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## AMIR RECEIVES JORDAN KING



**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives the visiting King Abdullah II of Jordan at Kuwait International Airport yesterday. The King arrived in Kuwait to convey his greetings on the holy month of Ramadan. — Amiri Diwan

By B Izzak

**KUWAIT:** Tempers flared in the National Assembly session yesterday when a number of MPs quarreled during a heated debate over amendments to the municipality law. Strong arguments broke out when the government insisted that the addition of new residential areas to existing electoral districts for the municipal council should be done by the government through an Amiri decree and it should be included in the law.

MP Hamdan Al-Azemi and some other MPs objected saying the whole article in the law was rejected in the last session and should not have been brought up for debate. Azemi then angrily protested at the voting to approve the government's request, saying this is not a real assembly and MPs are not real men.

That triggered a reaction from MP Ali Al-Khamees who shouted back at Azemi, insisting that the lawmakers are real men. MP Hamad Al-Harshani also got himself involved in the heated exchanges by accusing Azemi of disrupting the assembly session. At this point, Azemi threw a book at Khamees but missed him to hit MP Mohammad Al-Huwailah.

MP Sultan Al-Shimmari then took part in the quarrel by shouting at Azemi to stop. The two lawmakers then threw shoes at each other as many other MPs came to prevent them from reaching each other. Speaker Marzouk Al-Ghanem then stopped the proceedings and ordered the assembly hall to be vacated.

A few minutes later, Al-Ghanem resumed the session and said that Azemi apologized to other MPs and the whole issue was now over. But Azemi insisted that the apologies were reciprocal and it did not come from him alone.

Shortly afterwards, the assembly voted to approve the government's request and the whole municipality law which prompted MP Azemi to walk out of the session which was immediately closed by the speaker.

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**KUWAIT:** MP Ali Al-Khamees (left) confronts MP Hamdan Al-Azemi (right) during a session at the National Assembly yesterday. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

## US PROBES GUNMAN'S MOTIVE AFTER MASSACRE A JIHADIST OR A VICIOUS LONE WOLF?



**DOHA:** A general view shows the building of the Doha lower criminal court where the trial of a Dutch woman, who was jailed after reporting she had been raped, took place yesterday. — AFP

## QATAR TO DEPORT DUTCH WOMAN FOR 'ILLICIT SEX'

**DOHA:** Qatar is to deport a Dutch woman who was convicted of adultery yesterday and given a one-year suspended sentence after she reported being raped while on holiday in Doha. The 22-year-old, known only as Laura and who was not in court, was also fined 3,000 Qatari riyals (\$800/710 euros) and will be deported once she pays the fine, court officials said.

She had denied the charge against her. The male defendant, said by a court official to be Syrian and named as Omar Abdullah Al-Hasan, was sentenced to 100 lashes for having

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**ORLANDO:** Police revealed new details on the agonizing three-hour stand-off and brutal end to the Orlando gay club massacre yesterday as America grappled with the implications of the worst terror attack on its soil since 9/11. The Islamic State group claimed slain shooter Omar Mateen was acting as "one of the soldiers of the caliphate in America" when he attacked the Pulse club in the central Florida city, a siege that ended when police stormed the venue.

But investigators are probing whether he was a jihadist on a mission or a vicious "lone wolf" inspired by the group's propaganda to carry out what President Barack Obama dubbed "an act of terror and an act of hate." Forty-nine people were killed and 53 others wounded in the attack, which was also the deadliest mass shooting in US history.

The slaughter triggered worldwide shock and outrage, but has also raised questions about US counter-terror strategy and gun laws. The suspect was allowed to legally buy a rifle and handgun despite raising red flags. Mateen, a 29-year-old American of Afghan descent, called police in the midst of his rampage to pledge allegiance to the Islamic State group, and the FBI admitted it had previously investigated him but cleared



**BOULDER:** Sitora Yusufiy, the ex-wife of Orlando shooting suspect Omar Mateen, gives a statement to the media. — AP

him of extremist ties. According to CNN, citing an unnamed US official, the New York-born security guard made a religious pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia and visited the United Arab Emirates in 2011 and 2012. But no evidence has yet emerged linking him to a foreign extremist group before the attacks, and relatives and acquaintances painted a picture of a violent and unstable young man who had beat his ex-wife and expressed homophobic views.

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## MICROSOFT ACQUIRES LINKEDIN FOR \$26BN

**WASHINGTON:** Microsoft said yesterday it was buying the professional social network LinkedIn for \$26.2 billion in cash, a move that helps refocus the US tech giant around cloud computing and services.

With its biggest-ever acquisition and one of the largest in the tech sector, Microsoft takes a big step into the world of social networking and adds a new tool for its efforts to boost services for business. "This deal brings together the world's leading professional cloud with the world's leading professional network," Microsoft chief executive Satya Nadella said in a statement.

"It's clear to me that the LinkedIn team has grown a fantastic business and an impressive network of more than 433 million professionals."

According to a statement from the two firms, LinkedIn "will retain its distinct

brand, culture and independence," with Jeff Weiner remaining at CEO of LinkedIn. "Just as we have changed the way the world connects to opportunity, this relationship with Microsoft, and the combination of their cloud and LinkedIn's network, now gives us a chance to also change the way the world works," Weiner said.

The two firms said they had reached a "definitive" agreement that would close later this year, with the support of LinkedIn chairman and controlling shareholder Reid Hoffman. The move comes with Microsoft moving away from being a pure software firm, and LinkedIn seeking ways to boost growth. LinkedIn, which enables members to connect with similar-minded professionals and facilitates recruiting and job hunting, has carved out a social network with a distinct identity.

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## KUWAIT PROSECUTOR WANTS 29-YEAR TERM FOR CONVICTED ROYALS

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's public prosecutor wants an appeals court to increase a sentence handed down to three royals for insulting the authorities from five years to 29, according to remarks published yesterday.

Dherar Al-Asoussi said he had petitioned the court also to convict the men of using social media to insult the Gulf state's ruler. A lower court last month sentenced the three royals, including a nephew of HH the Amir, and two others to five years in jail for insulting top judges online. It also sentenced a sixth man to one year and another to 10 years in absentia. Six more were acquitted.

All were acquitted of the charge of

insulting HH the Amir. Asoussi told Al-Qabas newspaper he has challenged the rulings and demanded that all 13 defendants be given harsher jail terms of up to 29 years each for insulting HH the Amir, judges and spreading false news about Kuwait. The appeals court has not yet set a date for the hearing. Its rulings must be verified by the supreme court.

The royals given jail terms include Sheikh Athbi Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, HH the Amir's nephew and a former head of the secret service police. The convicted men remain free but the interior ministry said yesterday security forces raided Sheikh Athbi's house but he was not there.

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## RAMADAN AND CONSUMPTION

Ramadan Kareem

By Hatem Basha

**R**amadan provides Muslims with a yearly transforming experience that shape their personality and life outlook. It is a very special month that teaches Muslims how to practise self-restraint and resist the lures of life. Ramadan is a very difficult physical and psychological exercise in self-control. In the simplest terms, it is a month of fasting: abstinence from food, drink, sexual relations, smoking, etc, from dawn till sunset, a drastic change in lifestyle. Moreover, Muslims are ordained to avoid lies, cheats, and fights to maintain their fasting. Abi Huraira - may God be pleased with him - said the prophet - peace and prayer upon him - said, "Whoever does not give up false statements (ie telling lies), and evil deeds, and speaking badwords to others, Allah is not in need of his leaving his food and drink." [Bukhari]

Ramadan acquires a very special taste in modern times as it emerges as a potential remedy for what is seen as a social malady by many experts, ie consumerism. One of the biggest challenges in our world today is the consumerism culture that has invaded every aspect of our life. Everything is within reach and people are constantly looking for the latest trends and fashion. We are more eager to accumulate more riches. Indulgence in consumption often comes at the expense of the soul and people start to forget the true purpose of life. True to the words of the Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him), this consumerism destroyed us. In a hadeeth, the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, "By Allah, it is not the poverty about which I fear in regard to you but I am afraid in your case that (the worldly) riches may be given to you as were given to those who had gone before you and you begin to vie with one another for them as they vied for them. And these may destroy you as these destroyed them." (Muslim, Book # 042, Hadith #7065).

There is a remarkable and noticeable tendency creeping into Muslim community to turn religious events into shopping festivals. Before Ramadan approaches, shopping festivals and discounts on all sorts of goods are everywhere and people are encouraged to consume more at time when they are, supposedly, expected to use less. People buy more amounts of food than they consume on the average. The advertising world promises people more comfort and luxury, which ultimately leads to covert slavery. Just as Christmas has been turned into a huge selling and consuming event in the West, one may fear something similar for Ramadan.

Ramadan's first mission is to help Muslims attain self-restraint and subdue their desires, whims and lusts, whether it is food, drinks, sex or even time-consuming technology such as smart phones.

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**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with a number of private schools' owners at Seif Palace yesterday. — KUNA photos



**His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Kuwait Telecom Company (VIVA) and Saudi Telecom Company (STC) officials.**

## AMIR MEETS WITH SCHOOL OWNERS

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Seif Palace yesterday a number of private schools' owners, including Mohammad Al-Saddah, Noura Al-Ghanim, Dr Hanan Al-Mutawa and Mohammad Abdulrahman Al-Shuaibi. Meanwhile, His Highness the Amir received Chairman of the Central Tenders

Committee (CTC) Abdullah Saud Al-Abdulrazzaq. His Highness the Amir also received Chairman of the Board of the Kuwait Telecom Company (VIVA) Dr Mahmoud Ahmad Abdulraman and a number of senior executives. The meetings were attended by Amiri Diwan Advisor Mohammad Daifallah Sharar.

Furthermore, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received CTC Chairman Abdulrazzaq, as well as VIVA and Saudi Telecom Company (STC) officials. The meetings were attended by head of Protocols at His Highness the Crown Prince Diwan Sheikh Mubarak Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah.

Also yesterday, His Highness the Crown Prince separately received a number of scholars who presented their PhD thesis. During the reception, Dr Tahani Al-Saeed, presented her thesis on the impact of e-training programs on developing the skills of social services researchers in schools.

Meanwhile, Dr Majid Al-Azmi presented

his thesis on an Islamic study on monetary contracts in the Egyptian-Kuwaiti civil law and Dr Majid Al-Anezi presented his thesis on Islamic law. Moreover, Dr Faisal Al-Mekrad presented a thesis on administrative contracts and Dr Ali Al-Mutairi's thesis was on the quality of medical care provided to type 2 diabetes patients. — KUNA



**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah is pictured with Bahraini Prime Minister Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa during the latter's visit to Kuwait. — KUNA

## BAHRAINI PREMIER WRAPS UP VISIT TO KUWAIT

**KUWAIT:** Bahraini Prime Minister Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa on Sunday wrapped up a brotherly visit to the State of Kuwait, during which he met with His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. He was seen off at the airport by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak

Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, sheikhs, ministers, advisors and senior officials at the Diwan of His Highness the Premier. — KUNA

## NUKS OPENS 25TH CONFERENCE

**KUWAIT:** The 25th conference for the National Union of Kuwaiti Students (NUKS) kicked off on Sunday under the patronage of His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah represented His Highness the Crown Prince at the event.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Sheikh Salman said the government, under the leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince and His

Highness the Prime Minister remains committed to supporting the youth in all fields. "The kind patronage of the event by His Highness the Crown Prince testifies to the State's care for youth and keenness on democratic approach," Sheikh Salman said, expressing pride for representing His Highness the Crown Prince.

He commended NUKS's achievements over the last 50 years in networking among the Kuwaiti students and strengthening the relations with student unions worldwide. The conference, being held at Al-Jumeirah hotel until June 14, is to celebrate the golden jubilee of NUKS. —KUNA

## MINISTER: CARE FOR STUDENTS REAL FORCE BEHIND DEVELOPMENT

**KUWAIT:** Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Bader Al-Essa stressed Sunday on his ministry's keenness and care for Kuwaitis as the real force behind the country's development and progress. The minister remarks came in a ceremony honoring excellent students from high schools and a number of state institutes. The ceremony was sponsored by National Bank of Kuwait (NBK).

The minister added such care comes through the country's interest in providing all

means of moral and material support to advance the education process and implementing the latest plans and programs to serve students' interest.

Essa explained that such process also involves enhancing values complying with the educational curriculum development and to suit the global developments in light of enormous and rapid technological advances in the education and information fields. The minister noted that the outcome of such

achievements by students was the result of concerted efforts and collaboration between the family and schools to overcome all the difficulties.

