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## TURKEY CRUSHES BLOODY COUP AFTER CROWDS RALLY

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Men wave flags as they stand on tanks as people walk on the Bosphorus Bridge after taking over the military position in Istanbul yesterday. (Top right) The dead body of a Turkish soldier lynched by people is carried away by policemen after the Bosphorus Bridge was taken over yesterday. (Above right) Live broadcast shows Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan addressing the nation from an undisclosed location via live feed Internet chat software on TV as an attempted coup was underway early yesterday. — AFP/AP photos



ANKARA: Turkish authorities wrested back control of the country yesterday, after crushing a military coup by discontented soldiers seeking to seize power from President Recep Tayyip Erdogan that claimed more than 250 lives. After facing down the bloodiest challenge to his 13-year rule, Erdogan triumphantly addressed thousands of supporters in his home Istanbul district after Friday's chaos in the strategic NATO member of 80 million people.

The authorities blamed Fethullah Gulen, the US-based cleric who is Erdogan's arch enemy, for the plot and lost no time in rounding up 2,839 soldiers over alleged involvement, amid concerns over the extent of

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the retribution. Turks woke up early yesterday to television pictures showing dozens of soldiers surrendering after the failed coup, some with their hands above their head, others forced to the ground in the streets.

"The situation is completely under control," Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said outside his Ankara offices, flanked by Turkey's top general who had himself been taken hostage by the plotters. Describing the attempted coup as a "black stain" on Turkey's democracy, Yildirim said 161 people had been killed in the night of violence and 1,440 wounded. General Umit Dundar, who stood in as acting chief of staff while Hulusi Akar was being held by the rebels, said 104 coup plotters had been killed. Akar was later rescued in an operation that marked the end of the plotters' hopes.

During a night where power hung in the balance, large crowds of flag-waving supporters of Erdogan's

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NICE: A woman reacts after she found out about the death of her grandson as she still searches for her daughter at the Pasteur Hospital yesterday. —AFP

## IS CLAIMS NICE MASSACRE, FRANCE DEFENDS SECURITY

NICE: The Islamic State group claimed responsibility yesterday for the truck massacre in Nice, as France highlighted the "extreme difficulty" of preventing such attacks amid tough questions over security failures. In a statement via its Amaq news service, IS said one of its "soldiers" carried out Thursday night's attack "in response to calls to target nations of coalition states that are fighting (IS)".

Tunisian Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel,

31, ploughed a 19-tonne truck into a crowd of people who had been watching Bastille Day fireworks in the French Riviera city, killing 84 and injuring 200. After crisis talks in Paris, French Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian noted that IS had recently repeated calls for supporters to "directly attack the French, Americans, wherever they are and by whatever means".

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## KUWAIT CONGRATULATES ERDOGAN, SCRAMBLES TO GET KUWAITIS OUT

### KAC SUSPENDS ISTANBUL FLIGHTS

### MIDEAST ALLIES BACK ERDOGAN, CRITICS SILENT

DOHA: Turkey's regional allies yesterday condemned a deadly but foiled coup attempt by a faction of the army against President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's rule, while his opponents abroad kept silent. Key regional powers Iran and Israel, which have both had strained relationships with Erdogan's government in the past, condemned the putsch that began late on Friday. Despite the enmity between the Turkish and Syrian governments, officials in Damascus did not comment on the failed coup, which was reported by state media including the SANA news agency.

Damascus regularly accuses Ankara of supporting "terrorist groups" fighting regime forces in Syria, while Erdogan has repeatedly called for the ouster of Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad. Egyptians woke up yesterday to find some newspapers announcing Erdogan's ouster, even as the strongman loathed by Cairo quashed the coup attempt. "The Turkish army topples Erdogan," declared a red banner on the front page of the state's flagship Al-Ahram newspaper.

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KUWAIT: Kuwait's leaders yesterday congratulated Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on his success in foiling a bid to overthrow his leadership and condemned any moves to jeopardize the nation's democracy, as authorities scrambled into action to facilitate the speedy and safe return of Kuwaiti citizens by air.

HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable to President Erdogan congratulating him on restoring the legitimacy and democracy of the Turkish government in the wake of the upheaval in the country, applauding him for safeguarding the nation's constitutional achievements that were instrumental in the turmoil in averting the Turkish people much agony and bloodshed. The Amir noted in his cable the support Turkey garnered from numerous countries in restoring peace and order to the nation.

He expressed his heartfelt condolences to families of the deceased while wishing speedy recovery to the injured, and aspiring at the same time for Turkey to have much security, stability and prosperity. HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and HH the Prime

Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah also sent similar cables to Erdogan.

Meanwhile, top Kuwaiti lawmaker and the National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem expressed identical sentiments to his Turkish counterpart Ismail Kahraman on the restoration of stability in Turkey after the failed military coup. "We denounce all violations of legitimacy and democracy," Ghanem said in a cable sent to Kahraman, applauding the people of Turkey for safeguarding democracy.

Moreover, the speaker said the world anxiously watched the events unfold in Turkey, as the will of the Turkish people has overcome all the agony and bloodshed to restore stability in the country. He also conveyed his deepest condolences for the loss of life, adding that Kuwait stands in solidarity with Ankara. The Kuwaiti leaders expressed solidarity with Erdogan's success on aborting the coup d'etat shortly after the Turkish president emerged from the mayhem, announcing that the attempt to overthrow the elected leadership has been foiled, vowing to punish the perpetrators.

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## PAK SOCIAL MEDIA CELEB KILLED FOR HONOR BY BROTHER

MUZZAFFARABAD, Pakistan: A Pakistani social media celebrity whose selfies polarized the deeply conservative Muslim country has been murdered by her brother in a suspected honor killing, officials said yesterday, prompting shock and revulsion. Qandeel Baloch, praised by many of the country's youth for her willingness to break social taboos but condemned by conservatives, was strangled near the city of Multan, police said. "Qandeel Baloch has been killed, she was strangled to death by her brother."

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NEW YORK: Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump (left) shakes hands with his newly selected vice presidential running mate Mike Pence, governor of Indiana, during an event at the Hilton Midtown Hotel yesterday. — AFP (See Page 9)

## TRUMP INTRODUCES PENCE AS 'SOLID' AND A UNIFIER

VP PICK COMPARES MOGUL TO REAGAN

NEW YORK: Donald Trump yesterday introduced his pick for vice president Mike Pence as a "solid" man and a unifying figure among Republicans in their first public appearance on a joint ticket for the White House. The New York billionaire, set to be crowned Republican presidential candidate in Cleveland next week, insisted the Indiana governor was his first choice despite media reports that he had considered changing his mind up to the last minute.

"One of the big reasons I chose Mike - one of the reasons - is party unity, I have to be honest. So many people have said party unity because I'm an outsider," the real estate tycoon said in Manhattan. After Trump's more than 20-minute speech, which often deviated from Pence, the two

men shared the spotlight for only the briefest of moments when Pence walked out and they shook hands, and again after Pence had finished speaking and was joined by Trump and both men's families.

Trump praised his 57-year-old running mate's fiscally conservative policies and lauded his own success in Indiana's Republican primary, which defied predictions from the party establishment. Pence had served "with distinction" in Congress and as the chairman of the House Republican Conference - in effect party number three - Trump said, adding that he has "the skills of a highly talented executive". Although Indiana is part of the Midwestern industrial region known as the Rust Belt, which has lost

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## KUWAIT'S NEWEST MAGAZINE 'THE CORRESPONDENT' PROUDLY CELEBRATES COUNTRY'S NATION-BUILDERS

**KUWAIT:** The Correspondent is Kuwait's newest English language magazine focusing on current affairs, business, trade and culture. With wholly original content throughout, it aims to provide businesses and brands with a dynamic platform in order to inform, educate and enlighten.

Its latest issue contains a wealth of articles covering key sectors, plus in-depth interviews with personalities who have all contributed to the nation, in addition to a special ten-page section on entrepreneurship.

In its cover story, The Correspondent's Publisher and Editor-in-Chief, Abdulaziz M Al-Anjeri, interviews Shaikha Dr Suad Al-Sabah about her hopes and fears, giving readers an intimate insight into life at The White Palace.

Former Undersecretary of Higher Education and advisor to the Prime



**Charlotte Shalgosky, Executive Editor of The Correspondent.**

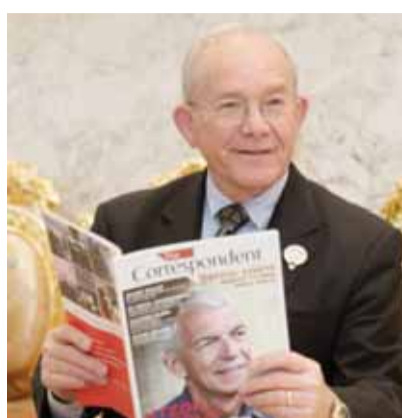
Minister, Shaikha Dr Rasha Al-Sabah is no less candid when she speaks to the magazine's Executive Editor, Charlotte Shalgosky, about her unexpected



**Abdulaziz Al-Anjeri, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of The Correspondent.**

career path; her memories of British public school and why she refused her 'dream job'.

The magazine includes pressing



**Edward Gnehm, former US Ambassador to Kuwait.**

issues in areas such as health, the environment and society. In a stirring piece written by award-winning Attorney Kawther Al-Jouan, the Kuwaiti Women's

Rights advocate tells of the struggles and successes she has witnessed in the 50 years she has spent championing gender equality in Kuwait.

Charlotte Shalgosky added, "We wanted to create a magazine in English with wholly original content generated by professionals, for professionals. The Correspondent provides a unique window on Kuwait serving the international business community, in addition to showcasing opportunities it also highlights core issues that really matter."

Anjeri continued, "We are working to give Kuwait a voice nationally and internationally. We have a huge following already online and we are seeing our local readership grow issue by issue". The Correspondent can be viewed online at <https://issuu.com/thecorrespondent5> and is available in print to selected subscribers.



## OOREDOO PARTICIPATES IN THE PROTEGES ACTIVITIES

**KUWAIT:** In collaboration with Ministry of Youth Affairs, Ooredoo Kuwait, a member of international Ooredoo Group, has recently announced the kickoff of the sixth season of the Proteges, the renowned youth development program which will continue for six weeks.

Kicking off the inspiring talk, the protégés held a lecture at Al-Yarmouk Center of Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyyah for Egyptian professor Fathi Al-Khamisi, who gave a lecture on the revolutionary work of musician Sayed Darwish, one of the leaders of music in the Arab world. The lecture included musical performances by Khamissi and an accompanying youth group of The Proteges' members, demonstrating the differ-

ent ways in which Darwish changed the status quo of music with his innovative ideas. This included the way he brought Egyptian songs closer to the common, writing lyrics and music that center around the daily struggles of farmers and simple people, as well as innovating on the classical duet, making it more conversational and closer to people's real issues.

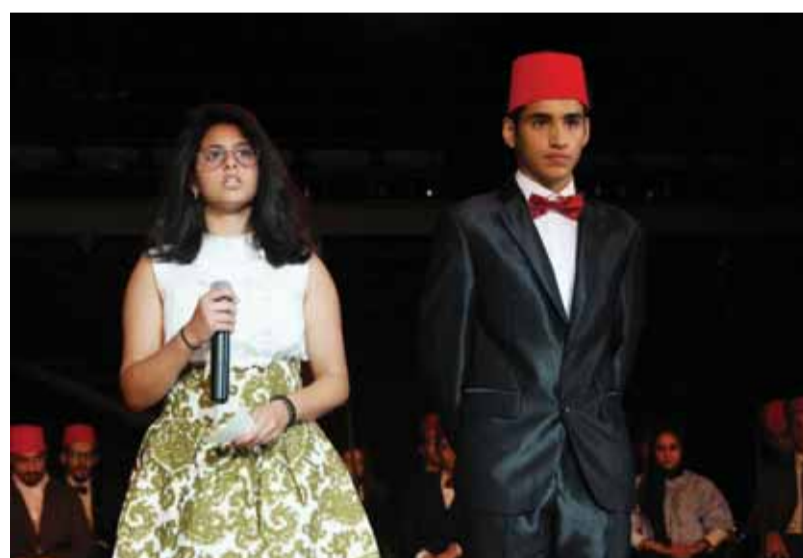
Earlier last week, the program started with an introductory session held with the main mentors for this season, who are Shamlan AlBahar, Abdulaziz Al-Loughani, Rana AlKhaled, Eman AlRashied, Mishari AlMuffareh and Yarub Bourhama. The mentors welcomed the Proteges and held an orientation session for all participants, where

they were given a chance to share their personal stories in a friendly setting to get to know one another before the start of their 6-week journey.

Ooredoo Kuwait has always been keen on sponsoring youth-related activities that are based on three key values: caring, connecting and challenging. The Proteges is a mentorship program designed to positively influence the youth and push them towards realizing their own potential and becoming their improved selves. It is an all-inclusive program that combines workshops, lectures, activities, challenges, games, and fun; all guided by a group of the most talented experts and influential figures across multiple fields in Kuwait.



**Jan Kubis, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Iraq.**



## UN WELCOMES IRAQ'S NEW DYNAMICS TOWARDS MISSING KUWAITIS' FILE

**NEW YORK:** A UN senior official welcomed Friday the new dynamics, determination and political will to achieve results that the Iraqi Ministry of Defense has shown since taking over the technical overview of the missing Kuwaiti persons' file.

Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Iraq, Jan Kubis, briefed the Security Council on the 11th report; of the Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 2107 concerning

the Kuwaiti file.

He said the new momentum was also evident in the efforts of the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs to locate the missing Kuwaiti property, and that thousands of Kuwaiti books are being prepared for official handover to the Government of Kuwait.

In the report, Ban commended the goodwill that continues to prevail between Iraq and Kuwait, expressing his confidence that the strong support, solidarity and encouragement demonstrated by Kuwait is providing the impetus required to reach the full normalization of relations. Therefore, he called on the Government of Iraq and its citizens to seize this positive momentum and make the efforts needed to attain progress on the file of missing Kuwaiti and third-country nationals and missing Kuwaiti property, including the national archives.

Ban urged in his report the Iraqi nationals both within and outside Iraq who possess information on missing Kuwaiti persons and property to come forward. The report noted that Ban remain disappointed that no cases of missing Kuwaiti persons have been solved and no human remains exhumed over the past 11 years.

"Ascertaining the fate of missing persons and providing answers to their grieving families depend on steadfast commitment, action and the adoption of new and innovative ways to push the file forward," he said in his report.

Despite an extremely difficult security environment and political and financial challenges, the Government of Iraq has renewed its commitment to the file. The UN official commended the Ministry of Defense for its willingness to fully engage on this important issue, use the resources at its disposal and undertake concrete action in an effort to reach results.

The UN is grateful to the Government of Kuwait for its "patience, support and willingness to assist during the transition period." Backing this report up, Kubis reaffirmed before the Council that during Ban's recent visit to Kuwait on June 26, in his meeting with His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, he commended Kuwait for its consistent support for Iraq while he re-confirmed the UN's continuing resolve to see progress on the file. "The Government of Iraq, in turn, has to abide by its international obligations and strive to achieve concrete results on this very important file," he told the Japanese-led Council. — KUNA

## STATE APPROVES 54 TENDERS WORTH KD 753.5 MLN IN Q2

**KUWAIT:** The number of tenders approved in the second quarter of 2016 reached 54, valued at roughly KD 753.5 million, covering projects related to the government and oil sectors, the Central Tenders Committee (CTC) announced yesterday. The total estimated value of tenders amounted to KD 1 billion, a statement by CTC Deputy Chairman Faisal Al-Mezyen said, noting that the value of approved tenders compared to the total value stood at KD 247.2 million.

Moreover, he added that the CTC held 25 meetings during the second quarter of the ongoing year to discuss issues related to public tender services, with a total of 162 tender requests made. Meanwhile, the val-

ue of endorsed bids in the oil sector during the same period reached KD 65.4 million (9 tenders), while those covering government departments stood at KD 688.1 million (45 tenders). The Public Authority for Housing topped the list of government bodies with the most approved tenders, with KD 288 million (one tender), followed by the Ministry of Public Labor with KD 241.9 million (four tenders) and the Amiri Diwan with 49.3 million (one tender). On the oil sector side, Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) garnered the lion's share of approved tenders with KD 64.3 million (five tenders), followed by Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) with KD one million (four tenders). — KUNA



**KUWAIT:** This file photo shows a meeting of the Central Tenders Committee (CTC). — KUNA



KUWAIT: A gamer uses the Pokemon Go application on his mobile in the main fish market in Kuwait City on July 14, 2016.

— Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

## COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY JOINS CAMPAIGN AGAINST POKEMON GO

GAME DATABASE BASED ON PREVIOUS LOCATION-BASED APP

**KUWAIT:** The Ministry of Communications warned smartphone users against downloading the Pokemon Go game, which became a hit in most countries around the world. Assistant Undersecretary Hamad Al-Qattan said the ministry is discussing means of protection from such games with the Communications and Information Technology Authority, as such games may cause harm to its users in particular and the society in general. Users of this app may be in danger and may face road accidents due to their preoccupation with game while driving, or while crossing roads, Qattan said in a statement

released to the press yesterday. The Interior Ministry had issued a statement Friday warning users of the mobile phone application from taking pictures of any vital government, military or security location. It also warned players not use the app at mosques, shopping centers, malls and oil installations. "No excuses will be accepted by anyone claiming ignorance of the law," Undersecretary Lieutenant General Suleiman Al-Fahad warned in the statement. The game has seemingly caused security concern in Kuwait and other GCC states after players noticed that locations in the app selected to collect in-game items have

mostly been designated to public places such as malls, mosques and in certain cases police stations. The official Pokemon website urges the app users to look for 'PokeStops' located at interesting places, such as public art installations, historical markers, and monuments. The exact criteria of how locations are specifically chosen remain unclear. Pokemon Go's database is based on a portal database used by the game's developer Niantic for a previous game called 'Ingress,' a similar location-based augmented-reality game development by the same company. In that game, 'portals' were created by the players themselves.

## MINISTRY, LAWYERS SOCIETY GO BACK-AND-FORTH ON ASSAULT CASE

By Hanan Al-Saadoun and Meshaal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** The Interior Ministry does not accept manipulation of the truth and making baseless claims, especially when there are documents proving this, a senior official said. Claims made by Kuwait Lawyers Society's Secretary General about a lawyer being insulted by a policeman at Sabah Al-Salem police station on July 12 are not true and contradict all documents with the interior ministry, Relations and Security Information Department's Director Brigadier Adel Ahmad Al-Hashash said.

He said footage recorded by

police station cameras refute the claims that seek 'bogus heroism' at the expense of the interior ministry. He said an officer and a policeman were doing their jobs when the policeman asked the lawyer to wait outside so the officer could listen to the testimony of one side of a social problem case. The lawyer was not subjected to any verbal insult or physical attack, while the officer was able to solve the problem without the need to lodge a complaint.

But the Lawyers Society issued a statement in which they argued that the Interior Ministry mentioned wrong events with regards to the 'attack' on the lawyer at Sabah Al-Salem police station, "either

because of ignorance of the law or of the attack itself." The statement alleged that Hashash was not aware of the full story, adding that "it was regretful for him to say in his statement that 'in case of an attack on the lawyer, he should have gone to the supervision and inspection department to complain or go to court,' which was done earlier."

The statement said this confirms that he did not refer to the concerned departments to make sure about the steps taken by Kuwait Lawyers Society. It added that the society already submitted an official complaint to the supervision and inspection department and a complaint to the prosecutor general.



Brigadier Adel Al-Hashash



### DAMAGED BUOY REMOVED

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** Coastguard boats surfaced a sunken buoy that posed danger on sea goers, the Interior Ministry announced Friday. The emergency operators had received a call from Kuwait Dive Team about the damaged buoy. Coastguard boats went to the scene and handled the issue by removing the buoy from the waters. The operation took place under direct supervision of Interior Ministry's Assistant Undersecretary for Sea Borders Security Affairs Major General Zuhair Al-Nasrallah, and in coordination with Kuwait Oil Company (KOC).



## POLICE CATCH MAN WANTED TO SERVE 12 YEARS IN JAIL

**KUWAIT:** Farwaniya detectives arrested a citizen in Mahboula on Friday for swindling people. He was also found wanted to serve 12 years in jail for breach of trust. The arrest was made after several complaints against Melhem Saleh, 33, for writing dud cheques. He was taken to concerned authorities.

### Fake doctor arrested

Farwaniya police put an end to the activity of a gang led by an Asian male nurse who acted as a doctor without a license and opened an abortion clinic catering to unmarried women for KD 250 per operation. Police found three women seeking abortion in addition to an Asian nurse, who was helped by five of his compatriots. Various drugs were also found in the flat. The nurse confessed to illegally inducing abortions for pregnant women and was sent to concerned authorities.

### Work mishap

A Syrian was electrocuted to death when a crane he was operating hit a high voltage line in Wafra. His body was recovered by the coroner. Meanwhile, a case was filed for further investigations.

### 'Unstable' son

Hawally police took a citizen to the psychiatric office after he attempted to harm himself. Police received a call from a woman asking for help to save her 'unstable' son, so they went to the house and discovered that the man was insane.

### Family dispute

A citizen accused her niece of slander through social media following a family dispute. The 26-year-old said her niece spoke about her in an indecent manner and lodged a complaint. Investigations are ongoing in the case.

### Brothel raided

Farwaniya police busted a large brothel

after approaching an expat, who ran away and entered a building with policemen after him. He admitted during questioning that he ran a brothel and took them to it, where they found six women and 11 men. The women said they work for the suspect, while patrons said they paid KD 7 each for sex. Security Director Brig Saleh Al-Enezi ordered the deportation of all suspects. Another flat was raided in Farwaniya where seven men and women were caught for prostitution.

### Immorality

A citizen accused two persons she does not know of chasing her and inciting her to commit immorality and debauchery. When she ignored them, one of them made an obscene gesture. The citizen went to Fahaheel police station and gave police their car license plate number. — Al-Rai and Al-Anbaa



**KUWAIT:** This handout photo released by the Interior Ministry Friday shows a man arrested on multiple swindling charges.

### Local Spotlight

## FRANCE ATTACK



By Muna Al-Fuzai

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**F**rance witnessed an awful crime on Thursday evening on its National Day. A Tunisian resident of France drove his truck into a crowd watching traditional fireworks in the lovely French city of Nice, killing at least 84 and wounding many, as well as causing intense fear. The terrorist was shot dead. A local government official said weapons and grenades were later found inside the rented vehicle. French police stated that the criminal had no terrorist profile, but this does not change the fact that what he did is a barbaric and terrorist crime. The terrorism hitting France is complex and dangerous and requires complete revision of all immigration and residential regulations.

The French Muslim Council denounced this barbaric act, but such statements do not seem to be enough and have not stopped terrorists from carrying out several bloody crimes in Europe, including France. This attack will surely have effects related to the status of Muslims and immigrants in France, because such crimes are terrorist acts by citizens within their supposed home. So, cooperation with the French police is the best way because these attacks will affect the situation of Muslims in Europe as a whole.

French authorities must work with

Islamic religious centers in France and Europe in general. These centers have an obligation to work for Islam and protect the reputation of Islam as a religion of peace. There are an estimated five million Muslims in France, the largest Muslim community in Western Europe. Muslims in the West are no longer a minority or just a foreign community and they must be alert to the need for serious work by groups in the West and imams of Islamic centers to promote the idea of a 'resettlement' of Islam in the new environment and integration of Muslims into a liberal society. This should not necessarily affect their culture or religious beliefs, and perhaps the successful experience of the 'resettlement' of Judaism and Jews in Western countries is worth considering.

Kuwait's Ambassador to France Sami Mohammad Al-Suleiman announced that there are no Kuwaitis among the victims of the truck attack in Nice. The images of the attack were devastating. I express my sincere condolences to the victims of the attack and wish quick recovery to those injured. The dead and injured people in Nice are innocents and should not be discriminated against because of religion, race or sex.

## POWER CUTS HIT SEVEN AREAS AROUND KUWAIT

By Meshaal Al-Enezi and A Saleh

**KUWAIT:** Power was cut in seven areas during various times when temperatures exceeded 50 degree C yesterday. Complaints to the call center kept coming due to repeated power cuts in Surra, Dhahr, Zahra, Sabahiya, Salwa, Kabd and Wafra farms. Citizens were upset with the unannounced cuts, which means there are some defects in the power network in some areas. Emergency teams moved in as soon as they received the calls and dealt with the problems, and in some cases used giant generators to restore power. Daily consumption of electricity hit record levels of over 12,600 megawatts this year in Kuwait, while the Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) had prepared for the hot summer season by increasing production capacity to 13,000 megawatts a day.

In another development, MEW said freshwater will be connected to Khairan residential city when the number of occupied buildings reach a sufficient number to operate the water network safely and normally. Several owners asked about MEW plans to connect water to the city and asked the ministry what is the required number of

buildings needed to get the water. They said power is already connected.

### New teachers

The Education Ministry has booked air tickets for new teachers hired from abroad - 2,490 teachers from Cairo, Egypt and 148 from Amman, Jordan. The ministry asked the interior to give permission for its vehicles to park at Kuwait airport to transport teachers starting from Aug 15 until the last flight. The education ministry also asked the health ministry to prepare a TB unit to examine teachers mornings and evenings during weekdays, weekends and holidays at their work starting from Aug 15.

### Economic sites

The Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA) began field visits to the locations of Kuwaiti economic sites in Abdaly, Naayem and Wafra in preparation for the second stage of the project. The authority received the feasibility study on establishing a nearly 18-sq-km area, including six reports in English and Arabic covering all economic, engineering, environmental, financial, legal and entertainment aspects.



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# Kuwaiti professor develops effective cure for diabetic foot ulcers, some cancers

'Kuwait Drug' adopted by MD Anderson Cancer Center

By Athoob Al-Shuaibi

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Drug, a compound deduced from catfish skin and developed through forty years of local research, has proved to be effective for the treatment of intractable inflammatory cases, nervous system problems, wound healing and the diabetic foot ulcers and cancers, according to a local professor. The drug was developed by Professor Jassim Al-Hassan, Dean of the Faculty of Science at Kuwait University, a scientist and an observer who found alternative material to antibiotics from nature during a research period that spans over the period starting since the 1970s till this day. The formal adoption of the treatment needed global intensified research efforts, which has been funded and taken by the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, in the United States of America.

Professor Jassim Al-Hassan, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Director of the Marine Science Center at Kuwait University.



The picture at the top shows a one-year old ulcer at the anterior of the second toe before the treatment's application. The picture in the center shows the ulcer 24 hours after the first application. Natural depreciation has already started and the changes in ulcer appearance are obvious. The picture above shows the same tow after the treatment, showing clear contour lines and no skin atrophy. (courtesy of the International Journal of Tissue Reaction, XII(2) 121 - 135 (1990), Switzerland.)

## Inactive

Prof Hassan explained that scientists are constantly busy finding alternatives for antibiotics, because the human body creates resistance to these medicines and they become inactive after years of use. "I was part of a research team that got this alternative initially from the desert of Kuwait. Desert plants live amid a harsh environment, thus possess a great ability to resist," added Dr Hassan.

***Desert plants live amid a harsh environment, thus possess a great ability to resist.***

Despite of starting out with good results, he was still not satisfied. So he resolved to look into the marine environment. Facing many obstacles in obtaining samples from some sea creatures, this oriented him to conduct an experiment on the venomous catfish because of its abundance. "I went fishing with a late friend of mine, Najim Al-Qattan. I managed to catch one while it caused a minor cut in my finger from another small fish. The bleeding did not stop even though it was not that deep, while we were about to head to the nearest hospital, I cleaned the deck of the boat and accidentally reached the dirt that came out of the catfish while I was taking the hook of its mouth. Within seconds, the cut healed completely," he recalled.

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"The blood has stopped," I said to my friend. Being an active observational scientist, It took him years of testing on his own blood, catfish blood, and the skin material with the venom, trying to set apart the rough component that causes this phenomenon. He worked hard to develop his research into the wound healing patent. The healing takes place fast and saves about 60 percent of the healing process.

"I healed the diabetic foot ulcer of my late father who had a year old ulcer. The bone was eaten by the ulcer," he said. "My father asked me to examine it on him. I was afraid to do so because he did not bear a wound, but had something more serious, and if I apply [the treatment], it might worsen. After 24 hours, there was a huge change. And after a week it was gone."

***I healed the diabetic foot ulcer of my late father who had a year old ulcer.***

## A new way

He found out that, though some cases were impossible to be treated, yet the treatment he developed opened a way for diabetic ulcer treatment and as a wound healing patent. "I sent the findings of my research to the

International journal of tissue reaction in Switzerland to publish it, just before the [Iraqi] invasion in 1990. They published it without my notion. While I was in Kuwait, they did everything for me."

"After a while, people appreciated my work, and that led me to take an approval from the ethics' committee of Kuwait University's College of Medicine for a clinical trial of this material at the Amiri Hospital. We treated 75 cases." The Diabetic Foot Clinic at the Amiri Hospital was founded after this research and was indeed a great achievement. I had a great team, led by former Health Minister Dr Helal Al-Sayer, Prof Sami Asfar from the College of Medicine, Dr Abdullah Bin Nikhi, Dr Muneera Al-Arrouj and Dr Taleb Hashim. That is when I discovered the effect of this compound on the nervous system.

***It would have created a media frenzy if it occurred in a country other than Kuwait.***

"In 1992, I had an accident that caused a severe muscle spasm in my back. I could barely move. So, I asked my 10-year-old son to help me apply the treatment to myself, despite of my wife's concerns. I was capable of standing and normally walking within an hour," he said. This motivated him to request another clinical trial approval from the ethics' committee of the College of Medicine. They granted him work at Ibn Sina Hospital, and he managed to treat 75 cases of back pain and arthritis. The medical and scientific setup in Kuwait does not allow you to explore the mechanism of action. Therefore, the clinical results were running ahead of the scientific work. "It would have created a media frenzy if it occurred in a country other than Kuwait," he commented quietly.

## Big leap

The big leap to his research happened in 2010 during his visit to the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Texas and he learnt about Dr Peiying Yang. She was largely interested in anti-inflammatory and anti-cancers. She agreed to conduct laboratory tests in her labs on four different compounds. He later sent her a surprise containing powerful antibodies, which triggered her curiosity. Dr Yang tried them on lung cancer cells. Within 72 hours, the cancer cells were damaged by 90 percent. In other cancers, the healing was 100 percent, but it did not work on the worst type of breast cancer. Eventually, another Professor from Toronto, Canada, Prof Cecil Pace-Asciak joined them to work on the project.

Because of these scientific discoveries, the largest research center in the United States, the MD Anderson Cancer Center, funded the research to find out how it works on infections, wounds, diabetic foot ulcers in addition to cancer under the supervision by Prof Jassim Al-Hassan. "I hope to see the outcome of all these discoveries in the service of humankind. I named it as Kuwait Drug because I love this country."

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In Brief

GHANEM CONGRATULATES TURKEY

**KUWAIT:** National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem yesterday congratulated his Turkish counterpart Ismail Kahraman on the restoration of stability in Turkey after a failed military coup there. "We denounce all violations of legitimacy and democracy," Ghanem said in a cable sent to Kahraman, applauding the people of Turkey for safeguarding democracy. Moreover, the National Assembly Speaker said that the world anxiously watched the events unfold in Turkey, as the will of the Turkish people overcame all the agony and bloodshed to restore stability in the country. He also conveyed his deepest condolences for the loss of life, adding that Kuwait stands in solidarity with Ankara. — KUNA



COUP FAILED MISERABLY: MP

**KUWAIT:** MP Dr Ahmad Mutie Al-Azmi condemned last Saturday's military coup attempt in Turkey, which he said failed miserably. "Continued attempt to hit stability in Turkey are committed by those who were hurt by Turkey's strong stand towards regional issues," he said. "They are trying to force Turkey off those stands, but all those attempts failed because Turkey's ruling party was chosen by the people, and derives its strength from them." He said the coup attempt and the terrorist acts before it are rejected "because they go contrary to the people's will and wish to have peace and stability."



KUWAIT OIL PRICE UP TO \$41.46 PB

**KUWAIT:** The price of Kuwaiti oil went up by 34 cents Friday to reach \$41.46 per barrel as oppose to \$41.21 pb the day before, said a statement by Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) yesterday. At the world market yesterday, the oil price went up by one percent after the Turkish army announced that it had foiled the coup d'etat carried out by some rogue groups of the military. The price of the Brent mix went up by 71 cents to \$48.08 per barrel, the same case with the West Texas crude which went up by 60 cents to \$46.28 pb. — KUNA



Photo

of the day



KUWAIT: Children walk together inside a theme park in Kuwait. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat



ZAIN RECOGNIZES RAMADAN CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS

COMPANY HONORED THEIR EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS DURING HOLY MONTH

**KUWAIT:** Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, recently held a special ceremony in the company's main headquarters to recognize the efforts of its Ramadan CSSR campaign's volunteers. The event witnessed the attendance of the executive management headed by Chief Executive Officer Eaman Al-Roudhan.

Through this special ceremony, Zain's executive management was keen on highlighting the amazing efforts exerted by volunteers both from within and outside the company, as their positive energy and determi-

nation reflected the beautiful values the Holy Month brings. The volunteers were present during Zain's multiple social and humanitarian initiatives as part of the company's Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility campaign during the Holy Month of Ramadan. The volunteers helped draw a smile on the faces of those who are less fortunate in the society, including children in hospitals, people with special needs, orphans, and the elderly, as well as medical administrations and men on duty who work tirelessly to save people's lives. Ramadan presented a special occa-

sion for Zain to communicate and interact with the Kuwaiti community through its extensive CSSR campaign. Zain's Ramadan contributions, which the volunteers helped organize and coordinate, included the distribution of essential food supplies (Machla boxes) to multiple charitable organizations based in Kuwait, the Iftar Halls initiative which provided around 45,000 Iftar meals during the holy month through two main halls. The volunteers also visited men on duty in Failaka Island to share the Iftar meal, visited children in hospitals and orphans, special needs, and the elderly

in social care centers, as well as organized a special event for Al Amal children with cancer. Additionally, the volunteers provided comfort to worshippers performing their Qiyam prayers at Jaber Al Ali Mosque by distributing prayer essentials as well as facilitating transportation by golf carts to and from the entrance of the mosque. Zain's social and Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility campaign during the Holy Month of

Ramadan included an extensive array of initiatives and programs, focusing on helping less fortunate people to enjoy Ramadan happily, as well as celebrating the true spirit of the Holy month brought.

UN RIGHTS PANEL URGES KUWAIT TO AMEND BROAD DNA TESTING LAW

**GENEVA:** A UN human rights watchdog called on Kuwait on Friday to amend a counter-terrorism law requiring nationwide compulsory DNA testing, saying that it was disproportionate and violated the right to privacy. Any testing should be limited to individuals suspected of having committed serious crimes and only after a court order, the 18 independent experts said after reviewing Kuwait's record in upholding civil and political rights. In July 2015, Kuwait's parliament adopted a law put forward by the Interior Ministry to create a DNA registry of Kuwaiti nationals and residents living in the Gulf state. The law, which the panel said also applied to tourists, imposes a one-year prison term and a fine on those who refused to provide samples. The law "imposes unnecessary and disproportionate restrictions on the right to privacy," the UN Human Rights Committee said. "We ... asked them to amend it to ensure that DNA collection is limited, only on the basis of individuals suspected of having committed serious crimes and on the basis of a court order," panel member Sarah Cleveland told a news briefing. "Part of the reason the committee is very concerned about it is

because of the prospect of copycat laws by other countries," she said. "It's certainly the first time our committee has seen such a law." Jamal Alghunaim, Kuwait's ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva who led the government delegation, told the panel last month that the law was due to terrorist threats. The database could not be disclosed without a necessary court warrant and anyone who did so would be sentenced to three years in prison, he said, according to a UN summary. A year ago Kuwait, home to several US military bases, suffered its deadliest militant attack in decades when a Saudi suicide bomber blew himself up inside a packed Shiite mosque, killing 26 people. Islamic State claimed responsibility. OPEC member Kuwait, a US ally and neighbor of Saudi Arabia and Iraq, is part of a 34-nation alliance announced by Riyadh in December aimed at countering Islamic State and al Qaeda in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Egypt and Afghanistan. State news agency KUNA said this month Kuwait foiled three planned Islamic State attacks on the country, including a plot to blow up a Shiite mosque, after launching raids that resulted in the arrest of militants. — Reuters





Peaceful remembrance for man killed by police in Baton Rouge

TOKYO SEEKS TO PRESSURE BEIJING ON S CHINA SEA RULING



NEW YORK: A memorial at the site of Eric Garner's death in the Staten Island borough. — AP

BRIDGING GAP BETWEEN US POLICE, POLICED

AMERICANS STRUGGLE WITH DEATHS WHILE TRYING TO DEVELOP CONNECTION

**NEW YORK:** On an unusually cool night for summer, Mike Perry and his crew thread the sidewalks running through Staten Island's Stapleton Houses, tracked by police cameras bolted to the apartment blocks and positioned atop poles. "The better the weather, the more people will be out," Perry says. "Activity - not all good, neither."

Perry's group, five black men and one Latino, all acknowledge past crimes or prison time. Perry, himself, used to deal drugs around another low-income housing complex, two miles away. Now, though, their Cure Violence team works to defuse arguments that can lead to shootings and match people with job training and counseling. Their goals are not so different from those of the police.

While Perry gives cops their due, he keeps his distance. Two years ago, within walking distance of this spot, a black man named Eric Garner died in a confrontation with police officers. Garner was suspected of selling loose cigarettes; an officer wrestled him to the ground by his neck. His last words - "I can't breathe" - were captured on cellphone video that rocked across the internet.

"I know those officers did not mean to kill Eric," says Perry, a 37-year-old father of two who knew Garner. But, "you need to look an officer in the eye who doesn't understand and go, 'Brother, I want to get home, too.' They're defending these communities that they don't know."

As Americans struggle with the highly publicized deaths of black men in encounters with police in Minnesota, Louisiana and across the country, and now the sniper killing of five Dallas officers, Perry and his fellow Staten Islanders have the dubious distinction of being a step ahead. Since Garner's death in July 2014, they have confronted a measure of the anger, pain and alienation that the nation now shares. On this 58-square-mile island that residents say often feels like a small town though it's part of the nation's biggest city, police and the policed have had to coexist.

**Recent events**

The events of recent weeks have focused new attention on the chasm between police and minorities, one of so many divides in this contentious election year. Years of tension have left people wary in both the policing community and in minority neighborhoods, with many yearning for one another's respect.

It's not simple, though, to change the way people see each other. "What we have to bear in mind is that when a particular culture has been created, or when people sense a certain culture is operating, it takes time in order to change that culture," says the Rev. Victor Brown, a pastor of one of the larger African-American churches on Staten Island's North Shore. Brown, a spiritual adviser to Garner's family who criticized the grand jury's decision not to indict the officer involved, serves as a part-time police chaplain.

The challenge was captured in a nationwide poll last summer by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs, in which 81 percent of black Americans said police are too quick to use deadly force, compared with 33 percent of whites. A third of blacks said they trust police to work in the best inter-

est of the community, less than half the percentage of whites.

The voices of Staten Islanders speak to attitudes and experience that are often more complicated than might be reflected in polling numbers. Like the white retired officer who credits a longtime black partner for much of his success in patrolling poor neighborhoods, and worries today's cops are not street-wise enough.

Or the black street vendor who rails against police for Garner's death, but says officers are needed to clean up the street where that death occurred. "I think the divide is worse than it should be and more than people think it is," says Joe Brandefine, a retired NYPD detective who helped organize a 2014 pro-police rally. "I believe there's truth in both sides, that each side needs to see each other in a little different light."

**Police-community relationships are personal**

About 3,000 police officers, scores of retired cops and their families live here, many in the heavily white neighborhoods on the southern two-thirds of the island. In those neighborhoods, protests that followed Garner's death in July 2014 were met with "God Bless the NYPD" yard signs and pro-police rallies. The tensions intensified after a grand jury decided in late 2014 not to indict the officer for Garner's death. Two weeks later, a man claiming vengeance killed two police officers in Brooklyn, one of them a former Staten Island school safety officer.

"As far as Staten Islanders are concerned, the police are family and I think it's like standing by your family no matter what," says Samantha Smith, whose father, grandfather and uncle all worked as officers and who is writing a book about 9/11's impact on the island's first responder households.

On an island of 475,000 that is 75 percent white and mostly suburban, the North Shore's comparatively dense neighborhoods are home to nearly all of the borough's African-Americans, enclaves of Liberian, Mexican, and Sri Lankan immigrants.

Five miles of water divide Staten Island from Manhattan's southern tip and you can't get here by subway. That separation from the rest of the city has long united islanders - not just the ferry ride or detested bridge tolls, but also conservative politics and a shared sense that their borough is ignored.

Spend your life here and it can feel like you know everybody, residents say, recalling how they aided each other after Superstorm Sandy. But very few blacks live below the Staten Island Expressway, which some residents say amounts to a local Mason-Dixon line, reinforcing divisions of race and economics that shade the tensions around policing.

Richard Bruno, 54, is the former commanding officer of Staten Island's 120th Precinct, and lives in one of the precinct's largely white neighborhoods. But he belies the stereotype of the white cop uninitiated to life in poor neighborhoods.

"I grew up in a tenement until I was 7 years old," says Bruno, whose father, a truck driver, eventually saved \$3,000 for a deposit on a house on Staten Island. "I remember for sport, shooting with dart guns the cockroaches off the wall ... I think that gave me an extra sense of empathy for people that have to live like that." — AP

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## UK'S MAY REMOVES ANOTHER CAMERON SUPPORTER AS MINISTER

**LONDON:** British Prime Minister Theresa May has made more changes to the government, removing another key supporter of predecessor David Cameron and appointing several new ministers.

Downing Street said yesterday that arts minister Ed Vaizey, a friend of Cameron, had left the government. Ros Altmann, Cameron's minister for pensions, was also dismissed, along with business minister Anna Soubry, a leading voice on the "remain" side during Britain's recent European Union referendum campaign.

May also backed staying in the EU but has appointed both "leave" and "remain" supporters to her Conservative government. She has removed several veterans of the Cameron years, as well as rivals including Michael Gove, who ran against her for the party leadership after betraying his erstwhile ally Boris Johnson - whom May made foreign secretary. On Saturday she removed Gove supporter Dominic Raab from his job as a justice minister.

Some members of the old administration remain, including Jo Johnson brother of Boris -

who keeps his role in charge of universities and science. May took power Wednesday after Cameron resigned following Britain's vote to leave the EU. The new prime minister has made dramatic changes, placing leading proponents of a British exit from the EU in charge of foreign affairs, international trade and EU negotiations.

All the same, May has signaled she's in no rush to start exit talks. She said Friday she would not launch formal negotiations until there is a "UK approach" involving Scotland, which strongly backed remaining in the bloc.

The pro-independence Scottish administration has said it could seek a new independence referendum if Britain takes Scotland out of the EU against its will.

May has indicated she will not invoke Article 50 of the EU treaty, which will trigger a two-year countdown to leave the 28-nation bloc, before the end of the year. Some EU leaders and British euroskeptics are pressuring her to begin the process earlier. — AP



**EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND:** Britain's new Prime Minister Theresa May, left, meets with First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon at Bute House on Friday. — AP



**ALEPPO:** A Syrian man mourns the death of a child following reported air strikes yesterday. — AFP

## AIR RAIDS KILL AT LEAST 28 CIVILIANS IN SYRIA'S ALEPPO

### DEATH TOLL STEADILY ROSE THROUGHOUT THE DAY

**ALEPPO:** Air raids on rebel-held districts of Syria's battleground second city of Aleppo killed at least 28 civilians including children yesterday, a monitor said.

The death toll from what residents said an attack with barrel bombs steadily rose throughout the day as bombardment rocked the city, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. "Eleven civilians, including four children, were killed by air raids after midnight in the Bab al-Nasr area of Old Aleppo, and seven others were killed in Fardous neighborhood," the monitor said.

At least six people, including a child and two women, were killed in the Salhin district, in addition to four more civilians in other rebel-controlled neighborhoods, the Britain-based monitor said.

The Observatory, which relies on a network of sources across Syria for its information, said the air strikes were likely either Russian or regime warplanes. "At least 20 people are still under the rubble," said Observatory head Rami Abdel Rahman. Syrian state news agency SANA, for its part, reported that one person was killed and nine others were wounded in rebel rocket fire on government-controlled parts of the city.

An AFP correspondent in eastern Aleppo said helicopters and fighter jets were circling rebel-held neighborhoods, adding that barrel bombs-crude, unguided explosive devices-had been dropped on

several areas. "All of a sudden there was a barrel bomb on top of us. We came outside and a second one, then a third one hit us," said Ahmad Erfan, a teenager living in the Salhin neighborhood.

A hospital in the Maadi neighborhood was hit in the bombing, wounding some of the staff and patients inside. "All kinds of weapons were used to bomb the hospital, from midnight until about 11:00 am. Now it's unusable," Mohammad Kheir, one of its doctors, told AFP.

"There were some injuries among the medical staff but thankfully they are only light wounds." A crying woman clad in a black robe desperately grasped the leg of a bloodied young man as doctors treated him on the hospital floor.

Twisted metal frames and damaged medical equipment lay strewn across the room, some next to small pools of blood.

#### Truce routinely violated

The Observatory said rebel fighters shelled government-controlled western areas of Aleppo, but had no immediate word on any casualties. Aleppo city is divided roughly between government control in the west and rebel control in the east. It was once Syria's commercial powerhouse but has since been ravaged by the country's five-year war.

A ceasefire brokered by Russia and the United

States in February between government forces and non-jihadist rebels does not cover Al-Qaeda affiliate Al-Nusra Front which has a strong presence in many rebel-held areas.

The truce has been routinely violated, particularly in and around Aleppo. On Friday, US Secretary of State John Kerry and his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov said they had agreed on "concrete steps" to salvage the failing ceasefire.

The top diplomats met for a 12-hour marathon meeting, but would not divulge the details of the deal in order to allow the "quiet business" of peace-making to continue, Kerry said. Russia has insisted that non-jihadist rebel groups-particularly those in and around Aleppo-must disassociate themselves from Al-Nusra in order to avoid being targeted in air raids.

Last week, government forces advanced to within firing range of the last remaining supply route into rebel-held areas of Aleppo, prompting food shortages and spiralling prices. According to the United Nations, nearly 600,000 people are living under siege across Syria, most of them surrounded by government forces although rebel groups also use the brutal tactic.

More than 280,000 people have been killed and millions forced to flee their homes since the Syrian conflict broke out in March 2011. — AFP

## THE NICE VICTIMS: LOSSES SPANNED 3 GENERATIONS, 7 NATIONS

**NICE:** The terror attack on a festive Bastille Day crowd in France indiscriminately killed locals and foreigners alike, men, women and children. The driver of a truck slammed into the festivities Thursday taking the lives of 84 people, including six from the same family. Among those who've been identified were Americans, Germans, Ukrainians, Swiss, Tunisians and a Russian.

Here are portraits of some of the victims: Like the attacker, at least three of his victims were of Tunisian descent. Olfa Ben Souayah Khalfallah, Bilel Labbaoui and Mohamed Ben Abdelkader Toukabri were among those killed, and Khalfallah's 4-year-old son was missing as of Friday, the Tunisian foreign ministry said in a statement on its Facebook page.

Khalfallah was from the French city of Lyon, where she was born in 1985, the ministry said. Toukabri, from the northern Tunisian town of Majaz al-Bab, was in his late 50s and worked as a mechanic in Nice. Labbaoui, from the western Tunisian province of Kasserine, was in his 20s.

Six of seven family members who gathered in Nice to celebrate Bastille Day and each other's company died in the attack. The sole survivor was too traumatized to talk to the media, local news outlets reported.

