Deehani for his historical achievement with a Diamond line with lifetime free calls and internet.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al-Thani expressed his pride to host Kuwait's champion Fehaid Al-Deehani and honored him for his unprecedented achievement at one of the world's most respected and prestigious sports events, which has raised the name of Kuwait internationally. He said: "Al-Deehani's achievement brings pride to the State of Kuwait and the Arab world. We look forward to further achievements as such and wish him the best of luck".

Commenting on the reception, Champion Fehaid Al-Deehani said: "It is a great honor to be celebrated this way - I am very grateful for Ooredoo's kind gesture to celebrate this victory with all of Kuwait, and I'm very grateful for this great reception. It's truly wonderful companies show that they care to celebrate with the people."

### A special gift

It is worth mentioning that Ooredoo was a forerunner in celebrating Deehani and honoring him with a diamond

line with lifetime free calls and internet. Additionally, Ooredoo's gift to the people of Kuwait on this happy occasion was 24 hours of free local and international calls for all postpaid clients on Sunday, 14 August, 2016.

This gesture comes in line with Ooredoo's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy, which focuses on caring, connecting and challenging. In a statement made to the press, the company stressed that the Kuwaiti champion embodied great values of challenge and aspiration in achieving the gold medal despite the obstacles. Deehani won the golden medal in the men's double trap shooting competition on Wednesday, beating the Italian shooter Marco Innocenti at 28 - 27.

### The most achiever

Deehani previously won Kuwait's first Olympic medal in Sydney 2000 where he was rewarded the bronze medal, and won another bronze medal in London 2012. Ooredoo's award for the winner comes amidst nation-wide celebrations of the athlete's victory.

Ooredoo continues to support youth, one of the most important and valuable segments in society, including athletes. Ooredoo's support comes from its deep-rooted belief in the importance of empowering youth, as the future of Kuwait is built with their hands.

### From the event

The number of attendees from both employees and headquarters' customers exceeded our expectations. Hundreds were present at the ground floor to welcome the champion Fehaid Al-Deehani. The humble champion insisted on staying and taking pictures with all the employees. Deehani expressed his love for the authentic Arabian rifle-hunting hobby called Al-Qanas.



Fehaid Al-Deehani with Ooredoo Kuwait Corporate Communication officials.



The 'Dayem' band welcomes Deehani with an 'Al-Arda' performance.



Ooredoo Kuwait employees take pictures with Fehaid Al-Deehani.





# E-Gov offers services to commercial, citizens and residents sectors

'The Google of Kuwait'

By Athoob Al-Shuaibi

**K**uwait continues progressing in its endeavor to improve efficiency and effectiveness of management performance and reducing errors arising from conventional methods in the work of government departments. In this regard, Kuwait established the Central Agency for Information Technology (CAIT) in 2006 by an Amiri decree, and in 2014, the agency was founded under the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah.



**Majeda Al-Naqeeb,**  
Deputy Director General  
and Assistant  
Undersecretary of the  
National Project Sector.

In global e-government rankings, Kuwait is among the Asian nations in the conceptual framework of the E-Government Development Index (EGDI). The state was ranked 49 in 2014, up from 63 two years earlier, a difference of 14 points in this short period. CAIT created a common network to securely unify public agencies and non-governmental organizations called the Kuwait Information Network (KIN). It is an infrastructure of servers that seeks to better the speed and privacy of messaging between authorities.

- Kuwait ranked 49 in 2014 Government Development Index.
- More than 1,600 services provided currently.
- System provides back up for state department in event of system crash.
- Era of carrying piles of official documents to end.

#### Emergency plan

"There is an emergency plan between official departments in the event of a failure or a system crash. They can use our system as it serves as a backup. Also, the civil services department operates as a backup of our agency. Every now and then, the maintenance team hacks into the system to find out how can we deal with intrusions," said Majeda Al-Naqeeb, Deputy Director General and Assistant Undersecretary of the National Project Sector.

"The Kuwait Government Online portal is a platform that serves three sectors - commercial, citizens and residents, and visitors of Kuwait. In 2012, we used to offer 400 services. Presently, there are more than 1,600 services ranging from e-transactions to providing information," Naqeeb told Kuwait Times. At the request of Saudi Arabia, CAIT linked the Gulf states through an information network for greater electronic messaging flexibility.

"It is not easy to shift from using old routine methods to ride the wave of evolution. The community and staff at government entities have to accept joining the race in order to keep pace with international technological development by

training. There is a misconception in saying that activating online services means that people will be sitting at home. The portal enables users to carry out the largest possible number of transactions under its umbrella because it is easy to use and saves time and effort. Notwithstanding, our success is coupled with the extent of cooperation by other official bodies in providing links and latest data updates," stated Naqeeb.

#### Separate services

Some services are completely separate, such as the Ministry of Interior and the Public Authority for Civil Information. The e-gov portal redirects users to their websites. Meanwhile, some government sectors allow direct operations through the portal. "Visitors can now avail of all transactions and services provided by the Kuwait Credit Bank right from our website, pay their water and electricity bills and obtain commercial licenses in collaboration with the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI). We hope the Interior Ministry lets us offer more convenience to citizens by allowing electronic visa applications through the e-gov portal, but it is going to take some time," Naqeeb explained.

"You can call the Kuwait Government Online portal as the Google of Kuwait. Besides services, you can find general info about the country, tourist destinations, cultural and heritage information and statistical data, in addition to the latest laws and legislation updates in both English and Arabic," said Naqeeb. "Behind this great effort stand our finest young Kuwaiti men and women who work at the central agency, as we do not rely on companies in dealing with data and web design. Furthermore, we provide technical consulting and budget studies in the field of information technology, and encourage people of different ages to gain experience through our annual IT training programs."

From 2017, the era of porters carrying stacked piles of official documents will end, as Cabinet decision 412 to use the G2G messaging system will be applied in all governmental sectors. Naqeeb noted that 16 government entities have already started to refuse accepting any official papers by hand.

#### Facts about the KGO - Kuwait Government Online [www.e-gov.kw](http://www.e-gov.kw), according to statistics last updated in July 2016

1. Total page views is 1,395,443.
2. Total payments by e-payment is 3,593,099.
3. Number of transactions for e-payment is 50,877.
4. Grand total of information services is 916.
5. Grand total of e-services is 813.

#### \* Most used e-Services

1. Inquiring about civil ID status.
2. Civil ID renewal.
3. Violations payment (traffic and immigration).
4. Inquiring about traffic violations.
5. Personal inquiry about ministry of interior (Mol) e-services.
6. High school results 2016.
7. Inquiring about end of resident period.
8. Inquiring about travel ban.
9. Inquiring about phone bill and e-payment.
10. Inquiring about lawsuits filed against you.

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RAMADAN RAPIST CAUGHT

**KUWAIT:** A citizen who raped a man during the holy month of Ramadan was arrested when he wanted to blackmail his victim using a video clip he recorded of the crime he committed. The citizen lured the young man to Messila in Ramadan, raped him, then took him back to his house in Sulaibikhat. The suspect almost escaped without punishment if he had not documented his crime on tape, then called his victim a few days ago and asked him to pay up, otherwise he will publish the clip on social media. The victim went to Sulaibkhat police station and told them the story and gave them the information about the suspect. Detectives went to the suspect’s house in Jahra and arrested him. He will be sent to the public prosecution.

Liquor found in car

Detectives are trying to find the link between liquor that was stolen from an embassy in Surra and 23 liquor bottles found in vehicle whose driver abandoned it. Police found that it is registered in the name of a bedoon woman. Capital police spotted a car being driven in a suspicious manner in Abdullah Al-Salem. The man sped off when police asked him to stop, entered Maghreb Street and hit another car, then got out of the car and fled on foot. Police men searched the car and found 23 imported liquor bottles and the ID of a bedoon. When the liquor was checked, it was found to be of the same type the ambassador’s daughter reported stolen along with KD 116,000 and \$100,000. The car owner was summoned for questioning, as the search continues for the man.

Harasser arrested

A man who was ‘enchanted’ by the beauty of a woman’s eyes did not realize that flirting with her will land him at Jahra police station charged with inciting immorality. The suspect chased the girl in a Jahra mall, but she rebuffed his advances. Instead of leaving her alone, he approached her and tried to give her his phone number, saying how beautiful her eyes were. The girl cried for help and people rushed to help her, and handed him to policemen. He was taken to the police station where the girl lodged a complaint against him.

Rowdy parties

Several residents of Salwa complained about a flat where rowdy parties were being held with loud music and drugs. Hawally police went to the flat, but the party was almost over and only two bedoons were found dancing with drugs (chemical, heroin, shabu, a hashish joint and illicit pills). Both men were taken to concerned authorities charged with drug possession.

Ex-husband charged

A woman accused her ex-husband of stealing her car, as he has a key to it. The citizen parked her car as usual, but was surprised when the car disappeared, so she went to Fintas police station and complained against her ex-husband.

Shooting report

Jahra detectives are looking for the driver of a white vehicle who fired his weapon at random in Oyoum, before disappearing. Shots were heard from the vehicle, prompting people to call police, who rushed to the area along with detectives. The caller told them he could not get the car’s license plate number. Police combed the area and found empty cartridges. Detectives are working on the case.

Physical assault

An Egyptian woman and her husband beat a Lebanese woman after she beat their handicapped son, according to their statements. The Lebanese was taken to Mubarak Hospital, then went to Salwa police station and accused an Egyptian couple of beating her. The two were summoned and confessed to beating the Lebanese, adding they will do it again, because she beat their only son, who is mentally challenged. Policemen registered a complaint and sent it to concerned authorities. — Al-Rai

UNEMPLOYED EXPATS POSE SECURITY THREAT: COMMITTEE

**KUWAIT:** The increasing number of unemployed expatriates poses social and security risks in Kuwait, the parliament’s budgets committee warned in a recent statement. It based its conclusion on official statistics which estimated the number of foreigners in Kuwait without a job at 17,498, compared to 11,670 unemployed Kuwaitis.

The number of expatriate manpower in the public and private sectors reached 2,138,163 compared to 435,904 Kuwaiti employees, according to a recent Finance Ministry report. Expatriate manpower’s percentage in Kuwait’s labor force reaches 83 percent, compared to 17 percent for Kuwaitis, the report added.

Meanwhile, the report warns that Kuwait is expected to see an influx of fresh graduates who enter the labor market soon, based on the fact that 46.3 percent of the population are less than 20 years of age.

A recent Civil Service Commission (CSC) report indicated that 71 percent of public sector employees, which reached 331,056 as of July 1, 2016, are working in five main sectors, which are : education (23 percent), management (15 percent), medical services (14 percent), engineering (12 percent) and business (7 percent).

In the meantime, the statistics show that Kuwaitis continue to dominate labor forces in the public sector with 247,665 (74.9 percent) compared to 83,391 expatriates (25.1 percent). Expat workers include 15 percent Arab nationals, dominated by Egyptians (95 percent) who are found primarily in the Education sector, 9 percent non-Arabs who are found mostly in the medical service sector, and 1.1 percent Gulf nationals who are also found in the education and health sectors.

As for Kuwaitis, the statistics show that a majority works in the education and training sector with 520,33 employees, following by administrative support (48,490), engineering (36,948) and health services (14,931). — Al-Qabas



Al-Anbaa

THE PEOPLE LASHING SYNDROME

By Thaar Al-Rashidi

I believe that some of those who promote governmental ideology through the media, especially with regards to promoting the government’s decisions with regards to price increases, are suffering from the “people lashing syndrome”, and we find them more governmental than the government in justifying fee increases or lifting subsidies on gasoline or any subsidy the citizen is enjoying. They, as it seems, stand up in promoting and justifying any increase approved by the government as if they are the un-appointed deputies of the government.

The strange thing is that people like these claim during their justification of government increases that this government decision will save millions for the state budget, which is correct in form, but not true in practice, because none of them is talking about the financial squandering on the projects in the billions the same way they speak when defending the unjustified theft from the citizen’s pocket. They are also not asking the government and its officials to stop the financial squandering in most of those projects, and if they do, it would be timidly, and regretfully, if the increases are made and subsidies are lifted, they raise their weapons and sharpen the knives of their statements in favor of any encroachment on the citizen’s pocket.

These defenders of the decisions to lift subsidies and increase fees, some of them and not all, heard a political rumor, with regret, that says “praise the government and support its decisions, and you will be given a vacant post in the government”. In truth, this rumor may have

had some credibility three years ago, but today it is just a sentence that has nothing to do with the truth, because the government no longer, at least in sensitive leading and service posts, appoints its supporters, but it appoints the qualified, and this is clear in the latest leadership appointments nearly a year ago.

Most of these defenders of the government price increases decisions are rich or at least live comfortably, as they do not worry about installments, nor they skip one or two payments, have no rent to pay, do not worry about the school season, Ramadan or Eids, they do not wait between the 20th and 24th of each months for their salaries, and for sure they do not call the bank 12,000 times waiting to hear the automated voice about depositing their salaries or labor support.

They do not wait for delivery of rations each month, and for sure, they do not know the amount of rent allowance, and because their hands are in the allowance, and because their hands are in water, they do not talk with the same pain the hands of those in the flames of need for every possible dinar of their salaries, who calculate the quarter dinar before the half.

With those people and their likes and their statements, I feel that we are the only country in the world where the rich envy the poor, The opposite is true in other countries, where the poor envy the rich, or at least wish they also become rich, but for the rich to envy the poor, this is a new theory of envy that I did not read in heritage books nor in the books of metaphysics.

— Translated by Kuwait Times



Al-Qabas

A WIN WITH THE TASTE OF DEFEAT

By Abdelmohen Jamal

Despite all difficulties our Olympic champion Fehaid Al-Deehani faced, and despite all obstacles placed in his way as he said, and despite the frustration that most of us went through and the sadness we had while watching the opening ceremony of the Olympic games in Rio de Janeiro for the inability of our athletes to raise our national flag due to the suspension, the champion remains a champion despite all difficulties and will overcome them in his own way which does not know despair or frustration. Sports taught him that the champion must persevere, train and continue working until reaching his goal, which is to take first place and the gold medal.

And this was the way for our Olympic champion Deehani, whose joy was indescribable as much as his sadness when he did not find the flag of his country and national anthem together at that historic moment that nations compete to reach. Nations naturalize athletes and pay millions to reach this moment, the moment reached by Kuwaiti champion Deehani with his own personal efforts.

Fehaid fulfilled his personal dream alone, and at the moment he looked left and right to see the flag of his country raised in front of him, and wrap it around himself as all world champions do, but he was not allowed to raise it. He fought his tears like most Kuwait athletes because of differences between some politicians over an administrative title here or a post there, but they forgot their mother ‘Kuwait’.

These people, while they differ over posts, did not care about the championship, and did not live the dream of the victory moment lived by every athlete while representing his country and people in front of nations, and be proud when he sees the flag of his country raised in front of the entire world because of his achievement.

We present our extreme sorrow, after our warm congratulations to Deehani, winner of the gold medal in double trap shooting, though we did not do enough to make him and our athletes live this patriotic moment in full, and the win he brought by himself created sadness in him, our athletes and in ourselves, because our happiness was not complete.

The words that our hero Deehani gave to the media after his win, and we all heard it, should be an alarm for us to seriously work towards restoring Kuwait to sports arenas quickly, overcoming differences of some people who do not know the feeling of joy the athlete goes through after an international win while seeing the flag of his country flying high among the flags of other nations. We hope for this and wish that officials respond to the requirements of international sports laws, so this ‘sadness’ is not repeated again, despite another such win.

— Translated by Kuwait Times



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**KUWAIT:** Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Fawaz Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah met recently with Mohammad Al-Marzouq, CEO of the Retail Sector at Al-Tamdeen Group, to discuss the company’s current and future projects in the governorate, including the Kout Mall renovation project. Hassan Al-Azmi, Public Relations Officer at Al-Manshar Rotana Hotel, attended the meeting.



**KUWAIT:** The Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) organized a blood donation drive recently, in which a large number of bank employees participated.



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Islamists gaining territory in Algeria as war memory fades

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# TRUMP AND NEW TEAM HAVE LITTLE TIME 80 DAYS TO RESET, RALLY A PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

**WASHINGTON:** Donald Trump is on the clock. He has about 80 days to reset and rally a presidential campaign that’s done little but stagger since the close of the Republican convention. The GOP nominee’s allies say the celebrity businessman and his new leadership team are “laser-focused” and ready to direct the billionaire’s venom against Democratic Hillary Clinton. “This has been one of the best weeks the campaign has had,” said Sean Spicer, chief strategist at the Republican National Committee.

For much of the past year, Trump has ignored the tools of modern-day presidential campaigns. That’s a big reason why Trump’s Republican critics are skeptical their party’s nominee has the time or discipline to rescue his struggling White House bid. “The Trump campaign is at a ludicrously high disadvantage,” said Dan Senor, a former adviser to 2012 GOP nominee Mitt Romney and House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. “The Democrats have something that the Republicans don’t: They have a nominee that’s built a real campaign organization.”

### Comeback strategy

While Trump did bring in a new set of advisers in the past week, it appears all but certain his comeback strategy cannot benefit from the proven building blocks of winning campaigns, especially when compared with the structure Clinton has assembled. Trump has few loyal staffers devoted to his election working in the tightly contested states that will decide the election; little early investment in the data operation needed to help ensure his supporters vote; and no significant effort to take advantage of early voting, which begins next month in some states. If not for the Republican National Committee’s staff, Trump would have a skeleton presence in the most competitive states.

Only in the past week did Trump place his first round of general election advertising - nearly \$5 million for TV commercials in Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. By contrast, Clinton’s campaign has spent more than \$75 million on ads in the weeks since she effectively locked up the nomination in early June, according to Kantar Media’s political ad tracker. Out of time to build a campaign to match Clinton’s, the team at Trump Tower will by necessity focus on a broad messaging effort to capture the attention of voters and try to highlight Clinton’s shortcomings. For now, Trump finds himself behind Clinton in preference polls in nearly every battleground state.

### “Very aggressive”

“This new team will be very, very aggressive. They understand the nature of taking on the left,” said former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a Trump ally. “They will be on the attack.” That team includes Stephen Bannon, a combative conservative media executive with no presidential campaign experience, and pollster Kellyanne Conway, who has known Trump for years. The campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, resigned on Friday amid scrutiny of his past work for Ukraine’s former pro-Russian political leaders.

Bannon and Conway will have money to work with. In July, Trump raised more than \$80 million for his campaign and allied Republican Party groups, his campaign has said. That’s just shy of the \$90 million that Clinton’s aides said the nominee collected in July for her campaign and fellow Democratic committees. The goal for the Trump campaign’s leaders is not to tame the candidate’s passion, according to Trump’s allies, but refocus his attacks on Clinton. The hope is that Trump can avoid the missteps that have defined his campaign since the end of the conventions, including a public feud with an American Muslim family whose son was killed while serving in the military in Iraq.

“Unfortunately, it took them two months to figure out that Donald Trump is Donald Trump,” former Trump adviser Barry Bennet said of Manafort and his team. “He’s the bulldozer candidate. What you need to do is aim him at an immovable object, not try to change him.” That approach was evident Friday. Trump began with a visit to flood-wreaked Louisiana and ended with a measured, but pointed rally in Michigan. He took on Clinton and her strong support among American-Americans, and contended that his rival would rather give jobs to refugees than American citizens. Trump accused Democrats of taking advantage of black voters while failing to offer them new jobs, better schools and a way out of poverty. “It’s time to hold Democratic politicians accountable for what they’ve done for these communities,” he said, adding: “What do you lose by trying something new like Trump?” Clinton had no intention of letting Trump’s messages pass politely. Within hours of his speech, she tweeted: “This is so ignorant it’s staggering.” — AP

## MODI ENTERS THE WORLD RECORDS

**AHMEDABAD:** A suit worn by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi that gathered worldwide fame for having his name embroidered all over it has entered the Guinness World Records after selling for a record sum. Modi attracted mockery on social media for the tailored, pin-striped suit, which he wore during a meeting with US President Barack Obama on a visit to India in January 2015. When images of the prime minister were enlarged, it became clear that the subtle gold stripes were made up of the words “Narendra Damodardas Modi” woven in tiny letters.

Bought by diamond tycoon Laljibhai Patel in Gujarat last year for 43,131,311 rupees (\$642,426), the personalised suit has now entered the record books as the most expensive ever sold at auction. “The most expensive suit (clothing) sold at auction is Rs. (Rupees) 43,131,311 and was bought by Laljibhai Tulsibai Patel (India), in Surat, Gujarat, India, on 20 February 2015,” said a statement on the Guinness World Record website. The website said the proceeds from the auction were donated to the Namami Gange Fund, a project to clean up the heavily polluted Ganges River, which is considered sacred by Hindus. — AFP

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# ISRAEL EXTENDS PALESTINIAN JOURNALIST'S DETENTION

**RAMALLAH:** Israeli authorities have extended by three months the detention without trial of a Palestinian journalist who had been due for release on Monday, a Palestinian NGO said yesterday. The Ramallah-based Palestinian Prisoners Club said it had been informed by Omar Nazzal's lawyers that the senior journalists' union official would not now be released at the end of his current term, on August 22.

"Israel is intensifying its policy of administrative detention and increasing the extensions of administrative detention," prisoners club spokeswoman Amani Sarahneh told AFP. "In particular it made this choice in the case of Omar." His wife Marlene Rabadi posted on Facebook: "We were informed today that Omar's administrative detention has been extended by three months." Israeli officials could not immediately be reached for comment on

Saturday, the Jewish sabbath.

Nazzal was arrested on April 23 at the border between the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Jordan, from where he had been due to fly to a European Federation of Journalists gathering in Bosnia. A military court ordered at the time that he be placed for four months in administrative detention, an Israeli measure allowing suspects to be interned for indefinite periods without charge. Israel accuses

him of "participation in a terrorist organization".

Its Shin Bet security service said in April that Nazzal, 54, served in a top position at Falestine Al-Youm television in Ramallah, which Israel forcibly closed on accusations of incitement to violence. Nazzal had left the broadcaster several months before his arrest, which Palestinians say is an Israeli attack on the freedom of the Palestinian press. He has

been on hunger strikes since August 4 in protest against his detention, and international organizations have called for his release. Israel says Nazzal was detained for "his involvement in terror group activities", and not "because of his activity as a journalist". The Palestinian journalists' union says that another 19 Palestinian journalists and students of journalism are in Israeli prisons, one of them for more than 20 years. — AFP



ALGIERS: Veiled women walk in central Algiers. —AP

## ISLAMISTS GAINING TERRITORY IN ALGERIA AS WAR MEMORY FADES

### GROWING GRIP OF SALAFIS WORRY AUTHORITIES

**ALGIERS:** Mosques are going up, women are covering up, and shops selling alcoholic beverages are shutting down in a changing Algeria where, slowly but surely, Muslim fundamentalists are gaining ground. The North African country won its civil war with extremists who brought Algeria to its knees in the name of Islam during the 1990s. Yet authorities show little overt concern about the growing grip of Salafis, who apply a strict brand of the Muslim faith. Algerians favoring the trend see it as a benediction, while critics worry that the rise of Salafism, a form of Islam that interprets the Quran literally, may seep deeper into social mores and diminish the chances for a modern Algeria that values freedom of choice.

More than a decade after putting down an insurgency by Islamist extremists, Algerian security forces still combat sporadic incursions by Al-Qaida's North African branch. The conflict started in 1991 after the army canceled elections that an Islamist party was poised to win. The violence left an estimated 200,000 dead and divided society. But authorities are treading lightly in their dealings today with "quietist" Salafis, who eschew politics but are making their mark on this North African nation buffeted by high unemployment - and a far higher lack of confidence in the powers-that-be.

"Thanks to God, Algerian society is returning to its source of identity," commented Said Bahmed, a philosophy professor at the University of Algiers. Bahmed, who is close to the moderate Islamist party Movement for a Peaceful Society, described the growing number of women in Islamic dress as a "benediction." Algeria's North African neighbors also have been grappling with a new assertiveness from those seeking a greater role for Islam in society, and have folded Islamist parties into their power structures.

#### Working-class neighborhoods

In Morocco, where a moderate Islamist party runs the government, women increasingly don veils, especially in working-class neighbor-

hoods. Tunisia's moderate Islamist Ennahda party headed the country's first government after the 2011 revolution and remains strong in parliament, but rebranded itself this year to separate religion from politics. Ennahda's influence did not stop deadly attacks on tourist targets last year claimed by the Islamic State group.

In today's Algeria, the vestiges of 130 years of French colonial rule are falling away, with ardent help from Salafis. Their influence visibly marks the lively capital of Algiers, where alcoholic beverages once were served on terraces, in bars and at restaurants and women dressed as they liked. Approximately 100 bars and restaurants around Algiers have been shut down over the past decade, 37 of them in the city center, according to the Direction of Commerce of the Wilaya, or region, of Algiers. Dead leaves are piled up at the locked Claridge bar, a writers' haunt that folded in May.

Expiring rental contracts and problems linked to an inheritance are among the reasons officially cited for closing alcohol-serving establishments. Journalist Mohamed Arezki called those pretexts that officials use so they will "be in the good graces of Islamists." "Authorities' message is to tell the population that ... defense of values of Islam isn't the monopoly of Islamists," Arezki said. "But in this bidding game between the state and Islamists, it is the project of society, of a plural, tolerant Algeria, that is threatened."

Mohamed Ait Oussaid's bar-restaurant in the colonial-style fishing port of La Perouse, on the edge of Algiers, was ordered closed in 2005. The directive ended a business that had been in his family for three generations. Ait Oussaid said an ex-local chief of the disbanded Islamic Salvation Army campaigned to close the restaurant for the sake of public order. "I found myself with three children and their families all out of work," Ait Oussaid said, condemning "the cowardliness of the state in the face of Islamists."

#### 'Islamist pressure'

Political scientist Mohamed Saidj of the

University of Algiers agrees, accusing authorities of "backing down under Islamist pressure." "These bars and shops are commerces that create jobs, pay taxes and are part of a balanced society," Saidj said. President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, an infirm 79-year-old in his fourth term, is leaving his mark with the construction of the billion-dollar Grand Mosque of Algiers. With its soaring 267-meter- (867 foot-) high minaret, the mosque is being portrayed as a testament to a tolerant Islam.

When completed as expected next year, the mosque will become the world's third largest by area, after those in Mecca, which encloses Islam's holiest shrine, and Medina. While Chinese workers toil on the Grand Mosque, modest places of worship have been sprouting across Algeria, some financed by the state, others by private donors. Rachid Rezouali, a former police chief, said private funders want "to appear like God's servants in the eyes of the people." He called the changing social landscape "a sign that an Algeria of tolerance and modernity is disappearing."

The US State Department's International Religious Freedom Report for 2015 says volunteer imams at 55 mosques in Algiers were replaced for "spreading Salafism." But the report also noted a social media campaign ahead of last year's Ramadan urging men to avoid retribution by forcing their wives, daughters and sisters to dress according to conservative Islamic values. No dress-related reprisals happened, perhaps because fashion already has become so prevalent. For sociologist Nacer Djabi, the growing number of women in traditional Muslim garb is a sign that Algeria is reclaiming an identity subverted by more than a century of French rule. But, he added, "Most women suffer it because of pressure from society." Meziane Ourad, a journalist who fled Algeria after the Armed Islamic Group killed his friend, celebrated writer Tahar Djaout, in 1993, barely recognizes the homeland he left. "It's more than three months I'm back in Algeria, and I haven't seen a bare leg," Ourad said. — AP

## OVER 300 CIVILIANS DEAD IN RECENT ALEPPO VIOLENCE

**ALEPPO:** More than 300 civilians have been killed in a three-week surge of fighting and bombardment in Syria's devastated Aleppo city, a monitoring group said yesterday. The battle for Syria's second city has killed 333 civilians since July 31, when rebels launched a major push to break a government siege of districts under their control. The toll includes 165 civilians-among them 49 children-killed in opposition fire on the

city's government-held western districts.

Another 168 civilians died in Russian and regime air strikes and shelling on its rebel-controlled eastern neighborhoods, the Observatory said. Russia has been carrying out air raids in support of President Bashar Al-Assad's forces in Syria since September 2015. Another 109 people were killed in bombardment across the rest of Aleppo province during the same period, the

Britain-based monitoring group said. Once Syria's economic hub, Aleppo city has been ripped apart by violence since mid-2012, with warplanes bombarding the east and rockets raining down on the west.

Air strikes pounded Aleppo's southern edges yesterday, and the intense battles there could be heard throughout the city, AFP's correspondent in an eastern neighborhood said. The violence rendered the rebel route out of the city-via the southern district of Ramussa-temporarily unusable, and trucks of food and other produce could not be brought into the city, the correspondent said. Approximately 250,000 people live in the city's eastern districts, while another 1.2 million live in its western neighborhoods. While rebel groups are accessing the city via Ramussa, the regime is using the Castello Road to the north of the city to reach areas it controls.

According to the Observatory, regime forces seized territory on the city's southern edges yesterday. "There are a lot of clashes and air strikes, and the regime made modest advances. They are trying to reinforce their positions," Observatory head Ramil Abdel Rahman said. The Observatory—which relies on a network of sources inside Syria for its information—says it determines what planes carried out raids according to their type, location, flight patterns and the munitions involved. More than 290,000 people have been killed since Syria's conflict started in March 2011 and international efforts at putting an end to the war have faltered. — AFP



ALEPPO: In this Sunday, April 24, 2016 file image made from video posted online by the Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets, Civil Defense workers run after airstrikes and shelling hit Aleppo. —AP

## TURKEY PROMISES 'MORE ACTIVE' SYRIA ROLE IN COMING MONTHS

**ISTANBUL:** Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim vowed yesterday Ankara would play a "more active" role in the next six months in efforts to solve the five-year Syrian civil war. Yildirim-whose foreign minister, Mevlut Cavusoglu, made a surprise visit to Iran this week-said Ankara will step up efforts to reduce "instability" in the region. "We say the bloodshed needs to stop. Babies, children, innocent people should not die. That's why Turkey will be more active in trying to stop the danger getting worse in the next six months, compared with before," Yildirim told foreign reporters in Istanbul.

Yildirim said Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad can remain temporarily during a transition period as "he is one of the actors today no matter whether we like it or not". But the premier stressed that Assad has no role to play in Syria's future. "We believe that the PKK, Daesh and Assad should not be in the future of Syria," he added, referring to the Syrian Kurds and the Islamic State group in the war-torn country. Yildirim said it was "out of the question" for Turkey to talk with the Syrian leader, and said regional countries Turkey and Iran as well as Russia and the United States must work toward a solution in Syria. "That is our objective. We are not pessimistic. We have even left it late. Therefore, as Turkey, we will work more because the instability there pains us." Turkey is on the frontline of fallout from the civil war, hosting over 2.7 million Syrian refugees at a cost of \$12 billion (10.6 billion euros), Ankara says.

#### 'Kurds as threat'

After Syrian regime jets pounded US-backed Kurdish forces in northeastern Syria for a second day Friday, the Turkish premier said Damascus understood that Kurds in northern Syria have become a threat. "This is a new situation... It is clear that the (Syrian) regime has understood

the structure Kurds are trying to form in the north (of Syria) has started to become a threat for Syria too," he added, referring to the Syrian Kurds' bid to join up regions under their control. Turkey is opposed to Syria's division along ethnic lines and the future government should not be based on an ethnic group and instead all groups including Arabs, Kurds and Alawites should be represented, Yildirim noted.

#### 'Russia doesn't need Incirlik'

Since the July 15 failed putsch, Turkey has sought to work with Iran and Russia on Syria's future and solving the crisis. Although Russia and Iran are Assad's main allies which puts them at loggerheads with Turkey, this month Erdogan met with Russian President Vladimir Putin while Tehran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif came to Ankara during which Syria was on the agenda. Turkey's foreign minister Cavusoglu even called on Moscow on August 11 to carry out joint operations against Islamic State (IS) in Syria-and made a surprise visit to Tehran on Thursday for talks on "regional issues", according to Iranian state television.

Commenting on news reports that Russia wanted to use Incirlik air base in southern Turkey for air raids on IS jihadists in Syria, Yildirim said Moscow did not make such a demand but said "if necessary Incirlik can be used". "I think they don't need it because they have two bases in Syria," he added, saying the news on the issue was "false". The United States has used the Incirlik base in the southern province of Adana as a highly convenient launch pad for bombing raids against Islamic State (IS) jihadists in Syria since 2015. Yildirim said several countries including the US were using the base "in the name of solving the problems in Syria". — AFP



DAMASCUS: In this Monday, Oct 11, 2010 file photo, Syrian President Bashar Assad, right, shakes hands with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, left, at Al-Shaab presidential palace. — AP

## MEDIA WORKER KILLED IN WESTERN IRAQ: EMPLOYER

**BAGHDAD:** A technician with an Iraqi satellite channel was killed yesterday and a journalist wounded as they covered operations against the Islamic State group in western Iraq, their employer said. Both worked for Al Ahad TV, a channel affiliated with Asaib Ahl Al-Haq, one of the most powerful Shiite militias in Iraq's Hashed al-Shaabi paramilitary umbrella. The pair were hit by mortar fire in Jazirat Al-Khaldiyyeh in the western province of Anbar.

"Our TV team came under mortar fire in Jazirat Al-Khaldiyyeh as they were covering the battle," Raida Al-Ogaily, head of public relations at Al-Ahad, told AFP. "Broadcast technician Ali Ghani was killed and the cor-

respondent, Hussein Al-Fares, was wounded," she said. The area where the incident occurred lies between provincial capital Ramadi and Fallujah, both of which have been retaken from the jihadists by security forces. Pockets of IS fighters remain in the area, however, and Jazirat Al-Khaldiyyeh commands access to desert routes the jihadist group has been using to move across the country. A journalist with Al-Ghadeer, the channel run by the Badr organization whose armed group is another key component of the Hashed al-Shaabi forces fighting alongside government forces, was killed south of the city of Mosul last month. — AFP

## CROSS-BORDER ROCKET FIRE FROM YEMEN KILLS SAUDI

**RIYADH:** Rockets fired by Yemeni rebels into a Saudi border city yesterday killed a Saudi civilian and wounded six others including a Pakistani man, the Saudi civil defense agency said. Quoted by Al-Ekhbariya state television, the agency the five other wounded in the city of Najran were all Yemeni citizens. Video footage posted on social networks showed two blazing buildings in the city centre.

Cross-border attacks into Saudi Arabia have increased since a Saudi-led Arab coalition this month stepped up air strikes on insurgent targets inside Yemen in an attempt to shore up the beleaguered government. Yesterday's attack was the third this week. On Friday, five foreign residents of Najran were wounded in a rocket strike just west of the city.

Seven civilians were killed on Tuesday when the city centre was shelled, with

three victims said to be expats. Tuesday's toll was the highest reported number of civilian casualties in Saudi Arabia for a single day since the Arab coalition intervened in Yemen in March last year against the Iran-backed Houthi rebels. More than 100 civilians and soldiers have been killed in southern Saudi Arabia by retaliatory rocket strikes or skirmishes since the coalition began operations in support of President Abedrabbo Mansour Hadi's government. Meanwhile, the rebel-controlled Saba news agency reported a wave of coalition raids inside Yemen on Saturday, including one that killed three civilians near the Houthi-held capital Sanaa. Despite the reported attacks, Saba said that "thousands" of people demonstrated in Sanaa in support of the rebels and their allies, forces loyal to ousted president Ali Abdullah Saleh. — AFP



# EXECUTION HALTED FOR INNOCENT TEXAN MAN

**AUSTIN:** A court halted the execution of a Texas man who was scheduled to die for a fatal 1996 robbery in which he wasn't the person who pulled the trigger. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled 7-2 on Friday to put Jeffery Wood's execution on hold. Wood, 43, was scheduled to die by lethal injection Wednesday. The case has drawn highly unusual opposition from Republican lawmakers. It also has captured attention across the US over Wood's culpability in the shooting of a convenience store clerk, his mental competence and criticism surrounding his original trial.

In a two-page opinion, the appeals court said it was sending the case back to a lower court to review defense claims that the death sentence was based on false testimony and false scientific evidence. Those

claims were based on the testimony of a since-discredited psychiatrist that Wood would certainly pose a future risk to public safety.

Wood's attorney, Jared Tyler, who had sought the stay last month, said "the court did the right thing" in halting the execution and returning the case to a state district court in Kerrville, Kerr County, to have the claims resolved. Wood and his friend Daniel Reneau were convicted in the shooting death of a 31-year-old store clerk during a robbery in the Texas Hill Country. Wood waited in a car while Reneau shot the clerk in the face. Wood was convicted of capital murder under what's known as the Texas law of parties, which makes a participant in a capital murder case equally culpable. Reneau was executed in 2002.

## Justice is not served

"Justice is not served by executing Mr Wood, who was outside the building when it happened and who had no criminal history," Tyler said in a statement Friday. "Three former jurors have said they feel the government's presentation to them of a discredited psychiatrist who predicted with certainty, and without evaluating Mr Wood, that Mr Wood would be criminally violent in the future was unfair. ... The jurors no longer support a death sentence." One Republican legislator already had formally asked the Texas Board of Pardon and Paroles to recommend commuting Wood's death sentence to life imprisonment, and GOP state Rep. Jeff Leach had said before the ruling that he was collecting a bipartisan set of

signatures for a similar letter to be sent this weekend. Leach, who said he still supports capital punishment, is part of a Republican-controlled Legislature that has long made efforts by Democrats to abolish the death penalty a non-starter in Texas. But he says Wood doesn't deserve to die. Leach, however, said that's not what troubles him. He instead pointed to concerns about Wood's mental competency and the handling of his trial. A federal judge halted the original execution date in 2008 so that Wood - who was once found to have been mentally incompetent to stand trial - could be tested to determine whether he understood why he would be put to death. Tests showed Wood was competent, and courts have upheld those findings. — AP

## OBAMA GOVT TO PHASE OUT SOME PRIVATE PRISON USE

**WASHINGTON:** The Obama administration is phasing out its use of some private prisons, affecting thousands of federal inmates and immediately sending shares of the two publicly traded prison operators plunging. In a memo Thursday to the Bureau of Prisons, Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates told the bureau to start reducing "and ultimately ending" the Justice Department's use of private prisons. The announcement follows a recent Justice Department audit that found that the private facilities have more safety and security problems than government-run ones.

The Obama administration says the declining federal prison population justifies the decision to eventually close privately run prisons. The federal prison population - now at 193,299 - has been dropping due to changes in federal sentencing policies over the past three years. Private prisons hold about 22,100 of these inmates, or 12 percent of the total prison population, the Justice Department said.

The policy change does not cover private prisons used by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which hold up to 34,000 immigrants awaiting deportation. "Private prisons served an important role during a difficult period, but time has shown that they compare poorly to our own Bureau facilities," Yates wrote in a memo to the acting director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. As private prison contracts come to an end, the bureau is not to renew the contract or it should at least "substantially" reduce its scope, Yates wrote. She did not specify a timeline for when all federal inmates would be in government-owned facilities.

### 'Right step forward'

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton said the US should move away from using private facilities to house inmates. On Thursday, she tweeted: "Glad to see that the Justice Department is ending the use of private prisons. This is the right step forward." The Clinton campaign has said it no longer accepts contributions from private prison interests, and if it receives such a contribution, it will donate that money to charity. The private prison industry is a major contributor to Republican political campaigns, particularly in recent years. GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump has said he supports the use of private prisons.

The private prisons on the chopping block are operated by three private companies - Corrections Corporation of America, GEO Group Inc., and Management and Training Corporation. After the announcement Thursday, Corrections Corp. stock dropped \$13.22, or 48.6 percent, to \$14 and Geo Group tumbled \$13.80, or 42.7 percent, to \$18.49. Both companies get about half their revenue from the federal government. —AP

# CLINTON HAVING QUIET AUGUST, AND FOR HER, THAT'S JUST FINE

## SPENDING TIME RAISING MONEY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

**DES MOINES:** It's no day at the beach, but Hillary Clinton is having the political equivalent of a quiet August. Donald Trump may be dominating the political chatter as he reboots a trailing campaign, but it's Clinton who's winning positive headlines during visits to some of the most competitive states in the presidential race. The Republican nominee's constant state of campaign chaos is dulling the impact of stories about Clinton's emails and allowing her to spend plenty of time raising money behind closed doors.

"I think she's actually smart to stay quiet at this time. She's not a popular candidate with the Democrats. She has a lot of negatives herself. There's a lot of news that could be made about her," said Rick Tyler, a former aide to Ted Cruz, the Texas senator and onetime Trump rival. But, Tyler said, it's all 'getting subsumed by the black hole candidate that is Donald Trump.' A disastrous stretch for Trump has helped solidify Clinton's lead in national preference polls and most surveys in closely contested states. Clinton campaigned in Ohio and Pennsylvania this past week, and the Democratic nominee's voter registration efforts and policy pitches went largely unnoticed as Trump shook up his campaign staff. Trump's reshuffling also overshadowed fresh stories about Clinton's use of a private email account and server as secretary of state.

"Donald Trump never misses an opportunity to miss an opportunity," said Whit Ayres, a GOP pollster who worked for Florida Sen. Marco Rubio's presidential campaign. Clinton seems more than content to let Trump dominate coverage on cable news and in national newspapers. In the meantime, her campaign has carefully courted journalists in the communities she visits, pushing tailored policy messages. For example, stressing her plans to respond to the Zika virus in Florida and how she'd support manufacturing jobs in Detroit.

### Hitting the Trump

Local supporters have hit Trump on issues such as his refusal to release his tax returns. Clinton had an opinion piece on water quality in this past week in Florida's Treasure Coast Newspapers. After an appearance in Ohio on Wednesday, the top headline the next day in The Plain Dealer in Cleveland read, "Clinton Tears Trump Plan to Cut



**NEW YORK:** Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, joined by New York Police Department Commissioner Bill Bratton, left, and others, meets with law enforcement leaders at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. — AP

Estate Tax," while The New York Times' main campaign story focused on the tumult in the Trump campaign.

"If the Republicans are spending their time attacking and fighting each other, it gives you a little bit more liberty to go out there and articulate your message. They're not necessarily offering a counter-argument," said Chris Lehane, a Democratic strategist who worked in Bill Clinton's White House. "It gives you more real estate in a more uncluttered way to break through."

Republican pollster Greg Strimple said that's not just spin, arguing the "overarching national message of the campaign is not one that can unify the country, so I would focus on doing small events that have local flavor." "It also keeps her profile lower," he said, "which allows the circular firing squad of the Trump campaign to continue."

### Fundraising focus

Since the bus tour that followed the end of the Democratic convention, Clinton also has focused heavily on fundraising. She has been to more than 10 fundraisers in the first half of the month, hitting mansions in Miami and enjoying a private performance by Aretha Franklin in Detroit. She's keeping up the pace, heading this weekend to Martha's Vineyard off the Massachusetts coast and to California next week. Clinton is on track to top the \$90 million she raised for her campaign and Democratic allies in July.

Her campaign has been hard at work in the battleground states, eyeing the start of early voting in some places next month. At his rallies, Trump often urges his backers to vote. But Clinton gets into the details at her events, plugging registration and urging people to cast absentee ballots. "If you aren't registered and you're eligible, see the persons with the clipboards here," Clinton said during a recent event in Kissimmee, Florida. "We want you to be registered, and then we want you to be part of this campaign."

Trump has started to advertise on television and appears at ease with his new campaign team. His trip to flood-ravaged Louisiana on Friday won praise from residents who feel overlooked by President Barack Obama. He kept to his vacation schedule on Martha's Vineyard, though the White House announced he would visit Baton Rouge on Tuesday. While Trump was in Louisiana, Clinton called the state's governor during a day spent fundraising on the East Coast.

"St Amant loves Trump because he is here in the middle of everything," said Doug Ford, a Trump supporter who put out a sign in his front yard welcoming the Republican to the flooded town, where his trailer was filled with water. "We need him here because the president is not here." But even with three presidential debates to come and the prospect of more negative stories about Clinton's emails, Republicans say she is well positioned to avoid the pitfalls that could arrive before the November vote. "She's just got to execute a campaign professionally," said Tyler, the former Cruz aide. "If she does that, she's overwhelmingly likely to win." — AP



**HAVANA:** An empty beer can lies on the beach near Havana, Cuba, Thursday, Aug 18, 2016. Litter is a problem virtually everywhere in the world. But the trashing of Cuba's world-class beaches by beachgoers themselves has become so extreme that tourists are complaining and Cubans bemoan it as a symptom of something amiss in a nation that's long cherished cleanliness, order and mutual respect. — AP

## TOURISTS BEMOAN TRASHING OF CUBA'S BEACHES AND RESORTS

**HAVANA:** Hayde Lanza, her sister-in-law and their children left home in their swimsuits after breakfast, loaded with food, juice and bottled water. A 40-minute bus ride later they were staring at a turquoise sea ruffled by a gentle Caribbean breeze - and a powdery white beach littered with food wrappers and aluminum cans. "There are cardboard boxes and broken bottles," Lanza said. "In the water there's cracker packages, plastic, everything. There's no respect for the people who show up after you. Even right next to the trash cans there's piles of trash on the ground."

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"It was really disappointing to get to one of the most beautiful beaches in the world and find mountains of trash," one tourist wrote on TripAdvisor about her time in Varadero, one of Cuba's best-known resorts. Particularly extreme during summer vacations, the beach trash problem fuels a widely shared Cuban belief that national values disintegrated during the post-Soviet economic collapse known here as the Special Period. For many Cubans

who remember the Cold War decades of subsidized plenty, the economic deprivation that began in the 1990s caused permanent damage to standards of personal behavior in one of the world's last communist-run societies.

### Bad for business

"There's no justification, but at one point the situation in our country was so hard that people stopped worrying about public resources because they had to take of their personal needs," Silva said. Government advertising campaigns, billboards in the dunes, new trash cans on the beaches and tractor-driving public cleanup crews have failed to ease the problem. At the height of the summer beach season, it's common to see beachgoers spend a day eating, drinking and playing in the water, then leave all their trash in a mound on the sand. "It's like your house is your sanctuary and anywhere outside it, you don't care what's happening," said Angela Corvea, an environmental activist and marine biologist.

Cuba played host to 3.5 million tourists last year and expects 3.8 million in 2016, part of a boom set off by the declaration of detente with the United States in December 2014. Numbers are expected to surge even higher when commercial flights to and from the United States start again this month after a 54-year hiatus. "This is bad for business. When they see the beach trashed they'll go somewhere else," said Armando Rodriguez, a souvenir vendor with a stand on a beach outside Havana. "We arrive and clean up our area and by midday it's full of cans." —AP

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## SOUTH SUDAN REBEL’S FLIGHT ADDS TO TURMOIL

**KAMPALA:** South Sudan, the world’s newest country, is in political limbo after rebel leader and former vice president Riek Machar fled earlier this week. His whereabouts remained unclear Saturday after a spokesman for Machar and the United Nations both said he was in neighboring Congo but Congo’s government said it had no knowledge of him being there. His departure puts South Sudan’s peace deal, reached a year ago under international pressure, into disarray while the country’s humanitarian crisis worsens.

### Chaos in Juba

Machar and many of his supporters fled the capital after last month’s fighting between govern-

ment and rebel forces, in which hundreds of civilians were killed and fears grew of a return to civil war. The fighting displaced at least 15,000 people in the capital. About 12,500 fled to UN camps in Juba, where food remains scarce. Witnesses told The Associated Press that soldiers in government army uniforms raped women who ventured outside the camps to collect food, as UN peacekeepers stood by. After he fled, Machar was replaced as first vice president, a post he held for just a few months under the fragile peace deal. He has been replaced by another official in his party, Taban Deng, but that appointment has not been accepted by many of Machar’s supporters. A spokesman for Machar’s opposition SPLM-IO party, Mabior

Garang, told AP that the move was “illegal” and claimed that some officials who nominated Taban were “coerced by security officials.”

Taban has pledged to step down if Machar returns to the capital. Machar says he will return to Juba only after a regional peacekeeping force arrives and secures Juba. Last week, the U.N. Security Council voted to send 4,000 additional peacekeepers to South Sudan with a strengthened mandate to provide security. President Salva Kiir’s government at first rejected the decision, saying it violated the country’s sovereignty. But in recent days, the government has been more receptive to the U.N. plan. Machar’s flight from South Sudan could give him more visibility and

increase pressure on the international community to send in the regional peacekeepers.

### New ethnic violence

Most South Sudanese who are Dinka, the largest ethnic group of South Sudan’s 12.5 million people, support their tribesman, President Kiir. Most ethnic Nuer, the second largest group, support Machar’s opposition party, with some notable exceptions. There has been sporadic fighting in parts of the country since Machar and his forces fled, especially in the south. Local and opposition officials in the Yei region say clashes have taken place there. The region had little violence during the country’s civil war, which began

in December 2013. The fighting in Yei indicates that violence has shifted to a new front following Machar’s disappearance.

The displaced are not just in Juba. There are 190,000 South Sudanese living at UN camps across the country. At these sites, UN peacekeepers have been criticized for failing to protect civilians. About 70,000 South Sudanese have crossed the border into Uganda since the July clashes, adding to the more than 2.3 million people who have been displaced both inside and outside the country since the civil war began, according to the UN. The new refugees have overwhelmed humanitarian agencies that are already short on funding. —AP

## AFTER PROTESTS, ANGER STILL BOILS IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA

### ARRESTS HAVE MULTIPLIED SINCE THE DEMONSTRATIONS

**BAHIR DAR:** The demonstrations are crushed but anger remains in Bahir Dar, capital of Ethiopia’s northern Amhara region, where a fortnight ago security forces killed at least 30 protesters, according to a human rights group. “I would say at least 50 people!” said Getachew, a protester who saw bodies arrive at the city hospital on August 7. Dressed in black, Getachew is mourning his younger brother Abebe, 28, who he says was shot twice-once in the back of the head and once in his side—as Ethiopian security broke up the protests with gunfire and gas.

“The Agazi” were on the rooftops. They started to shoot in the crowd. The police was launching tear gas,” Getachew said, referring to Ethiopia’s feared Special Forces with their distinctive red berets who were deployed to help crush the protests

in Bahir Dar. As he spoke Getachew scrolled through photographs of victims - including his brother-on his mobile phone. Like many of the protesters, Abebe was wrapped in an old green, yellow and red Ethiopian flag, but without the central star imposed on the flag by the ruling Ethiopian People’s Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) when it took power in 1991. The wearing of the old flag is a patriotic rebuke of EPRDF rule. Getachew was one of the few willing to speak following the protests in Bahir Dar, and even he would not give his full name.

### Fear and mistrust

This small, pretty town on the edge of Lake Tana and close to the source of the Blue Nile is still in shock after the killings. The tourist hotels are deserted, the tour guides idle and the fear of government

reprisals is palpable. “If I start talking in a cafe, the Kebele [local government officials] will know it. We cannot trust our neighbors or our friends,” said one tour guide who did not want to be identified.

Since the demonstrations, arrests have multiplied, said Getachew. “Five friends of Abebe were arrested after they went to his funeral. We don’t know where they are,” he said. In the village of Dangla, just south of Bahir Dar, resident Andualem said there had been security sweeps and stark warnings. “They go door to door to give extreme warning not to go out to demonstrate otherwise you will be killed,” said Andualem. “They say: Keep your children and your life.” Mobile internet and social networks have been blocked to prevent the predominantly young activists from the decentralised protest movement from organising

further demonstrations.