Meanwhile, CEO of NBK Essam Al-Saqer said that the bank is proud to annually sponsor such ceremony and support youths and students toward success and achievement. After the ceremony, an exhibition was opened where universities offer studying opportunities for the high schools' graduates. —KUNA



**Education Minister Dr Bader Al-Essa honors another student.**



**Education Minister Dr Bader Al-Essa honors a student.**



**KUWAIT:** Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Bader Al-Essa, CEO of NBK Essam Al-Saqer, officials and the honored high school students are pictured during the ceremony.



## OOREDOO DISTRIBUTES MORE THAN 17,000 IFTAR MEALS DURING RAMADAN

**KUWAIT:** Ooredoo Kuwait, a member of the international Ooredoo Group, announced distributing 17,000 iftar meals during the Holy Month of Ramadan through a distribution center outside its head office and in its iftar tent, which Ooredoo is running for the

second consecutive year. The tent is located opposite Ooredoo's head office on Soor Street in Kuwait City. The meal distribution drive is fully operated by Ooredoo's volunteer program members, after the great success of the program last year.

Mijbil Al Ayoub, Director of Corporate Communications at Ooredoo Kuwait said: "Ooredoo's iftar meal distribution is an essential part of the charity program adopted by the company during the Holy Month of Ramadan. This drive reflects the true values of giving and

altruism. In Ooredoo, we strive to adopt initiatives and projects that enriches peoples' lives, which we consider the base of our CSR strategy Alayoub added that the company believes strongly in the ability of youth to operate this initiative, and this stems from the company's

mission to help in creating a generation of people who do good deeds. In addition to the iftar distribution drive, Ooredoo is conducting several charitable events, such as visits to nursing homes, orphanages and patients at different hospitals across Kuwait to celebrate Girja'n.



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah inspects the explosion site of Imam Al-Sadiq Mosque, moments after the terror attack took place. — KUNA photos



People gather outside Al-Imam Al-Sadeq Mosque in Kuwait City after the explosion.

# KUWAIT REMEMBERS VICTIMS OF IMAM AL-SADEQ MOSQUE TERROR ATTACK

## STATE MARKS FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF BLAST

**KUWAIT:** On the ninth day of the Holy Month of Ramadan last year, Kuwaitis were shocked to have known that a terrorist attack hit the Imam Al-Sadeq Mosque, an incident which left 27 people dead and some 227 others injured. Defying its devilish intent, the leadership and people of Kuwait stood in unity to denounce the attack with His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah arriving at the scene as soon as he have heard of what has transpired. Those behind the attack wished that Kuwait would crumble against such atrocity; however, they were sorely mistaken because the people, time and again, proved that there was always power in unity. — KUNA



Al-Imam Al-Sadeq Mosque after the terrorist bombing.



An ambulance parked outside Al-Imam Al-Sadeq Mosque after the terrorist bombing.



Effects of terrorism against Al-Imam Al-Sadeq Mosque.



This photo provided by the Interior Ministry shows Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Sabah speaks with His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah moments after the Amir's arrival to the explosion's site.



Mourners carry the body of one of the terrorist blast's victims.



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah pays respect to families of the martyrs killed in the Imam Al-Sadeq Mosque attack.



Effects of terrorism against Al-Imam Al-Sadeq Mosque.



His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah visits a wounded man.



His Highness the Premier Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah at the scene of the blast.



Huge crowds of mourners attend the funeral of the terrorist blast's victims.

**KUWAIT:** TMCC for Public Relations and Marketing Consultancy, hosted Kuwait media in a gabga at Abu El Sid restaurant recently, in recognition of their support and continuous loyalty to the company. TMCC has been keen during the event to express its deep gratitude to the media support which it considers at the cornerstone of its success.

Rima Termos/ MD TMCC said in her speech at the event: "TMCC is extremely proud of its strong relations with media. Since its inception in 2008, TMCC has been keen to build up distinguished relations with media based on trust and loyalty. In recognition of their support, we wanted to celebrate with them Ramadan's authentic traditions to thank and honor them." TMCC gabga has been characterized with fun filled activities marked with affinity and entertainment contests. At the end of the event, TMCC honored the media and expressed its deep gratitude to their continuous support.

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## Ramadan Kareem



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The Safat Square in the fifties. Various commercial shops and trucks can be noticed surrounding it. The Safat Square was considered the city center and the vibrant heart of old Kuwait. Photo prepared by Mahmoud Zakaria Abu Alella, Researcher in Heritage, the Ministry of Information. (Source: 'Kuwait in black and White' by Basem Al-Loughani)

RAMADAN KAREEM

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# KFH VISITS PATIENTS AT MEKKI JUMAA



‘I SEE MY FATHER WEARING THE LONG WHITE COAT AND WANT TO BE LIKE HIM’

By Ben Garcia

Nearly a quarter of Kuwait's entire population is under the age of 14 and yet with the exception of school assemblies, we never hear their voices. During Ramadan, Kuwait Times likes to publish a special series that engages with its readership in a more direct, personal way to learn their concerns, issues and viewpoints.

This Ramadan, we will chat with some of our youngest readers about their lives in Kuwait, in an attempt to see the world through their eyes. What do they see for the future of our beautiful country? What would they improve and how would they change it? By listening to their future plans, stories, and experience in Ramadan, we can remind ourselves and hopefully our readers of the ties that bind us all together as a species. These are the voice of Kuwait's future and we invite them to share their thoughts with us here.

Ray Nathaniel A Quitoriano is a six-year-old boy from Al-Salam International Academy, who was born in Kuwait. He loves to visit malls and parks in Kuwait, which he describes as 'a happy place'. Nathaniel likes to listen to the sounds of police, ambulance and fire truck sirens. "I like playing games on my gadget and watching Disney Kids is one of my pastimes. I like to help my parents in household chores and fixing my toys. My mother says I always have to be organized," he said.

Nathaniel also loves talking to his pet fish and feeding it is a part of his daily ritual. "I help my mother clean the water tank," he said. Nathaniel loves the rain, and remembers rainy days in the Philippines, when he played with his cousins.

Nathaniel wants to become a doctor. "I see my father wearing the long white coat and I want to be like him," he said. Nathaniel's father is a medical technologist at a public hospital in Kuwait. Asked what he knows about Ramadan, he said: "No eating until sunset. But I can eat because I am small and so I am excused."

If you would like your child to be interviewed for this special series, please email us at [local@kuwait-times.net](mailto:local@kuwait-times.net)

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Finance House (KFH) visited Mekki Jumaa Hospital as part of its corporate social responsibility and efforts to strengthen ties with the all segments of the society, especially in the month of Ramadan.

KFH congratulated the patients on the advent of the holy month of Ramadan. It distributed gifts to the patients and wished them speedy recovery. This contributed in putting a smile on their faces, while easing their pain and suffering.

It is worth noting that such steps reinforce KFH's Islamic identity and consolidate its ties with the society, primarily because it prioritizes the support of humanitarian causes and contributions. Such initiatives show that KFH's role goes far beyond offering banking services to reach the levels of social responsibility and humanitarian support.

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## FUND WANTS TO SELL FRENCH NUCLEAR GROUP AREVA STAKE

**PARIS:** Sovereign wealth fund Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) has told French authorities it wants to sell its stake in nuclear group Areva, La Lettre de l'Expansion reported yesterday. KIA is Areva's second-biggest shareholder with a 4.82 percent stake, according to Thomson Reuters data.

The newsletter said the Kuwaiti fund had complained that its investment in Areva, which is majority owned by the French government, was made based on incorrect

company accounts. French Industry Minister Emmanuel Macron and Areva declined to comment on the report. KIA was not immediately available for comment.

KIA paid 600 million euros (\$676 million) for the stake in 2010, but since then Areva shares have plunged by about 90 percent as the firm's equity has been wiped out by years of losses. Areva will be rescued by a 5 billion euro state-funded capital increase and its nuclear reactor unit will be taken

over by state-owned utility EDF later this year or early next year. The French state holds about 87 percent of Areva's capital.

KIA or other minority shareholders have never publicly complained about Areva's accounts, but former Areva chief executive Anne Lauvergeon was put under formal investigation last month for her role in the 2007 acquisition of uranium mining firm Uramin. In France, a formal investigation does not automatically

lead to a trial but often does.

Lauvergeon has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing and has said that asset depreciations at Uramin were partly due to the collapse of uranium prices after the Fukushima nuclear disaster in Japan in March 2011. Areva has had to write down billions of euros on Uramin, which contributed to years of losses and eventually wiped out its equity, leading to a state rescue package early this year. —Reuters



## ZAIN HOSTS RAMADAN IFTAR FOR MEN ON DUTY IN FAILAKA ISLAND



**KUWAIT:** Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, held its interactive social visits program during the Holy of Month of Ramadan for the fourth year running. The company hosted an iftar gathering for the MOI, Fire Department, EMS, and MOD personnel on duty in Failaka Island to share the blessings of Ramadan with them in recognition of the efforts they exert during the holy month.

Zain's team traveled to Failaka Island through speedboats to share the iftar meal it hosted with the men on duty in their place of operation. This annual initiative came as part of Zain's Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility strategy, which aims at growing the company's support for charitable and social oriented programs.

Zain hosted the iftar meal for men on duty who operate in Failaka Island, including the Marine Fire Department of the Kuwait Fire Services Directorate, the Failaka Police Station of the Ministry of Interior, the Emergency Medical Services Department - Failaka of the Ministry of Health, as well as the Kuwaiti Army personnel the Ministry of Defense.

Zain hosted the annual iftar gathering as a gesture of gratitude and appreciation to those men who sacrifice their lives and time to the safety and protection of Kuwait. Zain shares the blessings of the holy month of Ramadan with several sectors of the community as it sees the importance of recognizing their great efforts and sacrifices.

Zain stressed that it has always been keen to organize a number of social and humanitarian initiatives during Ramadan to support the various sectors of the Kuwaiti society, and the company is keen on reflecting the religious as well as traditional humanitarian values and principles to enrich the art of giving and to increase bonding between individuals.

The company further affirmed its Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility campaign during the Holy Month of Ramadan, which includes an extensive array of programs that cover different areas. The initiatives and programs include humanitarian, voluntary, cultural, religious, sports, and recreational activities to cater to the different segments of society.

## LAWYER FILES FIRST CHALLENGE AGAINST DNA LAW

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** A lawyer yesterday filed a case at the constitutional court questioning the constitutionality of the DNA law; the first of its kind in Kuwait. The lawyer based his challenge on grounds that Kuwait's constitution states that penalties should be limited to the individual, while the DNA law calls for sending parents to prison if any of their children refuse to take the needed DNA tests.

### Blast anniversary

On the first anniversary of the Imam Al-Sadeq Mosque bombing, chairman of the parliamentary priorities committee MP Yusef Al-Zalzalah issued a press release commemorating the martyrs who fell at the mosque. He also condemned the terrorist act that targeted people while they were praying, with the aim of dividing Kuwaitis and creating sectarian tumult amongst them. "Kuwait's reaction was very shocking to the terrorist groups, as His Highness the Amir acted in a fatherly manner and rushed to the scene immediately," he said.

### Fourth floor

Municipal Council member and head of Hawally committee Yusef Al-Ghareeb suggested allowing citizens to build a fourth floor in private and model residential areas because many families have grown larger and need the extra space. "The municipality had been turning a blind eye to this violation for years, so why not allow building a fourth floor according to reasonable conditions?" he asked. Current regulations bans building more than three floors for houses in residential areas.

## Crime

Report

## POLICE FIND GUNS, AMMO AT FUGITIVE'S HOUSE

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** The Ministry of Interior's Relations and Security Media Department announced that security forces raided the house of Sheikh Athbi Fahd Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah to arrest him in implementation of a court ruling in the infamous 'Fintas Group' case, in which he was sentenced to five years in prison. Sheikh Athbi could not be found at his house, the ministry announced, adding that he has been in hiding since the ruling was made. However, security sources said that the force found a Kalashnikov (AK-47) rifle, a gun, four loaded magazines and live ammunition in the house, which were all confiscated and legal measures were accordingly taken. The court had sentenced Sheikh Athbi and two other royals, as well as two others to five years in jail for insulting top judges online.

### Vice practices

Eighteen Filipinos were arrested for vice practices at various massage parlors yesterday, said security sources. Case papers indicate that residency detectives had been tipped off concerning indecent practices in some massage parlors in Salmiya. Accordingly, three of these centers were raided and the suspects were arrested red-handed. They were immediately referred to health facilities to be medically examined and make sure they are free of infectious diseases.