The Republican Lorrain newspaper identified the victims as retirees Francois Locatelli, 82, and Christiane Locatelli, 78; their daughter, Veronique Lyon, 55; and Mickael Pellegrini, 28, their grandson. The family had gone for a brief holiday to the French Riviera. They met up with Veronique's in-laws - Gisele Lyon, 63, and Germain Lyon, 68 - who also were killed. Their son, Christophe Lyon, was the sole survivor.

The Locatellis were well-known in the township of Longwy in northeastern France, where Francois had worked as a heating engineer and his grandson taught high school economics and social studies at the Lycee des Recollets.

"The large Recollets family has just lost one of its own," the school said on its website. "We join the family in their enormous pain and distress." According to the Liberation newspaper online, Christiane Locatelli "loved to laugh." She was a formidable woman who liked orchids and postcards, her older sister, Jacqueline, told the newspaper. Locatelli had just sent her sister a postcard from her Mediterranean vacation.

"She asked about my health. In the end, she was killed by a jerk," Jacqueline told the newspaper. Veronique's in-laws were mourned by their hometown of Bram, in southern France.

"We cry this evening for these innocent people who came to spend an evening with their family and then found themselves facing a murder frenzy by this man," Mayor Claudie Mejean said on her Facebook page.

The Copeland family, from a town near Austin, Texas, was taking in some of Europe's classic sights on vacation, starting with the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain. Sean Copeland, the 51-year-old father of the family, and his 11-year-old son, Brodie, were killed in the truck attack while other family members survived.

"We are heartbroken and in shock over the loss of Brodie Copeland, an amazing son and brother who lit up our lives, and Sean Copeland, a wonderful husband and father," said a statement released by family friend Jess Davis.

Sean Copeland was a vice president at a software division of Lexmark Inc., a business automation firm, where a former co-worker remembered him as someone devoted to his family and a charismatic and generous person who wanted others to succeed. "He was one of those guys you couldn't help but like," said John Dorr, who was hired by Copeland for his first software sales job 20 years ago. "He was always happy, always smiling."

Brodie was in the honor choir and active in sports at Lakeway Elementary School, Principal Sam Hicks said in a statement. Aaron Cable, head of player development for the Hill Country Baseball Club, told the Austin American-Statesman newspaper that Brodie was a mature, funny, "one-of-kind kid" who aspired to be an actor or comedian.

As the president of an athletic club in his hometown of Marcigny, Robert Marchand was in Nice with some club members for a sports league meeting, according to Le Journal de Saone-et-Loire, a regional newspaper.

He never made it back to his home in east-central France. Marchand, 60, was killed in the attack, Marcigny Mayor Louis Poncet told the newspaper. He was "a very dedicated man, an enthusiast who elevated the athletic club to its highest level," Poncet said. — AP



**NICE, ALPES-MARITIMES, FRANCE:** A picture taken yesterday shows the Fondation Lenval paediatric hospital in Nice, where five children are still fighting for their lives, two days after the truck attack in Nice. — AFP

## 'FIRE' HEARD ON RECORDER OF DOOMED EGYPTAIR

**CAIRO:** The word "fire" is heard on the cockpit voice recorder of EgyptAir 804 before the plane crashed into the Mediterranean in May, an Egyptian-led investigative committee said Saturday. Investigators had earlier said the other black box retrieved from the crash site, the data recorder, confirmed that smoke alarms had sounded on board, while soot on wreckage indicates a fire. "The committee had... started listening to the cockpit voice recordings before the occurrence of the accident; where the existence of 'fire' was mentioned," it said in a statement. "Still it is too early to determine the reason or the place where that fire started," it said.

The data recorder points to smoke signals indicating fires in the lavatory and avionics section of the plane, according to the committee. The data on the voice recorder had been downloaded earlier this month after it was repaired. The Airbus A320 was carrying 40 Egyptians, 15 French, two Iraqis, two Canadians and one passenger each from Algeria, Belgium, Britain, Chad, Portugal, Saudi Arabia and Sudan. It had set off from Paris to Cairo when it disappeared from radar over the Mediterranean.

Egyptian investigators have confirmed the aircraft made a 90-degree left turn followed by a 360-degree turn

to the right before hitting the sea. The latest committee statement said the search for the remains of passengers has ended. The ship conducting the search "reached the port of Alexandria today after the end of its mission, which had been extended for the second time, after making sure of the recovery of all human remains at the site of the accident," it said.

Both Egyptian and French judiciary have opened investigations into the mysterious incident, without ruling out a terrorist attack. The crash followed the bombing of a Russian passenger plane over Egypt's restive Sinai Peninsula last October, killing all 224 passengers and crew. The Islamic State jihadist group claimed responsibility for that attack, but there has been no such claim linked to the EgyptAir crash.

Egypt's aviation minister had initially said an attack was the more likely explanation, but President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi said there was no theory being favored yet. EgyptAir said last week that advance compensation payments of \$25,000 will be offered to families of the 66 people killed in the crash. The payments are separate to those expected from insurance companies on behalf of various parties depending on the investigation into the disaster. — AFP

## MASS LOOTING OF AID IN WAR-TORN SOUTH SUDAN

**JUBA:** It was looting on an epic scale; a month's worth of food aid for over 220,000 South Sudanese, all stolen in just two days along with the giant warehouses that stored it. As fighting raged between rival forces in the capital Juba last week, the UN's World Food Program's main logistics hub was picked clean.

WFP says it is "outraged" by the theft of more than 4,500 tons of food "intended for the poorest and most vulnerable people" in a country trying to stave off famine. At least 300 people were killed in the city between July 8 and 11 during clashes pitting government forces against former rebels, and in the anarchy

of war, many took advantage to steal what they could. On Saturday, an angry soldier waving a gun stopped anyone entering or photographing the fenced compound, but it was clear to see that nothing of value remained.

#### Well organized

Men hammered at broken trucks for spare parts, while others ripped off electrical wires from an office block. Some of the looters tore down at the remaining few sections of thick plastic sheeting that had covered the metal frames of rows of warehouses,



**AMURU, UGANDA:** A woman carries a child on her knees as she sits inside a make-shift camp at Nimule border, in Amuru District in Uganda yesterday. — AFP

now standing out like the bare bones of a ribcage.

Several people walked away balancing boxes of looted cooking oil or rolls of tin roofing sheets on their heads. Army spokesman Lul Ruai Koang has said the looting in Juba was "unfortunate," blaming it on opposition troops, part of a 1,400-force of ex-rebel turned Vice-President Riek Machar.

The capital has been relatively calm since late Monday, when Machar's men were forced to flee after government troops in tanks and helicopter gunships pounded their positions with overwhelming firepower.

Much of the stolen food was trucked away from the sprawling base on the outskirts of Juba: a large-scale, well organized operation that would have required hundreds of trips. Nearby residents said "men in uniform" even used a truck mounted with a crane to steal the minibus-sized generators that once powered the giant site. "After the soldiers left, then ordinary citizens came to see what they could take," said James Keri, who lives in the nearby Gudele district, an area dotted with burnt-out houses destroyed during the fighting.

Other goods were carted away in cars, motorbikes, wheelbarrows and on people's heads. More than a third of South Sudan's population are expected to face severe food shortages over the coming months and the war-torn nation runs the risk of a "hunger catastrophe," according to the UN.

WFP warned that the loss of the "vital" aid "will severely hamper" its efforts to support those caught up in the fighting. Three-quarters of people need some form of humanitarian aid, WFP's top chief Etharin Cousin said earlier this week, warning that the "latest conflict is going to push even more people into hunger and despair." — AFP

## WOMAN IN SEX OFFERING, DEATH CASE RELEASED FROM PRISON



**DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** Kathryn McDonough breaks down crying, when asked how she felt after telling jurors how she pushed Elizabeth "Lizzi" Marriott's body into the water and covered it with seaweed during testimony in Strafford County Superior Court on June 4, 2014. — AP

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** A New Hampshire woman is free after serving a three-year prison sentence for luring a co-worker to her apartment in 2012 as a sex offering to her domineering boyfriend, then helping him dispose of the co-worker's body after authorities say he strangled and raped the woman.

Kathryn "Kat" McDonough was released from the women's prison in Goffstown at 12:05 a.m. Saturday, said corrections spokesman Jeff Lyons. The 22-year-old pleaded guilty in 2013 to lying about the disappearance and death of 19-year-old Elizabeth "Lizzi" Marriott, of Westborough, Massachusetts. She testified against Seth Mazzaglia, describing their sexual relationship marked by bondage and sadomasochism. He was convicted of murder, and is serving a sentence of life without parole.

Marriott was killed only weeks after beginning her sophomore year as a marine biology major at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. She had worked with McDonough at a department store. Her body has not been recovered.

McDonough first told investigators that Marriott died during rough sex between them using restraints. After getting immunity from prosecution, she changed her story, saying Mazzaglia killed Marriott after she rejected him.

"You had the chance to do the right thing - to try to help, to do something heroic," Marriott's father, Bob Marriott, said at McDonough's sentencing. "Your failure in that moment is why Lizzi is not here to live out her life."

Here is a look at McDonough's role in the case:

### Key testimony

McDonough testified that Mazzaglia demanded that McDonough find him a sex partner. She said Marriott went to McDonough and Mazzaglia's home in Dover, thinking she was going to watch a movie or play a video game. Instead, McDonough testified, Mazzaglia strangled the woman with a rope after she rebuffed his sexual advances and then raped her motionless body.

McDonough and Mazzaglia said they used Marriott's car to transport her body and then dumped it off of Portsmouth's Peirce island.

### Sex and bondage

McDonough was on the stand for 10 days. She testified that Mazzaglia, now 33, was angry at her when she left him home for nearly two weeks without a sex partner while she attended theater camp and demanded she bring him another woman to join in their sexual escapades, which included

bondage and discipline.

Mazzaglia's lawyers said McDonough was the dominatrix, a woman who made Mazzaglia her sex slave and was obsessed with finding another woman to dominate. They said she lied and testified against him to get a more lenient sentence. McDonough testified she was always the submissive in their relationship.

During cross-examination, McDonough began sobbing as she blurted out that she couldn't remember minor details from the night Marriott was killed. She said the image of Mazzaglia strangling Marriott took over her mind. When the witness wasn't visibly tearing up, defense attorney Joachim Barth challenged her outburst, asking "You cry without tears, Ms. McDonough?" She did not reply.

### Parole attempt

Parole was denied for McDonough in November 2014. The board said McDonough could apply again once she takes mental health classes and develops a better post-release plan that involves her living out-of-state. Chairwoman Donna Sytek said, "You got the deal of the century." McDonough told the board she'd had a lot of time to think about "what a horrible, horrible thing it was. I allowed someone's life to end." — AP

## PEACEFUL REMEMBRANCE FOR MAN KILLED BY POLICE IN BATON ROUGE

**BATON ROUGE:** Grieving residents of Baton Rouge honored an appeal at the funeral of a black man killed by police to celebrate his life rather than demonstrate about his death.

At a three-hour service Friday, mourners paid their respects to 37-year-old Alton Sterling, whose July 5 shooting outside a convenience store began a tumultuous week in race relations. "If you want to protest, please leave now," Gary Chambers, master of ceremonies for the funeral, said at the beginning that the event at Southern University.

A steady stream of mourners filed past Sterling's casket, which was adorned with music notes and a smiling photo of the man. Sterling was selling CDs outside the Triple S Food Mart store, as he had done for years, when he was killed by police responding to a call of a man threatening someone with a gun. Police have said they found a gun in Sterling's pocket. Sterling's death was captured on cell phone video and circulated widely on the internet. His death, along with another fatal police shooting in Minnesota last week, sparked widespread protests. Then the fatal shooting of five police officers in Dallas by a black sniper heightened tensions even more.

### How the crowd behaved

The crowd included friends, family, activists and two senior advisers to President Barack Obama.

One mourner wore a T-shirt that said "No

Justice, No Peace." Another carried a poster board sign saying: "Black America I'm Sorry!!" Luminaries including the Rev. Jesse Jackson and close family members spoke about Sterling, his death and the police treatment of African-Americans. "Wrong must be corrected and the wrong must be held accountable," the Rev. Al Sharpton said. "We have got to stop going from funeral to funeral."

Sharpton called for more accountability for police officers who kill African-Americans and reeled off a list of high-profile police shootings that have angered many in the black community: "We have an inferior judicial system that does not protect all of its citizens equally."

Sterling leaves behind five children, including his 15-year-old son, Cameron, who participated in a televised town hall with Obama on Thursday. One of the biggest rounds of applause from the crowd of a couple thousand people came for Abdullah Muflahi, who owns the Triple S. Muflahi said Sterling wasn't just a man who sold CDs in front of his store.

"He showed me a lot of love. He looked out for me. He was friendly. He was welcoming. He was truly the meaning of southern hospitality," Muflahi said. "We're going to have an empty spot in front of the store."

Darrell Jupiter, a landscaper, said his best friend was nicknamed "Dweeb." They fished and played chess together. "I have a big chunk missing. I'm lost," said Jupiter, who had a tattoo on his arm with the words "RIP Alton." — AP



**BATON ROUGE:** Na'Quincy, son of Alton Sterling, looks back at his father's grave as he leaves Alton's burial, at the Mount Pilgrim Benevolent Society Cemetery on Friday. — AP

## DOES THE US REALLY NEED A VICE PRESIDENT?

DEBATE ON THE ROLE, AND USEFULNESS OF IT

**WASHINGTON:** There is an old joke that goes something like this: A woman had two sons. One went off to sea, the other became vice president of the United States. Neither was ever heard from again.

That more or less summed up the way many Americans long felt about the nation's number two job-not that relevant. But in recent decades, the narrative has shifted. Vice presidents have become more visible, and have much better access to the Oval Office.

As Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton battle for the White House in November, and choose running mates-Trump has selected Indiana Governor Mike Pence-the debate on the role, and usefulness, of an American vice president is raging again.

The US constitution offers the vice president a limited role: it says he should preside over the Senate, but only vote in the event of a tie. Of course, the other major role is to take over as president, should the sitting president be unable to serve or resign. Examples are Lyndon B. Johnson's accession to the presidency after the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and Gerald Ford's after Richard Nixon resigned over the Watergate scandal.

Over the years, people have described-sometimes with humor-the frustrations generated by this singular position. "It's like being naked in the middle of a blizzard with no one to even offer you a match to keep you warm-that's the vice presidency," Hubert Humphrey said in 1969, just a few months after leaving the job.

"You are trapped, vulnerable and alone, and it does not matter who happens to be president." For a long time, the office was sort of a political dead end," says Joel Goldstein of Saint Louis University School of Law.

Before George H.W. Bush won election to succeed Ronald Reagan in 1989, the last vice president to be elected to the highest office in the land was... Martin Van Buren, in 1836. But the job has changed dramatically.

"After World War II and with the Cold War and the nuclear age, presidents saw that there were a lot of demands on them and that people wanted the VP to be in the loop in case the president died," Goldstein explains.

Harry Truman, who assumed the presidency in 1945 after the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt,



**WESTFIELD, INDIANA:** US Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump (R) and Indiana Governor Mike Pence (L) taking the stage during a campaign rally at Grant Park Event Center on Friday. — AP

learned only after taking office of the existence of the Manhattan Project-the code name for America's nuclear weapons research program. For a long time, the vice president was even physically distant from the seat of executive power-his office was in the Senate.

### 'The most insignificant office'

The turning point for the vice presidency came under Jimmy Carter (1977-81), who made space for his number two, Walter Mondale, in the West Wing of the White House. Since that time, no one has changed the layout: the vice president has an office between the chief of staff and the national security adviser.

"That proximity to power has had practical but also symbolic importance," Goldstein notes. In practical terms, the modern American vice president is a "super adviser" to the president. He is part of the inner circle.

For President Barack Obama, Joe Biden is that guy. In the now-classic photo of the White House Situation Room on the night in 2011 when Osama bin Laden was killed in a US raid, Biden was right next to Obama.

Reagan largely relied on the foreign policy knowledge of George H.W. Bush, a former CIA director and US envoy to the United Nations. Bill Clinton counted on Al Gore to help him in many political battles. During George W. Bush's presidency, Dick Cheney's stint as the number two blazed a new path-a troubling path, for many observers.

Cheney's influence, particularly after the September 11 attacks, raised questions about how much he was deciding, and how much Bush was deciding. "Dick Cheney said I'm the worst president of his lifetime, which is interesting, because I think he's the worst president of my lifetime," Obama joked at the 2015 White House Correspondents' Dinner. — AFP

## CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP'S CONVENTION KICKS OFF

**CINCINNATI:** Thousands of people are flocking into Cincinnati for the NAACP's national convention that gets underway ahead of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

Leaders of the nation's oldest civil rights organization will be joined Saturday by Cincinnati's mayor and other regional officials for an opening press conference. The 107th NAACP convention will include a long list of speakers, workshops and entertainment, running through Wednesday. Projected attendance is more than 5,000 participants.

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton will speak Monday. NAACP leaders say Republican Donald Trump turned down an invitation, citing scheduling conflicts with the RNC beginning Monday on the northeast side of the state.

The convention will hear, though, from Ohio Gov. John Kasich (KAY'-sik), who won the state's GOP presidential primary. He speaks Sunday evening. — AP

## INTERIOR SECRETARY HEARS FROM PUBLIC ABOUT MONUMENT PLAN

**BLUFF, UTAH:** US Interior Secretary Sally Jewell held a public meeting in southeast Utah yesterday to discuss conservation proposals that include a divisive proposal to create a new national monument at a sacred Native American site.

Jewell's meeting in the town of Bluff caps off a four day research trip to Utah as a coalition of tribes urges President Barack Obama to sweet 1.9 million acres around the twin Bears Ears buttes into a national monument.

The tribes and environmental groups say the area needs strong protections from threats of looting and damage from off-highway vehicles.

Opponents, mainly Republicans, argue that the monument proposal is overly broad and could close off access to the land. The US Interior Department says Jewell's visit doesn't mean a monument decision is imminent. — AP

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## ERDOGAN: DEEPLY DIVISIVE RULE OF TURKEY'S 'SULTAN'

Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who appears to have survived a bloody attempt to remove him from power, is the most divisive leader in the history of the modern Turkish republic. Adored by supporters as a transformative figure who modernized Turkey, his foes paint him as an increasingly despotic "Sultan" who ruthlessly shuts down any criticism. Rising from premier to become the nation's first directly elected president in 2014, Erdogan has dreamed of boosting his hold even further by changing the constitution to give Turkey a US-style executive presidency. But the dramatic events of Friday night have shaken his grip on power in a way few could have imagined even a day earlier.



Recep Tayyip Erdogan

### 'Big Master'

With a notoriously fiery temper, Erdogan is known to himself and followers as the "buyuk usta" - the "big master" - or simply "the Sultan". The 61-year-old first came to power as prime minister in 2003, bringing stability after a history of coups and rocky coalitions and dragging the Muslim-majority country out of an economic quagmire. He succeeded in clipping the wings of the military by purging elements that opposed him - or so he claimed.

But ordinary Turks became suspicious of moves to "Islamicise" society by restricting alcohol sales, curbing the internet and even trying to ban mixed-sex dorms at state universities. Pushing for Turkey to become a top-ten economy by the republic's 100th anniversary in 2023, he launched a series of breathtakingly ambitious infrastructure projects, including a high-speed rail network and a tunnel under the Bosphorus.

But his vast new \$615 million presidential palace with 1,150 rooms has been ridiculed as an absurd, tasteless extravagance - and a symbol of his creeping authoritarianism. And his ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) has long been accused of seeking to impose conservative Islamic values on society - a possible point of friction with a military that has long seen itself as the guardian of Turkey's secular state.

### 'Heavy Price'

Erdogan has faced a wave of deadly

bombings as his government pursues twin military campaigns against Kurdish rebels in the south and the Islamic State group in neighboring Syria. But the attempted coup bid by disaffected soldiers - the biggest challenge to his authoritarian 13-year rule - came out of the blue. After a dramatic night of chaos and bloodshed, during which nearly 200 people lost their lives, Erdogan flew into Istanbul yesterday, denouncing the coup bid as "treachery" and warning the perpetrators they would "pay a heavy price".

In an ironic turn of events, the strongman who has in the past banned street protests and social media, took to Twitter urging supporters to remain on the streets to help ward off any new threats. "We should keep on owning the streets tonight no matter at what stage (the coup attempt is) because a new flare-up could take place at any moment," Erdogan said.

### Critics Muzzled

Erdogan's authoritarianism has seen critics muzzled, with a string of journalists as well as ordinary citizens ending up in court for insulting or slandering him. The crackdown has earned fierce international criticism for a man initially hailed in the West for creating a model Muslim democracy on Europe's eastern edge. But in recent months, the AKP government has suffered a string of diplomatic crises - making a previous foreign policy known as "zero problems with neighbours" seem almost laughable.

He faced a previous challenge to his rule in 2013 when protests over plans to redevelop Istanbul's Gezi park snowballed into mass anti-government demonstrations. He is also known for making sometimes bizarre statements, such as declaring Muslims discovered the Americas before Columbus, that women are not equal to men and even boasting "We will wipe out Twitter".

### Humble Beginnings

Erdogan has now spent more than a decade at the top as the most powerful Turkish politician since founding father Ataturk, but his beginnings were humble. The son of a coastguard officer, he is deeply proud of his roots in a working-class Istanbul suburb. He has a degree in business administration and once played semi-professional football for an Istanbul club. Rising to prominence in the Islamist movement, he became mayor of Istanbul in 1994, tackling urban woes such as traffic gridlock and air pollution in the megacity of 15 million.

When his religious party was outlawed, he joined demonstrations and was jailed for four months for inciting religious hatred when he recited an Islamist poem. In 2001 Erdogan, along with long-time ally Abdullah Gul and others, founded the Islamic-rooted AKP, which had won every election since 2002 until June last year when it lost its majority for the first time. The party bounced back in a second vote in November, boosting Erdogan's hopes once more to consolidate his power. "The AKP is my fifth child," says Erdogan, who has two sons and two daughters. — AFP



People take to streets near the Fatih Sultan Mehmet bridge during clashes with military forces in Istanbul yesterday. — AFP and AP photos

## ANGER, PROTESTS AND BLOODSHED IN ISTANBUL

Troops filed into Taksim Square uncertain of how they would be received. Before long, angry crowds had gathered to denounce them. In the famous square where anti-government protests took hold in 2013, a huge crowd chanted against the putsch, draped with Turkish flags across their shoulders. The scenes were reminiscent of the mass demonstrations three years ago against President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who was then prime minister.

But this time, the crowds were on his side - and it was the military, badly outnumbered at a hundred against a thousand, who were the target of their ire. "Military get out," they chanted, crowding around a monument that marks the birth of the Turkish republic almost a century ago. "The people are afraid of a military government," said Dogan, 38. "Most of them have been in military service - they know what a military government would mean."

As a helicopter flew overhead the crowd began to boo, shaking their fists at the night sky. Then there was horror as the soldiers opened fire. At least three people were hit. One man lay bloodied on the ground. Ambulances arrived, their blue lights illuminating the angry faces of the crowd. "The military, they did this! Murderers!" screamed one

man above the shouts of the crowd. Minutes later riot police poured out of trucks, brandishing their shields and clearing the space. Crowds gathered on the side streets straining for a glimpse as an eerie quiet descended.

Smatterings of gunfire echoed across the almost empty square. The occasional ambulance streaked across the space, as white police vans stood guard. Soldiers also opened fire at thousands of civilians trying to cross the Fatih Sultan Mehmet Bridge across the Bosphorus by foot, an AFP photographer witnessed, leaving tens of people injured. One man stood stunned in the street nearby, a bloodied Turkish flag stuck to his chest. Crowds gathered around an elderly man receiving CPR.

### 'Brothers Should Not Spill Blood'

Shops had closed hurriedly as news of the coup attempt broke. Dozens queued at ATMs to get money, worried about what the next days might bring. In the bustling streets of Istanbul's Sisli neighborhood, people panic-bought water before disappearing into their homes, from where the loud sounds of live news broadcasts rang out. Parts of Istanbul were left looking like a ghost town, and it was not until hours later that the crowds took to the streets, possibly heeding a call by Erdogan

for the public to come out and resist the coup.

The two bridges that connect the European and Asian sides of the Bosphorus - usually packed with cars at all hours - were devoid of traffic. But at one bar at least, a group of young men stayed defiantly in their seats, saying they would not leave their tables or their drinks. No military coup would stop them enjoying a Friday night in Besiktas, a hip neighborhood on Istanbul's European side.

As helicopters flew above and eyes darted nervously upwards, proud Besiktas resident Ali said he did not want his country to suffer the latest in a string of coups since 1960. "This country has seen so many coups, I am against them. It will not work," he said as he showed off his Ataturk tattoo, expressing his love for the founder of modern Turkey. "Look, everyone is going home because of the coup. How many people can you see here? This place should be filled with thousands of people. This coup is not good, it will set us back 20 years. Brothers should not spill blood." His friend Basak agreed. "This country has seen many coups and we are not ready for another." Then the pub owner ran out shouting that state television "has declared it's a coup - there's martial law!" Within seconds, chairs were folded up and the drinkers had scattered. — AFP

## FETHULLAH GULEN, THE ARCHENEMY OF ERDOGAN

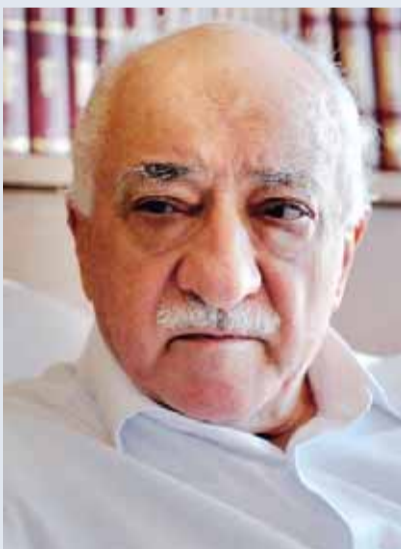
Fethullah Gulen, the US-based cleric accused by Ankara of orchestrating the coup attempt in Turkey, has a wide following in his native country, where he enjoys support among the police and judiciary. The reclusive Islamic preacher, who lives in a tiny town in the Pocono Mountains of the US state of Pennsylvania, was immediately accused by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of being behind the coup attempt. Gulen however denied any role, and condemned the coup attempt "in the strongest terms."

"As someone who suffered under multiple military coups during the past five decades, it is especially insulting to be accused of having any link to such an attempt. I categorically deny such accusations," Gulen said in a statement late Friday. "I condemn, in the strongest terms, the attempted military coup in Turkey," read the two-paragraph statement. "Government should be won through a process of free and fair elections, not force. I pray to God for Turkey, for Turkish citizens, and for all those currently in Turkey that this situation is resolved peacefully and quickly," he said.

Gulen, 75, was once a close ally of Erdogan but the two fell out in recent years as Erdogan became suspicious of Gulen's movement, Hizmet, and its powerful presence in Turkish society, including the media, police and judiciary. The preacher moved to the United States in 1999, before he was charged with treason in his native country. He has since led a secluded life in Pennsylvania, declining interviews and rarely making public appearances.

### A 'State Within a State'

The power struggle between the two foes came to a head in late 2013 after judicial officials thought to be close to Gulen brought corruption charges that directly implicated some of Erdogan's inner circle, including his son Bilal. Erdogan launched a series of counterattacks, purging hundreds of army officers, including top generals, shutting down schools operated by Hizmet and firing hundreds of police officers. Erdogan has also gone after newspapers believed to be sympathetic to his rival, firing their



Fethullah Gulen

editors or shutting them down.

Turkish authorities have accused the preacher of seeking to establish "a state within a state" in Turkey, but Hizmet officials insist that Gulen is committed to democratic reform and interfaith dialogue. "For more than 40 years, Fethullah Gulen and Hizmet participants have advocated for, and demonstrated their commitment to, peace and democracy," the Alliance for Shared Values said in a statement on Friday. "We have consistently denounced military interventions in domestic politics. These are core values of Hizmet participants. We condemn any military intervention in domestic politics of Turkey."

The group said it did not wish to speculate on the unfolding crisis in Turkey and denounced as "highly irresponsible" comments by Erdogan's supporters concerning Gulen's involvement in the coup attempt. Hizmet - meaning service in Turkish - advocates a mix of Sufi mysticism and harmony among people based on the teachings of Islam. However it is not a religious effort: Their work centers on community service, education, human rights, democracy, and "intercultural and interfaith dialogue for peaceful coexistence," according to the Alliance for Shared Values website. — AFP



Turkish soldiers stay with weapons at Taksim Square as people protest against the military coup in Istanbul yesterday.



Women react after people took over military position on the Bosphorus Bridge in Istanbul yesterday.



People inspect damage after the Grand National Assembly of Turkey was bombed by rebel jets yesterday in Ankara.



People wave Turkish flags and react after a military position was taken over at the Ataturk Airport in Istanbul yesterday.



Turkish people holding flags are driven in a car backdropped by Istanbul's iconic Bosphorus Bridge yesterday.



People wave national flags as they march from Kizilay Square to the Turkish General Staff building to react against the military coup attempt in Ankara yesterday.



People kick and beat a Turkish soldier that participated in the attempted coup on Istanbul's Bosphorus Bridge yesterday.

# TURKEY'S BUNGLED PUTSCH: A STRANGELY 20TH CENTURY COUP

It was a strangely 20th century coup, defeated by 21st century technology and people power. When a self-styled military "Peace Council" tried to topple Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan and his increasingly authoritarian government on Friday night, the rebel generals and colonels seemed to be fighting the last war. "This coup was obviously planned quite well but using a playbook from the 1970s," said Gareth Jenkins, a researcher and writer on military affairs based in Istanbul. It was more like Chile in 1973, or Ankara in 1980 than a modern Western state in 2016.

The rebels struck on a weekend when the president was out of town at a holiday resort. They seized the main airport, sealed off a bridge over the Bosphorus in Istanbul, sent tanks to parliament and Ankara and to control the main road junctions, and broadcast a statement on TRT state television declaring a curfew and warning people to stay at home. But they failed to capture any of the ruling AK Party leaders or to shut down private television, mobile phone signals or social media networks, enabling Erdogan and his aides swiftly to call supporters into the streets to resist the coup.

Their biggest handicap, said Turkish analyst Sinan Ulgen of the Carnegie Europe think tank, was that they acted outside the military chain of command and hence lacked sufficient resources to take control of key levers of power. "Their blueprint was also ineffective since they failed from the outset to capture any military installations in Turkey or any of the (political) leadership," said Ulgen, a former Turkish diplomat.

## Modern Communications

Erdogan, frequently accused of interfering with social media and muzzling the press and broadcasters, used modern communications technology nimbly to get his message out to the population of nearly 80 million, outflanking the plotters. He used the FaceTime video application on a reporter's smartphone to broadcast a message live on CNN Turk, a private TV station which the plotters tried but failed to

silence. "Let's gather as a nation in the squares," he said. "I believe we will remove this occupation that has taken place within a short time. I am calling on our people now to come to the arenas and we will give them the necessary answer."

The president said rebels tried to bomb his hotel in the southwestern resort of Marmaris. There was also a gunfight there between soldiers and pro-government police after he had left. Within 20 minutes of the coup broadcast, Prime Minister Binali Yildirim went on Twitter to denounce the putsch and assure Turks that the armed forces' high command was not backing the revolt. They were following in a long line of revolutionaries who used new communications techniques to outwit their enemies - from Protestant priest Martin Luther using the printing press in 1517 to spread his theses denouncing the Roman Catholic church, to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini recording audiocassettes that were copied and spread around Iran to defeat the Shah in 1979.

Social media have made it harder for governments to suppress news and voices of protest. Iran's "Green Revolution" protests against an allegedly rigged presidential election in 2013 were amplified by video shot on mobile phones and disseminated on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter. In Turkey on Friday, aides to Erdogan were able to get messages out to Turkish and international media that the president, in power since 2003, was safe and not under arrest even as soldiers were taking over the TRT television station.

His predecessor, Abdullah Gul, also used FaceTime to shout angry defiance at the coup plotters on CNN Turk, and former Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu spoke by mobile phone with Al Jazeera television to call the takeover a failure. The contrast was striking with the ultimately unsuccessful 1991 coup by hardliners against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who was reduced to listening to BBC World Service radio at his Crimean holiday home, powerless to intervene as events unfolded in Moscow.

The Soviet plotters managed to take control for three days - earning embarrassing recognition from then French President Francois Mitterrand - before Russian leader Boris Yeltsin rallied public opposition to the coup, standing atop a tank in Moscow to harangue the crowd. The Turkish events also had echoes of a 1978 coup attempt against Spain's young democracy by rebel officers who burst into parliament but failed to win broader military support after King Juan Carlos broadcast to the nation in military uniform urging people to uphold the constitution. As in the failed Soviet coup, the Turkish coup leaders were dependent on raw conscripts who had either not been told the truth about their mission, or had not expected to face popular resistance and quickly melted away or surrendered.

## 'Fear in their Eyes'

All three opposition party leaders quickly condemned the coup and social media amplified calls to demonstrate against it. The rebels bungled an attempt to silence CNN Turk, jointly owned by Turner Entertainment Systems of the United States and Dogan Yayin Holding. A helicopter carrying conscripts with a single officer landed at the station but was told it was impossible to take the signal off the air. They forced the temporary evacuation of the studio. When CNN Turk came back on air, anchorwoman Nevsin Mengü and general manager Erdogan Aktas described the mood of the young soldiers.

"These young soldiers had only fear in their eyes and no sign of devotion or determination," Mengü said. "They asked us to go offline but we said it was not doable. They didn't know how to do it so our empty studio was live on TV for the whole time before we regained control." During that break, a man in a pink T-shirt wandered into the studio chanting "Allahu Akbar" (God is great) in support of Erdogan. Religious leaders loyal to the president also for the first time used the network of mosques with loudspeakers to urge Turks to go out into the streets in the name of "jihad" (holy war). — Reuters



Supporters of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan demonstrate in front of the parliament in Vienna, Austria yesterday, as a military coup attempt against Erdogan was underway.



A civilian killed by Turkish soldiers lays on a ground on the Bosphorus Bridge in Istanbul yesterday.

## WHAT PUSHED COUP AGAINST ERDOGAN, AND WHAT NEXT?



Palestinian supporters of the Hamas movement hold portraits of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as they shout slogans against the military coup attempt in Turkey during a demonstration in Gaza City yesterday.



Supporters of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan demonstrate at the Turkish consulate in Stuttgart, Germany early yesterday.

He weathered anti-government protests that lasted for months in 2013. He escaped the flames that engulfed some of his ministers in a corruption investigation nearly three years ago. And now Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has survived a military coup - a boast many of his predecessors ousted in previous army takeovers cannot share. No one in Turkey predicted what happened on Friday night when soldiers took control of Istanbul's two main bridges across the Bosphorus and flew F-16 fighter jets low in Ankara.

Soldiers stormed into private and state-run broadcasters taking control with relative ease. However, in a country which has seen three military coups - and one where direct force was not used - there has always been signs of fault lines that could prompt such a move.

## What Prompted the Coup?

In recent years, critics, foreign governments and Turkish citizens have expressed concerns about a steady decline into authoritarianism under Erdogan. Although we won much praise in the first few years after becoming prime minister in 2003, since becoming Turkey's first directly-elected president in Aug 2014 Erdogan has been accused of dictatorial ambitions.

Erdogan wants to change Turkey's constitution, which was installed in 1980 following the last successful military coup, to adopt an American-style presidential system which would give him greater power. According to Aykan Erdemir, senior fellow at Foundation for Defense of Democracies in Washington, the coup was a result of many factors including the military's fear of the new system. He explained that the reasons for the coup included "one of the latest developments (that) has been the bill redesigning the high courts as well as Erdogan's refusal to be impartial."

## Why Did the Coup Fail?

For Sinan Ulgen, director of the Edam think tank and visiting scholar at Carnegie Europe, this was not a coup by the full army as in previous cases, but undertaken by a clique who themselves held the top general hostage. "This was

beyond the chain of command - a relatively small group in the army, who even hijacked the military top brass. It was not an operation designed by the army and it showed. Without the full support of the army, they lacked the assets and capabilities."

Erdemir said the era of successful coups - as in 1960, 1971 and 1980 - is over with the public largely hostile to the prospect. This time the country put on more of a show of solidarity, with even the three opposition parties in parliament swiftly condemning the attempted putsch. Political parties do not have "fond memories" of the previous coup d'états given their bitter experiences under military rulers, said Erdemir. Ulgen added: "When people realized it did not have backing of the army, it was easier to be against the coup."

Indeed the sheer odds stacked against the coup spawned conspiracy theories with the hashtag #Darbedegilmiyor (It's not a coup it's theatre) trending on Twitter. Natalie Martin, politics and international relations lecturer at Nottingham Trent University in Britain, said it appeared "almost meant to fail", something which created suspicions. "It is entirely possible it's a false flag coup," she said.

## Consensus or Crackdown?

Erdogan, a consummate political tactician, will sense the failed coup has created opportunities to tighten his control over Turkey but faces a critical choice. "He can build on the fact that all parties got behind him and build an era of consensus or he can use this as an opportunity to consolidate his one-man rule," said Erdemir. "It's almost fully up to Erdogan - the path he chooses will have enormous consequences. The optimist in me goes for the democratic way but the realist and pessimist says Erdogan would never miss such an opportunity and that would be a shame."

Erdogan will come out of this stronger, Ulgen said, but "the question is whether he is willing to use that to drive towards a more consensual politics". "This is a unique opportunity to advance a more ambitious democracy agenda. But the more likely scenario is Erdogan using it to drive his personal ambitions and create a presidential system." — AFP



A Turkish police officer (right) embraces a man on a tank after the military position was taken over at the Anatolian side at Uskudar in Istanbul yesterday.



People react after they took over military position on the Bosphorus Bridge in Istanbul yesterday.

## CHINA MUST ABIDE BY SAME RULES AS EVERYONE ELSE: BIDEN

**SYDNEY:** China must abide by the same international rules as everyone else, US Vice President Joe Biden warned after a UN-backed tribunal ruled against Beijing's claims in the South China Sea.

The United States has no claims of its own within the vast area, but insists that all shipping has a right to pass through seas it regards as international waters. It has previously deployed aircraft carriers and a host of other vessels to assert freedom of navigation in the South China Sea, through which a third of the global oil trade passes.

"We expect China to play by the same rules as everyone else," Biden told the Sydney Morning Herald in comments published Saturday, referring to the international rules-based system that governs claims to maritime territory.

He added that "we're urging both China and the Philippines to abide by the ruling". Beijing asserts sovereignty over almost all of the strategically vital South China Sea, despite rival claims from its Southeast Asian neighbors, most notably Manila, a US ally which took the case to the tribunal.

China's claims, which include waters approaching neighboring countries, are based on a vaguely defined "nine-dash-line" found on a 1940s Chinese map. This week the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague ruled China has no historic rights to resources within the area, a decision Beijing angrily rejected.

Biden, who arrives in Australia late yesterday for a visit in which he is expected to address Washington's military alliance with Canberra, said it was vital that freedom of navigation was main-

tained. He said the US was working "with Australia, and countries throughout the region, to insist that the liberal international order be maintained as it relates to sustaining the free flow of commerce-keeping sea lanes open and the skies free for navigation".

A US State Department spokesman earlier in the week described the UN ruling as "final and legally binding", while Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said Beijing risked reputational harm if it ignored the decision. — AFP



**ULAN BATOR:** Mongolia's President Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj (L) embraces European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker after a press conference during the 11th Asia-Europe Meeting yesterday. — AFP

TOKYO SEEKS TO PRESSURE  
BEIJING ON S CHINA SEA  
'A PRINCIPLE THAT THE COMMUNITY MUST FIRMLY MAINTAIN'

**ULAN BATOR:** Tokyo raised pressure on Beijing at an Asia-Europe summit yesterday to respect an international tribunal's ruling that dismissed its claims to much of the South China Sea.

At a retreat outside the Mongolian capital Ulan Bator, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told the assembled leaders that the rule of law was "a universal principle that the international community must firmly maintain," according to Japan's Jiji Press. "I strongly hope the parties to the dispute comply with the award and lead to a peaceful solution of the dispute in South China Sea," he said.

The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague on Tuesday ruled that there was no legal basis for Beijing's claims to much of the South China Sea, which are embodied in a "nine-dash line" that dates from 1940s maps and stretches close to other countries' coasts.

The case was brought by the Philippines but the ruling has proved a boon to Tokyo, which is embroiled in a separate territorial dispute of its own with Beijing and vies with it for influence across Asia.

China boycotted the PCA hearings, saying the court had no jurisdiction, and has reacted furiously, vowing to ignore the ruling and arguing that it misinterprets international law.

It also said the subject should not be brought up at the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in the Mongolian capital.

But despite Chinese objections, the EU also weighed in on the subject, with President Donald

Tusk telling reporters that the grouping "will continue to speak out in support of upholding international law", adding that it had "full confidence" in the PCA and its decisions.

"It's not so easy to agree with our Chinese partners when it comes to this issue" he said. "Our talks were difficult, tough, but also promising."

**'Hyping up'**

The comments by Abe and Tusk on Saturday followed a blitz of meetings between the Japanese leader and officials from around the region, including his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Xuan Phuc and Philippine Foreign Secretary Perfecto Yasay, on the summit sidelines as he sought to build consensus on the issue.

Both countries have competing claims with Beijing in the strategically vital South China Sea, where tensions have mounted over the Asian giant's construction of artificial islands capable of supporting military operations and its claims on the region's marine resources.

The new government in Manila has promised not to "taunt or flaunt" the verdict in the case, which was brought by the previous administration of Benigno Aquino, and its public comments were less forceful than Abe's.

According to a Philippines foreign ministry statement, Yasay told him the decision provided "a legal basis to move forward", and Manila was studying it "very carefully".

In Abe's meeting with Phuc, the two leaders agreed that the tribunal's ruling should be observed, and Abe offered to increase cooperation on building Vietnam's maritime law enforcement capabilities, Japanese foreign ministry spokesman Yasuhisa Kawamura told AFP.

The Japanese prime minister also brought his argument directly to Chinese Premier Li Keqiang during a heated 30-minute meeting Friday. Kawamura described the exchange as "frank and candid" and Chinese state media accounts described the Chinese leader telling Abe that Japan should "stop hyping up and interfering" in the dispute. Beijing had hoped to use the ASEM summit-official theme "Partnership for the Future through Connectivity"—as an opportunity to showcase its global initiatives, such as the One Belt, One Road program, an ambitious plan to build infrastructure projects across the Eurasian region.

China has sought to assert its claims in the South China Sea by building a network of artificial islands capable of supporting military operations, and this week reiterated its right to declare an Air Defense Identification Zone in the area, which would demand civilian flights submit to the authority of its military.

While the summit's final communiqué made no specific mention of the South China Sea, it said that leaders "reaffirmed their commitment" to maritime security and settling disputes according to the UN Convention on the Law of Sea. — AFP

NORTH KOREA DETAINS PERSON  
IT ALLEGES IS SOUTH KOREAN SPY

**SEOUL:** North Korea on Friday presented to media a man it alleges is a South Korean spy who tried to enter the North to kidnap children. During a Pyongyang news conference attended by The Associated Press and other foreign media, detainee Ko Hyon Chol said he apologized for a crime he called "unforgivable."

Ko, 53, said he was born in North Korea but fled the country in early 2013 to resettle in the South. He said he was later recruited by South Korea's spy service for a mission to abduct children from the North. He said he was arrested May 27 on an island in the Amnok River which runs along the border between North Korea and China.

North Korea often arranges news conferences for foreign detainees during which they read statements to acknowledge their wrongdoing and praise the North's political system. Many detainees have said after their releases that they were coached or coerced on what to say.

Seoul's Unification Ministry quickly criticized North Korea for using a South Korean national for what it calls propaganda and demanded his release. The National Intelligence Service, South Korea's main spy agency, said it has no

relations with Ko's case.

It wasn't immediately known whether and when he'll be put on trial. North Korea is currently detaining at least three other South Koreans, two Americans and one Canadian for alleged espionage, subversion and other anti-state activities. Outside analysts say North Korea often attempts to use foreign detainees to wrest outside concessions.

In early May, South Korea instructed its foreign embassies to take extra precautions against possible North Korean attempts to kidnap or attack South Koreans abroad. The instruction was issued in response to North Korea's threat to retaliate for April's group defection by 13 North Koreans, who Pyongyang says were kidnapped by South Korean spies while working at a North Korea-owned restaurant in China. Seoul officials have said the 13 people chose of their own will to come to South Korea.

The two Koreas are divided along the world's most heavily fortified border since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War. Their animosities have deepened this year as North Korea has continued weapons tests including a fourth nuclear test explosion in January. — AP



**PYONGYANG, NORTH KOREA:** Ko Hyon Chol is overcome with emotion as he is presented to reporters on Friday. — AP

THREE DEAD IN SOUTHERN  
THAILAND PRISON RIOT

**BANGKOK:** Inmates burnt down two buildings at a southern Thai jail during a six-hour riot that left three prisoners dead and several officials injured, authorities said yesterday.

The mutiny broke out Friday afternoon when nearly 100 prisoners in southern Pattani province set fire to the jail's cooking quarters, according to a military spokesman.

He said the prison warden tried to control the rebellion but was pummeled by stones and called for police reinforcement. Around a hundred officers arrived at the scene and quelled the rioters before midnight, by which time a second building had been burned down and three prisoners were dead, said Thanongsak Wangsupa, the provincial

police commander.

"Three prisoners were killed before police stormed the prison," he told AFP, adding that the men died in a brawl with other inmates. Two prison staff sustained injuries, he added. After the riot, the prisoners handed authorities a written list of 14 demands, including requests for more family visits and freedom to watch the news on television. They also called for a change of command at the prison, which houses around 1,800 inmates, and the ability to receive food from relatives.

"All of their demands are illegal and none will be complied with," Thanongsak told AFP. Pattani is one of three southern provinces in Thailand wracked by a years-long battle between Muslim separatists and the Buddhist-run state. — AFP

BANGLADESH POLICE DENY ANY  
RESCUED HOSTAGES IN CUSTODY

**NEW DELHI:** Police in Bangladesh yesterday denied that they're still holding a British man and a University of Toronto student who have been missing since being rescued during this month's bloody attack on a restaurant by radical

Islamists, saying they've questioned and released the men.

Hasnat Karim, the British national, and Tahmid Hasib Khan, the student, have not been heard from since being questioned following the July 1 attack, according to their

families and New York-based Human Rights Watch, which says the authorities are still holding the men.

But Masudur Rahman, a Dhaka police spokesman, said Saturday that neither man was still being

held by police. "They are not in our custody. We don't know anything," Rahman told The Associated Press.

He would not confirm reports that they were still in the custody of any other agency as part of the investigation into the attack.

Five armed gunmen attacked the Holey Artisan Bakery restaurant on the night of July 1, killing 20 people and holding others inside hostage. Security forces stormed the restaurant on July 2, killing the gunmen and rescuing the remaining 13 hostages. Those killed were nine Italians, seven Japanese, three Bangladeshis and one Indian.

Human Rights Watch said all of the hostages except for Karim, 47, and Khan, 22, were released by the authorities on July 3.

Brad Adams, Asia director at Human Rights Watch, said Saturday that "Karim and Khan have not had access to a lawyer, and the police continue to deny holding them although they are clearly still being held by the Detective Branch. The authorities need to either charge or release them immediately."