Many of the young protesters are angry at a government that has been in charge for almost their whole lives and that is seen to favor the minority Tigrean community who occupy key positions in government, the security services and public companies. “There is a tangible development. You can’t deny the roads, the buildings, the power supply but the VIPs are all from Tigray. Tigreans dominate economically and socially. All the industries are in Tigray,” said Ashenafi, a young Amhara protester.

### Ethnic federalism failing

The government’s decision to join the northern province of Welkait to the Tigray region was the immediate trigger for the Amhara protests, but they have occurred at the same time as others in the Oromo region where regular, sometimes deadly, demonstrations have happened since November over land rights. Together, Oromo and Amhara people make up over 60 percent of the population. The demonstrations are a challenge to the EPRDF’s model of “ethnic federalism” intended to give representation and a degree of self-determination to the multitude of ethnic groups in Ethiopia.

“Ethnic federalism is not working because it is not implemented equally,” said Molla Wasie of the opposition Agaw Democratic Party. “Things are getting more and more tense. The government and the opposition should come together and find a solution.” The Bahir Dar demonstrators are still angry. Following the protests, the authorities gave a low figure of just seven dead, while human rights group Amnesty International said 30 had been killed. Locals say the number was higher still. “They did not apologize for the people killed. They do not feel guilty. All they say is that if somebody comes out, they will take action,” said Ashenafi. “I do not see any sign that they will change.” —AFP



**JOHANNESBURG:** A demonstrator (L) dressed in military fatigues joins members of the Oromo, Ogaden and Amhara community in South Africa as they demonstrate against the ongoing crackdown in the restive Oromo and Amhara region of Ethiopia. —AFP

## GREEK COAST GUARD RESCUES MIGRANTS STUCK ON ISLAND

**ATHENS:** Greece’s coast guard on Friday rescued dozens of migrants whose boat ran aground on a deserted islet off southwestern Greece, while another boat landed on the Aegean Sea resort island of Mykonos, well west of the normal migrant route. The coast guard said the first vessel appeared to have been carrying migrants trying to clandestinely reach Italy from Greece. It hit rocks on Sapientza, off the southwestern tip of the Peloponnese, and took on water. All 67 people on board the nine-meter wooden craft were picked up safe.

Another 36 people, including seven children, landed Friday on a remote beach on Mykonos. The coast guard said all were in good health. Separately, government figures showed 261 migrants or refugees arrived on eastern Greek islands in the 24

hours from Thursday morning to Friday morning - a jump compared to recent figures, which had ranged from a few dozen to about 150 per day.

Of those who arrived in the last 24 hours, 139 people reached Lesbos. The rest arrived on Chios, Samos, Leros and Karpathos. The new arrivals brought the official count of refugees and migrants stranded in Greece to just over 58,000. Many have officially applied for asylum. Last year, Greece was the main point of entry into the EU for hundreds of thousands of people seeking better lives in northern and central European countries. A March deal between the EU and Turkey, combined with Balkan border closures to migrants, has led to a dramatic drop in new arrivals.

Those now arriving on Greek islands from

Turkey face deportation back to Turkey unless they successfully apply for asylum in Greece. While the deal has limited the flow, people still arrive and around 11,000 are stranded on a handful of eastern Aegean islands, most housed in overcrowded detention camps. With the Balkan route closed, increasing numbers of migrants have turned to more dangerous routes. Hundreds have died making the perilous journey across the Mediterranean from the north African coast to Italy.

An aid group said Friday that five bodies had been recovered a day earlier off Libya after a small wooden boat capsized. The Migrant Offshore Aid Station, MOAS, said two Syrian girls, ages 8 months and 5 years, were among the victims. A Spanish aid group rescued at least 100 people from three separate boats in the area on Thursday. —AP



**ATHENS:** Refugees wait for their turn for an asylum hearing by a committee at the Greek Asylum service. —AP



**NORTH MIAMI:** In this undated photo made from video, businesses are seen located, between 119th and 135th streets along Northwest 7th avenue. —AP

## PROPOSED MIAMI CHINATOWN MILES FROM ASIAN COMMUNITY

**NORTH MIAMI:** North Miami, following in the steps of cities such as New York, San Francisco and Washington, plans to create a Chinatown arts and business district next year. Despite a small Asian population, the city council wants to build Chinatown from the ground up, though some business owners in the area say there is already an unofficial Chinatown with long-established stores some 30 blocks away. “It’s really far,” said Jiang Xianguang who opened Cy Restaurant last year with her husband in the unofficial Chinatown. “It should be up here because more Chinese customers come here.”

Earlier this year, North Miami’s city council approved the plan to build the Chinatown along a busy commercial corridor. This Chinatown will be in an area known more for its strip malls and shops rather than a high concentration of Asian immigrants. It is expected to have several Asian-owned commercial businesses, tech start-up companies, Chinese art-work and restaurants. Chinese investors are one of the major reasons this new Chinatown will be created. In late July, North Miami Vice Mayor Alix Desulme welcomed a 12-member delegation from Shanghai that consisted of investors, business leaders and realtors interested in the new Chinatown district.

### Private investment

Desulme said hundreds of Asian college students coming from overseas to attend classes each year at Florida International University will see the Chinatown as a place to call home. About \$30 million to \$40 million will be spent on infrastructure, but most of it will come from

private investment, he said. “We not only wanted to represent Chinese culture but to also bring economic development,” the vice mayor said. “This is an area that really needed infrastructure and change.” Craig Studnick of the real estate marketing company ISG International has been in talks with some of the Chinese investors.

“Compared to other popular cities in the US that they like to invest in, Miami is an extraordinary bargain,” Studnick said. “In addition to the phenomenal weather, we have some of the cleanest air in the country.” In the past, efforts were made to create a Chinatown in areas such as Homestead and on Miami’s Biscayne Boulevard, but the plans never took off. Although the Asian population in North Miami is about 1,275 people, according to Census numbers, Desulme said that the likelihood of a Chinatown succeeding economically is high since others in Philadelphia, Houston and Washington D.C have worked.

“DC alone makes \$2.2 billion dollars a year,” said Desulme. “Therefore, this type of economic model has been the best and we want to create something similar to that.” Urban planner Victor Dover said it will take years for it to become an economic force and be recognized by tourists. In the case of Chinese restaurant owners such as the Xianguang family, Dover said that past Chinatowns have helped businesses prosper even when they’re farther away. “Just because the city goes about creating a Chinatown in that location doesn’t mean that they can’t also have a successful business,” Dover said. Officials hope to have an opening ceremony for the new Chinatown next fall. —AP



**KIEV:** Ukrainian servicemen take part in military parade rehearsal in front of tanks in the center of the capital on Friday. —AFP

## US, UKRAINE URGE END TO SOARING RUSSIA TENSIONS

**WASHINGTON:** US Vice President Joe Biden and Ukraine’s President Petro Poroshenko in a phonecall urged a speedy resolution to the conflict with pro-Russian separatists amid a spike in tensions with Moscow, the White House said late Friday. Biden and Poroshenko “expressed concern over the recent surge in fighting in eastern Ukraine, where ceasefire violations by combined Russian-separatist forces are at their highest levels since 2015, often using heavy weapons,” the White House statement read.

Kiev and the West accuse Russia of supporting the separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine and deploying troops across the border-claims Moscow denies. Biden and Poroshenko “reiterated the need for a political and diplomatic resolution of the conflict through full implementation of the Minsk agreements by all parties,” the statement added.

The Minsk accord, signed in February 2015 with French and German mediation and in the presence of President Vladimir Putin, calls for a ceasefire along with a range of political, economic and social measures to end the conflict. Biden told Poroshenko that US officials “had sent a message to Russia that the world is watching and underscored

the need to deescalate the situation.” He also urged Ukraine to show restraint.

Poroshenko on Thursday said he could not rule out a “full-scale” Russian invasion as violence raged in the east, amid accusations that Russia is building up its military force in the region. The Pentagon on Friday said that the extra Russian troops along the border were associated with a regular military exercise. Poroshenko’s claim came after Russian President Vladimir Putin lashed out last week at Kiev over an incident on the frontier between Crimea, which Moscow annexed in March 2014, and Ukraine, accusing it of “practicing terror”.

Two Russian officers were killed in the incident, in which Ukraine denied any involvement. Putin on Friday visited Crimea to boost security measures there. It was his fifth visit to the Black Sea peninsula since annexing it from Ukraine. Separately, Biden and Poroshenko discussed conditions set by the International Monetary Fund for disbursing the next tranche of much-needed financial assistance, the White House said. They also “agreed on the importance of recent Ukrainian efforts to continue critical anti-corruption reforms,” the statement said. —AFP



## AFGHAN DISTRICT FALLS TO TALEBAN: OFFICIALS

**KUNDUZ:** The Taliban yesterday captured a district in Afghanistan's northeastern Kunduz province, near the provincial capital where militants scored their biggest victory in 14 years last September. The militants, waging a bloody insurgency to topple the Western-backed Kabul government, have intensified their attacks nationwide and tightened their grip on the besieged capital of Helmand province southwest of Kunduz in recent weeks. Khan Abad district, which is around 30 kilometres east of Kunduz city, fell to the Taliban after they launched a pre-dawn attack on the district centre, according to local officials.

"After several hours of fighting the militants overran the district," the district's governor Hayatullah Amiri told AFP, adding that the provincial governor ignored their calls for reinforcements. Provincial spokesman Sayed Mahmood Danish confirmed the overnight battle, and said security forces were "trying to get back control of the district from the Taliban". Khan Abad resident Abdul Satar told AFP hundreds had fled their homes amid the fighting. "The residents of the city are worried about their lives and safety. People are fleeing their homes and they have left their shops," he said, adding that roads to neighboring provinces were closed. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed in a statement the group's fighters were in control of district and police headquarters.

### Casualties soaring

Meanwhile, a roadside bomb ripped through a civilian vehicle in neighboring Takhar province killing four people and wounding two others, Sunatullah Temor, a government spokesman for the province, told AFP. Civilians are bearing the brunt of conflict in Afghanistan, with casualties soaring to a record high in the first half of 2016, according to a recent UN report. Between January and June, 1,601 civilians were killed and 3,565 were wounded-a four percent increase in casualties compared to the same period last year. Deaths from the conflict have reached their highest level since the UN began issuing its reports in 2009.

The Taliban briefly captured northern Kunduz city in September last year, the first city to fall to the insurgents in their biggest victory in 14 years of war. The militants were driven out almost two weeks later by Afghan forces backed by US aircraft and NATO soldiers, but it marked the first time since 2001 that the Taliban were able to take control of a major city in the country. After the brief Kunduz takeover, US and Afghan officials insisted that they would not allow another urban centre to be captured. Earlier this month, the Taliban launched a major offensive in volatile southern Helmand province, surrounding the capital Lashkar Gah, a town of 200,000 inhabitants, but were stopped by Afghan forces supported by American air strikes. The fighting in Helmand and Kunduz come as Afghan troops are stretched on multiple fronts across Afghanistan-including eastern Nangarhar province where the Islamic State group is making inroads. — AFP

# WORLD'S LARGEST MUSLIM BLOC WORRIED BY KASHMIR VIOLENCE

## WEEKS OF CLASHES BETWEEN MUSLIM PROTESTERS AND POLICE

**ISLAMABAD:** The world's largest bloc of Muslim countries expressed concern yesterday over alleged human rights violations in Indian-controlled Kashmir, which has seen weeks of deadly clashes between Muslim protesters and police. Iyad Madani, secretary-general of the 57-member Organization of Islamic Cooperation, said at a news conference in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad that the situation in Kashmir was deteriorating and urged the international community to act.

"The situation is getting worse rather than better and this cannot continue," Madani said after meeting with Sartaj Aziz, the foreign affairs adviser to Pakistan's prime minister. Kashmir, a predominantly Muslim region, is divided between India and Pakistan but claimed in its entirety by both. Most Kashmiris want an end to Indian rule and favor independence or a merger with Pakistan, which has long called for a referendum on the region's future. Hindu-majority India has refused to hold such a vote. "We should not be afraid of referendum," Madani said, adding that it was up to the Kashmiri people to decide their future.

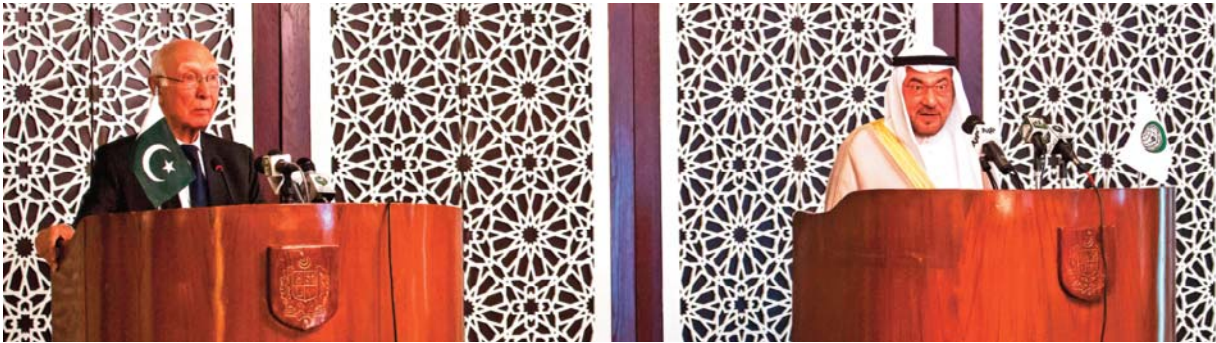
Standing next to him at the news conference, Aziz accused Indian forces of using lethal force against Kashmiris protesting peacefully over extrajudicial killings. He said a peaceful solution to the dispute over the region "is an imperative for regional peace and stability." More than 68,000 people have been killed since rebel groups began fighting Indian forces in 1989 and in the subsequent Indian military crackdown. India accuses Pakistan of arming and training rebels, a charge Islamabad denies.

### More strife

Meanwhile, a Kashmiri couple in their late 70s was injured in firing by Indian forces who have intensified nocturnal raids to arrest protesters in the region, police said yesterday. The husband and wife were injured Friday night by pellets from a shotgun fired as they tried to resist a police party looking for one of their sons for allegedly leading anti-India protests in the southern Tral area, police and locals said.

A police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with department policy said the raiding party "accidentally fired" at the couple and "regretted" the incident. In signs of an intensified crackdown against protesters in Indian-held Kashmir since last week, local residents have increasingly accused counterinsurgency police and army soldiers of systematically raiding neighborhoods, ransacking houses and beating residents to intimidate protesters.

More than 2,000 people have been arrested for participating in protests and clashes in recent weeks, state government officials said. Earlier in the week, Indian army soldiers beat a young college teacher to death and injured dozens of other people in a raid in the southern Khrew area. The army later said that it regretted the incident. A security lockdown and protest strikes have shut the Indian portion of Kashmir since the killing of a popular rebel commander on July 8 sparked some of Kashmir's largest protests against Indian rule in recent years. A strict curfew and a series of communication blackouts have failed to stop the protests, as residents have struggled to cope with shortages of food, medicine and other necessities. At least 63 civilians have been killed and thousands injured in protest-related violence. — AP



ISLAMABAD: Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Iyad Ameen Madani, right, speaks during a press conference with adviser to the Pakistani Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Sartaj Aziz. — AP

## WHY KASHMIR HAS BEEN TORN BY STRIFE SPANNING DECADES

**SRINAGAR:** When news spread in early July that Indian troops had killed a charismatic commander of Indian-controlled Kashmir's biggest rebel group, the public response was spontaneous and immense. Tens of thousands of angry youths poured out of their homes in towns and villages across the Himalayan region, hurling rocks and bricks and clashing with Indian troops.

A strict curfew and a series of communications blackouts since then have failed to stop the protesters, who are seeking an end to Indian rule in Kashmir, even as residents have struggled to cope with shortages of food, medicine and other necessities. The clashes, with protesters mostly throwing rocks and government forces responding with bullets and shotguns, has left more than 60 civilians and two policemen dead. Thousands of civilians have been injured and hundreds of members of various government security forces. On Friday, clashes erupted in at least 20 places after government forces fired tear gas and shotguns to stop protesters who tried to march on the main roads. But Kashmir's fury at Indian rule is not new. The stunning mountain region has known little but conflict since 1947, when British rule of the subcontinent ended with the creation of India and Pakistan.

### Division rooted in Partition

In 1947, the kingdom of Jammu and Kashmir was asked to join with either India or Pakistan. But Maharaja Hari Singh, the unpopular Hindu ruler of the Muslim-majority region, wanted to stay independent. However, local armed uprisings that flared in various parts of Kashmir, along with a raid by tribesmen from northwestern Pakistan, forced Singh to seek help from India, which offered military assistance on condition that the kingdom link itself to India. The ruler accepted, but insisted that Kashmir remain a largely autonomous state within the Indian union, with India managing its foreign affairs, defense and telecommunications. The Indian military entered the region soon after, with the tribal raid spiraling into the first of two wars between India and Pakistan over Kashmir. The first war ended in 1948 with a UN-brokered cease-fire. Nonetheless, Kashmir was divided between the two young nations by the heavily militarized Line of Control, with the promise of a UN-sponsored referendum in the future.

### War over Kashmir

In Indian-controlled Kashmir, many saw the transition as the mere transfer of power from their Hindu king to Hindu-

majority India. Kashmiri discontent against India started taking root as successive Indian governments breached the pact of Kashmir's autonomy. Local governments were toppled one after another, and largely peaceful movements against Indian control were suppressed harshly.

Pakistan regularly raised the Kashmir dispute in international forums, including in the UN. Meanwhile, India began calling the region an integral part of the nation, insisting that Kashmir's lawmakers had ratified the accession to New Delhi. As the deadlock persisted, India and Pakistan went to war again in 1965, with little changing on the ground. Several rounds of talks followed, but the impasse continued.

### Political campaign fails

In the mid-1980s, dissident political groups in Indian-held Kashmir united to contest elections for the state assembly. The Muslim United Front quickly emerged as a formidable force against Kashmir's pro-India political elite. However, the United Front lost the 1987 election, which was widely believed to have been heavily rigged. A strong public backlash followed. Some young United Front activists crossed over to Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, where the Pakistani military began arming and training Kashmiri nationalists. By 1989, Kashmir was in the throes of a full-blown rebellion.

India poured more troops into the already heavily militarized region. In response, thousands of Kashmiris streamed back from the Pakistani-controlled portion with weapons, staging bloody attacks on Indian security forces and pro-India Kashmiri politicians. Indian soldiers, empowered with emergency laws giving them legal impunity, carried out a brutal military crackdown, leaving Kashmiris exhausted and traumatized. More than 68,000 people have been killed since then.

### US influence

Kashmir rebels suffered a major setback after 9/11, when the U.S. pressured Pakistan to rein in the militants. Indian troops largely crushed the militancy after that, though popular demands for "azadi" - freedom - remain ingrained in the Kashmiri psyche. In the last decade, the region has made a transition from armed rebellion to unarmed uprisings, with tens of thousands of civilians repeatedly taking to the streets to protest Indian rule, often leading to clashes between rock-throwing residents and Indian troops. The protests are usually quelled by force, often resulting in deaths.—AP



BA RIA CITY: A security officers guard the entrance to the Long Tan Cross. — AP

## SEVERAL BLOCKED FROM ATTENDING AUSTRALIA MEMORIAL IN VIETNAM

**VUNG TAU:** Under pressure from Australia, Vietnam lifted a sudden ban on veterans who had traveled to the country to mark the 50th anniversary of Australia's most costly battle of the Vietnam War, but officials prevented hundreds from paying their respects at a monument to Australian casualties, Australia's prime minister said Friday.

About 1,500 Australian and New Zealand veterans and their families traveled to Vietnam to commemorate the anniversary on Thursday of the Battle of Long Tan at a cross marking the site where 18 Australian soldiers and hundreds of North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops died on a rubber plantation on Aug. 18, 1966, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said. Turnbull said he spoke to his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Xuan Phuc for an hour on Wednesday night to persuade the Vietnamese government to lift a ban on all commemorations announced that day. But officials at the memorial, insisting that only small groups gathered and without uniforms, medals, flags or banners, turned away all but 700 veterans, Turnbull said.

"We're very disappointed that not all of the Australians and their families were able to go to the Long Tan complex and reverently commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day before the Long Tan Cross," Turnbull told Radio 3AW. "We respect the right of the

Vietnamese government to determine what ceremonies and observances are held in their country, but to change the rules literally the day before was very unreasonable," he said.

Veterans' Affairs Minister Dan Tehan earlier said Vietnam had informed Australia of the ban late Tuesday. Tehan on Wednesday called that "a kick in the guts." He told reporters the veto reflected "deep sensitivities" within Vietnam and was not a response to problems in the bilateral relationship. The Long Tan anniversary is Australia's official Vietnam Veterans Day and has been commemorated by Australians at the battle scene since 1989. Turnbull said the rules for next year's commemoration would be agreed with Vietnam "very, very clearly and very publicly so there is absolutely no possibility for any misunderstanding."

In the fighting, a company of 105 Australian soldiers plus three New Zealanders supported by artillery survived a rain-drenched, three-hour battle by driving off wave after wave of attacks by more than 2,000 enemy troops. On Thursday, hundreds of veterans and their families gathered in the Australian capital to mark the anniversary at the Australian War Memorial. Australia deployed more than 60,000 military personnel to Vietnam between 1962 and 1973, of whom 521 were killed. — AP

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# WHO ARE THE PHILIPPINES' COMMUNIST REBELS?

**MANILA:** Communist rebels in the Philippines have fought one of Asia's longest-running insurgencies. Although less numerous and less violent than Muslim separatist rebels in the country's south, the Maoists have outlived successive Philippine administrations and held out against constant military and police offensives, relying on clandestine cells to pass on orders from exiled leaders. The new Philippine president, Rodrigo Duterte, has made peace with the rebels a priority, and a new round of marathon peace talks brokered by Norway opens in Oslo tomorrow. A brief look at the rebels and their struggle:

#### World War sparks communism

The rebels trace their roots to a communist party whose guerrilla wing helped fight Japanese occupation forces in World War II. After the liberation and

the Philippines' independence from the US, however, the leftists were politically sidelined and armed rebels crushed. In 1968, the Communist Party of the Philippines was re-established on Mao Zedong's birthday, proclaiming as its goal "the protracted peoples' struggle" modeled on China. The rebels' ranks swelled after dictator Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law in 1972. The armed wing of the Communist Party, the New People's Army, set up jungle camps all over the sprawling archipelago as launching pads for raids targeting the military and police, large agricultural and mining estates as well as US forces, which maintained big overseas bases until 1991.

#### A staggering human toll

The insurgency has left about 150,000 combatants and civilians dead

since it broke out, drawing support from the ranks of those dissatisfied with economic inequality and the Philippines' alliance with the US. It also has stunted economic development, especially in areas of the countryside where the rebels are active.

#### A blundering boycott

The rebels missed an opportunity to win wider political clout when they boycotted a historic 1986 snap election, which was dismissed as a sham and led to the overthrow of Marcos in a "people power" revolt and restoration of democracy. President Corazon Aquino freed the rebel founder, Jose Maria Sison, from prison and opened peace talks. However, Sison fled into exile in the Netherlands and the talks broke down. In 1987, the rebels killed three American soldiers in separate attacks near Clark

Air Base. In 1989, they assassinated U.S. Army Col. James Rowe, who was providing counterinsurgency training to Filipino troops.

#### A rebellion within the rebellion

By the early 1990s, differences over strategies led to a split in the rebel ranks and a bloody internal purge that left hundreds dead, further weakening the rebels, whose numbers dwindled to a few thousands from a peak of 25,000. The remaining fighters have relied on so-called "revolutionary taxes" for survival - extorting money from businesses, or blowing them up if they refuse. The government accuses the rebels of kidnappings and providing guns-for-hire, saying they've become bandits and a spent ideological force.

#### Peace talks

Peace talks started again in 1995, and

made progress with the government pledging immunity from arrest and safe movement for rebel negotiators. The two sides later reached another agreement on the respect for human rights and humanitarian law. The negotiations again broke down, and resumed in 2001. However, the rebels withdrew from talks when the US government, followed by the European Union, placed them on a list of terrorist organizations. Under Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, peace talks stalled over the government's refusal to heed a rebel demand for the release of some captured guerrillas who were to serve as peace talks consultants. Duterte, however, has agreed to the release of rebels who are involved in peace talks, and appointed two allies of the guerrillas to Cabinet posts in concessions that fostered the resumption of talks. —AP

## PHILIPPINES, REBELS DECLARE A CEASEFIRE AHEAD OF TALKS HOPING TO END ONE OF ASIA'S LONGEST INSURGENCIES

**MANILA:** The Philippine government and communist guerrillas have agreed to ceasefires from yesterday, both sides said, ahead of crucial peace talks next week to end one of Asia's longest insurgencies. Both sides said a break from the fighting will create a conducive environment at the negotiations next week in Norway, which are aimed at reaching a political settlement after 30 years of failed talks.

The Communist Party of the Philippines declared a seven-day unilateral truce hours after President

Rodrigo Duterte's decision to free its top jailed leaders on Friday. The government responded by saying it will restore a unilateral ceasefire that was declared in July but abruptly withdrawn by Duterte just days later after a rebel ambush. "The... ceasefire will last for as long as necessary to bring peace to the land and also to provide an enabling environment for the success of the peace negotiations," Duterte peace adviser Jesus Dureza told reporters yesterday.

Dureza said he and at least six of the freed rebels were set to fly to

Oslo yesterday for the talks that kick off Monday. The government estimates the 47-year-old rebellion has claimed 30,000 lives and impoverished vast swathes of the South East Asian nation. The talks, which Norway has acted as an intermediary for, broke down in 2013 after Duterte's predecessor Benigno Aquino rejected the communists' demand to free all imprisoned guerrillas. Dureza said the government expects to reach an "interim negotiated ceasefire" as soon as possible to put in place

mechanisms to avoid renewed conflict, something the unilateral truce declarations do not provide.

#### Political prisoners

The communists said their own ceasefire would only last until August 27, but a rebel statement said they were willing to discuss a longer ceasefire with Manila. However, this would only be possible after the government freed "all political prisoners", it said, referring to 550 guerrillas detained by the government. The rebel army is believed to have fewer than 4,000 gunmen left, down from a peak of 26,000 in the 1980s, when a bloodless "People Power" revolt ended the 20-year dictatorship of the late president Ferdinand Marcos.

But the movement retains support among the poor in rural areas, and its forces regularly kill police or troops while extorting money from local businesses. After winning a landslide election victory in May, Duterte declared a unilateral ceasefire last month, but ended it five days later when a rebel ambush killed a government militia member and wounded four others. Duterte had enjoyed relatively good ties with guerrillas operating around Davao, the southern city which he led as mayor for more than 20 years.

A self-described socialist, the 71-year-old has since appointed two left-leaning personalities to his cabinet and even initially vowed to form a coalition government with the rebels should the peace talks succeed. Hours after the release of guerrilla chief Benito Tiamzon and his wife on Friday, police said they had arrested another senior rebel leader, Amelia Pond, accused of double murder, in the central city of Cebu. —APF



**PASAY CITY:** Released communist rebel leaders, from left, Renante Gamara, Alan Jasminez, Benito Tiamzon, Wilma Tiamzon and Adelberto Silva, pose with clenched fists, as they wait for their departure for Oslo, Norway for peace talks with the Government yesterday at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. —AP

## CLINTON'S 1995 BEIJING SPEECH: A 'TRANSFORMATIVE' MOMENT

**NEW YORK:** Flying across the Pacific on an Air Force jet bound for Beijing, first lady Hillary Clinton huddled deep into the night with a few aides and advisers, honing her speech for the UN Fourth World Conference on Women. It was 1995, and it had been a bruising first few years in the White House: Troopergate, Travelgate, Whitewater. Not to mention the failure of her own high-profile efforts - unprecedented for a first lady - to reform the nation's health care system.

Even her trip to China provoked controversy. There were objections in some quarters to a first lady wading into tricky diplomatic waters and addressing issues like human rights abuses. Some in Congress called the conference "anti-family" and felt the United States shouldn't be attending at all. Some feared offending the Chinese with criticism; others feared the hosts might use the US participation - and the first lady's - as propaganda. In the end, Clinton decided to make the trip, hoping to "push the envelope as far as I can on behalf of women and girls."

"All eyes were now on Beijing, and I knew that all eyes would be on me, too," she writes in her memoir, "Living History." But as she rose to the podium, and even after she had stepped down to thunderous applause, Clinton had no idea the impact the moment would have, she says. More than two decades later, that 21-minute speech - with its declaration that "Human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights" - remains one of her signature moments in public life. It also stands out as a moment Clinton began to truly forge an identity as a public figure on the world stage apart from her husband. "It gave her a platform that was instantly recognizable, one that she could utilize in a very efficacious way to make a difference," says Melanne Vermeer, Clinton's chief of staff at the time.

#### Global issues

And while Clinton was no stranger to the subject she addressed - she had long been an advocate for women and children - the Beijing speech would set a course for the issues with which she would be involved for the rest of her career, especially as secretary of state, says Vermeer, who later served as the first US ambassador-at-large for global women's issues. "It played a major role in who she would become. It really was one of those evolutionary, transformative

moments." And it almost didn't happen. A few months earlier, Chinese-American dissident Harry Wu had been arrested upon entering China and charged with espionage, throwing the participation of the US delegation and Clinton, its honorary chair, into limbo. He was finally released less than a month before the conference; Clinton writes that there was "never a quid pro quo."

She and her aides flew from Hawaii, where President Bill Clinton was speaking on the anniversary of V-J Day at Pearl Harbor. Working on the draft while others slept, the group was keenly aware that "one wrong word in this speech might lead to a diplomatic



**BEIJING:** In this Sept 5, 1995, file photo, first lady Hillary Clinton addresses the panel of women's health and security before addressing the UN World Conference on Women. —AP

brouhaha," Clinton writes. Hours later, she took the microphone in the large hall. She began by telling the delegates that when women are healthy, educated and free from violence, with a chance to work and learn, their families flourish, too. About halfway through, she declared: "It's time to break the silence. It's time for us to say here, for the world to hear, that it is no longer acceptable to discuss women's rights as separate from human rights."

With emphasis on the word "human" each time, she listed abuses against women - and called them human rights violations (she did not mention China by name). Then came her most famous line: "If there is one message that echoes forth from this conference,

let it be that human rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights, once and for all." Once the words had been translated for all to digest, the reaction was thunderous. "People have tears running down their cheeks, they're stomping their feet," Vermeer recalls. In her memoir, Clinton writes that despite the reaction, she still had no idea "that my 21-minute speech would become a manifesto for women all over the world."

It's difficult to understand in 2016 just how new Clinton's message felt, says Kathy Spillar, executive director of the Feminist Majority Foundation. "We look back 21 years later, and we go, 'duh' - but it was groundbreaking at the time," she says. "It was huge - the first lady of the United States saying this, just outright. Many women were coming from countries where discrimination against women disguised as cultural practice was widely happening. Even the U.N. as a whole hadn't embraced this agenda. ... It was just an extraordinary moment in the centuries-long struggle for women's full human rights around the world."

#### Younger generations

But does the moment resonate for younger generations? Clinton's presidential campaign has struggled - especially during the primary season against Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders - to capture the enthusiasm of young voters. "For millennials and the 18-30 group, it does seem like ancient history," says Debbie Walsh of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. "But I think that when that speech is played and those words are heard, they're still meaningful. The global issues are not solved, and I think they do resonate with young women. So teaching young women in particular about Beijing - and what a departure it was from most first ladies to do something like that - is an important message for the Clinton campaign."

Writer Andi Zeisler was in her early 20s at the time, and she remembers news of the Beijing speech coming in stark contrast to more negative coverage of Hillary Clinton, especially when her husband was running for president. "Hillary had become a focal point in so many ways, almost all of which were negative - the fact that she didn't give up her career ... this whole phenomenon of Hillary Clinton as a first lady considered too big for her britches or uppity or unforgivably ambitious," says Zeisler. —AP



**SEOUL:** In this Wednesday, Aug 17, 2016 file photo, people watch a TV news program showing a file image of Thae Yong Ho, a minister at the North Korean Embassy in London, at Seoul Railway Station. —AP

## N KOREA CALLS DIPLOMAT DEFECTOR 'HUMAN SCUM'

**SEOUL:** North Korea said yesterday that a senior North Korean diplomat who recently defected to South Korea is a criminal and "human scum," in its first official response to the defection. The official Korean Central News Agency also accused Seoul of using the defection of Thae Yong Ho, formerly a minister at the North Korean Embassy in London, for propaganda aimed at insulting the North Korean leadership. It also denounced the British government for ignoring international protocol by rejecting what it said were demands to have Thae extradited back to the North and instead handing him over to the South.

KCNA didn't identify Thae by name, but said North Korea had ordered the "fugitive" who had worked at the embassy in Britain to return to the North in June to be investigated for a series of crimes, including embezzling government funds, leaking state secrets and sexually assaulting a minor. It said that Thae "should have received legal punishment for the crimes he committed, but he discarded the fatherland that raised him and even his own parents and brothers by fleeing, thinking nothing but just saving himself, showing himself to be human scum who lacks even an elementary level of loyalty and even tiny bits of conscience and morality that are required for human beings."

In announcing the defection, Seoul's Unification Ministry said Wednesday that Thae was the second-highest North Korean official at the embassy and the most senior North Korean diplomat ever to defect to South Korea. In 1997, the North Korean ambassador to Egypt fled but resettled in the United States. The ministry said that Thae decided to defect because of his disgust with the government of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, his

yearning for South Korean democracy and worries about the future of his children.

#### Politics and poverty

The Unification Ministry didn't immediately respond to a request for comment about North Korea's claims yesterday. More than 29,000 North Koreans have defected to South Korea since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War, according to the South Korean government. Many defectors have said they wanted to leave North Korea's harsh political system and poverty. Pyongyang often accuses the South of deceiving or paying its citizens to defect, or claims that they have simply been kidnapped.

In April, 13 North Koreans working at a North Korean-operated restaurant in China defected to South Korea. It was the largest group defection since Kim took power in late 2011. Later in April, South Korea also revealed that a colonel in North Korea's military spy agency had defected to the South last year. Most South Korean analysts say it's premature to take the defections of Thae and other senior officials as indicators that the unity of North Korea's ruling elite is starting to crack because there are no significant signs that Kim's grip on power is weakening.

South Korea doesn't always make high-level defection cases public. Its announcement of Thae's defection came with ties between the rivals at one of their lowest points in decades following the North's nuclear test and long-range rocket launch earlier this year. North Korea recently has expressed anger at a US plan to place an advanced missile defense system in South Korea. The North has warned of unspecified retaliation and fired several missiles into the sea earlier this month. —AP

## UN RIGHTS INVESTIGATOR SEEKS PHILIPPINES VISIT, IS REBUFFED

**MANILA:** The UN human rights investigator has told AFP she hopes to visit the Philippines to probe alleged extrajudicial killings, but President Rodrigo Duterte's government bluntly declared she was unwelcome. Police have shot dead 665 suspects with vigilantes killing 889 others in an anti-drug crackdown, the Philippine police chief told a Senate hearing earlier in the week. Rejecting UN allegations the crackdown amounted to a crime under international law, Duterte's chief legal counsel Salvador Panelo on Friday challenged the UN special reporter on human rights to visit the Philippines and investigate.

"I welcome the invitation from the government assuming this will enable unlimited engagement with the authorities and other key actors and stakeholders concerned with the recent wave of alleged extra-judicial executions," the rapporteur, Agnes Callamard, told AFP in an email. However, presidential spokesman Ernesto Abella clarified Saturday "UN mouthpieces" had wrongly assumed Panelo's comments constituted an invitation to visit the Philippines and investigate the drug-related deaths. "The Philippines has not extended any invitation to anybody, nor the UN to look into its national affairs," Abella said in a statement.

#### 'Interference'

"The... so-called investigations by third parties are objectionable interference in the household affairs of a nation whose citizens welcome the change that the president and his people-friendly policies and programmes (have) set in place," he added. Duterte won May elections in a landslide largely on a pledge to kill tens of thousands of criminals. The killings began days after the vote. In a written response late Friday to questions emailed by AFP following Panelo's comments, Callamard said she would ask Manila for guarantees for her freedom of movement and enquiry, as well as safety assurances for her and potential witnesses.

Duterte has ordered police to shoot and kill suspects if they believed the latter's actions threatened the lawmen's lives. He vowed to grant police amnesty if they were charged in court over the conduct of these operations. When he took office on June 30, Duterte also told a crowd in Manila: "If you know of any addicts, go ahead and kill them yourself as getting their parents to do it would be too painful." His aides have said such comments, which he made repeatedly on the campaign trail, should not be interpreted literally and that they were meant to get the public to cooperate with the campaign. —AFP





Palestinians spend time at the beach in Gaza City on Friday. — AFP

## IMAM'S SHOOTING SHAKES NY NEIGHBORHOOD

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"But it was a testosterone thing, I would say. I don't really feel that it was hatred or racism," said Perez, whose family is ethnically Puerto Rican.

And anyway, he said, all that is a thing of the past. The Bangladeshis "are great neighbors, hardworking people. Their kids are respectful. I'm glad they're living here," Perez said. "That was a freaking maniac, this guy who killed the imam." Morel, 35, was arrested the day after the Aug 13 attack and charged with shooting Imam Maulana Alauddin Akonjee, 55, and his assistant at the mosque,

Thara Uddin, 64, with a revolver later found hidden inside a wall in the suspect's apartment. He has pleaded not guilty. "As far as he's concerned, he didn't commit anything," said his lawyer, Michael Schwed.

The killing awakened memories of similar deadly encounters in Ozone Park. Two summers ago, an Ozone Park resident with ties to a political party in Bangladesh, Nazmul Islam, was beaten to death by two Hispanic men just a few blocks from the spot where Akonjee and Uddin were killed. And in 2002, a bat-wielding group of teens killed Bangladeshi photojournalist Mizanur Rahman after a day of fistfights between Bangladeshi

and Hispanic youths.

Both incidents prompted rallies and calls for a more robust police presence in the neighborhood now reeling again from the latest violence. "That's a hate crime," concluded Nurul Hoque, a worshipper at Akonjee's Al-Furqan Jame Masjid mosque. "It's not a robbery; the imam had \$1,000 in his pocket." Some worshippers have been demanding stepped-up police protection - not out of fear of their own neighbors, but of anyone who might harbor ill will toward Muslims.

"9/11 changed everything ... and now, it's changing again in this election campaign," said Hoque, noting the

political climate has brought back occasional prejudice on the street, despite a generally friendly mood in the neighborhood. "Some people look at you like you came from another planet. And they say, 'Go back to your country!'" Fear of being attacked by a random stranger is keeping Hoque's wife from walking to the grocery store; her husband drives her.

Police officials say Ozone Park is as calm as any other section of the city, with no unusual reports of ethnic tension. "It's just basic neighborhood friction - parking conditions, things of that nature," said New York Police Department Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce. — AP

## SYRIA WARPLANES FLY OVER CITY DESPITE US...

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It was apparently the first time the coalition scrambled jets in response to regime action, and possibly the closest call yet in terms of Syrian forces wounding American or coalition advisers. Regime warplanes were in the air above Hasakeh throughout the night and into Saturday morning, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based monitoring group. It was unclear whether the aircraft had carried out bombing runs.

Fighting erupted between pro-government militia and the US-backed Kurdish forces on Wednesday and continued into Saturday morning, leaving a total of 41 people dead including 25 civilians, the Observatory said. A delegation of Russian officials from the coastal Hmeimim military airport arrived in Qamishli to the north to hold talks between the two sides, a senior Syrian government source told AFP. A journalist in Hasakeh said on Saturday afternoon that the clashes had abated. Around two-thirds of the city is controlled by Kurdish forces, while the rest is held by pro-government militia.

The regime and Kurdish forces share a common enemy in IS, but there have been tensions between them in Hasakeh. The vitriol between the two sides escalated yesterday, as the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) pledged to "protect areas from the terrorism of the regime." And in an apparent concession to Ankara, a Syrian military statement and Hasakeh's governor began referring to Kurdish security forces for the first time as the PKK, which has taken up arms against the Turkish government seeking an independent state for Kurds. Thursday's government raids were the first time the regime bombarded Kurdish positions from the air. Washington's decision to scramble its fighter jets "was done as a measure to protect coalition forces," Pentagon

spokesman Captain Jeff Davis said. "We will ensure their safety and the Syrian regime would be well-advised not to do things that place them at risk," he said, stressing that the US has the "inherent right of self-defense."

The coalition is conducting additional air patrols in the area after US advisers were moved to a safe location without suffering any casualties, Davis said. The Observatory said thousands of inhabitants had begun to flee the city, where bread was running out and electricity has been cut. A government source in Hasakeh told AFP that the air strikes were "a message to the Kurds that they should stop this sort of demand," after Kurds called for the dissolution of a pro-regime militia. Washington regards the YPG as the most effective force against IS in Syria and has provided them with air support as well as the military advisers. US special operations forces were based around six kilometres north of Hasakeh and reinforcements arrived Friday "from inside and outside Syria, accompanied by military helicopters", Abdel Rahman said.

Separately, two Russian ships in the Mediterranean launched long-range cruise missiles for the first time since December against jihadist targets in Syria on Friday, the Russian defence ministry said. The targets were linked to the former Al-Nusra Front, now Fateh Al-Sham Front, it said. More than 290,000 people have been killed since the conflict erupted in March 2011.

A surge in violence in Syria's second city Aleppo has left 333 people dead since July 31, the Observatory said yesterday. The toll includes 165 killed in opposition fire on the city's government-controlled west, and another 168 in air strikes and bombardment on the rebel-held east. In central Homs province, 20 civilians including five children died overnight in suspected regime air raids and artillery fire on a cluster of towns and villages, the Observatory said. — AFP

## FRENCH BURKINI BAN SPARKS DISDAIN

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"It is the expression of a political project, a counter-society, based notably on the enslavement of women," French Prime Minister Manuel Valls said of the burkini Wednesday. Such views are widely contested in Britain, both on the grounds of tolerance and practicality. Britain's best-known example of burkini-wearing was not by a Muslim but by TV chef Nigella Lawson, who hit the headlines in 2011 when she wore a black version of it on Bondi Beach in Sydney.

A BBC look at the issue found women in Britain speaking in favor of the burkini and saying it aided integration. "The burkini allows me the freedom to swim and go on the beach, and I don't feel I am compromising my beliefs for that," Aysa Ziauddin told the broadcaster. Maryam Quiles said: "It's outrageous that you would effectively be asked to uncover some flesh or leave. People are always complaining that Muslims should integrate more, but when we join you for a swim that's not right either."

Commentator David Aaronovitch, writing in The Times newspaper, said only "warped minds" would impose a burkini ban. "The idea that full-length clothing provokes attacks on the wearer, as the French suggest, displays a poisonous logic," he said. No problems are solved by this "French absurdity", only new ones created, he wrote. Remona Aly, the communications director for the Exploring Islam Foundation, produced a list of "five reasons to wear a burkini - and not just to annoy the French". "Nothing says 'losing the plot' to me more than demonizing what is, let's face it, a wetsuit," she wrote in The Guardian newspaper. "Is full-piece swimwear really more offensive than seeing a middle-

aged bum crack?" Sara Silvestri, who specializes in religion and politics at City University London, said France's approach to integration was one of assimilation, whereas Britain had encouraged multiculturalism. Neither country could claim success, she said. "Both models of integration are in crisis: they are no longer applied or understood in a clear-cut manner, and both countries are looking at each other to learn lessons and potentially modify the way in which they deal with minorities," she told AFP.

Patrick Simon, an international migration and minorities expert at the French Institute for Demographic Studies, said the burkini debate was driving the impression that minorities, rather than the structure of French society, were the problem. "There is a difficulty in the French integration model in accepting cultural and religious practices in the public domain," he told AFP. Recent terror attacks bolstered the notion that diversity could threaten national cohesion, he said. "The state discourse has gone from one of tolerance to one of exclusion regarding one section of society."

In the United States, the ban was being seen as illogical - imposing rules to stop women having to obey rules. The ban is about more than religion or clothing, Amanda Taub wrote in The New York Times newspaper. It is about "protecting France's non-Muslim majority from having to confront a changing world". The burkini was invented about a decade ago by Australian designer Aheda Zanetti, who spotted a gap in the market for Islamic sportswear. Zanetti told AFP she was frustrated that the word now had negative connotations. French politicians "symbolize it as an Islamic term in a bad way when it's really just a word," she said. — AFP

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KHALID JABARA:  
VICTIM OF HATE

By Dr James J Zogby

One week ago, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Stanley Vernon Majors murdered his next door neighbor, 37-year-old Khalid Jabara. He shot Khalid dead on the front porch of the Jabara home. It was a horrific crime, but it could have been prevented. As I have reflected on the developments leading up to this murder, I have been both saddened and outraged, because while there is no doubt that Majors pulled the trigger, there are others who share varying degrees of culpability for this violent act.

Majors was a sick hate-filled man who for the past four years created a nightmare for the Jabara family. Police records show that he had frequently taunted, stalked, and threatened members of the Jabara family, calling them "dirty Arabs," "filthy Lebanese," "Aye-rabs," and "Mooslems." He sent threatening emails and verbally threatened them with violence. On two separate occasions, Khalid and his mother, Haifa, secured restraining orders prohibiting Majors from having any contact with them. In May of 2015, from police records, we learn that Majors had shouted at Haifa "F\*\*\* you, I want to kill you." On Sept 12, 2015, an intoxicated Majors, struck Mrs Jabara with his car while she was jogging and left her broken and bloodied body in the road as he fled the scene. He was later arrested and charged with assault and battery, hit and run, driving while intoxicated, and a violation of the court's restraining order.

The state requested that Majors be held without bail, but the judge set bail at \$60,000. At the end of May 2016, Majors posted bail and was released, once again taking up residence next door to the Jabara family. Last Friday, Majors appeared at the window of the Jabara home waving a gun and making threats. The police were called. They arrived, knocked on Majors' door and when he did not answer, they reported to Khalid that there was nothing more they could do. Eight minutes after the police left, Khalid went out of his home to retrieve his mail only to find Majors there. He shot Khalid four times, leaving him to die.

Every account of this story I have read leaves me with a range of competing emotions. I am grief-stricken by the murder of a young man whose only fault was to be an Arab living next door to a person sick with hatred. I am pained both by the Jabara family's loss and thoughts of the incredible nightmare of fear they have been forced to endure these past few years. I am furious at the failure of the criminal justice system, at all levels, for allowing this nightmare to continue and for the negligence that enabled it to come to this tragic end. Majors was a violent felon. In 2012, while living in California, he was convicted of criminal threats and assault with a deadly weapon. The behavior he displayed toward the Jabara family, after he moved to Tulsa, was a clear violation of his parole. That the police department didn't act, early on, to deal with this obviously deranged and violent criminal is baffling and inexcusable. That such a low bail was set for a person with such a record and pattern of behavior is inexcusable. And the fact that he was able to buy a gun and that the police would respond to the report of his brandishing a weapon in a threatening manner with the cavalier dismissal that "there was nothing that could be done" is absolutely maddening.

## Outrage

Added to all of this, is my outrage over the fact that Majors' display of virulent anti-Arab animus was apparently dismissed, or viewed as incidental, by the authorities. Until this day, they refer to the murder as resulting from a "neighborhood dispute." Think, for a moment, how this situation would have played out if Majors had been an Arab or an African American and the Jabara family had been white. The early displays of hate would have been dealt with quite differently and/or Majors would have been sent back to California for parole violations. The protective order would have been enforced. The drunken driver who had threatened to kill his neighbor and then almost did in a hit and run assault would be in prison without bail. After he was reported to have been waving a gun, the police would have broken down his door to search for it and protection would have been provided to the much tormented family. And, oh yes, Donald Trump would be exploiting this case, ranting about our lax immigration system or our coddling of Arab or black criminals. But the victims were from a Lebanese Arab immigrant family - and so this situation was left to fester. Khalid's sister, Victoria, in a powerful and poignant Facebook post, summed up the family's feelings about this maddeningly avoidable tragedy.

"My family lived in fear of this man and his hatred for years. Yet in May, not even one year after he ran over our mother and despite our protests, he was released from jail with no conditions... The suspect had a history of bigotry against our family... [But his] bigotry was not isolated to us. He made xenophobic comments about many in our community - 'filthy Mexicans' and the 'n' word were all part of his hateful approach... This [case] is troubling at any time, but profoundly disturbing given the current climate of our country and the increase nationally in cases of hate crimes.

"Our brother Khalid was just 37 years old and had his whole life ahead of him. He was a kind and loving brother, uncle, and son. Khalid's heart was big. He cared for our entire family, our friends, and people he didn't even know... All of that has been taken from us by this hateful man and a system that failed to protect our community." Nothing will bring back Khalid, and nothing can ease the pain of loss endured by the Jabara family. Majors must pay for his crime. But that is not enough. There must be accountability in Tulsa for the negligence of the authorities. And we must work together as a nation to demand zero tolerance for those who feed the hate that emboldens sick minds to commit murder.

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## JUSTICE ELUSIVE FOR SLAIN AID WORKERS

By Nita Bhalla

It was a massacre that shocked the world's humanitarian community. Seventeen aid workers were killed outside their office in Sri Lanka's northeast - executed at point-blank range with automatic weapons in one of the worst attacks on humanitarians. A decade on, justice remains elusive for families of the victims, all Sri Lankan nationals, says Action Contra La Faim (ACF), the charity where they worked. "Our colleagues, four women and 13 men, were deliberately executed although they were clearly identified as humanitarian aid workers. It was an unprecedented massacre in the humanitarian sector, constitutive of a war crime," said Pauline Chetcuti, ACF's Head of Humanitarian Advocacy and Policy.

ACF has found evidence they were likely assassinated by Sri Lankan security forces and that their attackers must have been shielded by Sri Lankan top authorities, she said. As aid workers across the globe gathered on Friday to mark World Humanitarian Day, paying tribute to those killed working on front lines of crises, experts say much more needs to be done to ensure perpetrators are held accountable. In 2015 alone, 109 aid workers were killed, 110 injured and 68 kidnapped in attacks in countries such as Afghanistan, South Sudan, Yemen, Somalia and Syria, according to consulting group Humanitarian Outcomes.

Yet experts say few, if any, of the 148 attacks, which included physical and sexual assault, bombings, shootings and kidnappings, have been independently investigated and satisfactory justice served. "An attack on an aid worker is an attack on humanity," said Unni Krishnan, director of Save the Children's Emergency Health Unit. "For people who are living in such extremely vulnerable and difficult circumstances, these aid workers are sometimes their own line of defense."

## Muttur Massacre

The "Muttur Massacre," named after the town where the killings took place, occurred on Aug 4, 2006 during Sri Lanka's civil war between separatist Tamil Tiger rebels and forces belonging to the majority Sinhalese-ruled government. The mostly ethnic Tamil aid workers were providing water and sanitation to survivors of the 2004 tsunami when Tiger fighters launched an offensive against government troops for control of Muttur.