### Woman hurt in fire

A fire broke out in a Rawda house, said security sources, noting that firemen from Shuhada and Hawally rushed to the scene where they evacuated and ventilated the house before controlling the fire. An elderly woman had to be rushed to hospital for smoke inhalation. Another fire broke out in a Wafra farm, said security sources, noting that firemen rushed to the scene and had to call police to break open the farm gate because the guard was not present. Firemen found that the fire started in a pile of wood and it was easily controlled without any casualties and before spreading to adjacent farms.

### Motorist injured

A citizen was severely injured when he lost control over his vehicle and it flipped between Qasour and Adan, said security sources, noting that a special squad was dispatched to the scene and found that after rolling over several times, the vehicle landed on the highway metal railing. Inspecting the vehicle, the driver was not found inside because he had been thrown out. Separately, a vehicle caught fire along Abdaly highway, said security sources, noting that Jahra fire-fighters rushed to the scene and controlled the fire. The driver was unharmed.



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## NOT FOR EXPORT

By Saleh Al-Shayeji

**M**ost things, not all of them, are usually beautiful, but the beauty gets deformed by the way people use them. This includes satellite TV channels that were introduced to the Arab world by the 1990s. Those channels were something great, but used by some people in a way that disfigured them and turned them into something more harmful than useful. These channels were

destroyed not only by some programs that are keen on slander and arguments, but also by some presenters who love making more and more money, regardless of how it is earned.

These program presenters would scrape their societies and bring out the worst to show on TV through local and satellite broadcasts, which destroys the country's image abroad. They must differentiate between local broadcasts addressing citizens within the same country and satellite ones that can be watched by people worldwide. Not all that is fit for domestic use is fit for the outer world. All societies worldwide may suffer from certain problems and many of those prob-

lems should not be shown outside the country's borders, because this would abuse the country of origin.

Foreign viewers usually get beautiful ideas about countries, their natural beauty, their clean streets, their people's kindness and generosity and hospitality on hosting others - all of which are beautiful images that remain in their minds and memories. However, they may sometimes be

shocked and their opinions about a certain country may change into negative ones on watching some disfiguring and defaming images on satellite TV channels.

Owners of satellite TV channels must tell the difference between programs that are good for local consumption and others good for broadcast abroad. In this regard, I still

remember when the late former minister of information Sheikh Saud Nasser Al-Sabah restricted TV coverage of parliamentary sessions to local broadcasts only with the excuse that such matters were "local affairs that are not for export".

—Translated by Kuwait Times

## News

in brief

### Search still on for missing boy

**KUWAIT:** The Ministry of Interior's Relations and Security Media Department yesterday stressed that various ministry



sectors are fully alerted in search of Kuwaiti child Abdul Aziz Ahmed Al-Azmi who was reported missing by his family at Saad Al-Abdullah area. The department added that in addition to various police patrols, police helicopters were still combing the areas surrounding the spot where the boy was reported missing. In addition, the department stressed that photos of the boy had been printed and distributed among the people living in those areas. The department also urged anybody with information about the child to report it at Saad Al-Abdullah police station or call 112.

### Municipal Council Oks free internet in markets

**KUWAIT:** The Municipal Council yesterday approved a scheme providing free internet services in major local markets, starting with the large popular Al-Mubarakiah. The council, during its regular session of the 11th term, approved the meeting minutes of the special needs committee; whereby the members affirmed necessity of providing services for this segment of the society by the government departments, noting existence of shortcomings in the construction legislations and government services. —KUNA

### Kuwait condemns Orlando shooting

**KUWAIT:** The State of Kuwait on Sunday strongly condemned the terrorist attack in the US city of Orlando, Florida, that killed and wounded over 100 people. These criminal acts "pose a grave harm to Islam, and are distant from its noble teachings," a foreign ministry source said. The escalation of terrorist acts, he said, required the international community's doubling of efforts to eliminate "this disgusting phenomenon and ridding the world from its evil." The source reaffirmed Kuwait's rejection to all types of terrorism. —KUNA

### KFAED funds \$1.6 billion projects

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) said in a report yesterday that the total water and irrigation projects it funded around the globe since establishment have reached about 100 projects worth more than \$1.6 billion. The fund's contribution to support these projects came from its conviction in achieving sustainable development, taking into consideration the water shortages and environmental challenges facing the world, the KFAED report said. The fund works to support basic development sectors, said the report, adding that during the past five decades it offered the necessary support for the implementation of about 800 projects in more than 100 countries with a total value of about \$17 billion. —KUNA

## Crime

Report

### Woman causes scare after leaving bag in mosque

**KUWAIT:** Detectives and state security are looking for an unidentified woman who created fear and chaos among worshippers in Andalus when she asked them to say the shahada (the Islamic declaration of faith), left a bag and fled. A security source said a call was received from worshippers who said the fully veiled woman came in, left the bag and asked them to recite the shahada. The bag did not contain any illegal substance.

### Compatriots' row

Abu Halifa police arrested an Egyptian man in Mangaf following a complaint from a compatriot accusing him of having a relationship with his wife and threatening to kill him. The Egyptian, who is a teacher, also accused the suspect of encouraging his wife to get a divorce. He said he gave her pills to have an abortion, and threatened to kill her husband (him) if they go to Egypt by hitmen there. A security source said the suspect's place was raided and he was arrested after refusing to go to the police station.

### Costly gable

Three Indians were caught gambling in a Khaitan yard and were referred to residency detectives. The arrests were made when the three fled as soon as they saw police. They will be deported.

### Not paid

A citizen who owns an Instagram account through which she sells branded items complained to Hawally police against a woman who ordered two purses and a watch, but when the driver delivered them, she did not pay. Police checked the woman's details and found she is an Iranian. Police will summon and question her.

### Woman robbed

An Egyptian woman told Salmiya police that she was robbed by another woman inside a beauty salon. The Egyptian said she does not know the woman, who entered the shop soon after opening, immobilized her - injuring her in the process - and stole KD 520. Descriptions of the car the suspect was driving were noted by police.

### Illicit relationship

A call about the kidnapping of a child in Salwa revealed an illicit relationship between a maid and a Lebanese man that resulted in pregnancy out of wedlock. Police received a call from a female citizen about suspicion of child kidnapping by a maid. Policemen arrested the maid, who was carrying the child. When asked who the child was, she said it was her son from an illicit relation with a Lebanese man. The father denied the maid's claims first, then when DNA tests were mentioned, he admitted the boy is his. —Al-Rai and Al-Anbaa



A quest to document IS massacre of Iraqi Yazidis

TRUMP ASSERTS THOUSANDS IN US ARE ‘SICK WITH HATE’

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PURI, India: Indian sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik puts the finishing touches to a sand sculpture at Puri Beach following an attack on a gay nightclub in the US city of Orlando. —AFP

# CLUB SHOOTER WAS A BODY BUILDER, SECURITY GUARD

## ‘HE WAS MENTALLY UNSTABLE AND MENTALLY ILL’

**FORT PIERCE, Florida:** He was a body builder and a security guard, a religious man who attended the local mosque and wanted to become a police officer. Early Sunday, 29-year-old Omar Mateen opened fire at a gay nightclub in Orlando. Police said 49 victims died and 53 were wounded. Mateen also was killed.

Mateen was the son of an Afghan immigrant who had a talk show in the United States, the nature of which was not entirely clear. A former Afghan official said the program was pro-Taliban and a former colleague said it was enthusiastically pro-American.

He attended evening prayer services at the city’s Islamic Center three to four times a week, most recently with his young son, said Imam Syed Shafeeq Rahman. Although he was not very social, he also showed no signs of violence, Rahman said. He said he last saw Mateen on Friday.

“When he finished prayer he would just leave,” Rahman told The Associated Press. “He would not socialize with anybody. He would be quiet. He would be very peaceful.” He was also bipolar, Mateen’s ex-wife, Sitora Yusufiy, told reporters in Boulder, Colorado. “He was mentally unstable and mentally ill,” Yusufiy said. Although records show the couple didn’t divorce for two years after the marriage, Yusufiy said she was actually only with Mateen for four months because he was abusive. She said he would not let her speak to her family and that family members had to come and literally pull her out of his arms.

**‘Nothing to do with IS’**

Authorities immediately began investigating whether Sunday’s attack was an act of terrorism. A law enforcement official said the gunman made a 911 call from the nightclub professing allegiance to the leader of the Islamic State, Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi.

The law enforcement official is familiar with the investigation but was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. Yusufiy said she was “devastated, shocked, started shaking and crying” when she heard about the shooting, but she attributed the violence to Mateen’s mental illness, not any alliance with terrorist groups. Rahman agreed.

“My personal opinion is that this has nothing to do with ISIS,” he said. Seddique Mir Mateen, the father of the alleged shooter, is a life insurance salesman who started a group in 2010 called Durand Jirga, Inc, according to Qasim Tarin, a businessman from California who was a Durand Jirga board member. The name refers to the Durand line, the long disputed border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. Tarin said Seddique Mir Mateen had a television show on which they discussed issues facing Afghanistan. “It’s shocking,” he said about the shooting. “(Omar Mateen’s) father loves this country.” Some of Seddique Mir Mateen’s shows were taped and later posted on YouTube. During one episode, a sign in the background read: “Long live the USA! Long live Afghanistan. ... Afghans are the best friends to the USA.”

But a former Afghan official said the “Durand Jirga Show” appears on Payam-e-Afghan, a California-based channel that supports ethnic solidarity with the Afghan Taliban, which are mostly Pashtun. Viewers from Pashtun communities in the United States regularly call in to the channel to espouse support for Pashtun domination of Afghanistan over the nation’s minorities, including Hazaras, Tajiks and Uzbeks, the official said.

The “Durand Jirga Show” expresses support for the Taliban, has an anti-Pakistan slant, complains about foreigners in Afghanistan and criticizes US actions there, the

official said. Seddique Mir Mateen lavished praise on current Afghan President Ashraf Ghani when he appeared on the show in January 2014, but he has since denounced the Ghani government, according to the official, who said that on Saturday, Seddique Mateen appeared on the show dressed in military fatigues and used his program to criticize the current Afghan government. He also announced on that show that he would run in the next Afghan presidential election, said the official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity because he did not want to be linked to coverage of the shooting.

**Inflammatory comments**

In 2013, Omar Mateen made inflammatory comments to co-workers, and he was interviewed twice, FBI agent Ronald Hopper said. He called those interviews inconclusive. In

2014, Hopper said, officials found that Mateen had ties to an American suicide bomber. He described the contact as minimal, saying it did not constitute a threat at the time. Mateen purchased at least two firearms legally within the last week or so, according to Trevor Velinor of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Mateen had no criminal record. Yusufiy said he wanted to be a police officer and had applied to the police academy. Mateen was a security guard at the G4S company, which identifies itself on its website as “the leading global integrated security company.”

Daniel Gilroy told multiple news outlets that he worked with Mateen at G4S. Gilroy called him an angry, loud, profane man who used slurs for gay people, blacks, Jews and women. “He never used other words to describe them,” Gilroy told the Tampa Bay Times. Mateen also regularly made threats of violence, according to Gilroy.

“He talked about killing people all the time,” Gilroy told The New York Times. And Gilroy wasn’t surprised when he learned of the massacre: “I saw it coming.” Gilroy said Mateen started badgering him and sending dozens of text messages to him daily. Gilroy said he reported Mateen’s behavior to his bosses.

“I kind of feel a little guilty that I didn’t fight harder,” Gilroy said. “If I didn’t walk away and I fought, then maybe 50 people would still be alive today.” But Rahman said Mateen was not, as far as the imam could see, someone who would ever commit such a gruesome act of mass violence. Rahman said he knew Mateen and his family since the shooter was a young boy. Playful as a child, he became more serious as an adult, Rahman said. He spoke both English and Farsi, and was into body building “It was totally unexpected,” Rahman said. —AP

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# ISRAEL EXTENDS DETENTION FOR PALESTINIAN CLOWN

**JERUSALEM:** Israel has extended the detention without trial of Palestinian circus performer Mohammad Abu Sakha for another six months, his circus school said yesterday. Abu Sakha, 24, was arrested on December 14 in the occupied West Bank, and held since January in administrative detention, the controversial measure under which Israel can hold suspects

without trial for periods of six months, renewable indefinitely.

"Administrative detention order extended (for) another six months. Our hearts are heavy," a statement from the Palestinian Circus School said. The Israeli army did not immediately confirm or deny the extension. Amnesty International has called for Abu Sakha's

release, saying Israel believes he is a member of the leftist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which is considered a terrorist group by Israel due to its armed wing.