Earlier in the week, Amnesty International expressed its concern over Khan's safety and urged the government to disclose his whereabouts. The Islamic State group claimed the responsibility for the attack. The claim was rejected by Bangladesh's government, which said IS has no presence in the country and instead blamed the local radical group Jumatul Mujahideen Bangladesh. — AP



**DHAKA:** In this Saturday, July 2, 2016 file photo, Bangladeshi soldiers ride armored vehicles as they prepare to raid a restaurant where armed gunmen took hostages. — AP

US CALLS FOR FAIR TREATMENT  
OF ALLEGED SPY IN CHINA

**WASHINGTON:** US officials urged Beijing on Friday to guarantee "fair and transparent" legal proceedings for an American national held for more than a year in China on suspicion of espionage.

Sandy Phan-Gillis, a businesswoman, was detained in March 2015 as she traveled to Macau following a visit to mainland China by a trade delegation from Houston, Texas. "Chinese authorities have informed us they will bring a case against Ms Phan-Gillis" before a court in Nanning, in southern China, said Elizabeth Trudeau, a State Department spokeswoman.

"We urge China to resolve this case expeditiously and provide a fair and transparent legal process in accordance with the local law and in a manner that also respects international human rights," said Trudeau. Phan-Gillis stands

accused of espionage and stealing state secrets for allegedly passing intelligence to a third party, according to a United Nations working group on arbitrary detention that cited unnamed government sources.

The group, which called for her release, said that international fair trial standards had not been respected in the case. "We also ask that China ensure that Ms Phan-Gillis continue to have full access to an attorney," said Trudeau, adding that Phan-Gillis had received consular assistance since the start of her detention.

The most recent visit was on June 20, Trudeau said. During a news conference last week, a spokesperson for the Chinese Foreign Ministry said Phan-Gillis had been held because she was suspected of compromising national security. — AFP

# FIVE REASONS WHY FRANCE IS A PRIME TARGET FOR JIHADISTS

**PARIS:** In 18 months France has been the target of three major terrorist attacks claimed by jihadists in which more than 230 people have died. The country has also been kept on edge by a succession of shocking but less bloody attacks and attempts to kill, often by lone extremists. With the Islamic State group claiming responsibility for the latest massacre in Nice in which 84 people were killed, we ask why France has become such a target for jihadist violence:

## Fight against terror

From sub-Saharan Africa to the Middle East, France is in the front line of the fight against radical Islamist groups. It is the second biggest contributor to US-led airstrikes against IS in Iraq and Syria. Ahead of Thursday's Nice attack, President Francois Hollande announced that the Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier, a symbol of French military power, was being deployed anew in the Middle East. France has declared itself "at war" since the

November 13 attacks in Paris in which 130 people died, which investigators believe was planned by Islamic State from Syria and Iraq. In sub-Saharan Africa France has 3,000 military personnel on the ground taking part in Operation Barkhane, targeting several jihadist groups such as Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM).

But despite being weakened by French military intervention in Mali in 2013, AQIM continues to mount spectacular attacks such as those in the Burkina Faso capital Ouagadougou and at Grand Bassam in the Ivory Coast.

## Hated secular model

France's strict secular laws which ban the Islamic veil in schools and covering the face in public have outraged Islamic hardliners, according to religious historian Odon Vallet. "For them France's clear-cut secularism is incompatible with Islam," he added.

The country's commitment to freedom of

speech, which allows unfettered criticism of religion, has also put it in the jihadists' crosshairs. The deadly attack against the Charlie Hebdo magazine in January 2015 came out of the assailants' fury at the satirical weekly's controversial cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed. "France is the country where the debate over Islam" gets the most heated, argued sociologist Raphael Liogier. But "history is also a hidden reason," Vallet said, pointing out France's "role in the break up of the Ottoman empire" in 1920 which led to the end of the caliphate. The Sykes-Picot agreement that carved up Iraq and Syria between France and Britain is often cited by Islamic State as the root of the region's problems. This "colonial history makes France one of IS's principal enemies," Vallet added.

## 'Social apartheid'

France is home to the biggest Muslim community in Europe, estimated at five million people. Most are descended from families

from the country's former northern African colonies, with which France has a painful shared history, with hundreds of thousands dying during the Algerian war of independence. Job discrimination has further hampered integration, with some third- and even fourth-generation immigrants claiming they are not made to feel properly French. Tensions with the police are never far from the surface in some of the rundown suburban housing estates with large immigrant populations, where youth unemployment runs at more than 40 percent.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls went as far as to talk of "a territorial, social and ethnic apartheid" on some of the estates that exploded into three weeks of rioting in 2005.

## Homegrown fighters

As many as 600 French citizens have rallied to the IS flag in Iraq and Syria as well as many French-speaking Tunisians and Moroccans. Returning fighters "can slip very easily into

the country", said Patrick Calvar, head of the French domestic intelligence agency. "There are multiple targets and the terrorists can strike at the easy ones."

The suspected mastermind of the November 13 attacks in Paris, the Belgian Abdelhamid Abaoud, is one such returning fighter. He first came to notoriety in Syria filming IS atrocities there.

## Weakened government

Just as security experts say France is the Western country most at threat from attack, the authority of its Socialist government is wavering as a 2017 presidential election looms. Francois Hollande is one of the most unpopular French presidents on record and, as in other European countries, the far-right is on the rise. Jihadist attacks, which are designed to divide and polarise, have added to the febrile atmosphere with polls putting the far-right ahead in the first round of the presidential vote.—AFP



This photo provided by Jess Davis shows the Copeland family, from left, Sean, Maegan, Brodie, Austin and Kim. Davis, a family friend, said Sean Copeland and his son Brodie were killed Thursday when a Frenchman of Tunisian descent drove a truck through crowds celebrating Bastille Day along Nice's beachfront, killing scores of people.—AP

## 'WHERE IS MY SON?' TEARS AND TRAUMA AT NICE HOSPITAL

**NICE:** Tahar Mejri looks exhausted as he stumbles out of the children's hospital in Nice where he went in desperate search of his four-year-old son, Kylan.

"I have called everywhere, police stations, hospitals, Facebook and I can't find my son. I have been looking for him for 48 hours," he told AFP. "My wife is dead, where is my son?" Mejri is one of hundreds whose life changed in an instant when a truck careened into Bastille Day crowds in Nice on Thursday.

A few hours later his search came to an end at the Pasteur Hospital in the north of the city where he learned that his son was dead. Earlier, he told AFP he could not understand why Nice's famed Promenade des Anglais—where thousands of people had watched a fireworks display—had not been closed to traffic.

It was, but 31-year-old Tunisian Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel smashed through onto the pavement in the truck, leaving police helpless to stop him from killing 84 and injuring around 200.

"Everyone was there, old people,

babies," Mejri raged. Abandoned dolls and pushchairs were among the debris left along the promenade after the driver was shot dead by police.

Ten children and teenagers were among the dead and another five children alongside dozens of critically injured adults. Thirty children were hospitalised at the L'Enval Foundation paediatric hospital where a unit of psychologists has been working alongside doctors to deal with the flood of trauma.

"There were a lot of head injuries and fractures," said hospital spokeswoman Stephanie Simpson. Two of the children admitted to the hospital died shortly after the attack. Simpson said the youngest victim being treated was six months old. Also in the hospital was an eight-year-old boy who had yet to be identified.

Romanian authorities said three of their citizens were missing, and one of them might be the boy at L'Enval. "We are used to receiving a lot of children at the same time, but this, has been hard to manage. It is the psychological aspect," said Simpson.—AFP

## FRANCE ATTACKER MENACING, VOLATILE; JIHADIST TIES A QUESTION

**NICE:** The rogue driver who turned a night of fireworks and fun into the worst carnage the French resort city of Nice has seen in decades appeared aloof and menacing to his neighbors and family, while authorities said yesterday that he had recently turned to religious extremism. The Islamic State group claimed Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel as one of its "soldiers" on Saturday, but what little is known so far about the 31-year-old Tunisian suggests a troubled, unpleasant person who showed little outward interest in Islam.

Bouhlel was born in Msaken, a town in Tunisia, but moved to France years ago and was living in the country legally, working as a delivery driver. At one point he married, and later moved to an apartment bloc in the Quartier des Abattoirs - the Slaughterhouse District - on the outskirts of Nice.

Neighbors described the father of three as a volatile man, prone to drinking and womanizing, who was in the process of getting a divorce. "I saw him four times a day," said Jasmine Corman, who has lived in Bouhlel's pale yellow apartment building for six months. "He wasn't very nice. ... He was handsome, but his face was miserable."

Back in Tunisia, Bouhlel's father said his son was prone to violent

episodes during which "he broke everything he found around him." "Each time he had a crisis, we took him to the doctor, who gave him medication," Mohamed Mondher Lahouaiej Bouhlel told BFM television, even showing journalists what he said was a document about his son's psychiatric treatment.

Bouhlel said his son hadn't visited Tunisia in four years and hadn't stayed in contact with his family. "What I know is that he didn't pray, he didn't go to the mosque, he had no ties to religion," said the father, noting that Bouhlel didn't respect the Islamic fasting rituals during the month of Ramadan - an account seconded by neighbors in Nice.

Bouhlel had had a series of run-ins with the law in France for threatening behavior, violence and theft over the past six years. In March, he was given a six-month suspended sentence by a Nice court for a road-rage incident in which he attacked another driver with a wooden pallet.

His court-appointed lawyer, Corentin Delobel, said he observed "no radicalization whatsoever" of Bouhlel and Paris prosecutor Francois Molins said Bouhlel was never placed on a watch list for radicals.

But hints of a sudden turn to religious extremism began to emerge yesterday.—AP



**PARIS:** French President Francois Hollande (L) shakes hands with French Prime Minister Manuel Valls after visiting the Interministerial Victim Support Unit (CIAV) at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.—AFP



**NICE:** A teddy bear sits with flowers and paper tributes on the Promenade des Anglais near the scene of a truck attack yesterday.—AP

## IS CLAIM OF ATTACK IN NICE 'VAGUE'

**PARIS:** The claim by the Islamic State group that it was behind the truck massacre in Nice appears "vague" even if the group has no record of making "opportunistic" claims, analysts said yesterday.

In a statement via its Amaq news service, IS said one of its "soldiers" carried out Thursday night's attack which killed 84 people. The act was "in response to calls to target nations of coalition states that are fighting (IS)," said the statement.

The claim "is vague and does not allow us to know if the attack was commanded or only inspired by IS calls to hit France," said Yves Trotignon, former analyst with French anti-terrorist service DGSE. David Thomson, specialist in jihadi groups and author of a book on French jihadists, noted the group usually distinguishes between "soldiers" and "sympathizers" in claims of responsibility.

Two years ago, IS spokesman Abou Mohammed Al-Adnani called on sympathizers in western nations to kill "disbelieving" Americans or Europeans—"especially the spiteful and filthy French" and citizens of other countries fighting the organization.

Syrian-born Al-Adnani urged supporters to kill the enemy "in any manner" including "run him over with your car."

Thomson said that even if IS had not necessarily directly commanded the attack, the group had never been found to make a false claim to date. Thomson noted that "several times they have had the possibility of claiming an attack they were not behind — for example, the Egyptair crash" in May.

"But they didn't do so, even as Egyptian authorities suggested Islamic extremists were to blame," Thomson also highlighted IS reactions to other previous claims. In cases "initiated by their propaganda, a clear claim did not necessarily follow. "For example, after the attack at San Bernardino" California in December, when a Muslim couple killed 14, IS reacted by "congratulating" the perpetrators of killings it said were carried out by "sympathizers".

Thomson added: "When a claim is made, in most cases the statement is followed by elements of proof—photos or videos allowing the establishment of a link between the terrorist and the organization" of the attack.—AFP

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## IS CLAIMS NICE MASSACRE, FRANCE DEFENDS...

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“Even when Daesh is not the organizer, Daesh breathes life into the terrorist spirit that we are fighting,” he said, using an Arabic name for IS.

Facing its third major terror attack within 18 months, the French government is coming under fire from opposition politicians and newspapers demanding more than “the same old solemn declarations”. Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said that, after gunmen and suicide bombings, France was now facing “a new kind of attack”. Speaking as France began three days of mourning yesterday, he said Lahouaiej-Bouhlel “had not been known to the intelligence services because he did not stand out... by being linked with radical Islamic ideology”.

Marine Le Pen, the far-right leader of the National Front party, called on Cazeneuve to step down. “In any other country in the world, a minister with a toll as horrendous as Bernard Cazeneuve - 250 dead in 18 months - would have quit,” she said.

Police said yesterday they had arrested four more people linked to Lahouaiej-Bouhlel, in addition to his estranged wife who was taken into custody on Friday. Cazeneuve said the father-of-three “seemed to have been radicalized very quickly, from what his friends and family” have told police. “We are now confronted with individuals open to IS’ message to engage in extremely violent actions without necessarily having been trained or having the weapons to carry out a mass (casualty) attack.”

At least 10 children were among the dead as well as tourists from the United States, Russia, Ukraine, Switzerland and Germany. A spokeswoman for the Nice paediatric hospital said 16 bodies had not yet been identified. She said five children were still in “critical condition”, and an eight-year-old in a stable condition had not been identified. Tahar Mejri is one of 30,000 people who had gone to watch the fireworks on the palm tree-lined Promenade des Anglais when their night turned to horror as the truck left mangled bodies strewn in its wake.

He lost his wife in the attack and was hunting yesterday for his four-year-old son, Kylan. “I have called everywhere, police stations, hospitals, Facebook and I can’t

find my son. I have been looking for him for 48 hours,” he told AFP. “My wife is dead, where is my son?” Hours later, he emerged screaming from the Pasteur Hospital in the north of Nice after learning that his son was dead.

Cazeneuve said the carnage had “deeply shocked the French and at the same time shows the extreme difficulty of the anti-terrorism fight”. IS also claimed responsibility for the Nov 13 attacks which killed 130 people in Paris, while gunmen in Jan 2015 attacks on the Charlie Hebdo weekly and a Jewish supermarket were linked to both IS and Al-Qaeda. A French parliamentary inquiry last week criticized numerous failings by the intelligence services over the Paris attacks. France is also home to hundreds of jihadists who have flocked to fight alongside IS.

Presidential contender and former prime minister Alain Juppe said Friday that the latest carnage could have been prevented if “all measures” had been taken. But government spokesman Stephane Le Foll slammed Juppe’s comments, saying there were more than 185 police, gendarmes and soldiers on the ground, as well as municipal police and a vast network of surveillance cameras. “Despite all of that, this man’s decisions... created the drama and horror we experienced.”

Cazeneuve also defended the security measures taken for the celebrations of France’s national day. He said police cars were unable to follow the truck onto the sea-side walkway after it had “violently forced through the barriers” and onto the sidewalk. The truck zigzagged for two kilometres through the crowd before police bullets killed the driver and brought an end to the carnage.

Lahouaiej-Bouhlel’s father said he had suffered from depression and had “no links” to religion. “From 2002 to 2004, he had problems that caused a nervous breakdown. He would become angry and he shouted... he would break anything he saw in front of him,” Mohamed Mondher Lahouaiej-Bouhlel said in Tunisia. Neighbors described the attacker, who worked as a delivery man, as a loner who never responded to their greetings. He and his wife had three children, but she had demanded a divorce after a “violent argument”, one neighbor said. — AFP



A flock of sheep is seen on Friday in a pen in the valley of the northern ski resort village of Laklout, 2,000 m above sea level, in Lebanon. — AP

## PAK SOCIAL MEDIA CELEB KILLED FOR HONOR..

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Apparently it was an incident of honor killing,” Sultan Azam, senior police officer in Multan, told AFP. Baloch, believed to be in her twenties and whose real name was Fauzia Azeem, had travelled with her family to Muzzafarabad village in central Punjab province for the recent Eid holiday. She was killed there Friday, police said, adding that the brother, Wasim, was now on the run. Up to 100 officers were gathered outside her family’s home in Muzzafarabad, an AFP reporter there said. Five ambulances were also parked nearby. “My daughter was innocent, we are innocent, we want justice, why was my daughter killed?” Baloch’s father Azeem Ahmad told reporters there.

Police later registered a murder case against her brother based on her father’s written complaint, in which he accused his son of killing his daughter for honor because “his son wanted her to quit showbiz”. He told local media Wasim had stayed overnight at the family home and quarreled with Baloch over money issues and her risque photos. Hundreds of women are murdered for “honor” every year in Pakistan. The killers overwhelmingly walk free because of a law that allows the family of the victim to forgive the murderer - who is often also a relative.

Filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, whose documentary on honor killings won an Oscar earlier this year, slammed Baloch’s murder as symptomatic of an “epidemic” of violence against women in Pakistan. News of the murder was trending on social media in Pakistan, with liberal users praising Baloch’s bravery, but some conservatives - including users identified as women - condemning her relentless self-promotion.

In one typical comment, Twitter user @JiaAli wrote: “Someone had to do it. She was a disgrace.” But Facebook user Zaair Hussain said: “RIP Qandeel Baloch. You made us laugh, and you made us applaud,” adding that history would remember her as a “provocateur”.

Baloch shot to fame in Pakistan in 2014 after a video of her posing at the camera and asking “How em looking?” went viral. Her defiance of tradition and defense of liberal views won her many admirers among Pakistan’s overwhelmingly young population. But in a country where women have fought for rights for decades, and acid attacks and honor killings remain commonplace, she was also reviled by many and frequently subject to misogynist abuse.

Baloch provoked controversy last month after posing for selfies with a high-profile cleric, who was sternly

rebuked by the country’s religious affairs ministry. Baloch offended many conservatives by posting pictures of herself with Mufti Qavi, a prominent cleric. She said the two of them enjoyed soft drinks and cigarettes together during the daylight hours in the holy month of Ramadan, when practicing Muslims fast from dawn to dusk.

The pictures and allegations caused a scandal in conservative Pakistan, and the government removed Qavi from the official moon-sighting committee that determines when Ramadan starts and ends in accordance with the Islamic lunar calendar. Baloch had said Qavi told her he wanted to see her face before the committee met to determine the Eid al-Fitr holiday marking the end of Ramadan, which was observed earlier this month. Qavi denied the allegations, saying he only met with her to discuss the teachings of Islam.

Earlier this year she vowed to perform a striptease if Pakistan’s cricket team beat India at the World T20, though they later lost. When they lost, she berated the Pakistani cricketers and posted a video in which she danced for the Indian team wearing a bikini. “People are going crazy - especially girls. I get so many calls where they tell me I’m their inspiration and they want to be like me,” she told AFP after posting a provocative selfie on Valentine’s Day.

Baloch is described as Pakistan’s Kim Kardashian and had built a modelling career on the back of her social media fame. She recently also appeared in a music video, gyrating bare legged to an Urdu-language song in high-heels and a see-through top. In her last interview with Pakistan’s biggest English-language newspaper Dawn she spoke of being married against her will at age 17 to “an uneducated man” with whom she had a child, adding that they later divorced. She had reportedly spoken of leaving the country out of fear for her safety, with Dawn reporting that her request to officials for protection had been ignored.

Obaid-Chinoy told AFP the murder showed no women in Pakistan would be safe “until we start sending men who kill women to jail”. “There is not a single day where you don’t pick up a paper and see a woman hasn’t been killed,” the maker of “A Girl in the River: The Price of Forgiveness” told AFP, adding: “This is an epidemic”. Obaid-Chinoy’s film was hailed by Pakistan’s Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who in February vowed to push through anti-honor killing legislation. No action has been taken since then, despite a recent fresh wave of attacks on women. “Activists have screamed themselves hoarse,” said Obaid-Chinoy. “When will it stop?” — Agencies

## MIDEAST ALLIES BACK ERDOGAN, CRITICS SILENT

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While Egypt’s presidency remained mum, the foreign ministry released a statement on consular efforts to help Egyptians in Turkey. Erdogan is a main backer of the Muslim Brotherhood’s Mohamed Morsi, the president whom the Egyptian army deposed in 2013.

In Iran, Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif hailed the Turkish people’s “defense of democracy & their elected government” which he said “proves that coups have no place in our region and are doomed to fail”. “Deeply concerned about the crisis in Turkey,” Zarif tweeted late on Friday. “Stability, democracy & safety of Turkish people are paramount. Unity & prudence are imperative.”

Israel, which last month approved a deal to restore ties with Ankara that were frozen after a deadly Israeli raid on a Gaza-bound Turkish ship in 2010, also condemned the coup attempt. “Israel respects the democratic process in Turkey and looks forward to the continuation of the reconciliation process between Turkey and Israel,” foreign ministry spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon said.

Iran’s regional arch foe Saudi Arabia also welcomed Erdogan retaking control. A Saudi foreign ministry official said in a statement that the kingdom “had followed with much concern developments in brotherly Turkey” and “welcomes the return of the situation to normal under the leadership of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his elected government”.

## TURKEY CRUSHES BLOODY COUP AFTER CROWDS...

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ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) defied the coup leaders’ orders of a curfew and flooded the streets to block the attempt to overthrow the regime. “We should keep on owning the streets tonight no matter at what stage (the coup attempt is) because a new flare-up could take place at any moment,” Erdogan warned on Twitter yesterday.

Friday’s putsch bid began with rebel F-16 jets screaming low over rooftops in Ankara, soldiers and tanks taking to the streets and multiple explosions throughout the night in the capital as well as the biggest city Istanbul. Parts of parliament were turned to rubble after being hit by air strikes from rebel jets. Rebel troops also moved to block the two bridges across the Bosphorus Strait in Istanbul, culminating in a stand-off with an angry crowd.

In the early hours of yesterday, lawmakers hid in shelters inside the parliament building, which was fired on by tanks. An opposition deputy told Reuters that parliament was hit three times and people had been wounded. When parliament convened later in the day, the four main political parties - running the gamut from Erdogan’s right-wing, Islamist-rooted AK Party to the left-of-center, pro-Kurdish Peoples’ Democratic Party (HDP) - came together in a rare show of unity to condemn the attempted coup. A Turkish military commander also said fighter jets had shot down a helicopter used by the coup plotters over Ankara.

At the height of the action, rebel soldiers took control of TRT state television, which announced a country-wide curfew and martial law. An announcer read a statement on the orders of the pro-coup faction that accused the government of eroding the democratic and secular rule of law. Turkey would be run by a “peace council” that would ensure the safety of the population, the statement said.

Turks have not seen such scenes since 1980 when the military led by General Kenan Evren ousted the government and many had no desire to revive these memories. As protesters poured onto the streets, an AFP photographer saw troops open fire on people gathered near one of the bridges, leaving dozens wounded. Soldiers also shot at protesters angrily denouncing the coup bid at Istanbul’s iconic Taksim Square, injuring several. There was chaos in the city as angry crowds jeered the passing tanks, with much smaller numbers welcoming the troops.

Erdogan, who had been holidaying on the southwest coast when the coup was launched, flew into Istanbul before dawn yesterday and told thousands of flag-waving supporters at the airport that the government remained at the helm. “They will pay a heavy price for this,” said Erdogan. “This uprising is a gift from God to us because this will be a reason to cleanse our army.” A polarizing figure whose Islamist-rooted ideology lies at odds with supporters of modern Turkey’s secular principles, Erdogan said the plotters had tried to attack him in

the resort town of Marmaris. “They bombed places I had departed from right after I was gone,” he said. “They probably thought we were still there.”

US President Barack Obama stressed the “vital need” for all parties to “act within the rule of law” as Turkey rounded up the coup plotters. While condemning the coup bid, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said the plotters had to be dealt with “under the rule of law”.

Turkey’s General Erdal Ozturk, commander of the Third Army, has been detained while Alparslan Altan, one of 17 judges on the constitutional court, was taken into custody. Judicial authorities said 2,745 judges would also be sacked in the wake of the coup bid. “Brothers, I must say that this is now being cleaned up,” said Erdogan said in his speech in the district of Kizikli on the Asian side of Istanbul.

The president’s critics have long accused him of undermining modern Turkey’s secular roots and of sliding into authoritarianism - but he was believed to have won control of the military after purging elements who opposed him. Turkey’s once-powerful military has long considered itself the guardian of the secular state founded by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk in 1923. It has staged three coups since 1960 and forced out an Islamic government in 1997. Erdogan immediately pinned the blame on “the parallel state” and “Pennsylvania” - a reference to Gulen, his arch-enemy whom he has always accused of seeking to overthrow him. “The United States - you must extradite that person,” he said to cheers from the supporters.

But the president’s former ally “categorically” denied any involvement in the plot, calling the accusation “insulting”. “As someone who suffered under multiple military coups during the past five decades, it is especially insulting to be accused of having any link to such an attempt. I categorically deny such accusations,” Gulen said in a statement. Yildirim took aim at the United States for hosting what he called “the leader of a terrorist organization”. Speaking in Luxembourg, US Secretary of State John Kerry invited Turkey to hand over any evidence it had against Gulen.

Meanwhile, Turkey demanded the extradition of eight people thought to have been involved in the putsch who landed in a Black Hawk military helicopter in Greece. And Istanbul authorities sought to get life back to normal with the bridges reopening to traffic and Ataturk International Airport - shut down by the plotters - gradually reopening. But the US government said it has suspended all flights to Turkey, and banned all airlines from flying to the United States from Turkey due to uncertainty after the coup bid.

Turkish authorities also imposed a security lockdown at the Incirlik air base in the southern province of Adana used by US and other coalition forces in the fight against jihadists in Syria, the US consulate said. The US military command in Europe has ordered American forces across Turkey to take maximum protective measures. — Agencies

## TRUMP INTRODUCES PENCE AS ‘SOLID’...

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manufacturing jobs, Trump said that as governor Pence had brought down unemployment, balanced the budget and made the state’s largest income tax cut.

Pence in turn called Trump “a good man” who “will make a great president”. “I come to this moment deeply humbled but with a grateful heart,” he said. “Grateful to God for his amazing grace.” He presented his new boss’s understatus as an asset, saying the real estate tycoon “understands the frustrations and the hopes of the

American people like no leader since Ronald Reagan”. “We’re tired of being told that a little intellectual elite in a far distant capital can plan our lives better for us... Donald Trump gets it.”

In foreign policy, Trump would lead from strength, Pence said. “He will rebuild the arsenal of democracy, stand with our allies and hunt down and destroy the enemies of our freedom.” On finishing, Pence was embraced by members of his family, shook hands again with Trump and was kissed by the tycoon’s daughters before the two candidates stood, rather stiffly, side-by-side. — AFP

## KUWAIT CONGRATULATES ERDOGAN, SCRAMBLES...

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Meanwhile, in Kuwait, the country whose many citizens favor Turkey as their summer holiday destination, authorities scrambled into action to facilitate the speedy return of the citizens there. A Kuwaiti charter flight, that was to leave Turkey later yesterday, had been arranged to transport Kuwaiti citizens back home in the wake of the turbulent events, announced a statement by the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry.

The Kuwaiti charter flight will depart from Ataturk International Airport in Istanbul, in concert with efforts by the ministry in conjunction with the Kuwait embassy in Ankara and the Kuwait consulate in Istanbul. It added all Kuwaiti citizens willing to be onboard that flight from Istanbul should make their wishes known to the Kuwaiti embassy and the consulate in Turkey.

As gunfire ran out across the Turkish cities, the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry and the diplomatic mission in Turkey urged Kuwaitis to abstain from venturing out. In

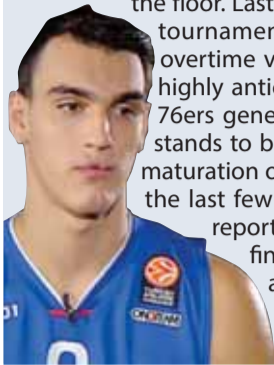
a statement, the ministry urged the citizens to contact the embassy in Ankara and the general consulate in Istanbul. The statement also advised nationals planning to travel to Turkey to postpone such plans for their safety.

Kuwait’s Consul General in Istanbul Mohammad Fahd Al-Mohammad urged Kuwaitis in all Turkish cities to stay indoors for their safety. In statements to KUNA, Mohammad said the embassy and the consulate have formed a special team to follow up on the situation and receive calls for help from all Kuwaitis.

Meanwhile, Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) announced suspending flights to Istanbul until further notice. Due to political developments in Turkey, Kuwait Airways flights from and to Ataturk International Airport are suspended, said the national carrier in a press release. KAC further noted that its crews in Turkey are currently coordinating with Kuwait’s embassy in Ankara and the Kuwaiti foreign ministry to secure their safety. —KUNA

### SARIC SIGNS WITH PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

**NEW YORK:** Croatian Dario Saric has signed with the Philadelphia 76ers, the team said on Friday, two years after acquiring the rights to the highly-rated forward. Saric, a two-time Europe Young Men's Player of the Year, was selected 12th by the Orlando Magic in the 2014 NBA draft, and traded to the 76ers. The 22-year-old has spent the past two seasons playing for Anadolu Efes in the Turkish League. In 2015-16, he averaged 11 points and six rebounds while shooting 48 percent from the floor. Last week he was named MVP of the 2016 Olympic qualifying tournament after helping Croatia earn an Olympic berth with an overtime victory over Italy. "We are thrilled to finally announce the highly anticipated signing of Dario Saric to an NBA player contract," 76ers general manager Bryan Colangelo said. "Our basketball team stands to benefit from both the on-court development and physical maturation of Dario as a professional player in Croatia and Turkey over the last few years." Terms of the deal were not disclosed, but media reports put his rookie salary at more than \$2 million. The 76ers finished last in the NBA last season with a 10-72 record, but are looking to rebuild having also recently signed top draft pick Ben Simmons. — Reuters

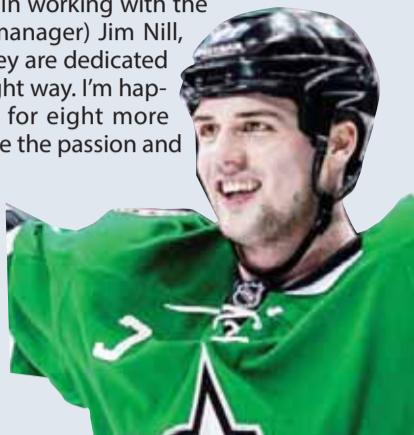


### VEGAS FIRES A 60 TO RUN-UP BIG LEAD

**ALABAMA:** Jhonattan Vegas of Venezuela capped a sensational six-hole stretch with an ace on his way to an 11-under-par 60 and a six-stroke halfway lead at the Barbasol Championship in Alabama on Friday. Vegas, who shared the overnight lead with two-times major winner Angel Cabrera of Argentina, started his second round at the 10th and played holes 12 through 17 in eight-under, including an eagle-three at the par-five 13th. He completed his hot stretch with a hole-in-one with a seven-iron from 190 yards at the par-three 17th. "It was just incredible, to the point where I almost thought I was sleeping," Vegas said about the dream series of holes. "Stretches like that, they're hard to imagine happening that often." As the elite field at the British Open were battling rain and high winds and scores were soaring at Royal Troon, the 31-year-old Vegas, ranked 240th in the world, tore up the RTJ Trail Golf Course in Opelika near Auburn University. He made the turn at eight-under 28 and despite a lone bogey on his second nine he closed with two more birdies for his 60, rolling in a 20-footer at his penultimate hole before coaxing home for 10-footer at the last for a 17-under 125 total. — Reuters

### JAMIE BENN SIGNS 8-YEAR, \$76 MILLION EXTENSION

**FRISCO:** Dallas Stars captain Jamie Benn signed an eight-year, \$76 million contract extension Friday. The team announced the deal a day after Benn had surgery to repair an abdominal muscle injury. "The Stars are the only organization I know and Dallas is home to me," Benn said in a statement. "In working with the Gagliardi family and (general manager) Jim Nill, they have made it clear that they are dedicated to winning, and winning the right way. I'm happy to commit to that process for eight more years. My teammates and I value the passion and dedication that we receive from Stars fans and we're looking forward to getting this season started." The 26-year-old Benn had a career-high 89 points on 41 goals and 48 assists last season. He also had five goals and 10 assists in 13 playoff games. — AP



The Kuwaiti and Malaysian teams.



## KUWAIT LEADS MALAYSIA IN DAVIS CUP QUALIFICATIONS

**KUWAIT:** During the first day of Davis Cup matches between Kuwait and Malaysia, in the second group qualifications for Asia and Oceania, being held in Kuwait under the Kuwaiti flag, and supervision of International Tennis Federation (ITF), Kuwait

is up 2/0, as Kuwait's Mohammad Al-Ghareeb defeated Malaysia's Mohammad Marzouqi during the first match 7/6, 7/6, 6/4 in a marathon match that lasted nearly three hours, during which Al-Ghareeb's experience was apparent.

Meanwhile, Abdallah Maqdis, who just returned from an injury, had a valuable win against Malaysia's Sayyed Mohammad Najeeb with the score of 6/7, 7/6, 6/3, 6/3 in a very strong and highly competitive match, during which Abdallah lost the first set.

Kuwait and Malaysia matches are being held on the main court of Yarmouk Sports Club, which was well prepared as Public Authority for Sports carried out the maintenance work. The event began with presenting the teams, representative of ITF Khalid

Al-Sarjani and officials. Deputy President of Kuwait Tennis Association Abdelsamad Al-Aryan, Treasurer Faleh Al-Otaibi, Assistant Treasurer Ahmad Al-Qallaf, Board member Ali Al-Daihani, and Technical Director of KTA Abbas Al-Busairi attended the matches.

## WBC HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION WILDER SET TO FACE ARREOLA

**BIRMINGHAM:** Deontay Wilder sported a three-piece suit, bow tie and shades to the pre-fight news conference. Chris Arreola wore T-shirt, jean shorts and a chip on his shoulder. The contrast in styles also emphasized their disparate situations. Wilder is a big favorite going into the fourth defense of his WBC heavyweight title Saturday night and third in his home state while Arreola is hoping to cash in on an unexpected opportunity. It's a fight that wasn't supposed to happen. Wilder's scheduled fight in Russia with mandatory challenger Alexander Povetkin fell through in May when Povetkin tested positive for the banned substance meldonium. Instead, Wilder (36-0, 35 knockouts) was left to file a breach of contract suit seeking at least \$5 million and to find another opponent on relatively short notice. "We needed a guy that was going to come and fight," he said. "We needed a guy that wasn't going to come and make excuses. He may still make excuses at the end talking about weight. But we mainly needed a guy that was going to come and give the people of Alabama a show, and world-wide. "There's no other guy that we could have had that was going to give me the fight that I was looking for out of a fighter than Chris Arreola. That's why we chose him." Wilder said he needed a quick fight after being down following cancellation of the Povetkin fight. This one is part of the Premier Boxing Champions series. "I can't wait because I've been wanting to pound something," he said. "I've been wanting to pound something since May. I got teased a little bit. I don't like to be teased. I got teased a little bit and now it's time."

#### FAVORITE

Arreola (36-4-1, 31 KOs) is trying to profit from Vegas odds that put Wilder in the neighborhood of a 30-1 favorite. In previous title shots, he lost to Vitali Klitschko and

Bernane Stiverne, who Wilder beat to claim a piece of the heavyweight title in January 2015. "I told my wife before she got here to make sure she gave \$1,000 to one of my cousins to go put at least \$1,000 on myself," Arreola said. "That's \$30,000. I'll take that all day every day. "To me, that's very disrespectful. Extremely disrespectful. Those are almost uster Davis odds." Douglas was a huge underdog when he knocked out previously unbeaten Mike Tyson in 1990. The 6-foot-7 Wilder has knocked out every opponent except Stiverne, but his three title defenses have all gone at least into the ninth. Wilder is coming off a ninth-round knockout of Artur Szpilka in January. The 6-3 Arreola hasn't fought since December, when he won a split decision over Travis Kauffman. It was declared a no contest because Arreola tested positive for marijuana. Arreola freely acknowledges he hasn't earned this title shot, but is hoping to catch Wilder looking ahead to possible bouts with unbeaten Anthony Joshua or Tyson Fury, who is awaiting a rematch with Wladimir Klitschko. Promoter Lou DiBella calls Arreola "a scary man because he has nothing to lose." Arreola is seeking to become the first fighter of Mexican heritage to win a piece of the heavyweight championship. "I'm a sleeping giant because everybody's overlooking me," Arreola said. "Wilder was overlooking me. Wilder's already thinking about his next fight. He's talking about fighting the IBF champion (Joshua). He's talking about fighting Tyson Fury. I'm first. You've got to remember, I'm first. I'm here. I'm a heavyweight to reckon with." The co-main event features welterweights Sammy Vasquez (21-0, 15 KOs) against 2008 Olympic gold medalist Felix Diaz (17-1, 8 KOs) of the Dominican Republic. — AP



Deontay Wilder

## JOHNSON WINS 1ST POLE OF THE SEASON AT NEW HAMPSHIRE

**LOUDON:** Jimmie Johnson gave Hendrick Motorsports a needed bright spot, turning a lap of 133.971 mph (215.6 kph) at New Hampshire Motor Speedway to win his first pole of the season on Friday. Johnson, a two-time race winner this season, could use a boost following a five-race slump where he failed to finish better than 13th. He crashed out of his last two races, finished 35th at Daytona International Speedway and 32nd last weekend at Kentucky Speedway.

He was the lone Hendrick Motorsports driver in the top five. Hendrick suffered a blow this week when Dale Earnhardt Jr. dropped out of Sunday's race because he suffered from symptoms of a concussion. Four-time NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon will drive the No. 88 Chevrolet next week at Indianapolis if Earnhardt is not cleared to return. Alex Bowman, making his first Sprint Cup start of the season, qualified 20th subbing for Earnhardt. Johnson, Earnhardt, Kasey

Kahne and Chase Elliott have all contributed to Hendrick Motorsports' losing drought over the last 13 races. Johnson's win in Fontana, California, on March 20 was the last for a Hendrick driver. Kyle Busch was second, followed by Martin Truex Jr., Kurt Busch and Denny Hamlin. "The car wasn't driving as well as I would have liked it to drive for qualifying," Busch said. "But good speed, that's what matters right now and being able to put up a good lap like that." — AP



CHICAGO: Anthony Rizzo #44 of the Chicago Cubs stretches to make a catch to force Adrian Beltre #29 of the Texas Rangers at first base in the 8th inning at Wrigley Field on Friday in Chicago, Illinois. The Cubs defeated the Rangers 6-0. —AFP

# HENDRICKS STEERS CUBS TO 6-0 WIN AGAINST RANGERS

**CHICAGO:** Kyle Hendricks and four relievers combined on a five-hitter, Addison Russell had a two-run single to key a five-run sixth inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Texas Rangers 6-0 on Friday in a matchup of slumping division leaders. The Cubs returned from the All-Star break to win for the seventh time in 22 games, while the Rangers lost their eighth in 10 games thanks to a rough sixth that included Prince Fielder's throwing error in a rare start at first base. Hendricks (8-6), a former Rangers draft pick, lowered his team-best ERA to 2.41. He allowed three hits in six innings. Russell's bases-loaded hit in the sixth was followed by pinch-hitter Matt Szczur's two-run single against Martin Perez (7-6).

## NATIONALS 5, PIRATES 1

Stephen Strasburg threw eight masterful innings and drove in a run with a bunt, and Michael Taylor hit a two-run homer as Washington beat Pittsburgh. Strasburg (13-0) allowed one run and three hits with six strikeouts while matching his longest start of the season. He's won a franchise-record 16 straight decisions since September and permitted a total of five hits in three starts since coming off the disabled list July 3. Washington improved to 16-1 with Strasburg on the mound this year. He is the only qualified starter in the majors without a loss. Francisco Liriano (5-9) yielded three runs and five hits in six-plus innings.

## ORIOLES 4, RAYS 3

Jonathan Schoop hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning, and AL East-leading Baltimore came back from an early deficit to beat Tampa Bay. Schoop got his 15th homer leading off the inning against Chris Archer (4-13), who leads the majors in losses. Mychal Givens (7-1) worked a scoreless seventh for the win one day after his daughter was born. Pedro Alvarez homered and had two RBIs for the Orioles. With runners at the corners, Zach Britton struck out Logan Morrison and Steven Souza Jr. for his 28th save in as many chances. Tampa Bay lost for the 23rd time in 26 games.

## INDIANS 5, TWINS 2

Mike Napoli had three hits, including his 19th home run, and Carlos Carrasco pitched into the seventh inning as Cleveland beat Minnesota. The first-place Indians had lost four of five before the All-Star break. They maintained their 6 1/2-game lead over Detroit in the AL Central. Napoli scored three runs, one on his solo shot in the eighth that stretched Cleveland's lead to three. That was more than enough for Carrasco (6-3), who allowed two runs and four hits in 6 2/3 innings. He won for the fourth time in five starts. Cody Allen closed

for his 19th save in 21 chances. Ervin Santana (3-8), coming off a shutout in his previous start, was chased in the sixth. Brian Dozier homered and drove in both runs for the Twins.

## TIGERS 4, ROYALS 2

Victor Martinez drove in two runs with a tiebreaking infield single in the seventh inning, and Detroit took advantage of that fluky hit in holding off Kansas City. With the bases loaded and two outs, Martinez's comebacker deflected off reliever Joakim Soria and rolled to the area between first and second. With the second baseman playing deep, there was no chance to retire Martinez, and two runs came home on the play. Tyler Collins, just called up from the minors, hit a solo homer earlier in the inning off Luke Hochevar (1-2) to tie it at 2. Ian Kinsler also homered for the Tigers. Justin Verlander (9-6) allowed one earned run and four hits in seven innings. He struck out 10. Francisco Rodriguez finished for his 25th save in 27 chances.

## RED SOX 5, YANKEES 3

Ryan Hanigan, Travis Shaw and Xander Bogaerts homered to back knuckleballer Steven Wright, and Boston opened the second half with a win over New York. Hanigan's third-inning homer was his first since last Aug. 19 off Cleveland's Corey Kluber. Shaw hit a two-run homer in the fifth, and Bogaerts made it 5-0 with a two-run drive in the sixth. Wright (11-5), who began the night with an AL-leading 2.68 ERA, was a first-time All-Star at age 31 but didn't pitch in Tuesday night's game and was moved up in Boston's rotation for the series opener. He retired his first 14 batters before Alex Rodriguez's infield single. Wright won for the eighth time in nine decisions. Koji Uehara finished the four-hitter for his fifth save, his third since closer Craig Kimbrel hurt a knee. New York (44-45) is under .500 after the All-Star break for the first time since 1995. Michael Pineda (3-9) gave up five runs and five hits in five-plus innings.

## METS 5, PHILLIES 3

Neil Walker hit a three-run homer and Juan Lagares also went deep to lead New York over Philadelphia. Asdrubal Cabrera had three hits for the Mets, who opened the second half by snapping a three-game skid while All-Star outfielder Yoenis Cespedes missed his third straight game with a strained right quadriceps. Peter Bourjos had an RBI triple for Philadelphia, which won 10 of 13 before the break. Bartolo Colon (8-4), one of four Mets chosen for the All-Star Game, started out sensational before a rocky sixth inning ended his night. Jeurys Familia pitched a scoreless ninth

for his 32nd save while extending his club record for consecutive saves to 48, dating back to last Aug. 1. Jeremy Hellickson (6-7) yielded four runs and seven hits in six innings.

## REDS 5, BREWERS 4

Adam Duvall and Tucker Barnhart doubled home runs in the sixth inning, rallying Cincinnati past Milwaukee to snap a three-game slide. The bottom two teams in the NL Central went into the All-Star break with downturns. The last-place Reds pulled off a three-run rally, then barely held on. Duvall's double off Matt Garza (1-3) cut Milwaukee's lead to 3-2. Barnhart's two-run double off Carlos Torres gave Cincinnati its first lead. Jay Bruce added an RBI double in the seventh. Anthony DeSclafani (4-0) allowed six hits in six innings, including Scooter Gennett's homer. Gennett fouled out against Tony Cingrani with the bases loaded for the second out of the ninth. Ross Ohlendorf retired Ryan Braun on a popup for his second save. The Brewers have lost three straight and 10 of 14.

## ROCKIES 11, BRAVES 2

Carlos Gonzalez had three hits, Nolan Arenado scored three times and pinch-hitter Ryan Raburn capped a big offensive performance for Colorado with a ninth-inning grand slam against Atlanta. After averaging 2.7 runs in their previous seven road games against the Giants and Dodgers, the Rockies took advantage of baseball's worst team. The Braves dropped to 13-35 at home and 31-59 overall. Jorge De La Rosa (6-6) gave up two runs in six innings for the win. Lucas Harrell (1-1) allowed seven hits and seven runs - five earned - in 3 2/3 innings. He also walked three in his third start for Atlanta.

## MARLINS 7, CARDINALS 6

Ichiro Suzuki had a pinch-hit single for his 2,991st hit and scored the tying run in the eighth inning, and Miguel Rojas drove in the go-ahead run in the ninth as Miami beat St. Louis for its fourth straight victory. Tommy Pham had two of the Cardinals' four homers and drove in four runs. Stephen Piscotty and Randal Grichuk also connected for St. Louis,

which made three defensive miscues. The hit was the first since July 4 for the 42-year-old Suzuki. He's had just seven pinch-hit appearances and one start this month. Fernando Rodney (1-2) worked a hitless inning and A.J. Ramos struck out three in a two-hit ninth for his 28th save in 29 attempts. Seung Hwan Oh (2-1), the Cardinals' stand-in closer, lost on his 34th birthday. St. Louis blew leads of 4-1 and 6-5 to fall to 19-27 at home.

## ASTROS 7, MARINERS 3

Carlos Correa hit a two-run double and scored from second base on a wild pitch during Houston's five-run fifth inning against Seattle. Correa and his teammates picked up where they left off before the All-Star break, winning for the sixth time in eight games with their fifth straight over the Mariners. Correa's two-out double off starter James Paxton (2-4) gave the Astros a 5-0 lead. The 2015 AL Rookie of the Year scampered home from second moments later on Paxton's third wild pitch of the inning. George Springer scored earlier in the inning on a wild pitch. Springer led off the game with his 20th home run, and Marwin Gonzalez added a solo shot in the seventh. The Astros' big inning offset a shaky performance from starter Doug Fister (9-6), who struggled to get through five. Houston's bullpen threw four shutout innings.

## PADRES 4, GIANTS 1

All-Star slugger Wil Myers hit his 20th home run and Adam Rosales also connected off Madison Bumgarner, powering San Diego past major league-leading San Francisco. Bumgarner (11-4), also an All-Star, didn't appear Tuesday in the Midsummer Classic at Petco Park because he pitched on Sunday, throwing a one-hitter and striking out 14 in a 4-0 victory against Arizona. Andrew Cashner (4-7) won for the first time in four starts by holding the Giants to one run and four hits in six innings, striking out nine and walking none. Brandon Maurer worked the ninth for his second save.

## DODGERS 13, DIAMONDBACKS 7

Chris Taylor drove in six runs and fell a sin-

gle shy of the cycle, and Los Angeles starter Bud Norris finally beat Arizona. Taylor, acquired from Seattle on June 19 and recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma City six days later, tripled in the fourth, doubled in the fifth and hit a grand slam in the sixth - his first major league home run. He was out on a bunt in the eighth. Norris (5-7) entered 0-7 with a 13.92 ERA against the Diamondbacks but ended the drought with the help of the Dodgers' season-high 18 hits. Patrick Corbin (4-8) lasted four innings, giving up seven runs - six earned.

## ANGELS 7, WHITE SOX 0

Hector Santiago threw seven innings of five-hit ball against his former team, and Los Angeles beat Chicago. It was the second time this season Santiago (7-4) blanked the White Sox 7-0. He has tossed 14 spotless innings against them, but given up 54 runs over 91 1/3 innings in his other 17 starts. This time, the left-hander struck out seven without issuing a walk. The Angels supported him with two runs in the second and five in the seventh. Four runs came against Miguel Gonzalez (2-5), though only two were earned. Rookie shortstop Tim Anderson committed two errors. Gonzalez has not won a road game since beating Tampa Bay on July 25, 2015.