Trapped in their office, the workers lost radio contact with their head office. Two days later, the bloated bodies of 15 aid workers were discovered face-down in the ACF compound, with bullet wounds to their heads and necks. Two other bodies were found in a vehicle nearby. They were killed possibly trying to escape. ACF, which has campaigned for justice, says the Sri Lankan government investigation was biased and that it has deliberately attempted to avoid prosecuting its own forces.

But last September, the United Nations published its findings, concluding "there are reasonable grounds to believe that members of the security forces committed the extrajudicial executions of the ACF staff." Yet the investigation remains at a standstill, ACF's Chetcuti said. "There has been no indictment or prosecution. The authors of the crime are still free," she said. "Families of the victims have made clear that justice is a key element to allow closure," she said. "They are suffering twice - from the crime and from the injustice that followed."

## Hospitals Targeted

What happened in Muttur, however, is not exceptional. Across the world, many families of slain aid workers have had no form of redress. This is especially true when victims are nationals of the country. Often violence is intensified where a government is

incapable or unwilling to provide security for its population. In recent years, hospitals and clinics run by aid agencies in countries such as Yemen, Syria and Afghanistan have been increasingly targeted by state forces as well as militants.

On Monday, a hospital run by Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) was hit in an air strike in northern Yemen, killing 19 people and injuring 24 others. It was the fourth and deadliest attack on MSF facilities there this year. As a result, the medical charity said it was being forced to evacuate its staff from hospitals in Yemen, where civil war has raged for more than a year. The charity said despite sharing GPS coordinates of its hospitals and clinics with the Saudi-led coalition government trying to quell Yemen's insurgency, aerial bombings of its health facilities continue.

In October last year, 42 people, including 12 aid workers, were killed when MSF's hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan was hit in a US air strike. In response, the group demanded an independent humanitarian commission be activated. Such a commission was never activated, and a US military investigation concluded the bombing was not a war crime and was caused by human error, equipment failure and other factors. Sixteen service members faced disciplinary action over the air strike. Pentagon officials said payments of \$6,000 were made to victims' families and \$5.7 million would be given to rebuild the MSF hospital.

"The number of hospitals that have been destroyed over the past years is utterly shocking," said Andre Heller Perache, MSF's head of programs and former head of mission in Yemen. "It should warrant a unanimous outcry from world leaders, but this is not happening," he said. "If news of hospitals being destroyed, patients killed in their beds and doctors torn apart in bomb blasts happens with such frequency that it somehow becomes normalized, what does it say about our humanity?" —Reuters

## TRUMP, LOCHTE AND THE POLITICS OF CONTRITION

By Nancy Benac

Added two fresh entries to the increasingly popular genre of non-apology apologies. In a span of 15 hours, politician Donald Trump and Olympian Ryan Lochte both coughed up carefully crafted words of contrition - each without fully owning up to exactly what he'd done wrong. Trump, the serial insulter of the 2016 presidential campaign, said he'd sometimes said "the wrong thing" and acknowledged that his words had "caused personal pain."

Lochte, the gold medal-winning swimmer, said he should have been "more careful and candid" in describing an incident during the Rio Olympics in which he claimed to have been the victim of an armed robbery that police said wasn't really an armed robbery at all. "What both are trying to do is take a topic out of the news and turn the page," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania and an expert in the politics of rhetoric. "Neither one of them has done it in the classic form required of an apology."

These days, laments Wayne Fields, a professor who studies political rhetoric at Washington University in St. Louis, popular culture is churning out apologies "that really suggest the problem is with you - not me - or the problem is with circumstances that I can't control." "It's essentially, 'I'm sorry you don't understand me,'" said Fields, calling it part of "the phenomenon of the public relations apology." Here's a closer look at Trump, Lochte, and the delicate politics of contrition:

## TRUMP

"As you know, I'm not a politician. I've worked in business, created a great company, created lots of jobs, rebuilding neighborhoods, that's what I've done all of my adult life. I've never wanted to learn the language of the insiders. And I've never

been politically correct. ... Truthfully, it takes far too much time and can often make it more difficult to achieve total victory. Sometimes, in the heat of debate and speaking on a multitude of issues, you don't choose the right words or you say the wrong thing. I have done that. And, believe it or not, I regret it. And I do regret it, particularly where it may have caused personal pain. Too much is at stake for us to be consumed with these issues. But one thing I can promise you is this, I will always tell you the truth."

Trump's remarks, read from a teleprompter during a speech Thursday night, were part of an effort to reset a campaign that's slipped in the polls and lacking direction as the candidate picks one distracting fight after another. The candidate who in the past has declared he prefers "not to regret anything" apparently made the calculus that a little remorse would be good for the soul - and his campaign.

Linguists found several things lacking in Trump's blanket mea culpa, starting with specifics about what he did wrong and to whom. Also, his contrition was prefaced by a litany of self-congratulatory statements designed to puff himself up and lessen the humbling aspects of his regrets. Further, Trump managed to suggest that part of the problem somehow rested with those who felt injured by his remarks. Finally, his declaration that he'll continue to tell the truth suggested maybe he didn't really regret what he'd said at all.

Robin Lakoff, a retired linguistics professor at the University of California, Berkeley, says Trump's underlying message was: "If you have to have this politically correct expression of regret, I'll give it to you, but really, you're the one in the wrong." ... Donald Trump is being magnanimous to the poor, sick person."

Jamieson, listing some of those targeted by

Trump's verbal volleys, added: "The question is to whom is he apologizing? Is this an apology to Megyn Kelly? Is this an apology to John McCain? Is this an apology to the Khan family? Is this an apology to Hillary Clinton? Fields, for his part, said Trump's bottom line seemed to be: "If this is what I need to do to win, sure, I'll apologize."

## LOCHTE

"I want to apologize for my behavior last weekend - for not being more careful and candid in how I described the events of that early morning and for my role in taking the focus away from the many athletes fulfilling their dreams of participating in the Olympics. I waited to share these thoughts until it was confirmed that the legal situation was addressed and it was clear that my teammates would be arriving home safely."

"It's traumatic to be out late with your friends in a foreign country - with a language barrier - and have a stranger point a gun at you and demand money to let you leave, but regardless of the behavior of anyone else that night, I should have been much more responsible in how I handled myself and for that am sorry to my teammates, my fans, my fellow competitors, my sponsors, and the hosts of this great event. I am very proud to represent my country in Olympic competition and this was a situation that could and should have been avoided. I accept responsibility for my role in this happening and have learned some valuable lessons."

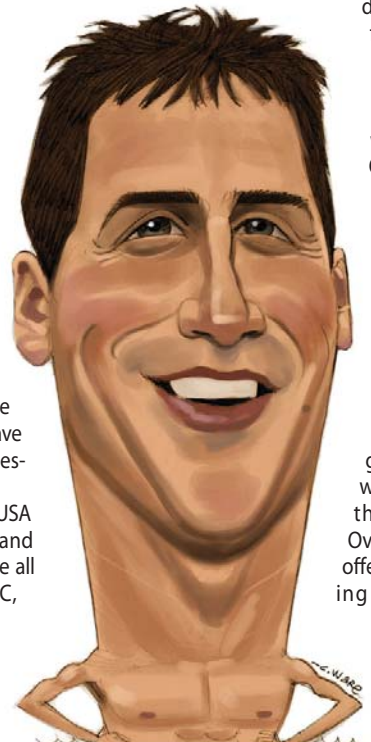
"I am grateful for my USA Swimming teammates and the USOC, and appreciate all of the efforts of the IOC, the Rio '16 Host Committee, and the people of Brazil who welcomed us to Rio and worked so hard

to make sure that these Olympic Games provided a lifetime of great new memories. There has already been too much said and too many valuable resources dedicated to what happened last weekend, so I hope we spend our time celebrating the great stories and performances of these Games and look ahead to celebrating future successes."

Lochte's statement, posted on his Instagram account Friday, was designed to quell the global firestorm that erupted after his claims about being the victim of an armed robbery outraged his Brazilian hosts and were sharply disputed by that nation's police. The Olympic gold medalist, who initially said he'd been robbed at gunpoint, held to his view that a stranger pointed a gun at him and demanded money. But Brazilian police said he and three other swimmers vandalized a gas station bathroom while drunk and were confronted by armed security guards.

Lochte does explicitly say he's apologizing. But linguists note that as with Trump, he's fuzzy about what exactly he's sorry for. There's no admission that he didn't tell the truth or of any attempt at a cover-up. He throws out factors designed to mitigate blame: He was far from home, he didn't speak the language. He makes reference to "the behavior" of others, suggesting he's not the only one blame. He works in prominent mention of the Olympic Games, where he brought home gold. And he makes the case it's time to change the subject.

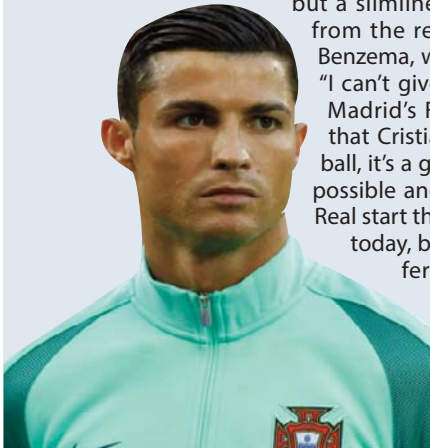
"It's one of those mistakes-were-made apologies," Fields said. "It doesn't take full responsibility." The key unanswered question, Jamieson said, is "Did you lie to us?" Lakoff credits Lochte for sounding "truly penitent," but said he still manages to "work the apology thing around to 'Look at how wonderful I am' with all his talk about the successes at the Rio Games. Overall, Lakoff said, Trump and Lochte offered "two different ways of weaseling out of making a true apology." "These are both masterly ways of talking out of one corner of your mouth but indirectly implying something else out of the other," he said. —AP





## RONALDO RESUMES TRAINING AT MADRID

**MADRID:** Portugal's Euro 2016 winning captain Cristiano Ronaldo resumed training for his club Real Madrid yesterday after picking up a knee injury in the final victory over France. No date has been set for a full return to action but a slimline and tanned Ronaldo trained separately from the rest of the group, as did teammate Karim Benzema, who has also been sidelined through injury. "I can't give a precise date for Ronaldo's return" said Madrid's French coach Zinedine Zidane. "It's good that Cristiano is back on the pitch, playing with the ball, it's a good sign. He wants to come back as fast as possible and I'm happy to have him back at training." Real start their La Liga campaign against Real Sociedad today, but neither Ronaldo or Benzema, who is suffering with a back injury, will be fit to play. "You need to take your time with these things, I spoke to Karim and he knows that we don't want him to come back and then get injured again. We want him to come back at 100%." — AFP

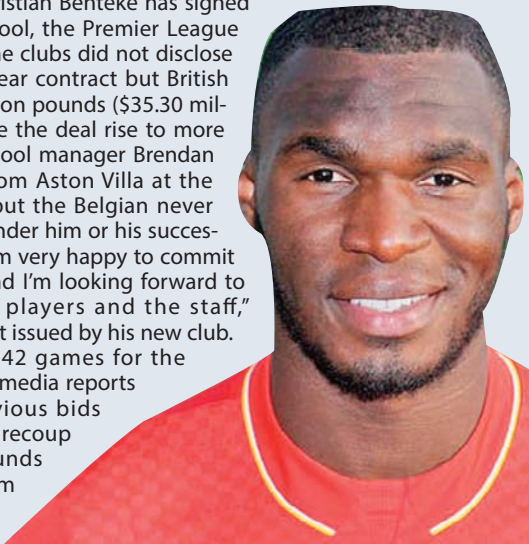


## ATHLETES DETAINED IN RIO FOR TAMPERING WITH IDS

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Nine Australian Olympic athletes were detained overnight and fined for tampering with their identity cards to be able to watch their home country's basketball semi-final, officials said yesterday. The athletes "had tampered credentials" to get into the arena where Australia was facing Serbia in the basketball at the Olympic Park late Friday, Rio police said in a statement. Nine were charged with "the crime of use of false documents," the statement said. They were taken before a judge and let off in return for payment of 10,000 reais (US\$3,120) fines. They included members of the cycling, rugby, archery, hockey and rowing teams, the Australian Olympic team said in a statement. During an all night court session, the athletes were offered the chance to have charges dropped in exchange for the fines, with their passports being kept until payment is made, Australian team spokesman Mike Tancred said. Otherwise the athletes would have been forced to stay in Brazil at least three weeks, pending trial, and face a potential jail term if found guilty. "The athletes were supporting their teammates, they were not attempting to defraud anyone, no-one had suffered a material loss and no-one was harmed as a result of the incident," Australia's deputy team leader Fiona de Jong said. — AFP

## BENTEKE COMPLETES CRYSTAL PALACE SWITCH

**LONDON:** Belgium striker Christian Benteke has signed for Crystal Palace from Liverpool, the Premier League rivals announced yesterday. The clubs did not disclose the transfer fee for the four-year contract but British media have said it was 27 million pounds (\$35.30 million) plus extras that could see the deal rise to more than 30 million. Former Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers signed the player from Aston Villa at the start of the 2015-16 season but the Belgian never won a regular starting place under him or his successor, German Jurgen Klopp. "I'm very happy to commit my future to Crystal Palace and I'm looking forward to meeting the manager, the players and the staff," Benteke, 25, said in a statement issued by his new club. Benteke scored 10 goals in 42 games for the Anfield club and according to media reports Liverpool rejected two previous bids from Palace in an attempt to recoup most of the 32.5 million pounds they spent to sign him from Villa. — Reuters



# ALTUVE HIT FIVE RBIS AS ASTROS ROUT ORIOLES 15-8

**BALTIMORE:** Jose Altuve homered and had five RBIs, and the Houston Astros beat the Baltimore Orioles 15-8 on Friday night despite allowing four home runs in the first inning. Altuve became the first Astro to have 20 homers and 20 steals in a season since Carlos Beltran in 2004. George Springer went 4 for 5 with a homer and the Astros also got long balls from Evan Gattis and Teoscar Hernandez in ending a five-game losing streak. The Orioles became the first team in the modern era (since 1900) to open a game with four home runs before making an out. Adam Jones hit Collin McHugh's first pitch into the seats in left field and Hyun Soo Kim singled before Manny Machado, Chris Davis and Mark Trumbo homered in succession. Pedro Alvarez added a fifth-inning drive for the Orioles. They have 11 home runs in the first two games of this series. Baltimore didn't have enough firepower in this one to overcome its poor pitching, which surrendered a season-high 15 runs and 18 hits. Chris Devenski (2-4) allowed one hit in four innings for the Astros after McHugh yielded seven runs and nine hits in three innings. Ubaldo Jimenez (5-10) was the loser.

### INDIANS 3, BLUE JAYS 2

Tyler Naquin hit a game-ending inside-the-park homer, sprinting around the bases to cap a two-run rally in the ninth inning as Cleveland stunned Toronto. Toronto took a 2-1 lead into the ninth in a matchup of AL division leaders. Closer Roberto Osuna (2-2) retired the first batter, but Jose Ramirez tied it with a home run. Naquin followed with a drive that hit the top of the right-field wall, above the leap of Michael Saunders. The ball caromed away at an angle and center fielder Melvin Upton Jr. gave chase as Naquin rounded second base. Upton finally retrieved the ball, but fell down as third base coach Mike Sarbaugh waved Naquin home. Upton flung it toward the infield, and Naquin stumbled home and scored with a head-first dive way ahead of second baseman Devon Travis' relay. Jeff Manship (2-1) pitched the ninth for the win. Osuna blew his third save in 30 chances. Cleveland starter Trevor Bauer struck out a career-high 13 in eight innings. Russell Martin hit a two-run homer in the first for Toronto.

### ATHLETICS 9, WHITE SOX 0

Kendall Graveman faced one batter over the minimum while throwing a two hitter, Khris Davis hit his 31st home run and Oakland beat Chicago to hand James Shields his 15th loss. Graveman (9-8) allowed leadoff singles to Jose Abreu in the third and Adam Eaton in the seventh. Both were immediately doubled off first on line drives. Justin Morneau reached on an error by first baseman Yonder Alonso in the eighth. Graveman struck out five and needed 97 pitches for his second complete game of the season. Stephen Vogt and Yonder Alonso also homered to help the A's snap a five-game losing streak. Shields (5-15) matched a career high for losses in a season set with Tampa Bay in 2010. The three homers allowed gave him a major league high-tying 29 and the six earned runs in 4 2/3 innings gave him a major league-high 91.

### RANGERS 6, RAYS 2

Adrian Beltre led off consecutive innings with home runs and Cole Hamels didn't give up a hit until the sixth in Texas' victory over Tampa Bay. Beltre's 20th and 21st home runs of the season gave him 434 for his career, moving him into a tie with Juan Gonzalez and Andruw Jones for 45th place, Beltre also had two singles. Hamels had retired 14 straight, striking out seven, when Corey Dickerson singled with two outs in the sixth for Tampa Bay's first hit. Steven Souza Jr.'s 12th home run got the Rays on the board in the eighth. Hamels (13-4) gave up one run and three hits and had 10 strikeouts in 7 1/3 innings.

### YANKEES 7, ANGELS 0

New York hit four solo home runs and Masahiro Tanaka allowed five hits in 7 2/3 innings in their Yankees' victory over Los Angeles Angels. The home runs all came against Jered Weaver (8-11). He has allowed a major league-high 34 homers. The Yankees are unbeaten this season in five games against Los Angeles. The Angels have lost 13 of 15 overall to fall to a season-low 20 games under .500 at 51-71. Tanaka (10-4) retired the first 11 hitters and struck out nine. Jacoby Ellsbury led off the game with a homer, the first by a Yankee this season. Ronald Torreyes doubled in a run in the second, before New York chased Weaver with home runs by Torreyes, Didi Gregorius and Brian McCann in the fifth.



**BALTIMORE:** Houston Astros' Jose Altuve hits an RBI single against the Baltimore Orioles during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Friday in Baltimore. The Astros won 15-8. — AP

### REDS 9, DODGERS 2

Joey Votto hit a three-run homer, relief pitcher Michael Lorenzen also had a three-run shot, and Cincinnati beat Los Angelesnight to snap a nine-game losing streak against the Dodgers. Tim Lincecum pitched into and out of trouble in his first start since May 19, added his first career hit and RBI and the Reds matched their season high with a fourth consecutive win and first against the Dodgers since Aug 13, 2015. Adleman (2-1), who was sidelined with a strained left oblique, allowed five hits with two walks and three strikeouts in five scoreless innings. He also hit Joc Pederson twice with pitches. Bud Norris (6-10) gave up six runs and seven hits in 3 2/3 innings.

### CARDINALS 4, PHILLIES 3, 11 INNINGS

Randal Grichuk homered early, then hit an RBI double in the 11th inning that sent St. Louis past Philadelphia for its fifth straight victory. Jedd Gyorko hit a tying, two-run homer with one out in the ninth. The Cardinals tied a major league record with multiple home runs in nine consecutive games. Jhonny Peralta led off the 11th with a double and, two batters later, Grichuk doubled to the wall in left-center off Frank Herrmann (0-1). Seung Hwan Oh (3-2) pitched a scoreless ninth and 10th. Alex Reyes blanked the Phillies in the 11th for his first save, getting Odubel Herrera to ground out with runners on first and second to end the game. Herrera and Freddy Galvis homered for the Phillies.

### MARLINS 6, PIRATES 5

Robert Andino hit a tiebreaking single in the top of the ninth inning, then Miami got Pittsburgh's Andrew McCutchen to ground into a game-ending double play with the bases loaded. JT Realmuto, who homered in going 3 for 3, drew a leadoff walk in the Miami ninth from Neftali Feliz (4-1). Realmuto moved up on a sacrifice bunt and scored when Andino lined his single into left field. Christian Yelich and Miguel Rojas also each had three hits and a homer to help the Marlins win for the third time in nine games. Fernando Rodney wound up with his 22nd save in 24 opportunities. He issued an intentional walk to load the bases for McCutchen, but the former NL MVP stayed stuck in a season-long slump when he bounced into a double play. Nick Wittgren (4-2) pitched a scoreless eighth.

### RED SOX 10, TIGERS 2

David Ortiz homered and Rick Porcello pitched seven innings in his return to Comerica Park in Boston's victory over Detroit. Porcello, who spent the first six seasons of his career with the Tigers and moved to Boston before the

2015 season, was pitching in Detroit for the first time since the trade. Porcello (17-3) gave up two runs - one earned - four hits and two walks while striking out eight. His only major mistake was J.D. Martinez's two-run homer in the second inning. Jackie Bradley Jr. also homered for Boston, and Hanley Ramirez drove in four runs. The Tigers have lost nine of 12.

### NATIONALS 7, BRAVES 6

Clint Robinson hit a tiebreaking single with two outs in the ninth and Washington beat Atlanta after giving up a three-run lead. Robinson's single to left field off Jim Johnson (2-6) drove in pinch-runner Pedro Severino from second base. Severino replaced Wilson Ramos, who singled. The Nationals led 6-3 in the eighth before the Braves took advantage of throwing errors by shortstop Danny Espinosa and third baseman Anthony Rendon to score three runs. Freddie Freeman's two-run double off Koda Glover (1-0) tied it. The NL East-leading Nationals improved to 10-1 against the last-place Braves this season. Washington has won 24 of 30 games in the rivalry since the start of the 2015 season. Mark Melancon pitched the ninth for his 35th save.

### ROCKIES 7, CUBS 6, 11 INNINGS

Ryan Raburn hit an RBI double and continued home when the Cubs threw away the relay, capping Colorado's two-run rally in the 11th inning against Aroldis Chapman. On a wet night when rain delayed the start for more than two hours, and with temperatures dropping into the 40s, the Rockies wound up winning well past midnight. Nick Hundley singled with one out off Chapman (0-1). Raburn then tied it with a drive off the right-field wall. And when second baseman Javier Baez made a wild throw that got past catcher Willson Contreras and flew into the Cubs' dugout, the umpires waved Raburn home. Matt Carasiti (1-0) got the win.

### GIANTS 8, METS 1

Johnny Cueto pitched seven effective innings and ended his six-start winless streak, and San Francisco Giants broke away late. Denard Span had four hits and Conor Gillaspie homered as the Giants moved back ahead of the Dodgers for the NL West lead. Pinch-hitter Ehire Adrianza singled to break a 1-all tie in the seventh. Cueto (14-3) allowed one run and eight hits. Seth Lugo (0-2) lost in his first major league start.

### PADRES 7, DIONDBACKS 4, 10 INNINGS

Ryan Schimpf's second homer of the game was a three-run shot in the 10th inning that boosted San Diego.

Yangervis Solarte drew a one-out walk from Patrick Corbin (4-13) in the 10th before Alex Dickerson singled, bringing up Schimpf. Schimpf hit a two-run homer in the eighth off Enrique Burgos that tied it 4. Arizona loaded the bases in the top of the 10th against Kevin Quackenbush (7-4), but Jake Lamb struck out. Jean Segura had five hits and drove in two runs for the Diamondbacks.

### MARINERS 7, BREWERS 6

Kyle Seager got Seattle started with a solo home run and Robinson Cano added a two-run shot. The Mariners won their seventh straight at Safeco Field. Adam Lind also homered for Seattle. Closer Edwin Diaz gave up two runs in the ninth before striking out Hernan Perez with a runner on third for his ninth save. Chris Carter hit the longest recorded home run in Safeco Field history, estimated at 465 feet. Jonathan Villar and Keon Broxton also homered for the Brewers. Wade LeBlanc (3-0) got the win. Brent Suter (0-1) made his major league debut. He became the first left-handed pitcher to start for the Brewers since Aug. 23, 2013.

### ROYALS 5, TWINS 4, 11 INNINGS

Eric Hosmer hit a game-ending single in the 11th inning and Kansas City matched a season high with its sixth straight win. There was a 3-hour, 3-minute rain delay in the top of the fifth, plus a 12-minute delay when some of the lights went out in the bottom of the sixth. The game did not end until seven hours after the first pitch. Chien-Ming Wang (6-0) allowed one single in two innings. J.T. Chargois (0-1) gave up Hosmer's hit. — AP

## MLB results/standings

Houston 15, Baltimore 8; Miami 6, Pittsburgh 5; St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3 (11 innings); Boston 10, Detroit 2; Cincinnati 9, LA Dodgers 2; Texas 6, Tampa Bay 2; Cleveland 3, Toronto 2; Washington 7, Atlanta 6; Oakland 9, Chicago White Sox 0; Kansas City 5, Minnesota 4 (11 innings); Colorado 7, Chicago Cubs 6 (11 Innings); NY Yankees 7, LA Angels 0; Seattle 7, Milwaukee 6; San Francisco 8, NY Mets 1; San Diego 7, Arizona 4 (10 innings).

American League				
Eastern Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	69	53	.566	-
Boston	68	53	.562	0.5
Baltimore	67	54	.554	1.5
NY Yankees	62	59	.512	6.5
Tampa Bay	50	70	.417	18
Central Division				
Cleveland	70	50	.583	-
Detroit	64	58	.525	7
Kansas City	62	60	.508	9
Chicago White Sox	57	64	.471	13.5
Minnesota	49	73	.402	22
Western Division				
Texas	73	50	.593	-
Seattle	65	56	.537	7
Houston	62	60	.508	10.5
Oakland	53	69	.434	19.5
LA Angels	51	71	.418	21.5
National League				
Eastern Division				
Washington	72	49	.595	-
Miami	63	59	.516	9.5
NY Mets	60	62	.492	12.5
Philadelphia	57	66	.463	16
Atlanta	44	78	.361	28.5
Central Division				
Chicago Cubs	77	44	.636	-
St. Louis	65	56	.537	12
Pittsburgh	62	57	.521	14
Cincinnati	52	69	.430	25
Milwaukee	52	69	.430	25
Western Division				
San Francisco	68	54	.557	-
LA Dodgers	67	54	.554	0.5
Colorado	59	63	.484	9
San Diego	52	70	.426	16
Arizona	50	72	.410	18

# MARQUEZ STORMS TO POLE AT CZECH MotoGP

**BRNO:** Championship leader Marc Marquez grabbed the pole position for today's Czech Republic MotoGP at Brno after taking yesterday's qualifying session by storm.

The 23-year-old Spanish Honda rider set a new record on the Brno circuit with 1min 54.596sec to take his fifth pole position of the season. Reigning world champion Jorge Lorenzo on a Yamaha, last year's winner at Brno, was the first to break the circuit record yesterday, only to come second in the end, trailing his compatriot Marquez by 0.253sec.

Italian Ducati rider Andrea Iannone, who won the last MotoGP in Austria last weekend, will complete the front row, finishing 0.631sec behind Marquez.

"I didn't expect to be in the pole position because Lorenzo was very fast this morning, he did also an incredible lap, but I was pushing my 100 percent," said Marquez, the 2013 and 2014 MotoGP champion.

For the record lap, he used his rival Valentino Rossi, the 37-year-old nine-time world champion who has won five top-class races at Brno, the last one in 2009.

"I was lucky honestly, because Valentino was in front

and with his slipstream I was able to be a little bit faster," said Marquez. "On the last corner... I saw that Valentino was preparing the last lap and then I said OK I need to go for him because if not I will lose too much time."

"In the end this movement was the pole position," said Marquez, whose only top-class win at Brno dates back to his rookie MotoGP season in 2013.

Lorenzo said Marquez's record lap was "impressive". "I pushed maybe to much, I braked too late, so I didn't have enough corner speed to be faster," said the 29-year-old Lorenzo, who will move to Ducati after the season. "But we are happy with the second place, especially because we have a good pace, good setup to keep a constant pace during the race."

The second row comprises Spaniards Aleix Espargaro on a Suzuki and Hector Barbera on a Ducati alongside Italian legend Rossi on a Yamaha. At Brno, Rossi won his first-ever grand prix exactly twenty years ago, taking the 125cc honours. After 10 of 18 grand prix this season, Marquez leads the overall standings on 181 points, ahead of Lorenzo with 138 and Rossi with 124. —AFP



**BRNO:** Repsol Honda Team's Spanish rider Marc Marquez looks on in the paddock prior the qualification of the MotoGP Grand Prix yesterday in Brno, Czech Republic. — AFP



# ALL BLACKS CRUSH WOEFUL WALLABIES IN RC OPENER

**SYDNEY:** World champions New Zealand claimed their biggest win over the Wallabies in Australia with a thumping 42-8 win over the defending champions to kick off their Rugby Championship campaign in Sydney yesterday.

The dynamic All Blacks embarrassed the Wallabies six tries to one and have now lost only once to the Australians in their last 14 encounters. It was New Zealand's biggest winning margin over the Wallabies in Australia since beating the home side 50-21 in Sydney in 2003. It was Australia's fifth straight Test defeat after losing to the All Blacks 34-17 in last October's World Cup final along with three defeats at home to Six Nations champions England in June.

The Kiwis appear no closer to giving up the Bledisloe Cup they have held since 2003 with the two remaining trans-Tasman Tests against the Wallabies at home in Wellington and Auckland.

"I am very proud with the way the boys arrived for the kick-off and mentally we were right on the button," New Zealand coach Steve Hansen said. "And when you're like that and you've got a bit of talent you can do things."

If Australia thought the chance of finally mastering the Kiwi powerhouse had arrived following the retirement of legends Richie McCaw and Daniel Carter they were sadly mistaken.

The Wallabies' hopes were shredded by a devastating opening half by the All Blacks, who smashed through porous defence for four tries to lead 32-3 at halftime. It was a dynamic first half by the world champions, dominating territory and possession with the Australians seemingly incapable of mounting a resistance to the incessant waves of attack.

It got no better for the Wallabies with the Kiwis scoring a further 10 points in the second term. "I

thought we defended very poorly," Wallabies coach Michael Cheika said. "Defence is attitude, so there's no rustiness. Let's get that one out of the way straight away. When players run you've got to tackle." Exacerbating the Wallabies plight was a spate of injuries to their inside backs, Matt Giteau, Matt Toomua and Rob Horne, who all came off during the first half.

"They don't look too good, put it that way. But I haven't any details yet," Cheika said. "It's not ideal (to lose three inside centres to injury) obviously. But you can always save yourself somehow."

Bernard Foley kicked an early penalty goal for the Wallabies but that was the only time the home side led and the All Blacks hit back quickly in the sixth minute. Ryan Crotty broke through the tackles of Dane Haylett-Petty and Giteau to storm over for a converted try. Giteau was forced from the field hob-

bling from an injured left ankle shortly afterwards to be replaced by Toomua.

Barrett kicked the All Blacks further in front with back-to-back penalties as the Wallabies struggled to get into the game against the fluent Kiwis. The hapless Wallabies called on a second replacement when Toomua collided with Barrett and made way for Horne. More disaster befell the Wallabies when Foley's clearing kick was charged down by flanker Jerome Kaino who scored for a 25-3 lead. Nothing was going right for the Wallabies with a third back forced off with injury with Horne succumbing to a left arm injury. The relentless All Blacks showed no mercy and scored their fourth try through left-winger Waisake Naholo after a scything run by Barrett. The game looked well beyond the Wallabies' reach at halftime after an explosive opening half by the world champions. — AFP



DURBAN: South Africa's batsman Dane Piedt (C) plays a shot during the second day of the first cricket test match between South Africa and New Zealand at the Sahara Cricket stadium yesterday in Durban. — AFP

# DALE STEYN STRIKES TWICE ON TEST RETURN

**DURBAN:** After eight months of frustration, South African fast bowler Dale Steyn left the field at Kingsmead yesterday with "a smile on his face", according to bowling coach Charl Langeveldt.

Unfortunately for Steyn and his fellow bowlers, they walked off at lunchtime and didn't return after reducing New Zealand to 15 for two on the second day of the first Test.

Rain prevented any more play and meant South Africa could not take further advantage of favourable bowling conditions as they sought to defend a first innings total of 263.

Steyn, playing in his first Test match since December, bowled a mesmerising spell of two for three in six overs, dismissing both New Zealand opening batsmen.

At 33, questions had been asked Steyn's ability to come back with anything like the impact that made him the long-time number one-ranked Test bowler. He has dropped to number three after playing in only two out of South Africa's previous eight Tests, failing to complete either because of groin and shoulder injuries.

But on a greenish pitch under a heavily overcast sky, it was though a rewind button had been switched as Steyn bowled with immaculate control, backed up by Vernon Philander, also coming back from injury. Langeveldt said he was delighted to have the pair back, bringing their skill and experience to a South African team that has slumped from number one to number seven in the Test team rankings.

**BOWLING 'WITHIN HIMSELF'**

If there was a question that Steyn left unanswered in his brief spell, it was whether he could still bowl at speeds well in excess of 140kmh, but Langeveldt shrugged that off.

"Dale likes to bowl within himself with the new ball," said Langeveldt. "He prefers to have control up front. You will see that he bowls faster in his second and third spells."

Steyn had Tom Latham caught at first slip by Hashim Amla for four off the second ball of his fourth over. He followed up in his next over with a full in-swing which trapped Martin Guptill leg before wicket for seven.

Latham added only one run after being dropped off Philander. Guptill survived an appeal for leg before wicket off Steyn's fourth ball of the innings when he was on two.

Umpire Richard Illingworth turned down the appeal and South Africa decided not to seek a

review. Replays showed the ball was clipping leg stump in the 'umpire's call' area so a review would have failed. Three overs later Latham edged Philander low to second slip where Dean Elgar spilled a relatively straightforward chance.

Although Steyn had the better figures, Philander also looked close to his best form after missing South Africa's most recent seven Test matches because of an ankle injury. In the last over before lunch he twice beat Ross Taylor with balls that swung sharply away from the bat. Earlier, it took New Zealand ten overs to take South Africa's remaining two wickets after rain delayed the start by 50 minutes. Tim Southee struck with the eighth ball of the day when he bowled Steyn before South Africa had added to their overnight total of 236 for eight. Kagiso Rabada and Dane Piedt added 27 runs for the last wicket despite New Zealand taking the second new ball, which enabled Southee and Trent Boult to gain extravagant movement in the overcast conditions. Rabada, who was dropped by Southee at third slip off Boult when he had 16, battled his way to an unbeaten 32 before Piedt was last man out, caught behind off Boult for nine. Boult finished with figures of three for 52. — AFP

# TV UMPIRE TO CALL NO-BALLS IN ENGLAND-PAKISTAN ODIS

**LONDON:** A system where the third umpire is responsible for the calling of front-foot no-balls will be trialled during the upcoming England-Pakistan one-day series, the International Cricket Council announced yesterday.

The standing umpire at the bowler's end is currently responsible for both checking for front-foot no-balls and then adjudicating on whether a batsman is out at the other end, all in a matter of seconds.

This already difficult task has become more complicated in an era where bowlers' end umpires, in fear of being hit by a hard-hit shot, stand further back from the crease than ever before. The issue became a talking point once again in February when Australia's Adam Voges, then on seven, was given not out during a Test against New Zealand in Wellington after what replays showed was an incorrectly called no-ball by English umpire Richard Illingworth.

Voges went on to score 239 in a match-defining innings. In the trial system to be adopted for the five England-Pakistan ODIs, from August 24 to September 4, the ICC said the standing umpire will not call any front-foot no balls without the third umpire's advice, unless the side-on cameras are unavailable.

The ICC also said the third umpire will be able to judge a no-ball "within seconds" of delivery and will communicate a decision to their on-field colleagues by means of a vibrating pager.

If the pager system breaks down, the third umpire will relay his decision to the men in the middle by their standard radio communication system.

"This trial is being carried out to ascertain if there is a way in which front-foot no-balls can be called more accurately and consistently, while also assessing the TV umpire's workload and identifying the impact it will have on the flow of the game," said ICC umpires and referees manager Adrian Griffith.

He added: "To ensure that the match officials are thoroughly briefed and trained for this trial, the ICC will conduct training sessions with the umpires and match referee in Southampton (the venue for Wednesday's series opener) tomorrow and Tuesday. "The results of this technology trial will be shared with the ICC cricket committee, which will advise the ICC on future action." — AFP



PORT-OF-SPAIN: Umpires Nigel Llong, left, Gregory Brathwaite, center, and Rod Tucker inspect the field as a wet ground delays the start of day three of the fourth cricket Test match between India and West Indies at Queen's Park Oval in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, yesterday. — AP

SCOREBOARD			
<b>DURBAN:</b> Scoreboard yesterday at stumps on the rain-hit second day of the first cricket test between South Africa and New Zealand at Kingsmead:			
<b>South Africa 1st Innings</b>			
Stephen Cook c Watling b Boult	20	Boult 21.4-5-52-3, Doug Bracewell 16-6-53-1, Neil Wagner 15-4-47-3, Mitchell Santner 11-2-22-2, Martin Guptill 1-0-5-0.	
Dean Elgar c Guptill b Bracewell	19		
Hashim Amla c Watling b Boult	53		
JP Duminy c Boult b Wagner	14		
Faf du Plessis c Williamson b Wagner	23		
Temba Bavuma lbw b Santner	46		
Quinton de Kock c Br b Santner	33		
VPhilander c Southee b Wagner	8		
Kagiso Rabada not out	32		
Dale Steyn b Southee	2		
Dane Piedt c Watling b Boult	9		
Extras: (4lb)	4		
TOTAL: (all out)	263		
Overs: 87.4.			
Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-41, 3-102, 4-106, 5-160, 6-208, 7-208, 8-228, 9-236, 10-263.			
Bowling: Tim Southee 23-3-80-1, Trent			
		<b>New Zealand 1st Innings</b>	
		Martin Guptill lbw b Steyn	7
		Tom Latham c Amla b Steyn	4
		Kane Williamson not out	2
		Ross Taylor not out	2
		TOTAL: (for 2 wkts)	15
		Overs: 12.	
		Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-12.	
		Still to bat: Henry Nicholls, BJ Watling, Mitchell Santner, Doug Bracewell, Neil Wagner, Tim Southee, Trent Boult.	
		Bowling: Dale Steyn 6-4-3-2, Vernon Philander 6-1-12-0.	

# NADAL KNOCKED OUT AT CINCINNATI

**MASON:** Right from the start, Rafael Nadal was running on empty. Nadal showed the effects of his long layoff from a wrist injury Thursday, losing to Croatia's Borna Coric 6-1, 6-3 at the Western & Southern Open. The 30-year-old Spaniard has a lot of work to do before the US Open.

He was sluggish and well off the mark on his shots Thursday and had a trainer visit between games to check his shoulder and elbow, which were feeling the effects of a lot of tennis at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and two days in Cincinnati's heat and humidity.

"Too tired," he said. "Elbow, shoulder. Two and a half months without competing and especially without practicing, and to do what I did in the Olympics and come here - too much."

The 19-year-old Coric reached the quarterfinals of a Masters tournament for the first time and ended his streak of 10 straight losses against top-10 opponents. The upset left only one member of the Big Four still in the running - Andy Murray, who prevailed in a rain-delayed match Thursday night. He beat Kevin Anderson 6-3, 6-2 to win his 20th match in a row, a career high.

Defending champion Roger Federer and top-ranked Novak Djokovic are missing the tournament because of injuries. Murray is playing, but feeling the effects of a grueling week in Rio de Janeiro where he won the gold medal Sunday. Along with Nadal, those four have combined to win 54 of the last 58 Masters events.

Nadal missed two months because of an injured left wrist and returned to the courts in Rio, where he lost in the semifinals and won the doubles title. The lack of matches showed in Cincinnati: Nadal double faulted five times and had 27 unforced errors. Coric surged ahead 4-0 in the second set and closed it out in an hour and 11 minutes. Murray had hoped for some rain in Cincinnati, giving him time to recoup from Rio. He got rain only two points into his match on Thursday night - a downpour forced an hour-long delay. Murray was steady throughout, committing only 11 unforced errors.

Steve Johnson also advanced to the quarterfinals Thursday and put himself in position to become the top American in the ATP rankings heading into the US Open. Johnson beat Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-3, 7-6 (6) and raised his index finger in celebration. He'll move into the ATP's top spot next week, knocking John Isner out of the slot that he's held every week since July 29, 2013. Isner lost in the second round in Cincinnati.

"Hasn't sunk in yet," Johnson said. "I just found out. So it's an honor, it really is. John has held that spot for a while, and I'm just glad that there are a bunch of Americans pushing toward the top."

Second-seeded Stan Wawrinka wasted a chance to take advantage of the wide-open draw on Thursday, losing to Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov 6-4, 6-4. Wawrinka smacked his racket on the ground as he fell behind in the first set, the start of a frustrating match overall. Tied 3-3 in the second set, Wawrinka committed two unforced forehand errors and Dimitrov got the break he needed to take control.

Wawrinka had one of those few Masters titles that wasn't claimed by the Big Four, winning in Monte Carlo in 2014. In the women's bracket, Karolina Pliskova became the first woman to reach the quarterfinals, defeating Misaki Doi 7-5, 6-3. Doi was a "lucky loser" who replaced defending champion Serena Williams when she withdrew with an inflamed shoulder on Monday.

Second-seeded Angelique Kerber moved into the quarterfinals with a 7-6 (3), 6-4 win over Barbora Strycova. She'll end Williams' streak of 183 consecutive weeks at No. 1 if she wins the tournament. — AP



MASON: Rafael Nadal, from Spain, returns a serve during a match against Borna Coric, from Croatia, at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, in Mason, Ohio. — AP



# WANYAMA SPARKS TOTTENHAM'S SEASON TO SINK PALACE



**LONDON:** Victor Wanyama sparked Tottenham's season into life as the Kenya midfielder's late goal secured a 1-0 victory over Crystal Palace in the Premier League yesterday. Wanyama's 83rd minute header at White Hart Lane finally broke the resistance of a Palace side who are without a goal and without a point after the opening two games of the campaign.

After last weekend's frustrating draw at Everton, the Kenya international's goal brought relief for Mauricio Pochettino's side, who finished third last season after challenging champions Leicester until the final weeks. The late rally, inspired by the introduction of Dele Alli who had been surprisingly omitted from the starting line-up, kick-started Tottenham's anticipated title challenge while underlining the problems confronting the problems confronting Alan Pardew, the Palace manager, whose side have won just two league games in 2016.

Palace were handed a major lift before kick-off when they completed the signing of striker Christian Benteke from Liverpool for a club record fee of £27 million, rising to a possible £32 million with add-ons. Pardew had spoken

before the game about the importance of quickly bringing in a high-profile player after the departure of Yannick Bolasie to Everton and former captain Mile Jedinak to Aston Villa.

Benteke, though, was ineligible for the trip to north London, leaving Connor Wickham as Palace's only recognised striker as they attempted to get their season on track following the disappointing opening day defeat to West Bromwich Albion.

Pochettino is in a much stronger position when it comes to forward options and the Tottenham manager opted to pair Vincent Janssen with Harry Kane up front.

### PROMISING PARTNERSHIP

Janssen was handed his first start since his £18.5 million move from AZ Alkmaar at the

expense of England midfielder Alli, who dropped to the bench. Pochettino had been fulsome in his praise for the forward following Janssen's performance at Everton and the Dutchman quickly settled in front of his home supporters, with his partnership with Kane offering early signs of promise.

The pattern of the opening half ensured the Tottenham forwards had much more opportunity to get involved than Wickham, whose best work was helping his side defend a succession of Spurs set-pieces.

Apart from an effort from Jason Puncheon that brought a smart save from Michel Vorm, deputising for injured Spurs keeper Hugo Lloris, Palace showed few signs of being capable of ending the problems in front of goal that marred last season. —AFP

# AGUERO DOUBLE INSPIRES MANCHESTER CITY STROLL



**STOKE-ON-TRENT:** Pep Guardiola extended his 100 per cent start as Manchester City manager as Sergio Aguero's brace and a late double from Nolito secured an impressive 4-1 win at Stoke yesterday.

City's away form last season undermined their efforts to regain the Premier League title with just four wins from Manuel Pellegrini's last 16 away league games in charge.

But they are expected to do much better on their travels in the Guardiola era and this emphatic result suggests the former Barcelona and Bayern Munich manager will successfully adapt to English football.

City had won on just one of their eight Premier League trips to Stoke and, allied to the usual buffeting by the wind which regularly swirls around the Britannia Stadium, that could have made this a tricky test.

Stoke manager Mark Hughes also likes nothing better than to put one over his former club but City avoided a potential hazard in impressive style. Jesus Navas earned his first start of the season in place of Nolito, but Guardiola otherwise stuck with the side that had demolished Steaua Bucharest 5-0 in mid-week to all but secure their place in the group stage of the Champions League ahead of Wednesday's return leg.

That game could resemble a shooting gallery if the City manager send out all his big guns again, with Aguero's appetite for goals seemingly never likely to be sated.

The Argentina striker has hit the ground running this season and added to his tally to give City a 26th-minute lead from the penalty spot.

It was a soft penalty for Stoke to concede but referee Mike Dean's decision to penalise Ryan Shawcross for pulling back Nicolas Otamendi following a corner was the correct one.

Aguero had missed twice missed from

the spot in Romania but added to his opening-day conversion in the Premier League by confidently driving the ball beyond 40-year-old former City keeper Shay Given.

### PREDATORY

Given did then keep out an angled drive from Aguero but 10 minutes before the break was beaten again as City went 2-0 up.

Aguero once again showed his outstanding predatory instincts to get his head on a free-kick from Kevin De Bruyne and glance the ball into the corner of the net.

Stoke had looked a threat until falling behind, with Marko Arnautovic twice making chances for Giannelli Imbula.

The hosts felt they should have had a route back into the game when Aleksandar Kolarov barged Joe Allen to the ground in the follow-up from Willy Caballero's fine save from a thumping Phil Bardsley volley.

But the home side only had to wait until three minutes into the second half for Dean to even things up by awarding them a penalty, this time penalising Raheem Sterling for putting his hands into the chest of Shawcross when the diminutive winger was strangely allocated the job of marking the big Stoke defender.

Bojan Krkic, who played under Guardiola at Barcelona, converted the spot-kick and suddenly City didn't look so convincing.

Caballero - again preferred to Joe Hart - had one or two uncertain moments with his kicking, much to the amusement of Stoke's fans but City weathered a spell of Stoke pressure without wilting.

And with four minutes to go they guaranteed all three points thanks to a first Premier League goal from Nolito. Kelechi Iheanacho, fresh from signing a new long-term contract, had replaced Aguero and after rounding Given the teenager kept his composure to lift his head and pick out Nolito for a far-post tap-in.

City were now in the comfort zone and made the result even more emphatic in stoppage time when Nolito slotted home his second after the impressive Sterling glided through Stoke's non-existent defence to tee up the Spain international. —AFP



**BURNLEY:** Liverpool's Philippe Coutinho, right and Burnley's George Boyd battle for the ball during their English Premier League soccer match at Turf Moor, Burnley, England, yesterday. —AP

# FORWARDS VOKES, GRAY CUT LIVERPOOL DOWN TO SIZE



**BURNLEY:** Burnley forwards Sam Vokes and Andre Gray each scored their first Premier League goals as the promoted club inflicted a surprise 2-0 defeat upon Liverpool yesterday. Liverpool had edged Arsenal 4-3 in a ding-dong opening fixture, but they were cut down to size by a Burnley team whose top-flight return had ended with the damp squib of a 1-0 defeat at home to Swansea City.

It was the first league victory for Burnley over their visitors since 1974 and all the more sweet for Wales international Vokes, who had played 27 games at this level-dating back to 2009 — without finding the net.

Vokes struck after two minutes, scoring Burnley's first ever Premier League goal against Liverpool with an emphatic finish, although the effort owed much to terrible defending by Nathaniel Clyne.

His mishit pass gifted the ball to Gray, who slipped a short pass to Vokes, and the Welshman turned before depositing a powerful finish to the right of the diving Simon Mignolet.

Last season's Championship winners almost doubled their lead a minute later as George Boyd played Gray into the visitors' area and Dejan Lovren was forced to make a well-timed covering tackle.

It was a much-needed bright start for the home team on the day manager Sean Dyche handed a debut to 7 million pounds (\$9.2 million, 8.1 million euros) record signing Steven Defour, who has arrived from Anderlecht.

Apart from Defour, the remaining 10 players

selected by Dyche had been on duty for his club on the final day of last season in the Championship.

A second goal, against the run of play, after 36 minutes put Burnley firmly in control as Defour showed his quality, winning a loose ball and advancing to the edge of the Liverpool area before finding Gray.

The striker, who scored 23 times last season, then brushed aside a challenge before placing a shot into the bottom corner.

In response to Burnley's opener, Liverpool saw long-range shots from Daniel Sturridge and Georginio Wijnaldum sail harmlessly over the Burnley goal.

### HEATON FRUSTRATES LIVERPOOL

Philippe Coutinho appeared to be getting closer with an 11th-minute shot that curled just over from 20 yards.

Michael Keane, the Burnley centre-back, was also required to come to his side's rescue as his near-post clearance snuffed out danger from Adam Lallana's dangerous low cross as Roberto Firmino lurked.

Coutinho's pass to James Milner, playing at left-back for the visitors, allowed the veteran utility man to pick out Lallana, who swivelled and produced a shot that was comfortably smothered by Tom Heaton.

As Liverpool probed, Sturridge darted to the edge of the area and hit a left-foot shot wide of the far post. Burnley's second goal served only to temporarily interrupt the Liverpool pressure.

Clyne looked for a way back into the game with a low shot that Heaton saved easily and Coutinho cut in and rushed a shot high and wide.

The visitors started the second half in similar fashion, with Sturridge sending a low shot whistling beyond the far post.

Wijnaldum laid the ball off for Coutinho to shoot too close to Heaton, before Firmino saw the home goalkeeper make a fine, two-handed

save to repel his attempt from outside the box.

Coutinho, yet again, missed the target, this time with a volley from the edge of the home area after a corner had been cleared directly to him.

But Gray continued to cause problems on the break at the other end, notably in the 65th minute when he made space and fired just wide with his left foot.

Heaton was required to make a finger-tip save to keep out a shot from Marko Grujic after the substitute showed good strength, but for all their possession, Liverpool failed to seriously test the home goalkeeper again. —AFP



**STOKE-ON-TRENT:** Stoke City's Dutch defender Erik Pieters (centre right) vies with Manchester City's Argentinian defender Nicolas Otamendi during the English Premier League football match between Stoke City and Manchester City at the Bet365 Stadium in Stoke-on-Trent, central England yesterday. —AFP

# BARRY HEADER HANDS EVERTON VICTORY



**WEST BROMWICH:** Gareth Barry's second-half header gave Ronald Koeman his first victory as Everton manager, with the Toffees beating West Bromwich Albion 2-1 at the Hawthorns yesterday. The Baggies started the match brightest with Gareth McAuley heading in after just nine minutes, but Kevin Mirallas equalised for the visitors on the stroke of half-time with a low drive.

Former England midfielder Barry claimed the winner in the 60th minute by nodding in from a corner. Moments before, West Brom goalkeeper Ben Foster had made a sublime save to deny Ramiro Funes Mori, but from the following corner delivered by Gerard Deulofeu, Mason Holgate flicked the ball on and

it was steered in by Barry. Everton registered their first win of the season after they drew their opening game 1-1 at home with Tottenham Hotspur. Striker Romelu Lukaku again started on the bench, before coming on for midfielder James McCarthy after just 38 minutes as Koeman changed tactics. Tony Pulis' hosts will be disappointed to walk away empty-handed after a spirited performance that saw them take an early lead through Northern Irish centre-back McAuley, but they were on the back foot for the rest of the match as Everton pressed.