Israel has not publicly confirmed the reason for detaining him. The Palestinian Performing Arts Network, representing artists and cultural institutions, earlier

this year said it was "deeply concerned" over the detention of Abu Sakha, who has been part of the Palestinian Circus School in Bir Zeit in the occupied West Bank since 2008, first as a student and later as a clown and teacher.

Administrative detention is intended to allow authorities to hold suspects while continuing to gather evidence,

with the aim of preventing further attacks in the meantime. The system has been criticized by Palestinians, human rights groups and members of the international community. More than 7,500 Palestinians are currently in Israeli jails, of whom around 700 are held under administrative detention, according to Palestinian rights groups. —AFP

# A QUEST TO DOCUMENT IS MASSACRE OF IRAQI YAZIDIS

COMPILING EVIDENCE FOR A FUTURE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

**DOHUK, Iraq:** The walls and even the windows of Bahzad Farhan Murad's office are covered with lists. They name the thousands of people who were killed or are still missing after the Islamic State group launched an attack on unarmed Yazidi communities in northwestern Iraq nearly two years ago.

The 28-year-old Yazidi has been documenting crimes against his community ever since the August 2014 attack. He is collecting data

record. "I'm pretty sure that if we don't do it now, after 20 years no-one will remember. And they will say, 'nothing happened to the Yazidis,'" he said.

## Religious minority

Iraq's Yazidi community - a small and isolated religious minority that combines elements of Islam, Zoroastrianism and Christianity - has been repeatedly persecuted by successive governments and invading armies. Murad thinks it is

west two years ago and thousands more, mostly women and children, were taken into captivity. Most of the population - some 400,000 Yazidis - were displaced from their homes.

Murad demonstrated his determination to gather detailed accounts when he recently visited a Yazidi woman in a camp for the displaced on the outskirts of Dohuk, a city in Iraq's semiautonomous Kurdish region. The woman, who asked to remain

suffering is recognized. "The interview was good," Murad said after an hour, emerging from the tent. "But I need to see her two or three more times because she was in their hands for more than a year. I will document every stage of her story."

## Monumental task

Murad's quest for detail magnifies what already seems a monumental task. He photographed each item the woman had with her when she escaped, as he does with all the women he interviews. The pictures go into the victim's file, along with the description of their case and other personal details. Alongside the case files, his home garage has many boxes of these items: the clothes they were wearing, bags, water bottles, even small bank notes.

He says he's aware of the danger of taking on too big a task, but he doesn't think there is another way to document the extent of the atrocity. "Everything - the massacres, the disappearances - is connected with everything else. It has to be documented in its entirety," he said. Murad works independently and is self-funded, helped by a few volunteers. Coming from a well-off family, he says he doesn't have to worry about money and has nothing else to do.

The files are not yet being published; he says he's merely at the stage of collecting information. He is tentatively planning to display the objects in a museum and publish the case files on a website. Various other Iraqi organizations are also working to document the massacres and disappearances, and Iraq's Kurdish regional government has exhumed some of the mass graves in which dozens of murdered Yazidi men are buried.

The size of the job doesn't seem to deter Murad, although he admits that he has felt briefly overwhelmed at times. "We have to prove for history that it was the fully-planned intention of IS to eliminate the Yazidis, to commit genocide against them. It is for history and for our next generations to know what happened to us," he said. —AP



**DOHUK:** In this May 22, 2016 photo, Bahzad Farhan Murad talks to The Associated Press in the small office where he collects evidence on crimes against Yazidis. —AP

on as many victims as he can, gathering information on the men who were executed in groups, the women who were captured and forced into sexual slavery, the children who were indoctrinated in extremist training camps. To date, he has conducted hundreds of interviews and produced detailed files on over 2,400 victims.

Murad says his aim is to help the victims by gathering as much evidence as possible to assist a future criminal prosecution and by preserving the historical

crucial to document the most recent massacres in detail. "I was told several times by my father and grandfather about the massacres that happened to the Yazidis, how they killed the men and took the children and the women. I was reluctant to believe it because it (the story) was told in different ways by different people," he says.

According to the United Nations, about 5,000 Yazidi men were killed by IS militants when they took control of Iraq's north-

anonymous because she still fears for her safety, had escaped from the IS-held Iraqi city of Mosul five months earlier. Murad asked her to recount every stage of her capture and time in captivity, repeating every question, checking every detail and then recording the answers on forms.

The woman's family seemed happy to cooperate. Her brother said she doesn't know whether any good will come of Murad's efforts, but that he appreciated his determination to ensure their

# LIBYAN GOVT ADVANCE SLOWS AS IS HITS BACK

**SIRTE:** An intense fight back by the Islamic State group in Libya's Sirte slowed an advance by pro-government forces yesterday into the jihadists' North African stronghold. Forces allied with Libya's unity government made rapid gains in Sirte last week, pushing IS out of the port and the airport on the edges of the coastal city, 450 kilometres east of the capital Tripoli.

But the advance, under cover of air strikes and heavy artillery, slowed as pro-government fighters reached residential areas near the city centre. Most of Sirte's residents have fled but officials have said some 30,000 civilians remain in the city. "We are trying to advance slowly today," a member of the operations command told AFP. "There are no big clashes so far, but the most important thing is that we are trying to advance."

As the fighting degenerated into a street-by-

street battle, IS militants holed up in the central and northern parts of the city hit back with sniper fire, improvised explosives and suicide car bombings. Three IS fighters drove cars laden with explosives at pro-government troops and a field hospital on Sunday, killing at least one fighter and injuring four others, a unity government spokesman told AFP.

A group of pro-government fighters responded by attacking IS positions at the main western entrance to the city on Sunday afternoon. They came under intense fire from the jihadists and withdrew as evening fell, an AFP journalist at the scene reported. A pro-government fighter was injured by sniper fire during the operation and taken out of the area.

But another fighter involved in the battle sounded an upbeat note on the operation. "Our ground forces will advance despite the difficul-

ties," he said. The AFP journalist filmed pro-government fighters firing assault rifles at IS positions from inside buildings on the edge of the city. One fighter was injured and lay on the steps next to building as his colleagues shouted for medical assistance. "The infantry has advanced inside Sirte with a great deal of effort," said Mohammed Al-Fadel, a pro-government fighter.

## Unified command

IS-which is estimated to have some 5,000 fighters in Libya-seized control of Sirte last year and turned it into its main base of operations in North Africa. The loss of the city would be a major setback for the group, which has also been losing territory in Syria and Iraq where IS established its self-declared "caliphate" in 2014.

The forces battling to oust the jihadists from Sirte include militias from western cities, notably Misrata, and the guards of eastern oil installations that IS has repeatedly tried to seize. Under the command of Libya's UN-backed Government of National Accord (GNA), they launched the assault on Sirte, the hometown of Libya's ousted dictator Moamer Kadhafi, a month ago.

Directed from a joint command centre in Misrata, 190 kilometres to the northwest, pro-GNA forces have deployed tanks, rocket launchers and artillery in the fight for the city. Forces from Misrata-that have an arsenal that includes MiG fighter jets and attack helicopters-carried out dozens of air raids against IS.

Pro-GNA forces entered Sirte last week, taking the city's port on Friday and advancing on residential areas in the city's east. Following rapid gains, a spokesman for the pro-GNA forces predicted on Thursday the city would fall "in two or three days". But the advance slowed over the weekend, as IS responded with machineguns, mortar rounds and sniper fire, as well as car bombings. According to medical sources in Misrata, at least 140 pro-GNA fighters had been killed and 500 wounded since the operation began on May 12. —AFP



**SIRTE:** Forces loyal to Libya's UN-backed unity government patrol the city of Sirte, 450 kilometers east of Tripoli, during an operation to recapture the city from the Islamic State (IS) Jihadists. —AFP



**FALLUJAH:** Smoke rises after airstrikes by US-led coalition warplanes as Iraqi security forces advance their positions in the southern neighborhoods of Fallujah to retake the city from Islamic State militants. —AP

# AID GROUP SAYS 4,000 MORE FLEE FALLUJAH

**BAGHDAD:** More than 4,000 people have fled the Islamic State-held city of Fallujah in Iraq after government forces retook a key road to the IS stronghold over the weekend, an aid group said on yesterday.

Along with roadside bombs planted by the militants, an estimated number of 50,000 civilians who remain trapped inside Fallujah, located about 40 miles west of Baghdad, have slowed down the Iraqi forces' operation to recapture the city. Fallujah has been under IS control for over two years - the last major city in western Iraq still held by the extremist group. The militants have threatened anyone who attempts to flee with death and last week they reportedly shot at a group of civilians attempting to flee across the Euphrates River.

The Norwegian Refugee Council, which works with refugees and internally displaced Iraqis, said the 4,000 who fled since Saturday bring the total number of residents who escaped Fallujah since the Iraqi offensive

started in late May to 27,580.

Thousands more are expected to take the risky journey in the coming hours, NRC said, adding that some refugees reported IS militants were demanding 150,000 Iraqi Dinars, or around \$130, from each person to let them leave. The aid group warned that humanitarian resources are running low and called for at least \$10 million for a six months' supply of water, food and basic necessities.

"Thousands of others remain trapped inside and the most vulnerable will need urgent assistance," said NRC Country Director in Iraq Nasr Muflihi. On Sunday, the Iraqi command announced that key areas to the west of Fallujah have been taken and that Iraqi forces pushed deeper into the city from its southern edges. US-trained Iraqi counterterrorism forces, wary of coming street battles in the city, are already facing fierce resistance on the outskirts from well-entrenched militants. —AP

# ARMED CLASHES IN IRAN KILL 10 MILITANTS, POLICEMAN

**TEHRAN:** Ten militants and a police officer have been killed in separate armed clashes in Iran, local media reported yesterday. Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards killed five Kurdish rebels near the country's north-western border with Iraq, an official statement said. "A team of five from the PJAK terrorist splinter group... has been identified and destroyed in the Sardasht region" on the Iraqi border, a Guards statement said on its official website.

It said the group was responsible for the death of three members of Iran's Basij militia more than a month ago. No further details were provided about the operation. The last reported clashes between Kurdish rebels and the Revolutionary Guards were in September, when two rebels and two Iranian soldiers were killed. State televi-

sion later yesterday reported six more deaths in armed clashes in the south-eastern Sistan-Baluchistan province. One police officer and five militants were killed in the fighting, which pitted Iranian forces against the Sunni militant group Jaish-ul Adl.

Officials recovered "large amounts of explosives" after the clashes, state television website said. Tehran accuses Jaish-ul Adl of having links with Al-Qaeda. The group has conducted several armed attacks inside Iranian territory in recent years. PJAK-the Party of Free Life of Kurdistan-is an Iranian Kurdish party with close links to the Turkish Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). Kurdish rebels periodically attack Iranian armed forces near the border with Iraq's Kurdish region. —AFP



**BEIRUT:** Bank employees check their damaged offices after a bomb exploded outside the headquarters of Blom Bank Sunday evening. —AP

# LEBANON BANKS SAY BLAST AIMS TO 'RATTLE' STABILITY

**BEIRUT:** Lebanese banks yesterday warned that the country's financial sector was at risk after a bomb blast outside a major bank in a western part of the capital. The explosion late Sunday night blew out the entire glass facade of the headquarters of BLOM BANK, one of the country's largest, but only one person was lightly wounded.

After an emergency meeting on Monday morning, the Association of Lebanese Banks condemned the attack, which it said "hurt the entire banking sector and aims to rattle economic stability." "The Association is subject to the applicable Lebanese laws and to the Central Bank's circulars," the statement said. Politicians and local media have linked the attack to a law voted in December by the US Congress to impose sanctions on banks that deal with Hezbollah, considered

a "terrorist group" by the US.

Last month, Lebanon's central bank instructed the country's banks and financial institutions to comply with the new measure against the Lebanese Shiite group. Hezbollah has fiercely criticized the law and accused central bank governor Riad Salameh of "yielding" to Washington's demands.

BLOM BANK yesterday morning said none of the documents stored at its headquarters were damaged in the attack. Interior Minister Nuhaud Mashnuq told AFP the blast was caused by a bomb containing about 3-4 kilos of explosives. Several Beirut newspapers known to be critical of Hezbollah said the explosion was a "message" to banks complying with the ruling. —AFP



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## CAMBODIA OPPN ACTIVISTS JAILED FOR 'INSURRECTION'

**PHNOM PENH:** A Cambodian court yesterday sentenced three more opposition activists to seven years each in prison over their alleged roles in post election protests that turned violent two years ago. The jailings come as political tensions in Cambodia soar with the opposition party embroiled in a sex scandal and strongman Prime Minister Hun Sen accused of carrying out a fresh crack-down against critics.