## ATHLETICS 8, BLUE JAYS 7

Josh Reddick scored the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning on a play that was overturned by replay, and Oakland held on to beat Toronto. Reddick drew a two-out walk from Brett Cecil (0-6) and went to second on Kris Davis' single. Stephen Vogt singled, and center fielder Kevin Pillar appeared to throw out a sliding Reddick at the plate. Plate umpire Mark Wegner initially called Reddick out, but A's bench coach Mark Kotsay - filling in for ejected manager Bob Melvin - challenged the ruling. Reddick, Davis and Vogt all homered off Blue Jays starter Marcus Stroman. Ryan Dull (3-2) retired five batters to earn the win, and Ryan Madson pitched the ninth for his 18th save. Toronto lost for only the second time in 10 games. —AP

## MLB results/standings

Chicago Cubs 6, Texas 0; Boston 5, NY Yankees 3; NY Mets 5, Philadelphia 3; Washington 5, Pittsburgh 1; Detroit 4, Kansas City 2; Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 3; Cincinnati 5, Milwaukee 4; Colorado 11, Atlanta 2; Cleveland 5, Minnesota 2; Miami 7, St. Louis 6; LA Dodgers 13, Arizona 7; LA Angels 7, Chicago White Sox 0; Oakland 8, Toronto 7; Houston 7, Seattle 3; San Diego 4, San Francisco 1.

American League Eastern Division					National League Eastern Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB					
Baltimore	52	36	.591	-	Washington	55	36	.604	-
Boston	50	38	.568	2	Miami	48	41	.539	6
Toronto	51	41	.554	3	NY Mets	48	41	.539	6
NY Yankees	44	45	.494	8.5	Philadelphia	42	49	.462	13
Tampa Bay	34	55	.382	18.5	Atlanta	31	59	.344	23.5
Central Division					Central Division				
Cleveland	53	36	.596	-	Chicago Cubs	54	35	.607	-
Detroit	47	43	.522	6.5	St. Louis	46	43	.517	8
Chicago White Sox	45	44	.506	8	Pittsburgh	46	44	.511	8.5
Kansas City	45	44	.506	8	Milwaukee	38	50	.432	15.5
Minnesota	32	57	.360	21	Cincinnati	33	57	.367	21.5
Western Division					Western Division				
Texas	54	37	.593	-	San Francisco	57	34	.626	-
Houston	49	41	.544	4.5	LA Dodgers	52	40	.565	5.5
Seattle	45	45	.500	8.5	Colorado	41	48	.461	15
Oakland	39	51	.433	14.5	San Diego	39	51	.433	17.5
LA Angels	38	52	.422	15.5	Arizona	38	53	.418	19



SEATTLE: Jake Marisnick #6 of the Houston Astros scores on a wild pitch against catcher Chris Iannetta #33 of the Seattle Mariners in the fifth inning at Safeco Field on Friday in Seattle, Washington. —AFP

# RUSSIA HAVE ‘GOOD CHANCE’ TO BE IN RIO, SAYS LITVINOV

**MOSCOW:** Russian hammer thrower Sergei Litvinov believes the country's athletes will be given a lifeline by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) to compete at next month's Rio Olympics.

Sport's highest court is set to rule by Thursday on the country's suspension from track and field and Litvinov is confident CAS will overturn the ban in time for the Games. "From a legal point of view, we have very good chances," the 30-year-old told Reuters ahead of the Aug. 5-22 Olympics. Litvinov, who won bronze at the 2014 European Championships, would be one of Russia's biggest hopes for a medal in Rio but with three weeks to go he still does not know if he can compete. The sport's world governing International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) banned Russia's track and field athletes last year after a World Anti-Doping Agency report uncovered systematic state-sponsored doping within the country. The ban was extended last month, ruling Russia's athletes out of the Games, subject to an appeal by the All-Russian Athletics Federation (ARAF) to CAS. At the end of June, Litvinov wrote a letter to IAAF president Sebastian Coe, asking him to explain the criteria needed for Russian athletes to compete in international events. "My letter wasn't directly addressed to Coe, but was more to those living in the West," said the athlete, who trains just outside Moscow and is coached by his father Sergei Litvinov, who won gold at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul in the hammer. "People should understand just how absurd our situation is. I think this letter helped. I got through to people that we need help (from)," he said.

Litvinov does not think the IAAF's actions are "politically motivated" but said it was impossible even for clean athletes to show they are not part of the Russian system. "There is a big attack

taking place on Coe and his organisation. They are trying to save their reputation by taking tough actions against Russia," he said. On July 10, the IAAF's Doping Review Board turned down applications from 67 Russian athletes to compete internationally as "neutrals". Only long jumper Darya Klishina, who is based and tested in the United States, got approval. "The IAAF's decision on July 10 admitted that no one will be able to defend the reputations of those sportsmen who are clean," he said. "There is no way we can try to show that we are not part of this system. They don't care how and where the doping tests were taken. The IAAF is always using the same excuse. It's really quite funny."

**LAST CHANCE**

Russia's last chance is in the hands of CAS, who will rule by Thursday on whether they will be able to compete. "Being clean in legal terms gives us very

good chances of getting a positive verdict," Litvinov said. "To be honest there are a lot of emotions at the moment and I hope that the CAS lawyers will look into this case from a professional legal point of view and without showing any emotion. This is what everything will depend on," he said.

Litvinov accepted that doping had become a "serious problem" in Russian track and field over the last few years. "The situation has grown over time. We had athletes before who were ready to talk a lot about doping, like the discus thrower Darya Pishchalnikova," Litvinov said. Olympic discus silver medallist Pishchalnikova got a 10-year ban in 2013 after failing a drugs test for the second time. "It was only a matter of time before it (widespread doping) would have been exposed. If it had not been whistleblower Yulia Stepanova, then it would have been someone else. She just pulled the trigger. I don't think she should be blamed," said Litvinov.

Former drug cheat Stepanova's revelations helped expose the massive doping problem in her country and the middle-distance runner left Russia and went into hiding after disclosing the issue. She has since been allowed to compete as an individual. "We at last need to change our policy towards anti-doping," added Litvinov. "There is not a widespread condemnation of doping in Russia and we tend to protect them (drug cheats) more than we condemn them."

In the 2008-2009 season, the Rostov native competed for Germany. However, he has no regrets about returning to Russia in order to compete for the country of his birth. "My family are in Russia and my son was born here. Everything that happens is for the better and I never planned to return to the West," added Litvinov, who hopes to win a bronze or silver medal in Rio if he is allowed to compete.— Reuters

# BRAZIL TO BOOST OLYMPICS SECURITY AFTER NICE ATTACK

**BRAZÓLIA:** Brazil said Friday it will bolster security for next month's Olympics in Rio following the truck attack in the French city of Nice.

Brazil's interim president Michel Temer held an emergency meeting with his intelligence chief and members of his cabinet late Friday to weigh the next steps after the Nice attack, which killed at least 84 people. As he left the meeting, intelligence chief Sergio Etchegoyen said new security measures would include extra checkpoints, barricades and traffic restrictions.

Brazil had already planned to deploy 85,000 police and soldiers to provide security for the Olympics-running August 5-21 — double the number used in the 2012 London Games.

**HEIGHTENED SECURITY**

Etchegoyen said fears over security at the Rio Games had "gone up a notch" after the attack in Nice, where a Tunisian-born man drove a 19-tonne white truck into a huge crowd gathered to watch the annual Bastille Day fireworks display on Thursday, leaving a gruesome trail of bodies in his wake. "We're trading a little comfort for a lot more security," he told a press conference at the presidential offices.

Brazilian intelligence officials met with French counterparts for a briefing on the Nice attack, he said.

Defense Minister Raul Jungmann expressed "worries" over the Nice attack. "This worry will translate to more checkpoints, security, staff and procedures being put in place," he told reporters at an air force base near the Rio international airport. Jungmann said Brazil is correspon-

ding with all 106 countries sending representatives to the event's international intelligence center. "As of now, none of these countries have informed us of a potential or concrete threat of a terrorist attack in Brazil," Jungmann said. Brazil is already on alert after the French military intelligence chief said France had been informed of a planned terror attack on its team at the Rio Olympics. In June, Brazil's intelligence service said it had detected Portuguese-language messages linked to the Islamic State group on an online forum.

An even more explicit warning came after bloody attacks in Paris in November, when a French jihadist tweeted that Brazil was the "next target." Jungmann said officials will supervise the Olympic delegations based on the security threat they face, with countries including the United States and France labeled as high-risk.

"The dozen or so countries in that group will have special accompaniment," Jungmann said.

**SIMULATION EXERCISES**

Security services staged simulation exercises in Rio to test counterterrorism response plans.

Another exercise on "confronting external threats" is planned for Saturday at the railway station in Deodoro, one of four Olympic zones in Rio along with Maracana, Copacabana and Barra da Tijuca.

Rio Mayor Eduardo Paes and Olympic organizing committee president Carlos Nuzman met with federal and regional government officials to assess plans, notably discussing a potential increase in street blockades. — AFP



LONDON: Pakistan's Sarfraz Ahmed (C) watches as England's Chris Woakes (L) plays a shot on the third day of the first Test cricket match between England and Pakistan at Lord's cricket ground in London, yesterday.—AFP

# MISBAH OUT FOR NOUGHT AS ENGLAND FIGHT BACK

**LONDON:** Pakistan captain Misbah-ul-Haq followed his first-innings hundred with a duck as England fought back on the third day of the first Test at Lord's yesterday.

At tea, Pakistan were 111 for four in their second innings—a lead of 178 runs. A becalmed Younis Khan, who played several exaggerated leave shots, was 19 not out off 86 balls. But Asad Shafiq had kept the scoreboard ticking over with an unbeaten 29 off 46 balls including five boundaries.

Saturday's second session saw England all-rounder Chris Woakes follow his Test-best six for 70 in the first innings with two wickets. Pakistan were 40 for one at lunch after Mohammad Hafeez had carelessly fallen for a duck in cutting Stuart Broad straight to Joe Root at second slip. But they lost opener Shan Masood soon afterwards when the left-hander, once more fallible outside off stump, flat-footedly edged Warwickshire paceman Woakes to England captain Alastair Cook at first slip. Azhar Ali (23) then fell lbw to a desperately tight umpire's call as Woakes reduced Pakistan to 59 for three.

Misbah, in his maiden Test knock at Lord's, had made 114 in Pakistan's first innings. But on Saturday he fell for nought when he hoisted off-spinner Moeen Ali legside and Alex Hales, running round to the mid-wicket rope, held a good catch. Pakistan had never previously lost a Test when Misbah had made a hundred and never won one when he had made a duck.

With conditions set fair on a sunny day at Lord's and more than two days left in the match, something had to give. Younis, on 11, was given out lbw by umpire Joel Wilson after a prolonged

and theatrical appeal from fast bowler Steven Finn on his Middlesex home ground. But a review showed the ball missing leg stump and Younis survived.

Shafiq then seized on a loose ball to cut Finn for four. Earlier, leg-spinner Yasir Shah took six wickets as England were bowled out for 272 — 67 runs behind on first innings.

Shah's haul of six for 72 was the best return by a visiting spinner against England at Lord's since Sid Pegler's seven for 65 for South Africa back in 1912.

Variations in pace and flight saw Shah repeatedly pose problems on an unresponsive pitch. If

Pakistan's batsmen could give him enough runs to play with in a second innings, Shah was likely to be an even greater threat on a wearing surface. England resumed on their overnight 253 for seven, after Shah induced a middle-order collapse on Friday.

They added just 19 more runs Saturday before they were all out. Wahab Riaz cleaned up Broad before Finn went the way of several top-order batsmen in falling lbw to Shah.

The innings ended when last man Jake Ball was run out by a distance in trying to keep Chris Woakes on strike. Woakes finished on 35 not out to emphasise his all-round credentials. — AFP



Von Miller

# VON MILLER SIGNS RECORD \$114.5M DEAL WITH BRONCOS

**ENGLEWOOD:** Super Bowl MVP Von Miller practiced both pirouettes and patience this offseason. While his dance moves didn't earn him the title on "Dancing With The Stars," Miller's stare-down in contract negotiations paid off Friday when he signed a six-year, \$114.5 million deadline deal with the Denver Broncos that includes \$70 million guaranteed.

That's almost double the guaranteed money the Broncos were offering him in June. Miller received \$23 million at signing and will earn \$61 million over the first eight months of the blockbuster deal that makes him the highest-paid player outside of quarterbacks in NFL history.

Miller thanked team owner Pat Bowlen, president and CEO Joe Ellis, general manager John Elway and coach Gary Kubiak "for making this possible."

"I'm also thankful for the way my teammates and our fans have supported me," Miller said in a statement. "I'm excited for the future and ready to get back to work." Miller and agent Joby Branon parlayed patience into a record-breaking deal in terms of overall value and guarantees. Last month, Miller's camp rejected the \$38.5 million the Broncos offered in guarantees, and Miller threatened to sit out the season barring a long-term deal.

Elway bolstered the offer over the last week and now the man who almost single-handedly destroyed Carolina's championship dreams will lead Denver's title defense that begins Sept. 8 against those Panthers.

"I'm happy that both sides were able to broker a deal that works for both sides," Branon said. "That's the mark of a good

negotiation. The Broncos are happy to have Von back and Von's happy to be back." Miller was in Utah on Friday for an appearance with Whitney Carson, his partner on "Dancing With The Stars, and Elway was overseas. "Congrats @Millerite40! Excited for what the future holds for you & our team," Elway tweeted.

"Proud of everyone for getting it done." The cornerstone of the league's best defense accepted the Broncos' blockbuster offer two hours before Friday's deadline, tweeting a photo of himself in his orange No. 58 jersey with the caption "For Life."

Both the overall value of the deal and the guaranteed money are records for nonquarterbacks. The only player with more guaranteed money is Colts quarterback Andrew Luck, the league's highest-paid player. The six-year, \$140 million contract Luck signed last month includes \$75 million fully guaranteed.

The next few years will determine whether Miller's deal is a win-win in Denver. But it's already a huge victory for the versatile outside linebacker who has 60 career sacks in five seasons. This contract checks off all the boxes for Miller — the biggest overall deal for a non-QB in league history, most guaranteed money for an NFL defensive player and a benchmark contract that raises the bar for the next superstar.

In June, Miller's camp agreed to the parameters of the Broncos' six-year offer that slightly exceeded the \$114.375 million Miami's Ndamukong Suh received in 2015 in becoming the league's highest-paid defender. But they asked for millions more in guarantees.—AP

# COMEBACK KING MARK STREAKS HOME AGAIN

**VILLARS-LES-DOBES:** Mark Cavendish's revival was complete yesterday as the Briton won his 30th Tour de France stage in a high-speed sprint finish.

The 31-year-old Briton took the 14th stage from Montelimar to Parc des Oiseaux in a dominant performance for his fourth stage victory at this Tour alone. Step by step, the Manx Missile is creeping up on Belgian legend Eddy Merckx and the all-time record of 34 stage wins. But for a man who was written off in many quarters after seeing chief German rival Marcel Kittel eclipse him, Cavendish proved perhaps once and for all that he is the greatest sprinter of all time. The long, straight finish at the bird sanctuary at Villars-les-Dombes seemed tailor-made for the big, powerful Kittel, a winner of four stages at both the 2013 and 2014 editions of the Tour. Yet Cavendish darted out from behind Kittel's wheel and streaked past him to take a clear win. He swerved a touch at the end and Kittel sat up shaking his fist in frustration, but in truth he had been well beaten. The German took fifth with Norway's Alexander Kristoff in second and Peter Sagan of Slovakia third. Briton Chris Froome maintained the race leader's yellow jersey after finishing safely in the pack ahead of Sunday's mountainous stage. Dutchman Bauke Mollema remains second at 1min 47sec with another Brit, Adam Yates, third at 2:45. Many people believed Cavendish's best years were behind him after he won just three Tour stages over the previous three years, having tasted victory 23 times in the five years prior to that.

Kittel and fellow German Andre Griepel had been the dominant sprinters at the Tour from 2012 to last year, Griepel winning four stages last year and three in 2012. But Cavendish showed once

again that even after being written off, he still remains the man to beat. A four-man breakaway got going 30km into the stage but the riders themselves rode like they knew their efforts would be doomed to failure. In one sense, it was merely an exercise in trying to put Friday's mournful atmosphere behind them following the Nije sport attack that killed at least 84 people. FDJ sports director Thierry Bricaud credited his rider Jeremy Roy with kicking the stage into gear by going on the attack. "The peloton was lethargic at the beginning because of the tragedy in Nice and the head wind

but Jeremy decided the race had to go on," said Bricaud. The four had a lead of 4min 30sec at one point but the peloton kept them on a tight leash. But once the gap dropped to under a minute, the peloton eased up a touch, mindful of not catching the escapees too soon and encouraging a counter-attack out of the bunch.

American Alex Hoves was first to drop from the front four, followed by Cesare Benedetti of Italy. Frenchman Roy and Martin Elmiger of Switzerland held on until 3.5km to go, sharing a handshake when the game was up. —AFP



VILLARS-LES-DOBES: Stage winner Britain's Mark Cavendish celebrates on the podium after the fourteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 208.5 kilometers (129.2 miles) with start in Montelimar and finish in Villars-les-Dombes, France, yesterday. — AP

## MICKELSON LEADS WITH GOOD GOLF AND GOOD SIDE OF DRAW

**TROON:** The way Rory McIlroy is hitting the ball, he doesn't feel as though he should be eight shots behind 36-hole leader Phil Mickelson in the British Open. Blame that on the weather. McIlroy's side of the draw got the worst of it over the opening two rounds at Royal Troon.

Except that McIlroy's knows better not to complain. Two years ago at Royal Liverpool, he was on the good side of the draw. McIlroy had a four-shot lead after two rounds and sailed to victory. So after coming in from the rain and wind - particularly one 90-minute stretch on the back nine - he was not surprised at how the leaderboard looked.

Nor was he about to complain. Not too loudly, anyway.

"It's The Open Championship," McIlroy said. "Some draws go your way and some

draws don't. The last Open I played, I got the good end of the draw and good things happened that week. Then this year, it's not so much. But I'm not going to let being on the wrong side ruin my mood or ruin my week. I feel like I've played very well and that gives me optimism going into the weekend."

The nature of links golf, and this championship, is getting the good side of the tee times. Mickelson was soaked when he walked off the course, though he managed to get in eight holes Friday morning before the rain arrived. He had three birdies by then, didn't make his first bogey until the 30th hole of this championship and shot a 2-under 69.

He was at 10-under 132 and led Henrik Stenson - also playing Friday morning - by one shot. Stenson made

his birdies during lulls in the weather and shot 65. Go down the leaderboard to find more evidence.

The top 14 players all played late on Thursday (the wind was mild and straight off the Irish Sea, the easiest direction) and early on Friday (the wind and rain didn't get really nasty until late in the afternoon).

Of the 26 players who remained under par, only four of them were playing Friday afternoon. Some handled the misfortune well, such as McIlroy and even Jordan Spieth, who had to play the final six holes even par to shoot 75 and make the cut at 4-over 146 with no room to spare.

"It's tough when we all realize before we go out that you're kind of what would be the bad end of the draw before you

even play your second round," Spieth said. "But at 4-over par, my game is not major championship-winning caliber those first two rounds. It just made it pretty interesting and actually somewhat nervous on the last five, six holes because I'd really like to play the week-end."

Some didn't. Justin Rose started with a bogey, ended with a double bogey and was in no mood to appreciate that fickle weather is a big part of links golf.

"It was ridiculous," he said. "When you see such a disparity between the draw, and you see no name from this side of the draw popping up, it's just frustrating. That's really about it. That group (Friday morning) was bound to make the cut. Great players, kind of doing their best to make the cut, kind of tells you it was

tough out there."

Standing outside the tented area was Padraig Harrington, who had finished moments earlier at 72 and was at even-par for the championship, 10 shots behind.

The Irishman was not one to complain, and he stands as an example of how best to handle such situations. Go back to Royal Birkdale in 2008, when the wind and rain raged so strong that Sandy Lyle walked off the golf course after 10 holes, and Rich Beem opened with a 46 through nine holes and joined him. Such is The Open. Someone always gets the wrong end of the draw.

Why is that significant?

Harrington played in the same side, five tee times after Lyle. By Sunday, he was holding the claret jug. — AP

## DRINKWATER WAITS FOR LEICESTER OFFER

**STEGERSBACH:** Leicester City midfielder Danny Drinkwater admits he is still waiting for a new contract offer despite the Premier League champions moving to secure the futures of other stars.

The 26-year-old England international, who played a pivotal role in last season's remarkable title success, has seen contracts offered this summer to key trio Jamie Vardy, N'Golo Kante and Riyad Mahrez.

Vardy has already signed his four-year deal-a second new contract in the last year-after rejecting a move to Arsenal. Drinkwater says he would also like to commit his future to the East Midlands club.

"I am not going chasing the club," said Drinkwater. "It is up to them to approach me. I would love to commit but I just want to play football. I still have two years left on my contract so it is not a be all and end all if I don't sign a new one in the next few weeks.

"I'm still under contract so I can't really say too much but I'm a Leicester City player at the minute. It's up to them how they handle it." Winger Marc Albrighton and captain Wes Morgan are among other players still waiting for offers after Vardy's future dominated the agenda in the close season.

"Arsenal are a massive club and a club a lot of people would love to play for so 'Vards' committing his future to Leicester must put the club in a good light," said Drinkwater.

Leicester are globe-trotting this summer to gear up for the new season, with this week's training camp in Austria followed by friendlies in Glasgow, Los Angeles and Stockholm against Celtic, Paris Saint Germain and Barcelona respectively.

That is ahead of their first ever Champions League campaign and Manchester United fan Drinkwater admits he used to watch his own heroes in the competition, even paying for a tour of Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium.

"As a fan you just look at the players walking out and you are buzzing for them," he said. "So if I'm the one they're buzzing for that adds a bit more excitement. I remember in Moscow, when we beat Chelsea in the final, they kept us in the stadium for about two hours afterwards and I was raging.

"We nearly missed the flight home because of it but we were celebrating so it wasn't too bad!" Now Drinkwater is targeting European glory and an England place after missing out on Roy Hodgson's final Euro 2016 squad.

"If there was something I could have done more to get in the squad I would have done it, but I am not sure there was," he said. "Roy pulled me into a room and explained the situation and I understood what he was saying.

"I was disappointed but there was nothing I could have done by that stage." —AFP



**WIGAN:** Manchester United's Portuguese manager Jose Mourinho (R) congratulates Manchester United's English striker Will Keane following the pre-season friendly football match between Wigan Athletic and Manchester United at the DW stadium in Wigan, northwest England, yesterday. —AFP

## MOURINHO OFF TO WINNING START WITH MAN UNITED

**WIGAN:** Jose Mourinho's first game as manager of Manchester United ended in a short trip and comfortable 2-0 victory over newly-promoted Championship side Wigan Athletic at their DW Stadium yesterday.

Goals early in the second half from Will Keane and Andreas Pereira secured victory for United who parted company with former manager Louis van Gaal after winning the FA Cup on their last competitive outing two months ago. It was a weakened United line-up at the disposal of their new manager given that 14 players who represented their countries in the European Championships and Copa America this summer were unavailable and have yet to return to training. Nevertheless, it is a sign of the strength in depth that Mourinho will have at his call this season that the starting line-up he selected still boasted summer signings Eric Bailly and Henrikh Mkhitaryan, bought for a total of nearly £60 million (71.7 million euros), and England left-back Luke Shaw, returning after 10 months out of action with a broken leg. The game, arranged at short notice to give Mourinho extra competition prior to his team leaving for a tour of China on Tuesday, was predictably low-key. But it still represented a winning start to his reign as United manager as the 5,500 United supporters in attendance welcomed him by chanting his name within the opening minute.

The victory will doubtless have pleased their manager even if the opening goal was a gift from veteran Wigan goalkeeper Jussi Jaaskelainen who made an appalling clearance directly to Juan Mata who squared for Keane to convert after 48 minutes.

Ten minutes later, United doubled their advantage with a goal that clearly owed much to the work put in by Mourinho in his first week on the training ground with his new charges.

A well-worked free-kick saw Mata pick out Ander Herrera in the Wigan penalty area and, after his shot was blocked, Brazilian Pereira was handed the simple opportunity to sweep the ball in from a dozen yards. Otherwise, the game was a typical pre-season affair, with Mourinho making seven half-time substitutions, and swapping all 11 players before the end of the 90 minutes.

### FIRST ARMENIAN

Interestingly, Ivory Coast defender Bailly, a new arrival from Villarreal, played longer than any other outfield player, seeing out 82 minutes of the contest, as Mourinho presumably attempts to acclimatise him to the English game. But the United manager will nevertheless have gained satisfaction, and information, from the game with the new playmaker Henrikh Mkhitaryan, the first Armenian to play in the Premier League, particularly bright in the ppening exchanges.

His neat lay-off after eight minutes should have been converted by Memphis Depay only for the Dutchman to see his shot blocked and the same United forward was guilty of an even more glaring miss halfway through the opening period when he missed the target at the far post

after more good approach play from Mkhitaryan.

Indeed, it was easy to see how Mkhitaryan led the Bundesliga in assists with Borussia Dortmund last season and he might have capped his first United outing with a goal just before the interval but volleyed over from a Jesse Lingard cross.

The 45-minute performance of Shaw will also have pleased his new manager as the left-back showed no ill effects from the horrific double broken leg he suffered early last season in a Champions League tie at PSV Eindhoven.

Mourinho will now welcome back the remaining 14 international players to Old Trafford this week ahead of Tuesday's departure to China where his team plays Dortmund in Shanghai and a Manchester derby meeting with City in Beijing. However, while a number of those players, including England internationals Chris Smalling, Wayne Rooney and Marcus Rashford, will travel with the squad, Mourinho has indicated they will not play in the two fixtures.

Veteran newcomer Zlatan Ibrahimovic may remain in Manchester to concentrate on his fitness. —AFP

## ARGENTINA WILL BE COMPETITIVE WITHOUT MESSI

**CHENNAI:** Argentina will fight for major honours despite Lionel Messi retiring from international soccer after the disappointment of last month's Copa America final shootout loss to Chile, the country's former forward Hernan Crespo has said.

The 29-year-old Messi, a five-times World Player of the Year, is Argentina's top scorer with 55 goals and although he has played in three Copa America finals in 2007, 2015 and 2016, plus the 2014 World Cup final, Argentina have lost them all. Despite media reports suggesting the Barcelona forward is reconsidering his decision, Crespo, 41, said the focus should now be on ensuring Argentina remain a force and take the next step to end the country's 23-year wait for a major trophy. "The Argentina national team is very competitive. If you watch the last three tournaments - two Copa America finals and one World Cup final - you are competitive, you arrive in the final of great events," he told reporters yesterday. "I hope to see our national team win but I don't want to say that Messi was at fault, it's not good. Messi played very well. He is the top scorer of the national team. He is the best player in the world. It's unlucky.

"But it's not about Messi. It's about the last 23 years the national team never won (a major trophy). Yes they won the Olympic games (in 2004 and 2008) but, at the same time, we have lost a lot of finals. However, we are still competitive. "This is just the way. I think maybe next time we will win." With European clubs poaching players from South America at a relatively young age, Crespo, who played for clubs across the continent, including Chelsea and AC Milan, urged aspiring youngsters to stay level-headed when they are in the spotlight. "The world is changing now ... Now it's worse because in six months when you start, somebody (tries to) buy you, and in Argentina you need this kind of money to maintain that level of play (by developing youngsters)," added Argentina's third-highest goalscorer, who plays in India's Premier Futsal league.

"Maybe they are not mature enough to come to Europe but you never know which is the right way. You need to fill your passion. You need to follow that. It's not about sacrifice, your passion is enough to play football. I changed not only the country but the continent when I was 21." — Reuters



**Leicester City's** all-action defensive midfielder N'Golo Kante.



**CHENNAI:** Bangaluru 5's Santiago Daniel Elias plays against the Kolkata 5's during their Premier Futsal Football League match in Chennai yesterday. — AFP

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BELGRADE: Britain's Dominic Inglot, left, returns a ball as his doubles partner, Jamie Murray, watches during their Davis Cup quarter-final tennis doubles match against Serbia's Nenad Zimonjic and Filip Krajinovic in Belgrade, Serbia, yesterday. — AP

## DOUBLES WIN GIVES BRITAIN LEAD OVER SERBIA

FRANCE LEAD CZECHS 2-1 AFTER DOUBLES STRUGGLE

**BELGRADE:** Defending champions Great Britain took a 2-1 lead over hosts Serbia in their Davis Cup World Group quarter-final in Belgrade yesterday. In the second singles rubber, rescheduled from Friday due to heavy rain, Dusan Lajovic defeated James Ward 6-1, 6-3, 6-2 to pull the hosts level.

But in Saturday's doubles Jamie Murray and Dominic Inglot defeated Filip Krajinovic and Nenad Zimonjic 6-1, 6-7 (2/7), 6-3, 6-4 to move Britain to within one win of the last four. In the first singles match on Friday Kyle Edmund had eased past Janko Tipsarevic 6-3, 6-4, 6-0. Serbia, the 2010 champions, are without world number one Novak Djokovic, who pulled out of the quarter-final after his shock third-round exit at Wimbledon and with

one eye on the Rio Olympics.

Briton Andy Murray also opted out after claiming his second Wimbledon title at the All England Club at the weekend. Ward can win the tie in the first rubber today against Tipsarevic, but if the Serbian veteran wins then it will come down to a deciding match between Edmund and Lajovic, the two teams' highest-ranked players.

Meanwhile, the world's top doubles pair of Nicolas Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert put France 2-1 ahead of the Czech Republic in their Davis Cup World Group quarter-final yesterday.

Wimbledon champions Mahut and Herbert, ranked first and second in the world, beat Radek Stepanek and

Lukas Rosol 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 in just over three hours. Mahut and Herbert took only 25 minutes to cruise through the opening set on the hardcourt of the Werk Arena in the eastern Czech steel hub of Trinec.

The Czechs recovered in the second set, making fewer mistakes and taking a 3-0 lead which they converted into a 6-3 win.

The French pair regained their dominance again in set three, winning 6-3, but the Czechs, led by 37-year-old veteran Stepanek, fought back in the fourth with two breaks to one. Finally, Rosol lost his serve to love in the first game of the last set and that was all the French needed to take the set 6-4. "I think we played a fantastic game against the world's best pair, we gave it every-

thing," said Stepanek.

"One set doesn't mean anything in these long rubbers, we managed to come back and fought until the end." On Friday, the Czechs took a lead as world number 78 Rosol stunned 10th-ranked Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (10/8), 6-4.

Lucas Pouille, ranked 21st, then swept 50th-ranked Jiri Vesely 7-6 (7/2), 6-4, 7-5 to put France level in his Davis Cup debut. In today's reverse singles, Vesely is due to face Tsonga before Rosol takes on Pouille. The Czech Republic won the Davis Cup in 2012 and 2013, while France last lifted the trophy in 2001. The winner of the tie will face either the United States or Croatia in the semi-finals. — AFP

## PAES, BOPANNA SEAL INDIA'S DAVIS CUP PLAY-OFF BERTH

**NEW DELHI:** Leander Paes and Rohan Bopanna made an ideal start to their Olympic preparations as they sealed a Davis Cup world play-off berth for India, winning the doubles rubber against South Korea in Chandigarh yesterday.

The duo's win gave India an unassailable 3-0 lead on the grass courts of the Chandigarh Club after the team won both the singles matches of the Asia/Oceania Group I tie.

Paes and Bopanna, who were chosen as a doubles pair by India's tennis association for the Rio Games, outplayed the Korean pair of Seong Chan Hong and Hong Chung 6-3 6-4 6-4. Bopanna, who had voiced his displeasure of "not being given a say" in choosing his Olympic partner, insisted he shared a good "on-court chemistry" with Paes.

"Chemistry was great. If it wasn't good, we could not have got such convincing win. We did not push much and just made sure that we come out strong," said Bopanna.

The 43-year-old Paes, who is set for his seventh Olympic participation, also enjoyed the doubles win. "We have won in three sets. We are playing well. It has been a great season for us. We are sharp.

"Even if the competition was tough, we could have raised the level of our game," Paes, a winner of 18 Grand Slam titles, said. Earlier India's Saketh Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan had won their respective singles on Friday to hand India a 2-0 cushion.

The reverse singles matches slated for today now remain a mere formality as the Koreans will be playing for pride against an upbeat India. — AFP



CHANDIGARH: India's Leander Paes (front) and Rohan Bopanna plays a return during their doubles match against South Korea's Hong Chung and Seong Chan Hong at the second day of the Davis Cup Asia Oceania group one, round two tie between India and South Korea in Chandigarh yesterday. — AFP

## SOCK SHOCKS CILIC IN DAVIS CUP Q-FINAL

**LOS ANGELES:** Jack Sock rallied to stun Marin Cilic 4-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 on Friday and put the United States on the road to a 2-0 lead over Croatia in their Davis Cup World Group quarter-final tie. The triumph for the 26th-ranked Sock over world number 12 Cilic, the 2014 US Open champion, was followed by American John Isner's 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Borna Coric.

The formidable doubles duo of Bob and Mike Bryan can clinch the best-of-five match tie on the outdoor hardcourt at Tualtin Hills Tennis Club in Portland, Oregon, yesterday.

Croatians Ivan Dodig and Marin Draganja are slated to take on the brothers, trying to push things to the reverse singles on Sunday. Sock fired 17 aces against Cilic, who came into the tie trying to put behind him a five-set quarter-final loss to Roger Federer at Wimbledon. But having forced a decisive fifth set, the American surrendered an early break that appeared to set Cilic on his way.

Sock, however, broke back in the fifth game, and while he couldn't convert three break points in the seventh, he gained the last break he needed in the ninth, when Cilic sent a high backhand volley wide. "A little bit disappointing with that, just to lose that opportunity of getting that lead in the fifth set," Cilic said. "When I gave him a chance to come back I felt that he started to play also really well."

Sock got a little shaky serving it out, double-faulting twice before surviving two break points to seal the match after three hours and 13 minutes. "I haven't played a ton of five-setters in my career," said Sock, who was playing his first Davis Cup match on home soil. "Haven't come back from two sets to love down. To do that today, in front of the home crowd for the team, it feels extra special today." Isner, ranked 16th in the world, fired 23 aces and fended off all eight break points he faced in a match lasting just under two hours. Having withstood 54th-ranked Coric's early assault on his serve, which included break points in six of Isner's first seven service games, Isner broke the Croatian in the final game of each of the first two sets to take a comfortable lead.

After breaking to lead 3-1 in the third, Isner stayed the course, finishing off the match with a final ace. "We're up 2-0, we're in a good spot," Isner said. While the United States are the most successful Davis Cup nation ever, with 32 titles, they were ousted in the first round the past two years by Britain. They last played in the semi-finals in 2012, when they fell 3-1 at Spain.

The winners of the best-of-five match tie will take on either the Czech Republic or France in the semi-finals. The Czechs and French were tied 1-1 after the opening day of their tie in Prague. — AFP



KSE PRICE INDEX CLOSES AT 5,390.70 POINTS



FARNBOROUGH: An exhibitor leans on the tail of a plane while making a phone call during the Farnborough Airshow, south west of London. The event, held every two years southwest of London, traditionally sees US titan Boeing and Europe’s Airbus compete as they unveil their latest multi-billion-dollar orders. — AFP

BOEING EYES RIVALS AS IT TURNS 100  
COMPANY AIMS FOR SUPERSONICS AND MARS

**NEW YORK:** Boeing, creator of some of the world’s most iconic aircraft of the 20th century, commemorates its centennial Friday facing multiple challenges to remain at the forefront of global aerospace innovation. At the top of the list is European archrival Airbus, which has topped Boeing in commercial orders in recent years and made inroads into the American market by building planes on US shores.

Boeing Co marked its centennial with plans to sharpen its focus on innovation, including ambitious projects for supersonic commercial flight and a rocket that could carry humans to other planets. But innovation at Boeing will be “disciplined” and not endanger the future of the world’s biggest plane maker, Chief Executive Dennis Muilenburg told reporters at an event marking the company’s founding on July 15, 1916.

The enterprise established by William Boeing in a Seattle boathouse has faced numerous “bet the company” moments over its 10 decades to bring out new planes such as the 707 and 747. “We have won for 100 years because of innovation,” Muilenburg said. “The key is disciplined innovation. We’ll take risks. We’ll invest smartly.” Chicago-based Boeing has managed to stay ahead of European rival Airbus in plane production and is a major defense and space contractor, producing fighter jets, aerial refueling tankers, communications satellites and rockets.

The company is exploring the possibilities of commercial supersonic and hypersonic planes, Muilenburg said. It also is at work on a manned mission to Mars. Though those are perhaps many decades away, “I’m anticipating that person will be riding on a Boeing rocket,” Muilenburg said. More immediately, Boeing is pressing for licenses to conclude sales of 109 aircraft to Iran,



FARNBOROUGH: Boeing F/A-18 Super Hornet, a twin-engine, supersonic, all weather multirole fighter takes part in a flying display at the Farnborough Airshow, south west of London. — AFP

including leased jets, despite opposition from some in Congress. “This is a significant opportunity,” he said. “It does represent significant US manufacturing jobs.”

Boeing also faces tough going in defense, having lost a US contract for the long range strike bomber to Northrop Grumman, and another from the US and allies for a joint strike fighter to Lockheed Martin. That leaves Boeing with only the delay-plagued KC-46 tanker program for the US Air Force, a deal it controversially wrested out of Airbus’ hands. “Boeing’s biggest challenge is Airbus,” said Loren Thompson, chief operating officer of the Lexington Institute. “Whether Boeing keeps up or beats Airbus will determine the future of the company.” To stay strong in defense, Boeing must beef up its operations in maintenance of military vehicles, analysts say. In space travel, another longtime core activity, Boeing faces upstarts like SpaceX, which has been aggressive on price. “Technologically they are positioned, but they are not well positioned in terms of pricing” in space travel, said Marco Caceres of Teal Group. “They are going to have to figure out how to become leaner, or otherwise they won’t be able to compete for much longer.”

Global Icon

Boeing insists it will stay at the top. Chief executive Dennis Muilenburg told USA Today in June that it is building a rocket that will let man set foot on Mars. “It’s about 50 percent bigger than the Saturn V that took humans to the moon,” he said. Boeing also faces obstacles on Capitol Hill, where lawmakers have sought to block a controversial contract to sell some \$25 billion in planes to Iran. That came after a lengthy fight over the Export-Import Bank weakened an institution that has long supported Boeing.

Still, analysts say Boeing continues to have cache as a “global icon,” as Teal Group’s Richard Aboulafia put it. Boeing had revenues of \$96 billion in 2015 and has a multi-year backlog of orders for a civil aviation market that it believes will be worth nearly \$6 trillion over the next 20 years. First founded July 15 in 1916 in Seattle by William Boeing as the Pacific Aero Products Co, Boeing has evolved into the biggest exporter in the United States. The company grew rapidly during and after World War I, expanding into air transport, but was broken up by the US government in 1934 on antitrust grounds. William Boeing sold his holdings in the company.

The company’s ability to survive without its founder positioned it for growth when World War II sparked huge demand for its B-17 and B-29 bombers. Strong US military demand for the subsequent B-47 and B-52 bombers boosted Boeing during the Cold War. Growth was then fueled by a succession of popular commercial planes unveiled in later decades, especially the famous Boeing 747. But today’s competitive landscape also includes smaller rivals, such as Canada’s Bombardier and China’s Comac. —Agencies

BOUBYAN BANK RECORDS NET PROFIT OF KD 18.9 MILLION

**KUWAIT:** Boubyan Bank has recorded a net profit growth rate of 18% during the First Half of 2016. The bank’s net profits amounted to KD 18.9 Million compared with KD 16 Million in the First Half of 2015, with an earnings per share of 8.73fils compared with 7.41fils for the same period of 2015. Adel Abdul Wahab Al-Majed, the Bank’s Vice Chairman and CEO, said that this level of profitability and growth was achieved despite the challenging operational environment and the high competition in the Kuwaiti market thereby increasing challenges to overcome in order to achieve the desired level of success.

“The increase in the Bank’s profitability is attributed to the Grace of Allah and then to the confidence of shareholders and customers as well as the efforts exerted by all the Bank’s staff and their constant keenness on providing the highest levels of service to customers coupled with innovation and creativity which have always been the Bank’s focus since the beginning of the restructuring strategy in 2009,” Al-Majed added.

He went on to add: “The Bank’s key indicators noted a considerable growth during the first half of the year where the total assets increased to KD 3.4 billion at a growth rate of 18% while the operating income increased to KD 51.1 million at a growth rate of 17% in addition to the increase in customers’ deposits by 23%, to KD 2.8 billion.” He further added that the total equity of the bank increased to KD 326million compared to KD 301 million last year and that there was a notable increase in the financing portfolio to KD 2.4 billion at a growth rate of 18% in addition to the continuous growth of the bank’s customer base. Al-Majed also stated that the market share, in financing portfolio, increased approximately to 6.7%, with an increase in Boubyan Bank’s share in the retail finance to approximately 10%.

Capital Enhancement Sukuk

On the other hand, Al-Majed stated: “In the first half of the year, the Bank succeeded locally and internationally to increase its capital through a perpetual sukuk issuance which was oversubscribed by more than 5 times, reaching \$1.3 billion. This was achieved during a marketing period that did not exceed two weeks from the date of obtaining the final regulatory approvals from the Capital Markets Authority and the Central Bank of Kuwait. The marketing campaign was launched by the Bank in Kuwait as well as in major international financial hubs. Boubyan Bank issued \$250 million sukuk, priced at

100%, which will bear expected profit rate of 6.75%.”

“The success of the Tier 1 capital issuance reflects the confidence of local and international investors in the prospects of Boubyan Bank in light of the Bank’s achievements during the past years and its successes which encouraged such investors,” Al-Majed added. Al-Majed went on to add: “We take pride in our achievement not only because this represents Boubyan Bank’s success, but also it represents the success of the Islamic financial industry, and highlights the healthy investment environment in the State of Kuwait in general, as being one of the countries that has the capabilities to attract global investors in light of the availability of new opportunities such as Boubyan Bank’s sukuk.”

Best Islamic Bank in Kuwait  
Al-Majed also referred to the Bank’s accomplishment of receiving the Best Islamic Bank in Kuwait Award from Global Finance in light of the Bank’s achievements during 2015 such as the increase in profitability and market share. “Receiving this award for the second time reiterates our success in achieving our targets, and stresses the way our Bank stands out as a distinctive bank providing Islamic services and products that keep pace with society’s developments, especially technology developments.”

Al-Majed went on to add: “The bank managed to establish itself as one of the best institutions in the Kuwaiti private sector in the field of customer service evidenced by continuing to receive the first place award, for the sixth year in a row atop all Islamic Banks in customer service from Service Hero, the international consumer-driven customer satisfaction index. The Bank has also received the 2nd Place in Customer Service atop all companies in Kuwait.”

He further stated: “These kind of awards once again reiterates our bank’s superb competitive abilities, and its ability to provide its customers with the highest levels of services and the best products customers may seek, whether they are existing customers or potential customers targeted in the Kuwaiti market.” “Customer service has always been our recipe for success, as we have always taken into account that all our customers are special and that they deserve the best because meeting their aspirations and ambitions should be up to the level of their expectations when they chose us. In other words, by choosing us, customers should be rewarded with special care and attention,” Al-Majed stressed.



Adel Abdul Wahab Al-Majed



French Economy and Industry minister Emmanuel Macron

## FRANCE’S WHIZZ-KID ECONOMY MINISTER MACRON AIMS HIGHER

**PARIS:** French political high-flyer Emmanuel Macron has enjoyed a lightning rise from the world of investment banking to the economy ministry where his maverick attitude has irked his leftist colleagues. However it appears no reprimand can quench the zeal of the photogenic 38-year-old minister whose potential presidential ambitions have transfixed France. "If approval was a criterion in this country, nothing would ever get done," Macron said last year.

Ever since his appointment to the government in 2014, Macron has taken on cherished leftist ideals, questioning the 35-hour work week and blaming sky-high unemployment and weak growth on "a lack of competitiveness, a loss of French economic muscle..." "France is sick. It's not well," Macron said after his surprise appointment. His first big test was to convince the notoriously change-averse French to accept reforms to kick-start their economy, with business-friendly laws such as allowing shops to open more often on Sundays. The move sparked angry protests.

Prime Minister Manuel Valls had to force the so-called "Macron Law" through parliament without a vote to avoid leftist rebels sinking it. Macron's straight-talking, anti-establishment flair-and the fact that he is a fresh face in an often stagnant political pool-has seen him win over many young, cosmopolitan French people. It is these "winners from globalization", as Le Monde newspaper described them, who flocked to a meeting of Macron's political movement "En marche" (On the move) on Tuesday.

Yet, crucially, it is unclear how wide the appeal really is of a man who has never held elected office, and Macron has certainly rubbed many up the wrong way. In June, angry union activists pelted him with eggs and yelled at him to "get lost" in reaction to a video in which he told a member of the powerful CGT union that "the best way to afford a suit is to work". He has also called for tougher labor reforms than the current package before parliament which have prompted violent street protests. In January he irked workers when he said entrepreneurs often have "a harder life than employees (because) they can lose everything and have fewer guarantees".

### Will he or won't he?

Macron's speech to the gathering Wednesday looked and sounded like a presidential campaign bid, but France was still left wondering: Will he or won't

he? Macron-who routinely steals the spotlight and front pages from deeply unpopular President Francois Hollande-merely hinted at his intentions. He pledged to lead his movement "to 2017 and to victory" and took several digs at his own government by calling France "a country worn down by broken promises".

Macron routinely polls higher than Hollande and Valls, and his stint in the spotlight comes as the president appears to represent a weak choice as the potential Socialist candidate for next May's presidential election. Hollande's response to Macron setting up his movement was to say the economics minister "has to be in my team, under my authority". "It's a question of personal and political loyalty," the president said. Macron has regularly faced reprimands from fellow cabinet ministers and observers have questioned how long he can stay in government while he is "distracted" by pursuing his own interests. "It's high time all this stopped," an exasperated Valls fumed Tuesday.

### Wife was his teacher

Macron's personal life is also a source of great interest. When he was 17 he ran off with his French teacher from his high school-a woman 20 years his senior to whom he is now married. An interview with his wife Brigitte in a French magazine pictured the couple walking into the president's Elysee palace under the headline "Together on the road to power". Macron later said the spread was a "mistake". Born in the northern French city of Amiens, Macron began his career with a masters in philosophy. He then followed the well-trodden path to joining France's political class by graduating from the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA). Macron also found time to learn German and become an award-winning pianist.

In his dizzying rise to the top, Macron would meet and become a close ally of Hollande. In 2008, he was snapped up by the Rothschild banking group where he quickly climbed the ranks and became a millionaire. Hollande kept Macron-a card-carrying Socialist since the age of 24 - by his side in his rise to the presidency, while publicly dubbing the world of finance his number-one enemy. When he captured the Elysee in 2012, Hollande took Macron with him as a senior member of his staff, and made him economy minister two years later after a cabinet revolt over the direction the country's economy was taking.—AFP

# MBK PARTNERS EYES JAPAN’S ACCORDIA

### ACCORDIA SHARES JUMP AS MUCH AS 13%

**TOKYO:** Seoul-based private equity firm MBK Partners is planning to buy Japanese golf course operator Accordia Golf Co in a deal that could value the company as much as 160 billion yen (\$1.5 billion), three people with direct knowledge of the matter told Thomson Reuters LPC. Shares in Accordia Golf surged as much as 13 percent in Tokyo on Friday when trading began after an early suspension pending a company statement.

Accordia said in its statement that the company has nothing to disclose at the present. In what would be one of Japan's biggest private equity deals in recent years, the people told LPC, a loan-focused news service, that the country's big three banks - Mitsubishi UFJ Financial

Group, Mizuho Financial Group and Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group - are working on arranging senior loans worth 75 billion yen for MBK Partners to fund the deal.