Pulis named an unchanged side to the one that beat Crystal Palace 1-0 away last weekend. Ronald Koeman also opted to start the same team that held on for a point against Tottenham. Koeman did have Belgium international Lukaku fit again, but opted to keep him on the bench alongside new signing Yannick Bolasie who had completed a £25 million (\$32.7m) move from Crystal Palace.

Everton were unlucky not to add more goals to their tally, with Foster denying Ross Barkley and Lukaku. Deulofeu also hit the post for the visitors in the 51st minute, before Barry scored the winner to send Everton above West Brom in the fledgling league table.

It was a first setback however for Pulis' men, who will have a chance to remedy their home form against Middlesbrough next week. —AFP

# CHELSEA LEAVE IT LATE TO BEAT WATFORD 2-1



**WATFORD:** Diego Costa scored a late winner for the second time this week as Chelsea came from behind to beat Watford 2-1 yesterday and complete back-to-back Premier League victories under new coach Antonio Conte.

Costa clinched three points in the 87th minute after running onto a brilliant through-ball from Cesc Fábregas and shooting past goalkeeper Heurelho Gomes.

Gomes was partially at fault for Chelsea's equalizer in the 80th, failing to hold Eden

Hazard's long-range shot and allowing Belgium striker Michy Batshuayi - one of Chelsea's two offseason signings - to score from the rebound.

Costa's winning goal against West Ham on Monday came in the 89th and that also sealed a 2-1 victory. Despite two unconvincing performances, Chelsea has maximum points so far as Conte finds his feet in English football.

Watford looked on course for its first Premier League win over Chelsea since 1999 when Etienne Capoue smashed a left-footed shot into the top corner in the 55th, the French midfielder's second goal in as many games.

Watford paraded new signings Younes Kaboul and Roberto Pereyra before kickoff, after the pair completed moves late Friday. Walter Mazzari is still waiting for his first win as Watford manager, with the team having opened with a draw at Southampton. —AP

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# CHINA'S CHEN WINS GOLD, MALAYSIA'S LEE 3RD SILVER



## BADMINTON

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** China's Chen Long won gold yesterday in men's badminton, handing Malaysia's Lee Chong Wei his third straight Olympic silver medal and signaling Chen's place as the game's new power.

Chen fell face down on the court then rose weeping after his 2-0 victory. He then threw three rackets and his shirt into the crowd, which was largely filled with Chinese supporters, before draping himself in the Chinese flag.

Lee, while old by badminton standards at 33, was world No. 1 and the favorite coming in. But he faced massive pressure not to lose another Olympic gold, and was coming off a hard-fought match a day earlier against China's Lin Dan, the man who beat him in the last two Olympic finals, that felt more like a gold-medal contest than a semifinal. Both Lee and Lin are considered by many to be the best players of their era, and maybe of all time.

Chen is now making his place at the top. Chen led early in the first game of the best-of-three match then trailed before capitalizing on repeated Lee errors at the net to pull ahead and win 21-18. Chen then fought off an early Lee lead in the second game to power by the Malaysian 21-18.

Though Lee played aggressively, often staring Chen down after winners, Chen seemed to have an answer to both Lee's power, parrying his smashes, and to his touch, repeatedly finding his drop shots and lifting them safely toward Lee's backcourt. Chen's smashes more often found the lines for winners and his subtle net shots often had Lee flustered.

The triumph of youth was also the story in the bronze medal match as



**RIO DE JANEIRO:** An overview shows China's Chen Long return against Malaysia's Lee Chong Wei in their men's singles Gold Medal badminton match at the Riocentro stadium in Rio de Janeiro yesterday, for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. China's Chen Long won the match. —AFP

Viktor Axelsen of Denmark beat two-time Olympic champion Lin 2-1 earlier yesterday.

Despite Chen's victory and an earlier gold for China in men's doubles, it has been a tough Olympics for China, which has lost its place as badminton's overwhelming

superpower. Several top players, including medalists from past games, lost early in Rio. China swept all five badminton gold medals at the 2012 London Games.

On Friday, Carolina Marin of Spain beat P.V. Sindhu of India for gold in women's singles badminton. Marin, the world No. 1 and

heavy favorite ahead of the Rio Games, also beat Li Xuerui, the defending Olympic champion from China, to get to the gold medal match. Sindhu, ranked world No. 10, made a strong, surprising run through the tournament. Japan's Nozomi Okuhara took bronze. —AP

## CISSE SINKS MUHAMMED FOR IVORY COAST'S FIRST GOLD

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Cheick Sallah Cisse was the toast of the Ivory Coast on Friday as he won their first ever Olympic gold medal with a killer kick in the last second of the men's under-80kg taekwondo final.

Cisse created history for the West African country when he stunned third seed Lutalo Muhammad of Britain with a four-point score right at the death to win 8-6. Tunisia's Oussama Oueslati and Milad Beigi Harchgani of Turkey won the bronze medals.

Ivory Coast's only previous Olympic medal was the silver won by Gabriel Tiacoh in the men's 400m at the 1984 Los Angeles Games. Ivory Coast then got a second medal on the night when Ruth Gbagbi claimed bronze in the women's under-67kg class.

"I was able to realise this dream with courage and with passion. I don't have a lot of dreams, but this was one of them," he said afterwards.

British number one Muhammad was forlorn at coming so close to the title after taking bronze in London four years ago. "I was a second away from my dream of being Olympic champion. I'm so sorry I don't want to cry on TV but I was so close," he told BBC straight after the fight.

He later revisited the moment when his gold dream was cruelly taken from him. "It was the last kick, my check skimmed off and his reverse kick hit. "It was a horrible moment when at the last second his points have gone on the board and the times run out and there's nothing you can do about it-but hey, that's sport." Muhammad had steamrolled into the final, ending American veteran Steven Lopez's dream of becoming the oldest ever taekwondo Olympic champion in the quarter-finals.

Reflecting on his performance the fifth seed from London borough of Walthamstow said: "I'm very happy and proud to be here, a second time Olympian, second time Olympic medallist-a bronze, then silver, so we know what's next eh?"

## TRIBUTE

"I came within inches of achieving what has been a life goal for me. Of course emotions are raw. I was very sad about it. The sun will rise tomorrow. I'll get over it."

He paid tribute to Cisse, saying: "He's a very game champion, I wish him all the best, and I'll get him next time." Before he left the arena he was asked if he would have done anything differently in the final, he thought for a second then replied simply: "Yeh - I'd have won."

In the women's under-67kg final South Korea's Oh Hy-Eri upset France's top seed Haby Niare 13-12. Gbagbi and Nur Tatar of Turkey won bronze.

A mammoth 40-match 13 hour day's action had begun in high drama with a shock defeat for second seed Aaron Cook.

The British-born player was fighting in the Olympics for the first time since Beijing 2008 after being controversially overlooked by British selectors for London 2012.

After a costly appeal-funded in part by his parents-failed to get him reinstated in the team Cook took dramatic action, switching nationalities to fight under the Moldovan flag. The move was funded by Moldovan billionaire taekwondo federation president Igor Iuzefovici.

But his long circuitous route back to the Olympics came to nothing, his ambitions for gold left in tatters on the mat at Rio's Carioca Arena by Taiwan's Liu Wei-Ting.

The 25-year-old from Dorchester said: "I'm absolutely devastated-all that hard work and sacrifice by myself and my parents, I just feel I've let everyone down," he shrugged, staring blankly into the distance.

"It didn't go right on the biggest stage and it's heartbreaking." —AFP



**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Lutalo Muhammad of Great Britain, left, and Cheick Sallah Junior Cisse of Ivory Coast compete in a men's Taekwondo 80-kg final at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. —AP



**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Spain's Carolina Marin, center, holds her gold medal as India's V. Sindhu Pusarla, left, holds her silver medal and Japan's Nozomi Okuhara, right, holds her bronze medal during the medal ceremony for the women's badminton singles gold medal match at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Friday. —AP

## INDIA CHEERS FIRST WOMAN TO WIN SILVER



## BADMINTON

**NEW DELHI:** India swelled with pride yesterday after badminton champion P.V. Sindhu became the first woman in the country's history to win an Olympic silver medal.

The shuttler was unable to strike gold but clinched the silver with her aggressive defence as she forced world number one, Carolina Marin of Spain, to three games in the women's singles final on Friday.

Indian newspaper front pages yesterday led with her historic win, hailing the 21-year-old for boosting the country's Olympic tally which earlier stood at a single medal, female wrestler Sakshi Malik's bronze.

"Thank You," beamed the Indian Express newspaper, describing her victory "as good as gold" while a Times of India headline declared "Sindhu shows silver mettle".

Fans in the badminton star's home city of Hyderabad in southern India took to the streets late Friday, cheering and waving national flags as she was crowned the country's youngest and most successful female Olympian.

In the 120 years of the modern Olympics, Indian women had only won four medals-all of them bronze-before Sindhu wrote herself into the history books by claiming silver on Friday night.

"A young 21-year-old Indian woman showed the way to millions back home, giving them pride and belief that hard work could take them to the top of the world," the Times of India said.

Sindhu's father P.V. Ramana told

reporters that his daughter "performed brilliantly"-but added he was slightly disappointed that she didn't take gold.

"A bit disappointed but we are happy with the performance. She made us proud," Ramana was quoted as saying.

State governments, businessmen and sports associations plan to honour their new hero with gifts including plots of land, luxury cars and cash, while advertisers are expected to court the photogenic athlete for product endorsements.

Indian Twitter lit up with messages from fans, celebrities and politicians congratulating Sindhu, who won the first game of the final 21-19 before succumbing in the remaining two for second place.

"Well played India's youngest individual Olympics medal winner. You have won our hearts with the splendid performance," cricketing great Sachin Tendulkar tweeted. Sindhu declared herself "proud and thankful", telling the ESPN website that she planned to celebrate with "a bit of junk food" after months of gruelling training.

Her achievements bettered that of fellow Indian Saina Nehwal, who won the bronze medal in badminton at the London Games four years ago.

Sindhu and wrestler Malik are India's only two medallists at Rio so far, with no male athletes yet to step on the podium, a disappointing haul for the country of 1.25 billion people.

Talented female athletes have long been neglected in patriarchal India, with men typically receiving the lion's share of attention and resources.

But a gradual change in attitudes has given rise to a generation of successful women-from boxing's Mary Kom to tennis star Sania Mirza-succeeding on the world stage. —AFP



## HOCKEY

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Great Britain won their first Olympic Games women's hockey gold medal on Friday with a dramatic shoot-out triumph over two-time defending champions the Netherlands.

The British twice came from behind in normal time to draw 3-3 and then clinched a 2-0 shoot-out victory.

It was the Dutch team's first loss at an Olympics since 2004 — after a run of 21 wins-and shattered their bid to become the first team to win three successive gold medals.

Goalkeeper Maddie Hinch played the starring role for the British team, pulling off four saves in the shoot-out.

"Every time we play Holland they usually put us under the pump and we have to ride those periods and make sure we take those chances at the other end," said Hinch.

"So I knew I'd have a role to play today and I'm just pleased I let the nerves settle and put the goals (conceded) to bed and moved on. I'm really pleased with my performance."

Britain, playing in their first final, had only won two bronze medals at past Games, in 1992 and 2012.

But they were in front in the opening period when Lily Owsley scored from close range after Sophie Bray had dribbled past three defenders.

Kitty van Male levelled in the first

minute of the second period, firing the ball into the top corner of the goal.

Maartje Paumen, bidding for her third gold, put her side in front with a penalty corner.

But the lead lasted only a minute when Crista Cullen shot past an off-balance Joyce Sombroek in the Dutch goal.

The faster, quick-breaking Dutch restored their lead for a second time through van Male after a well-worked penalty corner had caught the British defence cold.

But with eight minutes left, Nicola White saved Britain with a close-range effort after a goal-mouth scramble.

In the shoot-out, both sides missed their first two attempts but Britain grabbed the lead when Bray was fouled as she took her turn.

Helen Richardson-Walsh converted the ensuing penalty stroke.

Margot van Geffen then hit the post which paved the way for Hollie Webb to smash home the gold medal winner.

"I'm so proud to be British. So proud to be a part of Team GB. So proud of this right now," said Webb.

"If that just inspired anyone to pick up a hockey stick, any age, any gender, anyone can get involved, then our job has been done."

Victory was also a personal triumph for Kate and Helen Richardson-Walsh who were believed to be the first married gay couple to compete at an Olympics. Earlier Friday, Germany defeated New Zealand 2-1 to win the bronze medal. —AFP



**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Players from Britain pose with their gold medals following the medals ceremony for the women's field hockey competition at 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. —AP



# FELIX HITS GOLD RECORD AS US WOMEN WIN RELAY



**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Jamaica's Usain Bolt celebrates winning the gold medal in the men's 4 x 100-meter relay final, during the athletics competitions of the 2016 Summer Olympics at the Olympic stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Friday. —AP



## ATHLETICS

## IT'S OVER - BOLT MAKES DREADED OLYMPIC FAREWELL

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** The Olympics is going to miss the Lightning Bolt pose that has lit up the last three Games at a time when athletics desperately needs a hero. When Usain Bolt crosses the finish line and starts pounding his chest, it resonates with the public around the world.

But after his 4x100m triumph in Rio on Friday, the Rio crowd celebrated in the knowledge that they were witnessing the departure of a legend. From his first 100m Olympic gold in Beijing, when the Jamaican astonished the world with his 9.69sec time, Usain St Leo Bolt has been the real star. On top of his record-equaling nine athletics gold medals, Bolt, who will be 30 on Sunday, is confident, relaxed and supremely connected with the crowds he attracts wherever he goes.

His mother seems to think that the young Bolt, who will retire after next year's world championships, was born to run. Born in Trelawny parish near Montego Bay where a host of sprinters including the shamed Ben Johnson also come from-Bolt was something special from the start, according to Jennifer Bolt.

"After three weeks he was pushing because he was so strong," the mother said.

"One day, I left him on the bed and when I came back he was close to falling off, so from here I was saying, 'What kind of child he is?'" she recalled.

By the age of 12, Bolt was the fastest in his school. "He was always on top," she said.

### SLOW STARTER

A school cricket coach urged him to try track and field and his talent gradually grew, though as in his races his progression was not always fast out of the blocks.

At the world youth championships in 2001, he was entered for the 200m but failed to make the finals. His coaches were often frustrated at his reluctance to train and his practical jokes.

But at the age of 15 he was already 1.96 metres (6ft 5in) and at the world junior championships in 2002 he won the 200m. He is one of just a handful of athletes to have won world titles at junior, youth and senior levels. The after-effects of a leg injury meant he did not get past the first round in the 200m at the 2004 Athens Olympics, where his Rio rival Justin Gatlin won the 100m.

Bolt set his first 100m world record (9.72sec) in May 2008 in New York. The Jamaican then stormed the Beijing Olympics with his first 100m, 200m, relay treble. The world was forced to take notice of his chest-beating. His 9.58 record at the world championships in Berlin in 2009 was an even bigger sensation.

After completing the 'triple triple' of Olympic sprint titles in Rio on Friday, Bolt summed it up by saying: "There you go. I'm the greatest." Athletics bosses must wish he could stay longer. Bolt has said he will hang up his spikes after next year's world championships in London. With each major win he has deflected attention away from bad news for track and field.

In Beijing it was the doping controversy surrounding women's sprint star Marion Jones and her boyfriend Tim Montgomery. Gatlin was unable to defend his title as he was serving an initial eight-year doping ban, which was reduced to four.

Other rivals have also been tainted and fallen by the wayside. Bolt has maintained his common touch with the crowds through all this. At the 2013 world championships in Moscow, with heavy rain falling, Bolt mimed putting up an umbrella and appropriately lightning bolts lit up the sky around the stadium.

Bolt has made it clear why he feels obliged to give something back to the spectators. "A lot of people come out to see what I'm going to do today, tomorrow and it's fun for them," he said.

"I enjoy showing them and giving them the joy I get out of doing this because they give me the energy to do it so I'm always hungry," —AFP



## ATHLETICS

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Allyson Felix became the first woman athlete with five gold medals as she powered the US sprint relay team to victory just a day after they had been brought back from the Olympic dead.

Felix, long jump gold medalist Tianna Bartoletta, English Gardner and Tori Bowie, who won 100m silver and 200m bronze in Rio, combined to clock the second fastest 4x100m relay time ever run, in 41.01 seconds.

Only the gold-medal winning US team at the 2012 London Games has gone faster. Jamaica finished second in 41.36sec, handing double sprint gold medalist Elaine Thompson a third Olympic medal, with Britain taking bronze in a national record of 41.77.

"It felt like we were really strong tonight. The adversity yesterday made us even more determined and we kept fighting the whole way through," said Felix after the triumph late Friday in the Rio Olympic stadium.

The US team were forced into a solo run of their qualifier on Thursday, having overturned a disqualification for a dropped baton exchange between Felix and Gardner. Replays showed that Felix had been knocked off-balance by Brazilian runner Kauiza Venancio as she prepared to hand off and they got another chance.

"I think yesterday proved that you never know what you're going to get. But sometimes adversity makes you stronger. We each have had a rocky road here, a different journey, a unique experience and we just came together," said Felix, whose team won gold from the highly unfavoured inside lane, with its tight corners.

"It was a crazy, freak accident what hap-



**RIO DE JANEIRO:** The United States team from left, English Gardner, Tori Bowie, Tianna Bartoletta and Allyson Felix celebrate winning the gold medal in the women's 4x100-meter relay final during the athletics competitions of the 2016 Summer Olympics at the Olympic stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Friday. —AP

pened in the first round. We had to leave it with the authority," she said. "It's really neat sharing with these special ladies. We had fun out there," beamed Felix.

"I'm very proud to look back on my career and see what the sport of track and field has given me. Bartoletta, whose two world long jump titles remarkably came 10 years apart, with a stint on the US bobsled team sandwiched in between, was delighted with her double gold.

"I'm extremely happy," she said. "The

journey to this point has been tumultuous. It's special." Jamaica's Thompson also had no complaints after adding to her double sprint titles. "It's been a wonderful experience, my first Olympic Games. Two golds, a silver, I can't complain," she said.

Felix's fifth gold made her the female athlete to have won the most, having previously claimed golds in the sprint relay in London, and as part of the 4x400m relays in 2008 and 2012.

Her sole individual title came in the

200m in the British capital. Felix also won silver in the 400m earlier this week, a feat that saw her become the most decorated female Olympian in US track and field history, breaking her tie with Jackie Joyner-Kersey, with a total of seven medals.

It was also a historic night for Jamaican veteran Campbell-Brown, who became the second athlete to win a medal in athletics at five Olympic Games after Merlene Ottey, her fellow Jamaican who switched allegiance to Slovenia late in her career. —AFP



## ATHLETICS

## CHERUIYOT'S 16-YEAR-WAIT ENDS, TAKES TO THE MARATHON

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** After a 16-year-year wait, Kenya's multiple world champion, Vivian Cheruiyot finally lived her dream on Friday to win Olympic gold, then announced she would switch to road racing.

Cheruiyot, holder of four world titles in 5,000m and 10,000m, and who returned from maternity leave last year to clinch the world double in Beijing, beat Ethiopian Almaz Ayana to a surprise 5,000m Olympic gold medal in the Olympic Stadium. She led a Kenyan one-two for a country's first Olympic victory over the distance in 14:26.17, breaking the Games record. Former world indoor 3,000m champion, Helen Onsando Obiri, took silver, with Ayana, who tried to set a fast pace as she did with the 10,000m last Saturday, having to settle for bronze.

"I have been waiting for this moment for so long, from 2000, 2008 and 2012. Finally I have won the Olympic gold. I now believe that one should never lose hope," Cheruiyot, 32, told Reuters. She went to the London Olympics four years ago as a hot favourite for a double gold, but was disappointed to return home with 10,000m silver and 5,000m bronze.

"Now that I have achieved my dream, this will be my last track event," she said, though she added she intended to defend her world title in London next year.

"I am moving to marathon and I will be running in the Newcastle Half-Marathon next month to prepare for the London marathon next year," said Cheruiyot.

"I did not believe that I could beat Ayana. Before the race, I knew she was going to win, but Helen Obiri told me she is unbeatable.

"We saw her during the 10,000m and something was not right with her today. She was not running smoothly. We said if she does 66 seconds per lap, we would do 68 and remain behind her.

"When we confirmed she was struggling, I told Helen to attack, and I would follow. I saw the gap closing, then I said if I close this gap I would not let go," Cheruiyot said.

"At the bell, I asked myself am I dreaming or is it real? With 100m left, I believed it and was elated that I was winning the ultimate medal." The athlete said stopping to have a baby helped her. —Reuters



**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Kenya's Vivian Jepkemoi Cheruiyot celebrates winning the gold medal and setting a new Olympic record in the women's 5000-meter final during the athletics competitions of the 2016 Summer Olympics at the Olympic stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Friday. —AP



**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Brazil's Alison Cerutti, left, and teammate Bruno Oscar Schmidt stand on the podium after winning the gold medal in the men's beach volleyball competition at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Friday. —AP

## BRAZIL WINS BEACH VOLLEYBALL GOLD



## BEACH VOLLEYBALL

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Alison and Bruno stood on the top step of the Olympic podium, holding back tears as the Brazilian national anthem rose above the waves crashing against Copacabana beach.

"In front of our people. In the best spot for this sport," Bruno said after the reigning world champions beat Italy in straight sets in the beach volleyball gold medal match on Thursday night. "This is a magical feeling."

In a temporary stadium erected on the sport's spiritual home, during a steady rain that only served to help the 6-foot-8 Alison jump even higher, the Brazilians rallied from deficits in both sets to beat Daniele Lupo and Paolo Nicolai 21-19, 21-17.

The victory sparked a lively - but somewhat drenched - party one night after losses in the women's bronze- and gold-medal matches left the hosts with just two total medals at the Rio Games in a sport they love and were expected to dominate.

"It's like a dream realized. I can't believe it," said Alison, who lost in the gold medal match in London. "It's amazing. I don't have the words." The Netherlands beat Russia earlier Thursday in a bronze-medal match that was subdued after two weeks of singing and samba dancing in the 12,000-seat venue. But when the time came for the main event, the stands filled and the anticipation built.

Italy opened a 5-1 lead but the hosts came back to win the first set. In the second, Brazil trailed by three before scoring 11 of the next 15 points to take a 19-15 lead. Alison delivered his sixth block on the game-winner, knocking it off Lupo for what the referee ruled was a double-touch. The Italians questioned

the call, but by the time the score hit the scoreboard the Brazilian athletes were already in the stands.

"We tried everything to win the game," Nicolai said. "They were the best, for sure." Some fans covered their heads with the ever-present green and yellow flags in an attempt to stay dry. Others wore ponchos and waved their flags and celebrate each point scored by the locals.

As he has throughout the tournament, Alison egged on the crowd, pointing to his ear to encourage fans to yell louder after the Brazilians rallied from the early deficit. The victory helped salvage what had been a bit of a disappointment for the Brazilian beach volleyball teams, who stepped onto their home sand with the top two women's seeds and two of the top four on the men's side.

Pedro and Evandro failed to make it out of the round of 16, and the top-seeded women's teams collected only a silver medal.

Even with Italy's loss, it was cause for celebration in Europe. No European country had ever won a medal in women's beach volleyball - or even reached the final four - before Germany beat one Brazilian team in the semifinal and another in the championship to claim the gold.

With the Dutch bronze and Italian silver on the men's side, the three medals were an Olympic high for the continent. Heading into the Rio Games, the sport had been dominated by Brazilians and Americans, who combined to win 20 of a possible 30 medals.

"I don't think we have to talk about it being the Brazilians and the Americans anymore," said Alexander Brouwer after he joined with Robert Meeuwssen to win 23-21, 22-20 and earn the Netherlands' first beach medal.

"Of course, it's where the sport was invented," he said. "But if you talk about it now, we are on an even level." —AP



Forwards Vokes,  
Gray cut Liverpool  
down to size

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Brazil wins beach  
volleyball gold

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TV UMPIRE TO CALL NO-BALLS IN ENGLAND-PAKISTAN ODIS



RIO DE JANEIRO: Britain's Nicola Adams, left, and France's Sarah Ourahmoune exchange punches during a women's flyweight 51-kg final boxing match at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, yesterday. — AP

# BRITAIN'S ADAMS FIRST WOMAN TO RETAIN BOXING TITLE

## PARK WINS FIRST WOMEN'S GOLF GOLD IN 116 YEARS



BOXING

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Britain's Nicola Adams wrote herself into the history books once more as she became the first woman to retain an Olympic boxing title in Rio yesterday.

Already a hugely popular household name back home, Adams won a unanimous points decision over France's Sarah Ourahmoune in their flyweight final to add to the gold she won at London 2012 — the first time women's boxing had featured at an Olympics.

"It feels absolutely amazing, especially to be able to think to myself I've created history and I'm now the most accomplished British amateur boxer we've ever had, of all time, so it's a nice title to have," said Adams, 33, who celebrated wildly and wiped away tears on the podium.

"I've had a massive amount of support from Yorkshire (where she is from) and the rest of the nation. I felt like I

had their support in the ring with me, every punch I was throwing."

The only British boxer to previously clinch back-to-back Olympic titles was Harry Mallin, who managed that in middleweight, in 1920 and 1924.

Adams's triumph rarely looked in any doubt. Wearing red and in front of the watching British heavyweight champion Anthony Joshua, Adams enjoyed the better of the opening exchanges, but Ourahmoune did catch the Briton with a decent right that momentarily deterred her.

Adams, whose gold in London in 2012 made her a media darling in Britain and one of the faces of that Games, was again on top in the second round, landing the cleaner punches and getting the crowd on its feet with one savage attack.

The third was more of the same. Ourahmoune was up against it and one Adams left jab rocked the Frenchwoman, who was trying to become a second woman from France to win Olympic boxing gold in two days after Estelle Mossely's triumph on Friday.

Adams just had to steer clear of trouble in the fourth and final round, but it is not in her nature to hold back,

and one blow to the Frenchwoman's rib cage left her gasping for air.

Bronze went to China's Ren Cancan-Adams's victim in the 2012 final and in the semi-final in Rio-and the Colombian Ingrid Valencia.

Meanwhile, South Korea's Park In-Bee won the first women's Olympic golf title in 116 years yesterday, using her effortless swing to take a five-stroke victory over New Zealand's Lydia Ko.

Park shot a five-under-par 66 to finish the tournament at 16-under. Ko, the world number one, ended at 11 under par to take silver while China's Feng Shanshan finished a further stroke back for bronze.

The normally impassive Park, a former world number one, rolled in a final par putt on the 18th hole and appeared to choke up for a moment as she raised her arms in victory.

The win adds to an impressive collection of achievements for Park, including seven major championships, and will serve to punctuate the dominance of South Korean women golfers.

South Korea had more Olympic qualifiers than any other country, with four, and Park had said earlier in the

week that they faced considerable pressure back in Seoul to bring home gold.

Park took the tournament lead from the second round and held on despite a charge by Ko, the world number one, who leapt back into contention in the third round on Friday.

Park, ranked number five in the world, started Saturday two strokes ahead of Ko. But she soon stretched that advantage with four birdies on a flawless front nine. She hit her tee shot into the water en route to a bogey on the par-five tenth hole, but the typically unflappable Park shrugged it off to card three birdies down the stretch against one further bogey.

Ko, who shot a two-under 69 for the day, couldn't catch Park, but she birdied the final hole to snatch away silver from Feng, who was already in the clubhouse.

Golf returned to the Games last week with a men's event that concluded Sunday with Britain's Justin Rose winning the first Olympic gold medal since 1904.

The last time a women's event was staged was 1900, when the USA's Margaret Abbott won a nine-hole tournament at the Paris Games. — AFP

# JORGENSEN TAKES GOLD WITH PERFECT RACE



TRIATHLON

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Hot favourite Gwen Jorgensen produced the perfect race to win the Olympic women's triathlon gold yesterday, the American unusually staying with her rivals on the bike before surging clear of defending champion Nicola Spirig-Hug on the run.

Jorgensen has dominated the sport over the last two years but usually wins her races by chasing down the stronger bikers during the 10km run. Yesterday, however, she swam strongly, gave as good as she got on the hilly 40km bike course and broke the challenge of 34-year-old Spirig-Hug on the run to win America's first gold in the sport since it was introduced to the Games in 2000.

Switzerland's Spirig-Hug, who has had a baby since her photo-finish victory in London, held on to take silver and become the first woman to win two Olympic medals in the sport.

Britons Non Stanford and Vicky Holland, who live and train together in Leeds and are great friends, battled it out for bronze, with

Holland just taking it. Jorgensen's win, following Briton Alistair Brownlee's successful defence of the men's title, means the sport's reputation for upset Olympic champions has been firmly put to bed.

It was also a long overdue gold for the country that invented the sport after the United States had previously managed only Susan Williams' bronze in 2004 since it joined the Olympic party in 2000.

"I knew if I kept doing what I've been doing, hopefully it would work out," Jorgensen said.

"I never think you have a perfect race, it was a fun race for sure. I knew they were going to try to break away from me. I didn't want to be in that situation where I had to claw back time."

After a choppy sea swim off Copacabana Beach a group of 18 quickly formed on the bike leg and everyone in the field knew that if Jorgensen remained in that pack going into the run it would be next to impossible to beat her.

However, despite occasional digs by her chief rivals on the main climb on the eight-lap 40km course, the American looked comfortable and, with nobody prepared to push the pace, they all duly rolled into the second transition together.

The defending champion, who has completed sparingly since 2012 and has taken time off to have a baby, was not about to sit back and hand



**RIO DE JANEIRO:** USA's Gwen Jorgensen competes in the cycling portion of the women's triathlon at Fort Copacabana during the Rio 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro yesterday. — AFP

over her title, however, and went clear with Jorgensen from the start.

It was an unfamiliar sight in a major triathlon as Jorgensen is invariably cruising through the field in the early stages of the run and the vastly-experienced Spirig-Hug seemed to be getting under the American's skin as they exchanged words and clashed arms heading into the final lap. — Reuters

# LEICESTER FUME AFTER ARSENAL STALEMATE

	Leicester City 0
	Arsenal 0

**LEICESTER:** Leicester City and Arsenal are still searching for their first Premier League wins of the season after sharing a 0-0 draw yesterday, with the champions left fuming after two penalty appeals were denied. A staid first half came to life in the final minutes when Danny Drinkwater was felled by Laurent Koscielny but referee Mark Clattenburg waved away frantic appeals from Jamie Vardy and Riyad Mahrez, prompting a cacophony of boos from the home fans. "I think I toed the ball a little," said Koscielny. "I don't think it was a penalty."

Substitute Ahmed Musa was then brought down by Hector Bellerin in the 88th minute as Leicester's counter-attacking pace put Arsenal under pressure, only for Clattenburg to again wave play on.

"I don't want to talk about the decisions," said City boss Claudio Ranieri. "The managers make mistakes, the referees make mistakes, the players make mistakes."

Arsenal defender Rob Holding was unconvinced that Leicester were hard done by. "(Musa) went down hoping for it," said the young centre back. "I think it was the right decision." Arsenal offered more attacking purpose in a tight opening 45 minutes although they did little to trouble Leicester's defensive unit.

The hosts were rocked by an injury to debutant Nampalys Mendy in the 53rd minute. Bellerin and Theo Walcott then forced sharp saves from City keeper Kasper Schmeichel although Vardy also fired over the bar after another Leicester breakthrough.

"They kept a lot of possession but we created clear chances," said Ranieri. The game could have gone either way late on with both teams setting up dangerous attacks. "I am very happy," added Ranieri. "It was a draw but I think our fans enjoyed the match." — Reuters





NEW DELHI: A money lender counts rupee currency notes at his shop in New Delhi. India government yesterday promoted Urjit Patel, a deputy governor at the Reserve Bank of India, to serve as RBI's new governor for a three-year term. (A file photo)

# INDIA TAPS INSIDER PATEL AS CB CHIEF

RAJAN SUCCESSOR COULD ENSURE RBI'S POLICY CONTINUITY

**NEW DELHI/MUMBAI:** India's government promoted Urjit Patel, a deputy governor in charge of monetary policy at the Reserve Bank of India, to serve as governor for a three-year term, endorsing the central bank's reformist inflation-fighting agenda.

Patel will replace Raghuram Rajan, a former International Monetary Fund chief economist popular with investors who stunned financial markets in June by announcing he would step down and return to academia after a single stint at the RBI. As well as a guarantee of monetary policy continuity Patel, 52, offers a lower political profile.

Rajan faced a backlash from hard-right elements in Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for the social criticism

he sometimes resorted to in his public statements. Patel is little known on the conference circuit and has refrained from making major policy speeches while deputy governor.

An aide to Modi praised Patel as "young and dynamic" while having a wide international policy perspective.. As deputy governor, he headed a panel that recommended landmark changes to monetary policy in India, including a switch to inflation-targeting and the creation of a committee to set interest rates.

Modi backed that inflation target of 4 percent, within a range of 2 to 6 percent, in his annual Independence Day speech on Monday, saying his government had brought down consumer price growth from double dig-



The newly-appointed governor of Reserve Bank of India Urjit Patel.

its under the last government.

"Dr Patel's appointment as the RBI Governor would give a sense of policy continuity," said Rupa Rege Nitsure, group chief economist at L&T Finance

Holdings in Mumbai. "It will assure international investors that the flexible inflation targeting framework will be taken to its logical end, and it's absolutely essential for India's monetary policy credibility."

Patel, who has a doctorate from Yale, will take over on Sept 4. He was reappointed in January for another three years as deputy governor in charge of monetary policy, a department he has run since 2013 after first being appointed by a Congress-led government.

## NOT SUCH A CONSENSUS-BUILDER?

Seen as a close lieutenant to Rajan, Patel will now get to implement the policies he helped shape and that have substantially changed the role of the RBI

Governor. The government is soon expected to announce the lineup of the six-member Monetary Policy Committee to decide on interest rates. It will be made up of Patel and two other RBI officials, along with three members appointed by the government.

That may require a consensus-builder, in the mould of central banks in developed markets such as the U.S. Federal Reserve. Some within the RBI describe Patel as a moody man who avoids social interaction and huddles only with close aides. "He has an abrasive personality," said one RBI official who has worked with him. "At a time when RBI policy will be decided by a monetary policy committee, good communication skills are a necessity which is

lacking in him."

Rajan, who succeeded in halving the inflation rate from the double-digit levels prevailing when he took over, also persuaded the government to adopt inflation targeting, another policy endorsed by Patel. The new governor takes over at a time when inflation has risen above that range. Consumer inflation accelerated to 6.07 percent in July, the fourth consecutive month above the RBI's near-term target of 5 percent.

Aside from controlling inflation, the new governor will have to follow through on efforts to clean up banks' bad loans so that they can again support the investments needed if India is to keep its place as one of the world's fastest growing economies. — Reuters

## FITCH CUTS TURKEY DEBT OUTLOOK AFTER COUP

**WASHINGTON:** The ratings agency Fitch on Friday cut its outlook for Turkey's sovereign debt rating to "negative", saying last month's coup attempt underscored risks to political stability in the country. The agency affirmed the country's rating at BBB-, a notch above junk grade. Fitch said political uncertainty follow the failed coup will impact economic performance and could hurt economic policy.

"The authorities are responding to the coup attempt with a purge of the followers of those it blames, with around 70,000 public sector workers suspended so far," the agency said in a statement.

"The implications for checks and balances, which in Fitch's opinion have eroded in recent years, are unclear, as is the potential for further disruption from those behind the coup attempt."

Elements within the Turkish military on July 15 attempted the ouster of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan but were quickly repulsed by loyalists. The poor rating will help elevate the prices Turkey pays to borrow on debt markets.

Fitch said revenues from tourism arrivals were down 41 percent year-on-year for the first half of 2016, a sector which accounts for 13 percent of external receipts.

"Growth is forecast to dip due to lower investment," the statement said, "although a strong start to the year means that, at a Fitch-forecast 3.4 percent of GDP in 2016, it will be above the peer median."

Meanwhile, two Turkish ministers responsible for the economy gave diverging

forecasts on prospects for meeting a 4.5 percent growth target on Friday, apparently reflecting high-level differences about the impact on the economy of last month's attempted coup. Investors have been rattled by both the July 15 putsch, when a group of rogue soldiers attempted to overthrow the government, and the widening crackdown that has followed with the arrests or dismissals of tens of thousands of people.

"The downside risks to growth, especially in the third quarter, have increased, because no matter how much we try, there have been some fluctuations, uncertainties and changes in the market," Deputy Prime Minister Mehmet Simsek told broadcaster TRT Haber in a live interview.

"We cannot attain 4.5 percent growth this year," he said. Simsek, a former Wall Street banker, is seen as a rare anchor of investor confidence in a cabinet stocked with close allies of President Tayyip Erdogan, who favours consumption over savings and structural reforms.

But Simsek increasingly appears to be in the minority. Hours after his comments, another the deputy prime minister with oversight of the economy, Nurettin Canikil, told Reuters the opposite - that the 4.5 percent growth target was "still valid".

Canikil, who has close ties to Erdogan, was given oversight of commercial lenders and capital markets in the new cabinet announced in May, responsibilities that previously belonged to Simsek, who now oversees only the central bank and the Treasury. — Agencies

# IN EGYPT, IMF DEAL BRINGS AUSTERITY FEW CAN AFFORD

**CAIRO:** A few years ago Imad would not have imagined himself queuing in the Cairo sun for a weekly ration of subsidised baby milk. But rising prices mean his civil servant's salary barely lasts the month and the government is tightening its belt further.

"Electricity is up, food is up. The only thing that doesn't rise in Egypt is people's pay yet all they talk about is cutting subsidies," said Imad, smartly-dressed like many in the line.

Squeezed by economic and political turmoil since the 2011 uprising that toppled Hosni Mubarak, Egyptians are preparing for a new era of austerity. The reforms are part of a program to cut the budget deficit and rebalance currency markets promised to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to secure \$12 billion of lending over three years.

But political opposition to measures involving subsidy cuts, devaluation and new taxes while tens of millions rely on state-subsidised food, make the program ambitious. The cost of failure, say economists, is high. The budget deficit is near 10 percent of GDP. Inflation is 14 percent. A shortage of foreign currency has hit imports. Foreign investors are unable to repatriate profit and some are shutting shop, hit by capital and import controls imposed over the last 18 months.

Businesses are unable to secure enough foreign currency to import components or pay a premium above 40 percent to obtain dollars on the black market. They talk of survival not growth.

"It's very clear that circumstances have led Egypt to really need IMF support... it will have to make changes to ensure the implementation of the plan it presented to the IMF," said Angus Blair, chief operating officer of Pharos Holding. "The system in Egypt, as in overall governance, is slow... and this is a reform programme that calls for quick action and bravery, especially because some of the impact will be inflationary."

## POLITICAL WILL

Successive governments have balked at cutting subsidies after President Anwar Sadat removed them on flour, rice and oil in 1977, part of an effort to secure IMF-backed financing.

He reinstated them after poor Egyptians rioted, attacking symbols of the growing divide between them and wealthier classes they saw as the beneficiaries of Sadat's policy to liberalise the economy after more than a decade of socialism. Though Egypt has returned to the IMF virtually every decade since the 1970s, implementation of reforms has been mixed. Many Egyptians are uneasy with a program they see as being foreign imposed and are convinced it will hurt all but the richest. More recently, Egypt negotiated two IMF deals that were never finalised, including a \$4.8 billion loan initially agreed in 2012. The reluctance with which policymakers have previously approached reforms means investors are not rushing back yet.

## TOO HUNGRY TO PROTEST

Chris Jarvis, head of the IMF's Egypt mission, said those deals had failed due to a lack of political will at the top to implement reforms. This time, he said, political commitment appeared stronger. President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said last week he would not hesitate "for one second" to take the difficult steps necessary to ensure Egypt lives within its means.

Electricity prices were raised by 20-40 percent this month under a five-year program that will see power subsidies gradually eliminated. Petrol subsidies are next. Reforms to the bloated civil service have been passed by parliament, though heavily diluted. But critics say change is late and leaves little breathing room. They say the billions of dollars showered on Egypt by Gulf Arab allies since Sisi overthrew his dem-

ocratically-elected Muslim Brotherhood predecessor in mid-2013, were wasted.

"This support did more harm than good as it was not conditional on reform delivery, and actually removed the urgency to carry out critically-needed policy changes," VTB Capital said in a note to clients. "Egypt now has a weaker macro/social starting point and requires deeper and, hence, more painful adjustment," Imad, who once considered himself middle class, now regrets joining the protests that helped bring Sisi to power.

Even with regular raises, his 2,000 pounds(\$225) a month alary cannot keep pace with rising prices. "We are not below the poverty line. We are below the round.... They want us to be so preoccupied looking for bread hat we think of nothing else," he said. "Anyone who protests or peaks out now is accused of being Brotherhood."

Egypt has announced plans to expand its social security net to mitigate the impact on the poorest but many fear measures will exacerbate inequalities that helped stoke anger against Mubarak before the 2011 revolt ended his 30-year rule. Today, protest is muted. Under Sisi, Brotherhood members have been jailed, exiled or driven underground. Liberal activists who initially backed Sisi have also been silenced. A law restricting protest has ended the mass movements that helped unseat two presidents in three years.

A group of socialist parties have issued a statement rejecting the IMF deal they say saddles Egypt with more debt and leaves it beholden to foreign entities. But none of the parties have parliament seats and there have been no credible protest calls. The government's first test is a law proposing VAT at 14 percent that is being debated in parliament but faces opposition from lawmakers worried about inflation. — Reuters



# 6 WAYS TO DRIVE INNOVATION IN THE WORKPLACE

## Bayt.com weekly report

**KUWAIT:** Innovation is defined as introducing new things or ideas. In the workplace, innovation means applying new ideas and methods to enhance stale methods and processes which are necessary for the success of a business. Nowadays, creative thinking is no longer limited to artistic areas, and for an organization to remain relevant in a competitive market, it is an essential every day habit. In fact, most companies agree that innovation efforts lead to many benefits, including better financial performance for the company, according to the Bayt.com 'Innovation in the Middle East and North Africa' poll, January 2014. Are you wondering how you can cultivate and foster innovation in your workplace? Here are six easy methods from Bayt.com, the Middle East's #1 job site, to pursue innovation in the workplace:

**1. Hire passionate people**  
Hire people who love what they do and are passionate about their work. Employees who believe in their organizations will be excited to see it grow, and are more inclined to come up with ways to help it succeed. In fact, the Bayt.com 'Passion for Work in the Middle East and North Africa' poll, February 2016, shows that 83.6 percent of MENA professionals are passionate about their work.

**2. Build a diverse team**  
Recruit professionals with diverse backgrounds and mindsets. Employees with different skill sets or educational backgrounds for example, will have unique and new ideas for the company. Creativity is guaranteed to flow. In fact, according to the Bayt.com 'Diversity at Work' poll, October 2015, 80 percent of employees feel that their company encourages diversity.

**3. Create a thinking area**  
Create a space within your organization with a more relaxed atmosphere, where employees can unwind, brainstorm and discuss ideas. You can even provide an idea board, where everyone can share their thoughts, or maybe even find inspiration in someone else's suggestions. You can promote thinking and active learning in your company by means of workshops, team-building activities and online courses. Have a look at Bayt.com's Courses and Learning platform for tips and ideas.

**4. Creativity contests**  
Encourage employees to develop new ideas by making it fun! Set up internal contests and campaigns. Be very specific about the objective so you don't overwhelm the team. For example: new ways to improve sus-

tainability in the workplace. Pick the top ideas and reward the winners. Then develop the idea with them, allow them to own the project, to show the staff that innovation is taken seriously, and it is not a waste of their time.

**5. Reward the innovators**  
44 percent of employees say companies reward their creativity, according to the Bayt.com 'Innovation in the MENA' poll. Motivate your employees by recognizing their efforts and rewarding their creativity. Don't only praise the winners, but also those who really put in an effort, or have a constant flow of suggestions. You can reward with things such as: recognition, time off, gift cards, or personalized gifts, instead of just cash bonuses.

**6. Appreciate risk**  
And accept failure as part of the process.

Let your team know that even if their innovative idea was not what you were looking for, or did not succeed once it was implemented, that the effort and the risks taken are a welcome part of any new venture. In fact, according to the Bayt.com 'Secrets of Career Success in the MENA' poll, June 2016, 60.6 percent of professionals say that taking risks has been 'extremely' important in their career success.

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# NIGERIANS LOOK TO TRADITIONAL GODS FOR ECONOMIC SALVE

## NO END IN SIGHT TO COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC WOES

**OSOGBO, Nigeria:** Wearing pristine white gowns and cowry shells, red feathers in their hair, a group of Nigerian priestesses sang as they slaughtered chickens for the river goddess, asking for good fortune in these turbulent times. Thousands of Nigerians came out to Osogbo, a three-hour drive from Lagos, on Friday to celebrate the river goddess Osun and put their hardships behind them as people turn to traditional gods for hope in the face of a likely recession and with no end in sight to the country's economic woes.

"I thank God we still have Osun," priestess Oyelola Elebuibon told AFP during the procession from the king's palace to a sacred forest grove studded with moss-coated concrete sculptures of Yoruba dieties.

The annual festival sees an "arugba"-or virgin-carrying a sacred gourd through the streets and down to the water to give a sacrifice to the river goddess. Around her, dizzyingly fast drummers beat the crowd into a frenzy, while the royal entourage follows in the air-conditioned comfort of high-end SUVs."Water always cools," said Elebuibon, explaining that praying to the "orishas"-or deities-solves problems in a way that Christianity or Islam cannot.

Perhaps Nigeria is in particular need of some soothing. The country is smarting from a plunge in oil prices that has sapped its government revenues and helped stoke inflation to 16.5 percent in June. The economic crisis has been a long time coming. Endemic inequity in the country's oil-producing region has stoked discontent that has erupted with a new wave of militants attacking oil infrastructure.

Other industries are strangled by the lack of electricity, a result of poor infrastructure development during the boom times. In Lagos, the country's commercial hub, elites can cocoon themselves in luxury by powering their apartments with gas-guzzling generators and shopping at grocery stores with imported food.

That's not the case in Osogbo, where the streets are dark at night and potholes pock the roads. As the ceremonial procession walked



**OSOGBO: Performers perform in front of the crowd during the Osun-Osogbo Festival in Osogbo, Nigeria on Friday. Thousands of people attend the yearly Osun-Osogbo Festival to celebrate the river goddess Osun and pray for good economic fortune. —AFP**

from the palace to the sacred forest grove, gangs of young unemployed men prowled the streets and got into fistfights, scaring women and children away from the festivities.

**'Miracle water'**  
Nigeria is about evenly split between a Muslim north and a Christian south, but many people still practise traditional religion which features a pantheon of animist gods worshipped at shrines. This week, Osun State-the home of the festival-declared Monday, August 22, a public holiday for traditional worshippers. It's a move welcomed by tourists who came to Osogbo for the festival which is held in one of Yorubaland's last remaining sacred groves. "All my problems this year will go away," said

Tope Lagluko, a 40-year-old businessman selling moringa seed in the sacred grove by the river. Lagluko said the water is a cure-all that could be added to a bath to "solve any problem", and he insists on visitors taking some home. "I've seen the miracles," he said. Yet even the promise of holy water couldn't change the fact that this year, there just wasn't as much money to spend on travel. Despite sponsorships from a major mobile network and Seaman's Schnapps-"the original number one prayer drink", according to a banner-turnout was low, a staff member at the king's palace said. Still, for the devoted, the river goddess is worth the trek. "I love this place, it brings people together," said Fumi Nife, a 28-year-old woman wearing a white gown standing by the water. "See you next year." — AFP

# INDONESIA USES NEW INTEREST RATE TO BOOST ECONOMY

**JAKARTA:** Indonesia's central bank Friday began using a new benchmark interest rate it hopes will transmit changes in borrowing costs more quickly, as policymakers seeks fresh ways to boost the economy. Bank Indonesia left the new benchmark, called the seven-day reverse repo rate, unchanged at 5.25 percent. Analysts had been split on whether the bank would make a cut on the new rate's debut. Southeast Asia's top economy has been slowing in recent years as demand for its key commodities exports have dropped, particularly from regional powerhouse China, and policymakers have been scrambling to find new ways to lift the country's fortunes.

The central bank had already cuts its old benchmark four times this year but analysts say that the moves were failing to persuade commercial banks to lower their own lending rates, meaning the changes were not having a major impact on the real economy. The new rate, which is a shift from the old, 12-month reference rate, has a more short-term focus and the bank hopes it will help them

influence markets more quickly and directly. "Our monetary policies will be more effective and efficient when interpreted by the markets," said Bank Indonesia governor Agus Martowardojo, referring to the new rate.

While the benchmark rate was left on hold, the lending facility rate-the rate at which commercial banks can borrow from Bank Indonesia-was cut by 100 basis points to six percent. Despite Friday's decision, Capital Economics forecast a reduction in the benchmark rate soon. "With growth struggling and inflationary pressures low, a rate cut is likely sooner rather than later," it said in a note.

President Joko Widodo came to power almost two years ago on a pledge to boost growth in the G20 economy, but has struggled to get key projects off the ground due to the dim global outlook and Indonesia's notoriously difficult business environment. The economy expanded faster than expected in April-June, at 5.18 percent, but it was still below growth rates of over six percent seen several years ago. —AFP

# ECB OFFICIALS SAW SHOCK FROM UK VOTE AS LARGELY CONTAINED

**FRANKFURT, Germany:** Officials at the European Central Bank saw the initial impact from Britain's vote to leave the EU as largely confined to that country despite much uncertainty about whether it would hurt the global economy in the future. That is the view contained in the written account of the eurozone central bank's July 21 rate-setting meeting, released Thursday. The ECB had left unchanged its stimulus policies, which include 80 billion euros a month in bond purchases and a benchmark interest rate of zero. The officials sought to balance the need to reassure markets that they would add more stimulus if needed against ongoing uncertainty about how much the British vote would actually hurt the economy. The bank said it would wait to get more data from its staff's forecasts. Members of the 15-member governing council wanted to make it clear they wouldn't stand idly by in case of trouble, without on the other hand raising expectations for more stimulus and "fostering undue expectations about the future course of monetary policy."

Financial markets had weathered the initial surprise from the vote to leave, the officials agreed. But they were concerned about the longer term impact on neighboring Europe, a major trade partner. Britain's exit from the EU and its tariff-less single market would require a renegotiation of trade relations, something that would likely take years, leaving uncertainty for businesses.

"Looking ahead, the impact of the referendum was perceived to be geographically confined and to affect mainly the United

Kingdom, and Europe more broadly," the account said.

The ECB officials noted "that the uncertainty of the situation itself could affect the global economy in deeper and less predictable ways than through the direct trade channel."

The bank's wait-and-see stance contrasts with that of the US Federal Reserve, which is looking to raise interest rates further from current very low levels. Minutes of the Fed's July 26-27 meeting indicated some officials thought another increase would soon be warranted. Others were unwilling to consider that. The Fed has put off further increases since a quarter-point hike in December to its key rate to a range of 0.25-0.50 percent. The ECB is in a different situation, with more moderate economic growth that is bringing down high unemployment more slowly than many would like.