Three youth members of the Cambodian National Rescue Party (CNRP) were found guilty of insurrection by the Phnom Penh Municipal court yesterday.

The three men were arrested last year after another 11 opposition officials and activists were jailed on the same charges-including three who received 20-year sentences. The convictions, condemned as politically motivated by rights groups, stem from clashes between protesters and authorities in July 2014 during a demonstration against the closure of Freedom Park, a key site for public rallies in Phnom Penh. Dozens of security officers and several protesters were injured in the clashes. At the time the park was a rallying point for Hun Sen's opponents who accused him

of rigging the previous year's elections.

The CNRP are currently involved in a fresh standoff with the authorities. Secret phone calls allegedly between the party's deputy leader Kem Sokha and a mistress were released earlier this year. He is now wanted for questioning by a court after a prostitution investigation was launched against the woman. But he has refused to be interviewed, arguing that the police investigation is politically motivated.

### Targeting critics

He has holed himself up in the CNRP's

headquarter since late May after armed police last month tried to arrest him. Hun Sen's government has denied targeting Kem Sokha but has gone on to arrest dozens of critics in recent weeks. Among them are human rights defenders, environmental campaigners, monks, students, opposition party activists and politicians.

Am Sam Ath, of local rights group Licadho, said yesterday's jailing would fuel further political resentment. "The political situation is tense now, and the sentences will add to the heat," he said. In a speech yesterday morning, Hun Sen

vowed to crack down on any demonstrations. "I tell you first that I won't tolerate them. Authorities must keep security and social order," he said.

Hun Sen has ruled Cambodia with an iron fist for more than three decades. But the opposition's popularity has grown amid growing disillusionment with the endemic corruption, rights abuses and political repression under his watch. The premier's main rival, opposition leader Sam Rainsy, has been forced to live in self-imposed exile abroad to avoid arrest warrants that he says are politically motivated. —AFP

## COURT TO MULL EXPULSION OF CYBER BULLY SUSPECT

**THE HAGUE:** An Amsterdam court will today begin deliberating whether to extradite a Dutchman to Canada on charges linked to the cyberbullying of a teenager who committed suicide in 2012. Prosecutors allege the suspect, identified as Aydin C. by Dutch media, blackmailed "dozens" of girls on the Internet into performing lewd acts, threatening to post videos of earlier sex acts if they failed to comply.

He was linked to the case of 15-year-old Amanda Todd, from the Canadian province of British Columbia, who committed suicide in October 2012 after being tormented by an anonymous cyberbully. The teenager's death sparked a debate in Canada and worldwide about appropriate online behaviour, and prompted calls for bullying to be criminalised.

Aydin C. was arrested in January 2014 in the southern Dutch town of Tilburg. Tuesday's hearing "is to examine whether or not to extradite him. The judgement will follow in a couple of weeks," court spokeswoman Soemisa Zeiani told AFP on Monday.

The man is suspected of forcing dozens

of young women from as far afield as the United States, Britain and Netherlands into performing sex acts in front of their webcams. In a YouTube video watched by millions worldwide, Todd, 15, said before her death that she suffered from anxiety, "major depression" and panic attacks after a photo of her breasts, flashed in an online video chat with a stranger, was distributed in her community.

She said she withdrew from those around her and turned to drugs and alcohol, and "cried every night." In the video, Todd said she lost friends due to the controversy, suffered a schoolyard beating over a boy and had to change schools several times to escape blackmail. "I have nobody. I need someone," she said.

Aydin C. is currently detained in The Netherlands for producing and disseminating child pornography and his Dutch trial will take place "after the summer," the Amsterdam court spokeswoman added. He is also suspected by the Canadian authorities of extortion, soliciting children on the Internet for sexual purposes, threats and harassment, the Dutch press agency ANP said. —AFP



**PITTSBURGH:** Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally, Saturday, June 11, 2016 at a private hangar at Greater Pittsburgh International Airport. — AP

## TRUMP ASSERTS THOUSANDS IN US ARE 'SICK WITH HATE'

'MUSLIMS LIVING HERE KNOW WHO THEY ARE'

**WASHINGTON:** Republican Donald Trump asserted yesterday there are thousands of people living in the United States "sick with hate" and capable of carrying out the sort of massacre that killed at least 50 people in a Florida nightclub. "We can't let people in. ... We have to be very, very strong," the presumptive Republican presidential nominee said in one of a host of broadcast interviews he undertook in advance of a speech he planned later yesterday in New Hampshire. "The problem is we have thousands of people right now in our country. You have people that were born in this country" who are susceptible to becoming "radicalized," the billionaire real estate mogul told Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends. He claimed that there are Muslims living here who "know who they are" and said it was time to "turn them in."

Trump, who got embroiled in controversy early in the presidential sweepstakes when he advocated a ban on Muslims being admitted to the United States, said "there are people out there with worse intentions" than the perpetrator of the shootings in Orlando early Sunday. "They have to report these people," he said.

### Muslim ban

Trump planned later yesterday to further address the deadliest shooting in modern US history in a campaign speech originally intended to attack Hillary Clinton, the presumptive Democratic nominee. That switch came a day after Trump called for Clinton to drop out of the race for president if she didn't use the words "radical Islam" to describe the Florida nightclub massacre.

Trump will retool his talk in New Hampshire to "further address this terrorist attack, immigration and national security," his campaign said Sunday. A gunman wielding an assault-style rifle and handgun opened fire inside a crowded gay nightclub in Orlando early Sunday, killing at least 50 people before dying in a gunfight with police. Another 53 people were hospitalized, most in critical condition. Authorities identified the shooter as Omar Mateen, a 29-year-old US citizen from Fort Pierce, Florida.

Trump's hardline approach to fighting Islamic terrorism was a hallmark of his primary campaign. Besides proposing a temporary prohibition on foreign Muslims from entering the country, he has advocated using waterboarding and other harsh interrogation methods to try to stave off future attacks.

In the hours after the Orlando shooting, Trump issued a statement calling on President Barack Obama to resign for refusing "to even say the words 'radical Islam'" in his response to the attack. He said Clinton should exit the presidential race if she does the same.

In an address from the White House, Obama called the tragedy an act of terror and hate. He did not talk about religious extremists. He said the FBI would investigate the shootings in the gay nightclub as terrorism, but added the gunman's motivations were unclear. Yesterday he said "we're led by a man that either is not tough, not smart, or he's got something else in mind. People cannot believe that President Obama is acting the way he is and cannot even mention radical Islam."

Like Obama, Clinton called the shootings acts of terror and hate, but did not use the words radical Islam in a statement released by her cam-

paign. Instead, she said the country must "redouble our efforts" to defend the country, including "defeating international terror groups, working with allies and partners to go after them wherever they are, countering their attempts to recruit people here and everywhere, and hardening our defenses at home."

Hours after Obama spoke, a law enforce-

ment official confirmed to The Associated Press that Mateen made a 911 call from the club during which he professed allegiance to the leader of the Islamic State group, Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi. The official was familiar with the investigation but not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.—AP

## UN RIGHTS CHIEF SLAMS GROWING MIGRANT DETENTION IN EUROPE

**GENEVA:** The UN's human rights chief voiced alarm yesterday at the increasing detention of migrants in Europe, including unaccompanied children, amid widespread anti-migrant rhetoric across the continent. As Europe faces its biggest migration crisis since the aftermath of World War II, UN rights chief Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein said he had sent staff members to assess areas along the main migration routes in the central Mediterranean and Balkans.

"They have observed a worrying increase in detention of migrants in Europe, including in the hotspots, (which are) essentially vast mandatory confinement areas which have been set up in Greece and Italy," he told the opening of the UN Human Rights Council's second annual session. "Even unaccompanied children are frequently placed in prison cells or centers ringed with barbed-wire," he said, insisting "detention is never in the best interests of the child."

Zeid urged the EU to collect data on migrant detentions by member states, warning that "the figures would, I fear, be very shocking." More than one million people made the journey to Europe in 2015, the majority fleeing war in Syria and the Middle East, and a further 208,000 have come since January, according to UN figures.

More than 2,850 people have died trying to cross the Mediterranean so far this year. Faced with the influx, the UN rights chief warned that in many countries were showing "a strong trend that overturns international commitments, refuses basic humanity, and slams doors in the face of human beings in need."

He pointed out that EU countries so far have managed to relocate fewer than one percent of the 160,000 people they have committed to taking from overwhelmed Greece and Italy. He urged European countries to "find a way to address the current migration crisis consistently and in a manner that respects the rights of the people concerned," and to "remove hysteria and panic from the equation."

This, he said, was particularly important in the context of a controversial deal between the European Union (EU) and Turkey in March, under which migrants not entitled to asylum are to be deported from Greece back across the Aegean. Zeid also decried "the widespread anti-migrant rhetoric that we have heard, spanning the length and breadth of the European continent." "This fosters a climate of divisiveness, xenophobia and even, as in Bulgaria, vigilante violence," he said.

Before they reach Europe, many migrants are meanwhile suffering horrible human rights abuses in chaos-wracked Libya, the UN rights warned. He decried "disturbing reports of many migrants in Libya being subjected to prolonged arbitrary detention, attacks and unlawful killings, torture and other ill-treatment, sexual violence and abduction for ransom." UN staff visiting a migrant detention centre in the country found "dozens of people crammed into storage rooms without space to lie down." He urged EU countries attempting to cooperate with Libya on migration and border management to only do so "in full respect for the human rights of the people involved." — AFP



**ATHENS:** Children pose in a makeshift camp at the old Athens airport. — AFP

## MAN ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA WITH RIFLES AND CHEMICALS

**SANTA MONICA:** Police and FBI agents were working to figure out why a man from Indiana had three assault rifles and chemicals used in making explosives in his car some 2,000 miles from home in Southern California, where he told the officers arresting him that he was headed to a gay pride parade.

Santa Monica police and the FBI, which was leading the investigation, were examining the intentions of James Wesley Howell, 20, who told police he was going to LA Pride in West Hollywood, an event that annually draws hundreds of thousands of people. His arrest came just a few hours after at least 50 people were shot and killed in a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, though police said they had found no evidence of a connection between the events.

Howell, of Jeffersonville, was arrested around 5 am after residents called police to report suspicious behavior by a man who parked his white Acura sedan facing the wrong way. When officers arrived they saw an assault rifle sitting in Howell's passenger seat, Santa Monica police Lt Saul Rodriguez said. That prompted them to search the whole car. They found two more assault rifles, high-capacity magazines and ammunition and a five-gallon bucket with chemicals that could be used to make an explosive device, police said.

Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks initially tweeted that Howell

told officers he wanted to "harm" the gay pride event, but she later corrected her statement to say only that Howell said he was going to the parade. A Facebook page that apparently is Howell's includes photos of the white Acura he was driving in Santa Monica. The postings are unremarkable. There's no enmity toward gays or notable political activism. One post says he's signing a petition to legalize marijuana.

The page's most recent public post, from June 3, shows a photo comparing an Adolf Hitler quote to one from Hillary Clinton. An anti-Clinton, pro-Bernie Sanders photo was posted in February. The site said Howell worked as an auditor for a company that makes air filters. Howell was charged in October in Clark County, Indiana, with pointing a firearm at someone, and with intimidation. He made a deal with prosecutors in April to plead guilty only to the misdemeanor

intimidation charge. He was given one-year prison sentence that the judge suspended in favor of strict probation that prohibited him from having weapons. A friend of Howell's, 18-year-old Joseph Greeson, said Howell's parents in Jeffersonville hadn't seen him for days and that they called Greeson's parents looking for him. Greeson told the Los Angeles Times that he and Howell are in a car club together and that Howell had a gun collection.—AP



**SANTA MONICA:** Investigators record the scene from a car belonging to a heavily armed man after he was arrested. — AP

## 5 ARRESTED FOR TRAINING CHILD TO PRETEND HE WAS PRESIDENT'S SON

**LA PAZ:** Bolivia has arrested five people for allegedly coaching a boy to pretend he was President Evo Morales' son, and paying his family, in a soap opera-style scandal that has riveted the country, officials said Saturday. "The boy was told his entire education would be paid for, that he would be given a plot of land, in addition to as much as \$15,000 to the boy's parents," top prosecutor Ramiro Guerrero told reporters.

The detained suspects were not immediately identified. But they are close to Gabriela Zapata, a former girlfriend of the single president, with whom he had a son who died in 2009, Guerrero said. They were charged with conspiracy, people trafficking and blocking the execution of government obligations. Morales, Bolivia's first indigenous president, acknowledged he had a child with Zapata, but said the boy died soon after birth. Zapata had insisted he was

alive before recently changing her story.