As much as 35 billion yen of mezzanine finance may also be provided, the people said. They asked not to be identified because they were not authorized to speak to the media about the planned acquisition, which includes debt. By 0446 GMT, Accordia shares were up 10 percent, giving the firm a market value of about 100 billion yen. As of March, it had net debt of 57.7 billion. MBK officials contacted in Seoul and Tokyo declined to comment, while spokespeople for the three Japanese banks all declined to comment.

Accordia was set up by Goldman Sachs Group after it bought a series of golf course businesses in Japan that went bankrupt after the country's sharp economic downturn in the early 1990s. Goldman took the company public in 2006, selling its last holding in Accordia in 2011. Accordia is 18.95 percent owned by investment fund Reno which is partly owned by Yoshiaki Murakami, a Japanese activist investor, as well as two other parties related to Murakami. As of May the firm owned 43 golf courses nationwide, and managed an additional 93 golf courses. In the fiscal year ended March, its net profit fell 9.2 percent to 5.46 billion yen, while revenue dropped 24 percent to 48.5 billion yen.— Reuters

# GULF BANK ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE AL DANAH DAILY DRAWS

**KUWAIT:** Gulf Bank held its Al Danah daily draws on 10 July 2016 announcing the names of its winners for the week of 3 July - 4 July 2016. The Al Danah daily draws include draws each and every working day for two prizes of KD1,000 per winner. The winners were: (Sunday 3/7): Ahmad Dehri Jali Al-Jureed, Saeed Ahmed Abd Almonem Al-Muhtaseb; (Monday 4/7): Mohammed Kheder Ali Abdulfattah, Aljohara Soud Mohammed Al-Qowaedhi.

Gulf Bank's Al Danah 2016 draw lineup includes daily draws (2 winners per working day each receive KD1000). Al Danah's 3rd Quarterly Draw for the prize of KD500,000 will be held on September 29th. The final Al Danah draw for 1 Million Kuwaiti Dinars will be held on 5 January, 2017 whereby the Al Danah Millionaire will be announced. Open an Al Danah account now or

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# HAMMOND: A SAFE PAIR OF HANDS FOR THE BREXIT FINANCE MINISTER

**LONDON:** Philip Hammond was named as Britain's new finance minister, bringing a steady hand to guide the economy through an uncertain post-Brexit future. The former foreign minister is an unshowy performer dubbed the "grey man" by some, but his work ethic and attention to detail have much in common with those of new Prime Minister Theresa May. His understated style is likely to reassure investors given the volatility of the markets and fears of a recession sparked by Britain's seismic vote to leave the EU.

Hammond was an enthusiastic supporter of May's bid to succeed David Cameron and has now been rewarded with the most senior job in government, after her own. "The Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of Philip Hammond MP as Chancellor of the Exchequer," a statement from Downing Street said. His predecessor George Osborne, the architect of the past six years of austerity and a close friend of Cameron, has resigned from government.

Like May, Hammond had backed staying in the EU but has long been a critic of the bloc, previously saying he was open to the prospect of Britain cutting loose from the union. His new job puts him in the firing line as Britain tries to carve out a new future and, crucially, new trade deals outside the EU. In a newspaper article earlier this month, Hammond said negotiations on leaving the EU would inevitably involve a trade-off between access to the single market and ending free movement of people to Britain.

### 'Big Phil'

"Our economy now faces another period of change and challenge," he wrote in the Daily Telegraph. "Businesses, consumers, markets confront a new set of uncertainties-and will



Newly appointed British Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond

continue to do so until the shape of our deal with the EU becomes clear. That means time is of essence," he wrote. Hammond is on the centre-right of the Conservative party, and was outspoken in his opposition to gay marriage and support for cutting welfare. As foreign minister, he played a key role in the talks with Iran over its disputed nuclear program.

As defense minister before that, he steered Britain through deep military cuts and a troop withdrawal from Afghanistan with typically minimal drama. Reportedly nicknamed "Big

Phil" at Conservative headquarters, Hammond grew up in Essex, east of London, and won a scholarship to Oxford University, where he studied politics, philosophy and economics. He worked in the property, construction and energy sectors before being elected to parliament in 1997, the year Labor swept to power, consigning the Tories to 13 years in opposition. Married with three children, he represents Runnymede and Weybridge, an affluent commuter belt constituency on the outskirts of London.—AFP

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Hongkong Dollar	39.097
Bangladesh Taka	3.863
Philippine Peso	6.419
Thai Baht	8.626
GCC COUNTRIES	
Saudi Riyal	80.843
Qatari Riyal	83.276
ani Riyal	787.422
Bahraini Dinar	805.100
UAE Dirham	82.539
ARAB COUNTRIES	
Egyptian Pound - Cash	31.950
Egyptian Pound - Transfer	34.513
Yemen Riyal/for 1000	1.217
Tunisian Dinar	138.230
Jordanian Dinar	427.750
Lebanese Lira/for 1000	2.020
Syrian Lira	2.0160
Morocco Dirham	31.302
EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COUNTRIES	
US Dollar Transfer	303.000
Euro	336.940
Sterling Pound	405.260
Canadian dollar	232.900
Turkish lira	105.210

Swiss Franc	308.240
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UAE Dirhams	82.700
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Saudi Riyals	81.495
Jordanian Dinar	427.030
Egyptian Pound	34.013
Sri Lankan Rupees	2.088
Indian Rupees	4.508
Pakistani Rupees	2.888
Bangladesh Taka	3.857
Philippines Peso	6.431
Cyprus pound	159.630
Japanese Yen	3.980
Syrian Pound	2.395
Nepalese Rupees	3.805
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Danish Krone	0.040985	0.045985
Euro	0.0329530	0.0338530
Norwegian Krone	0.031911	0.037111
Romanian Leu	0.086903	0.086903
Slovakia	0.009032	0.019032
Swedish Krona	0.031439	0.036439
Swiss Franc	0.299612	0.310612
Turkish Lira	0.099882	0.110182
Australasia		
Australian Dollar	0.221891	0.233891
New Zealand Dollar	0.213403	0.222903
America		
Canadian Dollar	0.226237	0.235237
Georgina Lari	0.136827	0.136827
US Dollars	0.298850	0.303850
US Dollars Mint	0.299350	0.303850
Asia		
Bangladesh Taka	0.003391	0.003975
Chinese Yuan	0.044020	0.047520
Hong Kong Dollar	0.036987	0.039737
Indian Rupee	0.004324	0.004734
Indonesian Rupiah	0.000019	0.000025

Japanese Yen	0.002828	0.003008
Kenyan Shilling	0.003116	0.003116
Korean Won	0.000254	0.0002698
Malaysian Ringgit	0.072230	0.078230
Nepalese Rupee	0.002857	0.003027
Pakistan Rupee	0.002724	0.003014
Philippine Peso	0.006359	0.006659
Sierra Leone	0.000067	0.000073
Singapore Dollar	0.219638	0.229638
South African Rand	0.015127	0.023627
Sri Lankan Rupee	0.001674	0.002254
Taiwan	0.009295	0.009475
Thai Baht	0.008290	0.008840

Arab		
Bahraini Dinar	0.797012	0.805512
Egyptian Pound	0.027099	0.032217
Iranian Riyal	0.000084	0.000085
Iraqi Dinar	0.000181	0.000241
Jordanian Dinar	0.423439	0.432439
Kuwaiti Dinar	1.000000	1.000000
Lebanese Pound	0.000146	0.000246
Moroccan Dirhams	0.019321	0.043321
Nigerian Naira	0.001250	0.001885
Omani Riyal	0.780463	0.786143
Qatar Riyal	0.082402	0.083852
Saudi Riyal	0.079700	0.081000
Syrian Pound	0.001284	0.001504
Tunisian Dinar	0.134931	0.142931
Turkish Lira	0.099882	0.110182
UAE Dirhams	0.081057	0.082757
Yemeni Riyal	0.001369	0.001449

# BREXIT DOUBTS WON'T SLOW US-EU TRADE TALKS



LONDON: People rest and take their lunch break on the stairs at Trafalgar Square in London, with the National Gallery at rear. — AP

**BRUSSELS:** The United States and the European Union said they were forging ahead with trade talks on Friday despite the shock setback of Brexit and rising opposition to the deal in France and Germany. Negotiators met this week in Brussels for the 14th round of negotiations on the proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) that would create the world's largest free trade area.

US chief negotiator Dan Mullaney said that Britain's decision to split from the EU raised questions around the deal as Britain represents 25 per cent of US exports to the EU. "The economic and strategic rationales remain strong, but at the same time a withdrawal of the UK from the EU market would affect the value of the EU market," Mullaney said in Brussels.

"The UK is also our largest market globally for services," he added, referring in large part to the huge presence by US firms in the UK's City of London financial hub. The EU's chief negotiator Ignacio Garcia Bercero agreed. "The decision by the British people in no way delays our determination," said Bercero. "We are now in an advanced stage of negotiations, but of course a lot of work needs to be done." Both negotiators maintained

that the objective was to complete the talks by the close of the Obama administration at the end of the year.

But top diplomats in the EU believe that a suspension of talks until after major elections in the US, France and Germany will be required, though refuse to say so publicly. Mullaney strongly warned against a suspension of talks. "It could be quite a while before you could pick up negotiations again," he said. Mullaney's comments reiterated doubts raised Thursday by the top US trade official. Britain "is a very significant part of what makes TTIP attractive," said US Trade Representative Michael Froman on Thursday in Washington.

"You have just taken the fifth largest economy in the world... out of the equation," Froman said. This added to the increasing headwinds in major EU powers Germany and France, where negative attitudes to globalization are on the rise. The five days of meetings were often met by anti-globalization trade activists who protested outside the negotiation venue in central Brussels, drawing a heavy police presence. Activists have opposed TTIP since negotiations began in 2013, believing it will only benefit multinationals and harm consumers. — AFP

## WAYS TO HIRE TOP TALENTS IN KUWAIT

### BAYT.COM WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

With its increasingly diversified economy and high quality health care system, Kuwait became today one of the countries that have the most prosperous and appealing employment scenario of the whole region. In fact, according to the Bayt.com Middle East Job Index (February 2016), 41% of respondents say that their country of residence is more attractive as a job market in comparison to other MENA countries.

A number of elements - such as the rate of expatriates and lower HR budgets - are posing unique challenges facing HR and recruitment professionals in Kuwait and the GCC region today. But we have good news for you. With its series of full-fledged employer solutions, Bayt.com can give you and your company the edge to find the right person, in the right place, at the right time. Here are three features from Bayt.com, the Middle East's #1 job site, to enhance your recruiting efforts and find the most successful candidates in Kuwait.

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#### Try CV search

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Bayt.com collection of more than 30 filtering criteria includes residence location, notice period, driving license, nationalities, languages and marital status. Looking for specific educational background and skill sets? You can screen out candidates on the basis of their different work experience, language proficiency and employable knowledge. Seeking professionals who are based in your location? The filtering tool 'residence location' will help you find valuable candidates who live just a step away from your office! Last but not least, you can further narrow down the list considering candidates who are available to join you within a specific time frame, depending on what the company's requirements are.

#### Compare salaries

Bayt.com can not only help you find the right candidate, but also assist you in benchmarking pay structures against the market. Before bringing your brightest candidates on board, you should get a clear picture of what the salaries for a similar job title look like. In order to stay competitive and abreast of employment trends, Bayt.com offers you a simple, powerful tool called Salaries. This tool is a great way to catch a glimpse of the average monthly salary in the same field, make salary comparisons, and ultimately make an offer they can't refuse.



LONDON: People exchange their currency in London. The Bank of England has kept interest rates on hold and refrained from injecting more money into the British economy, despite some clear evidence of the initial economic damage caused by the country's decision last month to leave the European Union. — AP

## BOE'S CHIEF ECONOMIST SAYS BRITAIN NEEDS PROMPT, MUSCULAR STIMULUS

BOE COULD USE 'A SLEDGEHAMMER TO CRACK A NUT'

**LONDON:** The Bank of England needs to act "promptly as well as muscularly" to stimulate the economy and boost confidence, its chief economist said on Friday, a day after the central bank upset markets by not cutting rates. In his first speech since Britain voted last month to leave the European Union, Andrew Haldane said the BoE needed to come up with a "package of mutually-complementary monetary policy easing measures" in time for a rate-setting meeting on Aug 4.

"This monetary response, if it is to buttress expectations and confidence, needs I think to be delivered promptly as well as muscularly. By promptly I mean next month," he said. Sterling fell almost a cent against the US dollar after the speech, reversing some of the gains made after Thursday's surprise decision to keep rates on hold. Investment bank JP Morgan changed its forecast for British interest rates after Haldane's speech, predicting the BoE would cut rates to zero next month, rather than to 0.25 percent.

Only one BoE policymaker, Gertjan Vlieghe, voted to cut rates this week, but most others said looser policy was likely to be needed at next month's Monetary Policy Committee meeting, once they had better forecasts for the economy. Haldane did not offer any detail on what form this loosening should take, and whether it would go

beyond the interest rate cuts and government bond purchases the central bank pursued during and after the global financial crisis.

More innovative measures - such as purchases of private sector assets or incentives for banks to lend - would need approval from Britain's new finance minister, Philip Hammond, who replaced George Osborne in a post-referendum reshuffle. JP Morgan economist Allan Monks said he expected the BoE to buy 75 billion pounds (\$100 billion) more government bonds, and either extend its Funding for Lending Scheme, which offers banks cheap credit, or buy corporate bonds again as it briefly did in the financial crisis. "This would pretty much leave the monetary cupboard bare unless Carney overcomes his objections to negative rates. For now we do not think that will happen," Monks said, adding he also expected Hammond to suspend planned public spending cuts.

#### 'Sledgehammer' tactics

Haldane said the central bank should err on the side of responding too aggressively, given potential doubts about the effectiveness of monetary policy at boosting demand when British interest rates are already close to zero. "I would rather run the risk of taking a sledgehammer to

crack a nut than taking a miniature rock hammer to tunnel my way out of prison," he said - though he added that he would keep in mind the risks of "ever-larger doses of the monetary medicine".

BoE Governor Mark Carney has said that - unlike the European Central Bank - he would be unwilling to cut interest rates below zero because of the damage it would do to banks' profits and ability to lend. Carney has also said the central bank would be unable to fully offset the economic damage from leaving the EU, and that while it could influence the supply and price of lending, there was less it could do to affect demand.

Haldane said Britain's economy could slow materially in the coming quarters, but he did not see a crash. "While the past few weeks have been a drama, there is no reason to expect this to turn into a crisis, or at least a financial one," he said. Businesses were more likely to "trim and singe" rather than "slash and burn" hiring and investment plans, he added. Sterling's sharp fall since the EU vote meant it was possible consumer price inflation - just 0.3 percent in May - could overshoot the central bank's 2 percent target in the foreseeable future, Haldane said. But broader economic weakness meant big price rises were unlikely to become entrenched, he added. — Reuters

## G20 SUMMIT TO FOCUS ON GREEN FINANCE: CARNEY

**TORONTO:** Climate change and the funding of "green" initiatives will form a major part of this year's G20 summit in China in September, Bank of England Governor Mark Carney said, emphasizing China's commitment to environmental issues. "If anyone is in any doubt, these issues are of paramount interest to China and will form a substantial proportion of the Chinese G20 summit," Carney told Canada's Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna at an event in Toronto on Friday.

China, one of the world's biggest emitters of greenhouse gases, is keen to be seen taking a leadership role in global action to combat climate change and has said it will

push for efforts to encourage green investment through its period of G20 leadership. Those initiatives could lead to a "green" bond market to finance environmentally friendly projects, China has said.

The question, Carney said, is the level of participation by the private sector. "If it's good," he said, "there'll be demand for take-up by the investor community and by creditors, and that will help with the transition." Carney also backed efforts by world leaders and international banks to launch programs that put a price on carbon dioxide emissions. "Carbon pricing is the cleanest way to regulate to stabilize emissions," he said. — Reuters



NEW YORK: People pass the New York Stock Exchange. The UK's vote to leave the European Union has caused trillions of dollars in wealth to evaporate. — AP

## GERMANY SIGNALS NO PUSHOVER IN EU TRADE TALKS WITH BRITAIN

**BERLIN:** Germany, just like Britain, will have its own demands when the UK negotiates its new relations with the European Union, the Berlin finance ministry said on Friday, seeking to play down hopes of an easy deal to keep London's financial hub intact. A ministry spokesman clarified comments made on Thursday by Finance Minister Wolfgang Schauble, who had said it was "very reasonable" of his British counterpart to want access to the EU single market for financial institutions in London. "He used the word 'reasonable,'" the spokesman said on Friday in response to a question from Reuters.

"But the sentence then goes on. He said the British would make demands that are reasonable from their point of view, and from our point of view it is just as reasonable that we have demands," the spokesman told a government news conference. "We will see what the result is of this negotiating process. An application has not even been put forward yet and so everything we say about that is speculation," he added. Asked if this meant Schauble did not share the view of Britain's new finance minister, Philip Hammond, the spokesman replied: "He said he understands that from the viewpoint of the British such demands are made, and that the British will hopefully understand that we have other demands."

Hammond said on Thursday Britain must ensure access to the EU's single market for its financial services industry. Some in Britain believe that such a deal is possible without allowing continued freedom for EU citizens to work in Britain. The German finance ministry's comments suggest, as EU leaders have already said, that will not be possible. Mark Boleat, policy chief for the City of London financial district, nonetheless said the comments from Schauble and Hammond were encouraging regarding access to the single market.

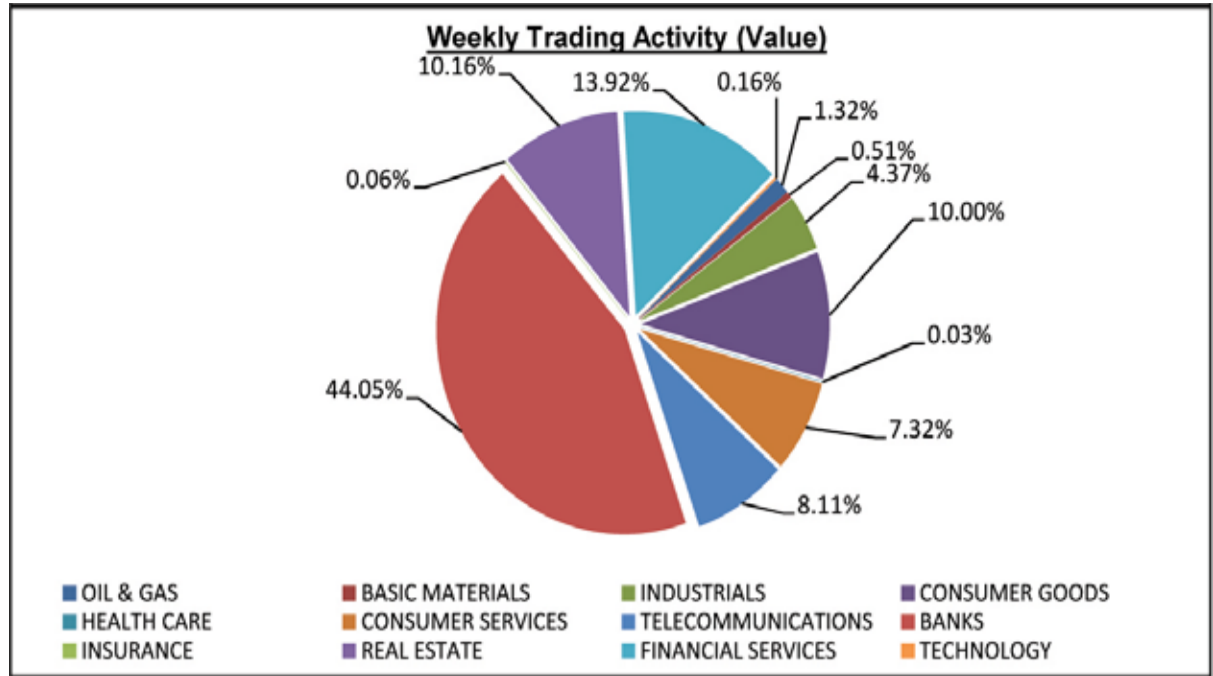
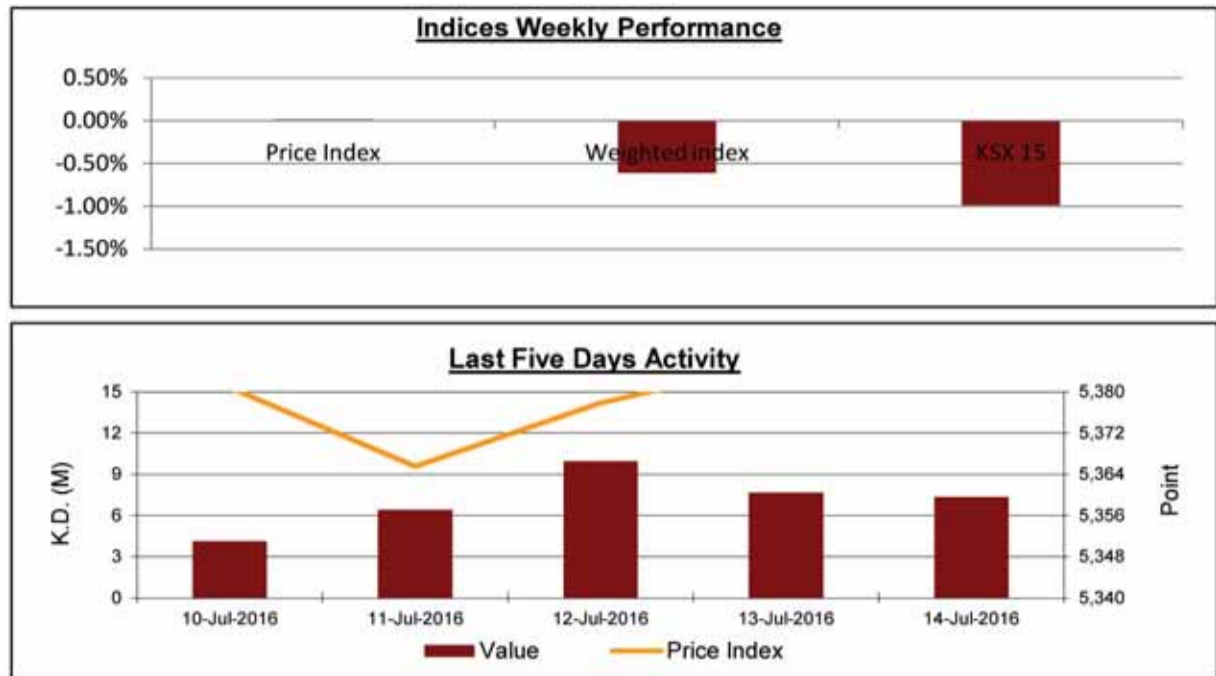
#### What is access?

A banking industry official noted that Schauble and

Hammond spoke of access to the single market rather than membership of it - the latter usually only possible on condition of accepting the unfettered freedom of movement, a step too far for many backers of Brexit. Currently banks in Britain comply with EU rules which give them a "passport" to offer their services across the bloc from one base, but the chances of preserving this in full are slim in practice, analysts and officials say. "We believe that a highly likely outcome, save for some sort of regulatory loophole, is that the UK may lose its right to passport financial services into Europe," Boston Consulting said in a study on Friday. "In the absence of certainty, banks will likely behave as if there is no passport to be counted on."

Lawyers and bankers are assessing whether a new EU securities trading and investment services law - MiFID II - that comes into force in January 2018 might give passport-like rights. It allows a "third country" from outside the EU to serve customers in the bloc if that country's financial rules are "equivalent" in strictness and scope as those in the EU. "All options outside the EU are pretty awful, but the third country status is probably the most realistic one," said Saima Hanif, a financial services barrister at 39 Essex Chambers in London. "But the MiFID II equivalence regime is untested and hence it is unclear how it will play out in practice," Hanif said.

While banks in theory could use MiFID, their most important customers, the funds who handle trillions of euros in assets, have no equivalence regime in the EU mutual funds law that currently gives them a passport. "Some asset managers in London are already looking at other centres in Europe, and banks are under pressure to stick close to clients," a banking industry official said. While Britain would have no technical problem being "equivalent" to EU rules in the short-term, the bloc amends its rules over time, possibly in ways Britain won't like and thus making it unpalatable to maintain equivalence, Hanif said. — Reuters



# PRICE INDEX CLOSES AT 5,390.70 POINTS

## BAYAN INVESTMENT WEEKLY REPORT

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Stock Exchange (KSE) ended last week with mixed performance. The Price Index closed at 5,390.70 points, up by 0.02% from the week before closing, the Weighted Index decreased by 0.61% after closing at 348.97 points, whereas the KSX-15 Index closed at 797.63 points down by 0.98%. Furthermore, last week's average daily turnover increased by 20.49%, compared to the preceding week, reaching K.D 7.10 million, whereas trading volume average was 61.64 million shares, recording an increase of 17.04%.

The three stock market indices witnessed mixed closings for the second consecutive week, as the Weighted and KSX-15 declined affected by the increased selling pressures and profit collection operations executed on the large-cap and heavy stocks, while the Price Index was able to realize some increase in light of the active quick speculative operations that included some small-cap stocks, amid an increase in the average daily trading activity compared to the previous week.

As per the daily trading activity, the market witnessed in the first session after Eid Al-Fitr holiday a negative performance that pushed its three indices to record decrease by the end of the session, whereas the market was subject to selling operations concentrated on the stocks that are expected to have a drop in its financial results for the first half of the current year, in addition to the concentration of the purchasing operations on a limited number of the leading stocks that are expected to realize good financial results, however the turnout of the first session of the week was negative, and the three market indices closed the session in the red zone.

The market continued its second session of the last week following the same behavior it took in the first session, as all its indices declined in light of the continued selling pressures in controlling over the trading direction, amid a noticeable increase in the trading activity. On Tuesday's and Wednesday's sessions, the market witnessed mixed closings for the three indices, whereas the Price Index was able to realize some gain in the two sessions amid the return of the purchasing activity on the investment groups, in addition to the quick speculative operations that concentrated on the small-cap stocks, while the Weighted and KSX-15 indices continued its downward direction among an active selling operation that concentrated on the leading and heavy stocks.

Also, the market witnessed in the last session of the week a slight increase for the three indices in light of the random purchasing operations that included few leading and

KSE INDICES					
		Price Index	Weighted index	KSX 15	
Weekly	Last week	5,390.70	348.97	797.63	
	Previous week	5,389.60	351.12	805.56	
	Change (Point)	1.10	-2.15	-7.93	
	Change (%)	0.02%	-0.61%	-0.98%	
Annual	Last year	5,615.12	381.70	900.43	
	Change (Point)	-224.42	-32.73	-102.80	
	Change (%)	-4.00%	-8.57%	-11.42%	

small-cap stocks, with some drop in the value. By the end of last week, the market capitalization reached KD 22.77 billion down by 0.56% compared to its level in a week earlier, where it reached then KD 22.90 billion, however on the annual level, the market cap for the listed companies in KSE declined by 9.88% from its value at end of 2015, where it reached then KD 25.27 billion. As far as KSE annual performance, the price index ended last week recording 4% annual loss compared to its closing in 2015, while the weighted index decreased by 8.57%, and the KSX-15 recorded 11.42% loss.

### Sectors' Indices

Six of KSE's sectors ended last week in the green zone, while the other six recorded declines. Last week's highest gainer was the Technology sector, achieving 4.30% growth rate as its index closed at 992.75 points. Whereas, in the second place, the Health Care sector's index closed at 1,013.42 points recording 2.12% increase. The Basic Materials sector came in third as its index achieved 0.48% growth, ending the week at 969.61 points. On the other hand, the Oil & Gas sector headed

the losers list as its index declined by 2.27% to end the week's activity at 774.79 points. The Telecommunications sector was second on the losers' list, which index declined by 1.52%, closing at 604.08 points, followed by the Insurance sector, as its index closed at 1,017.62 points at a loss of 0.98%.

### Sectors' Activity

The Financial Services sector dominated a total trade volume of around 96.12 million shares changing hands during last week, representing 31.19% of the total market trading volume. The Consumer Services sector was second in terms of trading volume as the sector's traded shares were 16.09% of last week's total trading volume, with a total of around 49.59 million shares. On the other hand, the Banks sector's stocks were the highest traded in terms of value; with a turnover of around K.D 15.63 million or 44.05% of last week's total market trading value. The Financial Services sector took the second place as the sector's last week turnover was approx. K.D 4.94 million representing 13.92% of the total market trading value.

SECTORS' WEEKLY TRADING ACTIVITY				
Sector	Volume	To Market %	Value	To Market %
OIL & GAS	11,189,426	3.63%	467,451	1.32%
BASIC MATERIALS	683,266	0.22%	180,585	0.51%
INDUSTRIALS	26,929,336	8.74%	1,551,338	4.37%
CONSUMER GOODS	5,362,819	1.74%	3,547,403	10.00%
HEALTH CARE	28,395	0.01%	8,985	0.03%
CONSUMER SERVICES	49,588,716	16.09%	2,595,422	7.32%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	33,198,558	10.77%	2,877,369	8.11%
BANKS	35,672,183	11.58%	15,628,160	44.05%
INSURANCE	283,027	0.09%	20,064	0.06%
REAL ESTATE	48,865,147	15.86%	3,605,444	10.16%
FINANCIAL SERVICES	96,117,014	31.19%	4,936,661	13.92%
TECHNOLOGY	262,432	0.09%	56,951	0.16%

SECTORS INDICES PERFORMANCE				
Sector	Last Week Closing	Previous Week Closing	Weekly Ch. %	Annual Ch. %
OIL & GAS	774.79	792.80	-2.27%	-5.37%
BASIC MATERIALS	969.61	965.00	0.48%	-1.70%
INDUSTRIALS	1,063.42	1,063.24	0.02%	1.95%
CONSUMER GOODS	1,176.05	1,186.97	-0.92%	7.41%
HEALTH CARE	1,013.42	992.41	2.12%	9.52%
CONSUMER SERVICES	997.02	997.52	-0.05%	-1.16%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	604.08	613.39	-1.52%	0.91%
BANKS	779.85	784.14	-0.55%	-14.03%
INSURANCE	1,017.62	1,027.74	-0.98%	-9.70%
REAL ESTATE	841.45	837.95	0.42%	-10.56%
FINANCIAL SERVICES	558.20	556.90	0.23%	-6.24%
TECHNOLOGY	992.75	951.83	4.30%	21.04%

## ABK ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF 'BE THE NEXT ABK EMIRATES SKYWARDS MILLIONAIRE' DRAW

**KUWAIT:** Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) held its second 'Be the Next ABK Emirates Skywards Millionaire' monthly draw on 13 July 2016 at the Bank's Head Office in the presence of a representative from the Ministry of Commerce. The winners this month are: Ebraheem Mohammed Hussain, Head Office Branch, Winner of 500,000 Skywards Miles; Fahad Yousef Saud, Galleria Branch, Winner of 300,000 Skywards Miles; Camille Adnan AlHadad, Sharq Branch, Winner of 200,000 Skywards Miles.

To participate in one of the four monthly draws, ABK Credit & Prepaid cardholders need to spend a minimum of KD 100 during the following transaction periods: 1 July - 31 July and 1 August to 31 August, to win the first, second or third place prize of 500,000; 300,000 or 200,000 Skywards Miles respectively each month; a total of 4 Million Skywards Miles to be won during the promotion period.

The more points earned by ABK cardholders the higher the chances are to win. Cardholders that win in any of the draws are qualified to participate further in subsequent draws, giving customers the chance to win more than once! The Bank's next draw will be held on 10 August 2016 whereby three new lucky winners will be announced. All winners will be contacted personally and a weekly announcement will be made through the media with the winners' names. For more information about ABK please visit eahli.com or contact an ABK customer service agent via 'Ahlan Ahli' at 1899899.



## INDIA'S INFOSYS SHARES PLUNGE

**BANGALORE:** Infosys shares plunged more than nine percent on the Bombay Stock Exchange Friday after the Indian software giant cut its earnings outlook for the year. The Bangalore-based IT services exporter reported a 13 percent rise in first-quarter net profit year-on-year but revised down its sales forecast, sparking the share-price fall.

Net profit for the three months to June 30 came in at 34.36 billion rupees (\$513 million) compared with 30.30 billion rupees for the same period last year, Infosys said. The performance was weaker than expected, leading the firm to reduce its growth projection in US dollar terms for fiscal year 2016-17 from between 11.8 percent and 13.8 percent to between 10.8 and 12.3 percent.

Shares fell 9.35 percent to 1065.95 rupees in late morning trade. "We had unanticipated headwinds in discretionary spending in consulting services and package implementations as well as slower project ramp-ups in large deals that we had won in earlier quarters, resulting in a lower than expected growth in Q1," Infosys CEO Vishal Sikka said in a statement.

Revenue for the period was 167.8 billion rupees, compared with analysts' projections of 170.3 billion rupees, according to Bloomberg News. Infosys is listed on stock exchanges in Mumbai and New York and was once seen as the bellwether of India's flagship outsourcing industry and the country's equivalent to Microsoft.

But it is now engaged in a tough battle to regain the top spot from Tata Consultancy Services, which announced its quarterly results on Thursday. Mumbai-based TCS said net profit for the three months to June 30 rose to 63.17 billion rupees (\$944 million) from 57.09 billion rupees for the same period a year ago. India has become a back office to the world as companies have subcontracted work to firms such as Infosys and TCS, taking advantage of the country's skilled English-speaking workforce. — AFP

## US BANK REGULATOR UNAWARE OF HACKING COVER-UP

**WASHINGTON:** The head of a US banking regulator said he was unaware of any efforts by his staff to cover up hacking of the agency's computers by a foreign government in 2010 and 2011, as outlined by a congressional report. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Chairman Martin Gruenberg told a hearing of the committee that published the report that he first learned of the security breach in 2011 when he was the FDIC's acting chairman. Lawmakers questioned Gruenberg about his knowledge of what the report

described as a cover-up by a senior FDIC executive who ordered staff not to disclose the hacks for fear of endangering Gruenberg's confirmation to the chairman's post by the US Senate.

"I can't speak to the accuracy" of those allegations, Gruenberg said. He said repeatedly he did not know of staff efforts to conceal the intrusions. The House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space and Technology report issued on Wednesday said the Chinese government appeared likely to have

been behind the hacks. It cited an investigation by an internal watchdog of the FDIC, which is a major banking regulator that keeps confidential data on US banks. Gruenberg said he made personnel changes after receiving a report in 2013 informing him that he was not fully briefed about the hacks.

The Republican-led committee has been critical in recent months of the FDIC's handling of cyber security incidents under Gruenberg, who was nominated by President Barack Obama and

confirmed by the Senate in 2012. "There is a culture of concealment at the FDIC," said Lamar Smith, a Republican from Texas who heads the committee. Asked what damage a foreign government could do with stolen FDIC information, the regulator's inspector general pointed to details on bank contingency plans for bankruptcy, known as living wills, which could be used against US financial institutions.

"That information could be extremely valued by an adversary," FDIC Inspector General Fred Gibson told the hearing.

Gruenberg said the FDIC was updating cyber security policies after a subsequent 2015 data breach in which a former employee kept copies of living will information after leaving the regulator. Neither the FDIC nor lawmakers have said the hack by the foreign government was connected to the data breach involving the former employee. Gruenberg said policy changes were being taken to address such "insider threats" with a governance structure to be finalized by Oct 28.—Reuters

## CSX EXPECTS PROFIT DECLINE AS FREIGHT VOLUME SLOWS

**OMAHA:** CSX expects profit to decline for remainder of the year as freight volume slows and it plans further cost cuts to offset what the railroad's chief executive called a "challenging" environment. The railroad reiterated a dreary outlook for the year and bleak long-term prospects for coal demand yesterday. CSX reported this week that second-quarter profit tumbled 20 percent to \$445 million with volume sliding 9 percent. It still beat Wall Street expectations, but that's because it's slashing costs. Chairman and CEO Michael Ward said the railroad expects to achieve \$350 million worth of productivity improvements this year. "It's clear this continues to be a challenging freight environment with plenty of macro-economic headwinds," Ward said.

The strong US dollar and weak commodity prices are hurting exports and industrial companies, Ward said. CSX Corp. expects volume to decline in the mid-to-high single digits in the third quarter. The only areas the railroad expects to improve

in the quarter are automotive and mineral shipments. All other sectors are likely to decline. The railroad said it plans to up its capital spending by \$300 million, to \$2.7 billion, so it can avoid financing charges on some locomotive purchases it originally planned to complete next year.

The volume of coal slid 34 percent during the quarter, extending several years of sharp declines in demand as utilities switch to cheap natural gas and more restrictions on greenhouse gases take effect. Stifel analyst John Larkin said some investors may be too optimistic about coal's future. He believes demand for coal will continue to wane. Ward said CSX is planning for a future where coal is a smaller part of the railroad's business, so it is working to grow shipments of intermodal containers and other merchandise. "Our view is that coal is in a secular decline," Ward said. CSX operates more than 21,000 miles of track in 23 Eastern states and two Canadian provinces.—AP

## PAY FREEZE AT LONDON LAW FIRM AN EARLY SIGN OF BREXIT DAMAGE

**LONDON:** Business was booming for Berwin Leighton Paisner before Brexit. The 84-year-old City of London law firm banked its second-highest ever profit per equity partner in the financial year that ended in April. But in the wake of Britain's vote to leave the European Union, BLP has frozen pay and bonuses until November. In an email to staff, its managing partner Lisa Mayhew said the reason was "political and financial uncertainty in the UK following the recent vote to leave the EU".

BLP is particularly exposed because it specializes in commercial real estate, one of the worst-hit sectors. In some other areas of the law, such as insolvency, distressed mergers and acquisitions or financial restructuring, the fallout from the Brexit vote is likely to produce a short-term flurry of activity. Bank bosses have warned that Brexit represents a threat to London's role as a global financial hub and major trading centre for the euro, and some financial institutions may reorganize their business models and move jobs from London to Europe.

That would generate business for lawyers in the capital's City of London financial district, said Simon Gleeson, a banking and finance partner at Clifford Chance, one of five major London firms often called the "magic circle". "Brexit disrupts the entire legal basis of the City, and my God that's going to require a lot of lawyers to sort out," he said.

Long term, however, London's legal industry expects any gains to turn into pain as the volume of transactions falls. "There is clearly a body of work there, but in volume terms it wouldn't equate with a normal transaction market," said David Crook, a mergers and acquisitions partner in the London office of major US-headquartered firm White & Case. Generating some 23 billion pounds (\$30 billion) annually, or 1.6 percent of GDP, legal services are one of Britain's most successful industries, with the City of London providing a large and lucrative chunk of the top firms' workload.

A study by consultancy Oxford Economics, commissioned by professional body the Law Society before the referendum, found that the negative effects of Brexit on Britain's legal services would be greater than for the economy as a whole. It

modeled three scenarios of how Brexit might play out. Under the worst-case scenario, the contribution of the legal sector to the economy was forecast to drop by 4 percent by 2030, while the best-case scenario would see it drop by 0.5 percent.

### Dawn raids

Likely changes to British lawyers' status in Europe could also affect them, law firms say. A major concern is that EU law affords legal privilege protection - which means that legal advice is confidential and does not have to be disclosed to authorities or to opponents in a legal dispute - only to lawyers registered in a member state. That would rule out British-registered lawyers after Brexit, an acute worry for those in the field of competition law because the European Commission has extensive enforcement powers that allow its inspectors to demand or seize documents. "They can dawn-raid businesses and demand the production of documents in cartel cases, for example," said Philipp Girardet, a London-based competition partner at King & Wood Mallesons.

"That's a particularly sensitive area of enforcement and we want to make sure that our legal advice is always fully protected from disclosure under EU law," he said. Like many others in the field, Girardet is in the process of registering in EU member Ireland, a relatively straightforward process due to similarities between English and Irish law. The Law Society of Ireland said that since the referendum result had been announced on June 24, it had received about 30 initial queries a day about registration from British lawyers.

Since the start of the year, about 200 of them had completed the process, four times as many as had done so in the same period last year. Gleeson at Clifford Chance said the big London firms benefited hugely from having offices and clients across the EU and from helping non-EU clients there. In the financial year 2015-2016, his firm made 35 percent of its 1.39 billion pounds in revenues in the UK and 33 percent in continental Europe. "Historically the English firms have said 'come to us and we'll sort you out across the whole of Europe,'" said Gleeson. "That becomes a lot more difficult with the UK outside the EU." —Reuters



**SHANGHAI:** A man guides a young girl on a street in Shanghai yesterday. China's second-quarter GDP growth was steady at 6.7 percent, the government said. —AFP

## CHINA PROVINCES ENLIST BANKS TO DEFY OVERCAPACITY CUTS

### LOCAL GOVERNMENTS URGE BANKS TO KEEP LENDING

**BEIJING:** China's provinces are pushing back against Beijing's efforts to restrict credit to loss-making enterprises with excess capacity, and are enlisting the support of local bankers to keep financing the targeted sectors, such as steel and coal. As part of China's economic efficiency goals, the State Council earlier this year set capacity reduction targets for regional and central government enterprises in such sectors, and China's banks have been ordered to slash lending to loss-making and delinquent corporate borrowers. But local governments in China's rust belt have been singing from a different hymn sheet in documents and speeches urging local lenders to keep funding firms central to the regional economy.

In Shanxi province, China's top coal producing region, the government told financial institutions to maintain coal sector lending at least at last year's levels, increase awareness of the industry's "pillar and strategic status" and not recall loans to seven local government-owned coal groups, according to a document released on the government's website in May. Shanxi's deputy governor Wang Yixin told banks at an industry event on Wednesday that it was in their mutual interest to support the seven, which at the end of 2015 reported total liabilities of more than 1 trillion yuan (\$150 billion) and an average liability-to-asset ratio of about 83 percent, according to Reuters calculations.

"What Shanxi's good coal companies need the most right now is the confidence of investors and the help from financial institutions - as we cross the river on the same boat," Wang said, and urged banks to roll over the companies' loans and buy their bonds. Three senior executives at China's top coal producers all said they could secure loans at a rate equal to or lower than the central bank's benchmark rate, suggesting banks were lending a sympathetic ear to that call. "In China, the most important thing is stability," said a manager at the Shanxi branch of one of China's big four state-owned asset management companies that help banks dispose distressed loans.

He said banks had nothing to fear in lending to such state-owned companies and were not about to treat the coal companies' debts as non-performing. "Actually, some of those loans are already non-performing, but banks can arrange new loans to repay old loans and interest," he said. In Henan the provincial government has asked local bankers to help companies in coal, steel, metals and construction materials to switch industry classification so they don't fall into categories covered by lending restrictions set by banks' headquarters, according to a document published on the Henan government's website in May.

The document urged locally headquartered financial services companies, including Zhongyuan Bank, Bank of Zhengzhou and rural commercial banks, to demonstrate their support for local companies. Zhongyuan Bank and Bank of Zhengzhou didn't respond to requests for comment. At the end of June the Shandong government in eastern China warned lenders in a document on its website that they would be "denounced" or "sanctioned" by creditors' committees and China's banking association if they unilaterally recalled loans to key borrowers. The China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC) did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

### Balancing act

Beijing has noticed the footdragging. "Some regions' determination to remove over-capacity is shaky," Xu Shaoshi, head of the National Development and Reform Commission, China's top economic planning body, was quoted by state media as saying last week. "The practical problem is that some regions are under big economic downward pressure and face difficult fiscal income and employment situations," Xu said on a telecon-

ference that aimed to urge local leaders to cut over-capacity.

Total liabilities for six over-capacity sectors amounted to 10 trillion yuan in 2015, including 4.9 trillion yuan in bank loans and 3.8 trillion yuan in shadow credit, according to UBS research. China's banking regulator has given lenders some latitude to manage their lending to over-capacity industries. "It doesn't mean there will absolutely be no new loans to the coal industry," an official from the CBRC said.

"Banks can decide for themselves from a risk management perspective how to change their loan structure, after taking into consideration the central government's policy and local government arrangements," the official said. That is proving a difficult balancing act. Last Wednesday, Hebei

province, home to a quarter of China's steel manufacturing, renewed its pledge to meet steel and coal reduction targets for 2016 following a central government environmental inspection, according to a notice on the province's website.

Just two weeks earlier, provincial party secretary Zhao Kezhi praised Yi Huiman, chairman of Industrial and Commercial Bank Ltd, the country's biggest bank, for "thinking from the big picture" by strengthening lending to the heavily industrialized region, state media reported. "Those outdated steel mills, local governments and local banks are lingering in the last gasp," said Xu Zhongbo, head of Beijing Metal Consulting, which advises Chinese steel mills, adding that they were doing all they could to delay the capacity cuts. "They live or die together," he said.—Reuters

## GLOBAL CALL TO BANKS: DON'T FUND PROJECTS THAT VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS

**LONDON:** International development banks should ensure their investments do not violate human rights or risk the lives of the activists who defend them, a group of global campaigners said on Thursday. The Coalition on Human Rights in Development, representing 150 human rights and environment groups including Oxfam, Greenpeace and Bankwatch, signed a petition urging banks and funders to think about risks to people's rights before approving projects.

The petition is directed at international financial institutions including the World Bank and regional banks in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas as well as newer institutions such as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, and the BRICS New Development Bank. "International Financial Institutions (IFIs) should also ensure that their activities do not cause or contribute to human rights violations, including taking necessary measures to identify and address human rights risks in all of their activities," the petition states. Major development banks have long touted the importance of public participation for effective development, the organizations said.

However a growing number of national governments have been undermining community participation in development by criminalizing the activities of land and human rights activists and putting restrictions on non-governmental groups. "Development banks and their member states can't hope to achieve sustainable development or eliminate poverty if their investments are contributing

to human rights violations or if those who are meant to benefit from development find themselves subjected to abuse," said Adam Shapiro, spokesman for the human rights group Front Line Defenders.

In March, Berta Caceres, a renowned indigenous land and environment rights defender in Honduras was murdered at her home. Caceres' colleague, Lesbia Urquia, was found dead with wounds to her head last week. Five people have been arrested in connection with Caceres' murder, including an employee from a company behind a hydro-electric dam project she helped block. The company said it had no connection to the killing. Human Rights Watch has recently documented what it said were abuses against individuals and communities impacted by projects financed by the World Bank and its arm for corporate loans, the International Finance Corporation.

"Those who try to engage in development processes have suffered threats, harassment, physical assault, or worse," said Jessica Evans of Human Rights Watch in a statement. "Development banks have a responsibility to ensure that their investments don't interfere with human rights, and that people can participate in or express their opinions about development projects without fearing for their safety." In a statement, a World Bank spokesman said the bank's new rules to protect people and the environment in its investment projects "enshrine critical human rights principles". —Reuters



**LONDON:** Pedestrians walk on the subway stairs outside the Bank of England (BOE) in the City of London. — AP



**TOKYO:** People walk past an electronic stock indicator of a securities firm in Tokyo showing Japan's Nikkei closing nearly 1 percent higher at 16,385.89 on Thursday, July 14, 2016. — AP



## NISSAN MOTOR BRINGS BACK ICONIC DATSUN TO MIDEAST TWO MODELS LAUNCHED IN LEBANON

**BEIRUT:** Nissan Motor is bringing the legendary Datsun brand back to the Middle East with the exclusive launch of two models in Lebanon, the on-DO and mi-DO. Both models make owning a new car an attainable reality for a significant portion of first-time auto buyers. Launched in 2014 after the brand was globally phased out in 1981, Datsun has sold over 170,000 cars in India, Indonesia, Russia and South Africa. Making its Middle East debut in Lebanon, Datsun is building on its long-standing heritage where it already enjoys a popular following since Rasamny Younis Motor Company (RYMCO) sold the first Datsun cars in Lebanon in 1967.