Some analysts think the ECB will eventually provide more stimulus on top of its bond purchases and extremely low interest rates, which include a negative rate of 0.4 percent on deposits left with it overnight by commercial banks. The 19 countries that use the euro saw economic growth of 0.3 percent in the second quarter. Inflation at 0.2 percent is low and regarded as a sign of weak demand, while unemployment remains high at 10.1 percent. The eurozone also faces worries about its banks, especially in Italy. Bad loans and low profits continue to burden the financial system. Very low interest rates squeeze the profit margin between the rates banks can borrow and their lending rates. — AP

# ARGENTINE COURT BLOCKS MACRI'S GAS PRICE HIKE

**BUENOS AIRES:** Argentina's Supreme Court blocked President Mauricio Macri's move to slash natural gas subsidies, a much-hated policy that has sent customers' bills soaring. The ruling is the hardest blow yet to the business-friendly president's move to eliminate electricity, gas and water subsidies which he says are bloating the deficit and sapping the struggling economy.

In a unanimous decision, the top court ruled the government must hold public hearings before implementing any rate increase for residential customers. The ruling does not apply to gas prices for businesses. Angry Argentines had filed a flurry of legal challenges to the rate hikes after their utility bills shot up an average of 700 percent. A federal court blocked the electricity

rate hike earlier this month. Protests had already forced the government to cap the gas increases at 400 percent for homes and 500 percent for businesses. But lower courts suspended the increases. The government appealed all the way to the Supreme Court, to no avail.

Macri's chief of staff, Marcos Pena, said the government would call public hearings "as soon as possible, which is in three weeks." He said the ruling showed that Argentina needs to overhaul what he described as an "energy system in crisis."

Political analyst Daniel Kerner of consultancy Eurasia Group said the hearing process would likely result in more modest price increases.

"This decision will complicate the government's ability to meet its deficit targets and will

create uncertainty regarding the government's ability to define energy prices in the future," he said in a note. In the past 12 years, Argentina has spent \$52 billion on gas subsidies and \$24.4 billion on electricity subsidies, according to the government. Macri, 57, took office in December vowing to kick-start economic growth with free-market reforms after 12 years of leftist rule.

Argentina's economy-the third-largest in Latin America, after Brazil and Mexico-is facing a contraction of 1.5 percent this year, according to International Monetary Fund forecasts. Macri, who has ended foreign exchange controls and triggered a currency devaluation, insists his reforms are necessary medicine to restore growth. —AFP

## EXCHANGE RATES

### AL-MUZAINI EXCHANGE CO.

#### ASIAN COUNTRIES

Japanese Yen	3.014
Indian Rupees	4.508
Pakistani Rupees	2.889
Srilankan Rupees	2.084
Nepali Rupees	2.832
Singapore Dollar	225.960
Hongkong Dollar	38.953
Bangladesh Taka	3.850
Philippine Peso	6.530
Thai Baht	8.760

#### GCC COUNTRIES

Saudi Riyal	80.576
Qatari Riyal	83.001
ani Riyal	784.823
Bahraini Dinar	802.440
UAE Dirham	82.266

#### ARAB COUNTRIES

Egyptian Pound - Cash	29.960
Egyptian Pound - Transfer	34.395
Yemen Rial/for 1000	1.213
Tunisian Dinar	138.850
Jordanian Dinar	426.370
Lebanese Lira/for 1000	2.013
Syrian Lira	2.0153
Morocco Dirham	31.723

#### EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COUNTRIES

US Dollar Transfer	302.000
Euro	345.190
Sterling Pound	398.040
Canadian dollar	236.490
Turkish lira	103.780

Swiss Franc	317.730
Australian Dollar	232.990
US Dollar Buying	300.800

#### GOLD

20 Gram	270.710
10 Gram	137.920
5 Gram	69.800

### DOLLARCO EXCHANGE CO. LTD

Rate for Transfer	Selling Rate
US Dollar	302.200
Canadian Dollr	235.035
Sterling Pound	395.820
Euro	343.260
Swiss Frank	291.480
Bahrain Dinar	798.885
UAE Dirhams	82.505
Qatari Riyals	83.720
Saudi Riyals	81.310
Jordanian Dinar	425.825
Egyptian Pound	33.934
Sri Lankan Rupees	2.079
Indian Rupees	4.500
Pakistani Rupees	2.881
Bangladesh Taka	3.845
Philippines Peso	6.508
Cyprus pound	159.280
Japanese Yen	4.005
Syrian Pound	2.400
Nepalese Rupees	3.808
Malaysian Ringgit	75.925
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	46.000
Thai Bhat	9.695
Turkish Lira	103.300

### BAHRAIN EXCHANGE COMPANY

#### CURRENCY BUY SELL

Europe	
British Pound	0.389180
Czech Korune	0.004679
Danish Krone	0.041990
Euro	0.0337100
Norwegian Krone	0.033019
Romanian Leu	0.086616
Slovakia	0.008986
Swedish Krona	0.032125
Swiss Franc	0.308293
Turkish Lira	0.097722

Australasia	
Australian Dollar	0.222456
New Zealand Dollar	0.214063

America	
Canadian Dollar	0.229454
Georgina Lari	0.136374
US Dollars	0.297850
US Dollars Mint	0.298350

Asia	
Bangladesh Taka	0.003341
Chinese Yuan	0.043869
Hong Kong Dollar	0.039608
Indian Rupee	0.004294
Indonesian Rupiah	0.000018

Japanese Yen	0.002937	0.003117
Kenyan Shilling	0.003106	0.003106
Korean Won	0.000260	0.000275
Malaysian Ringgit	0.071596	0.077596
Nepalese Rupee	0.002840	0.003010
Pakistan Rupee	0.002677	0.002967
Philippine Peso	0.006322	0.006622
Sierra Leone	0.000067	0.000073
Singapore Dollar	0.220116	0.230116
South African Rand	0.016576	0.025076
Sri Lankan Rupee	0.001637	0.002217
Taiwan	0.009540	0.009720
Thai Baht	0.008306	0.008856

	Arab	
Bahraini Dinar	0.794360	0.802860
Egyptian Pound	0.024588	0.029706
Iranian Riyal	0.000084	0.000085
Iraqi Dinar	0.000180	0.000240
Jordanian Dinar	0.421721	0.430721
Kuwaiti Dinar	1.000000	1.000000
Lebanese Pound	0.000146	0.000246
Moroccan Dirhams	0.019545	0.043545
Nigerian Naira	0.001244	0.001879
Omani Riyal	0.777866	0.783546
Qatar Riyal	0.082127	0.083577
Saudi Riyal	0.079433	0.080733
Syrian Pound	0.001279	0.001499
Tunisian Dinar	0.134954	0.142954
Turkish Lira	0.097722	0.108022
UAE Dirhams	0.080784	0.082484
Yemeni Riyal	0.001364	0.001444



## CUBA RELEASES NEW ECONOMIC GUIDELINES WITHOUT CHANGES

**HAVANA:** Cuba's ruling Communist Party released a new set of economic guidelines that emphasize the slow-moving and limited nature of the country's reforms amid a sharp national economic downturn. The guidelines "recognize the objective existence of market relationships," but they also restate Cuba's commitment to a centrally planned economy.

The 274 rules say concentration of property and wealth will not be permitted and promise to advance internet service only "gradually, according to our economic possibilities," in one of the world's least-connected nations.

They update a document that laid out President Raul Castro's vision of economic reform at the Cuban Communist Party's twice-a-decade congress in 2011. Those reforms have allowed growth of tens

of thousands of private businesses ranging from self-employed cobblers to high-end restaurants and small boutique hotels.

But the spread of private enterprise has failed to save the government from cash shortages and economic stagnation due to a cutback in subsidized oil from Venezuela. Then-Economy Minister Marino Murillo said last month that Cuba saw 1 percent growth in the first half of 2016 despite an explosion in tourism set off by the declaration of detente with the United States in December 2014. Murillo said the country would have to reduce electricity consumption by 6 percent, with the majority of the reduction directed at the state sector.

The government and state-run enterprises see less activity during the summer, when many Cubans

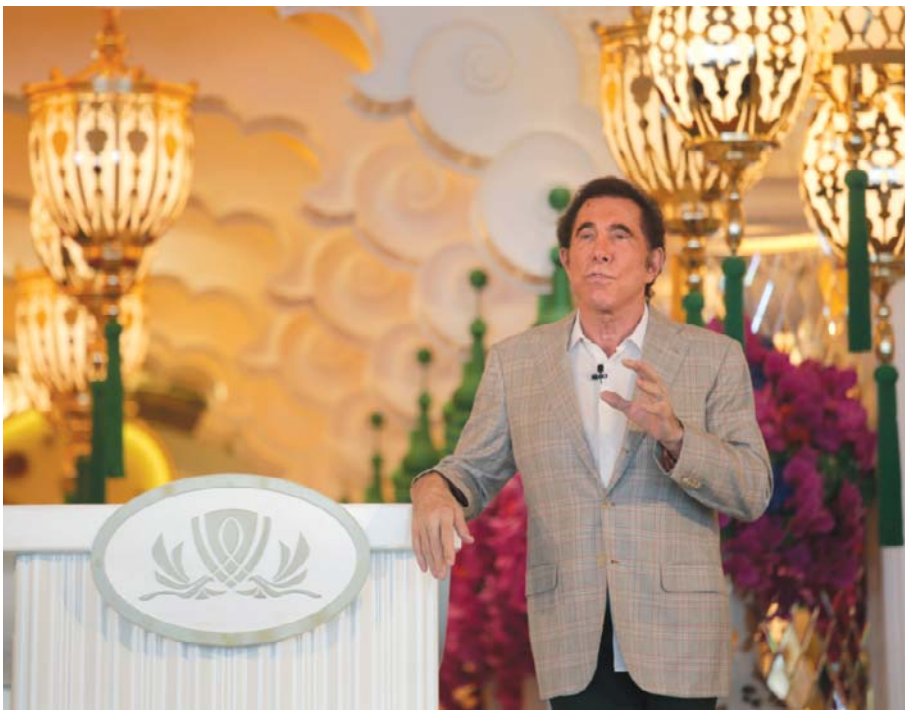
take long vacations. This summer has been particularly slow, with more employees than usual taking longer vacation and leaving the office by early afternoon. Air-conditioning has been cut back in state buildings, and gas stations are frequently closed because they have run out of fuel or are ostensibly undergoing repairs.

Cuba has so far not seen frequent or sustained power outages, shortages or other dramatic effects of the slowdown. There is, however, widespread popular frustration with the government's failure to increase state salaries or allow the faster growth of private enterprise. Another Communist Party document released in May laying out the party's vision for the country until 2030 mentions a new legal recognition of small- and medium-sized business.

Private businesses are currently allowed only under a special category of self-employment, leading to problems for businesses that run afoul of a bureaucracy that doesn't officially recognize them.

The new guidelines contain no details about that reform, casting doubt on whether it will go into effect anytime in the foreseeable future.

Frustrated by the lack of opportunities and worried that the US will end special privileges for Cuban immigrants, Cubans have been leaving the island of 11 million people in growing waves. The rate of emigration has more than doubled since the declaration of detente and more than 90,000 Cubans have entered the United States through border crossings. More than 10,000 more have left in rafts and thousands of others have gone to other countries. —AP



**MACAU:** Steve Wynn, CEO of Wynn Palace speaks during a press conference in Macau, China, Wednesday. The US casino mogul will be hoping luck is on his side as he prepares to launch his Wynn Palace project in the Asian gambling hub, where growth is downshifting into a new phase after years of turbocharged expansion. —AP

## CASINO MOGUL WYNN READIES LAVISH NEW MACAU RESORT

**MACAU:** From a pair of giant golden dragons encircling a vast man-made lagoon to phoenix and cloud motifs inside, Steve Wynn's Macau resort brims with auspicious Chinese symbolism.

The US casino mogul will need luck on his side as launches his \$4.2 billion Wynn Palace project in the gambling hub on China's southern coast, where growth is downshifting after years of turbocharged expansion.

Macau, a former Portuguese colony near Hong Kong, is the world's biggest casino market, with revenues four times those of the Las Vegas Strip. But China's slowing economy and President Xi Jinping's crackdown on corruption are crimping the lavish spending by Chinese high-rollers that powered Macau's boom years, putting casino operators under pressure. Monthly casino revenues have declined for 26 straight months and the market has shrunk by a third to \$28 billion.

In an interview Tuesday ahead of the Wynn Palace's opening next Monday, Wynn acknowledged that Macau's glory years are over, but he was still optimistic.

"What took place here in previous years was an anomaly," Wynn said. "The amount of revenue, the rate of growth was unprecedented and historic and in many cases not just extraordinary but outrageous." Growth now is "representing more normal patterns of human behavior, and that applies as well financially." Current opportunities are "wonderful," he said.

China's Communist Party leaders want Macau to give up its reliance on so-called VIP gamblers, who often have been government officials. Instead they want more "non-gaming" attractions to lure middle-class families and help turn the city of 567,000 into a prominent Asian tourism destination with a more sustainable growth model. Signaling their resolve to rein in gambling growth, Macau's regulators last week granted Wynn 150 new gambling tables, far fewer than the 400 the company had applied for and less than the 250 given to other recently launched casino projects.

In a break with the past, none of the new tables are earmarked by the company for VIP gamblers.

Wynn said he was satisfied with that number. "It's better to have fewer tables that are fully busy than a lot of tables that are just sitting there for a few shifts and aren't used," he said.

Starting in 2013, Macau regulators capped the number of new tables granted to the city's six casino operators, to limit growth to 3 percent a year. The new casino, six years in the making, is Wynn Resorts Ltd.'s second in Macau, the only place in mainland China where casino gambling is permitted. Reporters got a sneak preview ahead of its opening, as workers scrambled to put finishing touches on the resort's landscaping, outdoor lighting and shops.

The lavish decor and extravagant features Wynn is known for abound at the new resort. The 1,700 guest rooms overflow with gold trim. Cabinet handles are in the shape of horizontal figure eights; the number is considered lucky in Chinese culture. Some rooms have gold-plated, hand-etched crystal glass sinks. In one hallway sits Tulips, a \$33.7 million, 3 ton stainless steel sculpture by artist Jeff Koons.

Visitors can take a 10-minute ride around the lagoon in a gondola-car whose cables are supported by the giant golden dragons, and watch a show of more than 1,000 fountain jets and 2,000 LED lights choreographed to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Chinese pop songs and other tunes. Wynn said that while China's slowdown to its slowest growth in a quarter century last year could hurt customer spending, he was too busy to pay much attention to goings on in Beijing.

"The policies of the central government are only tangentially important to us because we're in the middle of delivering a service," he said. "In the long run, the economy of China is going to affect all my customers and their ability to recreate, but on a day-to-day basis it's not part of our script, it's far away from us compared with the demands of the moment." —AP

## FORMER TRAVELERS CEO JAY FISHMAN DIES AT 63

**HARTFORD, Conn:** Former Travelers Group insurance company chief executive Jay Fishman, who became a national advocate for research into Lou Gehrig's disease after being diagnosed with it, died at his home in New Jersey on Friday. He was 63.

Fishman became CEO of Travelers' predecessor company in 1998 and assumed the same title after the merger of The St. Paul Cos. Inc with Travelers Property Casualty Corp in 2004. He was diagnosed in 2014 with a form of Lou Gehrig's disease, a terminal neurodegenerative condition also called amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS. He stepped down as CEO last December but had stayed on as executive chairman of the board.

A company spokesman announced Fishman's death following his battle with ALS. Fishman spearheaded philanthropic efforts related to ALS research. He served as co-chairman of the PGA Tour's recent Travelers Championship golf tournament, which was held in Cromwell, Connecticut, and whose main charitable beneficiary was a Connecticut hospital that provides care to ALS patients.

The man who succeeded Fishman at Travelers, Alan Schnitzer, called him an "icon among corporate leaders." The dis-

ease that afflicted Fishman is named for Lou Gehrig, one of the New York Yankees' greatest players. Gehrig played in 2,130 consecutive games, earning the nickname The Iron Horse. He retired after being affected by ALS, and he died in 1941 at age 37.

Fishman helped fund a national project that is gathering information from hundreds of ALS patients to try to better understand the variations of the disease and how to fight it.

He raised money for a Boston Children's Hospital project that banks the voices of ALS patients so that when the patients lose the ability to speak they can use computers that will speak for them in their own voices. He and his wife recently gave \$3 million to fund a University of Pennsylvania project that helps patients with at-home respiratory care.

"You can be a skeptic and say, 'Well, the only reason he's doing it is that he has the disease,'" Fishman said in June. "The answer is, 'Yeah, of course.' If not me, then who? If I'm not going to reflect all the good things that have happened to me in my life and find a way to plow that back to help people deal with what I personally know is a horrible disease, then shame on me." —AP

## HIRING REMAINS HEALTHY IN PAST YEAR IN MANY US SWING STATES

### DATA POINTS TO POSSIBLE HURDLE FOR TRUMP

**WASHINGTON:** Hiring has been strong in the past year in many presidential campaign swing states, a possible hurdle for GOP candidate Donald Trump, who has sought to capitalize on economic distress.

Employers have added jobs in the past 12 months at a faster pace than the national average in Colorado, Florida, Michigan and North Carolina, the Labor Department said Friday. Job gains have been solid but slightly below the national rate in other battleground states, such as Ohio and Virginia.

On a monthly basis, hiring rose significantly in 15 states in July compared with June, the government said. The biggest percentage gains were in North Dakota, Vermont and Maine. The only state to lose a large number of jobs in July was Kansas, which shed 5,600.

Hiring was healthy nationwide in July, with employers adding 255,000 jobs, following a gain of 292,000 in June, the most in eight months. The US unemployment rate is 4.9 percent.

Nationwide, total jobs rose 1.7 percent in July from a year earlier. That is down from a 2 percent pace in 2015 and 2.2 percent in 2014, which was the healthiest two-year increase since 1998 and 1999.

In Florida, traditionally a close-fought state in presidential campaigns, employers have added 250,200 jobs in the past year, an increase of 3.1 percent. In Colorado, payrolls have grown 74,200, or 2.9 percent. Michigan's job totals rose 2.5 percent and North Carolina's, 2.2 percent.

There has been extensive debate among economists and analysts in recent weeks over the extent to which economic hardship is driving Trump's support.

In the Republican primaries, Trump won strong majorities in hard-hit counties in Appalachia and the deep South, particularly parts of West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky that were devastated by a sharp downturn in the coal industry. Yet an analysis earlier this month by



**ATLANTA:** A worker leaves a Georgia Department of Labor career center, in Atlanta. On Friday, the Labor Department reported yesterday on state unemployment rates for July. —AP

Jonathan Rothwell, a senior economist at Gallup, found that Trump supporters nationwide aren't worse off than the rest of the country, based on household incomes and employment.

Rothwell found that the economy may still be an indirect factor. Those without college degrees, working in blue collar occupations and living in areas with limited economic mobility were more likely than other Americans to support Trump.

But voters living in mostly white areas were also more likely to back Trump, suggesting that cultural anxieties over issues such as immigration are also a key factor, Rothwell found.

Overall, standard economic models suggest a

healthier economy is mostly beneficial for an incumbent political party. Other swing states have also seen solid job gains. Employers added 78,800 jobs in Ohio in the past 12 months, a gain of 1.5 percent. Virginia's total employment grew 1.5 percent in the past year.

In Pennsylvania, hiring was weaker than the national pace, increasing 58,000 or just 1 percent.

The report also showed that South Dakota currently has the lowest unemployment rate at 2.8 percent, followed by New Hampshire with 2.9 percent. Alaska, which has suffered from a drop in oil prices since 2014, had the nation's highest rate at 6.7 percent. —AP

## IOWA LANDOWNERS, PROTESTERS ALLEGE BAKKEN PIPELINE WOES

**DES MOINES:** Landowners in the path of an underground oil pipeline being built across Iowa were joined by protesters calling for the Iowa Utilities Board to address permit violations, establish a liaison to handle complaints and halt construction when proper methods are not being followed.

Mahaska County landowner Pam Alexander said Iowans' property rights are being trampled by a Texas-based company granted an IUB permit last March as part of a 1,168-mile interstate crude oil pipeline from North Dakota's Bakken oil fields, through South Dakota and Iowa, to a distribution hub in Illinois. Dakota Access officials plan to complete the \$3.8 billion pipeline by the end of the year.

"Landowners who signed voluntary easements are not being treated right," Alexander said during a protest held outside the IUB headquarters. "The IUB Board needs to appoint someone to take care of our concerns. We need someone to stand up for Iowans who live here, pay taxes here and love this state dearly." Likewise, Dick and Judy Lamb, a farm couple with land west of Ames that will be cut diagonally by the pipeline, said they were informed Monday that their crops had been cut but were told they would not be notified 48 hours before construction commenced on their land.

"There just aren't words to describe having the government seize your land and destroy it and have no recourse and nothing you can do. It's an anger and a hopelessness that I have difficulty expressing," Dick Lamb said.

Landowners and protesters delivered petitions Tuesday demanding the IUB respond to complaints over violations they alleged have been committed by construction crews building the pipeline in Iowa.

"The fault rests here with the IUB and the government of the state of Iowa. They allowed this to happen, they enabled it to happen and now they're washing their hands of it, walking away and not even listening to our complaints or the violations," he told the protest rally. "We're not pleading, we're not begging, we're demanding it. They

need to set up somebody to deal with the infractions."

Dakota Access spokeswoman Lisa Dillinger refuted the claims made during Tuesday's protest rally. "We are constructing this pipeline in accordance with applicable laws, and the local, state and federal permits and approvals we have received," Dillinger said in a statement. "This is an important energy infrastructure project that benefits all Americans and our national economy."

However, Carolyn Raffensberger of the Science and Environmental Health Network in Ames, said there is evidence construction crews - most from outside of Iowa - have ignored accepted practices of not working dirt when it's too wet, mixing clay and topsoil, contributing to river sedimentation and other concerns documented by "watchdogs" monitoring pipeline work.

The opposition groups say state regulators have been missing in action after approving the project permits. "The basis of legitimate government is the consent of the

governed, and we are here to tell you that we have withdrawn our consent," Raffensberger said. "You do not have our consent to take landowners' land, to pollute our water and to threaten ... future generations." Protesters said state officials need to establish a public liaison officer similar to South Dakota and create a process for receiving and addressing complaints about pipeline construction rather than continue a "blank check" arrangement currently allowing problems to go unchecked.

#### Company response

During the monthly IUB meeting, David Lynch, the board's staff general counsel, said a motion was filed Monday by the Sierra Club asking the Iowa board to appoint a public liaison officer. IUB staff is awaiting a response from the company before reviewing the request and making a recommendation.

Six complaints have been filed with the board regarding the construction process, with three having been resolved or closed and one

unlikely to proceed without follow-up information from the complainant. Another request relates to the issue of a 48-hour advance notice to landowners, he said.

In providing a construction update, Lynch said pipeline-related field activities are taking place in all but two counties - Webster or Calhoun. About 60 percent of the right of way in Iowa has been cleared, 40 percent graded, 15 percent with trenches dug and 20 percent with pipeline "stringing and welding" taking place, he added. "In general, the project appears to be the most advanced at the north-west and southeast ends of the approved route and less advanced at the central Iowa area like Story, Boone, Buena Vista and Cherokee counties," he told IUB members.

Almost all of the county compensation commission hearings have been held, with the last six hearings scheduled to be completed by Aug. 24. He did not know if any appeals had been filed regarding the compensation commission awards. — AP



**Tribune** Law enforcement arrested several people protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline on a newly constructed roadway to be used in building the pipeline. The pipeline would start in North Dakota and pass through South Dakota and Iowa before ending in Illinois. Construction of the pipeline began this week just north of the Standing Rock Sioux reservation. — AP



# KSE STOCKS LOSE TRACK AMID SELLING PRESSURE

## BAYAN WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

SECTORS' WEEKLY TRADING ACTIVITY				
Sector	Volume	To Market %	Value	To Market %
OIL & GAS	13,554,840	4.00%	551,165	1.51%
BASIC MATERIALS	1,554,268	0.46%	594,957	1.63%
INDUSTRIALS	33,723,136	9.96%	3,932,447	10.80%
CONSUMER GOODS	1,708,018	0.50%	1,926,775	5.29%
HEALTH CARE	15,160	0.00%	5,586	0.02%
CONSUMER SERVICES	6,960,295	2.06%	659,831	1.81%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	26,800,057	7.92%	8,101,145	22.24%
BANKS	36,404,563	10.75%	9,395,183	25.79%
INSURANCE	151,907	0.04%	23,235	0.06%
REAL ESTATE	61,977,016	18.31%	3,553,128	9.76%
FINANCIAL SERVICES	154,833,828	45.73%	7,591,912	20.84%
TECHNOLOGY	885,855	0.26%	87,584	0.24%

SECTORS INDICES PERFORMANCE				
Sector	Last Week Closing	Previous Week Closing	Weekly Ch. %	Annual Ch. %
OIL & GAS	783.84	792.16	-1.05%	-4.26%
BASIC MATERIALS	949.03	974.07	-2.57%	-3.79%
INDUSTRIALS	1,174.75	1,163.58	0.96%	12.63%
CONSUMER GOODS	1,221.75	1,229.89	-0.66%	11.58%
HEALTH CARE	1,048.66	1,043.81	0.46%	13.33%
CONSUMER SERVICES	919.17	945.19	-2.75%	-8.87%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	591.92	601.43	-1.58%	-1.12%
BANKS	790.48	794.34	-0.49%	-12.85%
INSURANCE	1,000.70	992.55	0.82%	-11.21%
REAL ESTATE	829.49	835.81	-0.76%	-11.83%
FINANCIAL SERVICES	559.39	563.39	-0.71%	-6.04%
TECHNOLOGY	956.99	971.54	-1.50%	16.68%

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Stock Exchange (KSE) ended last week in the red zone. The Price Index closed at 5,471.88 points, down by 0.51 percent from the week before closing, the Weighted Index decreased by 0.64 percent after closing at 351.18 points, whereas the KSX-15 Index closed at 816.21 points down by 0.17 percent. Furthermore, last week's average daily turnover increased by 13.51 per-

cent, compared to the preceding week, reaching KD 7.28 million, whereas trading volume average was 67.71 million shares, recording a decrease of 9.51 percent.

The three stock market indices closed in the red zone affected by the selling pressures control over the trading activity, as the selling operations witnessed by the market included many listed stocks of different

kinds. Also, the quick speculations that concentrated on the small-cap stocks in particular, continued its pressure over the market indices, especially the Price Index that witnessed a noticeable fluctuation around 5,500 point.

As per the daily trading activity for Kuwait Stock Exchange during the last week; the market initiated the first session of the week with mixed

closing to the three indices, whereas the Price and KSX-15 indices decreased slightly affected by the selling pressures witnessed by some small-cap stocks and a number of heavy stocks, while the leading stocks witnessed a noticeable stability that was positively reflected on the Weighted Index which closed almost at its same level. On the next session, the market indices continued its fluctuation for the second consecutive session, as the Weighted and KSX-15 indices were able to increase supported by the purchasing operations executed on some leading stocks, while the Price Index continued recording losses in light of the continued selling pressures over the small-cap stocks especially of companies that delayed its disclosure of its financial data for the second quarter period of the current year, amid traders' fears of refraining such stocks from trading if such data were not announced prior to the end of the legal disclosure period.

Also, the three stock market indices were able to end the mid-week session within the green zone, in light of the return of the purchasing operations' control once again over the trading activity, amid an interaction of many traders with the first quarter results disclosed by many companies that were subject to suspension, in addition to the speculative operations that contributed in enhancing the market gains. However on Wednesday and Thursday's sessions, the market was subject to violent losses where the three indices lost all its previously realized gains, affected by the selling pressures and the profit collection operations executed on many stocks of different weights, especially the ones that disclosed negative financial results for the first half of the current year. By the end of the week, the market cap reached KD 23.57 billion down by 0.57 percent compared to its level in a week earlier, where it reached then KD 23.70 billion; however on an annual level, the market cap for the listed companies in KSE declined by 6.72 percent from its value at end of 2015, where it was then KD 25.27 billion. As far as KSE annual performance, the price index ended last week recording 2.55 percent annual loss compared to its closing in 2015, while the weighted index decreased by 8.00 percent, and the KSX-15 recorded 9.35 percent loss.

### Sectors' Indices

Three of KSE's sectors ended last week in the green zone, while the other nine recorded declines. Last week's highest gainer was the Industrial sector, achieving 0.96 percent growth rate as its index closed at 1,174.75 points. Whereas, in the second place, the Insurance sector's index closed at 1,000.70 points recording 0.82 percent increase. The Health Care sector came in third as its index achieved 0.46 percent growth, ending the week at 1,048.66 points. On the other hand, the Consumer Services sector headed the losers list as its index declined by 2.75 percent to end the week's activity at 919.17 points. The Basic Materials sector was second on the losers' list, which index declined by 2.57 percent, closing at 949.03 points, followed by the Telecommunication sector, as its index closed at 591.92 points at a loss of 1.58 percent.

### Sectors' Activity

The Financial Services sector dominated a total trade volume of around 154.83 million shares changing hands during last week, representing 45.73 percent of the total market trading volume. The Real Estate sector was second in terms of trading volume as the sector's traded shares were 18.31 percent of last week's total trading volume, with a total of around 61.98 million shares.

On the other hand, the Banks sector's stocks were the highest traded in terms of value; with a turnover of around KD 9.40 million or 25.79 percent of last week's total market trading value. The Telecommunications sector took the second place as the sector's last week turnover was approx. KD 8.10 million representing 22.24 percent of the total market trading value. — Prepared by the Studies & Research Department, Bayan Investment Co.



**NEW YORK:** The New York Stock Exchange. US stocks drifted lower in early trading on Monday as investors sized up the latest company earnings and deal news. The major stock indexes were coming off new highs set a week earlier following a strong US jobs report. — AP

## US STOCKS TAKE SMALL LOSSES AS ENERGY COMPANIES SLIDE

### WALL STREET WEEKLY REPORT

**NEW YORK:** US stocks took small losses Friday to end a quiet week of trading. Energy companies fell as a rally in oil prices faded and investors continue to sell the safe assets they favored earlier this year. Technology and materials companies made small gains.

Stocks were lower all day. While US oil prices rose for the seventh day in a row, investors don't appear to expect further gains and they sold energy company shares. Bond prices fell and yields climbed. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped more than 100 points in early trading, but those losses shrank as technology companies and chemicals makers added to the big gains they've made in recent months.

While stocks haven't made many big moves this summer and the Standard & Poor's 500 index was flat this week, there are signs investors feel comfortable enough to take bigger risks. Karyn Cavanaugh, senior market strategist for Voya Investment Strategies, said investors recognize that the Federal Reserve and other central banks are keeping the stock market stable. So investors are putting more money into energy, materials and tech stocks instead of the companies they turned to during the market turmoil at the start of this year.

"Central banks continue to step in to absorb the risk," Cavanaugh said. "(Investors) don't need the utilities and telecoms anymore." The Dow shed 45.13 points, or 0.2 percent, to 18,552.57. The S&P 500 fell 3.15 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,183.87. The Nasdaq composite lost 1.77 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 5,238.38. The Nasdaq rose for the eighth week in a row, although the gain was just 0.1 percent.

US crude rose 30 cents to \$48.52 a barrel in New York. US oil has climbed 17 percent in its seven-day streak, but its prices has stayed between \$40 and \$50 a barrel for about four months, and with an enormous glut of oil on the market, it may not rise much further. Brent crude, used to price international oils, lost 1 cent to \$50.88 a barrel in London.

Chevron lost \$1.23, or 1.2 percent, to \$102.32 and Exxon Mobil retreated \$1.11, or 1.2 percent, to \$87.80. Technology companies made small gains. Applied Materials advanced after the manufacturer of chipmaking equipment disclosed new orders and a contract backlog that were much stronger than analysts had forecast. Its stock rose \$1.96, or 7.1 percent, to \$29.64. Security software maker Symantec added 61 cents, or 2.6 percent, to \$23.72. Apple, which is trading around four-month

highs, gained 28 cents to \$109.36.

Bond prices are down and yields are up after hitting record lows a month ago. On Friday the yield on the 10-year Treasury note jumped to 1.58 percent from 1.54 percent. The dollar also recovered some of its recent losses and rose to 100.24 yen. The currency finished at 99.98 yen Thursday, its first time below 100 yen since October 2013. The euro dipped to \$1.1324 from \$1.1354.

Retailers did fairly well, and that limited the losses for consumer companies. Some of the largest gains went to Foot Locker, which reported stronger results than analysts expected. The shoe store climbed \$6.81, or 11 percent, to \$68.49. Nike also gained \$1.69, or 3 percent, to \$58.90. Discount retailer Ross Stores raised its profit projections its strong second-quarter report, and its stock rose \$2.18, or 3.5 percent, to \$65.06. However beauty products maker Estee Lauder skidded after its profit forecast for the current quarter and the new fiscal year fell far short of estimates. Its stock lost \$3.37, or 3.5 percent, to \$91.73.

Emerson Electric agreed to buy buying Pentair's valves and controls business for \$3.15 billion. Pentair acquired that business from Tyco International in 2012 as part of a larger deal between those companies and said it had \$1.8 billion in revenue in 2015. Emerson stock fell \$1.69, or 3.1 percent, to \$52.98 and Pentair gave up 74 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$65.79.

Farm equipment maker Deere powered to its biggest gain since the end of 2008 after it posted strong results and raised its outlook for the year. The company has been cutting costs as farmers struggle with smaller profits on corn and soybeans thanks to large harvests. Deere stock added \$10.38, or 13.5 percent, to \$87.32. In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline rose 2 cents to \$1.51 a gallon. Heating oil rose 4 cents to \$1.53 a gallon. Natural gas fell 9 cents to \$2.58 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold fell \$11 to \$1,346.20 an ounce. Silver lost 42 cents, or 2.1 percent, to \$19.32 an ounce. Copper remained at \$2.17 a pound. France's CAC 40 shed 0.8 percent and Germany's DAX lost 0.6 percent. The FTSE in Britain slipped 0.1 percent. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index added 0.4 percent as the yen got a bit weaker, easing pressure on shares of the country's export manufacturers. The yen's recent rise has made Japanese exports more expensive and complicated efforts to revive growth. South Korea's Kospi edged up less than 0.1 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 0.4 percent. —AP

MARKET ACTIVITY			
	Last Week	Previous Week	Ch. %
Volume	338,568,943	374,167,285	-9.51%
Value (K.D)	36,422,949	32,086,557	13.51%
Deals	9,499	10,177	-6.66%

MARKET CAPITALISATION (K.D.)			
Last Week	Previous Week	Weekly Ch. %	Annual Ch. %
23,566,359,819	23,701,704,595	-0.57%	-6.72%

TOP GAINERS OF THE WEEK				
Company	Last Week Closing	Previous Week Closing	Ch. (fils)	Ch. %
KAMCO	128.00	114.00	14.0	12.28%
SAFWAN	370.00	330.00	40.0	12.12%
REFRI	340.00	315.00	25.0	7.94%
ALAMAN	49.50	46.00	3.5	7.61%
MTCC	59.00	55.00	4.0	7.27%

TOP LOSERS OF THE WEEK				
Company	Last Week Closing	Previous Week Closing	Ch. (fils)	Ch. %
ALMAL	20.50	24.50	-4.0	-16.33%
YIACO	208.00	248.00	-40.0	-16.13%
CABLETV	22.00	26.00	-4.0	-15.38%
MARAKEZ	25.50	29.50	-4.0	-13.56%
KSHC	29.00	32.50	-3.5	-10.77%



# KUWAIT'S REAL ESTATE PRICES FLUCTUATE

## KFH REPORT ON REAL ESTATE MARKET

**KUWAIT:** Price indicators fluctuated based on various factors related to real estate types. Also, real estate prices have fluctuated in various Kuwait governorates. Residential land price indices decreased in capital governorate by 2.2 percent during Q2 2016 compared to Q1 where average price per meter declined in capital governorate for the second quarter receptivity to less than KD 1000 /sm. Average price/ sm<sup>2</sup> reached KD 961 in Q2 compared to KD 983 in Q1 due to the continued decline in prices in most of the governorate areas. Prices declined in the highest price areas in the governorate (Shuwaikh Residential Area) by 2 percent. Prices declines in Abdullah Al-Salem district slightly (0.3 percent) compared to Q1. This area is considered as the second highest price area in the governorate.

Shamiya area did not witness any change compared to average price in Q1. Also, Nuzha and Edailiya areas did not witness any change in Q2. Faihaa areas witnessed a decline in prices by 2.5 percent while Qadisiya area recorded a decline by less percentage. Meanwhile average prices stabilized in Kaifan area during Q2.

In regard to areas where average price/ sm. is less ie Mansouriya and Rawda, prices have decline by 0.7 percent and 1.6 percent respectively. Decline in prices was more than that in Yarmouk and Surra areas thus recording 2.1 percent and 3.2 percent. Average price declined in Da'eya area by 6.2 percent while it declined by 7.4 percent in Dasmah area. Low price areas in the governorate recorded the highest decline ratios during Q2 in Q2 compared to Q1 e.g. Gharnata area in which prices declined by 8.8 percent while in Doha they declined by 8.4 percent compared to Q1.

### Residential plot prices

Prices declined in Hawally governorate which recorded the highest decline ratios among all governorates in regard to average price/ M2 of private residence in Q2, thus reaching the KD 900 / M2 for the first time in 2 years. Prices declined by 4.4 percent compared to Q1 thus recording KD 874 / M2 in Q2. Accordingly, decline percentage in the governorate reached 11.5 percent on annual basis compared to the same period last year.

Price per square meter declined in all governorate areas during Q2. Prices declined in the highest price areas of the governorate e.g. Bedaa area by 3.7 percent and by higher percentage 5 percent in Shaab area. Decline ratio reached 5.8 percent in West Mishrif area which is considered as the third highest price area followed by Siddique area which as witnessed a decline by 3.7 percent.

Average value areas eg Salam and Hitteen areas which have witnessed a decline by 3.7 percent compared to Q1. Based on this ratio, average prices in nearby areas e.g. Shuhadaa and Zahraa areas have declined. Prices declined in Bayan Area by more than 6 percent and more than that in Jabriya area which has recorded 26.2 percent. Prices declined in low price areas in the governorate i.e. Rumaithiyaa and Mishrif by 4.7 percent and 4.4 percent respectively. Meanwhile prices declined in the lowest price areas i.e. Salwa by 3 percent compared to Q1 last year.

Prices declined in Farwaniya area which is considered as the second highest decline area among governorate areas as it recorded a decline by 4.2 percent after Hawalli governorate. Average price/ M2 recorded was KD 572 in Q2 this year. Price per square meter declined also by 10.5 percent compared to Q2 last year.

Price levels declined in governorate areas during Q2/ Price per square meter declined significantly in Ishbilla area by " percent bearing in mind that this area is considered as one of the highest priced areas in the governorate. Average prices in Rihab area witnessed a decline by 3 percent followed by Farwaniya area by 2 percent and Khaitan area by 1 percent. Decline in price per square meter in average price areas recorded a decline less than the decline recorded in high price areas e.g. Jaleeb Al-Shoyoukh area and Rabiya in which prices declined by 3 percent and 5 percent respectively. Prices declined in Fardoas area by 5 percent while in Andalus prices declined by 6 percent. Prices declined in low price areas e.g. Omariya and Ardiya by 2 percent and 1 percent respectively. Meanwhile prices declined at higher rate by 6 percent in the lowest price areas i.e. Sabah Al-Naser area.

Prices declined in Ahmadi governorate in Q2 by 2.7 percent compared to Q1. Price per square meter reached KD 505 in Q2 at the governorate level. Price per square meter declined on annual basis by 10.9 percent compared to Q2 last year. Concerning price movements in governorates, prices declined in most areas except stable price areas. Prices stabilized in the southern marine coast strip area and main coast strip area in Q2. Agaila area comes next as the second highest value area per square meter thus recording a stability in price per square meter followed by Mangaf area in which prices have declined by 7.2 percent compared to Q1.

Prices declines in Dhafer area by 3.3 percent and declined at a higher rate 4.4 percent in Jaber Al-Ali area. Prices declined in Fintas area by 3.3 percent. prices stabilized in Sabahiya, Khiran Pearl areas. Meanwhile, prices declined in Wafra area by 4.4 percent and declined in Sabah Al-Ahmad Marine area by 1 percent in Q2.

Prices declined in Mubarak Al-Kabeer governorate thus recording KD 613 in Q2 i.e. a decline ratio by 1.5 percent compared to Q1. Decline ratio has reached 9.1 percent in Q2 this year compared to the same period last year.

Concerning price levels at governorates in Q2 prices have declined in the highest price areas in the governorate i.e. coastal strip area (B) by 2.1 percent. Prices declined in Sabah Al-Salem area by 7.6 percent and declined in Masayel; area by less than 1 percent compared to Q1 this year. In average price areas e.g. Addan area, prices declined by 1.4 percent while prices declined at a higher rate in other areas e/g/ Qurain, Qosour and Mubarak Al-Kabeer by 4 percent. Funaites and Abu-Fatira areas were the only exception at the govonoate level where prices increased by 7.8 percent in Funaites and 8.2 percent in Abu-Fatira area. Prices declined in Jahra governorate by 4.2 percent thus recording KD 462 / M2 in Q2. This decline ratio is less when compared to Q1 decline ratio by 4.4 percent. On annual basis price levels declined in Q2 this year by 12.6 percent compared to the same period last year. This decline ratio is considered as the highest decline ratio among governorates in regard to private residence prices levels. Prices declined in most of the governorate areas except some areas where prices stabilized. Prices declined in the highest price areas by 3 percent e.g. government houses in Oyouin area. Prices stabilized in Mutlaa street area at Jahraa while they declined by 2.6 percent in government houses at Al-Naseem area.

Average price areas in the governorate at Oasis area witnessed a decline in prices by 5.1 percent. Prices declined also at the same ratio in internal government houses at Saad Al-Abdullah area. Prices declined in low price areas at Jahra governorate e.g. government houses at Al-Naseem area by 1.4 percent followed by Al-Qasr area - Club street which has witnessed a decline by 1 percent compared to Q1. Prices stabilized in old Jahra area in Q2 compared to preceding quarter. The decline ratio of average price/ M2 improved on quarterly basis in regard to investment land thus recording 2.4 percent in Q2 compared to 3.4 percent in Q1. Average price per square meter of investment land reached KD 1,673 in Q2. This decline in Q2 comes on the back of the decline in average prices at the governorate

level. This decline has cause a decline in prices by 11 percent compared to Q2 last year.

Concerning price levels at each governorate, price per square meter of investment real estate declined at Capital governorate during Q2 by 1.6 percent compared to Q1 where price decline relatively. Average price per meter reached KD 2,519 in Q2 where average prices declined by 6.3 percent compared to Q2 last year.

At capital governorate level and in one of the highest price areas in Dasman area, average price per square meter declined by 1 percent compared to Q1 despite the stability of prices in internal areas and Gulf Road while they declined in Abdullah Al-Ahmed road. Decline ratio increased on quarterly basis by 1.9 percent at eastern Maqwa during Q2 due to the significant decline in price levels at Benaid Al-Qar area by 1.4 percent which was impacted by the stability of prices in places located at Gulf road and other main places at 1st Ring Road and 2nd Ring Road. Prices declined in certain locations of Istiqal Street.

Concerning Hawally governorate, the decline ratio of average price per meter recorded in Q1 improved on quarterly basis. Price per meter has declined by 1.6 percent in Q2. This ratio is better than the decline ratio by 3.9 percent recorded in Q1. Despite this improvement the decline ratio has increased on annual basis in Q2 thus recording 12.1 percent compared to the same period last year.

Price levels in certain investment areas of Hawally governorate are still recording decline ratios on quarterly basis. Shaab area, being one of the highest price areas, recorded a decline in average price per meter by 1 percent compared to Q1 due to the significant decline in price per meter in certain internal areas. Average price per meter has also declined in Salmia area by 2 percent while decline ratio reached 2.8 percent in certain internal areas and reached 3 percent in certain locations of Al-Mughira Bin Shu'ba Street. Average price per meter declined also in Jabriya area by 2.1 percent due to the decline in most of the places in the area e.g. the location beside Al-Hajri Mosque and certain other main locations. Prices have

of the decline in the highest price area in the governorate as witnessed in certain locations in Fahaheel Street which have declined by 4.3 percent. Other areas overlooking 6th Ring Road declined by 5.4 percent while prices declined in average price areas e.g. certain main and internal places of an area 1000 m2 which have recorded a decline by 3.4 percent. Prices stabilized in certain low price areas compared to Q1 this year. Average price per square meter in Jahraa governorate reached KD 1,376 in Q2 i.e. a decline by 3.7 percent compared to Q1 which has recorded a price KD 1,428. Meanwhile, prices declined in Q2 this year in the second highest price area in the governorate and reached 13 percent on annual basis compared to last year.

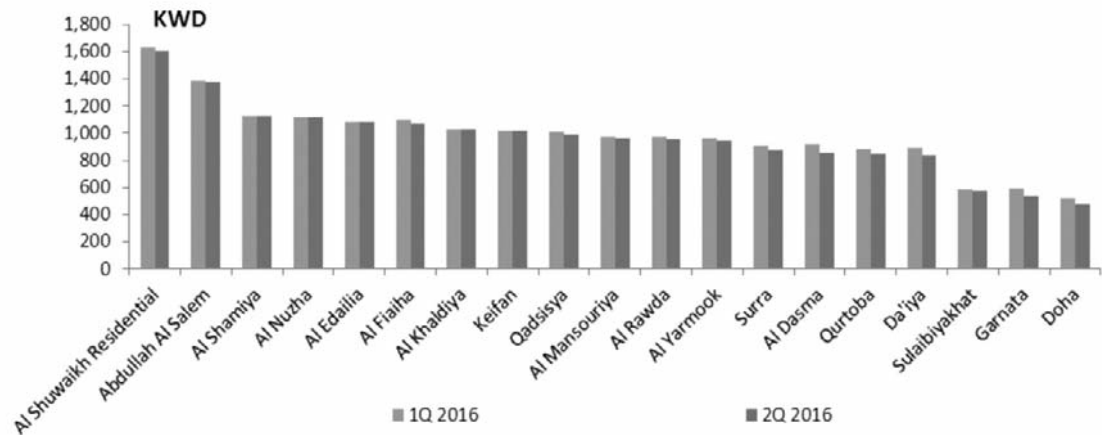
Prices declined in the governorate areas overlooking main streets in the governorate e.g. water station street (Khuzami Street) where prices declined by 2 percent. Decline ratio in main locations next to Khuzami Street reached 6.3 percent.

Prices declined in average price areas covering an area of 500 sm. in Jahra governorate i.e. internal areas by 5.1 percent, prices declined also in other main areas covering an area of 1000 sm. by 1.8 percent compared to Q1. In other internal places of an area 1000 sm. prices declined by 4.1 percent compared to Q1 while in areas covering an area of 750 sm. prices declined by 2.5 percent compared to Q1.

### Annual rate of return on investment properties

Investment properties realize competitive returns compared to other types of investment opportunities. Returns on investment real estates improved in Q2 to range between 6.5 percent - 8.4 percent during Q1 2016 at governorates level. In capital areas returns increased during Q2 thus recording 7.1 percent compared to Q1. Average returns ranged between 6.5 percent - 7 percent in various areas of the governorate. Returns reached 7.25 percent - 7.5 percent in certain areas of the governorate. Returns on investment real estates improved, thus recording an average by 7.35 percent due to the increase in returns on investment real estates in certain areas of the governorate.

Average Price/ M2 for Private Residence in Capital Governorate Q1 2016 and Q2 2016



Region	Area M2	Building %	street	Land Market Value (KD)		Market Value /m2 (KD)		Average price/ M2 Q2 2016
				from	To	From	To	
Al Shuwaikh Residential	500	210%	Internal	750,000	820,000	1,500	1,640	1,570
	1,000	210%	Internal	1,250,000	1,450,000	1,250	1,450	1,350
	1,000	210%	Main	1,500,000	1,650,000	1,500	1,650	1,575
General Average in the Area				1,325,000	1,480,000	1,513	1,685	1,599
Abdullah Al Salem District	500	210%	Internal	680,000	750,000	1,360	1,500	1,430
	750	210%	Internal	800,000	1,100,000	1,067	1,467	1,267
	1,000	210%	Internal	950,000	1,300,000	950	1,300	1,125
General Average in the Area				1,325,000	1,480,000	1,513	1,685	1,599
Shamiyah	250	Till 800 m	Internal	280,000	330,000	1,120	1,320	1,220
	750	210%	Internal	670,000	850,000	893	1,133	1,013
	500	210%	Main	570,000	670,000	1,140	1,340	1,240
General Average in the Area				674,286	817,143	1,017	1,224	1,120
Nozha	500	210%	Internal	500,000	550,000	1,000	1,100	1,050

declined also in Hawalli area by 1.3 percent. The highest price areas e.g. Maghrib Street, recorded a decline by 1.9 percent while prices stabilized in some other locations. Decline ratio reached 2 percent in certain internal places of the area.

Prices declined in Farwaniya governorate by 2.7 percent during Q2 compared to Q. average price per meter reached KD 1,568 in Q2 compared to KD 1,612 in Q1. Accordingly average price per meter declined by 15 percent compared to Q2 last year. Riqae is considered as one of the highest price areas in the governorate. Average price per meter declined in Riqae in Q2 by 3.6 percent compared to Q1. Prices declined in certain places overlooking 5th ring road by 3.3 percent and 2.8 percent while in internal places prices reached 5.5 percent.

Prices declined in Farwaniya area by 2.1 percent compared to Q1. Places overlooking airport road recorded a decline by 1.8 percent. Decline ratio was higher in internal areas. Prices decline in Jaleeb Al-Shoyoukh by 3.3 percent. Prices have also declined by 4.8 percent in certain locations at police station road and 3.7 percent in locations overlooking 6th ring road. Average price per meter declined in Khaitan area by 1.8 percent and price levels declined by the same ratio in certain places of Airport Street. Decline ratio reached 2.8 percent in certain internal places.

Prices declined in Ahmadi are by 3.1 percent in Q2 on quarterly basis compared to a decline by 4.3 percent in Q1. Average price per meter reached KD 1,369 in Q2 compared to a decline in prices by 15 percent in the governorate compared to last year. Prices levels in Ahmadi governorate recorded the highest decline ratios among governorates.

Concerning price development in governorate areas, price levels declined in the highest price investment areas of the governorate. Average price per meter declined in Mangaf area by 2.2 percent compared to Q1 followed by Fahaheel which has recorded a decline by 4.2 percent. Prices declined by 3.8 percent in highest price places in the governorate. Prices declined by 5.7 percent in certain internal low value places of the area.

Average price per square meter declined in Sabah Al-Salem area by 2.9 percent. this decline comes on the back

cial real estate in Q2 by 6.7 percent compared to Q1 which has recorded 7.8. Return on commercial real estates has exceeded return on investment real estate relatively in Hawally governorate as a result of the expectations related to the future of offices sector due to the increase of expectations related to the future of offices in the attraction area.

Returns increased to reach 8 percent in Farwaniya governorate, thus exceeding return on investment real estate at the governorate. Returns on commercial real estates in Jahra increased to reach 7.78 percent. However, they are still slightly less than the returns on investment real estates at the governorate. Rates of return on commercial real estates in Ahmadi governorate improved to reach 7.73 percent. However, they are still less than the returns on investment real estates at the governorate during Q2 this year.