A former manager at Chinese engineering group CAMC, Zapata, 28, has been accused of using her ties to the president to land \$560 million in government contracts for the company. The case exploded onto the political scene just as Bolivia prepared to hold a referendum on whether to change the constitution to allow Morales, 56, to run for a fourth term. Morales, who has been in office since 2006, went on to lose the February 21 vote. He underwent court-ordered DNA testing in April to resolve the paternity case. But Zapata refused to present the child for testing, saying the state medical officials in charge could fake the results. Amid the scandal, Congress opened an investigation after the government admitted Zapata used state offices and employees to carry out CAMC business, but ruled Morales was not at fault. —AFP



**LAHORE:** A group of Pakistani clerics has issued a fatwa, or religious ruling, declaring "honor killing" over perceived damage to a family's reputation against the teaching of Islam, and anyone who carries out such an attack a heretic.

Hundreds of Pakistanis, the vast majority women and girls, are murdered every year by relatives after being accused of damaging a family's honor. Most cases involve young women trying to choose partners against a family's wishes. The ruling by the Sunni Ittehad Council, which includes more than 100 prominent clerics, comes after a string of particularly shocking killings including the burning to death by a mother of a 16 year-old girl who eloped with a young man. "It seems we are moving towards an age of barbarism," the council said in its fatwa issued on Sunday, a rare edict on the problem in the Muslim majority country of 190 million people. "Burning women alive for marrying by their choice is against the teachings of Islam."

The council is affiliated with the Barelvi sect of Sunni Islam, the largest sect in Pakistan, and it holds significant influence in Punjab province, where

half of Pakistanis live. "Considering any killing in the name of honor to be justified is heresy," the council said in a press release. Last Friday, a father in the eastern city of Lahore, the capital of Punjab, killed his daughter and her husband because he disapproved of their marriage.

Last month, a 16-year-old girl accused of helping a young couple elope was killed and her body set on fire, in a case that again brought into the national spotlight. Last year, more than 500 men and women were murdered in such, according to the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan. The toll this year, as of yesterday, was 233, the group said.

Most suspects in honor killings are never prosecuted. The religious council called on the government to amend laws that allow family members to “forgive” perpetrators in killings over honor, which means charges are often dropped. In February, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif praised an Oscar-winning Pakistani film on honor killings, raising hope among activists that long-pending legislation on the issue would be passed. However, no progress has been made. —Reuters

**DHAKA:** Bangladesh police said yesterday they have arrested more than 8,000 people in a nationwide crackdown launched after a wave of murders targeting minorities and secular activists. Authorities have come under mounting international pressure to end the attacks in which nearly 50 people have been killed over the last three years, many hacked to death with machetes.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina vowed at the weekend to catch “each and every killer” and yesterday police spokesman Kamrul Ahsan said 3,245 suspects had been arrested, raising the total to 8,192 since Friday. Opposition parties have accused the government of using the crackdown to suppress political dissent.

Deputy inspector general of national police AKM Shahidur Rahman said most of those arrested were criminal suspects with existing warrants against them, rather than suspected militants. "Only a fraction of the people who have been arrested are members of Islamist militant groups," he said. The crackdown comes after five suspected Islamist militants were shot dead in gunbattles with police in recent days.

It is thought to have been triggered by the murder this month of Mahmuda Begum, wife of a top anti-terror police officer. The officer had led several high-profile operations against the banned group Jamayetul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), members of which were among those arrested in the latest sweep.

JMB is one of two local groups blamed by the government for most of the recent killings. Authorities reject

claims of responsibility by the Islamic State (IS) group and a South Asian branch of Al-Qaeda and say they have no presence in the country. Premier Hasina accuses the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its Islamist party ally, Jamaat-e-Islami, of orchestrating the

Ahmed told AFP.

"Police have said several suspected militants have been shot dead in crossfire. Instead of putting them into trials, these suspected militants are being eliminated in cold blood." Last week an elderly Hindu priest was found nearly decapitated in a rice field.

Hasan, an expert on political Islam, said the crackdown risked further alienating hard-liners who feel they have no choice but to join the militants.

A previous government crackdown on government opponents—including a ban on Jamaat—following a protracted political crisis is widely blamed



killings to destabilize the country.

while a Christian grocer was hacked to death near a church. IS claimed responsibility for those murders as well as that of a 62-year-old Hindu monastery worker on Friday.

Bangladesh is officially secular, but around 90 percent of its 160 million-strong population is Muslim. Other victims have included liberal activists and secular bloggers along with two foreigners and two gay rights activists. Mubashar

for pushing many Bangladeshis towards extremism. "While fighting militants on the ground is important, winning hearts and minds of people is crucial so that more people do not join militancy," said Hasan, of Dhaka's University of Liberal Arts. National police chief Shahidul Hoque defended the crackdown, saying only those suspected of wrongdoing were being picked up. —AFP

**TORKHAM, Pakistan:** Pakistani and Afghan soldiers clashed overnight at the main border crossing at the end of the Khyber Pass, officials said yesterday, with at least one killed and several wounded, further straining relations between the militancy-plagued neighbors. One Afghan soldier was killed and six were wounded, an Afghan official said. The Pakistani army said one of its soldiers was wounded in the fighting at the Torkham Gate crossing in the mountainous region of northwestern Pakistan and eastern Afghanistan.

Both countries blamed each other for starting the fighting, which broke out at roughly 9 p.m. local time on Sunday and continued into the night. “We currently have agreed on a ceasefire with #Pakistan. We hope this problem will end through the work by diplomatic addresses,” the Afghan government’s chief executive, Abdullah Abdullah, said on Twitter. “The current fight Pakistan started doesn’t help anyone’s interest.”

Relations between the neighbours have been strained in recent months. Kabul has accused Pakistan of harbouring militants seeking to topple the Afghan government, including the notorious Haqqani network, blamed for high-profile attacks in the capital. Pakistan denies support-

ing militants and said it was constructing a border gate near Torkham, a Pakistani town close to the frontier, to prevent militants crossing from Afghanistan into Pakistan.

"In order to check movement of terrorists through Torkham, Pakistan is constructing a gate on its own side of the border as a necessity to check unwanted and illegal movement," Pakistan's army said in a statement. "Pakistani security forces responded to Afghan firing effectively." Ayub Hussainkhil, border police commander in eastern Afghanistan, said the fighting at the Torkham Gate stopped at 5 am on yesterday.

“We have received reinforcement and are ready to defend our country until the last drop of blood in our bodies,” he said. The Pakistan-Afghanistan border has long remained porous and disputed. Afghanistan has blocked repeated attempts by Pakistan to build a fence on sections of the roughly 2,200-km long frontier, rejecting the contours of the boundary. Last month, Pakistan build a border post between Pakistan’s South Waziristan and Afghanistan’s Paktika province and handed it over to Afghan officials. Hours later, Afghan authorities shut the post, saying that the actual border lay about a kilometer inside Pakistani territory. —Reuters

**BANGKOK:** Thailand's ailing King Bhumibol Adulyadej is recovering well after a recent operation to improve blood flow to his heart, the palace said, the latest in a series of major medical procedures for the 88-year-old. Bhumibol is the object of an intense personality cult and his frail health is a matter of significant public concern.

On Tuesday doctors performed a series of angioplasty procedures without anaesthetic, using balloons and stents to widen multiple arteries in his heart. In the latest update on his health released by the palace late Sunday, doctors said the king was making progress with blood pressure and breathing back to normal.

An electrocardiogram also showed improved bloodflow to the heart, the statement added. The king is confined to a wheelchair and rarely seen in public. He has spent most of the past two years hospitalised in Bangkok for a series of ailments, including bacterial infections, breathing difficulties and hydrocephalus (water on the brain).

Bhumibol is the world's longest-reigning monarch and most Thais have never known life under another king. He is largely seen as a unifying force in a nation bitterly divided

along political lines. Anxiety over what will happen after his reign ends is considered an aggravating factor in the country's past decade of tumultuous politics, as competing elites jostle for power and influence before the transition. Information on the monarchy is tightly controlled by the palace. Throughout much of the last two years of Bhumibol's hospitalisation, updates have been rare. But in recent weeks the palace has issued a string of health announcements.

Last month doctors announced that he had been successfully treated for hydrocephalus as well as a lung and knee infection. Bhumibol has not been seen by the public since September when the palace released a video of him being taken in his wheelchair to visit a shop inside Bangkok's Siriraj hospital. Shoppers and attendants knelt and bowed as he passed by.

An official photograph of him attending a ceremony was released by the palace in December, while officials also released a statement in January saying he briefly left his hospital for an hour-long trip by car to visit a palace and other royal projects. Discussion of his reign and the role of the monarchy is all but

impossible because of the world's strictest lese majeste laws.

## Pilot jokes about crashing PM plane

Meanwhile, Thai budget airline carrier Nok Air apologized yesterday after one of its pilots joked about crashing a plane carrying ousted premier Yingluck Shinawatra. The gaffe highlights how hatred towards the Shinawatra political clan still runs deep two years after Yingluck's administration was toppled by a military coup.

The pilot's comments were made in a social media chat group used by Nok Air pilots that was later leaked. In it a pilot posted a picture of Yingluck about to board their Nok Air flight over the weekend. One chat member responded with "We have prey on board". Another then added "CFIT"

CFIT is an aviation acronym for “controlled flight into terrain,” a term used to describe when a pilot unintentionally crashes a plane that has no technical problems. Panthongtae Shinawatra—the son of Yingluck’s brother Thaksin Shinawatra, who was toppled as premier by a 2006 coup—posted the leaked chat on his Facebook. —Agencies

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## RAID ON FRAIL INDONESIAN FOOD SELLER SPARKS ANGER

**JAKARTA:** Indonesian netizens have reacted with fury and a flurry of donations after footage emerged of a frail food seller breaking down as her cafe was raided for staying open during the daytime in Ramadan. Video of the 53-year-old business owner desperately begging officials not to confiscate her food went viral at the weekend, and social media users have donated almost \$20,000 to a crowdfunding site to help her and other vendors.

It is common for food outlets in the world's most populous Muslim-majority country that remain open during the daytime in the holy month of Ramadan, when Muslims are supposed to fast from sunrise to sunset, to be raided. But the case of food seller Saeni, who like many Indonesians goes by one name, has touched a nerve, with many criticizing authorities for being heavy-handed during the raid in Serang, west of the capital Jakarta. "You should be tolerant towards

those who are not fasting, cruel authorities," wrote Facebook user Elisabeth Oktofani. The food seller was deeply in debt and so had decided to keep the cafe open during daylight hours to make extra cash, she was quoted by local media as saying. President Joko Widodo condemned the raid and ordered his staff to make a personal donation, with his spokesman saying that the action "cannot be justified".

In the footage, a group of public

order officers, who assist police in maintaining order but have fewer powers, march into the small food outlet, which consisted of a few goods in a glass case and some shabby chairs and tables. Saeni, wearing a blue Muslim headscarf, begs them not to take the food but they put it into plastic bags and march off.

Local authorities defended the raid, saying that the food seller was breaking the law. While many restaurants in bigger cities stay open throughout

Ramadan, local bylaws in smaller places often forbid vendors to sell food during the daytime. A crowdfunding campaign launched in response to Friday's raid has raised over 265 million rupiah (\$19,900), with the organizers planning to distribute the money to Saeni and other food sellers targeted for staying open during daylight hours in Ramadan. Most Indonesians practice a moderate form of Islam, but the country is also home to a vocal, hardline fringe. — AFP

## TALENT AGENTS HELD OVER WOMAN FORCED INTO PORN

**TOKYO:** Three Japanese talent agents who allegedly forced a woman to appear in more than 100 pornographic videos have been arrested, a police spokesman and local media said yesterday. The suspects, including a 49-year-old executive at Tokyo-based agency Marks Japan, were arrested on suspicion of violating the country's worker dispatch law, said a spokesman with the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department.

Police suspect the trio forced the woman to go to a pornographic video film location in 2013, the spokesman said without giving further details. The woman signed a contract as a model with the agency in 2009, Kyodo News Agency reported. She was forced to appear in more than 100 videos, Nippon Television

Network said. The talent agency pressed the victim to perform in adult videos by allegedly warning her that she had to pay penalties for breach of contract if she refused, Kyodo added. Pornography is widely available in Japan, but the dark side of the industry is seldom discussed openly and the rights of those who work in it even less so. The country's porn industry is worth up to 500 billion yen (\$4.7 billion) annually, victim advocates said earlier this year. The cited abuses including coercive or fraudulent signing of contracts-sometimes targeting minors. Human Rights Now, a Tokyo-based campaign group, said the number of cases in which counseling was sought over similar alleged abuse rose to 59 in 2015 from 32 in 2014 — after just one case each in 2012 and 2013. — AFP

## MALAYSIA SHUTS DOWN 1ST SHARIA-COMPLIANT AIRLINE

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Rayani Air, Malaysia's first Islamic-compliant airline, has been shut down, regulators said yesterday, months after it was suspended from flying for breaching aviation regulations. The carrier launched only in December with Muslim flight crew wearing the hijab while non-Muslim members were forbidden from wearing revealing clothing. In-flight meals were completely halal and alcohol consumption banned.