"Datsun is an iconic brand with a global heritage that dates back to 1933, a legacy that has seen more than 20 million units sold worldwide in the 50 years when Datsun was a household brand," said Vincent Cobee, Global Head of Datsun. "The brand today represents a revival of the core values which made Datsun the icon it was in the past while addressing the needs of our modern society. These are making the dream of new car ownership a reality for first-time buyers, providing access and peace of mind to worry-free ownership, while delivering trust through transparency, sincerity and reliability."

The two models will be available in Lebanon through RYMCO, Nissan and

Datsun's distributor in Lebanon for the past 49 years, and will include the on-DO four-door saloon and the mi-DO five-door hatchback that are designed at Nissan's state-of-the-art Global Design Centre in Atsugi, Japan. The on-DO is designed to be a large, authentic and tough family sedan starting at \$11,900, providing a high level of quality, reliability and competitiveness. The mi-DO is a 5-door hatchback starting at \$12,900, a stylish car with cool, distinctive and dynamic design to match its reliability and versatility.

The two models appeal to different consumer segments, with on-DO aimed at buyers with family needs while the mi-DO targeting younger motorists seeking fun, dynamic and dependable transport. Both models are built with integrity, feature modern design, quality materials inside and out, and offer excellent ground clearance with plenty of trunkspace. Both models also include a host of advanced safety and comfort features as standard and provide worry-free motoring with a comprehensive three year / 100,000km warranty.

"The new Datsun line-up has been specifically designed for the demands of countries like Lebanon where both geographical and economic considerations have an impact on new car buying decisions," said Samir Cherfan, Managing Director of Nissan Middle East. "The new models address these considerations



while providing best-in-class features and high levels of refinement and comfort, coupled with after-sales services excellence by RYMCO, having served Datsun and Nissan customers for over 49 years. Datsun's global success was underpinned by its promise to make new car ownership a reality for the whole world in the mid-1950s and this promise still holds true today." "We anticipate strong demand for both models and expect to secure entry segment

leadership in Lebanon within the next 3 years," added Cherfan. "The launch of the new Datsun models in Lebanon is a historic occasion for us and marks a 49 year journey, bringing back an iconic brand to the market which gave reason for RYMCO to exist," said Fayeze Rasamny, Chairman and CEO of RYMCO.

"Datsun target customers are optimistic young Lebanese 'risers' who are shaping tomorrow's Lebanon, people who are in touch with the world they

live in and are aspiring every day to see a better Lebanon and a better world. Risers appreciate value and quality - hallmarks of this brand since its inception in 1933 - and many are first time buyers entering the market looking for modern design and dependable engineering, which the current Datsun models target. They see mobility as essential to fulfilling their life aspirations and are able to put implicit trust in the brand, backed as it is by a true automotive leader."

## TRADES WITH GOLDMAN TOO COMPLEX FOR LIBYA'S SWF

**LONDON:** Nine disputed trades that Libya's sovereign wealth fund (SWF) entered into with Goldman Sachs were unsuitable by "dint of risk and complexity", according to an expert witness at a trial in London's High Court. The Libyan Investment Authority (LIA) is attempting to claw back \$1.2 billion from Goldman Sachs from the trades carried out in 2008. It argues the bank took advantage of its financial naivety by first gaining its trust, then encouraging it to make risky and ultimately worthless investments.

Goldman Sachs denies the allegations and says the trades in question "were not difficult to understand". It has described the LIA's claim as "without merit". Martin Harrison, managing director of SUMMA Ltd, a management consultancy, appeared in court as an expert witness for the LIA to address the question of suitability.

He said in his report filed with the court: "If an SWF enters into an investment which is of a sophistication (in terms of risk and complexity) that falls utterly beyond the competence of the institution to cope with it in terms of expertise and organization, then that investment is without question unsuitable." The report, seen by Reuters, said Harrison had in the past served as an investment adviser to the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority and to the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation. He also headed group asset

management at the Qatar Investment Authority.

Robert Miles, a lawyer for Goldman Sachs, put it to Harrison in cross examination that the emphasis he had placed on a SWF's decision-making process and the need for an asset allocation policy in his report related more to good corporate governance rather than questions of suitability. Harrison replied there was an element of both, adding: "If there is no asset allocation framework, it is going to be very hard to determine whether a prospective investment fits." Harrison said in his report that in his extensive experience of working with SWFs, such direct, strategic use of derivatives by internal teams was unusual even among long-established SWFs. "I conclude that the disputed trades were incongruous and exceptional trades. They were unsuitable for the LIA and I can find no investment rationale for them," his report said.

In court documents setting out Goldman Sachs's position the U.S. investment bank argued: "The disputed trades were straightforward transactions from the LIA's perspective which the LIA was able to and did in fact understand." The court also heard from Dr Eliot Kalter, senior fellow at The Fletcher School at Tufts University. Kalter's report on suitability, prepared for Goldman Sachs and filed with the court, criticised Harrison's view of how SWFs approach investments.—Reuters



**SHANGHAI:** Employees work on a construction site in Shanghai yesterday. China's second-quarter GDP growth was steady at 6.7 percent, the government said, as the world's second-largest economy seeks stability in the face of a darkening global outlook. — AFP

## RISKS GROW AS SPENDING STEADIES CHINA ECONOMY

### GOVERNMENT BEARING MORE OF THE LOAD

**BEIJING:** China's economy grew slightly faster than expected in the second quarter as a government spending spree and housing boom boosted industrial activity, but a slump in private investment growth is pointing to a loss of momentum later in the year. The world's second-largest economy grew 6.7 percent in the second quarter from a year earlier, steady from the first quarter but still the slowest pace since the global financial crisis, data showed on Friday. Analysts had expected it to dip to 6.6 percent.

While fears of a hard landing have eased, investors worry a further slowdown in China and any major fallout from Brexit would leave the world more vulnerable to the risk of a global recession. But signs of steadier headline growth in China may conceal an economy that is growing increasingly lopsided, as growth becomes ever more reliant on government spending and debt. An anaemic private sector and signs of fatigue in the property market point to the increasing possibility the government may need to provide additional stimulus this year to hit its growth target of 6.5 to 7 percent.

"We think GDP growth is likely to slow in Q3 and may rebound in Q4 driven by post-flood

reconstruction activity. But the rebound will not last long," said Nomura economist Wendy Chen. Economists at ANZ also believe the second-quarter's growth rate is unlikely to be sustained, pointing to cracks emerging in the property sector, whose recent revival has spurred demand for everything from cement and steel to appliances and furniture. "Property investment grew 6.1 percent in the first six months, lower than 7.0 percent in January-May. Therefore, the property-led recovery has ended," ANZ said in a research note.

Indeed, Zoomlion Heavy Industry, a major Chinese construction equipment maker, warned investors on Friday that its first-half net loss would more than double due to weak demand for construction machinery. There were some bright spots in Friday's data, as consumption accounted for a greater amount of growth and retail sales and industrial output beat expectations. But in a sign that Beijing has doubled down on its stimulus efforts, first half bank lending hit a record and government spending jumped 20 percent in June.

At the same time, growth in investment by private firms fell to a record low in the first half,

as businesses retrench in the face of the sluggish economic outlook and weak exports. This slowdown has alarmed investors and policymakers alike, as the private sector accounts for over 60 percent of China's total investment and 80 percent of its jobs. "While there was a big pick-up in retail sales, the slowdown in fixed-asset investment is a worry. Given the slide in fixed-asset investment growth, I'm inclined to keep my forecast of slowing growth over the course of the year," said Tim Condon, chief economist for Asia at ING in Singapore.

#### Govt expected to do more

Policymakers have said the economy remains largely steady, but with private investment shrinking the government has had to do more of the heavy lifting, adding to worries about reforming the bloated and inefficient state sector. Chinese leaders are trying to support growth to prevent widespread job losses and debt defaults, but they are also facing pressure to push through painful structural reforms such as reductions in industrial overcapacity that would put the economy on a more balanced and sustainable footing.—Reuters

## WELLS FARGO MANAGEMENT PRODDLED ON EXPENSES AFTER A PROFIT DECLINE

**CALIFORNIA:** Top Wells Fargo & Co executives were grilled by analysts on Friday about whether they're doing enough to control expenses after the bank reported a drop in second-quarter profit. Like its big bank peers, Wells Fargo has been challenged by a prolonged period of historically low interest rates, which only fell further in the second quarter. Even as the San Francisco-based lender extended more loans, its profits fell 3.5 percent because it has started setting aside more money for possible losses in the future. Revenue growth was not enough to offset those increased provisions, as well as higher costs elsewhere. The expense line was boosted by standard operating costs like compliance and personnel, as well as investments in things like biometric scanners and technology to approve loans more quickly.

Wells Fargo's shares fell 3 percent in afternoon trading following the results. At least five analysts asked Chief Executive John Stumpf and Chief Financial Officer John Shrewsbury about those operating expenses during a conference call on Friday, and whether they can come down any further. Though Wells Fargo is at the high end of a cost-efficiency range that management has set out, the two executives argued that costs are necessary for either day-to-day business or long-term investments that will pay off.

"A lower for longer (interest rate) scenario puts pressure on everything that we do," Stumpf responded to one analyst who acknowledged he might be "beating a dead horse" by asking again about costs. "We are not going to do something that is short-term bright, long-term dull just because of pressure on the revenue side or the earnings side," Stumpf continued. "We will continue to work really hard on taking out costs that don't add value." Wells, the third-largest US bank by assets, reported net income applicable to common shareholders of \$5.2 billion in the second quarter, down from \$5.4 billion a year earlier. Revenue rose 4 percent to \$22.2 billion.

Earnings per share slipped to \$1.01 from \$1.03, matching the average analyst forecast, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S. Wells Fargo's second-quarter results compare to better-than-expected profit declines of 1 percent at JPMorgan Chase & Co and 14 percent at Citigroup Inc. All three banks described healthy loan growth in their core businesses, and largely blamed low rates for the profit declines. When rates get too low, the gap between what it costs a bank to obtain funding and what it can earn from investing or lending tends to narrow. Wells' net interest margin - which measures interest income as a portion of assets - declined on both an annual and quarterly basis.—Reuters

## THAT BIG PUB CRAWL DOWNTOWN? IT'S JUST 'POKEMON GO' FANS

**SAN FRANCISCO:** If you thought it was bad dodging phone-fixed "Pokemon Go" players on the sidewalk, just wait: Legions of tipsy people could soon be chasing cartoon monsters from one tavern to the next in a series of pub crawls planned for cities across the US. The monsters are invisible unless you're playing the addictive smartphone game that's swept the US and a few other nations so far. The same can't be said for the hundreds, and in some cases thousands, of pub crawlers who have RSVP'd on Facebook for these impromptu events. Organizers in San Francisco, Brooklyn and other cities are encouraging people to dress in costumes and form teams to compete in capturing the virtual Pokemon critters.

### Starting small, getting bigger

While it isn't clear how many people

will participate, the first big test should come this weekend. More than 900 people have signaled their intentions on Facebook to attend a "Pokemon Go" pub crawl in Cincinnati yesterday, while 800 have said they'll turn out in Pittsburgh. "We have a lot of customers who are into it. Our entire staff plays it," said Jeff Smith, a manager at the 16-Bit Bar and Arcade, the first stop on yesterday's "Pokemon Go" stroll through Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. Almost 6,000 people have RSVP'd on Facebook to participate in a Pokemon pub crawl in San Francisco on Wednesday night, organized by 21-year-old Sara Witsch, who says she's still devising the route.

Police say they're unsure how many people to expect, but appear to be taking the prospect in stride. "Obviously we expect them to obey traffic laws and not

run out into the middle of the street," said Grace Gatpandan, public information officer for the San Francisco police department. Another 3,500 people clicked a Facebook button to attend a similar event in Brooklyn on July 23, while 1,200 said they'd turn out the same night in St Petersburg, Florida.

### Dratini, please, very dry

In the week since the game's release, "Pokemon Go" fans have flocked to parks, piers and other public spots in search of creatures with names like Pikachu, Dratini and Jigglypuff. One small park in Sydney, Australia has drawn crowds of 1,000 or more players - sparking complaints from nearby residents about noise and trash, according to news reports Witsch said she's been surprised by the response to her announce-

ment in San Francisco, since she expected "maybe 50 people." She's still contacting bars to let them know about the event. The response hasn't surprised Karen North, a psychologist and University of Southern California professor who studies social media. "People are social animals, and they're always looking for something new and exciting to do," North said. "This is much more fun than just going to a pub crawl, because it gives everybody a common activity and something to talk about."

### Getting jigglypuff with it

About 1,700 people have RSVP'd on Facebook for a July 23 Pokemon pub crawl in Sacramento. Despite reports that players have been injured and others robbed after becoming distracted by the game, City Councilman Steve

Hansen said he's hoping for a positive vibe during the crawl, which two of his constituents are organizing.

"There's been this real anxiety around the country in the last couple of weeks. I think we need things that bring the community together," Hansen said, referring to recent racial and political tensions. He said the event offers the promise of "a little bit of harmless fun, especially if you make sure you don't walk into the street while chasing Pokemon." New Yorker Justin Carlino voiced a simpler goal. "Most kids who grew up with Pokemon are people our age now," said Carlino, 24, who decided to organize a Brooklyn event with his friend, Michael Ackermann, 26, after a recent night spent imbibing and playing the game. "They love Pokemon and they love drinking, so this is a perfect combination of both."—AP



**SOUTH KOREA:** In this photo, two South Koreans play the Pokemon Go game with their mobile phones in Sokcho, South Korea.—AP

## POSSIBLE GLITCH SENDS 'POKEMON GO' PLAYERS TO S KOREAN CITY

**SEOUL:** The seaside South Korean city of Sokcho is enjoying a surge of visitors who are wandering the streets at all hours as they look at their smartphones. Why? It appears to be the only place in the country where "Pokemon Go" players can chase the mobile game's virtual monsters. Local restaurants, hotels and businesses are trying to capitalize on the sudden craze by luring tourists with photos of Pikachu and other monsters in their backyard and promising free gifts to the Pokemon "trainers." The mayor pledged to increase free Wi-Fi hotspots and battery-charging stations, and travel agencies have launched Pokemon-themed tour packages to Sokcho. Hotels in the east coast city near the North Korean border reportedly saw a surge in reservations. The mobile game has become a blockbuster hit in the US within less than a week of its launch, but it has not been officially launched in South Korea.

Even if there is an official launch, South Korean users might never fully experience "Pokemon Go."

Niantic Inc, a San Francisco spinoff of Google parent Alphabet Inc overlays cute Nintendo characters onto the physical world based on Google Maps. South Korea's government restricts Google Maps service for security reasons. Gamers have to find spots in the real world to capture and train Psyduck, Meowth and other virtual monsters. The monsters' appearance in Sokcho was attributed to map glitches. Niantic divides the world into six groups in its map and by the way Niantic organizes the region, Sokcho and its neighboring area bordering North Korea were classified as Northern Hemisphere.

### Facebook group

"Maybe it's a hole," said Leonardo YongUk Kim, a Seoul-based developer at Realm. "Maybe they just left it thinking that no one would play (the game) in North Korea but somehow Sokcho was included there accidentally." Neither Google nor

Niantic immediately responded to emails seeking comment Thursday. Whatever the reason, South Korean "Pokemon Go" players have been going to great lengths to take advantage. It was after midnight when college student Han Kyeol and three friends drove out of Seoul, and 4 am when they arrived at a Sokcho beach.

"As soon as we got out of the car, four of us turned on our smartphones and began playing 'Pokemon Go', the 24-year-old said by phone from Seoul. "It was very dark but what was amazing was that there were a lot of men roaming around the beaches with smartphones in their hands at 4 am" Han hadn't visited Sokcho in more than a decade, and hadn't considered a return trip before "Pokemon Go" came around. He enjoyed his overnight trip so much that he plans to return with his girlfriend. "We went to a 24-hour raw fish place, saw the sun rise and stopped by the main tourist attractions," he said.

Lee Jung-hwan, a 26-year-old video producer, has been traveling to Sokcho and other towns in Gangwon province to find and capture monsters since Wednesday. When he finds Pokestop, a key location where trainers can find items such as eggs that can hatch into a full monster, he shares the location on the Facebook group for "Pokemon Go" players in South Korea. "I met people who took a day off to come to Sokcho, people who worked in the morning and left their job in the afternoon and people who took a vacation," he said by phone from Sokcho.

The city of 80,000 is a popular summer destination for mountain hikers and beachgoers. Local businesses are keen on adding "Pokemon Go" players who call the place "Pallet Town," the hometown of Pokemon's main protagonist. The city had four times more hotel-room bookings Tuesday and Wednesday than it did on those days the previous week, the Yonhap news agency reported, citing Interpark Tour, a hotel booking website.—AP

## CLASSIC NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM RETURNING TO STORES

**REDMOND, Washington:** If you have fond memories of battling King Koopa or tossing barrels as Donkey Kong, you can relive them this fall. Nintendo is leaping into the nostalgia market by bringing back the classic Nintendo Entertainment System. The NES Classic edition comes complete with 30 built-in games, including all three "Super Mario Bros.," "Donkey Kong," "The Legend of Zelda," and "Punch-Out."

Nintendo says it's bringing back the wildly popular system that launched in the 1980s so those who grew up with it can pass gaming memories onto the next generation. The device looks almost exactly like the original NES, but smaller. It will be able to be hooked up directly to high-definition TVs. The system goes on sale on Nov 11. Redmond, Washington-based Nintendo of America says it will retail for \$59.99.—AP



**TOKYO:** In this file photo, shoppers walk under the logo of Nintendo and Super Mario characters at an electronics store in Tokyo.—AP

## OBAMA ADMINISTRATION SEEKS TO EASE DATA SHARING WITH FOREIGN GOVTS

'THE CURRENT SITUATION IS UNSUSTAINABLE'

**WASHINGTON:** The Obama administration on Friday released a legislative proposal intended to provide foreign governments with a streamlined process for asking US tech companies to share email data and conduct wiretaps for criminal investigations. The framework comes one day after a federal appeals court said the US government could not compel Microsoft to turn over customer emails stored on servers outside the United States.

The proposal would require the US Congress to change decades-old electronic communications law. It would also require the consent of any foreign government because it is designed to be reciprocal. The United Kingdom is the first country the United States is seeking to enter into such a bilateral agreement with. A technology industry group said it was encouraged by the US-British talks.

"A strengthened legal framework must value privacy and human rights while ensuring law enforcement can do its important work," Reform Government Surveillance, an industry group that represents major tech firms, said in a statement. Some privacy advocates have been skeptical of adopting such bilateral agreements due to concerns other countries do not possess sufficient judicial oversight for warrant use.

Current agreements used to allow law enforcement access to data stored overseas are known as mutual legal assistance treaties, or MLATs. But MLATs, which involve making a formal diplomatic request for data and having authorities in the host country obtain a warrant on behalf of the requesting country, are considered overly cumbersome by law enforcement officials who say the process often takes several months.

"The current situation is unsustainable," Assistant Attorney General Peter Kadzik wrote to Vice President Joe Biden, who also holds the title of president of the US Senate, in a letter proposing the new framework. "If foreign governments cannot access data they need for legitimate law enforcement, including terrorism investigations, they may also enact laws requiring companies to store data in their territory," Kadzik said.—Reuters



## FEMALE DOCTORS, SCIENTISTS, WELDERS AMONG 11 EMOJIS

**MOUNTAIN VIEW, California:** Female professionals will soon be better represented in emoji form. Google says Thursday that the Unicode Consortium, which controls emoji standards, has agreed to add 11 new emojis in response to Google's proposal in May to create a set of emojis "with a goal of highlighting the diversity of women's careers and empowering girls every-

where." Among the new emoji characters is a doctor, a scientist, a farmer and a welder. The characters are available in male forms as well and can be customized for skin tone. Google's original proposal said females - and those under 30 in particular - are the most frequent users of emojis. The new emojis could be available on smartphones before the end of the year.—AP

## IN NOD TO 'LIGHTS OUT' YOUTUBE ORIGINS, TAPS FOR SCARY PROMOS

**LOS ANGELES:** David F Sandberg's feature-length directorial debut, "Lights Out," is set to bow next week and Warner Bros. is using his YouTube-to-big screen success story to market the horror film. The studio pacted with YouTube to invite eight up-and-coming creators to shoot scary short films at YouTube Space New York, on new sets inspired by the "Lights Out" movie. The videos are slated to go live Friday, one week ahead of the July 22 debut of "Lights Out," a New Line Cinema presentation distributed by Warner Bros. The shorts will appear on the individual creator channels, as well as the YouTube Space channel, the official Warner Bros. YouTube channel and promoted through social media platforms.

"It's a Cinderella story born at YouTube," said Blair Rich, president of worldwide marketing for Warner Bros. "So it seemed like the most natural place to promote the movie was with YouTube." In 2013, for a short-film competition, Sandberg posted the 2 minute, 41 second "Lights Out" short starring his wife, Lotta Losten, on YouTube, which he shot in their apartment in Gothenburg, Sweden, on sets built from Ikea. It went viral, and eventually caught the attention of Lawrence Grey, who brought it to WB and attached James Wan ("The Conjuring") as producer. Sandberg is now in the middle of directing "Annabelle 2" for the studio.

### Lights out

The eight YouTubers who created shorts for the "Lights Out" campaign, produced over two weeks earlier this summer, are:

### Creative young people

"It was so inspiring to fill a sound stage at YouTube with all these creative young people," said Rich. "It's interactive marketing in a

way we've never done before." According to the companies, no money changed hands in the deal, and it wasn't predicated on Warner Bros buying advertising on the site for the film. YouTube's interest in the project was to promote the resources it provides at YouTube Spaces and give some of its best homegrown talent a crack at creating something new-and not necessarily in their wheelhouse. "We want our creators to engage with these intellectual properties, to test new formats, stretch their narrative legs and experiment in different ways," said Chris D'Angelo, director of programming for YouTube Spaces.

One of the YouTubers who participated was Kenzie Nimmo, who runs her channel mostly about music and songwriting with her husband, Harris Heller. The Salt Lake City, Utah-based couple got involved in the project through Fullscreen, their multichannel network partner. Nimmo said the "Lights Out" opportunity fit into a video she was already thinking about making in response to fans who had been asking about how to overcome fears. "Chasing your dreams is a scary thing," she said. "Something can be scary because of social anxieties-that's the angle I took."

Sandberg directed "Lights Out" from a screenplay by Eric Heisserer. James Wan, Lawrence Grey and Heisserer served as producers, with Walter Hamada, Dave Neustadter and Richard Brenner as executive producers. The film stars Teresa Palmer ("Triple 9," "Warm Bodies"), Gabriel Bateman ("Annabelle"), Billy Burke (the "Twilight" franchise), Alexander DiPersia ("Forever") and Maria Bello ("Prisoners").—Reuters

## RARE SEA TURTLES PASS 50-YEAR RECOVERY MILESTONE IN GEORGIA

**SAVANNAH, Georgia:** Rare loggerhead sea turtles reached a conservation milestone on the coast of Georgia in the midst of a strong nesting season on southern Atlantic beaches. Georgia wildlife officials announced this week that more than 2,890 loggerhead nests have been counted this summer along the state's 100-mile coast. Not only is that a new record for Georgia - smashing last year's record count by more than 550 nests - but it also surpasses the state's long-term recovery goal for the species.

A target set years ago called for Georgia to reach 2,800 nests by the year 2028 - 50 years after the federal government listed loggerhead sea turtles as a threatened species. With nesting expected to continue for several weeks, Georgia could easily top 3,000 nests this year, said Mark Dodd, the biologist who oversees the sea turtle recovery program for the Georgia Department of

Natural Resources. "We never thought we would get here this quickly," Dodd said Friday, though he cautioned it's still too early to declare loggerheads a recovered species. "We have a lot of other criteria we have to meet. But it's a great milestone and a place to stop and congratulate everyone." Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina are all reporting robust nest numbers since the season for loggerheads began May 1. The giant turtles, which can grow to weigh up to 300 pounds, typically lay eggs through the end of August.

As of Friday, South Carolina was close to its record of 5,193 loggerhead nests set in 2013, said Michelle Pate, coordinator of the state's sea turtle program. North Carolina was a little more than 200 nests shy of its record number - 1,304, also from 2013, according to Matthew Godfrey, sea turtle coordinator for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. "It's definitely above

average," Godfrey said. "It's hard to say where we're going to end up, but it's definitely a good year."

Both states still have a ways to go to reach their respective recovery goals: 9,000 nests for South Carolina and 2,000 for North Carolina. Florida, which accounts for roughly 90 percent of loggerhead sea turtle nests in the US, doesn't keep a running tally of nests because of the overwhelming numbers. Nor does it have a recovery target like Georgia and the Carolinas.

Anne Meylan of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission said Friday that numbers from a sampling of beaches indicate Florida could top last year's total of 89,295 loggerhead nests. But Meylan said she doesn't expect a record season. A decade ago, Georgia was averaging only about 1,000 loggerhead nests per year - a third of the total expected for 2016.

Dodd said a number of factors have helped the sea

turtles crawl toward recovery in Georgia, from fishing boats using shrimp nets with built-in escape hatches for turtles, to island communities limiting artificial light along beaches at night to avoid disorienting hatchlings trying to find their way to sea.

On Blackbeard Island, managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service as a wildlife refuge 50 miles south of Savannah, volunteers combing the beaches at daybreak each day have tallied 426 loggerhead nests this summer - more than 100 ahead of last year.

Nancy Hickey, the agency's supervisory biotechnician on the island, said her volunteers often find 15 nests a day now along 11 miles of beach where they used to see five or less. "We come out some days and you can just look down the beach and see crawl after crawl after crawl" where nesting turtles leave telltale trails in the sand, Hickey said. "It's so exciting." — AP



**ESHOWE, South Africa :** This file photo shows a South African woman gets tested for HIV by an health worker working with Doctors without borders (MSF) at a mobile clinic in Eshowe. — AFP

## AIDS SUMMIT IN S AFRICA TO WARN OF LAGGING EFFORT

'IT'S TOO SOON TO DECLARE VICTORY, WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO'

**JOHANNESBURG:** Sixteen years after Nelson Mandela galvanized the world to take up the fight against AIDS, experts and activists return to the South African city of Durban on Monday, seeking to revitalize the fight against the disease. Some 18,000 scientists, campaigners, funders and lawmakers are descending on the port city for the five-day 21st International AIDS Conference - a council of war on a pandemic that has claimed more than 30 million lives in 35 years.

Singer Elton John and Britain's Prince Harry will host a session at the conference discussing the HIV epidemic among young people. "The message from Durban to the world is going to be that it's too soon to declare victory. We have a long way to go," International AIDS Society president Chris Beyrer told AFP. Until 2000, only wealthier countries had hosted the biennial AIDS meeting.

That all changed when South Africa became the first developing country - and the first with an unbridled epidemic of HIV in its population - to take the helm. The conference was a highly-charged affair, but its emotional zap transformed the AIDS campaign. Campaigners fired verbal volleys at Big Pharma, accusing drugs companies of providing life-saving drugs to HIV patients in rich countries but ignoring counterparts in poor economies.

### Mbeki in firing line

And South African activists angrily leveled accusations of AIDS-denialism at then-president Thabo Mbeki, who insisted the disease was caused by poverty, not by the human immunodeficiency

virus (HIV). The star-studded cast in Durban was headed by Mbeki's predecessor Mandela, who described the epidemic as "one of the greatest threats humankind has faced." The surge of energy from Durban helped launch a string of programs to provide life-saving drugs for the Third World and dynamize research into new frontiers.

But 16 years after Durban, there are fears that HIV, by becoming a chronic but manageable disease, has become like wallpaper. With no cure for the virus in sight, patients face lifelong reliance on expensive antiretroviral drugs which cause side effects. This time around, delegates will pore over the latest scientific research, amid frustration that there is still no vaccine for the stealthy, shape-changing virus.

### An AIDS-free generation?

The United Nations has set a target of ending the AIDS pandemic by 2030, but warned that efforts are lagging. Infection rates are rising in many regions of the world, the UNAIDS agency said, with Russia especially hard hit. There are some 36.7 million people worldwide living with HIV/AIDS, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa. Of these, only 17 million are receiving treatment.

"We have to reach the other 20 million people living with HIV, and that's going to take resources," said Beyrer. Nobel Medicine laureate Françoise Barre-Sinoussi, the French virologist who co-discovered the AIDS virus in 1983, stressed the need for more funding. "We need to renew investment and make all the changes needed to move towards an AIDS-free generation," she told AFP.

### A painful moment

Delegates expect a different focus and tone compared with the Durban of 16 years ago. At the time, hundreds of delegates walked out when Mbeki, who relied on advice from discredited scientists, told the conference opening: "It seemed to me that we could not blame everything on a single virus." Mbeki denied millions access to life-saving antiretroviral drugs, and a Harvard study later concluded his policies were responsible for 300,000 avoidable deaths in South Africa. "It was a very painful moment in the world," Beyrer recalled of the 2000 event. Things changed under subsequent leaders, and South Africa now has the world's largest treatment program. "The world no longer looks at us as a pariah," South African Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said. The battle is far from won, however, with 300,000 new infections in the country in 2014-15, and some 2,000 young women infected per week.

In the rest of the world, progress has also been uneven. New infections globally fell six percent since 2010 — from 2.2 million to 2.1 million, and AIDS-related deaths have almost halved from their peak, at two million, in 2005. Infections are soaring in north Africa and the Middle East, which now has the fastest-growing epidemic.

In Russia, where reported HIV infections topped one million last year, government resistance to supporting programs for gay men and drug users is exacerbating the crisis. "We really hope people will come away from Durban with commitment to fix the laws, policies and practices in their countries that continue to block access to these people who need it most," said Beyrer. — AFP

## ENDANGERED VULTURE ESCAPES DURING AN OPEN-AIR SHOW

**PITTSBURGH:** Officials are searching for a vulture that flew away from the National Aviary in Pittsburgh during an open-air show. The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reports the vulture flew into a wooded area and was spotted in a tree near the Community College of Allegheny County, but it was still on the loose Thursday night.

A team from the aviary spent several

hours tracking the vulture and was expected to camp out overnight with the critically endangered bird. Aviary spokeswoman Robin Weber says the bird will stay in place at night because it can't see in the dark. Team members tried to bait the bird with food but it had just eaten before flying away. Weber says it could be Friday morning until the bird is brought back to the aviary. — AP

## PUERTO RICO REPORTS BIGGEST WEEKLY JUMP IN ZIKA CASES

**SAN JUAN:** Puerto Rico government officials on Friday reported the biggest weekly rise in Zika cases that the US territory has ever seen. Health Secretary Ana Rius said 1,336 new cases were reported in the past week, for a total of 4,437 cases since the mosquito-borne virus was first detected in December. She said 76 of Puerto Rico's 78 municipalities now have Zika cases. A total of 553 pregnant women have Zika, which can cause severe birth defects.

Fifty-five people have been hospitalized for Zika-related illnesses, including 19 diagnosed with a temporary paralysis known as Guillain-Barre syndrome that has been linked to the virus. One person has died. The spike comes a week after US health officials urged Puerto Rico's government to consider aerial spraying to fight the virus. Rius previously said she supported fumiga-

tion with the insecticide Naled, but on Friday she told radio station WKAQ 580 that she has put that recommendation on hold.

"We are studying all the risks that Naled poses, and whether these are greater than the benefits we would receive," she said. "We are consciously seeking what we'll recommend to the governor." Puerto Ricans have held numerous protests against aerial spraying, saying it would harm wildlife and people's health. US government officials have said it is safe to spray with Naled. Gov Alejandro Garcia Padilla has not yet commented on the issue. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has warned that up to 20 percent of Puerto Rico's nearly 3.5 million people could be infected with Zika in an outbreak expected to peak by this summer. — AP



**SAN JUAN:** In this file photo, workers from the Puerto Rico Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention review Zika-related data collected by the island's health department and the CDC in San Juan, Puerto Rico. — AP

## VOLUNTEERS TAKE CARE OF ORPHANED BEAR CUBS

**SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, California:** Caretakers are raising three bear cubs after their mother was struck by a car and killed in Yosemite National Park. KCRA-TV reports the 5-month-old cubs that weigh less than 10 pounds each are being cared for at Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care. Their mother was killed on the Fourth of July. Yosemite workers were able to catch the cubs, which would

have died without help, shortly after their mother was killed.

Staffers and volunteers at the wildlife center hope to reintroduce the cubs to the wild next year after they hibernate and grow. The cubs don't have names and human contact is kept at a minimum. The cubs' mother was the fifth bear to be hit by a vehicle and killed in Yosemite this year. — AP

## TRIBE HALTS GUIDED TRIPS TO HAVASUPAI WATERFALLS

**PHOENIX:** The Havasupai Tribal Council has temporarily halted guided trips to its popular turquoise-colored waterfalls near the Grand Canyon while it reviews the permitting process and investigates reports of pack animal abuse. The decision will only impact third-party providers who offer guided trips. Hikers who have acquired an individual permit will still be able to make the trip, The Arizona Republic reported. The northern Arizona destination is near the southern boundary of the Grand Canyon National Park.

It's grown so popular that permits can be difficult to obtain, and some people rely on the third-party tours to visit. "The Tribal Council is doing this in order to preserve the campground and trails for the better-

ment of the tribe and the thousands of tourists that visit Havasupai Falls each year," said tribal Chairman Don E Watahomigie in a written statement. Tribal officials say they will look into increased complaints about pack-animal abuse witnessed on the trail.

Several people have recently reported seeing horses struggling under the weight of equipment, while other hikers have posted pictures online of horses that seem injured. The council will also review the permitting process to better understand how outfitters are operating, said tribal spokeswoman Abbe Fink. Some outfitters were able to buy permits in bulk, making it more difficult for individual hikers to get them. "That's the primary intent, to discourage those. And again, it's temporary," Fink said. — AP

## HAWAII POT DISPENSARIES CAN LEGALLY OPEN, NONE READY

**HONOLULU:** Medical marijuana dispensaries can now legally open in Hawaii, but not one is ready to do so. The state Department of Health said none of the state's eight dispensaries was approved to open by July 15, the first day they were allowed by law. One big hurdle is the state hasn't certified a lab to test the dispensaries' products. "On the dispensary front, they're all doing their best to open their doors

with as diverse a product line to serve all of the many needs of the patients and all the qualifying conditions that are out there," said Chris Garth, executive director of the Hawaii Dispensary Alliance. "Until those products can be tested in a clinical capacity, no dispensary will be able to open their doors, no matter how perfect their product is."

The state hasn't yet received any applications



**HAWAII:** In this file photo, plants grow at the home of Jeremy Nickle, owner of Hawaiian Holy Smokes, in Honolulu, Hawaii. — AP

### Right way

Hawaii was among the first states to legalize medical marijuana more than 15 years ago, but dispensaries were only legalized last year. The state's estimated 13,000 patients approved for the drug were generally left to buy it on the black market or grow it on their own. There's a long list of steps before dispensaries can open. They have to set up an indoor crop growing facility, get building permits and get a certificate from narcotics enforcement. Some dispensary executives say they hope to open by the end of 2016. On Maui, dispensary licensee Pono Life Sciences has selected potential sites and is waiting for approval from the Department of Health, said Dean Okimoto, chief agronomist. "I'm glad we're going slowly and cautiously because we want to be doing this the right way, and making sure that the people of Hawaii are protected in all of this," Okimoto said. Green Aloha, a dispensary on Kauai, hopes to begin growing plants soon, said CEO Justin Britt in an emailed statement. — AP

## SCIENTISTS FIND EVIDENCE OF NEW STONE AGE FARMING POPULATION

**BERLIN:** Scientists say a previously unknown group of Stone Age farmers may have introduced agriculture to South Asia, challenging earlier theories that attributed the spread of farming to a different population. Previous research held that a single group of hunter-gatherers developed agriculture in the Middle East some 10,000 years ago and then migrated to Europe, Asia and Africa, where they gradually replaced or mixed with the local population.

But scientists who analyzed ancient human remains found in the Zagros mountains of present-day Iran say they belonged to a completely separate people who appear to have taken up farming around the same time as their cousins further west in Anatolia, now Turkey.

"There was this idea that there'd been one group of genius inventors who developed agriculture," said Joachim Burger, one of the authors of the study published online Thursday in the journal *Science*. "Now we can see there were genetically diverse groups."

Scientists from Europe, the United States and Iran who examined the DNA of 9,000 to 10,000-year-old bone fragments discovered in a cave near Eslamabad, 600 kilometers southwest of the Iranian capital of Tehran, found they belonged to a man with black hair, brown eyes and dark skin. Intriguingly, the man's diet included cereals, a sign that he had learned how to cultivate crops, said Fereidoun Biglari of National Museum of Iran, who was also involved in the study.

### Ancient farming

Along with three other ancient genomes from the Zagros mountains, researchers were able to piece together a picture of a population whose closest modern relatives can be found in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and among members of Iran's Zoroastrian religious community, said Biglari. The Zagros people had very different genes than modern Europeans or their crop-planting ancestors in western Anatolia and Greece, said Burger, an anthropologist and population geneticist at Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany.

He said the study's authors calculated that the two populations likely split at least 50,000 years ago, shortly after humans first ventured out of Africa. Burger said

even though the two ancient farming populations didn't mix, it's probable that they knew of - and even learned from - each other, given that the development of agriculture is highly complex and therefore unlikely to have spontaneously occurred twice around the same time.

"You have to build houses, clear forests, cultivate several plants and ensure a plentiful supply of water. You also have to domesticate several animals, be able to grind flour, bake bread," said Burger. "This is a huge process that takes several thousand years." Burger said the findings could help shed light on important developments in human history that have been neglected due to researchers' long habit of focusing on ancient migratory movements into Europe. — AP

## SURVEYS OFF ALASKA LEAD TO NEW SPECIES OF FISH

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska:** Federal biologist Jay Orr never knows what's going to come up in nets lowered to the ocean floor off Alaska's remote Aleutian Islands, which separate the Bering Sea from the rest of the Pacific Ocean. Sometimes it's stuff he has to name. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration biologist is part of a group that uses trawl nets to survey commercially important fish species such as cod in waters off Alaska. Sometimes those nets come up with things no one has seen before.

With co-authors, Orr has discovered 14 kinds of new snail fish, a creature that can be found in tide pools but also in the deepest parts of the ocean. A dozen more new snail fish are waiting to be named. Additional species are likely to be found as scientists expand their time investigating areas such as the Bering Sea Slope, in water 800 to 5,200 feet deep, or the 25,663-foot deep Aleutian Trench. "I suspect we are just scraping the top of the distributions of some of these deep-water groups," Orr said from his office in Seattle.

### Bottom fish

Orr and his colleagues measure the abundance of rockfish, flatfish and other "bottom fish" for the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, the research arm of the NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service. The center studies marine resources off Alaska and parts of the West Coast. Five boats with six researchers each surveyed Alaska waters in late June. The teams trawl on the Bering Shelf every summer and in either Aleutian waters or the Gulf of Alaska every other year.

Their findings on fish abundance are fed into models for managing fish populations. The scientists put down a 131-foot trawl net that captures whatever is along the ocean bottom. A ton of fish is a standard sample. Along with fish, they get clues to the seafloor habitat. Sponges, for example, indicate a hard seafloor, or substrate. Fifteen years ago, research biologist Michael Martin suggested a small modification: a net just 2 to 3 feet wide at the front of the trawl net.

### Sea slugs

"We realized we didn't have a really good picture of the substrate that we were trawling over, and we figured we were missing some things in the big meshes that the larger net had," Orr said. "So one of the other guys here decided to put this little net on, mainly as a means to see what the substrate looked like." On one of the first hauls, the small net returned with a variety of small, soft-bodied fish, including snail fish, that likely would have fallen out or gotten mashed in the main net. Orr took a look and knew they had found something different.

As someone who studies fish, "I sort of knew what I was looking for and what was known out there," he said. "The first ones that came up, I saw them right away and said, 'We don't know what these are. These haven't been named.' Snail fish have no scales, feel gelatinous and look like fat tadpoles. Aristotle described a Mediterranean variety found in ancient Greece as 'sea slugs.'"

### Comic snail fish

Many fish have pelvic fins on their bellies, just behind the gills. Most snail fish species, instead of pelvic fins, have a sucking disc that they use to cling to rocks. Orr identified some new varieties that did not have a sucking disc. Another had a hardened bone in its head. Another had a projecting lower jaw. Others varied by shape, color or body parts, such as vertebrae. "Nearly all of them have genetic characters that distinguish them, too," Orr said.

He has wide latitude for giving new species both common and Latin names. A red, white and black snail fish with a big, bulbous nose struck him as funny-looking. He gave it the common name of "comic snail fish" and the Latin name *Careproctus comus*, after *Comus*, the god of comedy in Greek mythology. Snail fish made headlines in 2014 when researchers recorded them swimming nearly 27,000 feet, or more than 4 miles, below the surface in the Marianas Trench, making them the deepest-dwelling vertebrate on the planet. — AP



**BANGLADESH:** In this photo, Bangladeshi volunteers, working to spread awareness on sanitation, lift toilet seats in Bormi village, near Dhaka, Bangladesh. — AP

## BANGLADESH STOPS OPEN DEFECATION IN A DECADE

'A DECLINE IN WATERBORNE AND DIARRHEAL DISEASES'

**BORMI, Bangladesh:** Answering nature's call was once a nightmare for Rashida Begum, who had to creep around the jungle for a suitably private spot. Her home had no toilet, like the thousands of others in her crowded cluster of farming villages outside the capital. In just over a decade, that's all changed, in her neighborhood and many others.

Through a dogged campaign to build toilets and educate Bangladeshis about the dangers of open defecation, the densely populated South Asian nation has managed to reduce the number of people who defecate in the open to just 1 percent of the 166 million population, according to the government - down from 42 percent in 2003.

"Once it was our habit to go to the fields or jungles. Now, it is shameful to us," Begum said in Bormi, a cluster of poor farming villages just outside Dhaka, the capital. "Even our children do not defecate openly anymore. We do not need to ask them; they do it on their own." Bangladesh's success in sanitation - something so far unattained by its wealthier neighbor to the south, India - came from a dogged campaign supported by 25 percent of the country's overall development budget.

### Huge commitment

"The government has made a huge commitment," said Akramul Islam, director for water, sanitation and hygiene of the development NGO Brac. "The government decided that funds should go to the extreme poor who do not have latrines. So that

basically gives a big push from the public sector for spending on sanitation." The government's engineers also partnered with village councils and charities to spread the message on how toilets are key to better health. Rising incomes - moving from an average of \$1,154 in 2012-13 to \$1,314 in the last fiscal year, according to the World Bank - also helped to drive demand, Islam said.

Activists say small-scale surveys show that the campaign has improved public health, though there are not yet any government statistics to prove it more broadly. "We see clearly that there is a decline in waterborne diseases and diarrheal diseases, so there is a clear link there," Islam said, while acknowledging that the improvement was something "we have to study." Begum said her children have had no stomach illnesses since she installed an in-house toilet.

Open defecation is considered a major public health menace, causing childhood diarrhea, parasitic worm infections and other scourges that contribute to childhood stunting, malnutrition and tens of billions of dollars in lost productivity every year. Diarrheal diseases kill 700,000 children every year in India alone - most of which could have been prevented with better sanitation.

### Clean India

India has spent about \$3 billion since 1986 on campaigning and sanitation programs, but has not come close to Bangladesh's success. Two-thirds of

India's 1.25 billion people still use the great outdoors as their public latrine. About half of Nepal's 30 million people and about 20 percent of Pakistan's 182 million also do not have facilities at home. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made public sanitation a hallmark of his "Clean India" drive, promising that every home would have a toilet by 2019 and setting aside hundreds of millions of dollars for the job. India has already built around 20 million toilets, but still has another 111 million to build to reach its goal.

Bangladesh's sanitation victory didn't come easy. Millions of dollars from the government and charities were spent, and campaign volunteers said they worked hard to change public attitudes and habits. Many villagers - particularly men - preferred going outdoors, where they could think in private, survey their lands or just feel the evening breeze or gaze at the sky. For women, however, having no toilet was both a nuisance and a danger, as many said they had to wait for nightfall for privacy.

"We had to cover our noses during rainy season because of the bad smell," said field campaigner Al Amin Akand of the charity Plan International, which works on community issues. "We had to work for years to motivate the villagers." Back in 2008, most people in Bormi had no choice but to use the surrounding forests to defecate. "We had to do fierce campaigning," going door-to-door for years, said Mohammed Badal Sarker, chairman of a local village council. The council even turned children into whistleblowers - literally. — AP



**ALASKA:** This photo provided by NOAA Fisheries/Alaska Fisheries Science Center and taken during the second leg of the Aleutian Islands survey shows a snail fish. — AP

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## ASSE KUWAIT CHAPTER CONDUCTS 'AUTHORIZED GAS TESTER' TRAINING

**A**merican Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Kuwait Chapter in coordination with TUV Nord Middle East, organized a training program on "Authorized Gas Tester". The program was conducted on 8th July 2016 at Kohinoor Banquets Hall, Fahaheel, State of Kuwait.

American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Kuwait Chapter is Kuwait's premier voluntary and non-profit organization providing professional guidance, training and consultancy; in the field of Health, Safety and Environment; to the industrial and social sectors in the region. ASSE Kuwait Chapter continuously organizes training on various HSE related topics, adhering to its solid social commitment

by enhancing the knowledge inventory.

The gas tester role is critical to ensure safe working conditions in permit controlled confined space or for hot work activities. This is one of the most needed training by Oil and Gas Companies around the world. It was carried out through a 3rd Party agency which is approved by many Companies in Kuwait and in Middle East.

The chapter Vice president, Muhammed Alamgir, inaugurated the program and introduced Mohamed Maher Abd-Elrahman Eltemamy, the trainer for the session. Mohamed Maher Abd-Elrahman Eltemamy, an authorized trainer, has a Bachelor's in Chemistry and possess many

international certification in various HSE training and consulting.

The training turned out to be very helpful for the safety professionals in their career, especially in Oil and gas industries where the risk of flammable and toxic atmosphere is very high. The participants, who emerged successful in the assessment; received certificate & pocket cards. Twenty seven ASSE Members utilized this distinct opportunity and benefited from the program. ASSE Kuwait Chapter would continue its strive to do their best for the progress of the society and its members in particular, by organizing such beneficial trainings in future too.



### SWISS BELHOTEL PLAZA ANNOUNCES RESIDENT MANAGER

**S**wiss Belhotel Plaza Kuwait is pleased to announce Michael Nielsen has joined as Resident Manager as of June 12, 2016. In his role, Michael Nielsen will assist ITHC Director of operations Ali Haddad, to lead the hotel to enhance the guest experience. A Danish national, Michael Nielsen has an extensive background in the hotel industry having held both sales and marketing as well operational roles with in the at the Radisson Blu, hotel group.



## DIRECT AID SOCIETY CONCLUDES RAMADAN 2016 CAMPAIGN



**D**irect Aid Society concluded its Ramadan 2016 campaign which included several activities in most African countries where the society operates, such as giving iftar meals, distribute donations, zakat and organizing Al-Kharafi Quran Contest.





# KFH SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES ITS RAMADAN PROGRAM



**K**uwait Finance House (KFH) successfully concluded its Ramadan campaign 2016 that included several social and volunteer activities. KFH eventful Ramadan program confirms its leadership in achieving the corporate social responsibility, yet reiterates the bank's firm belief in encouraging volunteerism, raising the awareness of philanthropy and charity, while boosting the community-oriented initiatives within society. KFH organized and participated in a wide range of activities and events tailored to reach out across the community and within the institution.