Average price per square meter declined in industrial plots during Q2 at Kuwait governorates level by 1.9 percent compared to Q1 prices. Price per meter declined by 5 percent compared to Q2 last year.

At governorates level, prices declined by less than 1 percent during Q2 in capital governorate compared to Q1, thus recording KD 1,180 per square meter. This slight increase comes following an increase by 7.5 percent recorded in Q1. The governorate witnessed remarkable stability in prices of industrial plots during Q2. No change in prices was noticed in the highest price areas compared to Q1 e.g. Electricity Street in places of 500m area. The same applies to Decoration Street in which prices stabilized during Q2. Prices have also stabilized in Canada Dry Street compared to Q1. Places overlooking 4th Ring Road and Pepsi Street witnessed a decline in prices by 2.4 percent during Q2 compared to Q1 this year. Decline ratio reached 8 percent in internal places of Shuwaikh Industrial Area while prices stabilized in certain places of Ghazalli Street and Mohammed Al-Qasem Street compared to Q1 this year.

### Industrial plot prices

Price per square meter declined by 0.4 percent in Farwaniya governorate on quarterly basis in Q1 thus recording KD 1,511. These price levels are less by 8 percent that the levels recorded in Q2 last year.

Price levels declined by 4.5 percent in Ardiya handcraft area compared to Q1. However, this area is considered as the highest price area at all governorates level. Prices declined in places located opposite Ardiya warehouses by 3.6 percent and declined in places overlooking 5th Ring Road. Prices declined by 2.6 percent in places overlooking Ardiya residential area.

Price per square meter declined by 2.2 percent in Al-Rai area compared to Q1. This decline comes on the back of the major decline in prices in witnessed in other places of the area e.g. Safat Al-Ghanem area till Al-Naser Showroom by 1 percent. Prices stabilized in Ghazalli St. while they declined by 4.8 percent in Mohammed Al-Qasem St., 7.5 percent in Car showrooms and stabilized in internal streets of the area. Average price per square meter declined relatively by 0.7 percent in Ahmadi governorate compared to Q1 this year, thus recording KD 425 in Q2 compared to KD 428 in Q1. Despite this slight decline yet price levels in Q2 are considered as less by 11 percent compared to the same period last year. Price levels declined by 1.3 percent in Fahaheel area compared to Q1 bearing in mind that this area is considered as one of the highest price areas. Prices stabilized in certain locations which are considered as the highest price places in the area i.e. places covering an area of 1999 M2 in Sultan Center Area while prices declined by 2.5 percent in other places opposite the refineries as well as internal streets of Fahaheel area during Q2.

Prices stabilized in East Ahmadi Industrial area which witnessed a remarkable stability in average price per square meter compared to Q1 this year. This stability comes on the back of the stability witnessed in certain places of Mustafa Karam Street and other main areas covering an area of 5000 M2. Prices stabilized also in internal places and warehouses covering an area of 1000 M2.

Prices stabilized in Shuaiba and Mina Abdullah areas in Q2 compared to Q1 this year. This stability comes on the back of the stability witnessed in the highest price areas e.g. Fanar Jewel as well as other internal and main places in the area. Prices stabilized also in Mina Abdullah for the fourth time respectively e.g. gravel warehouses and other internal places.

### Prices of farms and livestock farms

Prices of livestock farms and stables in Kuwait stabilized during Q2 compared to Q1 this year compared to the decline by 3 percent in Q1. On annual basis, prices declined significantly compared to Q2 last year by 12 percent.

Quarter 2 witnessed stability in prices in most of the governorate areas e.g. usufruct areas e.g. Kbad Livestock Farms covering an area of 2500 M2 at Ahmadi governorate. Prices reached KD 62.5 Thousand in Q2. Prices stabilized also in camel farms compared to Q1 and stabilized also in usufruct land prices declined to reach KD 51.2 Thousand in Wafra Livestock Farms. Prices stabilized in Equestrian stables at Ahmadi Governorate during Q2 compared to Q1. This stability comes on the back of the stability witnessed in prices of equestrian stables area, racecourse area, golf field and internal areas.

Prices in Agricultural land of Jahra and Ahmadi governorates did not witness any change during Q2 compared to Q1 prices. This stability comes on the back of the stability in average price in most of the governorate areas. Average price reached KD 3.3 in Wafra Agricultural Area - Ahmadi governorate. Prices stabilized also in Wafra area covering an area of 50 thousand and 100 thousand for the third time respectively. Average price per square meter in agricultural land reached KD 3.6 in Jahra governorate. Prices in the governorate did not witness any change compared to Q1 due to the stability in prices in Abdali area covering 50000 M2 and in Abdali area - Mutlaa Street covering any area of 100000 M2. Prices stabilized also in livestock farms at Sulaibiya covering an area of 1 Million square meters and an area of 50000sm.

### Chalet prices

Q2 this year has coincided with the beginning of summer season. Accordingly, demand on such real estates shall increase. Average prices declined in Q2 compared to Q1. This can be attributed to the fact that the end of Q2 has coincided with the wholly month of Ramadan.

Prices declined in Ahmadi governorate by 1.1 percent during Q2 compared to Q1. Average price per meter (longitude) of sea front reached KD 16 Thousand despite the stability of prices in the highest price area in the governorate i.e. Benaider and Jelayaa. Prices declined by 2.6 percent in Q2 in the lowest price areas e.g. Nuwaiseeb area.

Average price areas e.g. Mina Abdullah and Dhaba'eya witnessed a decline in prices by 1.7 percent in Q2, Prices declined in Al-Zour sea side area and in public benefit areas in Khairan area by 1.8 percent compared to Q1. Prices declined in Capital governorate by 9.7 percent. Price per meter at the sea front reached KD 7000. Prices declined in Jahraa governorate by 4.7 percent thus recording KD 5,063 due to the decline in certain chalet locations at Kazma area while prices reached 7 percent. Prices stabilized during Q2 in Chalets area of Sulaibikhat compared to Q1 this year.

### Commercial properties' ARR

Annual Rates of Return on commercial properties increased in Q2 compared to Q1 this year. However they are still relatively less than the rates of return on investment real estates in certain governorates e.g. capital governorate despite the increase in average return on commer-



## BOURSA KUWAIT HOSTS INFORMATIVE SESSION FOR DIPLOMATIC DELEGATES



**KUWAIT:** Boursa Kuwait, the official operator of the Kuwait Stock Exchange, recently hosted an informative session for a team of 24 diplomatic delegates, in support of the Saud Al Nasser Al Sabah Diplomatic Institute training program, under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The session falls in line with the institutes training program which focuses on organizing field visits for its diplomatic trainees to the major key institutions in the state of Kuwait. The session was held in collaboration with several Boursa Kuwait departments, where the delegates were given a description of the roles and responsibilities that fall under each of the Human Resources depart-

ment, Markets, Trading Operations, Corporate Governance, Market Supervision and last but not least Strategic Transformation.

Boursa Kuwait gave a detailed brief of the organizations responsibilities as a whole and as the first governmental facility to be privatized, in an effort to progressively transition the exchange and operate the stock market, in line with international best practices.

Boursa Kuwait will continue to raise awareness of the organization and its main objectives, while contributing to the development of the 'private culture' among government institutions through similar educational sessions.

## KFH OFFERS 55% DISCOUNT FOR ITS CREDIT, PREPAID CARDHOLDERS

DISCOUNT ENCOMPASSES OVER 100 STORES, INTERNATIONAL BRANDS



**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Finance House (KFH) is pleased to introduce a highly distinguished package of discounts to its KFH Credit, Prepaid Cardholders. Customers are entitled to avail up to 55 percent discounts at over 100 stores and international brands upon using KFH credit and prepaid cards at any of the marketing outlets on its website KFH.com and Instagram.

This step comes in continuation of KFH policy to offer unique and distinguished privileges to its customers. The discount program encompasses a plethora of restaurants, hotels, hospitals, clothes shops, accessories shops and different other stores and international brands.

KFH series of discounts continue to thrill KFH customers as it aims to place its customers at the top of its priorities and ensure that they will always have the priority and the distinguished rank over other customers at the market level. KFH is always keen to ensure that these special and unique advantages and services fulfill all various expectations, needs and requirements of all customers.

KFH was established in Kuwait in 1977 and is enlisted in the Kuwait Stock Exchange. KFH Group is a global pioneer in the field of Islamic banking services, where it offers a wide array of Islamic products and services, not to mention a high standard of innovation and client service.

KFH manages its operations in the GCC, Asia, and Europe through over 446 branches, including KFH-Turkey, in order to offer services for the bank's clients in Turkey, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Germany, Jordan, and Dubai.

KFH's mission is to achieve highest levels of excellence and innovation in the field of client service, while developing common interest for all those concerned with the financial institution. KFH's vision is to spearhead the global development in Islamic financial services, and to upgrade the bank into the level of becoming the most sustainable profitable Islamic bank in the world.

KFH's values include cementing leadership through all its businesses, including leadership in the Islamic banking services worldwide, through innovation and in client service and the development of its employees. In addition, KFH is committed to all its procedures, and to setting up long-life partnerships with the concerned authorities.



## GULFNET LAUNCHES ADVANCED SECURITY SOLUTIONS WITH TOP GLOBAL PARTNERS

**KUWAIT:** Gulfnet has announced that it will be providing the latest and most advanced cybersecurity platform to the Gulf region through global strategic partnerships with leaders in cybersecurity. Through this new partnership with iboss Cybersecurity and FICO Cyber Analytics, Gulfnet aims to increase the level of security in the organizations' networks and protect against the most advanced and sophisticated cyberattacks.

"Data breaches are increasing in the region and organizations in the Gulf are targeted with the most advanced cyberattacks. Gulfnet has launched a portfolio of security services that is committed to bring the latest and the most advanced cybersecurity platforms to help in protecting our customers," said Ahmad Al-Ibrahim, Head of Technical and Carrier Services of Gulfnet Communications. "As an exclusive security partner of iboss Cybersecurity in the Gulf region, we believe that the partnership between iboss and FICO in combining both technologies will bring a great value to the customer and will mitigate the risk of cyber threats to a whole new level."

Analytic software firm FICO announced that its groundbreaking AI-based Cyber Analytics will be available as part of the iboss node-based, direct-to-cloud, containerized platform, a leading solution for cybersecurity and malware protection. FICO's Cyber Analytics models will improve detection of attacks, including new or "zero-day" attacks.

The partnership will create the first cyber threat score that measures the likelihood of malware infection and data breaches. FICO's patented behavioral analytics identify anomalous activity within milliseconds, using real-time transaction profiling and self-learning models. These analytics will score suspicious

"behavior" of devices, users or servers, similar to the way that FICO's leading card fraud solution instantly scores billions of credit card transactions around the world daily. Through the cyber threat scores, FICO and iboss clients will now be able to more accurately quantify cyber threats and remediate them in real time to stop catastrophic infection and data loss before it occurs.

FICO and iboss Cybersecurity aim to dramatically reduce the "dwell time" - the time it takes to detect an advanced threat once it has breached an organization's infrastructure. Data is frequently stolen within minutes or hours after penetration. Lack of real-time detection is one reason why cyberattacks cost businesses an estimated \$400 billion last year, and erode customer confidence.

"Partnering with like-minded, innovative companies like FICO and Gulfnet is helping iboss to continuously provide our leading node-based, direct-to-cloud web security to more businesses globally," said Pete Elmgren, Senior Vice President of World Wide Sales for iboss Cybersecurity. "Gulfnet's exclusive access to the Gulf region coupled with their unique access to the best cybersecurity platforms available will help bring iboss' proven cyber solutions to more businesses in the Middle East than ever before."

"FICO pioneered the use of artificial intelligence in fighting financial crimes with FICO Falcon Fraud Manager, which protects billions of payment cards worldwide," said Doug Clare, vice president of FICO Falcon Cybersecurity solutions. "Our data scientists hold more than 100 patents related to streaming behavioral analytics for attack detection, which are well-proven in the financial services and telecom industries. With iboss, we found the perfect partner to bring these technologies to one of the biggest problems facing society today."



## AUB LAUNCHES ITS ANNUAL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVE IN SUPPORT OF WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

**KUWAIT:** Ahli United Bank announced yesterday that it has recently launched its annual social responsibility initiative, in honor of World Humanitarian Day, which is celebrated every year on the 19 August to drive more human relief efforts. The Bank's latest social drive reflects its underlying commitment and desire to shed light on the importance of humanitarian work amongst its employees.

To mark this occasion, two teams from the Bank have voluntarily participated in Ahli United Banks initiative by visiting the Hayat Breast Cancer Association, which is also known as "Ruqayah Abdulwahab Al-Qatami Association". The Bank's team was welcomed in a special celebration organized by the Association in Shuwaikh Area. Ahli United Bank's volunteers met breast cancer patients, as well as those who have survived their conditions, in an effort to support them. The team distributed a number of valuable gifts

as a means to bring joy and to encourage their spirits.

Ahli United Bank's annual social responsibility initiative has been hailed a great success by both the volunteer female employees as well as the breast cancer patients, who have expressed their gratitude for the Bank's supportive very efforts.

Richard Groves, CEO at Ahli United Bank said: "The Bank's latest initiative was greatly welcomed by employees who reacted positively towards it and expressed more interest to participate in similar humanitarian activities. The objective is to leverage this global event and translate it to a comprehensive social awareness drive that mirrors the true spirits of social work."

"Ahli United Bank, throughout the past few years, has been successful in driving employees' skills and efforts towards supporting social efforts across Kuwait as a means to reinforce

its contribution in a wide range of charitable activities under the Bank's sustainable approach towards supporting the local social fabric," Groves added.

Hayatt Breast Cancer Association is a nonprofit organization that seeks to positively support breast cancer patients and to give them a new hope of being treated. Hayatt offers financial and moral support to breast cancer patients in Kuwait, where it provides chemotherapy amongst other support services.

Recognized by the United Nations, World Humanitarian Day is a global event that is celebrated on the 19 August every year with an objective to support individuals who face various elements of danger. It also focuses on honoring those who support all kinds of humanitarian work around the world to shed light on their various efforts in human relief activities.

## FED GUESSING GAME MOVES UP A GEAR AS YELLEN TAKES STAGE

## GLOBAL ECONOMY WEEKAHEAD

**MADRID:** Will they or won't they? The debate over whether the US Federal Reserve is readying an interest rate hike will get its umpteenth airing over the coming week, with all eyes on Chair Janet Yellen to provide some clarity.

Amid conflicting signals from the Fed in recent days, central bankers from around the world will gather from Sept. 25 for an annual meeting in the mountains of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, with Yellen due to speak the following day. A recent batch of strong US employment readings have yielded upbeat views from some Fed policymakers suggesting rates could rise as soon as September, though mixed messages from the bank's latest meeting have clouded the outlook.

Minutes from the July 26-27 policy meeting showed rate setters were split over the necessity of tightening policy soon, with some arguing that more economic data was needed, including on the pace of hiring, before envisaging a hike.

Yellen is likely to cement expectations for a slow pace of rate increases. "Yellen could provide her current assessment of the outlook for job growth, inflation and economic growth, and indicate whether caution is still appropriate or whether a rate hike might be on the horizon," economists at HSBC said in a note.

The Fed raised interest rates in December for the first time in almost a decade, but has since kept them on hold amid signs of faltering growth in the world economy and subdued US inflation. Uncertainty over its position now has knocked the US dollar, leaving it close to eight-week lows against the euro. New York Fed President William Dudley, a close ally of Yellen's, was among those sounding a more confident note in recent days on a possible near-term rate hike, citing broad progress in the U.S. economy.

A smattering of surveys and data in the coming week will add to that picture, with readings due on Tuesday on how new home sales progressed in July in the United States, followed by data on existing home sales and June house prices on Wednesday.

Further details on US factory performance, via Markit's preliminary Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) on Tuesday, will provide more clues as to whether the sector is any closer to overcoming headwinds including low oil prices.

## BREXIT EFFECT

After Britain's vote in late June to leave the European Union, euro zone economies are still on alert for any signs of a knock-on effect on sentiment as well as output and orders registered by manufacturing and services companies. No clear damage has come to the fore so far, giving the European Central Bank some breathing space as it remains in 'wait-and-see' mode and avoids stoking expectations for further stimulus too far, despite signalling its willingness to act. A composite PMI index reading for the euro zone on Tuesday is broadly expected to reflect businesses' continued resilience to the Brexit vote, even as growth in activity stays muted.

Meanwhile a closely-watched confidence index by Germany's Ifo think-tank released on Thursday should not produce any sharp changes. "Forthcoming euro zone PMIs as well as the German Ifo business climate should keep moving sideways," Commerzbank chief economist Jorg Kramer said in a note.

A second reading of UK output data for the second quarter, after a preliminary release showed gross domestic product expanded by 0.6 percent, should give further steers on how business investment and consumer spending performed in the run-up to the Brexit vote. —Reuters





## CANON ME ASSISTS FINANCIAL, RETAIL BUSINESSES WITH NEW CHEQUE SCANNER RANGE

**KUWAIT:** Canon Middle East, world-leader in imaging solutions, yesterday launched four new image formula cheque scanners, the CR-190i II and CR190i II UV, and the CR-135i II and CR-135i II UV.

These high performance devices extend Canon's cheque scanner range and provide a wider choice for banks, retailers and financial institutions looking for greater speed, reliability and security. The CR-190i II and CR-190i II UV are successors to the popular CR-190i cheque scanner range, while the CR-135i II and CR-135i II UV are new models intended to deliver the same reliable performance in installations with lower transaction volumes.

Canon's high optical quality and durable paper feed system on the CR-135i II and CR-190i II series scanners minimise errors and ensure that transactions are carried out smoothly and accurately at speeds of up to 135 and 190 cheques per minute, respectively. The CR-190i II series also include a built-in jogger that enhances feeding reliability, especially when scanning mixed cheque sizes.

Helping to prevent fraud both at the point of service and in the back office, the devices capture and automatically process both image and MICR data in a single, seamless workflow. For enhanced security, the image FORMULA CR-135i II UV and CR190i II UV models come equipped with a UV light source that enables sophisticated fraud detection by capturing regular and UV images in a single pass.

Hendrik Verbrugghe, Marketing Director, Canon Middle East and Canon Central and North Africa, comments: "Financial and retail business alike require front-line technology that enable them to verify and process cheque payments securely. Canon's new imageFORMULA CR-190i II UV and CR-135i II UV employ the latest UV-ink capture technology to minimise the risk posed by cheque fraud. Design improvements based on feedback from customers and partners make them an excellent choice for financial business that prioritises customer experience and security." The new devices build on the success of the CR-190i / CR190i UV and utilise new Canon inkjet cartridge (PG-445, PG-445XL, PG-545 or PG-545XL) for imprinting both bitmap and text endorsements on cheques while scanning.



## FACEBOOK AIMS FOR VIDEO-LOVING TEENAGERS WITH NEW APP

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Facebook on Friday took direct aim at video-loving adolescents, and Snapchat, with the release of a new iPhone app that allows teens to watch clips about the lives of their classmates.

The app, called Lifestage, was released with no fanfare, and is available for anyone to download on iPhone, although seeing profiles of other users is reserved for those 21 years of age or younger.

The social network allows users to make video clips to describe likes, peeves, dance styles, and other aspects of their character. Those clips are woven together to serve as public profiles that can be viewed by other Lifestage members, provided they are young enough.

A tool in the app lets users block and report older folks. "Lifestage makes it easy and fun to share a visual profile of who you are with your school network," the app's iTunes store description says. Once enough students at any given school are on the app, it becomes "unlocked."

"Once your school is unlocked, you can access the profiles of others in your school community (and all over!) so you can get to know people better in your school and nearby schools," the description said. Lifestage users are invited to share video snippets whenever they wish.

The app comes as a challenge to Snapchat, the vanishing message service that became a hit with teenagers and which lets members share pictures and video clips. Lifestage was seen by some as an effort by Facebook to stay connected to young internet users disinclined to take part in the leading social network. Facebook did not return an AFP request for comment.

Earlier this month, Instagram put its own spin on a key Snapchat feature by letting users post "Stories" that eventually vanish from the Facebook-owned photo- and video-sharing app. Instagram Stories encourages people to share ephemeral collages of everyday moments on the app which has built a reputation for allowing people to post highlights from their lives or artistic works. — AFP

## TWITTER UNVEILS FEATURES TO FILTER TWEETS, NOTIFICATIONS

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Twitter has announced two new settings that will allow users to control what they see in their feeds and what notifications they receive.

Twitter says in a blog post that it has modified its notification settings to include the ability to see only notifications from people they follow. It's also introducing what it calls a "quality filter" that it says can improve the quality of tweets users see. Twitter says the feature will filter out duplicate tweets or content that appears to be automated.

The announcement from San Francisco-based Twitter comes a month after "Saturday Night Live" and "Ghostbusters" star Leslie Jones publicly called on Twitter to do more to curb harassment on the platform. Twitter banned one user in response to the incident. —AP



# FIREEYE LAUNCHES CYBERSECURITY RISK ASSESSMENT SERVICE FOR M&AS

## TOOL TO IDENTIFY RISKS IN M&A TARGET'S IT ENVIRONMENT

**DUBAI:** FireEye, Inc, the leader in stopping today's advanced cyberattacks, recently announced the launch of Mandiant Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) Risk Assessment, a service designed to help organizations in an M&A process to understand the acquisition target's cybersecurity posture and risk profile, and address the cybersecurity risks. The new service has been launched with FireEye law firm partner Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman and is available now.

The M&A Risk Assessment is a week-long service, evaluating key security components to identify cybersecurity risks earlier in the M&A process, utilizing sector-specific best practices and global control frameworks, FireEye's nation-state grade intelligence, and Mandiant's decade of experience responding to security breaches. Mandiant consultants generate risk ratings of target security areas and develop recommendations that customers, their legal partners, and other M&A advisors can use for decision-making.

In recent years, the GCC has witnessed a series of cyberattacks targeting leading industries and critical infrastructure. Geopolitical and economic developments are being played out in cyberspace and are indicative of the significant degree of evolution in the cyber risk landscape. In the event of a breach, the level of risk to a company's intellectual property and finance is apparent. As stated in the most recent Regional Advanced Threat Report for EMEA published by FireEye, the energy and financial sectors along



Stuart Davis

diligence, which is predominantly embedded in their legal process. Evaluation of companies for cyber risk during acquisitions and mergers cannot be deemed optional anymore. The inability to formulate a streamlined process to efficiently manage existing and potential cyber threats can lead to consequential legal and financial challenges in the long run," said Stuart Davis, Director, Mandiant Services.

FireEye has invented a purpose-built, virtual machine-based security platform that provides real-time threat protection to enterprises and governments worldwide against the next generation of cyber attacks. These highly sophisticated cyberattacks easily circumvent traditional signature-based defenses, such as next-generation firewalls, IPS, anti-virus, and gateways. The FireEye Threat Prevention Platform provides real-time, dynamic threat protection without the use of signatures to protect an organization across the primary threat vectors and across the different stages of an attack life cycle. The core of the FireEye platform is a virtual execution engine, complemented by dynamic threat intelligence, to identify and block cyberattacks in real time. FireEye has over 5,000 customers across 67 countries, including more than 940 of the Forbes Global 2000.

# HARLEY-DAVIDSON PAYS \$15M IN AIR-POLLUTION SETTLEMENT

**WASHINGTON:** Harley-Davidson Inc. agreed Thursday to pay \$15 million to settle a US government complaint over racing tuners that caused its motorcycles to emit higher-than-allowed levels of air pollution. Harley-Davidson manufactured and sold about 340,000 Screamin' Eagle Pro Super Tuners since 2008 that allowed users to modify a motorcycle's emissions control system to increase power and performance, according to court filings by the Justice Department and Environmental Protection Agency.

The racing tuners, which the prosecutors said were illegal "defeat devices" that circumvented emissions controls, also increased the amounts of such harmful air pollutants as nitrogen oxide spewing from the bikes' tailpipes.

The government said Harley-Davidson also made and sold more than 12,000 motorcycles that were not covered by EPA certifications required to ensure vehicles meet federal clean air standards. Under the agreement, the company is required to ensure that all of its future motorcycle models sold in the United States are fully certified by EPA.

"Given Harley-Davidson's prominence in the industry, this is a very significant step toward our goal of stopping the sale of illegal aftermarket defeat devices that cause harmful pollution on our roads and in our communities," said Assistant Attorney General John C. Cruden, head of the Justice Department's environmental division. "Anyone else who manufactures, sells, or installs these types of illegal products should take heed of Harley-Davidson's corrective actions and immediately stop violating the law."

The Milwaukee-based company said the tuners in question were designed for use on specialized track racing bikes and not intended for use on public roads.

"This settlement is not an admission of liability but instead represents a good faith compromise with the EPA on areas of law we interpret differently," said Ed Moreland, Harley-Davidson's government affairs director. "For more than two decades, we have sold this product under an accepted regulatory approach that permitted the sale of competition-only parts. In our view, it is and was legal to use in race conditions in the US."

Under the agreement, Harley-Davidson said it will no longer sell the racing tuners. The company also will offer to buy back all such tuners in stock at Harley-Davidson dealerships across the country and destroy them. The company said it now will offer a different model for sale designed to comply

with state and federal clean air standards.

Harley-Davidson will also pay a \$12 million civil penalty and spend \$3 million to mitigate air pollution through a project to replace local conventional woodstoves with cleaner-burning versions.

EPA officials discovered the violations through a routine inspection and information submitted by the company. The case comes amid increased scrutiny of the use of defeat devices in the wake of last year's revelations that Volkswagen sold more than 550,000 diesel cars and SUVs that contained illegal software to cheat U.S. emissions tests.

Hydrocarbon and nitrogen oxide emissions contribute to harmful ground-level ozone and fine particulate matter pollution. Exposure has been linked with a range of serious health effects, including increased asthma attacks and other respiratory illnesses.

"This settlement immediately stops the sale of illegal aftermarket defeat devices used on public roads that threaten the air we breathe," said Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator of EPA's enforcement arm. "Harley-Davidson is taking important steps to buy back the 'super tuners' from their dealers and destroy them, while funding projects to mitigate the pollution they caused." —AP



**GLENDAL:** A new 2008 Harley-Davidson Screamin' Eagle Ultra motorcycle is seen at the Harley-Davidson of Glendale dealership in Glendale, Calif. Harley-Davidson has agreed to pay \$15 million to settle a complaint filed by federal environmental officials over racing tuners that caused its motorcycles to emit higher than allowed levels of air pollution. —AP



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CATALOG OF DNA VARIATIONS HELPS FIND ROOTS OF DISEASE

**NEW YORK:** A huge catalog of human DNA is helping researchers find tiny glitches that cause disease, in part by pointing out some false leads. The database, with genetic codes from more than 60,000 people, is aimed at researching rare diseases that are generally caused by a single malfunctioning gene. Most of these diseases are so uncommon that the general public has never heard of them, but there are thousands of such conditions, and as a group they affect about 1 percent of births.

Better accuracy in identifying the genetic cause of a person's disease provides a "clear and direct benefit to patients," said Daniel MacArthur of the Broad Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He is senior author of an analysis published Wednesday in the journal *Nature* by researchers who compiled the database,

which draws on DNA data from more than two dozen disease studies. It went online in 2014 and has since been consulted more than 5 million times, he said.

For rare diseases, doctors try to find the genetic cause by analyzing the patient's DNA. But everybody carries tens of thousands of minute differences from the standard DNA code, and the goal is to find which one or two of them is making the person sick. Researchers frequently do that through guilt by association. If a variation shows up in a patient but it is never seen or extremely rare in others, it may be fingered as the cause of disease.

The challenge is getting enough DNA from the general public. If the sampling is too small or not comprehensive enough for diverse populations, a variant may be wrongly blamed as the cause of the patient's problems. A better sampling might show the variant actually appears in healthy people often enough that it's

clearly not making anybody sick. False leads can harm patient care, including in some cases missing out on treatments, MacArthur said.

**'Genetic misdiagnosis'**

An example of such a "genetic misdiagnosis" was presented Wednesday in an unrelated study in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. It focused on an inherited disease called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, which thickens heart muscle and can interfere with pumping blood. Examining three years of records from a testing lab, it found that seven patients were told they carried one of two DNA variants that had been linked to the heart disease. Both variants were later reclassified as benign.

At least five of the patients were of African ancestry. If the original studies of those variants had included enough black Americans in their samples, they

probably would not have reached the wrong conclusion, the Harvard researchers said. They said the new DNA catalog, dubbed ExAC, is well-equipped to avoid such errors. It provides a far more comprehensive collection of DNA variations than has been available in the past. The roughly 10 million tiny variations listed are from people of European, African, South Asian, East Asian and Latino ancestry.

In a separate study, released Wednesday by the journal *Genetics in Medicine*, British authors used ExAC data to cast doubt on recent reports that implicated some genes in hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and a second heart muscle disease. The analysis in *Nature* provided another example of how ExAC can point out past mistakes. Researchers looked at 192 DNA variations that had been linked to diseases, but which ExAC showed were actually so common in the

general population that those links appeared spurious.

The researchers found that under standard criteria, at least 163 should be reclassified as benign or probably benign. As of last December, 126 had been reclassified, the researchers reported. That probably reflects the influence of the ExAC database, MacArthur said. But databases even bigger than ExAC will be needed to decisively link genetic variations to disease or rule them out, he said. "We have a long way to go," he said. Jay Shendure, a genetics expert at the University of Washington in Seattle who didn't participate in the new work, said the ExAC catalog offers advantages over previous databases.

There's "little doubt" that it will accelerate and refine the search for disease causes and genetic aspects of patient care, he wrote in a *Nature* commentary. — AP

ZIKA FOUND IN SOUTH BEACH;  
STRONG WINDS HALT SPRAYS

## FIVE CASES OF ZIKA HAVE BEEN CONNECTED TO MOSQUITOES

**MIAMI:** South Beach has been identified as a second site of Zika transmission by mosquitoes on the US mainland, and containing it there will be difficult because high-rise buildings and strong winds make it impractical to spray the neighborhood from the air, officials said Friday. Five cases of Zika have been connected to mosquitoes in Miami Beach, bringing the state's caseload to 36 infections not related to travel outside the US, Florida's governor and health department announced Friday.

County's hotels, restaurants and tourist attractions. More than 15.5 million people made overnight visits to Miami and nearby beaches in 2015, with an impact of \$24.4 billion, according to figures from the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau. The CDC previously warned pregnant women to avoid the Wynwood arts district in Miami. In its statement Friday, the agency said pregnant women may also want to consider postponing nonessential travel throughout Miami-Dade County if they're con-

Aerial spraying isn't practical over South Beach because of the height of its buildings and strong winds over the narrow island city, Frieden said. Officials will be limited to spraying for mosquitoes at ground level in the highly populated area. "Miami Beach does have a series of characteristics that make it particularly challenging," Frieden said. Two of the people infected in Miami Beach are Miami-Dade County residents, and three are tourists, including one man and two women, Scott said. The tourists are residents of New York, Texas and Taiwan. The new area of infection in South Beach is roughly 1.5 square miles between 8th and 28th streets, according to Florida's Department of Health.

Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine said during a news conference Friday afternoon that the Zika reports certainly aren't ideal for tourism, but he expects the long-term impact to be relatively minor. He said city workers are trying to get rid of standing water and foliage that might attract the virus-spreading insects, while the county begins a fumigation program to kill the bugs. "Between our efforts and the county's spraying efforts, the last thing I'd ever want to be on Miami Beach is a mosquito," Levine said.

Three vacuum trucks purchased to help Miami Beach fight rising sea levels have been used since the beginning of the year to drain water in low-lying areas where mosquitoes could breed, said Roy Coley, the city's infrastructure director. The city also has been sending workers to fill potholes collecting water in alleys and fix leaky beach showers, in addition to applying pesticides to the area's many construction sites and flood-prone residential streets, Coley said. "Our call volume has increased significantly," Coley said.

**Control efforts**

Officials at Art Basel Miami Beach and other upcoming events cautiously expressed confidence in the region's mosquito control efforts. Organizers of the Americas Food and Beverage Show will add mosquito repellent to goody bags at the late September event at the Miami Beach Convention Center. "We're taking extra precautions," said Yendi Alvarez, the show's media coordinator. "This wasn't even a thought last year. We put this in place once the news started getting crazy." Possible infections outside Wynwood and Miami Beach also are being investigated. The virus only causes mild, flu-like symptoms in most people, making it difficult to confirm local transmissions, the CDC said. — AP

**Mosquito season**

"We're in the midst of mosquito season and expect more Zika infections in the days and months to come," said CDC director Dr. Tom Frieden. "It is difficult to predict how long active transmission will continue." Aerial spraying and door-to-door operations on the ground have cut mosquito populations in Wynwood by up to 90 percent, but Zika may be continuing as mosquitoes breed, Frieden told reporters Friday. "The mosquitoes are persistent and we won't know for a couple of weeks whether these aggressive measures have worked," Frieden said.

cerned about potential exposure to the mosquito-borne virus.



**MIAMI:** A City of Miami Beach Sanitation worker gets ready to clean the alleyways of South Beach, sucking up still waters and debris with a mobile vacuum. — AP

The discovery prompted the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to announce that it was expanding its travel warning for pregnant women to include an area in Miami Beach known for nightclubs, pedestrian thoroughfares and beaches. Zika infection can cause severe brain-related birth defects, including a dangerously small head, if women are infected during pregnancy. The virus's apparent spread from a Miami neighborhood popular for day trips to the South Beach streets where many tourists sleep has rattled the tourism industry, even in the slower summer season.

Gov Rick Scott has directed Florida's health department to offer mosquito spraying and related services at no cost to Miami-Dade

HAITI WELCOMES UN ADMISSION,  
PLANS TO AID CHOLERA VICTIMS

**PORT-AU-PRINCE:** A UN acknowledgement that it played a role in introducing cholera to Haiti and vows to aid victims were welcomed Friday in the Caribbean nation, which has experienced the worst outbreak of the disease in recent history. While the number of cholera cases has been significantly reduced from the initial outbreak in 2010, the fact that the preventable disease is still routinely sickening and killing Haitians is galling to many. "The UN brought this sickness to Haiti so they need to pay the country back. A lot of people got sick, a lot have died," said Michelle Raymond, who said her young son nearly died of the water-borne disease in 2013.

This week, deputy spokesman Farhan Haq acknowledged the United Nations' "own involvement" in the introduction of cholera to impoverished Haiti and pledged that "a significantly new set of UN actions" will be presented in the next two months. On Friday, Haq added that "the United Nations has a moral responsibility to the victims." He said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is developing a package that would provide "material assistance" to cholera victims in Haiti, indicating for the first time that some people might get financial help from the UN.

**UN responsible for outbreak?**

For years the UN had denied or been silent on longstanding allegations that it was responsible for the outbreak, while answering lawsuits

in US courts by claiming immunity under a 1946 convention. Haq reiterated that the world body's legal position on immunity has not changed. In a decision issued late Thursday, the US 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in New York upheld the United Nations' immunity from a high-profile claim filed on behalf of 5,000 cholera victims who blame the UN for the epidemic in a country where any number of diseases thrive.

Brian Concannon, executive director of the Boston-based Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti, said victims' advocates will be watching the UN's actions closely. They have 90 days to decide whether to appeal to the US

Supreme Court. "We will decide how to proceed based on whether the UN's actions fulfill the cholera victims' rights to an effective remedy," Concannon said in a statement. Researchers say there is ample scientific evidence the disease was introduced to Haiti's biggest river by inadequately treated sewage from a base of UN peacekeepers from Nepal, one of the units that have rotated in and out of a multinational force in Haiti since 2004.

Cholera is caused by bacteria that produces severe diarrhea and is contracted by eating or drinking contaminated food or water. It can lead to a rapid, painful death through complete dehydration, but is easily treatable if caught in time.

Nearly six years later, there has been scant progress addressing the chronic lack of sanitation and access to clean water that allow the disease to flourish. Some Haitians expressed exasperation that the UN mission, known by its French acronym Minustah, took so long to acknowledge its role.

"So now they are going to find a way to clean the disease from the country? It has been here for years and it seems like it is here to stay," Jhony Nordlius said as he pushed a wheelbarrow past a fetid canal where children were splashing and collecting garbage. In a densely packed cluster of shacks where cholera flares up each year, residents who heard about the UN's admission were hopeful they might get compensation. Gerda Blot said she and her daughter were hospitalized for several days in 2014 after drinking tainted water. "I spent a lot of savings getting well. And I know it is still out there, that cholera disease," she said outside her plywood and sheet metal home.

Cholera has killed more than 9,300 Haitians and sickened over 800,000. It showed up some 10 months after a devastating earthquake, deepening the country's misery at a time when it was ill-equipped to cope with another crisis. The disease is now considered "endemic" in Haiti, meaning it's an illness that occurs regularly. Health workers are hopeful that the UN has made a critical step forward by finally acknowledging its role in the cholera outbreak. — AP



**PORT-AU-PRINCE:** In this Oct 19, 2011, file photo, a girl receives treatment for cholera symptoms at a Doctors Without Borders, MSF, cholera clinic. — AP



**LIVINGSTON:** A dead whitefish floats belly up near the Mayors Landing Fishing Access in the Yellowstone River. — AP

YELLOWSTONE RIVER CLOSES  
AFTER THOUSANDS OF FISH DIE

**BILLINGS:** Montana wildlife officials indefinitely closed a 183-mile stretch of the Yellowstone River and hundreds of miles of other waterways Friday, barring all fishing, rafting and other activities to prevent the spread of a parasite believed to have killed tens of thousands of fish. Fishing guides and rafting operators who run businesses along the river said the move could be catastrophic to the area's sizable outdoor industry, which depends heavily on the busy summer season. The closure could last for months if river conditions don't improve and fish keep dying, according to officials from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. It extends to hundreds of miles of waterways that feed into the Yellowstone, including the Boulder, Shields and Stillwater rivers.

Even when the river reopens, there are fears the fish die-off could deal a lasting blow to the Yellowstone's reputation as a world-class trout fishery that draws visitors from around the world. "This kill is unprecedented in magnitude. We haven't seen something like this in Montana," Fish, Wildlife and Parks spokeswoman Andrea Jones said. By Friday, roughly 4,000 dead fish had been counted, but the total number is estimated to be in the tens of thousands, including fish that sank to the bottom, officials said.

Most have been mountain whitefish, a native game species, but reports emerged that the die-off has affected some rainbow trout and Yellowstone cutthroat trout - species crucial to the fishing industry. No dead fish were found inside Yellowstone National Park, where a celebration of the National Park Service's 100th anniversary is set for next week. Officials said they had no plans to close waters inside the park. The closure on the Montana portion of the river aims to stop the spread of the parasite, which causes fish to contract a fatal kidney disease, as well as protect the fishery and the outdoor economy it sustains, officials said.

**Health risk**

The disease was previously documented just twice in the state over the past 20 years but more recent outbreaks have occurred in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Officials said it does not pose a health risk to peo-

ple. Low water levels and warm temperatures are making the problem worse by adding to the stresses faced by cold-water species such as trout and whitefish, officials said. In other rivers, outbreaks of the disease persisted until water temperatures dropped months later.

On the Yellowstone, fishing, wading, floating, boating and other activities are banned until further notice. Numerous fly fishing outfitters and rafting companies operate in the closed stretch of river, which extends from Yellowstone National Park's northern boundary to the city of Laurel, along with all tributaries in those areas. Fishing guide Dan Gigone, who owns the Sweetwater Fly Shop in Livingston, said one of his guides reported seeing hundreds of dead fish, including some trout, in the river Thursday. Gigone called the closure catastrophic but said he would not fight it.

"We have trips on the books through September," Gigone said. "It's definitely a big part of the Livingston and area economy. But we need to protect the resources as best we can for future years." Yellowstone Raft Co owner Robin Trotter said she had started calling hundreds of customers with reservations in coming weeks to let them know their trips could be canceled. Fish, Wildlife and Parks Director Jeff Hagener said the agency had to balance economic consequences with the risk to the fishery, given that recreational activities disturb fish and exacerbate the effects of the disease. The parasite is not native to the area, meaning it was introduced by people via a contaminated boat, fishing waders or other means - or possibly by birds that transported it from another waterway, officials said. The wildlife agency set up two decontamination stations to try to reduce the chance of equipment spreading the parasite to other rivers. The agency urged the public to clean equipment properly before moving between bodies of water. "There's not a lot known about how this moves through the environment," said Dan Garren of Idaho Fish and Game who dealt with a 2012 whitefish die-off blamed on the parasite. "It's easy to overlook a dead whitefish. It's true for biologists, it's true for anglers. They don't carry the same weight as trout." — AP

FDA TESTS CONFIRM HEPATITIS A  
IN SCALLOPS FROM PHILIPPINES

**HONOLULU:** US Food and Drug Administration tests found hepatitis A in scallops from the Philippines, which have been identified as the likely source of an outbreak of the virus in Hawaii. The Hawaii Department of Health announced Thursday the FDA laboratory test results of frozen Sea Port Bay Scallops. They're produced by De Oro Resources Inc. Messages left with the company's main office in the Philippines weren't immediately returned. The scallops are imported by Sea Port Products Corp. in Washington state.

"I am deeply troubled at the thought that anyone may have become ill from eating product that we shipped," Sea Port owner Bill Dresser said in a statement. "I am also fully committed to trying to find out how this may have happened and to work to prevent it from happening again not only to Sea Port, but to the entire seafood community." There's a Hawaii-wide embargo on the product, meaning businesses aren't allowed to sell them

and consumers are advised not to eat them, the health department said.

Health officials on Monday identified frozen scallops served raw at a sushi chain as the probable source of the outbreak. They ordered 11 Genki Sushi restaurants on Oahu and Kauai to close. The popular restaurants, which serve sushi on conveyor belts, must dispose of their food supply and disposable items like cups and napkins and disinfect the facilities before they reopen. "This laboratory confirmation is important validation of our investigation findings," state epidemiologist Dr Sarah Park said in a statement Thursday. "We are continuing efforts to end this outbreak by working to assure no other product is left in the state and to monitor for those who unfortunately may have been infected and do not yet have symptoms." The health department confirmed 206 cases of hepatitis A as of earlier this week. The disease can cause fever, loss of appetite, nausea and other ailments. — AP





CALIFORNIA: This Aug 10, 2016, image provided by OET/NautilusLive shows a stubby squid on the ocean floor near Channel Islands National Park west of Los Angeles. — AP

## BIG-EYED SQUID LOOKS MORE TOY THAN ANIMAL

CALIFORNIA: A team of scientists and technicians scanning the rocky ocean floor off Southern California couldn't contain their excitement when they spotted a bright-purple, goopy-eyed stubby squid. They let out a collective "whoa" on video posted on the Exploration Vessel Nautilus' Facebook page as a camera on a remote-operated vehicle came across the iridescent cephalopod with giant round eyes. Then the jokes started. "He has weird eyes!" said one enthusiastic observer. "Get close! Get close!" urges another.

One suggested it resembled a child's dropped toy, and another said the creature's eyes appeared to be painted on. "It looks so fake," says one member of the Nautilus' team. The creature looks like a cross between a squid and an octopus but is closely related to a cuttlefish, according to the Nautilus Live website. The find could be more than just bemusing. "In addition to the googly-eyed cuteness, there is one

thing biologically interesting about this observation," said cephalopod expert Michael Vecchione of the Smithsonian Institution. The creature could be a new species, he wrote in an email to the expedition. It was spotted at nearly 3,000 feet deep, which is unusual, but not unheard of. But, on top of that, the stubby squid didn't have chromatophores, cells that allow it to change color, as members of its species do, Vecchione said. The question can't be answered because this particular stubby squid remains deep in the ocean, out of scientists' reach. The Nautilus team is part of a four-month Ocean Exploration Trust expedition to map underwater fault zones from Canada to California and understand ecosystems around them. The team spends hours scanning the barren seascape, "then to come across something adorable like that - it's a real treat," Exploration Vessel Nautilus spokeswoman Susan Poulton said. — AP

## RARE TYRANNOSAURUS REX SKULL ARRIVES AT SEATTLE MUSEUM

4-FOOT LONG SKULL COMPLETES REMARKABLE DISCOVERY

SEATTLE: Paleontologists with Seattle's Burke Museum have unearthed the bones of a Tyrannosaurus rex that lived more than 66 million years ago, including a rare nearly complete 4-foot long skull. The remarkable discovery includes the dinosaur's vertebrae, ribs, hips and lower jaw bones, and represents about 20 percent of the meat-eating predator.

Several dozen scientists, volunteers, students and others worked over the summer to excavate the bones in the Hell Creek Formation in Montana, a site well known for fossil finds. The team later encased the massive skull in a protective plaster cast, lifted the 2,500-pound load onto a flatbed truck with the help of local Montana ranchers and drove it to Seattle. The skull was unloaded at the Burke Museum Thursday. The plaster-covered skull will be on display to the public for several weeks starting Saturday. Over the next year, paleontologists will painstakingly work on removing the rock around the skull.

Scientists estimate the dinosaur is 85 percent the size of the largest T. rex discovered and, based on the size of its skull, lived about 15 years. They believe this T. rex roamed the earth in the late Cretaceous period. There are only 14 other nearly complete T. rex skulls that have been found, the museum said. "We think the Tufts-Love Rex is going to be an iconic specimen for the Burke Museum and the state of Washington and will be a must-see for dinosaur researchers as well," Gregory Wilson, a University of Washington biology professor and adjunct curator of vertebrate paleontology at the Burke Museum, said in a statement. He led the expedition team.

### Hell Creek project

The T. rex is named after two museum paleontology volunteers, Jason Love and Luke Tufts, who were combing for fossils when they came across large fossilized vertebrae sticking out of a rocky hillside last summer. The two were with a team collecting fossils as part of the Hell



WASHINGTON: In this April 15, 2014 file photo, a cast of a Tyrannosaurus Rex discovered in Montana greets visitors as they enter the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. — AP

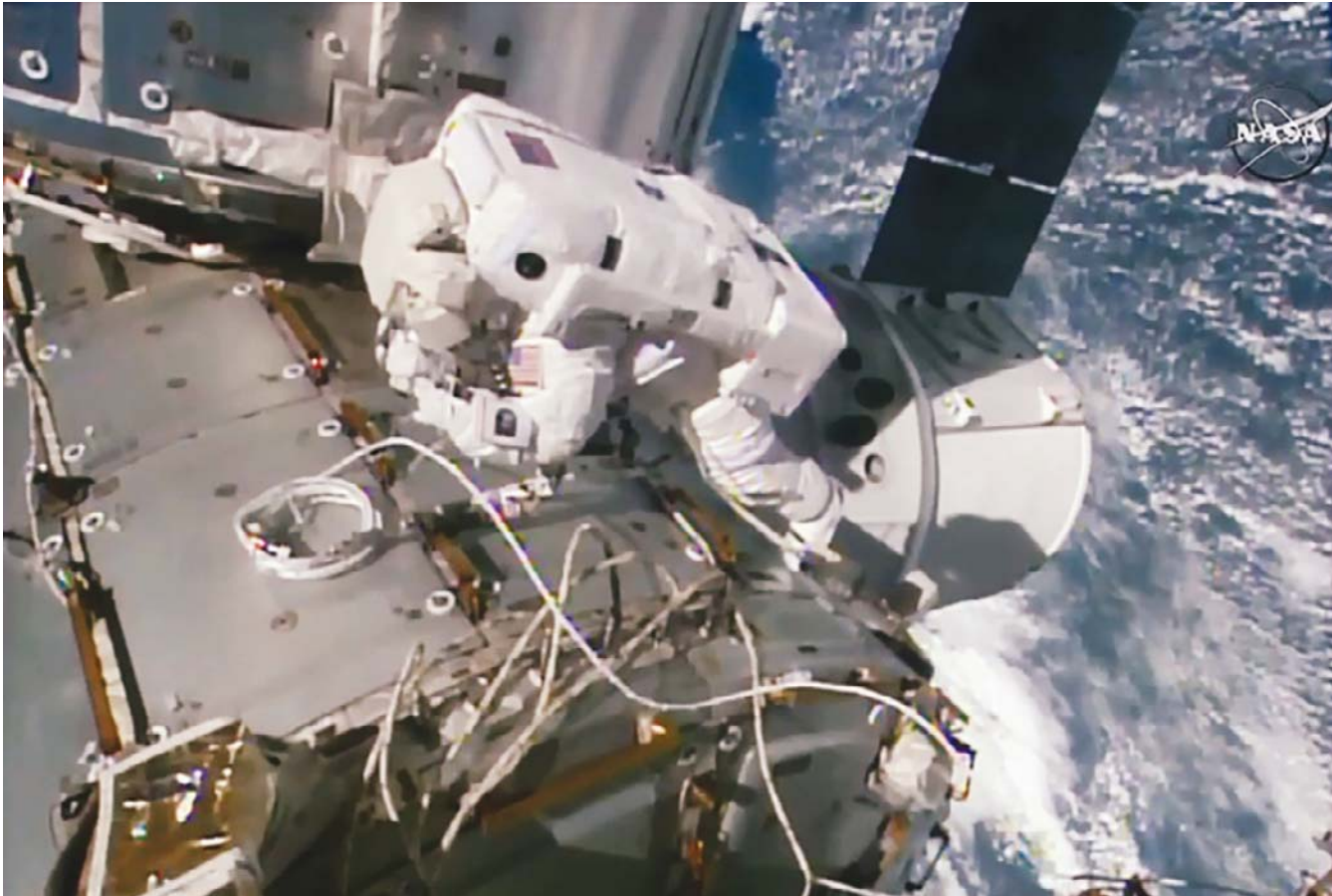
Creek Project, currently led by Wilson and started by Jack Horner, who discovered the world's first dinosaur embryos, and Nathan Myhrvold, former Microsoft chief technology officer who is a Burke Museum research associate.

The team knew the fossils belonged to a meat-eating dinosaur because of the large size and appearance of the bones, but they weren't sure whether it was a T. rex. They didn't have the chance to excavate further until this summer when they returned to the site. Over the course of a month, Burke paleontologists and others used tools such as jackhammers, axes and shovels to dig up the

bones. They first removed about 20 tons of rock and then dug further to uncover pelvic bones and other parts.

More digging led to the most amazing find: the right side of the T. rex skull, including snout and teeth. Scientists think the other half of the skull is there as well. They plan to return to the site next year to search for that and other dinosaur parts. Horner, a Burke Museum research associate who built a vast collection of dinosaur specimens while at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana, said in the statement that the discovery was "one of the most significant specimens yet found."

## SPECIAL 'NEW PORT OF CALL' INSTALLED AT SPACE STATION



MIAMI: With more private spaceship traffic expected at the International Space Station in the coming years, two spacewalking US astronauts installed a special parking spot for them on Friday. Americans Jeff Williams and Kate Rubins floated outside the orbiting laboratory for a spacewalk lasting five hours and 58 minutes to attach the first of two international docking adaptors. The astronauts spent more than two hours tying down the adaptor, after which robotic machinery at the space station completed the hard mate, making the attachment permanent. "With that, we have a new port of call," NASA commentator Rob Navias said as the space station flew over Singapore at 10:40 am (1440 GMT).

During the rest of the spacewalk, astronauts connected power and data cables for the adaptor. The fittings will enable the space station to share power and data with visiting spaceships. The spacewalk was the fourth for Williams, a veteran astronaut who on Wednesday will surpass US astronaut Scott Kelly's record for the most cumulative days in space for an American. Kelly has 520 days in space over his career. Williams will have 534 days in space by the time he wraps up his stint at the ISS and returns to Earth in early September. The spacewalk was Rubins's first. She is the 12th woman to walk in space.