But after an "investigation into the administration and safety audit" of the airline, the Department of Aviation (DCA) said it has revoked Rayani's Air Operator Certificate. The DCA launched an inquiry into the airline in April following a string of criticisms from passengers and the government over delays and last-minute cancellations.

That month saw pilots of the carrier, which operates two Boeing 737-400s, also go on strike over unpaid wages, further damaging its image. DCA director-general Azharuddin Abdul Rahman said the government took the step to cease Rayani's operation because "safety and security of the aviation industry is of paramount importance". The decision comes two years after Malaysia faced twin aviation disasters. Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 was shot down in July 2014 over rebel-held eastern Ukraine in a missile strike, killing all 298 people on board. Australia is leading the search for Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 in the remote Indian Ocean, where the Beijing-bound plane is believed to have diverted when it disappeared on March 8, 2014 carrying 239 passengers and crew. — AFP



**MAKATI CITY:** In this Friday, June 10, 2016, file photo, a protester has her cheek painted with a slogan outside the Chinese Consulate during a protest against China's occupation and island-building in the disputed Spratly Island group in the South China Sea. — AP

## A WORLD OF OPINIONS ON SOUTH CHINA SEA CASE

WHERE COUNTRIES STAND ON INCREASINGLY MURKY SCENARIO

**WASHINGTON:** A case brought by US ally the Philippines against China represents a diplomatic dilemma for far-flung nations as Washington and Beijing rally support for their respective positions on the use of international arbitration in South China Sea disputes.

The United States has been building diplomatic pressure in the West and in Asia on China to abide by the Hague-based tribunal's decision, which is expected soon. China, which maintains it won't be bound by the ruling, has been pushing back by building support from nations mostly in Africa and the Mideast.

The US is not a party to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, under which the tribunal has been constituted, but says it wants China to play by international rules. Since there is no enforcement mechanism for the ruling, any impact will depend on how the international community reacts. Here's a look at where dozens of countries stand:

### Association of Southeast Asian Nations

ASEAN has been trying for years to achieve diplomatic solutions in the South China Sea, making little progress and exposing divisions in the 10-member bloc, which includes the Philippines. Reaching consensus on the Permanent Court of Arbitration ruling will be tough. When President Barack Obama met ASEAN leaders in February they agreed on "full respect for legal and diplomatic processes" in accordance with the UN convention, but pro-China members Cambodia and Laos nixed any mention of "arbitration." Vietnam, which has fought China over competing South China Sea claims, has been most supportive of the Philippines' case and submitted a statement to the tribunal. Hanoi has said it supports "full compliance" to the procedures of the convention.

But other ASEAN nations are generally wary of speaking out for fear of alienating China, the region's economic heavyweight. Malaysia and Brunei have said little about the case, though they too are South China Sea claimants. Indonesia and Singapore are not claimants but have been a bit more outspoken. Singapore's Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan said last week that the ruling could have implications beyond the South China Sea and "we cannot subscribe to the principle that might is right." Indonesia's Foreign Ministry declined to say whether the ruling should be binding on both sides but said international law must be respected. Even the Philippines' position is unpredictable as a new government takes office there June 30. President-elect Rodrigo Duterte has expressed willingness to restart bilateral negotiations with China.

### Russia

Moscow, which shares China's suspicion of Washington, is Beijing's most prominent supporter on the issue. On a visit to China in April, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Russia is against any interference from outside parties in the South China Sea - a reference to the US - "or any attempts to internationalize these disputes." Like China, Russia says disputes should be resolved through talks between the parties directly involved.

### Africa and Mideast

China's state news agency Xinhua on May 20 said that more than 40 countries have expressed support for China's stance on the arbitration case. The Foreign Ministry has in recent weeks given prominent mention to support it claims to have from nations principally in Africa, the Mideast and Central Asia. But few of those foreign governments have issued statements inde-

pendently. Some, including Cambodia, Laos and Fiji, have disavowed China's description of their position. Experts at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington said they could confirm official statements from Afghanistan, Gambia, Niger, Sudan and Vanuatu. A Chinese statement with the 21-member Arab League supported China but it was unclear if it represented all the parties' official positions.

### Australia

In January, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said the China-Philippines ruling will be "extremely important" as a statement of international principle and will "settle once and for all" whether artificial reefs are entitled to territorial waters. But Australia has been less outspoken in support of arbitration than the US, perhaps mindful of Australia's own resistance to arbitration to resolve its disputed maritime border with tiny East Timor.

### India

India has not issued a categorical position on arbitration case, but has been broadly supportive of the application of international law. India

### Japan

Japan was an early supporter of the Philippines' pursuit of arbitration and says both China and the Philippines should abide by the outcome. Japan sees that as upholding international law, but it also reflects concern that historic rival China seeks strategic control of vital sea lanes in the South China Sea that carry 80 percent of Japan's crude oil imports.

Japan's support of third-party dispute resolution is not universal. While it has sought to take its dispute with South Korea over the South Korean-held Dokdo or Takeshima islands to the International Court of Justice, it says no such action is needed in its dispute with China over the Senkaku or Diaoyu islands, which are administered by Japan. — AP

## CHINA AIRPORT BOMBER WAS GAMBLER WITH HEAVY DEBTS

**SHANGHAI:** Chinese police yesterday identified the suspect in a bombing at Shanghai's main international airport which injured four people as a 29-year-old man with heavy debts from online gambling.

Zhou Xingbai had been working at an electronics company in Kunshan city near Shanghai but had lost his savings through gambling and was having difficulty supporting himself, the Shanghai police department said in a statement on its official microblog. Zhou told his friends through social media that he "owed many people money" and was "preparing to do something extremely crazy" and "losing his little life was a certainty", the statement said.

A previous government statement said Zhou threw a beer bottle packed with explosives near a check-in counter in Terminal Two at Pudong International Airport on Sunday afternoon. He then took out a knife and slashed at his own neck before being admitted to hospital in critical condition. Police said he used gunpowder from fireworks in his home-

made explosive device, residue of which was found in his rented room in Kunshan.

"A beer bottle with a burning fuse rolled into the queue when we were waiting for check-in," passenger Susan Shen was quoted as saying by the Shanghai Daily newspaper. "And then suddenly the bottle exploded with a loud bang and colourful flash like fireworks." Zhou, originally from the southwestern province of Guizhou, had a high-school education and worked at various jobs before arriving in Kunshan in 2014, police said.

There have been several cases in China of disgruntled individuals setting off explosions or starting fires in revenge for perceived wrongs. In 2013 a wheelchair-bound man detonated a homemade bomb at Beijing international airport as a protest at alleged police brutality. The man, Ji Zhongxing, was later sentenced to six years in jail. Last year an unemployed man set off an explosion at a public park in the eastern province of Shandong, killing himself and another person and wounding 24. — AFP



**HAKODATE, Japan:** Yamato Tanooka waves to photographers as he leaves the Hakodate Municipal Hospital yesterday. — AFP



**SYDNEY:** Australians hold candles during a vigil in Sydney yesterday in solidarity with the global gay community after a gunman opened fire in a nightclub in Orlando, Florida, killing over 50 people.

## AUSTRALIA HOLDS VIGILS FOR GAY COMMUNITY AFTER US MASSACRE

**SYDNEY:** The Sydney Harbour Bridge was lit with the colors of the rainbow yesterday as hundreds of Australians gathered to stand in solidarity with the global gay community after the worst mass shooting in modern US history. As Sydney's Town Hall was bathed in pink light, a crowd gathered at Taylor Square for a somber, candlelit vigil for the 50 people shot dead at an Orlando nightclub on Sunday, and the scores left wounded.

"This could have happened anywhere," Paul Savage, one of those paying tribute, told AFP from the busy strip that hosts Sydney's annual gay pride Mardi Gras as those attending held hands and hugged. "He could easily have walked into a bar in Sydney even though the gun laws here are much more helpful."

Savage said the level of hatred displayed by the gunman was "just incomprehensible" and described the vigil as a "show of solidarity". Earlier Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull had said the shootings were not only an assault on the gay community but "an attack on all of us" as Sydney's Lord Mayor Clover Moore tweeted "our hearts break for Orlando".

In Newtown, in Sydney's inner west, hundreds more gathered for a second impromptu vigil to call out discrimination and racism, adding that not only had the gay community been targeted but also Latinos. "We called this action because it desperately needed to be called," organizer Rachel Evans told AFP. "It's very important to come and say 'together we are strong'."

### Fight for rights

Organizers called on Australians not to lash out against Muslim communities, adding that the focus should be on continuing the fight for gay rights. In Melbourne, hundreds more gathered to pay their respects to those killed, while the government said buildings such as the Arts Centre would be lit in rainbow colors.

Australian rights activists said the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex community had taken the attack deeply to heart. "When you go to a venue like a gay club you expect that to be one of the places where you feel safe and supported," Chris Pycroft from the New South Wales Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

In Wellington, the city council said New Zealand capital's main downtown concert venue, the Michael Fowler Centre, would be illuminated in rainbow colors, with a candlelight vigil nearby to remember the victims. Vigil organizers InsideOUT said all were welcome, adding: "We intend for this to be a space free of Islamophobia, please help us to keep it that way."

Prime Minister John Key said it was "a terrible and tragic day for America and the gay community". In Bangkok, around a dozen people held a candle light vigil outside Washington's sprawling embassy in, lighting candles and laying flowers and cards. One note on rainbow colored paper read: "Love always wins." — AFP

# HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST REARRESTED IN BAHRAIN

**DUBAI:** Bahraini security forces yesterday rearrested leading human rights activist Nabeel Rajab in a dawn raid in the Gulf kingdom, his family said on Twitter. Rajab, 51, who was detained in 2014 for tweets deemed insulting to the authorities before his release on health grounds, was apprehended at his home in the village of Bani Jamra near Manama, his family said.

"Rajab was arrested from his house and his house was searched," tweeted his wife Sumaya Rajab. There was no immediate clarification on the reason for his latest arrest. Rajab, who has led anti-government marches and heads the Bahrain Centre for Human Rights, had previously served two years in jail for taking part in unauthorized protests.

He was sentenced to six months in jail for his tweets but pardoned in July 2015 after King Hamad issued a royal pardon "for health reasons". Bahrain, home to the US Navy's Fifth Fleet, has been rocked by unrest since security forces crushed Shiite-led protests in 2011 demanding a constitutional monarchy and an elected prime minister.

Washington had previously called for Rajab's release, and international rights groups have condemned trials against opponents of the Sunni regime. His arrest comes a week after another leading opposition activist,



Nabeel Rajab

Zeinab Al-Khawaja, fled Bahrain following her release from jail on "humanitarian grounds".

"It pains me to leave, but I leave carrying our cause on my back, and my love for my country in my chest," Khawaja, who left for Denmark where she also holds nationality, said on Twitter.

The Gulf Centre for Human Rights has said Khawaja was jailed for three years and one month on charges including tearing up the monarch's picture and insulting a police officer.

## Jail terms upheld

Also yesterday, an appeals court in Bahrain upheld jail terms of between 10 and 15 years for 11 people convicted of forming a "terrorist group" that planned to attack police and the Saudi embassy in Manama among other charges, a judicial source said. It also confirmed a previous criminal court order to

revoke their citizenship, the source added. Rights groups say Bahrain has detained scores of opponents of the kingdom's Saudi-allied rulers, often sentencing them to lengthy jail terms. A court in May more than doubled the jail sentence passed against opposition leader Sheikh Ali Salman, who is now set to serve nine years for inciting violence. — AFP

## US PROBES GUNMAN'S MOTIVE AFTER MASSACRE

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The relatives of the dead and wounded-clubgoers celebrating at one of Orlando's most prominent gay venues at the start of Gay Pride month-were informed early yesterday that police had identified 48 of the 49 victims.

Another 53 were wounded, but city mayor Buddy Dyer said many more were saved by police action, including when they crashed an armored car through a wall to allow patrons to escape as the gunman barricaded himself in a bathroom with hostages.