The activities encompassed the annual Ramadan Ghabqa that was held in the presence of the executive management and a huge number of KFH employees. The Ghabqa witnessed huge participation, competitions and distributing prizes. Moreover, the bank held Ghabqa for journalists and reporters in recognition of their vital role in the economic and social issues, not to mention the confirmation of the bank's keenness to continually communicate with all local media outlets.

This Ghabqa witnessed remarkable attendance from different media types; print media, broadcast media, and the Internet. KFH organized several visits to medical centers as part of its social responsibility and efforts to put smile on patients' faces. The bank visited Hussain Maki Joma'a Hospital, it distributed gifts to the patients and wished them speedy recovery. It also organized a visit to nursing homes and

handed out gifts to the elderly in continuation of its efforts to communicate with all segments of the society in the holy month of Ramadan.

Furthermore, the bank paid a visit to the officials and operatives of Airport Surveillance Radar Tower and the officials of the Vertical Aviation Center, affiliated to the Ministry of Interior and had breakfast feast with them. This initiative was meant to recognize those who have duties to serve the country and the people during breakfast time. KFH organized Confectionary girgian events for many parties including the Kuwaiti Association for Down syndrome, Kuwait Society for Guardians of the Disabled, Palliative Care Center, and Alrazi Hospital in efforts to comfort the patients and alleviate their pain.

In addition, KFH celebrated girgian with the kids at Nayef palace and the Discovery mall. KFH distributed thousands of Iftar meals at different places encompassing Nayef Place, Sharq, and Abdullah Alyaqout mosque, not to mention a number of different industrial areas. The bank participated in organizing Qiyam prayer held at the State's Grand Mosque and at Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque and distributed beverages among worshippers and the personnel at the mosque. Also, KFH honored the Quran reciters and the working team leaders at the State's Grand Mosque, and recognized the volunteers of Nayef palace and Iftar Cannon who took part in distributing breakfast meals during Ramadan.

With regards to social media, KFH presented

many health and awareness materials on its social media channels in collaboration with Dasman Diabetes Institute and the nutritionist Dr. Ahmad Lairy. It also presented security awareness tips in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior. KFH launched its Ramadan TV Commercial "You are at Home amongst Family" that achieved a record-breaking viewership on the social media channels on the first days of the holy month of Ramadan. The TVC strongly reflected the values of the Kuwaiti society, KFH's Islamic identity, and its social role.

It highlighted KFH's presence, local roots and heritage with a joyful and happy Ramadan phrases. Moreover, it achieved the most trending YouTube video in Kuwait during the first week of Ramadan where the total of Ramadan campaign viewership on YouTube reached nearly 1.3 million views. On the First day of Eid Al-Fitr, KFH launched its TVC highlighting the Kuwaiti culture and values, mainly on Eid. This was incarnated on the character of the young girl innocently requesting money (Eidiya) from the TVC star Al-Baghli before she accompanies him home.

Further, the campaign encompassed several activities on different social platforms mainly @KFHgroup account on Instagram where the bank launched a daily competition revolving around the Ramadan theme campaign TVC that offered 30 prizes to 30 winners, while generating a total of 146K participated comments from fans.



ANIMAL  
PLANET HD

Sunday, 17/07/16

Animal Planet HD  
03:25 Wildest Africa  
06:36 Swamp Brothers  
07:00 Swamp Brothers  
07:25 Dog TV  
08:15 Restoration Wild  
09:10 Saving Rhino Phila  
10:05 The Wild Life Of Tim  
Faulkner  
10:30 The Wild Life Of Tim  
Faulkner  
11:00 Dog TV  
11:55 Snake Sheila  
12:20 Snake Sheila  
12:50 Deadly Islands  
18:20 Treehouse Masters  
19:15 Saving Rhino Phila  
20:10 The Wild Life Of Tim  
Faulkner  
20:35 The Wild Life Of Tim  
Faulkner  
21:05 Bondi Vet  
22:00 Treehouse Masters  
22:55 Snake Sheila  
23:20 Snake Sheila  
23:50 Gator Boys  
00:45 Gator Boys  
01:40 Deadly Islands  
02:35 Deadly Islands

BBC  
FIRST

03:35 New Tricks  
04:30 Eastenders  
05:05 New Tricks  
06:00 Doctors  
06:30 Eastenders  
07:00 Death In Paradise  
07:55 Father Brown  
08:45 Call The Midwife  
09:45 Death In Paradise  
10:40 Doctors  
11:15 Eastenders  
11:45 Father Brown  
12:35 New Tricks  
13:30 New Tricks  
14:30 Eastenders  
15:00 Doctors  
15:30 Father Brown  
16:15 Upstairs Downstairs  
17:10 Sinbad  
18:00 Doctors  
18:30 Eastenders  
19:00 Father Brown  
19:45 Hebburn  
20:15 DCI Banks  
21:00 DCI Banks  
21:55 Ripper Street  
22:50 Spooks  
23:40 Doctors  
00:10 Eastenders  
00:45 DCI Banks  
01:35 DCI Banks  
02:35 Ripper Street

Discovery  
CHANNEL HD

03:15 Marooned With Ed Stafford  
06:00 Alaska: The Last Frontier  
06:50 Junkyard Empire  
07:40 Fat N' Furious: Rolling  
Thunder  
08:30 Extreme Collectors  
08:55 Auction Hunters  
09:20 Storage Hunters UK  
09:45 How Things Work  
10:35 Alaskan Bush People  
11:25 The Last Alaskans  
12:15 Siberian Cut  
13:05 Extreme Collectors  
13:30 Auction Hunters  
13:55 Storage Hunters UK  
14:20 Alaska: The Last Frontier  
15:10 Junkyard Empire  
16:00 Fat N' Furious: Rolling  
Thunder  
16:50 How Stuff's Made  
17:15 How Do They Do It?  
17:40 Fat N' Furious: Rolling  
Thunder  
18:30 Street Outlaws  
19:20 Kings Of The Wild  
20:10 Auction Hunters  
20:35 Dallas Car Sharks  
21:00 Impossible Engineering  
21:50 Sherpa  
23:30 Fat N' Furious: Rolling  
Thunder  
00:20 Junkyard Empire  
01:10 Impossible Engineering  
02:00 Sherpa

Discovery  
Family

03:00 Dirty Jobs  
03:50 What Could Possibly Go  
Wrong?  
06:20 How It's Made  
07:00 Dick'n' Dom Go Wild  
07:50 Doki  
08:15 Doki  
08:40 How It's Made  
12:50 Dirty Jobs  
17:00 Ultimate Survival  
18:40 Troy  
19:30 Out Of Egypt  
20:20 Ways To Save The Planet  
21:10 Bionic Builders  
22:00 Untamed & Uncut  
02:10 Dirty Jobs

ID  
INVESTIGATION  
DISCOVERY

03:00 Scorned: Crimes Of Passion  
03:48 Nowhere To Hide  
07:00 Murder Comes To Town  
10:20 Dr. G: Medical Examiner  
11:10 On The Case With Paula Zahn  
12:00 Obsession: Dark Desires  
15:20 On The Case With Paula Zahn  
16:10 Love The Way You Lie  
17:50 Southern Fried Homicide  
21:10 Deadline: Crime With Tamron  
Hall  
22:00 Last Hope With Troy Dunn  
22:50 I Am Homicide  
23:40 Obsession: Dark Desires  
00:30 A Haunting  
01:20 The Haunted  
02:10 Deadly Sins

Disney  
CHANNEL

03:15 The Hive  
03:20 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage  
Witch  
03:45 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage  
Witch  
04:10 Hank Zipzer  
04:35 Binny And The Ghost  
05:00 Violetta  
05:45 The Hive  
05:50 Mouk  
06:00 Hank Zipzer  
06:25 Sofia The First  
06:50 Disney Mickey Mouse  
06:55 Gravity Falls  
07:20 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug  
And Cat Noir  
07:45 Backstage

08:10 Bunk'd  
08:35 Jessie  
09:25 Liv And Maddie  
10:15 Austin & Ally  
10:40 Brother Bear 2  
12:10 The 7D  
12:20 Mako Mermaids  
14:25 Austin & Ally  
14:50 Austin & Ally  
15:15 Descendants Wicked World  
15:20 Liv And Maddie  
16:10 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug  
And Cat Noir  
17:00 Gravity Falls  
17:50 The 7D  
18:00 Cadet Kelly  
19:30 Bunk'd  
19:55 Jessie  
20:20 Mako Mermaids  
20:45 Good Luck Charlie  
21:10 H2O: Just Add Water  
22:00 Binny And The Ghost  
22:25 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  
01:40 Hank Zipzer  
02:05 Binny And The Ghost  
02:30 Violetta

Disney  
JUNIOR

03:10 Henry Hugglemonster  
03:20 Calimero  
03:35 Zou  
03:45 Loopedidoo  
04:00 Art Attack  
04:25 Henry Hugglemonster  
04:35 Calimero  
04:50 Zou  
05:00 Loopedidoo  
05:15 Art Attack  
05:35 Henry Hugglemonster  
05:50 Calimero  
06:00 Zou  
06:20 Loopedidoo  
06:35 Art Attack  
07:00 The Hive  
07:10 Zou  
07:25 Loopedidoo  
07:40 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse  
08:05 Sofia The First  
08:30 Miles From Tomorrow  
08:45 PJ Masks  
09:10 Sheriff Callie's Wild West  
09:35 Doc McStuffins  
10:00 Sofia The First  
10:30 Goldie & Bear  
10:55 Jake And The Never Land  
Pirates  
11:25 Miles From Tomorrow  
11:40 Ducktales The Movie  
12:55 Minnie's Bow-Toons  
13:00 Sofia The First  
15:45 Goldie & Bear  
16:00 Sheriff Callie's Wild West  
16:30 Doc McStuffins  
16:55 Sofia The First  
17:25 Goldie & Bear  
17:50 Jake And The Never Land  
Pirates  
18:20 The Lion Guard  
18:45 Miles From Tomorrow  
19:00 PJ Masks  
19:30 Ducktales The Movie  
20:45 Doc McStuffins  
21:00 Jake And The Never Land  
Pirates  
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22:00 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse  
22:30 Sheriff Callie's Wild West  
22:45 Minnie's Bow-Toons  
22:50 Zou  
23:05 Henry Hugglemonster  
23:20 Calimero  
23:35 Zou  
23:50 Loopedidoo  
00:05 Art Attack  
00:30 Henry Hugglemonster  
00:45 Calimero  
01:00 Zou  
01:15 Loopedidoo  
01:30 Art Attack  
02:00 Calimero  
02:15 Zou  
02:30 Loopedidoo  
02:45 Art Attack

Disney  
XD

06:00 Boyster  
06:10 Super Matrak  
07:00 Star vs The Forces Of Evil  
07:25 K.C. Undercover  
07:50 Supa Strikas  
08:15 Annedroids  
08:40 Mighty Med  
09:10 Marvel Avengers: Ultron  
Revolution  
09:35 Lab Rats: Bionic Island  
10:00 K.C. Undercover  
10:25 K.C. Undercover  
10:50 Supa Strikas  
11:45 Kirby Buckets  
12:35 Gamer's Guide To Pretty Much  
Everything  
13:00 Buffalo Dreams  
14:30 Phineas And Ferb

14:45 Phineas And Ferb  
15:10 Disney Mickey Mouse  
15:15 Mighty Med  
15:40 The 7D  
15:50 The 7D  
16:05 Lab Rats: Bionic Island  
16:30 Pickle And Peanut  
16:55 Penn Zero: Part Time Hero  
17:25 K.C. Undercover  
17:50 Supa Strikas  
18:15 Lab Rats: Bionic Island  
18:40 K.C. Undercover  
19:05 Disney Mickey Mouse  
19:10 Annedroids  
19:35 Marvel Avengers: Ultron  
Revolution  
20:00 Kirby Buckets  
20:25 Gamer's Guide To Pretty Much  
Everything  
20:55 K.C. Undercover  
21:20 Supa Strikas  
21:45 Lab Rats: Bionic Island  
22:10 Mighty Med  
22:40 Disney Mickey Mouse  
23:00 Programmes Start At 6:00am  
KSA

food  
network

03:00 Ace Of Cakes  
03:30 Ace Of Cakes  
04:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
04:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
05:00 Chopped  
06:00 Man Fire Food  
06:30 Man Fire Food  
07:00 Roadtrip With G. Garvin  
07:30 Roadtrip With G. Garvin  
08:00 Chopped  
09:00 Amazing Wedding Cakes  
10:00 The Pioneer Woman  
10:30 The Pioneer Woman  
11:00 Siba's Table  
11:30 Siba's Table  
12:00 Barefoot Contessa  
12:30 Barefoot Contessa  
13:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
13:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
14:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
14:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
15:00 Chopped  
16:00 Guy's Grocery Games  
17:00 Amazing Wedding Cakes  
18:00 Siba's Table  
18:30 Siba's Table  
19:00 Luke Nguyen's United  
Kingdom  
19:30 Luke Nguyen's United  
Kingdom  
20:00 Cutthroat Kitchen  
21:00 Chopped South Africa  
22:00 Man v Food  
22:30 Man v Food  
23:00 Mystery Diners  
23:30 Mystery Diners  
00:00 Cutthroat Kitchen  
01:00 Chopped South Africa  
02:00 Man v Food

itv  
hd  
CHOICE

03:00 Coronation Street  
04:20 Come Dine With Me Couples  
06:05 Code Of A Killer  
06:55 Midsomer Murders  
08:25 The Doctor Blake Mysteries  
13:00 Don't Tell The Bride  
15:00 It's Not Rocket Science  
15:55 Code Of A Killer  
16:45 Masterpiece With Alan  
Titchmarsh  
18:30 Tracey Ullman's Show  
19:00 It's Not Rocket Science  
19:50 Don't Tell The Bride  
21:40 Midsomer Murders  
23:15 The Doctor Blake Mysteries  
00:10 The Chase  
01:00 Emmerdale  
01:30 Emmerdale  
02:00 Tracey Ullman's Show  
02:30 The Doctor Blake Mysteries

## 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 The Loud House  
08:36 SpongeBob SquarePants  
09:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
09:24 Harvey Beaks  
09:48 Henry Danger  
10:12 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn  
10:36 The Haunted Hathaways  
11:00 Winx Club  
11:24 SpongeBob SquarePants  
11:48 SpongeBob SquarePants  
12:12 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

12:36 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
13:00 Breadwinners  
13:24 The Loud House  
13:48 Get Blake  
14:12 Rabbits Invasion  
14:36 100 Things To Do Before High  
School  
15:00 Game Shakers  
15:24 The Loud House  
15:48 SpongeBob SquarePants  
16:12 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
16:36 Harvey Beaks  
17:00 Sanjay And Craig  
17:24 Harvey Beaks  
17:48 The Loud House  
18:12 Henry Danger  
18:36 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn  
19:00 100 Things To Do Before High  
School  
19:24 Game Shakers  
19:48 SpongeBob SquarePants  
20:12 SpongeBob SquarePants  
20:36 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
21:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
21:24 Breadwinners  
21:48 Breadwinners  
22:12 Sanjay And Craig  
22:36 Sanjay And Craig  
23:00 SpongeBob SquarePants  
23:24 SpongeBob SquarePants  
23:48 Henry Danger  
00:12 Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn  
00:36 Max & Shred  
01:00 The Haunted Hathaways  
01:24 Sanjay And Craig  
01:48 Sanjay And Craig  
02:12 SpongeBob SquarePants  
02:36 SpongeBob SquarePants

OSN FIRST HD  
COMEDY

03:00 Living With Fran  
03:30 Uncle Buck  
04:00 Better With You  
04:30 The Tonight Show Starring  
Jimmy Fallon  
05:30 I Hate My Teenage Daughter  
06:00 George Lopez  
06:30 The Bernie Mac Show  
07:00 Late Night With Seth Meyers  
08:00 Better With You  
08:30 I Hate My Teenage Daughter  
09:00 Living With Fran  
09:30 Baby Daddy  
10:00 Crowded  
10:30 The Bernie Mac Show  
11:00 The Tonight Show Starring  
Jimmy Fallon  
12:00 George Lopez  
12:30 The Goldbergs  
13:00 I Hate My Teenage Daughter  
10:00 Suits  
14:00 Uncle Buck  
14:30 Baby Daddy  
15:00 Crowded  
15:30 Dr. Ken  
16:00 Modern Family  
16:30 George Lopez  
17:00 Late Night With Seth Meyers  
18:00 Living With Fran  
18:30 Mad Love  
19:00 The Last Man On Earth  
19:30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
20:00 Comedians  
20:30 Comedians  
21:00 Dr. Ken  
21:30 Modern Family  
22:00 The Detour  
22:30 Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll  
23:00 Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll  
23:30 Comedians  
00:00 Comedians  
00:30 Dr. Ken  
01:00 Modern Family  
01:30 The Detour  
02:00 Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll  
02:30 Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll

OSN FIRST  
MORE

03:00 J'aimie: Private School Girl  
03:30 The Brink  
04:00 HBO Comedy Half-Hour  
04:30 Def Poetry Jam  
05:00 The Life And Death Of Peter  
Sellers  
07:15 If God Is Willing And Da Creek  
Don't Rise  
09:15 If God Is Willing And Da Creek  
Don't Rise  
11:15 Bernard And Doris  
13:00 Longford  
15:00 Subway Stories  
16:30 The Pee-Wee Herman Show  
On Broadway  
18:00 Bernard And Doris  
20:00 John Adams  
21:00 Animals  
21:30 Girls  
22:00 American Crime Story: The  
People vs O.J. Simpson  
23:00 Bessie  
01:00 John Adams  
02:00 Animals  
02:30 Girls

## OSN FIRST HD

03:00 Agent X  
04:00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
05:00 Good Morning America



## HORRIBLE BOSSES 2 ON OSN MOVIES HD

06:00 Marvel's Agents Of S.H.I.E.L.D.  
07:00 Rosewood  
08:00 The Blacklist  
09:00 Agent X  
10:00 Suits  
11:00 Rosewood  
12:00 The Blacklist  
13:00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
14:00 Graceland  
15:00 Live Good Morning America  
16:00 Marvel's Agents Of S.H.I.E.L.D.  
17:00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
18:00 The Blacklist  
19:00 Bones  
20:00 Marvel's Agents Of S.H.I.E.L.D.  
21:00 Criminal Minds: Beyond  
Borders  
22:00 Code Black  
23:00 Damien  
00:00 Rosewood  
01:00 Criminal Minds: Beyond  
Borders  
02:00 Code Black

OSN MOVIES  
DRAMA

03:00 The Double  
05:00 Filly Brown  
07:00 A Mother Betrayed  
09:00 Reach Me  
11:00 Filly Brown  
13:00 The Love Guide  
15:00 Before I Go To Sleep  
17:00 Reach Me  
19:00 Frank  
21:00 Miss Meadows  
23:00 Blue Ruin  
01:00 Reach Me

## OSN MOVIES HD

## FAMILY

03:00 The Chronicles Of Narnia: The  
Lion, The Witch...  
05:15 Eragon  
07:15 Ice Age: The Meltdown  
09:00 Monsters University  
11:00 Ernest Goes To Camp  
13:00 Tinker Bell And The Legend  
Of The NeverBeast  
15:00 Toy Story  
17:00 Honey, I Shrunk The Kids  
19:00 The Rookie  
21:15 Sky High  
23:00 Honey, I Shrunk The Kids  
01:00 The Rookie

OSN MOVIES HD  
FESTIVAL

03:00 Paradise  
05:00 Black Nativity  
06:45 Testament Of Youth  
09:00 Two Men In Town  
11:00 Paradise  
13:00 Blackfish  
14:30 A Passage To India  
17:30 Two Men In Town  
19:30 Calendar Girls  
21:30 We Gotta Get Out Of This  
Place  
23:15 Blaze  
01:30 Metro Manila

## OSN MOVIES HD

03:00 What If  
05:00 Still Alice  
07:00 No Escape  
09:00 The Second Best Exotic  
Marigold Hotel  
11:15 50 To 1  
13:15 Persecuted  
15:00 Accidental Love  
17:00 Step Up Revolution  
19:00 Hot Pursuit  
21:00 The Transporter: Refueled  
23:00 Horrible Bosses 2  
01:00 7 Minutes

OSN MOVIES HD  
KIDS

04:30 Ploddy Police Car On The  
Case  
06:00 Jock The Hero Dog  
07:45 Columbus In The Last Journey  
09:30 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas  
10:30 Justice League vs. Bizarro  
League  
12:00 The Tale Of The Princess  
Kaguya  
14:30 JLA Adventures: Trapped In  
Time  
16:00 True Story Of Puss'n Boots  
18:00 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas  
20:00 The Adventures Of Don  
Quixote  
22:00 JLA Adventures: Trapped In  
Time  
23:30 Columbus In The Last Journey  
01:00 True Story Of Puss'n Boots  
02:45 The Adventures Of Don  
Quixote

OSN MOVIES HD  
PREMIERE

04:00 Parkland  
06:00 The Last 5 Years  
08:00 So Undercover  
10:00 Son Of Batman  
12:00 The Mark  
14:00 I Am Ali  
16:00 So Undercover  
17:45 McFarland, USA  
20:00 Now Add Honey  
22:00 Danny Collins  
00:00 Dark Places  
02:00 McFarland, USA

STAR  
MOVIES

04:00 Surrogates  
05:30 Jack  
07:30 Battlefield Earth  
09:30 Greenberg  
11:30 Saving Mr. Banks  
13:00 Starship Troopers  
16:40 Hidalgo  
18:15 Beyond A Reasonable Doubt  
20:00 Signs  
21:45 Dragonfly  
23:30 A Lot Like Love  
01:15 My Daughter Must Live  
02:45 Dragonfly

STAR  
MOVIES

03:00 The Listener  
05:00 How I Met Your Mother  
07:00 Castle  
08:00 Low Winter Sun  
10:00 The Listener  
13:00 How I Met Your Mother  
14:00 Fashion Star  
15:00 Making Mr.Right  
16:00 American Idol  
18:00 Mom vs. Matchmaker  
19:00 The Bridge  
20:00 House Of DVF  
21:00 Style By Jury  
21:30 Style By Jury  
22:00 The Simpsons  
23:00 Bones  
00:00 American Idol  
02:00 Mom vs. Matchmaker

sundance  
CHANNEL

04:05 The Wild Man Of Navidad  
05:35 ATP: All Tomorrow's Parties  
07:00 Kill The Poor  
08:30 3 Backyards  
10:00 Blood Thunder: The Sound Of  
Alberts  
11:00 Blood Thunder: The Sound Of  
Alberts  
12:00 A Ballerina's Tale  
13:25 Discovering: Hamlet  
14:15 Welcome To Pine Hill  
15:40 3 Backyards  
17:10 Quiet City  
18:30 All On The Line  
19:30 Writers' Room  
20:00 Hollywood's Best Film  
Directors  
20:30 Kill The Poor  
22:00 Restoration  
00:00 Marvin's Room  
01:40 Blood Thunder: The Sound Of  
Alberts  
02:40 Blood Thunder: The Sound Of  
Alberts

TLC  
HD

03:15 Extreme Couponing  
03:35 Billion Dollar Hotel  
04:20 Your Style In His Hands  
05:10 Your Style In His Hands  
06:00 Say Yes To The Dress  
06:25 Super Soul Sunday  
07:15 Toddlers & Tiaras  
08:05 Are You Fitter Than A  
Pensioner?  
08:55 Nida'a  
09:45 Little People, Big World  
10:10 Little People, Big World  
10:35 Jon & Kate Plus 8  
11:00 Jon & Kate Plus 8  
11:25 Cake Boss  
11:50 Belief  
12:40 Super Soul Sunday  
13:30 My Giant Life  
14:20 Little People, Big World:  
Wedding Farm  
15:10 Little People, Big World  
15:35 Little People, Big World  
16:00 Toddlers & Tiaras  
16:50 Jon & Kate Plus 8  
17:40 Cake Boss  
18:05 Say Yes To The Dress  
18:30 Your Style In His Hands  
19:20 Ugly House To Lovely House  
20:10 Super Soul Sunday  
21:00 Designer Darlings  
21:50 Mormon Half Love  
22:40 Little People, Big World:  
Wedding Farm  
23:30 Extreme Couponing  
23:55 Designer Darlings  
00:45 Mormon Half Love  
01:35 Little People, Big World:  
Wedding Farm  
02:25 Jon & Kate Plus 8



## THE EXPENDABLES 3 ON OSN MOVIES ACTON HD

# CLASSIFIEDS



## KNCC PROGRAMME FROM THURSDAY TO WEDNESDAY (14/07/2016 TO 20/07/2016)

**SHARQIA-1**  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 11:30 AM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 1:45 PM  
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS 4:00 PM  
SULTAN- HINDI 6:15 PM  
INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE 9:30 PM  
NOW YOU SEE ME 2 12:05 AM

**SHARQIA-2**  
GHOSTBUSTERS 1:00 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 3:30 PM  
FINDING DORY -3D 5:45 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 8:00 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 10:15 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 12:45 AM

**SHARQIA-3**  
FINDING DORY 12:45 PM  
FINDING DORY 3:00 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 5:30 PM  
ABU SHANAB 7:45 PM  
ABU SHANAB 10:00 PM  
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS 12:30 AM

**MUHALAB-1**  
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS 11:30 AM  
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS 1:45 PM  
SULTAN- HINDI 4:00 PM  
ABU SHANAB 7:15 PM  
ABU SHANAB 9:30 PM  
NOW YOU SEE ME 2 11:45 PM

**MUHALAB-2**  
FINDING DORY 12:45 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 3:00 PM  
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS 5:15 PM  
FINDING DORY 7:30 PM  
INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE 9:45 PM  
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS 12:15 AM

**MUHALAB-3**  
FINDING DORY -3D 11:30 AM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 1:30 PM  
FINDING DORY -3D 3:45 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 6:00 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 8:15 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 10:30 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 12:45 AM

**FANAR-1**  
GHOSTBUSTERS 12:00 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 2:45 PM  
ABU SHANAB 5:15 PM  
ABU SHANAB 7:30 PM  
ABU SHANAB 9:45 PM  
ABU SHANAB 12:05 AM

**FANAR-2**  
NOW YOU SEE ME 2 11:45 AM

NOW YOU SEE ME 2 2:30 PM  
INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE 5:15 PM  
FINDING DORY -3D 7:45 PM  
INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE 10:00 PM  
NOW YOU SEE ME 2 12:30 AM

**FANAR-3**  
FINDING DORY 12:45 PM  
FINDING DORY 3:00 PM  
SULTAN- HINDI 5:15 PM  
SULTAN- HINDI 8:30 PM  
SULTAN- HINDI 11:45 PM

**FANAR-4**  
GHOSTBUSTERS 1:00 PM  
MARAUDERS 3:15 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 5:30 PM  
MARAUDERS 8:00 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 10:15 PM  
MARAUDERS 12:45 AM

**FANAR-5**  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 11:30 AM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 1:45 PM  
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS 4:00 PM  
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS 6:15 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 8:30 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 10:45 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 1:00 AM

**MARINA-1**  
GHOSTBUSTERS 12:15 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 2:30 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 4:45 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 7:00 PM  
NOW YOU SEE ME 2 9:15 PM  
NOW YOU SEE ME 2 12:05 AM

**MARINA-2**  
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS 12:45 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 3:30 PM  
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS 5:45 PM  
ABU SHANAB 8:00 PM  
ABU SHANAB 10:15 PM  
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS 12:30 AM

**MARINA-3**  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 1:00 PM  
FINDING DORY 3:15 PM  
FINDING DORY 5:30 PM  
FINDING DORY 7:45 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 10:00 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 12:15 AM

**AVENUES-1**  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 11:45 AM  
SULTAN- HINDI 2:00 PM  
SULTAN- HINDI 5:15 PM  
SULTAN- HINDI 8:30 PM

NOW YOU SEE ME 2 11:45 PM  
AVENUES-2 2:00 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS -4DX 4:30 PM  
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS -4DX 7:00 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS -4DX 9:30 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS -4DX 12:05 AM

**AVENUES-3**  
FINDING DORY 11:30 AM  
ABU SHANAB 1:45 PM  
ABU SHANAB 4:15 PM  
ABU SHANAB 6:45 PM  
ABU SHANAB 9:15 PM  
ABU SHANAB 11:45 PM  
**360° 1**  
FINDING DORY -3D 12:15 PM  
FINDING DORY -3D 2:30 PM  
FINDING DORY -3D 4:45 PM  
FINDING DORY -3D 7:00 PM  
FINDING DORY 9:15 PM  
KILL COMMAND 11:30 PM

**360° 2**  
SULTAN- HINDI 12:45 PM  
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FINDING DORY 1:30 PM  
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SULTAN- HINDI 4:00 PM  
SULTAN- HINDI 7:30 PM  
SULTAN- HINDI 11:00 PM

**360° 3**  
FINDING DORY 11:30 AM  
INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE 1:45 PM  
INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE 4:15 PM  
INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE 6:45 PM  
INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE 9:15 PM  
INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE 11:45 PM

**AL-KOUT.1**  
GHOSTBUSTERS 1:00 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 3:15 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 5:30 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 7:45 PM  
GHOSTBUSTERS 10:00 PM  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE 12:15 AM

**AL-KOUT.2**  
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: OUT OF THE SHADOWS 12:30 PM  
NOW YOU SEE ME 2 3:00 PM  
ABU SHANAB 5:45 PM  
ABU SHANAB 8:00 PM  
ABU SHANAB 10:15 PM  
NOW YOU SEE ME 2 12:30 AM



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Airlines	Flt	Route	Time
MSC	415	Sohag	00:10
THY	772	Istanbul	00:10
JZR	267	Beirut	00:30
FDK	803	Damascus	00:35
JZR	239	Amman	00:50
FDB	069	Dubai	00:55
DLH	635	Doha	01:00
QTR	1086	Doha	01:15
JZR	539	Cairo	01:20
KAC	1802	Cairo	01:30
MSC	403	Asyut	01:30
PGT	858	Istanbul	01:40
ETH	620	Addis Ababa	01:45
RJA	642	Amman	01:45
THY	1464	Istanbul	01:50
KKK	6506	Istanbul	02:05
GFA	211	Bahrain	02:15
CEB	018	Manila	02:20
UAE	853	Dubai	02:25
THY	768	Istanbul	02:50
ETD	305	Abu Dhabi	03:05
OMA	643	Muscat	03:05
RJA	644	Amman	03:10
MSR	612	Cairo	03:15
FDB	067	Dubai	03:15
QTR	1076	Doha	03:25
LZB	7779	Burgas	03:30
PGT	860	Istanbul	03:30
KAC	544	Cairo	03:40
LMU	510	Cairo	04:00
JZR	555	Alexandria	04:15
ETH	3403	Addis Ababa/Riyadh	04:30
FEG	931	Alexandria	05:00
THY	1414	TZK	05:05
DHX	170	Bahrain	05:10
THY	770	Istanbul	05:15
QTR	8511	Doha	05:15
KAC	412	Manila/Bangkok	06:30
BAW	157	London	06:40
JZR	1541	Cairo	07:10
FDB	5061	Dubai	07:15
KAC	382	Delhi	07:30
KAC	346	Ahmedabad	07:35
KAC	206	Islamabad	07:40
KAC	302	Mumbai	07:50
FDB	053	Dubai	07:50
SVA	512	Riyadh	07:50
KAC	354	BLR	08:00
KAC	156	Istanbul	08:00
KAC	286	Dhaka	08:05
KAC	332	Trivandrum	08:15
KAC	362	Colombo	08:20
KAC	352	Kochi	08:20
UAE	855	Dubai	08:25
ETD	301	Abu Dhabi	09:00
ABY	125	Sharjah	09:05
IRC	528	Ahwaz	09:10
QTR	1070	Doha	09:20
IRA	665	Shiraz	09:25
FDB	055	Dubai	09:40
SAW	703	Damascus	09:45
CCE	341	Alexandria	10:00
UAE	873	Dubai	10:40
GFA	213	Bahrain	10:40
MEA	404	Beirut	11:00
JZR	561	Sohag	11:25
JZR	165	Dubai	11:50
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JZR	241	Amman	12:30
SAW	701	Damascus	12:35
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FEG	961	Sohag	12:55

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THY	766	Istanbul	13:10
KAC	672	Dubai	14:05
QTR	1078	Doha	14:05
AXB	393	Kozhikode	14:10
KAC	178	Vienna	14:15
GFA	221	Bahrain	14:20
FDB	057	Dubai	14:20
SVA	500	Jeddah	14:30
KAC	742	Dammam	14:55
KAC	788	Jeddah	15:00
OMA	645	Muscat	15:10
ETD	303	Abu Dhabi	15:10
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SVA	510	Riyadh	17:15
GFA	215	Bahrain	17:30
JZR	177	Dubai	17:45
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JZR	483	Istanbul	18:20
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KAC	774	Riyadh	18:35
KAC	542	Cairo	18:55
KAC	618	Doha	18:55
KAC	166	Paris/Rome	19:05
GFA	217	Bahrain	19:05
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KAC	614	Bahrain	19:10
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MSR	606	Luxor	19:30
JAI	572	Mumbai	19:35
KAC	674	Dubai	19:45
FDB	059	Dubai	19:50
KAC	102	New York/London	19:55
DLH	634	Frankfurt	20:05
KAC	514	Tehran	20:10
MEA	402	Beirut	20:15
OMA	647	Muscat	20:20
JZR	189	Dubai	20:25
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KAC	172	Frankfurt	21:50
QTR	1082	Doha	21:55
GFA	219	Bahrain	22:00
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JZR	125	Bahrain	22:15
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RBG	551	Alexandria	22:30
BBC	044	Dhaka/Dammam	22:40
JZR	802	Taif	22:40
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JZR	185	Dubai	22:55
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JAI	574	Mumbai	23:20
MSR	614	Cairo	23:30
FDB	071	Dubai	23:35
PIA	205	Lahore	23:40

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JAD	302	Amman	00:25
MSR	615	Cairo	00:30
FDB	072	Dubai	00:30
MSC	416	Sohag	01:05
FDK	804	Damascus	01:35
THY	773	Istanbul	01:40
DLH	635	Frankfurt	02:00
MSC	404	Asyut	02:30
ETH	621	Addis Ababa	02:45
THY	765	Istanbul	02:45
PGT	859	Istanbul	02:55
KAC	177	Vienna	02:55
UAE	854	Dubai	03:45
THY	769	Istanbul	03:45
RJA	645	Amman	03:55
OMA	644	Muscat	04:05
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MSR	613	Cairo	04:15
KKK	6505	Istanbul	04:20
LZB	7780	Burgas	04:20
PGT	861	Istanbul	04:30
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FDB	5062	Dubai	07:55
BAW	156	London	08:25
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KAC	117	New York	09:00
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JZR	534	Cairo	09:30
JZR	482	Istanbul	09:30
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KAC	671	Dubai	09:30
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JZR	538	Cairo	18:30
JZR	238	Amman	18:45
KAC	1801	Cairo	18:55
QTR	1081	Doha	19:05
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KAC	351	Kochi	21:00
KAC	543	Cairo	21:00
JZR	554	Alexandria	21:15
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KLM	417	Dammam/Amsterdam	22:25
THY	1403	AYT	22:25
KAC	381	Delhi	22:25
KAC	301	Mumbai	22:30
KAC	205	Islamabad	23:00
GFA	220	Bahrain	23:00
ETD	310	Abu Dhabi	23:05
RBG	552	Alexandria	23:10
JZR	528	Asyut	23:15
KAC	155	Istanbul	23:15
QTR	1083	Doha	23:20
KAC	411	Banqkok/Manila	23:25

CROSSWORD 1314



ACROSS

1. Characteristic of a mob.  
4. Boxcar with latticed sides.  
12. The cardinal number that is the sum of four and one.  
15. Any of various primates with short tails or no tail at all.  
16. Small East Indian shrubby mint.  
17. A constellation in the southern hemisphere near Telescopium and Norma.  
18. Having leadership guidance.  
19. Hypothetical universal solvent once sought by alchemists.  
20. The sound made by a gentle blow.  
21. A fraudulent business scheme.  
23. An architectural partition with a height and length greater than its thickness.  
24. Liquid excretory product.  
26. (Jungian psychology) The inner self (not the external persona) that is in touch with the unconscious.  
30. A bin that holds rubbish until it is collected.  
33. A republic on the island of Malta in the Mediterranean.  
34. An African river that flows northwest into Lake Chad.  
38. A Powhatan Indian woman (the daughter of Powhatan) who befriended the English at Jamestown and is said to have saved Captain John Smith's life (1595-1617).  
40. Title for a civil or military leader (especially in Turkey).  
44. The basic unit of electric current adopted under the System International d'Unites.  
45. A young woman making her debut into society.  
48. A sudden short attack.  
50. A soft silvery metallic element of the alkali earth group.  
51. Especially a lavatory in a public place.  
52. Type genus of the Annonaceae.  
54. The act of drawing or hauling something.  
55. Blatant or sensational promotion.  
59. Small terrestrial lizard of warm regions of the Old World.  
66. Relating to the deepest parts of the ocean (below 6000 meters).  
67. A European river.  
68. Botswana statesman who was the first president of Botswana (1921-1980).  
69. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.  
70. Genus of scapose herbs of North and South America having large edible bulbs.  
73. The waging of armed conflict against an enemy.  
74. Having undesirable or negative qualities.  
75. A feeling of intense dislike.  
76. A digital display that uses liquid crystal cells that change reflectivity in an applied electric field.

DOWN

1. A master's degree in library science.  
2. An organization of countries formed in 1961 to agree on a common policy for the sale of petroleum.  
3. English monk and scholar (672-735).  
4. A health resort near a spring or at the sea-side.  
5. Analgesic drug (trade name Talwin) that is less addictive than morphine.  
6. English scholastic philosopher and assumed author of Occam's Razor (1285-1349).

7. Basal part of a plant ovule opposite the micropyle.  
8. A cosmetic preparation used by women in Egypt and Arabia to darken the edges of their eyelids.  
9. An actor's line that immediately precedes and serves as a reminder for some action or speech.  
10. Thickening of tissue in the motor tracts of the lateral columns and anterior horns of the spinal cord.  
11. Of or relating to or characteristic of religious rituals.  
12. Youngest daughter of the prophet Mohammed and wife of the fourth calif Ali.  
13. A native or inhabitant of Iran.  
14. Greek mythology.  
22. (combining form) Very large in scale or scope or capability.  
25. A network of intersecting blood vessels or intersecting nerves or intersecting lymph vessels.  
27. Submerged aquatic plant having narrow leaves and small flowers.  
28. A member of the Semitic speaking people of northern Ethiopia.  
29. A silvery soft waxy metallic element of the alkali metal group.  
31. In societies practicing shamanism.  
32. A long sturdy pin used by women to secure a hat to their hair.  
35. A small cake leavened with yeast.  
36. Type genus of the family Unionidae.  
37. (trademark) A tinnet luncheon meat made largely from pork.  
39. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.  
41. Wounded by cutting deeply.  
42. Title for a civil or military leader (especially in Turkey).  
43. A correctional institution used to detain persons who are in the lawful custody of the government (either accused persons awaiting trial or convicted persons serving a sentence).  
46. The state of being elsewhere than in particular place.  
47. Large recently extinct long-horned European wild ox.  
49. A religious doctrine that is proclaimed as true without proof.  
53. A cloth used as a head covering (and veil and shawl) by Muslim and Hindu women.  
56. A member of a monotheistic sect of Zoroastrian origin.  
57. Wood of a sumac.  
58. The hair growing on the lower part of a man's face.  
60. An amino acid that is found in the central nervous system.  
61. (Babylonian) God of storms and wind.  
62. Type genus of the Alcidae comprising solely the razorbill.  
63. Move toward, travel toward something or somebody or approach something or somebody.  
64. A Kwa language spoken in Ghana and the Ivory Coast.  
65. A ship's small boat (usually rowed by 4 or 6 oars).  
71. The eleventh month of the civil year.  
72. (Greek mythology) A maiden seduced by Zeus.

Yesterday's Solution



STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

Positive feelings are strong today. You will accomplish whatever you set out to do today. You find it easy to work with other people and tend to pour a lot of energy into those around you, especially at this time. Perhaps stage-managing would be a hobby, profession or volunteer service you would enjoy. When it comes to teaching or coaching young people, you are a natural, always able to motivate and inspire. Today you may be asked to help coach a team. You are very tolerant and accepting of differences-there are good insights into all social values available. You like to compromise and otherwise show your expansive knowledge-like a coat of many colors. You admire the unusual and your friends could be a lot of fun as well as eccentric.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Someone could challenge you today but you can be proud of the way you react to this situation, because you may have learned some problem-solving skills that will speed up a needed healing. You may touch upon some very emotional parts of you and find yourself analyzing and interpreting behavior, or psychoanalyzing. Sharp and penetrating insight into your own inner workings-what is hidden or going on behind the scenes-has helped you help yourself and others. The study of the human mind is interesting to you and you may look for new studies. A new hobby may bring more pleasure than just the time and fun that is involved. This could mean a prize or award or it could mean you meet a special friend through some club get-together.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You might like to ignore responsibilities and do some socializing today, but realities demand that you tend to some personal business first. In the late afternoon, you may feel more like sharing some time with your lover or with close friends. Close relationships take on depth, power and importance. Your surroundings, circumstances and support system are the crucial links in the chain of your life. When things get hectic, it is in these areas that you can expect pressure and the greatest activity. This is a great time to reflect and understand your own situation, just how you feel about yourself. Your emotions and the feelings of those around may be very clear. Much can be accomplished and enjoyed. Share some time with a friend later this afternoon.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You work well with those in authority who are independent and original. There may be some political issues that you have become interested in this weekend. You could find yourself engaged in nonconformist causes, ready to promote what are ground-breaking ideas. You like radical approaches and find yourself in support of whatever new-wave product or breakthrough advance is next in line. Communication, computers, electronics and everything new wave excites you and you excel here. You discover new ways of advertising, instructing, simplifying, etc. Do not spend so much time with a new toy today that you forget to show up for a party later this evening. Grab a nutritional snack before the celebrating begins.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

You may have difficulty expressing yourself and getting your ideas across to others. What you do communicate is very clear and practical. You may want to remember that a few words are sometimes the best path on days like this. You avoid routine and cannot seem to find the right environment for growth and development. Do something nice for yourself. A massage, a trip to your favorite playground or a new hairdo is what you may enjoy. Perhaps this is the best time to enjoy a book or movie, or sign up to volunteer to watch the kids for your friends. Perhaps you can take them to a nearby park and swing on the swings with them-be a kid again for a while. There could even be a flavored shaved ice stand somewhere close.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You have deep commitments and appreciate sacrifice and duty on the part of others. At home in the world of the dreamer and mystic, you have great intuition. You may be using your energies today to inspire and encourage someone. Being domestic at heart, you love family life-you are a true romantic. You will enjoy music, psychology or some form of poetry today and may find yourself at a concert because someone gives you tickets! You draw emotional nourishment and a sense of security from ideals, friends and social involvement. A feeling that anything is possible if you set your sights high enough characterizes the cycle you have just begun. Tonight you will enjoy the celebrations that are bound to happen when friends get together.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

Your own growth and success are linked to questions of security-home and family. This may be a time during which you can get ahead by finding your limits and establishing a home base from which to move forward. Real estate may be the biggest thought-provoking topic of the day. You have a natural sense for communicating with others, especially those younger than yourself. There are clear thoughts about the past flowing in today that may cause you to seek out an old friend. Fun conversations about old times will certainly be enjoyed. There are much laughter and plans for future get-togethers. Close relationships take on more emotional depth, power and importance. A hot date with someone you know is memorable.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

You may enjoy entertaining others or being entertained by your friends today. All of this day should go rather well. You are most original when concentrating on areas of home and family where you feel most secure. You enjoy family members and find interactions with loved ones most enduring. A social event late this afternoon or rather, early evening, brings out the best in you. There is plenty of time to buy a particular gift or to shop with a friend or just purchase that special item you want to wear to this social event. You are the life of the party, able to loosen up even the most sober. You are great at bringing out the best qualities of others, discovering hidden talents. You bring new and innovative ideas into the social scene. You are spontaneous.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Happy days bring pleasant memories. You enjoy being with a group of people that have the same interest as you. Just now, your interest is in some new dance group or some hobby group. You have a lot to offer and a lot to learn. Although you may not be involved with anything spiritual today, you will pass on a peaceful, easy-to-get-along-with and interested-in-others type of attitude. Your sense of direction is perhaps the key element in your personality makeup. How you manage difficulties, find that diplomatic solution, or come up with the right approach are all built around your essence. There are opportunities to relax this evening. You will get a turn before the night is over to share your experiences of the day with loved ones.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

The hallmark of the cycle you have just begun is thinking, learning and communicating with style. This is a period of great mental activity and energy. You have a lot on your mind and feel a strong need to communicate and gather ideas. Writing, creating a new plan, program, design, recipe, etc., is where you enjoy spending your time and energy. Possibly, the library will have the things you need to complete your tasks. Changes in the neighborhood may get on your nerves; an excess of mental energy can be distracting. Let it go, focus; pay attention-or take a break! You do not have to do everything in one day. If your art is writing and you are afraid that you might forget the flow of expression, make an outline or take notes for remembering later.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

Secrets, conspiracies and the hidden links that unite all things take on greater importance in your life now. Digging into the past for hints about the present and future uncovers a lot of answers to the questions that will not go away. "the unexamined life is not worth living" this could mean you are on a quest to find your roots-traveling, making phone calls, doing research. It could just mean that you have taken some time this weekend to travel and study the museums and places of interest you usually don't see. This evening, as the sun goes down, stop to take a deep breath . . . It is a great time to reflect and understand your own situation, just how you feel about you. Emotions in particular, or the feelings of those around you, may be very clear-a nice time.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You may find yourself more than a little acquisitive and your current appreciation for just about everything may lead you to overspend or indulge too much today-careful. You can be the perfect socialite. You can rest assured; with your many talents, you will have success in gaining contributions toward a favorite charity endeavor today. Always welcome in a group-you are a connoisseur of things bright and kind. You are a peacemaker-sometimes superficial-you avoid all harsh and crude actions, people or things. You appreciate life, equality, gentleness and acceptance. A frank discussion with a confidant you trust may help you both to make better sense out of some difficulty. You may find yourself in a creative mood this evening-music, crafts, etc.