### 'Gateway to future'

NASA describes the docking adaptor as a "metaphorical gateway to a future" that will allow a new generation of US spacecraft-the first since the space shuttle program ended in 2011 — to carry astronauts to the space station. The second docking

adaptor is expected to be launched in late 2017, Navias said. ISS operations integration manager Kenneth Todd called Friday's installation a "very significant milestone on the path to establishing commercial crew capability."

Built by Boeing, the circular adaptor measures around 42 inches (one meter) tall and about 63 inches wide. The adaptors will work with Boeing's CST-100 Starliner and SpaceX's Crew Dragon, two spaceships under construction that are planned to ferry astronauts to the space station. The docking adaptor is more sophisticated than past equipment because it will allow automatic parking instead of the current grapple and berthing process, which is managed by astronauts.

### Spacewalk Sept 1

During the last US spacewalk on January 15, a problem with American Tim Kopra's spacesuit allowed a small amount of water to build up inside his helmet by the end of the outing. It was the latest in a series of spacesuit issues, but not as severe as an emergency in 2013 when Italian astronaut Luca Parmitano's helmet flooded, forcing him to end his spacewalk early. Williams experienced a problem with an earpiece in his suit near the end of Friday's outing, briefly interfering with his ability to hear mission control, but NASA said the issue was not serious. The US space agency is planning another spacewalk on September 1 to retract one of the thermal radiators outside the space station. Astronauts unsuccessfully tried to push it back into position last year. —AFP

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# SOHAN ROY ANNOUNCES NEW FILM PROJECT 'BURNING WELLS'

By Sajeev K Peter

Hollywood filmmaker Sohan Roy is launching his ambitious \$25 million project 'Burning Wells', a movie that will be shot against the backdrop of Iraqi Invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and the subsequent Liberation. The movie will portray the life of a man who gets uprooted by the unremitting consequences of the infamous Kuwait War of 1990. The project will rally a large array of cast and crew from Hollywood, the Arab world and Indian film industry including actors from Kuwait.

Burning Wells will be co-directed by veteran south Indian film director I V Sasi, one of the most prolific filmmakers in India with 145 movies to his credit. 'Burning Wells' will be shot in Hollywood format in 3D using 8K technology. The movie will be shot in Arabic,



Sohan Roy

English and Hindi in various locations including Kuwait and Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad. It will be dubbed into 30 languages. The

shooting of the movie is scheduled to start in 2017 and film is expected to reach cinemas by end of 2018," Roy explained.

"Although there were attempts in the past to narrate the tale of Kuwait War, nobody has so far tried to look at the war from a Kuwaiti perspective. "Burning Wells" will seek to look at it more objectively while delineating the trials and tribulations of the victims from an emotional point of view," he said.

"Incidentally, 'Burning Wells' will be the first mega project of my new initiative Indywood," said Sohan Roy addressing a press conference. "I conceived the \$10 billion project Indywood with a view to bringing the entire film fraternity under one roof and elevate India as the global hub of world film industry," says Roy. According to him, Indywood is expected to set in revolutionary changes in production, screening and mar-

keting strategies as well as the business model of Indian cinema.

"With an aim to connect the best of both Indian and international cinema, Project Indywood seeks to facilitate and enter co-production model for international projects. 'Burning Wells' is our first international co-production deal which was launched in Cochin," he informed.

## Pioneering innovations

Sohan Roy is credited with many pioneering innovations in the fields of cinema, media, maritime and medical industries. His first directorial Hollywood venture 'DAM999' was a thought-provoking movie on dams and their effects on human life. The movie was well appreciated and found its place in many national and international film circuits. The movie also garnered five Oscar selections in

three categories including best picture, original song (three songs) and original score.

The second edition of 'Indywood Film Carnival', an international film event will be held at the world's largest integrated film studio, Ramoji film City, Hyderabad from September 24 - 27 September 2016. Organized under the patronage of K Chandrasekhar Rao, chief minister of Telangana, the film carnival will attract over 200 exhibitors, 2000 delegates and 20,000 footfalls from 75 countries. The event delegates will include film industry professionals, business heads, entrepreneurs, film journalists, media experts, industry aspirants, and thousands of film enthusiasts from all over the world. The first edition of the film carnival was held in Kochi from 15 to 19 November and was well appreciated by from all corners of the world.



## MESSAGE FROM THE NIGERIAN EMBASSY

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in the State of Kuwait wishes to inform the public that with effect from August 21st, 2016, the Chancery will be relocating from its present location to a new place - Block 1, Street 103, House No. 8 West Mishrif. Phone - 25379540/25379541. Fax - 25387719.

## INDIAN EMBASSY ANNOUNCE TAGORE INT'L AWARD FOR CULTURAL HARMONY

Recognizing the monumental contributions made by Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore to humanity at large and as part of the commemoration of his 150th Birth Anniversary, the Government of India has instituted the annual "Tagore International Award for Cultural Harmony" since 2012 for promoting values of Cultural Harmony. It is given annually and carries an amount equivalent to Indian Rs. one crore (convertible to foreign currency), a citation in a scroll, a plaque as well as an exquisite traditional handicraft/handloom item. The Awardee(s) for every year is/are selected by an eminent Jury under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. The First award was conferred on Pandit Ravi Shankar and the second one on Shri Zubin Mehta.

This annual award is given to individuals, associations, institutions or organizations for their outstanding contribution towards promoting values of Cultural Harmony. The Award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, language, caste, creed or gender. Normally, contributions made during 10 years immediately preceding the nomination are considered. Older contributions may also be considered if their significance has become apparent only recently. A written work, in order to be eligible for consideration, should have been published during the last ten years.

The nominations are to be made in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Procedure, a copy of which is enclosed separately. The Code is also available on the Ministry of Culture, Government of India's web-site: [www.indiaculture.nic.in](http://www.indiaculture.nic.in). All queries may please be sent by e-mail to Ms. Bandana Sharma, Director, Ministry of Culture, [bandana.sharma@nic.in](mailto:bandana.sharma@nic.in), Telefax No. 0091-11-23383185.

# JW MARRIOTT KUWAIT TO LAUNCH A BRAND NEW DINING CONCEPT



JW Marriott Kuwait will add a whole new dimension to Kuwait dining scene with its upcoming new restaurant 'Crossroads', due to open by October 11, 2016. The new restaurant will feature a wide range of distinctive cuisines, including Italian, Japanese, Chinese, Indian and Mediterranean. The culinary delicacies of these cuisines have dominated the world for many centuries and still proving to be the most popular. This concept will be the first of its kind in Kuwait, offering a world of authentic cuisines under one roof.

The menu will offer regional and global flavors with a universal appeal, and a special emphasis will be placed on freshly cooked foods. A la carte menu will also be available offering dishes like seafood risotto and paella, penne arabata, lamb tagine, murg tikka, tandoori chicken, red curries, sushi, grilled sirloin with herb butter and a lot more.

In addition, the menu will also feature decadent desserts, including bitter chocolate mousse cake, exotic fruit platters, crème brûlée and a selection of cheeses. And for beverages, the menu will provide an array of exotic fruit and vegetable drinks. Furthermore, the different cooking stations at Crossroads will be seamlessly fused within the large and elegant dining space, to allow guests to enjoy an exciting and fun experience.

Cluster General Manager of Marriott Hotels in Kuwait, George Aoun said "with this new addition, we are looking to move away from the traditional dining concept and provide guests with a more enjoyable dining experience."

"Crossroads Restaurant will captivate the senses with aromas of the tandoori oven, freshly baked naan, wood-fired pizzas, Chinese stir-fry and sizzling grills. It will be the perfect destination for both individuals and families looking for high quality food with an attentive service in the most colorful and contemporary interior design." Aoun added.



## SEVA DARSHAN OFFICIALS MEET INDIAN AMBASSADOR

Seva Darshan Kuwait officials recently met Indian Ambassador to Kuwait Sunil Jain and the Deputy Chief of Mission Subashish Goldar to present its newly elected office bearers. General Secretary Sanjuraj introduced the newly elected team to the Ambassador. Issues relating to the expatriate community was discussed and President Ajayakumar promised the association's support to the embassy for all humanitarian activities. Roopesh, Yuva Darshan coordinator,

presented a report on the Yoga for Body and Beyond International conference that was held in Delhi, where the Kuwait contingent was also represented by two Seva Darshan officials. The future activities for 2016 and 2017 was also presented to the Ambassador who promised whatever assistance was required. Seva Darshan advisory board member Krishnakumar and cultural secretary Vibeesh Tikkodi also accompanied the delegation.

## KUWAITI STUDENT LEARNS FROM DA VINCI

Sattam Alotaibi, a pre-session English student at Brunel University London, recently visited Leonardo Da Vinci: The Mechanics of Genius, an exhibition at London's Science Museum. The impressive exhibits consist of 39 full sized models based on Da Vinci's drawings, including flying machines, diving apparatus and weapons. They had originally been constructed in Milan in 1952 to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Da Vinci's birth and the modern

interactive displays allow visitors to appreciate the genius of the inventor.

Alotaibi, a prospective mechanical engineering postgraduate student, expressed gratitude to Brunel Language Centre for organizing the excursion which he stated "allowed me to interpret Da Vinci's incomplete drawings and analyze how both in the past and the present, engineers take inspiration from nature for their designs and ideas."

The Kuwaiti City resident, cur-

rently studying on a 16-week pre-session academic English course, is preparing for Brunel University London's internal English language exam so that he can progress onto his postgraduate program. His tutor, Andrew Harrison, said "Sattam has been a wonderful ambassador for Kuwait while studying at Brunel Language Centre. He has an engaging and inquisitive manner and offers unique perspectives when sharing information with other international students."







A Kyrgyz folklore troupe offered a theatrical performance at Abdel-Mohsen Al-Redha Theater on Wednesday night as part of the 18th young cultural festival, organized by the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters. —Photos by Joseph Shagra





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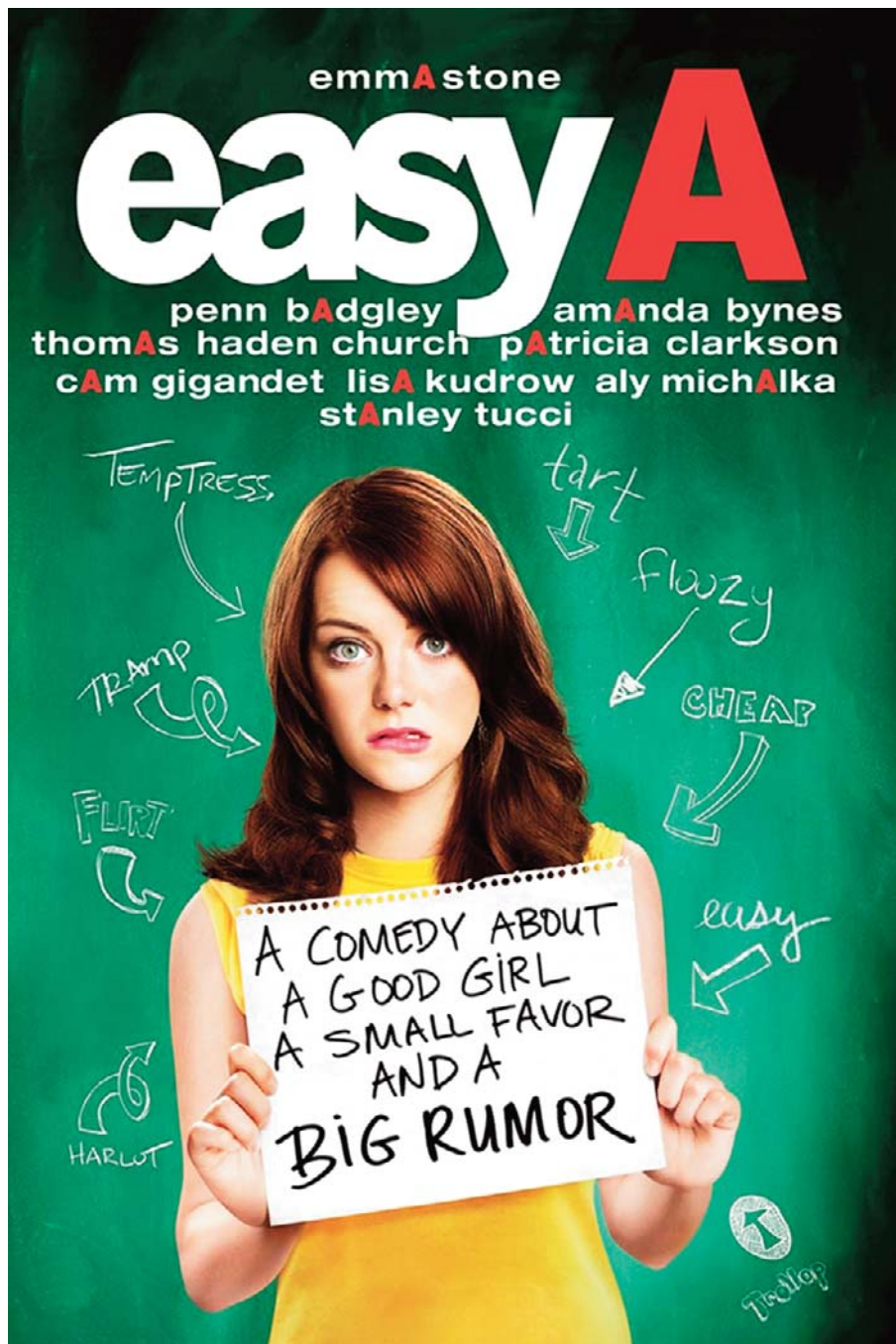
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18:45 Jake And The Never Land Pirates  
19:00 PJ Masks  
19:30 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse  
20:00 Doc McStuffins  
20:30 Sofia The First  
21:00 PJ Masks  
21:30 Aladdin  
22:00 Jungle Cubs  
22:25 Gummi Bears  
22:50 Zou  
23:05 Henry Hugglemonster  
23:20 Calimero  
23:35 Zou  
23:50 Loopedoo  
00:05 Art Attack  
00:30 Henry Hugglemonster  
00:45 Calimero  
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01:15 Loopedoo  
01:30 Art Attack  
02:00 Calimero  
02:15 Zou

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06:00 Boyster  
06:10 Super Matrak  
06:35 Super Matrak



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20:30 Ace Of Cakes  
21:00 Andy Bates Brazilian Street Feasts  
21:30 Andy Bates Brazilian Street Feasts  
22:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
22:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
23:00 Iron Chef America

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03:40 Last Days Of The Nazis  
04:30 WWI: The First Modern War  
05:20 Ancient Aliens  
06:10 Ancient Discoveries  
07:00 Dogfights  
08:00 Ancient Discoveries  
09:00 The Universe  
10:00 World War II: Lost Films  
11:00 WWI: The First Modern War  
12:00 Ancient Aliens  
13:00 Dogfights  
14:00 Ancient Discoveries  
15:00 The Universe  
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17:00 WWI: The First Modern War  
18:00 Ancient Aliens  
19:00 Dogfights  
20:00 Ancient Discoveries  
21:00 The Universe  
22:00 America: The Story Of The U.S.  
23:00 Ultimate Guide To The Presidents  
00:00 Ancient Aliens  
01:00 Dogfights  
02:00 Ancient Discoveries

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03:40 Big Rig Bounty Hunters  
04:30 Pawn Stars  
05:00 Time Team  
06:00 Shipping Wars  
06:25 Shipping Wars  
06:50 Swamp People  
07:40 Mountain Men  
08:30 American Restoration  
08:55 Big Rig Bounty Hunters  
09:45 Ice Road Truckers  
10:35 Alone  
11:25 Time Team  
12:15 American Pickers  
13:05 Storage Wars  
13:30 Storage Wars  
13:55 Counting Cars: Best Of  
14:20 Car Hunters  
14:45 American Restoration  
15:10 American Restoration  
15:35 Shipping Wars  
16:00 Swamp People: Swamp Christmas  
16:50 Mountain Men  
17:40 Swamp People  
18:30 Time Team  
19:20 American Pickers  
20:10 Pawn Stars  
20:35 Pawn Stars  
21:00 Criss Angel: Mindfreak  
21:25 Barry'd Treasure  
21:50 Pirate Treasure Of The Knights Templar  
22:40 Britain's Bloody Crown: War Of The Roses  
23:30 Criss Angel: Mindfreak  
23:55 Barry'd Treasure  
00:20 Pirate Treasure Of The Knights Templar  
01:10 Leepu And Pitbull

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03:25 Vera  
05:15 Eggheads  
05:45 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway  
07:05 The Chase: Celebrity Specials  
08:00 Vera  
09:50 Murdoch Mysteries  
10:45 Eggheads  
11:15 The Chase: Celebrity Specials  
12:10 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway  
13:25 Emmerdale  
13:50 Coronation Street  
14:20 Coronation Street  
14:45 Murdoch Mysteries  
15:35 The Chase: Celebrity Specials  
16:30 Don't Tell The Bride

NATIONAL  
GEOGRAPHIC  
CHANNEL HD

03:50 Science Of Stupid  
04:15 Science Of Stupid  
04:45 Incredibly Small World  
05:40 Money Meltdown  
06:05 Money Meltdown  
06:35 Terraced Fields  
07:30 Explorer  
08:25 Salmon Wars  
09:20 Incredibly Small World  
10:15 Inside: Reinventing Taipei  
11:10 Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey  
12:05 Life On Mars: The Amazing Rovers  
13:00 UFOs: The Untold Stories  
14:00 Brain Games  
14:30 Brain Games  
15:00 Hacking The System  
15:30 Hacking The System  
16:00 Machine Impossible  
17:00 Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey  
18:00 Fly Me To The Stars: Japan's Space Challenge  
19:00 Science Of Stupid  
19:30 Science Of Stupid  
20:00 Machine Impossible  
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## nickelodeon HD

03:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
03:24 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
03:48 Henry Danger  
04:12 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn  
04:36 The Haunted Hathaways  
05:00 Max & Shred  
05:24 Henry Danger  
05:48 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn  
06:12 SpongeBob SquarePants  
06:36 SpongeBob SquarePants  
07:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
07:24 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
07:48 Winx Club  
08:12 Harvey Beaks  
08:36 Breadwinners  
09:00 Get Blake  
09:24 Rabbids Invasion  
09:48 Henry Danger  
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10:36 The Haunted Hathaways  
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16:36 The Loud House  
17:00 Sanjay And Craig  
17:24 Harvey Beaks  
17:48 Breadwinners  
18:12 Henry Danger  
18:36 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn  
19:00 100 Things To Do Before High School  
19:24 Game Shakers  
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WILD HD

03:45 Zoo Confidential  
04:40 Born Wild  
05:35 Hunter Hunted  
06:30 The Bear Evidence  
07:25 Zoo Confidential  
08:20 Born Wild  
09:15 Animal Armory  
10:10 Planet Carnivore  
11:05 Dangerous Encounters  
12:00 Hooked  
12:55 Asia's Deadliest Snakes  
13:50 Planet Carnivore  
14:45 Zoo Confidential  
15:40 Expedition Wild  
16:35 Animal Armory  
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21:00 Animal Armory  
21:50 Planet Carnivore  
22:40 Dangerous Encounters  
23:30 Hooked  
00:20 Asia's Deadliest Snakes  
01:10 Planet Carnivore  
02:00 Brutal Killers  
02:50 Dr. K's Exotic Animal

## OSN FIRST HD

03:00 The Simpsons  
03:30 Black-ish

## COMEDY

04:00 Life In Pieces  
04:30 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon  
06:00 George Lopez  
06:30 The Bill Engvall Show  
07:00 Late Night With Seth Meyers  
08:00 Life In Pieces  
09:00 The Simpsons  
09:30 Young & Hungry  
10:30 The Bill Engvall Show  
11:00 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon  
12:00 George Lopez  
12:30 Life In Pieces  
13:30 The Bill Engvall Show  
14:00 Black-ish  
14:30 Young & Hungry  
15:30 Fresh Off The Boat  
16:00 Grandfathered  
16:30 George Lopez  
17:00 Late Night With Seth Meyers  
18:00 Two And A Half Men  
18:30 Two And A Half Men  
19:00 Angie Tribeca  
19:30 Angie Tribeca  
20:00 The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon  
21:00 Fresh Off The Boat  
21:30 Grandfathered  
22:00 South Park  
22:30 South Park  
23:00 Family Guy  
23:30 Late Night With Seth Meyers  
00:30 Fresh Off The Boat  
01:00 Grandfathered  
01:30 South Park  
02:00 South Park  
02:30 Family Guy

## OSN MOVIES HD

## ACTION

03:45 Armageddon  
06:15 S.W.A.T.  
08:15 Christmas Twister  
10:00 Batman vs. Robin  
11:45 Armageddon  
14:30 Heatstroke  
16:15 S.W.A.T.  
18:15 The Machine  
20:00 Godzilla  
22:15 Four Brothers  
00:15 Harley Davidson And The Marlboro Man  
02:15 Mine Games

## OSN MOVIES HD

## COMEDY

04:00 The Proposal  
06:00 Win A Date With Tad Hamilton!  
08:00 Angus Thongs And Perfect Snogging  
10:00 The Proposal  
12:00 Easy A  
14:00 Green Card  
16:00 Angus Thongs And Perfect Snogging  
18:00 Romy And Michelle's High School Reunion  
20:00 Now Add Honey  
22:00 The Interview  
00:00 Three Night Stand  
02:00 Romy And Michelle's High School Reunion

## OSN MOVIES HD

## FAMILY

03:00 Bedtime Stories  
05:00 Dr. Seuss' The Lorax  
07:00 Ratatouille  
09:00 Gulliver's Travels  
11:00 The Princess And The Frog  
13:00 Three Wishes  
15:00 The Book Of Life  
17:00 The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out Of Water  
19:00 College Road Trip  
21:00 The Kid  
23:00 The Book Of Life  
01:00 College Road Trip

## OSN MOVIES HD

03:30 A Birder's Guide To Everything  
05:15 Hotel Transylvania 2  
07:15 Madoff Part 1  
09:00 Madoff Part 2  
11:00 5 Flights Up  
13:00 Hello Carter  
15:00 From Up On Poppy Hill  
17:00 Rio, I Love You  
19:00 A Royal Night Out  
21:00 Perfect Wedding  
23:00 Fifty Shades Of Grey  
01:15 The Gift



## THE MACHINE ON OSN MOVIES ACTION

19:03 Workaholics  
19:27 TUT  
20:13 TUT  
21:00 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah  
21:30 Matt Braunger: Shovel  
21:55 Fighter  
22:18 Inside Amy Schumer  
22:42 South Park  
23:05 Underground With Dave Attell  
23:30 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah  
00:00 TUT  
00:50 TUT  
01:40 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah  
02:05 Anthony Jeselnik: Caligula

Discovery  
CHANNEL HD

03:15 Wheels That Fail  
03:40 Auction Hunters: Pawn Shop Edition  
04:05 Storage Hunters UK  
04:30 Dallas Car Sharks  
05:00 How Stuff's Made  
05:30 How Do They Do It?  
06:00 Alaska: The Last Frontier  
06:50 Kindig Customs  
07:40 Fast N' Loud  
08:30 Auction Hunters: Pawn Shop Edition  
08:55 Storage Hunters UK  
09:20 Dallas Car Sharks  
09:45 How Stuff's Made  
10:10 How Do They Do It?  
10:35 Mythbusters  
11:25 World's Top 5  
12:15 Incredible Engineering  
Blunders: Fixed  
13:05 Auction Hunters: Pawn Shop Edition  
13:30 Storage Hunters UK  
13:55 Dallas Car Sharks  
14:20 Alaska: The Last Frontier  
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16:00 Fast N' Loud  
16:50 How Stuff's Made  
17:15 How Do They Do It?  
17:40 Dark Woods Justice

06:55 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir  
07:20 Dog With A Blog  
07:45 Bunk'd  
08:10 Austin & Ally  
08:35 Shake It Up  
09:00 Hannah Montana  
09:25 Hannah Montana  
09:50 Wizards Of Waverly Place  
10:15 Wizards Of Waverly Place  
10:40 Good Luck Charlie  
11:05 Good Luck Charlie  
11:30 Jessie  
11:55 Jessie  
12:20 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir  
12:45 Hank Zipzer  
13:10 Austin & Ally  
13:35 Austin & Ally  
14:00 Liv And Maddie  
14:25 Liv And Maddie  
14:50 Dog With A Blog  
15:15 Hank Zipzer  
15:40 Bunk'd  
16:05 Disney Mickey Mouse  
16:10 Gravity Falls  
16:35 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir  
17:00 Backstage  
17:50 Girl Meets World  
18:15 Bunk'd  
18:40 Mako Mermaids  
19:05 Austin & Ally  
19:30 Jessie  
19:55 Violetta  
20:45 Good Luck Charlie  
21:10 H2O: Just Add Water  
21:35 H2O: Just Add Water  
22:00 Binny And The Ghost  
22:25 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch  
22:50 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch  
23:10 Hank Zipzer  
23:35 Binny And The Ghost  
00:00 Violetta  
00:45 The Hive  
00:50 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch  
01:15 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch  
01:40 Hank Zipzer  
02:05 Binny And The Ghost  
02:30 Violetta

07:00 Pokemon Bw: Adventures In Unova  
07:25 K.C. Undercover  
07:50 Supa Strikas  
08:15 Phineas And Ferb  
08:40 Camp Lakebottom  
09:05 Disney Mickey Mouse  
09:30 Lab Rats  
09:50 Gravity Falls  
10:00 Rocket Monkeys  
10:25 Ultimate Spider-Man  
10:50 Boyster  
11:20 Boyster  
11:45 Pair Of Kings  
12:10 Pair Of Kings  
12:35 Lab Rats  
13:00 Lab Rats  
13:30 Phineas And Ferb  
13:55 Phineas And Ferb  
14:20 Kickin' It  
14:45 Pokemon Bw: Adventures In Unova  
15:10 Disney Mickey Mouse  
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16:30 Pickle And Peanut  
16:55 Kirby Buckets  
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18:15 Gamer's Guide To Pretty...  
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21:20 Gamer's Guide To Pretty...  
21:45 Guardians Of The Galaxy  
22:10 Marvel Avengers Assemble  
22:40 Disney Mickey Mouse

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03:00 Man Fire Food  
03:30 Man Fire Food  
04:00 Chopped  
05:00 Guy's Grocery Games  
06:00 Man Fire Food  
06:30 Man Fire Food  
07:00 Chopped  
08:00 Barefoot Contessa: Back To Basics  
08:30 Barefoot Contessa: Back To Basics  
09:00 The Kitchen  
10:00 The Pioneer Woman  
10:30 The Pioneer Woman  
11:00 Chopped  
12:00 Guy's Big Bite  
12:30 Guy's Big Bite  
13:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
13:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
14:00 Man Fire Food  
14:30 Man Fire Food  
15:00 Chopped  
16:00 The Kitchen  
17:00 The Pioneer Woman  
17:30 The Pioneer Woman  
18:00 Chopped  
19:00 Guy's Grocery Games  
20:00 Ace Of Cakes

## EHD

03:15 WAGs  
04:10 WAGs  
05:05 WAGs  
06:00 Fashion Bloggers  
06:25 Keeping Up With The Kardashians  
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## PRAYER TIMINGS

Fajr:	03:55
Shorook	05:20
Duhr:	11:51
Asr:	15:26
Maghrib:	18:23
Isha:	19:43



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MSC	415	Sohag	00:10	THY 766	Istanbul	13:10			
THY	772	Istanbul	00:10	AXB 393	Kozhikode	13:55			
JZR	267	Beirut	00:30	QTR 1078	Doha	14:05	AIC 988	Hyderabad/Chennai	00:05
FDK	803	Damascus	00:35	KAC 672	Dubai	14:05	JAI 573	Mumbai	00:10
JZR	239	Amman	00:50	KAC 178	Vienna	14:15	JZR 1540	Cairo	00:20
FDB	069	Dubai	00:55	FDB 057	Dubai	14:20	JAD 302	Amman	00:25
DLH	635	Doha	01:00	GFA 221	Bahrain	14:20	MSR 615	Cairo	00:30
QTR	1086	Doha	01:15	SVA 500	Jeddah	14:30	FDB 072	Dubai	00:30
JZR	539	Cairo	01:20	KAC 742	Dammam	14:55	MSC 416	Sohag	01:05
MSC	403	Asyut	01:30	KAC 788	Jeddah	15:00	FDK 804	Damascus	01:35
KAC	1802	Cairo	01:30	KNE 529	Jeddah	15:05	THY 773	Istanbul	01:40
PGT	858	Istanbul	01:40	OMA 645	Muscat	15:10	DLH 635	Frankfurt	02:00
ETH	620	Addis Ababa	01:45	ETD 303	Abu Dhabi	15:10	MSC 404	Asyut	02:30
RJA	642	Amman	01:45	ABY 127	Sharjah	15:35	ETH 621	Addis Ababa	02:45
THY	1464	Istanbul	01:50	UAE 857	Dubai	15:45	THY 765	Istanbul	02:45
KKK	6506	Istanbul	02:05	NIA 251	Alexandria	15:50	PGT 859	Istanbul	02:55
GFA	211	Bahrain	02:15	RJA 640	Amman	16:00	KAC 177	Vienna	02:55
CEB	018	Manila	02:20	FDB 051	Dubai	16:10	UAE 854	Dubai	03:45
UAE	853	Dubai	02:25	QTR 1072	Doha	16:15	THY 769	Istanbul	03:45
THY	768	Istanbul	02:50	JZR 535	Cairo	16:20	RJA 645	Amman	03:55
ETD	305	Abu Dhabi	02:55	JZR 257	Beirut	16:25	OMA 644	Muscat	04:05
OMA	643	Muscat	03:05	JZR 787	Riyadh	16:35	FDB 068	Dubai	04:05
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ACROSS

1. A fatal disease of cattle that affects the central nervous system.  
4. The ninth month of the Moslem calendar.  
11. The biblical name for ancient Syria.  
15. (informal) 'johnny' was applied as a nickname for Confederate soldiers by the Federal soldiers in the American Civil War.  
16. Stain (furniture) black to make it look like ebony.  
17. (Greek mythology) Goddess of the earth and mother of Cronus and the Titans in ancient mythology.  
18. A river in north central Switzerland that runs northeast into the Rhine.  
19. In a state of sleep.  
21. Arranged into groups.  
23. A complete metric system of units of measurement for scientists.  
24. A port in southwestern Scotland.  
25. A nurse who has enough training to be licensed by a state to provide routine care for the sick.  
29. Heart and liver and other edible viscera especially of hogs.  
32. A city in northwestern Syria.  
35. (prefix) Within.  
37. North American republic containing 50 states - 48 conterminous states in North America plus Alaska in northwest North America and the Hawaiian Islands in the Pacific Ocean.  
39. The capital and largest city of Japan.  
40. A failure to maintain a higher state.  
45. Resembling milk in color or cloudiness.  
47. Wood of a sumac.  
49. A particular geographical region of indefinite boundary (usually serving some special purpose or distinguished by its people or culture or geography).  
50. A promontory in northern Morocco opposite the Rock of Gibraltar.  
51. A genus of Indriidae.  
52. Soviet physicist who worked on low temperature physics (1908-1968).  
54. An esoteric or occult matter that is traditionally secret.  
56. A public promotion of some product or service.  
57. A radioactive element of the actinide series.  
58. A very poisonous metallic element that has three allotropic forms.  
59. A soft silvery metallic element of the alkali earth group.  
61. Type genus of the Cariamidae comprising only the crested caria.  
67. A large number or amount.  
71. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.  
72. A genus of Psittacidae.  
76. A slender double-reed instrument.  
77. A spacecraft that carries astronauts from the command module to the surface of the moon and back.  
78. A republic consisting of 26 of 32 counties comprising the island of Ireland.  
79. A Lolish language.  
80. A federal agency established to regulate the release of new foods and health-related products.  
81. Grasshopper with short antennae.  
82. An official language of the Republic of South Africa.

DOWN

1. (informal) Exceptionally good.  
2. (used especially of vegetation) Having lost all moisture.  
3. A Spanish river.  
4. Appear again.  
5. Not in a specified place physically or mentally.  
6. The distinctive form in which a thing is made.  
7. Used of a single unit or thing.  
8. German engineer (born in France) who invented the diesel engine (1858-1913).  
9. Have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal.  
10. A colorless odorless gaseous element that give a red glow in a vacuum tube.  
11. Title for a civil or military leader (especially in Turkey).  
12. The capital of Morocco.  
13. Characterized by lightness and insubstantiality.  
14. A flat-bottomed volcanic crater that was formed by an explosion.  
20. Hand shears for cutting sheet metal.  
22. (Norse mythology) One of the Aesir known for his beauty and skill with bow and skis.  
26. Low stinging nettle of Central and South America having velvety brownish-green toothed leaves and clusters of small green flowers.  
27. Expel or eject (saliva or phlegm or sputum) from the mouth.  
28. Conforming to truth.  
30. Small genus of evergreen trees of tropical America and western Africa.  
31. Taken dishonestly.  
33. An archaic name for Easter or Passover.  
34. A nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (trade name Ansaid) that is administered only orally.  
36. Soft lump or unevenness in a yarn.  
38. A South American shrub whose leaves are chewed by natives of the Andes.  
41. (Old Testament) The eldest son of Isaac who would have inherited the Covenant that God made with Abraham and that Abraham passed on to Isaac.  
42. East Indian tree bearing a profusion of intense vermilion velvet-textured blooms and yielding a yellow dye.  
43. Someone who works (or provides workers) during a strike.  
44. An island in Indonesia south of Borneo.  
46. A family of Sino-Tibetan languages spoken in southeastern Asia.  
48. A pale rose-colored variety of the ruby spinel.  
53. Any of various spiny trees or shrubs of the genus Acacia.  
55. The blood group whose red cells carry both the A and B antigens.  
60. A coffee cake flavored with orange rind and raisins and almonds.  
62. In bed.  
63. Avatar of Vishnu.  
64. Made from residue of grapes or apples after pressing.  
65. Type genus of the Aceraceae.  
66. A member of the Pueblo people living in western New Mexico.  
68. An outer garment that has sleeves and covers the body from shoulder down.  
69. The capital and chief port of Qatar.  
70. Fastener consisting of a resinous composition that is plastic when warm.  
73. American prizefighter who won the world heavyweight championship three times (born in 1942).  
74. A slight amount or degree of difference.  
75. A condition (mostly in boys) characterized by behavioral and learning disorders.

Yesterday's Solution

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STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

A strong urge for the social life may find you out and about this day. There are all sorts of trade sales and doodad or curio shops available for the perusing. You may find a quaint antique store you like. This also may be a better time to work on any repairs or upkeep, or to catch up on some interesting reading material. Later today your love relationship could benefit from some nourishment. This would be a great area deserving of your attention. A concert or open air performance can be a treat for your beloved. Perhaps a blanket and a small cooler with a few drinks and goodies to enjoy while you listen to the entertainment would be good. Of course, a little bug repellent would not be a bad idea either. Can you identify the stars that are out tonight?



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Fondness and appreciation for the past and for your roots in life take on greater importance for you now. Making your home situation more pleasant and attractive plays a part in this. The sale or purchase of real estate could bring you much gain before the end of this cycle. You may yearn for family harmony. Lasting values and whatever you find to be true and lasting can guide you now-opening up avenues that have remained blocked. Your home environment, friends and surroundings in general receive much attention. You could gain from the time you spend with young people today. Do not forget to include all family members in any decisions to move or purchase property. Your timing should be perfect for anything you want to do today.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You cannot become expressive very readily unless you are also receptive, and receptive you are-all morning. You may find yourself serving to guide someone younger than you in matters of significance. This may make today a bit challenging but with your sense of humor, anything heavy-duty will quickly be turned toward a positive result. This is a time in which support and recognition should be available from both your family and friends. You feel at home in the world and it takes care of you. You could have deep insight into your own feelings and inner spiritual nature. Plans to entertain or be entertained may be the activity this afternoon. Your mate or love partner is smart-listen and be patient-she or he may be helping you save money.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You are at the top of your class and if a project is at hand ... Take your time to complete everything and then look over your work thoroughly, as you will tend to hurry yourself today. Personal achievements are easy at this time. This could mean a sports competition but it could also mean just the simple things you do around your own property. You may enjoy working in your yard, painting or rearranging furniture, etc. There is much energy and drive for whatever you want to accomplish. A social affair may be in the works for this evening and there is still time to do a bit of shopping before they come. A puzzle that you may want to work through today concerns a friend. Take him or her shopping with you. All will be understood soon.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

You may find yourself spending most of this day out-of-doors or at some tourist attraction. This is a day for fun and laughter and enjoying your loved ones. Your mind and the way in which you express your ideas mark the most active factors in your make-up-you have the gift of gab. Your words and ideas can transport and enchant listeners, carrying them beyond the world as they know it into the world as they wish it could be. Your imagination and sense of what connects all of life are felt in your speech and in the way you communicate. You love a good story and a sense of the mystical pervades every one you tell. You and your friends will share good times today. Your mind soars on wings of the imagination.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

This is not the time for planning but the time to enjoy the plans you have previously made for today-a good day. You may enjoy probing into your inner workings. You value your darker, more secretive areas and do not mind working through some sensitive problems. As long as you can maintain a balance with your emotions, your health will be excellent. Learn to recognize the negative so that you can rework and transmute to the most positive that you can become. This may not be a lot, but it will be a beginning and it will create a habit of recognition and change. There is a healing taking place, a healing within you as well as within the people that are the closest to you. You have the opportunity today to understand a loved one like never before.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

Take care of any financial responsibilities soon. Those you feel you cannot take care of should be acknowledged by sending a note with a promise of payment to come. Then, make it a point to set up some plans for setting aside the funds to pay off outstanding debts. You spend a great deal of time with plants and using water selectively around your place of living today. Upkeep around your living area is the mode of the day. This afternoon is a good time for surrounding yourself with friends and young people and for having a good time. There could be some sports competition, either involving you or with you coaching young people. You appreciate your particular situation and enjoy support from those around you. Passions can also be enjoyed.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Yes ... A weekend! Friendships and involvement in group activities play a more important part in your life now. Friends are our only true riches and the satisfaction that comes from accomplishing or sharing experiences with others is something no one can take away from you. You are very painstaking and deliberate when it comes to partnerships, lovers and relationships of all kinds. You tend toward long-lasting friendships and are very loyal, sometimes too sedate. You display your sharp, nimble mind with a ready wit. You are quick to gain insight and to see new solutions-approaching genius when it comes to communication skills. Natural physical dexterity-good hands too! You are the life of the party when it comes to spontaneity today.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

You will most likely feel that circumstances are preventing you from doing something that you really want to do this day. You may experience some difficulty with those in authority, but this is not necessary. If you really want to break free, then work out a compromise. You may take an intellectual interest in the subconscious mind and psychological healing. Your imagination and psychic sensitivity is stimulated through communications. You are an "action" person who gains the attention of others and seems to get things moving. You may be encouraged to defend your belief with a neighbor-perhaps political. You may consider this is a good thing and you will be thinking quickly and honestly without any type of defensive attitude-just the facts.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Do not take chances or risks just now-be satisfied with the ordinary and usual. Novel ideas or insights could be more damaging than useful. There is hectic emotional energy present. You are very expressive and outgoing when it comes to your feelings and emotions-you may find yourself in deep discussions today concerning world affairs, trends of the community, etc. This urge to express yourself, to speak out and be heard, propels you into many an interesting situation. Creativity of all kinds holds your interest now and you could find yourself spending money on some form of music, art or literature. You are driven to excel in many forms of physical or creative expression-sports, theatrics, arts and crafts, etc.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

You are an aggressive starter, able to instigate projects and get things moving. Not always hot on the follow-up, you may tend to get the ball rolling and get out, to move on to other things. You could discover some new things about yourself through creativity and self-expression. Increased confidence and a more outgoing manner may be the key that opens many a new door for you. You may be able to enjoy and value your own life situation or feel especially kind towards a friend or loved one. There is a chance to understand those around you and to have a special time with someone you love. General good feelings and a sense of support and harmony make this a happy time. Someone may compliment you on your tastes or belongings tonight.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

"Maybe" seems to be the main thinking today. Young people want to know, older people have questions, students are curious and you think that the answers to the questions you hear are a definite maybe. The desire to please others is so strong as to make it hard to decide or act for fear of offending someone. Perhaps you should not answer questions today and just listen. There is something important for you to hear but not if you do not listen. Smile and let others know that this is a listening day for you. Sometime the teaching becomes more of a time of guiding others. The mental world appeals to you and you are very discriminating but appreciative when it comes to concepts, ideas, thoughts and the like. You value good research.

WORD SEARCH

Cooking 1 - Word Search  
Find the words hidden in the grid of letters.

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Large Print Word Search Puzzles  
Cooking 2 - Solution

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Yesterday's Solution

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## Hospitals

Sabah Hospital	24812000
Amiri Hospital	22450005
Maternity Hospital	24843100
Mubarak Al-Kabir Hospital	25312700
Chest Hospital	24849400
Farwaniya Hospital	24892010
Adan Hospital	23940620
Ibn Sina Hospital	24840300
Al-Razi Hospital	24846000
Physiotherapy Hospital	24874330/9

## Clinics

Kaizen center	25716707
Rawda	22517733
Adaliya	22517144
Khaldiya	24848075
Kaifan	24849807
Shamiya	24848913
Shuwaikh	24814507
Abdullah Salem	22549134
Nuzha	22526804
Industrial Shuwaikh	24814764
Qadsiya	22515088
Dasmah	22532265
Bneid Al-Gar	22531908
Shaab	22518752
Qibla	22459381
Ayoun Al-Qibla	22451082
Mirqab	22456536
Sharq	22465401
Salmiya	25746401
Jabriya	25316254
Maidan Hawally	25623444
Bayan	25388462
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Sabah	24810221
Jahra	24770319
New Jahra	24575755
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South Jahra	24775066
North Jahra	24775992
North Jleeb	24311795
Ardhiya	24884079
Firdous	24892674
Omariya	24719048
N Khaitan	24710044
Fintas	23900322



## PHARMACIES ON 24 HRS DUTY

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Farwaniya	New Shifa Ferdous Coop Modern Safwan	Farwaniya Block 40 Ferdous Coop Old Kheitan Block 11	24734000 24881201 24726638
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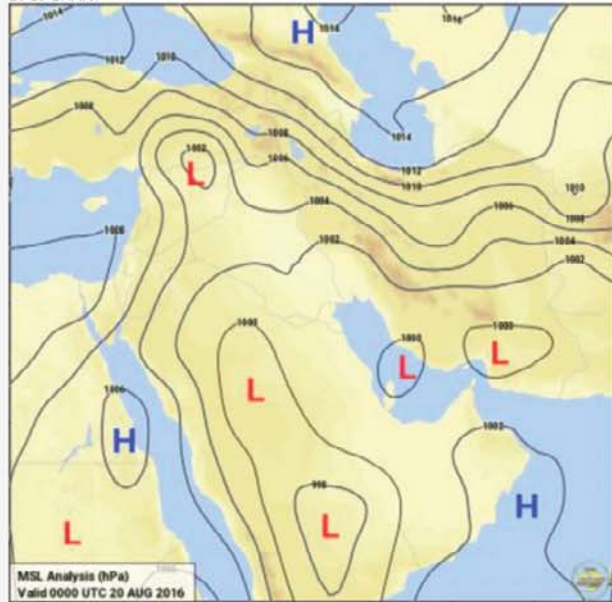
### Expected Weather for the Next 24 Hours

Issued 20/08/2016-07:00 LT UTC +3hr

Max Temperature 47 °C

**By Day** : Very hot with variable wind changing to light to moderate north westerly wind, with speed of 08 - 30 km/h.  
**By Night** : Relatively hot and humid especially over coastal areas with light to moderate northerly to light variable wind, with speed of 06 - 28 km/h.

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Four-Day Forecast

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Expected Weather	very hot + Relatively humid especially over coastal area	very hot + Relatively humid especially over coastal area	Relatively humid + scattered clouds	Humid weather especially over coastal areas
Min Temp °C	28	28	27	26
Max Temp °C	47	47	46	45
Wind Direction	variable	variable wind changing to south easterly later on	variable wind changing to light to moderate south easterly	variable wind changing to south easterly
Wind Speed km/h	06 - 22	08 - 30	06 - 28	08 - 30

All times are local time (GMT+3) unless otherwise stated

### Warnings & Weather Watches

no warnings or weather watches

### Kuwait Forecast

Station	MIN °C REC	Max °C EXP
KUWAIT CITY	34	45
KUWAIT AIRPORT	29	47
ABDALLY	26	47
BUBYAN	29	46
JAHRA	31	48
FAILAKA ISLAND	30	44
SALMIYAH	34	39
AHMADI	34	39
JAL ALIYAH	29	46
QAROH ISLAND	34	39
UMM AL-MARADEM	34	39
NUWAISIB	29	41
WAFRA	26	44
MANAGISH	29	47
SALMY	30	47
MUTRIBA	29	48

### Recorded Yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max Temp (°C)	46
Min Temp (°C)	35
Max Rel Hum (%)	24
Min Rel Hum (%)	09
Max Wind Speed (km/h) and Direction	39 N
TOTAL RAINFALL IN 24 HR	0 mm

	Sunrise	05:19
	Sunset	18:24

### Prayer Times

Fajr	03:54
Sunrise	05:19
Zuhr	11:51
Asr	15:27
Sunset	18:24
Isha	19:45

## INTERNATIONAL CALLS



Afghanistan	0093	Lithuania	00370
Albania	00355	Luxembourg	00352
Algeria	00213	Macau	00853
Andorra	00376	Macedonia	00389
Angola	00244	Madagascar	00261
Anguilla	001264	Majorca	0034
Antiga	001268	Malawi	00265
Argentina	0054	Malaysia	0060
Armenia	00374	Maldives	00960
Australia	0061	Mali	00223
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Azerbaijan	00994	Marshall Islands	00692
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Bahrain	00973	Mauritania	00222
Bangladesh	00880	Mauritius	00230
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Belarus	00375	Mexico	0052
Belgium	0032	Micronesia	00691
Belize	00501	Moldova	00373
Benin	00229	Monaco	00377
Bermuda	001441	Mongolia	00976
Bhutan	00975	Montserrat	001664
Bolivia	00591	Morocco	00212
Bosnia	00387	Mozambique	00258
Botswana	00267	Myanmar (Burma)	0095
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Burkina	00226	Netherlands Antilles	00599
Burundi	00257	New Caledonia	00687
Cambodia	00855	New Zealand	0064
Cameroon	00237	Nicaragua	00505
Canada	001	Niger	00227
Cape Verde	00238	Nigeria	00234
Cayman Islands	001345	Niue	00683
Central African	00236	Norfolk Island	00672
Chad	00235	N. Ireland (UK)	0044
Chile	0056	North Korea	00850
China	0086	Norway	0047
Colombia	0057	Oman	00968
Comoros	00269	Pakistan	0092
Congo	00242	Palau	00680
Cook Islands	00682	Panama	00507
Costa Rica	00506	Papua New Guinea	00675
Croatia	00385	Paraguay	00595
Cuba	0053	Peru	0051
Cyprus	00357	Philippines	0063
Cyprus (Northern)	0090392	Poland	0048
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El Salvador	00503	Saint Lucia	001758
England (UK)	0044	Saint Pierre	00508
Equatorial Guinea	00240	Saint Vincent	001784
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Ethiopia	00251	San Marino	00378
Falkland Islands	00500	Sao Tome	00239
Faroe Islands	00298	Saudi Arabia	00966
Fiji	00679	Scotland (UK)	0044
Finland	00358	Senegal	00221
France	0033	Seychelles	00284
French Guiana	00594	Sierra Leone	00232
French Polynesia	00689	Singapore	0065
Gabon	00241	Slovakia	00421
Gambia	00220	Slovenia	00386
Georgia	00995	Solomon Islands	00677
Germany	0049	Somalia	00252
Ghana	00233	South Africa	0027
Gibraltar	00350	South Korea	0082
Greece	0030	Spain	0034
Greenland	00299	Sri Lanka	0094
Grenada	001473	Sudan	00249
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Guyana	00592	Syria	00963
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Holland (Netherlands)	0031	Taiwan	00886
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Hong Kong	00852	Thailand	0066
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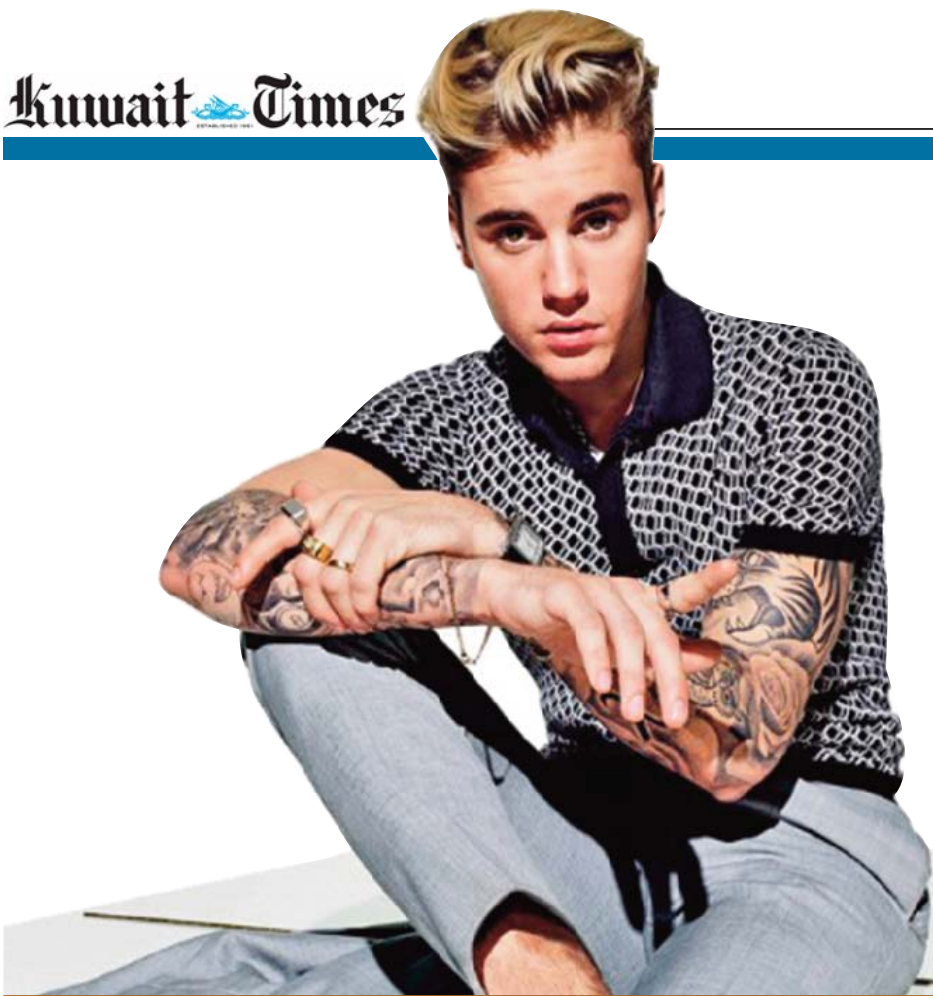
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## Justin Bieber picked up the bar tab for a group of grieving friends

The 22-year-old singer was at Residuals Tavern in Studio City last week when he noticed some customers were crying and asked the barman what was going on. According to TMZ, the bartender explained that a regular at the bar had died earlier in the day after falling from his fire escape and Justin was so moved by the story that he paid the tab for the grieving group, which came to a few hundred dollars. Meanwhile, Justin is currently maintaining a low profile after a bitter online feud with his former girlfriend Selena Gomez. The 'Good For You' hitmaker publicly scolded Justin when he threatened to make his Instagram page private after fans lashed out over pictures he posted with his reported new girlfriend Sofia Richie, 17, but an irate Justin hit back and they ended up in a

public war of words. Both Selena, 24, and Justin each accused the other of cheating during their on/off romance and Justin also accused Selena of using him for fame. And after threatening to make his Instagram account private, Justin has since deleted it. The singer's fans - known as Beliebers - were left devastated after the star axed his social media account, which had 77.8 million followers. When fans try to access his Instagram, a message now pops up reading: "Sorry, this page isn't available. "The link you followed may be broken, or the page may have been removed. Go back to Instagram."

## Tom Hiddleston and Taylor Swift will make their red carpet debut at the Emmy Awards

The couple - whose relationship was revealed in June, just weeks after Taylor split from Calvin Harris - are set to attend the awards ceremony together on September 18, as Tom is nominated for his role in 'The Night Manager'. A source told The Sun newspaper: "Tom normally doesn't like his public life overlapping with his private life but he is so happy with Taylor that it's the perfect time. "While the Emmys may be about celebrating the best shows on television, the organizers that weekend are looking for just one show - Taylor and Tom. "The Emmys red carpet itself would give them the most publicity, and organizers have made it clear to Tom and his reps that she is more than welcome to join him." Tom, 35, and Taylor, 26, have only been dating for a few months but the actor was previously forced to deny claims his relationship with the star is a "publicity stunt". He said: "Well, um. How best to put this? That

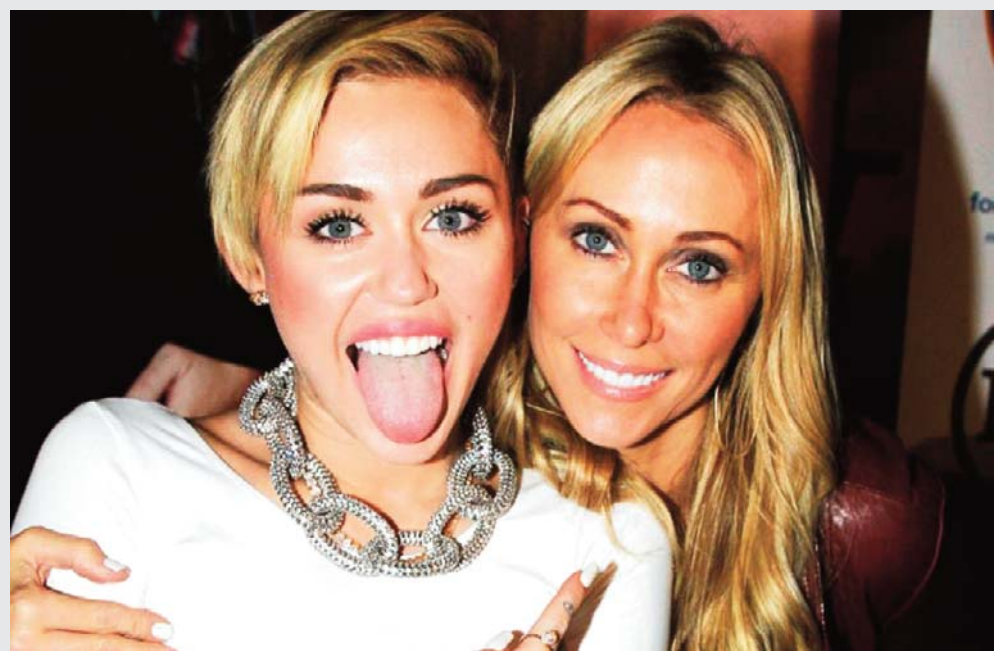
notion is - look, the truth is that Taylor Swift and I are together and we're very happy. Thanks for asking. That's the truth. It's not a publicity stunt." And the 'Thor: Ragnarok' star recently insisted he doesn't care what people think of his relationship because he knows he's being "authentic" and true to himself. When asked if the focus on his personal life annoys him, he said: "I don't know, it comes down to being authentic. "Everything you do you have to make sure you truly believe in it and as long as you know that, it doesn't matter what anyone else says about it because the nature of being a public figure is that everyone will have an opinion about anything you do, and as long as you know why you've done something and you've committed to it with authenticity then you're OK."



## Miley Cyrus' mother and sister are being sued over an alleged car crash

According to a new lawsuit filed by EJ Hawkins and obtained by TMZ, Noah, 16, was driving a jeep with her mother Tish, 49, in the passenger seat when their vehicle hit his car on the 101 freeway in Los Angeles. He claims he had to be taken to hospital and has suffered physical pain, "loss of love, affection, companionship, comfort, society and sexual relations," as a result. Hawkins has included Tish in the lawsuit, for reportedly allowing her daughter to drive the car. Meanwhile, earlier this year Noah revealed she is branching out into music, with the help of her singer father,

Billy Ray Cyrus. She said: "My dad always had me sing alongside him while he played guitar. He taught me how to harmonize to an old song of his, 'Missing You'. Writing is the best way to get your mind clear. It's also a great way to explain your past or what you hope for the future." And Noah says her older sister is a huge inspiration, especially when it comes to fashion. She said: "My sister Miley really inspires me because she's all about being herself. I try to be like that and dress how I want to dress."



## Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson says he is 'proud of our entire 'Fast' family'

Although The Rock recently hit out at some unprofessional male co-stars on the set of 'Fast 8', he shared a positive message on Instagram after he filmed shooting. He wrote: "Finished strong and on to the next. That's an official wrap on #FastAndFurious8. Thank you to our director @fgarygray for the vision and execution. Thank you UNIVERSAL for being tremendous partners as always, thank you to all my fellow co-stars for the daily effort and grind. "Scott Eastwood you handsome sumbitch! Natalie Emmanuel I have a cold Budweiser ready for you and Tyrese Gibson you still have the biggest smile and forehead I've ever seen. And a huge THANK YOU to our hard working production crew - the backbone of our business. Your kind words meant a lot to me last night - thank you! In the end, we all rallied, as great teams do, kicked ass and will deliver an amazing movie to the world. Proud of our entire FAST FAMILY (sic)." He made no mention of Vin Diesel, who is widely believed to have been the focus of his disparaging comments about unprofessionalism. In his original rant, the former wrestler praised his female co-stars in the film, Charlize Theron, Jordana Brewster and Michelle Rodriguez, but admitted it was a "different story" working with the guys. The actor - who plays bounty hunter Luke Hobbs - wrote: "This is my final week of shooting Fast & Furious 8. There's no other franchise that gets my blood boiling more than this one. "An incredible hard working crew. Universal Studios Entertainment has been great partners as well. My female co-stars are always amazing and I love 'em. My male co-stars however are a different story. "Some conduct themselves as stand up men and true professionals, while others don't. The ones that don't are too chicken s\*\*\* to do anything about it anyway. Candy asses.(sic)"



## SARAH SILVERMAN HAS PAID TRIBUTE TO HER MOTHER ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HER DEATH

The 45-year-old actress' beloved mother, Beth Ann O'Hara, died in August 2015 at the age of 73 and on Friday (19.08.16) Sarah took to Twitter to reveal how much she misses her. She tweeted a picture of them together and wrote: "A year ago today my mom left her human shell. So many times I went to call her this year, forgetting." Sarah was extremely close to Beth Ann and praised her "know-it-all" parent's outlook on life after her death last year. She tweeted: "She was a know-it-all in overalls & two different colored socks. And defiantly, no bra. "The woman who, when I was little, gave me detailed directions to a restaurant ladies room then secretly watched as I found my way to it on my own. "The woman who went back to college at 42, and skinny dipped in ponds, and told me never to protect myself from a broken heart because it was so very worth the pain to get to experience love." Sarah also publicly praised her mother - a producer and director known as 'mom' to a number of aspiring actors - when presenting her with a lifetime achievement award at the New Hampshire Theater Awards in 2003. She said at the ceremony: "[She is] loving, nurturing, caring, colourful - she used to wear two different colour socks, I'm not sure she was aware of that - supportive, honest, strong and with endless creativity and energy. "She gives us the feeling that we fill her heart with love and I think it's because we fill her heart with love. Mom ... we feel the same, you fill our hearts, as well."



## Eva Marie's WWE Wellness Policy violation is reportedly for Adderall

The 'Total Divas' star - whose real name is Natalie Coyle - has been banned for 30 days but insists she has a prescription for the medication and will appeal. She told TMZ: "I am disappointed that this suspension has occurred, yet understand and respect that WWE upholds their Wellness Policy to the letter and won't compromise on its integrity. "I violated policy by not turning in portions of required paperwork in the time frame WWE Medical deemed timely. I look forward to my return!". The WWE implemented its Talent Wellness Program in 2006 and it includes substance abuse and drug testing, cardiovascular testing, ImPACT, testing for brain function, annual physicals and health care referrals. All wrestlers are required to disclose all medication to WWE officials but Eva reportedly did not do so. This is her first violation. She had been scheduled to compete at SummerSlam, teaming with Natalya and Alexa Bliss against Becky Lynch, Naomi, and Carmella, but the ban means she won't be able to participate in the match. The news of Eva Marie's ban came one day after it was announced Alberto Del Rio and Paige have been suspended for also violating the company's talent wellness policy. The couple - whose real names are Saraya-Jade Bevis and Jose Rodriguez - also received a 30-day ban. The WWE said in a statement: "WWE has suspended Saraya-Jade Bevis (Paige) and Jose Rodriguez (Alberto Del Rio) each for 30 days effective tomorrow, August 18, for a first violation of the company's talent wellness policy." And in June, WWE superstar Roman Reigns was suspended for the same reason, receiving an equal punishment. In light of the decision, Roman subsequently took to Twitter to issue an apology to his friends and family, as well as his fans in the WWE. He wrote: "I apologize to my family, friends and fans for my mistake in violating WWE's wellness policy. No excuses. I own it. (sic)"



## Kit Harington says his 'Game of Thrones' return was 'disappointing'

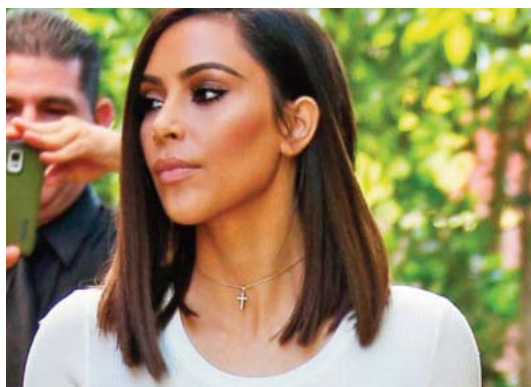
Jon Snow was killed off on the HBO fantasy drama at the end of season five and when Kit was told he would be brought back from the dead, the actor had high hopes that the character would return "a changed person". Kit explained to The Wrap: "I knew I was coming back to life, but I didn't know if I'd come back as a changed person, as a villain. So I couldn't pre-plan anything, which was hard. "I got the scripts, and actually, he comes back as himself, as the Jon that everyone knows. Which at first I found disappointing. "But he has an insight into what lies beyond that very few people in this world do. He knows that there's no afterlife. Which does quietly drive who he is and what he wants to do." And Kit now thinks he is the "safest person" on 'Game of Thrones' as bosses are unlikely to get rid of him for the foreseeable future because it would be "awful storytelling" to kill him off so soon after he was brought back to life. He said: "Here's the

thing: I feel like one of the safest people on 'Thrones' now. Maybe I shouldn't say that. He could die next season, but I felt very safe this season. Because if I come back to life in episode two, it would be awful storytelling if you kill me in episode four. So I felt a bit cocky this season." Jon was brought back to life in the second episode of season six and for the first two episodes, Kit spent his time on-screen lying on a table, something which he found incredibly difficult. He said: "I was on that flipping table ... I thought it would be quite nice just to have a couple of episodes lying down, but it was really frustrating. Everyone's getting on with the job around you, and you just have to be still, and naked, for weeks. I drifted off a few times on that table, and woke up in the middle of 'Game of Thrones' world, which was terrifying."



## Ben Affleck will direct and star in 'Witness For The Prosecution'

The 44-year-old actor and director is set to take on the adaptation of Agatha Christie's short story about a lawyer defending an accused murderer for Fox. Ben will produce alongside Matt Damon, Jennifer Todd and the Agatha Christie estate. Matt and Ben shot to fame with their 1997 movie 'Good Will Hunting', and while they are keen to write another script together, the 'Jason Bourne' actor recently admitted their "grown-up lives" get in the way. And with Ben now working more as a director, Matt would also happily star in one of his films - but only if his pal stayed behind the camera. He said: "I would love to write another script with Ben; I love Ben, I love his work, he's been my buddy for 35 years. The big issue is time for us. We have a company together so we work on a lot of projects together, but to try to carve out the time is really tough. "I mean we both have a whole mess of kids now, and these other day jobs. "He's directing all the time and I'm off working with these other directors. The thing about 'Good Will Hunting' is that we were unemployed and we weren't writing the script on a deadline either. Nobody was expecting it, so we were just these two idiots in our basement writing this thing, and now we have all of these pressures of the lives grown-ups have. "So I would never say never because I would absolutely love to write with Ben again, and I'd love to collaborate with him on anything, he's brilliant. I'd love to be in one of his movies that he directs. "The problem there is that he just keeps giving himself the best roles, so until he stops doing that and maybe just directs, none of us can really work with him." It's unclear if Matt will take on a role in 'Witness For The Prosecution'.



## Kim Kardashian West branded her siblings' fight 'ridiculous'

The 'Keeping Up With the Kardashians' star decided to play peacemaker between the two after they fell out in a row over the reclusive sock designer's fiancée Blac Chyna's Chymoji emoji icons, which featured a girl resembling their younger half-sister Kylie Jenner getting slapped. Kim, 35, asked Kourtney if she had spoken to Rob, 29, and she replied: "I haven't really talked to him since we got into that fight when I yelled at him." Kim then replied: "I cannot believe you haven't talked to him and I can't believe he hasn't cared enough to call you. "I feel like this is so ridiculous and we all just need to get over it." Kourtney - who has children Mason, six, Penelope, four, and Reign, 20 months, with former partner Scott Disick - insisted she sympathised with Rob, who is expecting his first child with Chyna, because of her own experiences when she was pregnant with her oldest son. In a preview from an upcoming episode of 'Keeping Up With the Kardashians', she said: Well I know what it's like to be having your first baby and people aren't supportive. It took like years for people to like Scott." Kim replied: "True. "But I just wanted to at least get you guys on the phone so we cannot have any kind of drama." Kim - who has kids North, three, and Saint, eight months, with husband Kanye West - then called Rob on Kourtney's behalf, but the trailer ends before anyone picked up. As Kim let the phone ring, her older sister admitted she wanted a "peaceful situation" for the family. She said: "I think Kim is right, I should have asked Rob what was going on instead of just getting so angry and assumed certain things were true and I just want to hear what Rob say. I'm hoping that he wants to make it a peaceful situation as well."

## SEAN 'DIDDY' COMBS HAS POSTPONED HIS NEW UPCOMING TOUR DUE TO A SHOULDER INJURY

The 46-year-old rapper was due to kick off the Bad Boy Family Reunion Tour in Columbus, Ohio on August 25 but has pushed it back to September 1 in Chicago so that he will have more time to recover from surgery. His spokesperson said the delay will give him "the much needed time he needs in order to recover and give fans the incredible stage experience they have come to expect from a Puff Daddy production". The concert tour will feature Bad Boy Records artists including Lil' Kim, Faith Evans and French Montana. Meanwhile, Diddy - who is also known as Puff Daddy, P. Diddy and Puffy - recently split up with his girlfriend Cassie Ventura, 29, following an explosive row which sparked a visit from police. The pair reportedly started arguing in a car in Beverly Hills earlier this week after Cassie said she wanted to call time on their romance, prompting the suspicious rap mogul to

grab her phone and start scrolling through it. According to TMZ, he jumped out of the vehicle with the phone and she returned home. Cassie told her mother what happened before her on/off lover returned to their house, and her mom called police. Officers visited but left when Cassie explained she had got the phone back, though they still wrote up a domestic incident report. This isn't the first time the couple have split as Cassie appeared to have dumped the 'I'll Be Missing You' hitmaker - who has five children from past relationships - in December amid reports he had been "pictured with a woman at a number of events". At the time, she made an Instagram post which has since been deleted which read: "How I sleep knowing that I'm single and no one is cheating on me."



## Winona Ryder thought Snapchat was a snack

The 44-year-old actress was confused by the popular photo-trading app because of its similar name to a convenience store in her classic movie 'Heathers', but she's been getting lessons in popular culture from her young 'Stranger Things' co-stars. Millie Bobby Brown, 12, said of Winona: "She thought Snapchat was chips!" Winona explained her thinking and said: "Because in 'Heathers' we had the Snappy Snack Shack. It was the 7-Eleven place. I thought it was like food." But Millie has been giving Winona lessons in Snapchat, though the 'Edward Scissorhands' star still isn't comfortable with it. Millie said: "We were doing Snapchat on lunch. I have the best picture of her, with the bee [filter]. I got you at the right time. She got so scared." Winona added to Variety: "It's like the mirrors when you go to the fair and they have those weird reflections, you're tiny or super stretched." And it isn't just Snapchat that has left Winona baffled. Millie explained how 'Stranger Things' fans have been dubbed 'The Strangers', comparing them with how Taylor Swift's supporters are known as 'Swifties'. Her bemused co-star replied: "The Swifties? Like a Swiftly Picker Upper? I have one of those to clean my house." The brunette beauty is "overwhelmed" by the response to 'Stranger Things' and was "suspicious" of the positive reaction at first. Winona said: "It's been overwhelming but in a really great way. I was actually sort of suspicious at first. I'd never experienced anything like it. It's been a long time since I've been in something that was getting so much attention. And back then it was a different kind of attention. We'd stay up all night and wait for the three papers, and have someone read them first, like, 'Is it OK?'"

## Meek Mill was given a watch worth thousands of dollars for buying a car

The 29-year-old rapper has splashed out a staggering \$380,000 on a new Bentley Bentayga, which is described as the fastest SUV in the world and can reach speeds of 175 mph, and will be the only person in Beverly Hills to own one of the luxury vehicles, as manufacturers have made just 75. According to TMZ, the base model sells at \$300,000 but Meek purchased the Mulliner Edition, which comes with a host of high-specification accessories, including refrigerated consoles. And the rapper will feel he got a good deal as he was also given a free Breitling Bentley edition watch and a set of limited-edition Bentley luggage for buying the vehicle. Meek's lavish purchase comes a few days after it was revealed his girlfriend Nicki Minaj is renting a Beverly Hills love-nest for them for \$30,000 per month. The rappers' plan to buy a home together in Los Angeles was reportedly put on hold after Meek was placed under house arrest for 90 days earlier this year, for violating the terms of his parole in a 2009 drug and gun case, and so they decided to rent a pad together for now. The 11,500 sq ft mansion has nine bedrooms and eight bathrooms. Nicki, 33, previously revealed she wants children with the rapper but would prefer to wait until they are married, even though they have not yet gotten engaged. When asked,

"When are you going to produce a little Nicki?", she replied: "When I walk down a little aisle and wear a little white dress." And despite wearing a huge rock on her left hand, Nicki has insisted she and Meek are "still figuring each other out". She explained: "That's not my engagement ring though. He said that that's my second ring and that if I get a third ring that that would be the engagement ring. "You know, I don't know. We're still figuring each other out. And in fact, I don't even want to say that I'm in a relationship anymore because I think when people hear that they go to like the mean place. Nicki also revealed that her bossy nature is one of the things Meek loves most about her. She explained: "When he and I were just friends, he would always say, 'You remind me of my mother, and I like that because you're like a dude. You're tough like a guy and you talk like a dude.' "So I always got the sense that me being tough and bossy was a turn-on for him. And it's important for me to keep my voice. Being in a relationship shouldn't mean that you lose your voice. Being in a relationship should mean that you've met a secure-enough man to allow you, in a sense, to remain a queen."



## Gigi Hadid and Zayn Malik are enjoying a romantic break in Tahiti

The couple have been spotted kayaking and taking a stroll on the beach on their getaway in the South Pacific. Gigi, 21 and Zayn, 23, recently started living together after she moved into his Los Angeles mansion. A source said: "Zayn and Gigi have moved in together in LA and he's busy furnishing and buying paintings to change it up and make it more of a couple's pad. "They cherish every moment together and make sure they're never apart for longer than 10 days so it made sense for her to move in officially." The couple also share Gigi's New York apartment when they are on the east coast and couldn't be happier since reconciling after a brief split earlier this year. The insider said: "Zayn prefers a quiet night with Gigi than showbiz parties so it's important she feels comfortable. "He appreciates her so much more after her support when he

had to pull out of the Capital FM Summertime Ball with anxiety. "Zayn sees how much Gigi is there for him. They're mutually passionately in love." Speaking about their relationship, an insider previously said: "Things are back to normal with them. "They got through a rough patch that Zayn was facing personally and it started to put a dark cloud on their relationship. Gigi was there for him when he needed her the most and that brought them closer than ever." Gigi supported Zayn after he went public with his anxiety issues, and a source said: "[Zayn] opened up to Gigi about his anxiety. They have been through a lot these past few months, but they are really trying to communicate better going forward. "Zayn really appreciates Gigi even more after this because he sees how much Gigi is there for him."





## Apple Music posts new Frank Ocean video album

Apple Music has released new and long-awaited music from Grammy-winning singer Frank Ocean in the form of a 45-minute "visual album." The company tweeted a link to the music video "Endless" by the R&B artist on Thursday night. The link is only available to subscribers of Apple's music streaming service.

The video shows black-and-white footage of Ocean building a staircase in a warehouse over new music, which looks more like a visual art project compared to the more cinematic approaches by artists like Beyonce and Prince. "It feels to me like what a bonus disc would be," said Jem Aswad, a senior editor at Billboard magazine. "I suspect the

main album is yet to come." Ocean is credited as the director of the video, and it features a cover of an Isley Brothers song and guest musicians James Blake, Jonny Greenwood of Radiohead and the London Contemporary Orchestra.

Ocean has been teasing information about his next album on his website boysdontcry.co, but representatives from Universal Music Group and Apple Music didn't immediately respond to emails seeking comment. "He is intentionally keeping everyone guessing," Aswad said.

Fans have been anxiously awaiting the 28-year-old singer's first album in four years. Ocean's widely acclaimed debut album, "Channel Orange," was

released in 2012. The record featured the hit song "Thinkin bout You" and earned him two Grammy Awards, including best urban contemporary album.

Ocean is known for his previous association with the alternative hip-hop group Odd Future. He has also written songs for Beyonce, Justin Bieber, John Legend and Brandy. He appeared on two songs from Jay Z and Kanye West's collaborative album, "Watch the Throne." — AP

LOS ANGELES: In this Feb. 10, 2013 file photo, Frank Ocean arrives at the 55th annual Grammy Awards. — AP



ST. LAWRENCE, CANADA: In this March 9, 2010 photo released by the International Fund for Animal Welfare, a seal hunter aims at harp seals. — AP

## RATED 'S' FOR SLAUGHTER? NEW FILM QUESTIONS CANADA SEAL HUNT

It's not an easy movie to watch: Hunters clubbing seals to death and bloodying the otherwise pristine ice of the Canadian Arctic. But for the Cape Cod-based International Fund for Animal Welfare, "Huntwatch" - a new documentary about the fight to end commercial seal hunts - is a story that needs to be told.

The film, which premieres next month on Discovery, very nearly was doomed to oblivion. It includes grainy footage that had languished for nearly five decades in the basement of the group's global headquarters in Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts. "We really just want people to watch the film, look at all sides of the issue, and decide if this hunt still should be happening," said IFAW spokeswoman Kerry Branon, a co-producer on the film.

Indigenous people still harvest seals for food in Canada, but the bloody slaughters chronicled in "Huntwatch" involve white hunters looking to cash in on the pelts of young harp seals and provide for their families.

Despite long-standing bans on the trade in fur and other seal products strictly enforced by the U.S., the European Union and much of the rest of the world, Canada still subsidizes an annual hunt. Animal rights groups are still pressuring the Canadian government to

phase out the practice, which was the Cape Cod organization's founding campaign.

Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans won't budge, spokesman Frank Stanek told The Associated Press. "The government of Canada believes in the sustainable use of a renewable resource such as the harp seal," Stanek said, calling the harvest "an important economic and cultural activity." He said officials are "committed to maintaining existing markets for Canadian seal products and supporting the development of potential new markets."

IFAW's Richard Moos, who co-produced the film with Branon, said the seal slaughter ought to have ceased for good many decades ago for the same reason that ended whaling at the turn of the 19th century: There's no longer a viable market for it. But old traditions die hard. "It's like trying to get Americans to stop eating apple pie. It's so wrapped up in their identity of being sealers," Moos said.

"Huntwatch" is directed by renowned animal rights activist Brant Backlund and narrated by "Deadpool" actor Ryan Reynolds, a Canadian. It was screened earlier this year at film festivals in New York; Boulder, Colorado; Newport Beach, California; and Middlebury, Vermont.

Discovery and Lionsgate plan to distribute it interna-

tionally, starting with a limited theatrical run in New York City and Los Angeles and its premier on Discovery at 10 p.m. EDT on Sept. 22.

"From the get-go, I wanted to make sure the film didn't feel like a one sided propaganda piece," Backlund said in a statement. "The Canadian seal hunt is a very complicated issue with no easy answer."

Another challenge: Toning down the gore. "Some of the footage in our archive is incredibly disturbing, so we had to find a way to make the film watchable," he said. "We worked very hard at finding lighter moments and human drama, trying to focus in on the characters to tell the story of their experiences around the seal hunt."

"Huntwatch" was culled from more than 3,000 film reels, tapes and photographs in various formats dating to 1969 that documented the Canadian hunts. Branon and Moos found much of it in the cellar around 2009 as they were consolidating their archives on Cape Cod. "We want to start a conversation," Moos said. "Things are changing. People are waking up." — AP

## San Francisco honors Tony Bennett with statue, festivities

If ever there was a man to throw a grand birthday bash for in San Francisco, it had to be Tony Bennett. And that is exactly what happened Friday. After the speeches, the music, and the heaping amount of praise for the legendary crooner were over, hundreds of people watched as the white smoke cleared and an 8-foot tall bronze statue of the singer was unveiled outside the Fairmont Hotel atop Nob Hill.

"I can't get over what just happened," said Bennett, who turned 90 earlier this month. "That's the most beautiful statue I have ever seen. It will live in my heart forever. Thank you for being so wonderful to me. I'll never forget this day." Bennett looked sharp in a blue suit but said only a few words and didn't sing, but that was OK with the crowd. They were just happy to see him.

"He's San Francisco," said Marty Jewett, standing in the front row with her friend, also a huge Bennett fan. "I think he keeps all the generations within his repertoire. I love his voice and his longevity." Jewett and her friend Margaret Baker arrived early Friday to get a front row position in the crowd. "I think Tony Bennett represents the best in Italian American entertainment going back for generations," said Baker.

**Sharing the magic**

For as long as anyone can remember, the New Yorker has been giving to the city where he first sang "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" at the Fairmont Hotel in 1961. And now, the city has paid him back. San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee declared Aug. 19 Tony Bennett Day. "Tony Bennett, you've helped us share the magic of San Francisco around the world," Lee said. The celebration will continue Friday evening at AT&T Park when the San Francisco Giants will honor Bennett in a pre-game ceremony and throughout the game. Bennett will also perform "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" for the fans. "Tony, you are royalty," said Larry Baer, the chief executive officer of the San Francisco Giants. "We look forward to tonight at the ball park when we'll have a small group of 41,000 people singing Happy Birthday to you."



SAN FRANCISCO: Singer Tony Bennett stands beneath his 8-foot-tall bronze statue after it was unveiled outside the Fairmont Hotel on Friday. — AP

The theme of the day was how Bennett has always been there for the city by the Bay. "When the cable cars broke down and were closed down for two years and we brought them back, he came. When we had the earthquake and we put the Bay Bridge back together, he came. He's always here for us so we thought, 'What can we do for him?' And we thought of the statue," said Charlotte Mailliard Shultz, the chief of protocol for San Francisco and the State of California.

In addition to the fanfare Friday and a gala dinner on Saturday night, Bennett is getting his own ice cream flavor. Created by the city's Humphry Slocombe ice cream shop, the flavor "Duet" will feature vanilla ice cream swirled with limoncello sorbet and fennel biscotti to honor Bennett's Italian heritage.

But the centerpiece of the celebration was the statue, which San Francisco Bay Area sculptor Bruce Leslie Wolfe began creating a few months ago after Bennett sat for him for three days. During that time, Wolfe said they laughed, played music and Bennett sketched his likeness, giving him a new appreciation for the crooner.

"Tony Bennett is probably the best vocal singer that I've ever heard. He can do anything with words," Wolfe said. "He's just like a poet, he's just good."

Paul Tormey, the regional vice president and general manager of the Fairmont San Francisco agrees. "He's the godfather of the city. He has always been there in times of need and always been there as a good friend. He's been absolutely wonderful to the city." — AP



INGLEWOOD: In this July 31, 2016 file photo, Jordan Fisher arrives at the Teen Choice Awards. — AP

## From gymnastics to jam sessions, Jordan Fisher aims high

Actor-singer Jordan Fisher remembers the days he spent training as a gymnast, hoping to one day reach the Olympics. Those days are over, but as the 22-year-old watches the 2016 Summer Olympics, it motivates him to continue tackling another life goal: Releasing his first album.

"It's absolutely inspiring because I understand the amount of work and hours that goes into that moment," Fisher said of the gymnasts competing at the Olympics. "It really makes me miss the sport. It makes me miss having chalk on my hands."

Fisher gets one step closer to his latest dream on Friday when he releases his self-titled EP. He says the gymnastic and entertainment industries are similar. "No one really sees the hours of work you put into that moment that finally happens on television or in the theater, they just kind of see the result," he said.

Fisher is best known for his acting roles. He appeared, and sang, in the Fox special "Grease: Live" and starred in the Disney Channel movie franchise "Teen Beach." He's also had recurring roles in the TV series "The Secret Life of the American Teenager" and "Liv and Maddie."

He fell in love with the arts at age 10 by luck. "There was a girl in the fifth grade that I had a crush on ... (and) my only way to spend time with this girl ... was to join the drama club," he said, laughing. "Thank god that happened because I had no clue I could sing, I had no clue I could act, I had no clue I could dance."

Fisher plays piano, guitar, harmonica, French horn and drums. He said creating his four-song EP, which is mix of pop and R&B sounds, was like blind dating. "You're in a chronic state of introduction with these (producers), constantly meeting brand-new people that have never worked with you before," said Fisher, who worked with hit makers like Oak Felder (Nicki Minaj, Miguel) and Jarrad Rogers (Charli XCX). "You know, there were some sessions that were a little harder than

others," he said. "But I definitely had way more fun, exciting, seamless sessions."

A full-length album is expected early next year, and Fisher said music is his sole focus at the moment. He said he wants to "tour and see the world and play music for a living." Fisher has been influenced by a range of artists, from Justin Timberlake and Usher to Frank Sinatra to My Chemical Romance. His first single, "All About Us," is a thumping pop tune that highlights his soulful falsetto. Other songs on his new project showcase different genres and styles.

Though he remembers going to Los Angeles at 12, meeting agents, recording in studios and going on auditions, Fisher said he's happy to be finally releasing music at 22. "The more no's I got in my life and career only furthered that necessity for me," he said. "I was like, 'Well, no just means not right now.'" — AP



# Love tears apart in 'The Deep Blue Sea'

You might not think there's much overlap between Amy Winehouse and the work of playwright Terence Rattigan, chronicler of upper-crust British stiff upper lips.

But the troubled diva is one of the influences behind Helen McCrory's searing performance in Rattigan's play "The Deep Blue Sea" as a well-off woman who leaves her husband to live - in sin and shame, since it's the 1950s - with a younger man.

The sold-out National Theatre production, screened live in movie theaters around the world starting Sept. 1, is the latest sign of the renaissance of Rattigan, who was one of Britain's most successful playwrights between the 1930s and the 1950s before falling out of fashion with the rise of a younger generation of "Angry Young Men."

By the time he died in 1977, Rattigan was seen as safe and staid. But the subject matter of "The Deep Blue Sea" is pretty sensational. When the curtain rises, Hester Collyer has just tried to kill herself in front of her gas fire. She's trapped between her dutiful High Court Judge husband and her feckless lover Freddie Page, a former World War II fighter pilot sinking into peacetime alcoholism.

"Rattigan was writing about suicide, and was writing about being trapped in unhappy relationships, and was writing about what happens when you go mad with love," McCrory said. Yet Hester "is usually played very buttoned-up."

McCrory says she was determined to find "a more sensual approach." "This woman's run away from a life in (posh) Eaton Square because of the passion she feels for a man half her age," McCrory said over after-

noon coffee in London. "So, actually, let's look at people like Amy Winehouse. Let's look at people who were addicted to men. Who did crazy, awful, self-destructive things for a passion that they seemed to have absolutely no ability to wrestle with.

"We see it again and again in history ... women who were brilliant in their own right but just subjugated themselves for love." The anguish of unrequited love is a feeling many women and men can relate to. Rattigan, writing at a time when homosexuality was illegal in Britain, based the play partly on his relationship with a man who later killed himself.

## Rave reviews

McCrory has won raves in director Carrie Cracknell's production for her intense and nuanced performance as a woman who knows she has abandoned dignity and good sense, but can't help herself. The Daily Telegraph called it "a commendably quiet performance," and that's typical of McCrory. Quietly and without fuss, the 48-year-old has become one of Britain's most respected actresses with a succession of formidable or fearsome women. She was Voldemort ally Narcissa Malfoy in the "Harry Potter" series, gangland matriarch Polly Gray in BBC drama "Peaky Blinders" and vengeful Greek heroine "Medea" onstage at the National.

Offstage, she's half of an acting power couple with husband Damian Lewis, the former star of "Homeland." McCrory says raising their two children while balancing acting careers requires a "lot of organizing." "The more we do it, the better we get at it," she said.

In the fall, Lewis will be filming another series of Showtime's financial-shenanigans drama "Billions" in the US, while McCrory takes the lead in the new British series "Fearless." Written by "Homeland" executive producer Patrick Harbinson, it's about a human-rights lawyer who takes on a seemingly local case that turns out to have global repercussions.

McCrory says the series explores the idea "that country boundaries are no longer delineated as they were even in the 60s and 70s." It's partly inspired by "Prime Suspect," the 1990s detective series that starred Helen Mirren as Scotland Yard detective Jane Tennison.

Like Tennison, McCrory's Emma Blunt is "a maverick female character who's very strong but slightly outside the profession, and is driven, and is involved in international politics." While many performers struggle to find meaty female roles in film and television, McCrory says she can't complain.

"Having said that, there are a lot of things I turn down" - the sort of roles where "all your lines are 'But what did you do at work?' That's so clever, darling.' 'How did you do that?' And then what did you do?"

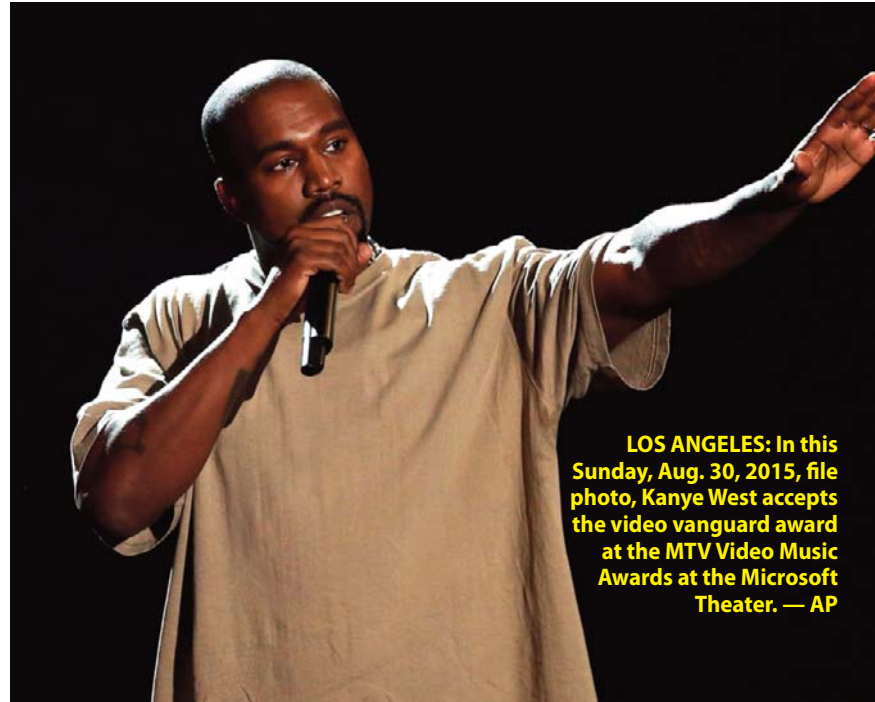
McCrory has a confidence she attributes to her upbringing. She spent some of her childhood in Africa, where her father was a British diplomat, far from Western advertising and surrounded by strong matriarchal influences. "It never really occurred to me, number one that I couldn't do anything a man could do; and number two that I had to alter my behavior in any way to do it," she said. "And that's sort of continued in my outlook. "Of course there's so much sexism within the profession. But I think you approach it in



different ways, and my approach is just to forge forward."

"The Deep Blue Sea" is broadcast by National Theatre Live on Sept. 1 in Britain and Oct. 6 in the US and internationally, with repeat screenings on various dates. — AP

**LONDON:** This is a Sunday, May 8, 2016 file photo of Helen McCrory she poses for photographers upon her arrival at the British Academy Television Awards. — AP



**LOS ANGELES:** In this Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015, file photo, Kanye West accepts the video vanguard award at the MTV Video Music Awards at the Microsoft Theater. — AP

## First of Kanye West's weekend pop-up stores open doors

A global retail event by Kanye West is officially underway as the first two of his "Pablo" pop-up stores have begun selling merchandise in Australia. The rapper-turned-fashion mogul has announced plans to open 21 stores worldwide just for this weekend to sell clothing based on his latest album, "The Life of Pablo."

The Sydney Morning Herald reports

more than 50 fans camped out on the street overnight to be the first ones in the door at West's Sydney shop Friday. The newspaper reports only three people at a time are allowed into the blackened out studio that serves as the store. Shoppers are not allowed to touch the merchandise before buying. Items for sale include a \$400 military jacket and a \$50 baseball cap. — AP

## 'American Idol' to receive TV academy's Governors Award

"American Idol" is receiving the TV academy's 2016 Governors Award for its impact on television. The academy said Friday that the Fox singing contest was more than a hit, citing its use of social media, influence on the pop-culture conversation - and the talent-show imitators it spawned.

The Governors Award honors achievement that goes beyond the scope of Emmy Award recognition. "American Idol," which ended its 15-year run on Fox this spring, was a ratings blockbuster but never captured top Emmy honors in the reality-competition program category. It isn't up for the award at the Sept. 18 Emmys airing on ABC, but host Ryan Seacrest has a final chance to be honored as best reality series host. — AP



**LOS ANGELES:** In this April 7, 2016 file photo, former judges Randy Jackson, from left, Paula Abdul, and Simon Cowell appear at the "American Idol" farewell season finale. — AP



**HOLLYWOOD:** This image released by Focus Features shows Natalie Portman in a scene from "A Tale of Love and Darkness." Portman also wrote and directed the film. — AP

## Natalie Portman tells 'A Tale of Love and Darkness'

"It's like, I guess you caught me! I'm a nerd!" Natalie Portman says, laughing.

She's talking about frenzied internet responses to a recent interview that she did with author Jonathan Safran Foer. The New York Times Style Magazine asked Foer to interview Portman about her directorial debut, "A Tale of Love and Darkness." They weren't in the same city, and thus did the interview over email, which the magazine then coyly presented as actual emails between the two friends. The internet was confused. Onlookers smirked at the literary and occasionally pretentious words and thoughts exchanged between the two as though they'd stumbled on something private and deeply embarrassing.

"It was clearly for an interview," Portman said. "I can understand that it would seem funny if those were our normal 'hey Jonathan, what's going on' emails, which is not the case at all ... It's not what we write on a Tuesday afternoon. Obviously."

### Passion project

Portman, seated on a couch in the sun soaked living room of the Beverly Wilshire Hotel's Royal Suite, tries not to pay attention to all of that. She knew it had become a thing when friends told her about it, but she's not concerned. For one, it did what it was supposed to do: get some attention for "A Tale of Love and Darkness." And the only semi-real discovery she can think of is that, well, she's a "nerd."

This shouldn't be a surprise to anyone even remotely familiar with Portman, who gracefully transitioned from precocious child star into Oscar-winning adulthood, while still prioritizing intellectual pursuits and maintaining a healthy remove from the celebrity of it all. Now 35 and a mother, Portman lights up discussing the evolution of the Hebrew language as much as she does her recent films. This is one of those moments, too, when she suddenly has a handful of projects being released, even though many were shot years ago, like "Knight of Cups" and "Jane Got a Gun." She's also got the forthcoming Jacqueline Kennedy biopic "Jackie," which will have a festival debut this fall, and there are even more on the docket for 2017, including Alex Garland's "Annihilation" and Xavier Dolan's next project.

But the one closest to her heart is "A Tale of Love and Darkness," in theaters now. It's a passion project if there ever was one. Portman's been working this adaptation of Amos Oz's memoir for the better part of a decade, about the author's childhood in the 1940s and 50s, the birth of the Jewish state

and the loss of his depressive mother, who Portman plays. "(Amos) was very encouraging to me," she said. "He said 'please make your own film. The book exists. You don't need to just film the book.'"

For years, she would come back to the script every so often, a little older and with more perspective on life to add. Then her husband, the French dancer Benjamin Millepied, got a job in Paris. Knowing that a move was imminent, it became a now or never moment for Portman. So they packed up their lives, moved to Israel for five months and just did it.

"I had heard so many stories my whole childhood of my grandparents coming from Eastern Europe to Israel and then Palestine and the creation of the state. It's such a crazy moment in history," Portman said. "It colored my imagination so much growing up, hearing those stories and thinking about what that must have been like to come from cold dark Europe to the bright, dusty, hot desert of the Middle East." She made the edgy decision to do the film entirely in Hebrew to create a sense of authenticity with the period. On set, Portman tried to create a family energy. She was 11 when she got her first role in "The Professional." Amir Tessler, who plays the young Oz, was eight. "I've been working on sets my whole life," she said. "I was a kid on set, and we had a kid starring in the film so I really wanted it to be a positive environment."

She felt lucky, too, that she made the film in Israel, where she thinks because both men and women serve in the army, that they're used to having both genders in positions of authority and respect that.

With over 25 years behind in front of the camera, Portman working the camera drew on learnings from directors she's worked with - Darren Aronofsky's eagerness to hear ideas from anyone and Terrence Malick's unconventional "paint from life" methods among them. But in the end, she knew she had to make this her own. Portman has just moved back to Los Angeles with her husband and son, Aleph, and is looking forward to this new chapter where she'll continue acting and hopefully directing.

She's become more invested in having a connection with the filmmakers she's choosing to work with than she was earlier in her career. "You're taking time away from your family instead of like just going away to work and otherwise you'd be home reading a book," she said. "The stakes are a lot higher." — AP

## The rise of 'smart' low-budget horror

A new wave of low-budget "smart" horror movies is challenging the studio behemoths with a recipe that swaps gratuitous gore and elaborate special effects for good old-fashioned suspense. "Don't Breathe," which is due for release next week on the back of widespread acclaim, is hoping to emulate the success of "The Babadook," "It Follows" and a series of other creepy hits made on a shoestring.

While they lack the marketing muscle of the summer tentpoles, these films often become word-of-mouth hits, gathering momentum as reviewers praise their uncompromising refusal to rely on the usual horror tropes. "Mainstream horror these days is really all about whatever's clever-a new twist on an old story, or one hell of a trailer," Jeff Bock, of film industry research firm Exhibitor Relations, told AFP. "As we've seen lately, 'smart' horror films are in vogue right now," he said, adding however that there would always be excitement when "a horror icon is revived for one more hunt."

"It Follows" (2014), a thematically rich modern slasher that takes its cue from the 1980s output of masters like Wes Craven and John Carpenter, is often cited as the jewel in the crown of horror's new wave. Its director David Robert Mitchell was acclaimed for weaving the cliché of teenagers menaced by a malevolent supernatural force into that rarest of things — a scary movie that drips with subtext and not just blood.

### Jump scares

One of its leads, Daniel Zovatto, also stars in Fede Alvarez's "Don't Breathe," which hits cinemas on Friday and is the director's second feature after the 2013 remake of horror classic "Evil Dead."

Made on a budget of just \$10 million, "Don't Breathe" follows a trio of friends who break into the house of a blind recluse, confident of an easy pay day, only to find themselves in a terrifying life-or-death struggle. "At the time when we first showed the movie people had no idea what it was about. There was no trailer, there was nothing," says Zovatto, a 25-year-old

Costa Rican actor last seen in AMC's zombie show "Fear the Walking Dead." "Don't Breathe" is unusual in that there are very few jump scares-a staple of the teen slasher end of the horror genre-and those that do feature feel like they've been earned.

Zovatto, who appears with stage and screen veteran Stephen Lang, relative unknown Dylan Minnette and "Evil Dead" star Jane Levy, says he grew up watching horror movies, but was often disappointed. "I think there were a few years, especially in my teenage years, where I would go and watch films in this genre and I was just devastated because I didn't really get to see something that I liked," he says. "And I feel like this whole new wave brought a new perspective to the genre and new directors like Fede Alvarez and David Robert Mitchell-and they are changing the game."

### Spoonfeeding

Alvarez, who brought in almost \$100 million with "Evil Dead" on a \$17 million budget, prides himself on

trying to "spot what everyone else is doing and (running) in the opposite direction." After directing a relatively conventional remake, the 38-year-old Uruguayan wanted to avoid haunted houses, chain saws, zombies and all the other go-to devices in the horror toolkit.

Brought up by his father on a diet of Alfred Hitchcock-"Psycho," followed by "Vertigo," "Strangers on a Train" and many of the others-Alvarez says that, for him, horror was "never the scares and the jumps, it was always about suspense." "A couple of things I love and I wanted to bring to this film: one was suspense and the second one is that the characters always have shady morals," he told AFP. "If you take Janet Leigh stealing money in 'Psycho,' or in 'Strangers on a Train' obviously plotting to kill the guy's wife... they're not your everyday Hollywood heroes." — AFP



**PARK CITY, UTAH:** This file photo taken on January 23, 2015 shows (L-R) Actors Daniel Zovatto, Olivia Luccardi, Maika Monroe and Keir Gilchrist from "It Follows" at the Village at the Lift Presented by McDonald's McCafe during the 2015 Sundance Film Festival. — AFP



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RATOMKA, BELARUS: A fire artist performs during the Minsk International Fire Fest on Friday. — AFP

## Amber Heard says she’s donating \$7m Depp divorce settlement

Amber Heard said Thursday she is donating her entire \$7 million divorce settlement from Johnny Depp to a pair of charities that will use the money to benefit women who have been abused and sick children. Heard writes in a statement released Thursday that the money will be split between the American Civil Liberties Union and the Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. Heard says the money to the ACLU is being given to help its efforts to combat violence against women.

Heard and Depp settled their contentious divorce on Tuesday, one day before the actors were scheduled to begin a restraining order hearing that would center on Heard’s allegations Depp repeatedly abused her during their marriage.

Depp denied he abused Heard, and his attorney accused Heard of making the domestic violence allegations to obtain a more favorable settlement. “As described in the restraining order and divorce settlement, money played no role for me personally and never has, except to the extent that I could donate it to charity and, in doing so, hopefully help those less able to defend themselves,” Heard wrote.

Heard writes that she knows the organizations will put the money to good use, and she plans to support them with future donations.

In a joint statement on Tuesday, Heard and Depp acknowledged volatility in their relationship, which began after they met on the set of the 2011 film “The Rum Diary.” “Our relationship was intensely passionate and at times volatile, but always bound by love,” the actors’ statement said. “Neither party has made false accusations for financial gain. There was never any intent of physical or emotional harm.”

Heard filed for divorce in May and days later obtained a temporary restraining order, accusing the “Pirates of the Caribbean” star of hitting her during a fight in their Los Angeles apartment in May.

The 30-year-old Heard, who came to court with a bruise on her right cheek below the eye, accused Depp of repeatedly hitting her and throwing a cellphone during the fight. Police said they responded to the actors’ apartment but found no evidence of a crime. — AP



LONDON: In this Nov. 3, 2011 file photo, US actors Johnny Depp, left, and Amber Heard arrive for the European premiere of their film, “The Rum Diary.” — AP

## CHINA OPENS LONGEST GLASS BOTTOM BRIDGE IN WORLD

Tourists who suffer from vertigo need not apply. The world’s highest and longest glass-bottomed bridge opened Saturday in China’s spectacular Zhangjiajie mountains-the inspiration for American blockbuster Avatar.

Some 430 metres (1,400 feet) long and suspended 300 meters above the earth, the bridge spans the canyon between two mountain cliffs in Zhangjiajie park in China’s central Hunan province. Six meters wide and made of some 99 panels of clear glass, the bridge can carry up to 800 people at the same time, an official in Zhangjiajie-a popular tourist destination-told the Xinhua news agency.

Tourists can walk across the bridge, designed by Israeli architect Haim Dotan, and the more adventurous will be able to bungee jump or ride a zip line. “I wanted to feel awe-inspired by this bridge. But I’m not afraid-it seems safe!” Wang Min, who was visiting the new structure with her husband and children, told AFP Saturday.

Following an alarming glass bridge cracking incident at the Yuntai mountain in northern Henan in 2015, authorities in Zhangjiajie were eager to demonstrate the safety of the struc-

ture. They organized a string of media events, including one where people were encouraged to try and smash the bridge’s glass panels with a sledge hammer, and another where they drove a car across it. “It’s crowded today and a bit of a mess. But to be suspended 300 meters in the air, it’s a unique experience,” said Lin Chenglu, who had come to see the bridge with his colleagues.

Only 8,000 people each day will be allowed to cross the bridge, Xinhua said, and tourists will have to book their tickets a day in advance, at a cost of 138 yuan (\$20). Cameras and selfie sticks are banned, and people wearing stilettos will not be allowed to walk on the bridge, Xinhua said.

Local authorities have said that one of the summits in Zhangjiajie Park inspired the floating mountain which appears in the American blockbuster Avatar. A Hollywood photographer visited the area in 2008, taking images which were used for the film, according to media reports. — AFP



ZHANGJIAJIE, CHINA: The world’s highest and longest glass-bottomed bridge is seen above a valley yesterday. — AFP