WORD SEARCH

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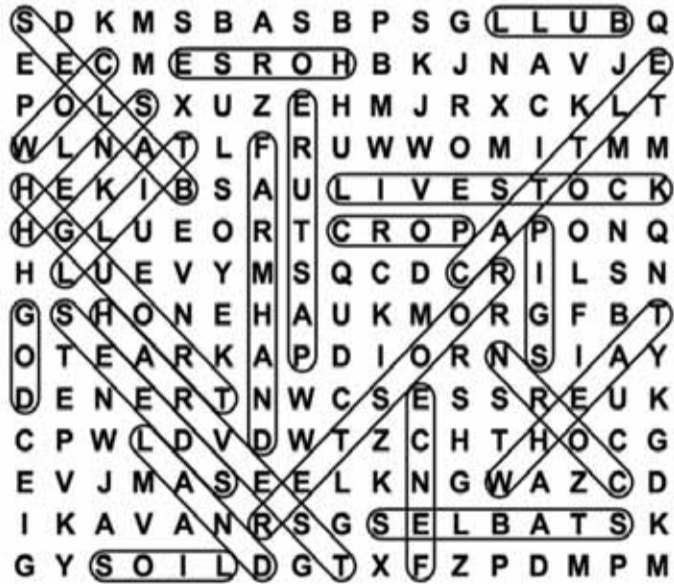


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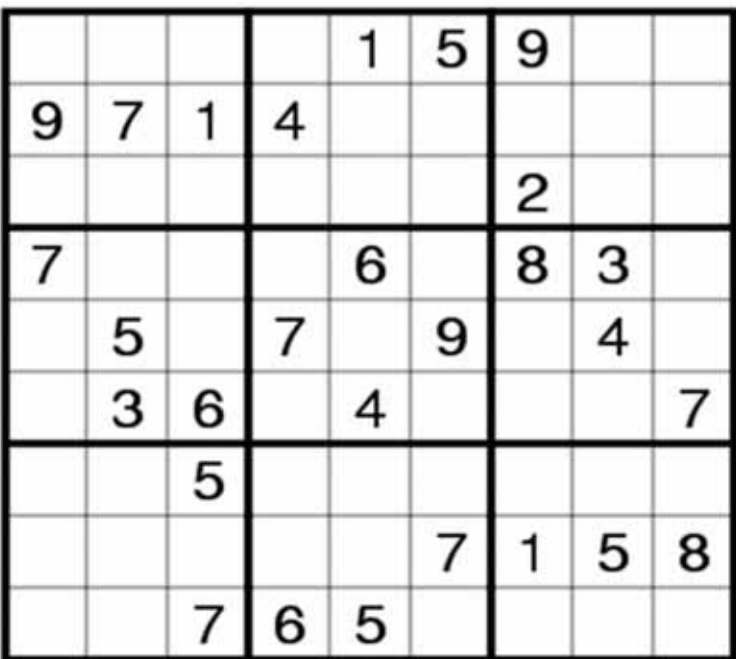


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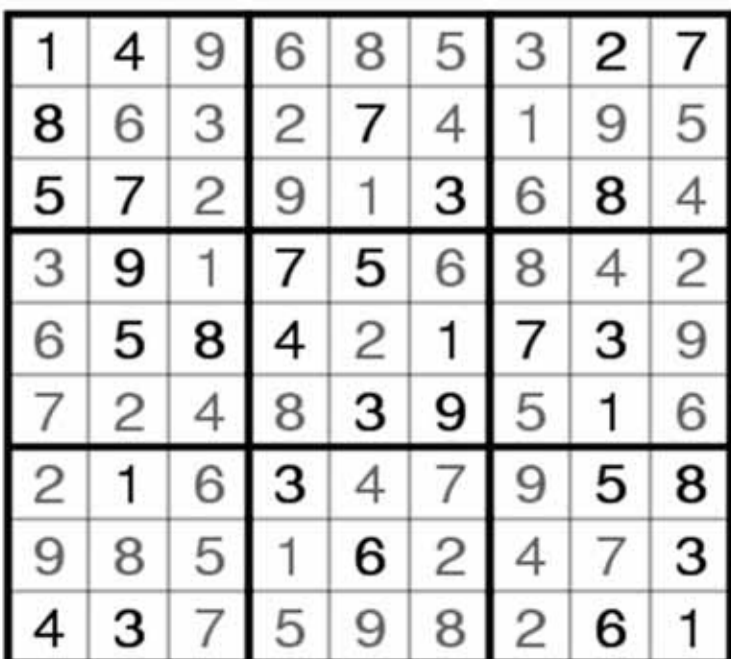
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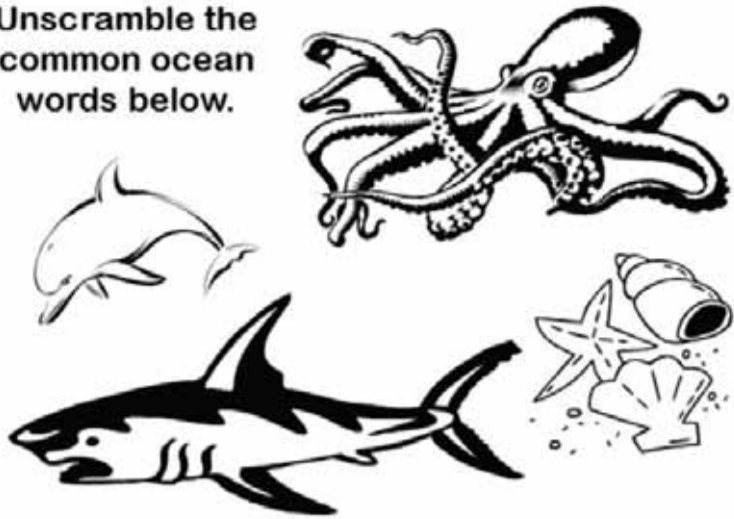
Yesterday's Solution





UNDER THE SEA WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the common ocean words below.



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ACTIVITY



Upcycled T-shirt teddy

What you need

- 1 x small child's T-shirt
- 1 x T-shirt teddy printable
- 1 x A4 sheet of tracing paper
- bag of cotton balls
- scissors
- sewing machine
- needle and thread
- pins
- lead pencil

Activity

1. Print out the T-shirt teddy printable. The printable will give you an outline for the teddy.
2. Trace over the printable's shape and then trace another line, following the contour of the teddy shape, 1cm larger, for seam allowance.
3. Place the T-shirt onto the table top and roughly pin the traced template onto both layers of the T-shirt. Cut out the two layers at the same time and place right sides of the fabric together.
4. Use a pencil or black marker pen to mark out a dotted line, 1cm in from the edge. This is where you will sew. Leave a gap at the top of the head, between the two ears. You'll need this bit kept open so you can turn it right side out, once sewn and stuff it with cotton wool.
5. Sew along the dotted line. Don't forget to leave the gap at the top of the head.
6. Turn it right side out, through the gap you left.
7. Now stuff the teddy with cotton wool. Stuff his body, head and ears.
8. Next, sew up the gap in the top of his head.
9. Cut a 3cm piece from the T-shirt yoke and open it out. Trim it into a rough square shape.
10. Place a small amount (about half a thimble) of cotton wool into the centre. Gather up the corners and edges and use your needle and thread to sew this little piece into a ball.
11. This is Teddy's nose. Sew it onto his face, use a needle and black cotton to sew on some eyes and mouth.
12. You are all done!

Did you know?



- Solar energy is obtained from sunlight.
- Solar energy has been used by humans for a long time for uses such as heating, cooking food, removing salt from seawater and drying clothes.
- These days it is also used to create electricity. As technology has improved, solar power costs have decreased and it has become a more viable alternative, competing with energy sources such as coal and oil.
- While solar power is becoming more efficient, it only provides a small fraction of the world's energy supply.
- Solar cells convert light energy into electricity.
- Solar cells are also called photovoltaic cells.
- Solar cells can be used to power portable devices such as calculators.
- Large numbers of solar cells are put together to create solar panels.
- The largest solar power plant in the world is found in the Mojave Desert, USA.
- Spacecraft and space stations such as the International Space Station (ISS) often use solar panels to generate power.

Q: What rock group has four men that don't sing?  
A: Mount Rushmore!

Q: What city cheats at exams?  
A: Peking!

Q: What is the capital of Washington?  
A: The W!

Q: What did Delaware?  
A: Her New Jersey!

Q: What is the fastest country in the world?  
A: Rush-a!

Q: Teacher: What can you tell me about the Dead Sea?  
A: Student: I didn't even know it was sick!



RECIPES FOR KIDS



Chicken, celery, chives and mint

Ingredients

- 100g lean cooked skinless chicken breast, shredded
- 1 small celery stick, trimmed, diced
- 1 tablespoon low fat mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh chives
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh mint
- 2 baby cos leaves
- 2 Arnott's Vita-Weat Mixed Grain and Toasted Sesame Lunch Slices

Method

1. Place the chicken, celery, mayonnaise, chives and mint in a small bowl and stir to combine. Season with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper.
2. Divide baby cos leaves between Arnott's Vita-Weat Mixed Grain and Toasted Sesame lunch slices. Top with chicken mixture. Serve.

DISNEY THE QUIZ

1. What is the name of the Reggae singing Caribbean crab in the Little Mermaid?
2. In which Disney film will you hear the song 'Everybody Wants To Be A Cat'?
3. Who teaches Mowgli the bare necessities of life?
4. What does Dumbo hold in his trunk to help him fly?
5. What is the name of the racing car voiced by Owen Wilson in the film, Cars?
6. What does Woody from Toy Story have in his boot?
7. In which Disney film will you find the villain, Cruella De Vil?
8. Which Disney character sings the song 'Be Prepared'?
9. Which film does Eddie Murphy do the voice-over for a red Chinese dragon?
10. Which 1991 Disney film has a female lead called Belle?



ANSWERS

1. Sebastian
2. The Aristocats
3. Baloo
4. A magic feather
5. Lightning McQueen
6. A snake
7. 101 Dalmatians
8. Scar, Lion king
9. Mulan
10. Beauty and the Beast



## Spielberg sees parallels between his childhood and ‘The BFG’



**T**he acclaimed movie-maker has helmed the new film based on Roald Dahl’s popular novel, and has revealed he can strongly relate to certain themes that run through the storyline, especially the aspects relating to bullying. He reflected: “It’s the loneliest story I think I’ve ever told. These two lonely people find a way to make a difference. Those are touchstones that attracted me to the book. “I read it to my kids, and the bullying was one of the things that I painfully associated with my own childhood. And also being able to grow out of my fears and often, when I do, feeling taller than the tallest giant. “Size doesn’t matter when loneliness is what our lives have meant to us.” Spielberg was subjected to bullying while at high school in Phoenix, Arizona, and at Saratoga high in California. But his passion for cinema helped Spielberg to find his own friendship group. He told the Guardian newspaper: “Most of my friends were made through the camera. “Rather than make friends, then go off down to the soda fountain or go to where the kids would hang out, I would just go home and write my scripts and cut my films. I was pretty much isolated, but I had a hobby that I was obsessed by. “I would come home from school and I would not go to friends’ houses to play. I would go to my bedroom and I would sit with my little editing machine.”

## Kelly Rohrbach is a ‘grandma’

**T**he 26-year-old actress insists she has never been a “party girl” or been interested in rebelling, but hasn’t ruled out turning wild in the decades still to come. She said: “[Tonight] I have to go to a dinner where I’m gonna have a tea and then be in bed by 10... “I’m not really a party girl. I don’t really like partying. I like to have fun but I don’t really like to ‘party’ party... “I’m a grandma - a fun grandma, but a grandma. Maybe when I’m 90, I’ll rebel and have a convertible and purple hair.” And the ‘Baywatch’ actress even fakes illness to avoid pre- and post-award show parties. Demonstrating a fake cough, she added: “I’m really sick in bed...” Kelly - who previously dated Leonardo DiCaprio - is originally from Connecticut but has embraced a clean-living Californian

lifestyle since moving to Los Angeles. She admitted to Britain’s GQ magazine: “I’ve become the quintessential LA person, to an embarrassingly clichéd level. “I’m like, ‘Let’s go for a hike and get a green juice.’ That’s like a perfect Saturday to me. I hate being that clichéd but, damn, it’s also really nice.” The blonde beauty never feels uncomfortable flashing the flesh in photos or on screen. She said: “That doesn’t intimidate me at all. I don’t feel any shyness. “In the summer I’m always walking around in a bathing suit and I never wear shoes. “I’m very ‘one love’ so that doesn’t bother me. I think that’s the California girl in me.”



## Swift was furious with Calvin Harris for Grammy snub

**T**he ‘Blank Space’ hitmaker attended the awards ceremony without her then-boyfriend in February, who instead opted to spend the evening working in the studio, and Taylor was apparently left feeling letdown by the DJ. A source explained to The Sun newspaper: “Taylor was furious and hated the way he never wanted to attend award shows and big music industry events with her. “It was a Sunday night in LA and she felt he could have slipped away for a couple of hours to be with her.” Meanwhile, sources close to Calvin have also suggested Taylor was moving in on her new boyfriend Tom Hiddleston while the DJ was in hospital following a car crash. In May, Calvin was rushed to a medical centre in Los Angeles to receive treatment for injuries he sustained in the crash. The singer subsequently flew from her

home in Nashville to visit Calvin the next day, but she ultimately spent just one day by his side, despite the severity of his injuries. A source said: “Taylor’s true colors are coming out. The truth is she met Tom in February and things are moving very quickly. She had vacated her relationship with Calvin way before she let on.” Since Taylor and Tom’s romance has gone public, the celebrity duo have been widely accused of orchestrating a publicity stunt to further their own careers. But earlier this week, Tom denied those suggestions. The ‘Thor’ actor said: “The truth is that Taylor Swift and I are together and we’re very happy.”



## Diaz says her husband Benji Madden makes her proud

**T**he Hollywood actress, who married Benji in 2015, has lavished praise on her husband after he recently claimed during an interview that she was a modern-day feminist and an inspiration. In an Instagram post, the 43-year-old beauty gushed: “One of my favorite things about being married, is how much pride I take in my husband “He makes me proud everyday. One day it might be how generous and giving, another how gentle and thoughtful. Or when he is fiercely protective of the people he loves and cares about. “Everyday single day I am so incredibly proud of his integrity as a human being. (sic)” The actress later congratulated her husband on his new album with his band Good

Charlotte, pointing out that it’s their first album in six years and was released under Benji’s own record label. She added: “Baby you amaze me... CONGRATS!! (sic)” This comes shortly after Benji heaped praise on his actress wife. He previously said: “I’m extremely proud of what she uses her platform. “She’s a modern day feminist - she wanted to change the conversation that’s being had about women and ageing.” He added: “It’s been one of the most inspirational things in my life watching a woman be so courageous ... she’s got so much integrity. I’m a lucky guy that I get to experience that.”

## Barrymore has officially filed for divorce from Will Kopleman

**T**he 41-year-old actress reportedly filed official papers in a Manhattan court in New York on Friday, three months after announcing the end of their four-year marriage. The divorce documents describe Barrymore’s petition as “uncontested”, according to the New York Daily News newspaper. Barrymore and art consultant Kopleman, who wed in June 2012, have two daughters together - Olive, three, and Frankie, two - and said when they announced their split that their girls were their “first priority”. Since then, Barrymore, who has been married twice before, and her estranged husband have divided their time between New York and Los Angeles in a bid to share parenting responsibilities. Meanwhile, it was recently reported that the Hollywood star is set to become a talk show host. The ‘Miss You Already’ actress is reportedly in talks about being at the helm of her own chat show in a joint deal with Warner Bros. and Ellen DeGeneres’ A Very Good Production company. Despite her marriage troubles, Barrymore previously revealed the “strength” and joy she takes from being with her children. When asked what makes her happy, she shared: “Just strength. Now that I’m a mom, and I know that it harkens back to the girls, aside from that, it really is girl power, badass. It is strength, clarity, conviction, health and focus ... “It’s funny, because there are times in my life that I am so loosey-goosey, so hedonistic, and it is so just ‘hippy-dippy,’ but right now I feel this great backbone is, ‘One foot in front of the other,’ which is sort of my attitude right now. That is anything but loosey-goosey - that if you don’t stay in a straight line, you are going to get into trouble.”



## Chris Pine partied with 15 girls on a night out

**T**he Hollywood actor, who plays the role of Captain Kirk in ‘Star Trek Beyond’, apparently spent as much as £5,000 on champagne at West London’s Cirque Le Soir nightclub, where he was spotted dancing on the tables before leaving with three women. A source said: “Chris got to Cirque Le Soir around midnight and all hell broke loose. “The venue had to call in extra security because girls were going crazy to get to him. “He had at least 15 girls around him. He loved the attention and was laughing and flirting with them all. “By 2am he was spraying champagne over everyone and dancing on the tables.” Chris attended the party with co-star John Cho, but he headed for the exit as things got a bit wild in the nightclub. The source told The Sun newspaper: “At half-past four in the morning Chris selected three girls and invited them into a limo - and then he asked the driver to turn up the music so they could keep dancing.” The 35-year-old star had no intention of slowing down and the party later continued back at his hotel. The insider explained: “It was mayhem. They were screaming and shouting and making a load of noise. “Then they started running up and down the halls naked and knocking on people’s doors.” It’s anybody’s guess what happened when they got back to his room.” Chris has previously been romantically linked to a number of big-name stars, including Audrina Patridge, Beau Garrett and Olivia Munn, while he dated actress Vail Bloom in 2015.





## Kim warned family of Kanye West's 'Famous' video

**T**he 35-year-old reality star is filmed in a new episode of 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians' talking to her mother Kris and Scott Disick about the video, which features actors playing the parts of Taylor Swift, Amber Rose, her ex Ray J, Chris Brown, Rihanna and Caitlyn Jenner. Kim says: "I need to, like, brace you. Kanye is going to shoot a music video for the song 'Famous'." She adds: "There's nudity, technically The sheet's over everyone." At that point, Kris says Kanye is "obsessed with Caitlyn". Kim replies: "He just likes people that are authentic, that do what they want to do." Then Scott addresses the ongoing feud between Kanye and Taylor, who has objected to some of the lyrics in the song that refer to her. He explained: "I am still trying to understand the whole feud between Taylor Swift and 'Ye that happened about this whole song, 'cause I

thought she knew about it." In the song, the outspoken rap star says: "I feel like me and Taylor might still have sex / Why? I made that b\*\*\*\*h famous." A spokesperson for the singer has previously insisted Kanye never approached Taylor before including the lyrics in the song. The spokesperson said: "She declined and cautioned him about releasing a song with such a strong misogynistic message. Taylor was never made aware of the actual lyric, 'I made that b\*\*\*\*h famous.'" Kanye previously upset Taylor during the MTV Video Music Awards when he interrupted her acceptance speech to claim Beyonce was more deserving of the gong.



## Kris Jenner thinks Taylor Swift is 'lovely'

**T**he 60-year-old showbiz matriarch has come out in support of the under-fire 'Blank Space' hitmaker, but she admitted she doesn't know if Taylor's burgeoning relationship with actor Tom Hiddleston is entirely authentic. Kris said: "I don't know any of the details about her relationship or any of that, but she's lovely and I'm sure just like anybody else, when you date somebody in this town, everything becomes a photoshoot and there are people following you around and taking pictures." The reality TV star admitted "only Taylor and whoever she's with knows what's going on in that relationship". However, Kris admitted she has sympathy for Taylor given the

amount of interest in her personal life. She told the 'Kyle & Jackie O' radio show: "Like anybody else, it's just like my girls, I want everybody to find whatever makes them happy. "When you're young or dating and you have a very public life, it's got to be really hard. She has an amazing family and a wonderful mom and she's just trying to navigate, trying to date in this public eye just like everybody else." Kris' words of support come as her daughter Kim Kardashian West and son-in-law Kanye West are currently feuding with the chart-topping star.

## Noah Cyrus hopes to meet next boyfriend playing 'Pokemon Go'

**T**he 16-year-old actress believes that playing the Nintendo smash-hit smartphone game could help her find the perfect guy. She tweeted: "im probably gonna meet my next boyfriend at a Pokemon Go hotspot... think about that for a second (sic)." The augmented reality game, which has been downloaded over 7.5 million times, requires players to venture out into the real world to find and capture various Pokemon. The younger sister of 23-year-old popstar Miley Cyrus has joined a host of celebrities who are obsessed with the game including Mario

Lopez, Wiz Khalifa, Ellen DeGeneres, Ruby Rose and the Backstreet Boys. 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."



## Selena Gomez crashes her car

**T**he 23-year-old singer songwriter accidentally reversed her vehicle into a wire fence following a pampering session at Nine Zero One in West Hollywood with the 'Glee' actress Lea Michele on Wednesday. However, the 'Good For you' hitmaker was unharmed, according to MailOnline. Meanwhile, the brunette beauty - who was recently revealed as the most-followed person on Instagram - has admitted she hasn't done anything in particular to attract 89 million followers. She said: "It comes in a moment when I capture something happening, and I go, 'Oh, that would be great for Instagram. I should post it.' I know it's boring, but that's genuinely what I do. "It wasn't my goal to be the most followed person. It's my favourite social platform. "I'm not sure there's a method to my madness. I go, 'Oh, that would be great for Instagram.'" "The 'Come and Get It' singer likes to find a "balance" between flattering photos and natural ones that offer a glimpse into her life. She said: "I try to find a good balance of just being 100 percent myself and knowing when to post a really good selfie with good lighting." A recent post of Selena eating an ice lolly and riding a shopping cart inside a Canadian supermarket led some fans to speculate that her pictures are actually staged. However, she insists it was a genuine moment, but captured by her tour photographer who had joined her on an outing. She said: "I've created this bond with him, so it's super organic when he takes photos. "We were in the grocery store, all shopping for the bus, and I always eat when I shop. I remember one of the comments said, 'I cannot believe she rented out the grocery store for a photo shoot,' and I died laughing. I was like, 'Well, I didn't.'" — Bangshowbiz

## Longoria flaunts business acumen

**T**he 41-year-old actress announced the winners of Chivas Regal's The Venture 2016 prize at their Final Event held at Pier59 Studios in New York on Thursday and insisted she felt "really inspired" by all of the finalists and proud to be part of the judging panel. She said: "I was really inspired by the finalists - I'm so grateful there are people in the world who can figure out solutions to complex global problems. We all live in a global community and I absolutely believe social entrepreneurship is the only way we can create positive change. The calibre of the 27 finalists, their business ideas and fresh thinking was amazing." The brunette beauty was joined by 'The Daily Show' presenter Trevor Noah who hosted the event. Start-up Colombian business Conceptos Pl-sticos were given the biggest chunk of The Venture fund, receiving a total of \$300,000. Several high-profile entrepreneurs, business leaders and influencers attended the bash and 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens' actor Oscar Isaac - who starred in Chivas Regal's 'Win The Right Way film' - attended the ceremony. Pernod Ricard's Chairman and CEO, and The Venture judge, Alexandre Ricard, said: "It was truly a privilege to be part of the judging panel and watch the five finalists pitch for the remaining \$750,000 of funding. Businesses like Conceptos Pl-sticos and WeFarm are great examples of how innovative, passionate and forward-thinking the social entrepreneurship movement is. Chivas is proud to support the global community of businesses that are on a mission to make a positive change in the world - I look forward to seeing the impact of these projects in the future." Eva was nominated to be a judge for the entrepreneurial competition as she is recognized as a savvy businesswoman.

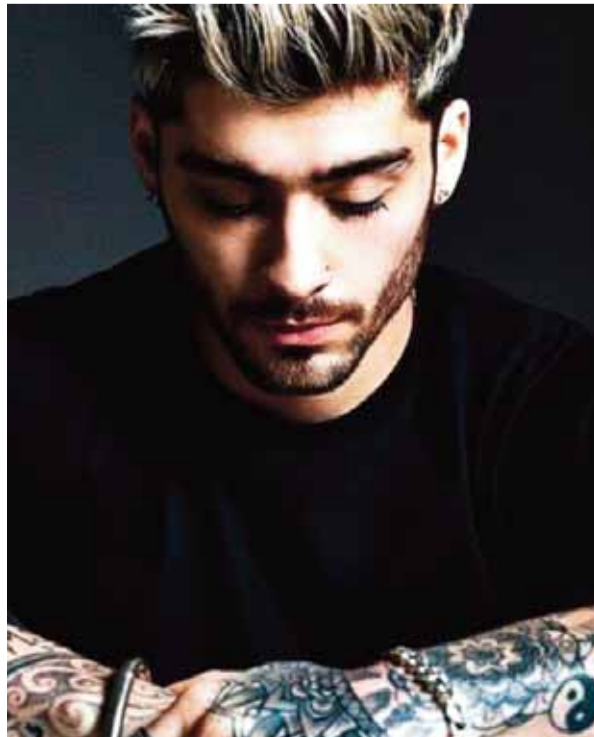


## McCarthy used to have a ghost in her home

**T**he 45-year-old actress stars as paranormal researcher Abby Yates in the all-female 'Ghostbusters' reboot and admitted she had her own real-life spooky experience. Speaking to Us Weekly, she said: "I do believe in ghosts. I lived in a house in Boulder, Colorado, that every time you walked up there, everyone who walked up there said, 'Oh, I don't like this.' There was just a presence." Joking about the ghost, Melissa added: "Why does it keep spelling out 'Melissa' in blood?" When the reboot was originally announced it attracted widespread criticism from fans of the 1984 original - which starred Bill Murray - due to the decision to cast Melissa, Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon and Leslie Jones as the ghost fighting squad. However, Melissa was surprised by the backlash, especially as it came before anyone had even seen the movie. She said: "Any time someone critiques something that has not yet been made, I find it peculiar. It's like giving a book review to an author who is like, 'I haven't written it yet.' "I don't pay much attention to it. It's not based in the world." Kristen, 42, added: "It's really sad that people felt that way, in combination with actually not listening to it." "We knew we were making the movie in the spirit of the first two, with the people who made the first two. People need to stop being so mean."

## Malik gets a UV lightsaber tattoo

**T**he 23-year-old singer visited tattoo artist Jon Boy in New York this week, where he got the lightsaber, which lights up when an ultra violet light is shone on it, tattooed on his finger. Jon Boy posted a picture of the inking on Twitter and wrote: "May the force be with you @zayn #uvink #starwars #jonboytattoo (sic)." Speaking previously about UV tattoos, Jon Boy said: "I've been in the business for over 16 years. I remember when UV first hit the market. At the time, it was fairly new so people were a little iffy about how safe it was. I've had mine for years. I recommend it." Meanwhile, Zayn recently joked that he was told to quit One Direction by "an alien." Zayn - who left the group in March 2015 - revealed a visitation from an extra-terrestrial being in his dream made him realise he needed to leave the boy band, which also features Niall Horan, Louis Tomlinson, Liam Payne and Harry Styles. Speaking to Glamour magazine about his revelation to quit the group, he said: "An alien spoke to me in a dream." And the dark-haired heartthrob admitted the late 'Thriller' hitmaker Michael Jackson was his greatest musical influence and inspired him to embark on a career in the music industry. Speaking about his inspiration, he said: "No question: 'Thriller' by Michael Jackson." However, the 'PillowTalk' singer has an obsession with the late reggae musician Bob Marley, and regularly plays tribute to the 'One Love' hitmaker after his performances. When asked about the first thing he does when he steps off of the stage, he said: "Pay homage to Bob Marley."



Film Review



# ‘Star Trek Beyond’: A high octane but low impact sequel

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see why director Justin Lin was handed the reins of the "Star Trek" series from the outgoing JJ Abrams. Lin, the director of four "Fast and Furious" films, is a virtuoso at making vehicles fly through space, and his "Star Trek Beyond" has a few of the most spectacular set pieces ever seen in the series. What's more, if you had to find a theme in the "Fast and Furious" films apart from their real theme, which is that speed and destruction rock-it would be this: A motley crew of multiculti ego-driven auto pilots works best when they make themselves into a team. Yet it's not until the halfway point of "Star Trek Beyond" when Lin stages a sequence that truly seems to get his juices flowing.

Overdose of activity

We're in the jagged wilderness of a foreign planet, where the Enterprise has crash-landed after being cut in two by a swarm of metallic space "bees." The swirling bees are controlled by Krall (Idris Elba), a dictator with the face of a lizard and the voice of a warlord and an attitude to match. He gets energy by literally sucking the life out of people, and he's out to capture an artifact that was on board the Enterprise, an ancient clicking doohickey he wants for terrible (but unspecified) reasons. The crew of the Enterprise, dispersed on the planet, is trying to regroup, and now, at last, they have it together enough to launch a plan of attack. Captain Kirk (Chris Pine) provides the diversionary activity, riding a chopper around Krall's woodland headquarters, his biker image literally multiplied a dozen times. Meanwhile, a leonine alien named Jaylah (Sofia Boutella), whose black-etched-on-white face makes her look like Darth Maul by MAC Cosmetics, engages in hand-to-hand combat with Krall, whomping him with kung fu kicks.

The sequence has that Lin spin, that overdose of activity that gets you pumped. And that's a good thing-or, at least,

it's good up to a point-because "Star Trek Beyond," for all the addictive intensity of its visual flourishes, is the most prosaic and, in many ways, the least adventurous of the Abrams-era "Star Trek" outings. It's a sturdily built movie that gets the job done, and it's got a likable retro vibe: The fact that Kirk and his crew spend a good part of the film stranded, without recourse, gives "Star Trek Beyond" a wide-eyed, slightly clunky analog stasis that takes us right back to the spirit of the TV series. Like the show, it lets us share quality time with cast members who now seem like old friends. Yet to say that the movie fails to break new ground would be putting it mildly. It truly feels like an extended episode, without a single "Oh, wow!" trick up its sleeve, which may be why, until the eye-popping climax, it's more earnest than exciting.

Keeping it stale

To be fair, a "Star Trek" movie-this is the 13th-can't be expected to reinvent the wheel each time. Abrams already did that once, and he did it brilliantly, casting the series with such an acute eye for the inner qualities of every "Trek" crew member that you almost feel as if each character should come with a little book entitled "The Zen of Scotty," "The Zen of Bones," etc. Yet the dimension of the original series that turned fans into lifelong cultists is that it pushed and poked boundaries; it kept spinning your head. That's what Abrams tried to do in his two films, and the underrated "Star Trek Into Darkness," though it played a bit of a shell game with "Trek" mythology, casting Benedict Cumberbatch as a young Khan who didn't completely parse as the Khan of legend, was still a movie that took you on a sinister cosmic joyride.

That's because it's basically the "Star Trek" version of an interplanetary action film, with a plot that doesn't take you to many new frontiers. But there's plenty of chance to hang

out with a cast that audiences have-rightly-come to love. On the planet, the crew members land in different places because they've escaped the crashing Enterprise in separate pods. It's fun to watch Spock (Zachary Quinto) and Bones (Karl Urban) bond through their antipathy. Or Scotty (Simon Pegg) try to weave his nerd weaseliness around the forceful Jaylah, the alien dominatrix in white who refers to him as "Montgomery Scotty." Or Anton Yelchin's Chekov simply be, in every scene, his ardently antic Chekov self, which allows us to revel in what an inspired job the late young actor did of making Chekov's face match his heavily accented words, his eyes popping in comic communion with his vowels. Yelchin, a superb actor (he is honored in the closing credits with a simple "For Anton"), slyly disappeared inside this role, and in that very act of disappearance he was never more himself.

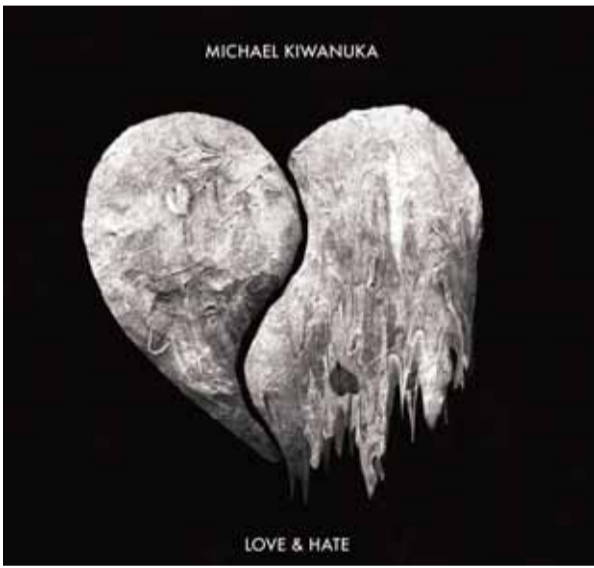
Conveniently, the planet houses the carcass of an old Federation ship, the USS Franklin, which our mighty crew can resuscitate. From there, the battle heads to Yorktown, a Federation outpost that's like a gyroscopic steel-and-glass city that resembles an amalgam of the aristocratic satellite in "Elysium," the city of the future in "WALL-E," and an Apple store. It's a lurching, multi-planed vertiginous place, and Lin stages the protracted final battle there like a gladiatorial contest suspended in the air. It's a sequence you won't soon forget.

What is forgettable, perhaps, is everything else about the movie, which doesn't so much advance the "Trek" cosmology as keep it running in place. "Star Trek Beyond" opens with Kirk, and Spock, each having a private existential meltdown: Kirk from the every-day-is-like-the-last-day routine of piloting through space, and Spock from the knowledge that he might want to ditch the Enterprise to become a Vulcan patriarch, now that Commander Spock has died-a nod to the late Leonard Nimoy, whom Quinto inspiringly echoes in



the hint of warmth masked by his impish ultra-deadpan. You can rest assured that this team will become a team again, because that's the message of the movie: that in space (or maybe anywhere), a crew of quirky oddballs beats a scaly megalomaniac every time. But that's kind of a lesson that we already knew. "Star Trek Beyond" is a somewhat diverting place holder, but one hopes that the next "Star Trek" movie will have what it takes to boldly go where no "Star Trek" movie has gone before. — Reuters

MUSIC Review



## Michael Kiwanuka's 'Love & Hate' is an emotional search

Michael Kiwanuka takes a wide-screen approach to emotional distress on "Love & Hate," a collection of darting shadows rooted in straightforward melodies. Avoiding the sophomore slump, the Londoner's second album benefits from the talents of producers Danger Mouse and Inflo, whose soundscapes give the sorrowful topics plenty of room. Paul Burton, who produced Kiwanuka's 2012 debut, "Home Again," also helms three tracks. There's a cinematic quality to opening track "Cold Little Heart," a 10-minute technicolor burst of strings, slide guitar and overdriven choral accompaniment that's as adventurous as it is engaging. Quentin Tarantino would turn it into a three-hour film with a Hollywood ending. Most of the album's 10 songs are rooted in Kiwanuka's acoustic guitar and warm, expressive voice. It's a solid foundation for the souped-up arrangements and can even bear with grace the heaviness in the shame, deception, loss and hurt of the lyrics. "Black Man in a White World" starts like a slave song and lists troubling contradictions that never dissipate. The title track at the album's midpoint returns to the Isaac Hayes-like combination of distorted guitar and insistent backing vocals, its demons symbolically chased away by the trotting, confident "One More Night." Earlier musical comparisons to Terry Callier and Bill Withers still stand, with Kiwanuka's singing also taking on some Paul Weller tones. "I hope this is just the start of more music to come," says Kiwanuka, so maybe next time he'll also add some of Withers' optimism. "Love & Hate" confirms Kiwanuka, a son of Ugandan immigrants, as a major talent whose soul-scouring search is well worth following. — AP



Blair Brown appears in a scene from, "Orange is the New Black."

## Paltrow and Martin finalize divorce

Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin are officially uncoupled after a judge finalized their divorce. The judgment signed by a Los Angeles judge on Thursday provides few details, but states neither Paltrow or Martin will pay spousal support. The actress and Coldplay frontman married in December 2003 and have two children together, ages 12 and 10. In March 2014, the pair announced they were separating and undergoing a process called "conscious uncoupling." The announcement on Paltrow's lifestyle website, goop, drew attention to the term coined by Los Angeles therapist and author Katherine Woodward Thomas, who has created a five-

step "Conscious Uncoupling" online process. Paltrow filed for divorce the following month, citing irreconcilable differences. She won an Oscar in 1998 for her role in "Shakespeare in Love." Martin and his band Coldplay have won six Grammy Awards. — AP



In this image released by Netflix, Constance Shulman, from left, Lori Petty, Laura Prepon, Brad William Henke, background, and Danielle Brooks, right, appear in a scene from, "Orange is the New Black." — AP photos

This Jan 11, 2014 file photo shows actress Gwyneth Paltrow, left, and her husband, singer Chris Martin at the 3rd Annual Sean Penn and Friends Help Haiti Home Gala in Beverly Hills, California. — AP





Jordy Tshimanga, left, and Brett Sapp look at their phones during a "Pokemon Go" event at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Nebraska. — AP photos



This Wednesday, July 13, 2016, photo, shows "Pokemon Go" on a smartphone in front of a church, in San Francisco.

## Hollywood reacts to 'Pokemon Go' craze

"Pokemon Go" has caught the public's attention - and Hollywood is no exception. Actors, athletes and musicians are alongside the millions of fans searching for Pokemon creatures. Ellen DeGeneres, Chrissy Teigen, Demi Lovato, Steve Aoki and Soulja Boy are among the celebrities who've posted about the augmented reality sensation on social media. NBA player Karl-Anthony Towns had to resist the urge to pull out his smartphone at Wednesday night's ESPY Awards to hunt for one of the cutesy pocket monsters. "I played it coming here, and I haven't taken my phone out to play it yet, but I'll be very upset if I missed a Pikachu around here," said Towns on the award ceremony's red carpet.

The addictive, location-aware smartphone game from Niantic Inc. blends the "Pokemon" universe with the real

world, providing digital incentives for players to visit landmarks and capture creatures depicted on screen. "I'm killing it," said professional snowboarder Chloe Kim at the ESPYs. "I was in Oregon recently, and we stayed in a really small town, spent the whole day walking around catching Pokemon because it was raining, so we couldn't do anything. It was so fun." While celebrating his supporting actor Emmy nomination for "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," Andre Braugher lamented that he hasn't been able to log into "Pokemon Go" since downloading it.

**'I'm a little jealous'**

"I think it's because billions of other people around the world are trying to do the same thing and they just don't have the capacity," said Braugher. "My son was able to get on and is catching Pokemon right now. I'm a little jealous." Better Call

Saul star Bob Odenkirk, who is up for an Emmy in the leading drama actor category, pointed out the similarities between the game and a 1997 skit on his sketch comedy series "Mr. Show." The bit featured a pair of dumb Americans awkwardly completing a scavenger hunt in the Anne Frank house. The US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Arlington National Cemetery and many other sensitive locations have asked Niantic to remove them from the game.

"Oh, people will stop playing it in about six weeks," predicted Odenkirk. "I haven't played it. I'm more of a news junkie than a 'Pokemon' junkie." Downton Abbey executive producer Gareth Neame believes the series' stuffy Crowley family would have cautiously accepted last week's "Pokemon Go" debut, just as they did the refrigerator and radio. "I guess any adventurous and addictive entertainment would probably be

something they'd embrace," Neame deadpanned. "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" filmmaker JJ Abrams called the craze "fascinating," but he's not addicted to tracking down Ponyta or Charmander. "I'm not actively playing," said Abrams, who also produced the upcoming "Star Trek Beyond." "I had to try it out because I'm a human being who has kids."

Tony Robbins, the best-selling self-help speaker and subject of the Netflix documentary "Tony Robbins: I Am Not Your Guru," believes "Pokemon Go" is just scratching the surface of the emerging augmented and virtual reality mediums. "It is wild, the world that we're entering into," said Robbins. "Pokemon" is a cartoon by comparison. When the real stuff hits, you're going to see how popular it's going to be." — AP

## Kate Bush fans re-enact Wuthering Heights

Thousands of Kate Bush fans put on their best billowy red dresses and danced en masse in Melbourne yesterday to one of the singer's most iconic songs Wuthering Heights. They donned matching red stockings and black wigs to mark The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever - a re-enactment of the British star's classic 1978 debut music video in which she pirouettes and cartwheels in a misty field.

Bush's distinctive voice and performance-art-style videos gained a global cult following and in

2013 theatre group Shambush gathered nearly 300 Kate Bushes to recreate her iconic frolic in the English city of Brighton. This inspired the Melbourne event, which has taken on a life of its own with similar dances also planned yesterday in 21 cities around the world, coordinator Douglas Leitch said, including Berlin, Oslo, Montreal, Tel Aviv, Amsterdam and Copenhagen.

"The whole idea really is just to get together and have fun and do our unique interpretation of the dance," the 44-year-old, who had an overwhelming response after advertising the day on

Facebook, told AFP. He said at least 800 dresses had been bought for the occasion, with dance classes booked out across Melbourne as people prepared. Organizers yesterday estimated around 2,000 people, young and old, took part. "It is such a unique song from a unique artist. It resonates with people and that's why it's lasted," added Leitch. "I don't know if Kate knows it's happening, because she's a bit of a recluse, but I'm sure she might." — AFP



Kate Bush fans perform a dance during a celebration to mark 'The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever' in Melbourne. — AFP photos



Singer Pitbull poses as he is honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, July 15, 2016, in Hollywood, California. — AFP

## Pitbull gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

Rapper Pitbull was awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Friday and said the honor was proof that hard work pays off. "To be up here, it just goes to show what happens when you focus, when you work hard, when you believe in yourself, when you go against all odds," the 35-year-old said as he received the 2,584th star at a ceremony. He said his drive to succeed was never about money but "about coming from nothing to something."

"It's about being the prime example of what the American dream is and what it embodies," he said. Pitbull, whose real name is Armando Christian Perez, turned to rapping after graduating from high school and has since had a meteoric rise, selling more than 70 million singles and six million albums. He also has more than 9 bil-

lion YouTube views of his videos. He released his first album, "M.I.A.M.I.," in 2004. It was followed by several other albums including "El Mariel" in 2006 and "The Boatlift" in 2007.

His 2011 album "Armando" was released in Spanish as a tribute to his late father. The rapper was chosen by FIFA, soccer's international governing body, and Sony Records to write and record the official song of the 2014 World Cup, "We Are One (Ole Ola)" with Jennifer Lopez and Claudia Leitte. Earlier this year he won the Grammy for best Latin rock, urban or alternative album for "Dale," and in 2013 shared a Latin Grammy with Papayo for best urban performance for "Echa Pa'lla (Manos Pa'riba)." — AFP

## Letting camera rolls, film gives rare view of North Korea

The conditions placed on director Vitaly Mansky for shooting a film in North Korea were severe. For what was ostensibly to be a "documentary," North Korea would supply the script. The state would choose the subjects, too, as well as the location of all scenes. He would be accompanied at all times by several state officials who would control the production. And North Korea would have final say on any footage that was used.

Yet even in these impossible circumstances, Mansky managed to make a film that gives a haunting and rare look into North Korean life and the stranglehold the country's totalitarian regime has on its people. Once it became clear how restricted he and his crew would be, Mansky resolved to let the camera run before and after a scene, capturing the government handlers' manipulation of daily life: propaganda in action.

### Real life

"On the second or third day when we were sure that we didn't have the slightest chance to get through to the real life, we decided the only chance we had to film was to film the 'take' in full," said Mansky, speaking in Russian through a translator. "I think that I saw only three percent of the reality in North Korea, and only .03 percent that I was able to film." "Under the Sun," which is expanding in limited

release, may be a small window into North Korea, but it's enough to see an expansive tragedy. In the North Korea of the film, not just supposedly real scenes are orchestrated, all of life is stage-managed. It's centered on a family intended to be representative. A couple's 8-year-old girl, Zin-mi, is preparing to join the Children's Union, a militaristic youth group that all North Korean children pass through.

The film, for example, shows the actors playing a family being coached for a dinner scene. Factory workers are told to "say that joyfully." Children are instructed to "hate the Japanese, the Americans, their puppets and all our other enemies," Mansky, who grew up in Soviet Union-controlled Ukraine and has made films about living under totalitarian and communist regimes his life's work, expected to find signs of quiet rebellion but witnessed only complete indoctrination. He came away troubled by what he called a nation without private life, utterly unaware of life outside their country.

"I was absolutely at a loss. I probably returned from North Korea with more questions about how it's possible than I had when I went there," he said. "I would be happy to be wrong, but it seemed like everything was so deeply rooted in their hearts."

Since censors checked their film daily, the filmmakers smuggled footage by making duplicate memory cards. Every night they barricaded their

door with furniture and kept the backpacks containing the footage near their beds. In their Pyongyang hotel room, they spoke in code.

### Devastating scene

Before the project was completed, the North Koreans denied Mansky a planned final trip to the country, and so he edited what they had. The resulting film culminates in a devastating scene where Zin-mi is asked what joining the Children's Union means for her. She responds that she's now

responsible like an adult and expected to serve "the Respected Leader." She begins to cry. Handlers urge her to stop and "think of something good" but she can't imagine anything. Instead, she recites a poem about North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. "It took me a few hours to get back to normal," says Mansky. "She was saying goodbye to her natural self."

The film has won good reviews on the festival circuit and spawned some controversy. The Museum of Modern Art scheduled it as part of its 2016 Doc Fortnight festival in February but pulled

it partly over concerns that a screening it might provoke North Korea the way the 2014 comedy "The Interview" did. The museum later apologized and said the film was "wrongly disinvented." "Under the Sun" did draw North Korea's attention, Mansky said. "When the film started getting notices at film festivals, they were very critical and they demanded the Russian side destroy the film," says Mansky. "The Russian government agreed with the North Koreans on this issue but they couldn't succeed. The Russian side couldn't do anything because by that time I lived and worked in another country." "I was grossly surprised," he added. "I couldn't imagine that Russia had gone so far away from what a normal civilized society is. I understand why. North Korea was one of 10 countries that supported annexation of the Crimea." Mansky now lives in Riga, the Latvian capital, and has been thankful for their reception of him. But, he said, "I would be much happier in my own apartment in Moscow." — AP

**This image released by Icarus Films shows a scene from Vitaly Mansky's "Under the Sun," gives a haunting and rare look into North Korean life and the stranglehold the country's totalitarian regime has on its people. — AP**





# Catalina Island:

## Cactus, buffalo and the beach



This June 22, 2016 photo shows a view of boats moored near the shore of Catalina Island off the coast of California. The scenic island is reachable by ferry from Long Beach. — AP photos



Cacti at the Wrigley Memorial & Botanical Gardens

**C**atalina Island is just a ferry ride from Long Beach and other points on the coast of Southern California, but it feels like it's a world away. Go for a swim, try a buffalo milk cocktail and maybe even take a tour to catch a glimpse of real buffalo in the island's scrubby hills. Rent a golf cart to tool around in and visit the botanical garden. Whether you're there for a day, an overnight or longer, there's plenty to do. Or just lie on the beach, enjoy the scenery and do nothing at all.

### Island history

Formally called Santa Catalina, the island was developed in the early 20th century as a resort by William Wrigley Jr., who made his fortune in Wrigley chewing gum and owned the Chicago Cubs baseball team. He even brought the players to Catalina for spring training for a number of years. The island was also used by Hollywood as a filming location. The buffalo that roam the island today are descended from animals brought to the island for a movie and left to run wild. One of the island's biggest landmarks, the Catalina Casino, a round, white art deco building, was built in 1929 and hosted performers from the Big Band era, drawing thousands of guests to dance the night away in its ballroom. Today it's the site of a movie theater. The Catalina Island Conservancy now owns 88 percent of the island, including more than 62 miles of undeveloped coastline.



This June 22, 2016 photo shows visitors at the Wrigley Memorial & Botanical Gardens, which is known for its cacti collection, on Catalina Island off the coast of California.

### Things to do

Get off the ferry and everything you need for a fun day is right in front of you in the compact retail district: the beach, the water, shops, restaurants, bars. There's great seafood at spots like the Bluewater Grill and the Descanso Beach Club, but there are also plenty of other dining options, from pizza to Mexican. Buffalo milk is a sweet local specialty, with milk, vodka, Kahlua, creme de cacao and banana cream liqueur blended and served over ice. There's a 14-year waiting list to own a car on Catalina, and the number of vehicles allowed there is strictly limited. But you can rent a golf cart at one of several businesses (one is cash only, \$80 for three hours) and head up into the hills. You'll get terrific views of boats in the harbor and the Pacific. An easy-to-follow route will take you up to the Wrigley Memorial & Botanical Garden, known for its cactus collection. (Wrigley himself was once interred at the memorial, a beautiful stone monument, but he's now buried in Pasadena.) Catalina also offers numerous trails and is popular with overnight campers who can be seen lining up for ferries from the mainland with gear, food and water. For day-trippers, a popular short hike is the Garden to Sky Hike, 2.4 miles round-trip from the Wrigley Memorial. That trail also connects to a longer route, the Garden to Sky Loop Trail. Other activities include zip lining, Segway and bike rentals, a golf course, and bus and Jeep tours of the island's rugged hills and scrubby interior, where you might see a buffalo or two. Water activities include kayaking, snorkeling and glass-bottomed boat tours. Just don't be surprised if you don't get a free glass of water with your restaurant meals. The island, like much of Southern California, is suffering from drought conditions, but you can always buy a bottle. — AP



People on the beach at the shore of Catalina Island.



A North American bison forages for food and is one of hundreds that roam Catalina Island.