"We will not be defined by the act of a cowardly hater. We will be defined by how we respond, how we treat each other," Dyer declared, before police recounted how a gunbattle at the entrance to the club became a bloody hostage drama. As the club was closing at around 2:00 am, Mateen began a gun battle with an off-duty officer working at the club. More officers responded to the scene, and the gunman fell back to the bathroom, where he apparently seized hostages.

"At that time, we were able to save dozens and dozens of people," Orlando police chief John Mina told reporters. Witness Janiel Gonzalez described scenes of mayhem as the gunman sprayed revelers with bullets.

"It was like complete chaos," witness Janiel Gonzalez told AFP. "It was like a scene out of a movie. People were screaming 'Help me, help me, I'm trapped!'" Mina said he later made the difficult decision to burst into the club after Mateen made comments about "bomb vests", about explosives."

"We believed that further loss of life was imminent," Mina told reporters at a morning press conference.

"We knew that was the right thing to do and believe we prevented a future loss of life and saved many, many lives." Police used explosives and a BearCat armored car to punch a hole in the wall of the club. Dozens more survivors surged out of the breach, but Mateen opened fire and was cut down by police.

Officials in Orlando, a resort city famous worldwide as the home of Walt Disney World and other amusement parks, were stunned by the tragedy but vowed

that the community would pull together.

## 'Not a war zone'

"This is not a war zone that we are living in. This is a civilized society and we had to deal with something unthinkable," Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings said. The attacks triggered solidarity vigils by gay and lesbian groups-and their supporters-across the country and abroad. More than 100,000 marched in Los Angeles at an already planned Pride parade.

In New York, the Tony Awards for musical theater went ahead as planned but were dedicated to the victims of the massacre. The Empire State building went dark, while the spire of One World Trade Center was lit in the rainbow colors of the gay pride flag.

But no mood of national outrage could survive long in the crucible of America's 2016 presidential race, and presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump seized upon it to launch an attack on Obama and his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton. "I think you're going to see tremendous pressure now on these weak politicians that don't know what they're doing, like our president," Trump said in an interview with Fox News.

"The man has no clue. He doesn't know what he's doing and Hillary Clinton is going to be worse than him," he declared, arguing that Obama had failed to confront the threat of "radical Islam" because of "political correctness."

Trump accuses Obama of seeking to bring hundreds of thousands of Syrian migrants to the United States. In reality, the White House's goal this year is to offer sanctuary to only 10,000 of the most vulnerable war refugees.

Clinton pushed back against the charge that she is unwilling to identify Islamist extremism as a threat, telling MSNBC: "We have to defeat radical jihadist terrorism or radical Islamism, whatever you call it. It's the same. "But we cannot demonize, demagogue and declare war on an entire religion... it plays into the hands of ISIS and other jihadist terrorists. And so that's why I have been focused on how we tackle this issue of self-radicalization." — AFP

## ASSEMBLY WITNESSES ACRIMONIOUS SCENES

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Before the quarrels, the National Assembly agreed to extend until the next term an investigation launched by the public funds protection committee into allegations that many state-owned farms were illegally distributed to people who do not qualify.

Head of the committee MP Abdullah Al-Turaiji said that it has been found that some officials at the agricultural authority are partners in the allotted farms and called on Public Works Minister Ali Al-Omar to submit

all required documents to the committee. MP Khalil Abdullah said that some officials who are summoned by the probe committee provide false information or refuse to provide facts citing secrecy laws.

Omar told the assembly that the government has provided all the necessary names and information to the committee and that they did not have anything to hide. But a number of MPs insisted that important information related to the probe has not been given by the government and some MPs claimed that certain names were not given to protect them.

## MICROSOFT ACQUIRES LINKEDIN FOR \$26BN

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But LinkedIn in the past quarter reported a loss of \$46 million and a \$166 million loss for 2015, which let its shares at multiyear lows early this year. Nadella, in an email to staff, said the deal reflects Microsoft's new focus on the enterprise and cloud. "We are in pursuit of a common mission centered on empowering people and organizations," he said.

He added that the deal "is key to our bold ambition to reinvent productivity and business processes. Think about it: How people find jobs, build skills, sell, market and get work done and ultimately find success requires a connected professional world."

LinkedIn, which calls itself "the world's largest and most valuable professional network," has been seeking to expand its offerings with more messaging, mobile applications and revamped its "newsfeed" to help boost engagement. "Today is a re-founding moment for LinkedIn," Hoffman said in the statement. "I see incredible opportunity for our members and customers and look forward to supporting this new and combined business." Microsoft

said it would finance the deal mostly by issuing new debt.

## Clever, or too late?

Benedict Evans, a member of the Andreessen Horowitz venture capital firm who blogs on technology, said in a tweet that deal appear to be future-looking. "Very clever and oblique MSFT thinking-how will we communicate, share & connect in a decade? Not docs + email. Social graph is key," Evans said in a Tweeted referencing the company's Wall Street trading symbol.

But Roger Kay, analyst and consultant with Endpoint Technologies Associates, said it was doubtful that Microsoft can use the deal to compete in the world of social networking dominated by Facebook. "It doesn't help at all competing with Facebook," Kay told AFP.

"LinkedIn is not in the same league as Facebook," Kay said Microsoft, paying a premium of some 50 percent for LinkedIn, is likely to end up writing down much of the investment. "It seems extraordinarily expensive," he said. "I'm going to make the prediction they will write this down. There is no way they can extract \$26 billion from LinkedIn." — AFP

## KUWAIT PROSECUTOR WANTS 29-YEAR TERM...

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A statement posted on the ministry website said they had wanted to arrest him to serve his jail term. It said security men found an automatic rifle and a gun and some ammunition which were confiscated, but it did not say if police had tried to arrest the others. All 13

were charged with using WhatsApp and Twitter to insult the judges and publish false news accusing them of accepting bribes. Also convicted was Sheikh Khalifa Ali Al-Sabah, the editor of Al-Watan newspaper and television which were closed by the government for violating corporate finance rules in a decision ratified by the courts. — AFP

## QATAR TO DEPORT DUTCH WOMAN FOR...

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illicit sex and 40 lashes for drinking alcohol. Hasan, who was also not present in court, will undergo a medical examination to see if he is fit enough to withstand his punishment. He will not serve any time in jail but will also be deported from the Gulf state once he has been punished. Dutch ambassador to Qatar Yvette Burghgraef-van Eechoud, who was present in the packed courtroom, told reporters that the embassy would help Laura to leave Qatar.

"We will do everything to get her out of the country as soon as possible to where she wants to go," Eechoud said. The envoy added that she expected Laura to leave Qatar, which will host the football World Cup in 2022, within the next few days.

The ambassador added that she had spoken to Laura on Sunday and said that "under the circumstances she was doing fine". In the Netherlands, Laura's mother said she had not yet spoken to her daughter but was "so happy" at the news of her release.

## 'So happy'

"I do not know yet when she gets home, but this is not most important," she told the Dutch television NOS

website. "The most important is that she gets home... I am so happy," she said.

Laura was arrested on March 14 and has since been held in custody. Her lawyer previously said that the incident happened after she had visited a Doha hotel. "She went dancing but when she returned to the table after the first sip of her drink, she realized that" she had been drugged, Brian Lokollo has said.

"She really didn't feel very well," he added. The young woman remembers nothing more until the following morning when she woke up in a totally unfamiliar apartment "and realized to her great horror, that she had been raped," Lokollo said.

The male defendant had insisted that their night together had been consensual and that the woman had even asked for money. Adultery, or illicit sex, is treated as a serious crime in the emirate. But the case provoked an international outcry with many people appalled by the treatment of an alleged rape victim and an online campaign using the #freelaura hashtag to try to draw attention to the Dutch woman's imprisonment.

Nicholas McGeehan, Gulf researcher at Human Rights Watch, said the case demonstrated that "proper procedures and investigation are needed to avoid such cases in the future." — AFP

## RAMADAN AND CONSUMPTION

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When we suppress our material desires, we refine and enhance our spiritual experiences. Millions of people fall prey to the temptation of thousands of adverts that pop up everywhere to arouse hidden desires and tickle imagination. Therefore, we are more in need for fasting than ever before to withdraw from the pressure of this materialistic culture.

A part of the problem is that it seems that there is nothing wrong with excessive consumption as long as we are buying useful things that are permissible (Halal) for Muslims. It is not forbidden for a Muslim to lead a comfortable and happy life and enjoy all the worldly pleasures to the fullest. The crucial point here is to differentiate between looking at these pleasures as means or ends in themselves. Some people are obsessed with getting more and are literally enslaved by materialistic culture, which is like a maze with no end. People entrap themselves in a vicious circle of endless whims.

As for the solution, we are not supposed to shun all material aspects of this life and deem them haram (prohibited), but we have to realize the difference between wanting something and needing something. Some practical tips might help us redress the balance. First,

we have to adopt a simple lifestyle based on our actual needs, not our capricious desires. Remember the similitude the prophet portrayed of the Muslim in this earthly life: 'Be in the world as if you were a stranger or a traveller along the path.' Second, invest your surplus resources (time, money, strength) in learning, helping the poor, volunteering in charities, and worshipping. Third, teach others how to live a simple life away from the pressures of material culture.

Many are concerned that the aggressive consumerism will steal the true and pious purposes of the holy month. Ramadan invites us to experience real spiritual independence from physical needs through the practice of self-discipline and refraining from pleasure, solely for the love of God. This helps the fasting person to emerge as more powerful and become conscious of the suffering that millions of people undergo in our world today.

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## Issues

## MASSACRE THRUSTS TERROR THREAT INTO WHITE HOUSE RACE

By Michael Mathes

**W**hite House hopeful Donald Trump appeared bent on exploiting Sunday's massacre in Orlando to boost the argument that he can be trusted to tackle terrorism over rival Hillary Clinton. With many victims of the carnage yet to be identified, and police still probing the suspected Islamist ties of the slain gunman, Trump wasted no time in harnessing the assault to his political advantage.

The presumptive Republican nominee unleashed a broadside accusing President Barack Obama and his would-be Democratic successor Clinton of failing to tackle what Trump calls "radical Islam."

"Because our leaders are weak, I said this was going to happen-and it is only going to get worse," he said in a statement. "I am trying to save lives and prevent the next terrorist attack. We can't afford to be politically correct anymore."

Trump is set to deliver more of the same tough talk at a campaign appearance in Manchester, New Hampshire yesterday. The speech was originally to be about Clinton, but he is shifting the focus to national security.

His other yesterday event, in Portsmouth, was scrapped, his campaign said. As the country reeled from what is being treated as the deadliest attack on US soil since September 11, 2001, Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University poll, said the threat of terrorism was likely to dominate the US campaign debate.

"It will be at the forefront until election day," he said.

### Waterboarding

After extremists slaughtered 130 people in Paris last November and a Muslim husband-and-wife team murdered 14 in San Bernardino, California, Trump called for a ban on Muslims entering the United States. The move prompted an uproar, but he doubled down, presenting himself as prepared to do more to crack down on extremism than his political rivals.

After San Bernardino, "It became a permanent part of the Trump dialogue," said Quinnipiac's Malloy. In March, following a deadly attack in Brussels, Trump said his insistence on defeating extremism was "probably why I'm number one in the polls."

Opinion polls late last year showed a majority of Republicans supporting Trump's call for a Muslim travel ban. Trump and Clinton are promoting radically different approaches to fighting terror, and have traded accusations that the other is not fit to run the country.

Trump has repeatedly called for a halt to refugee flows from the Middle East, and assailed Clinton for wanting to expand them. He says he is prepared to re-authorize torture methods such as waterboarding in terrorism cases and advocates targeting the families of terror suspects.

Trump also repeatedly argues that attacks like the one in Paris would have seen far fewer casualties if people had been armed to defend themselves. According to Quinnipiac, voters see Clinton as far more prepared than Trump to handle an international crisis-but they see Trump as better able to tackle the IS threat.

### 'Get out of this race'

Their rival styles were on display after a gunman unleashed an assault on a gay nightclub in Florida that left 50 people dead, reportedly after pledging allegiance to the Islamic State group. "If Hillary Clinton, after this attack, still cannot say the two words 'Radical Islam' she should get out of this race for the presidency," Trump thundered.

The former secretary of state trod more cautiously. She declared Sunday's attack "an act of terror" and an "act of hate," and issued a statement saying Washington should redouble efforts to counter terror threats at home and abroad.

Clinton was to visit Ohio yesterday for her first rally since clinching the Democratic nomination. She is expected to address the Orlando tragedy then. Obama was to join her Wednesday for a high-profile campaign appearance, but the event was postponed because of the shooting.

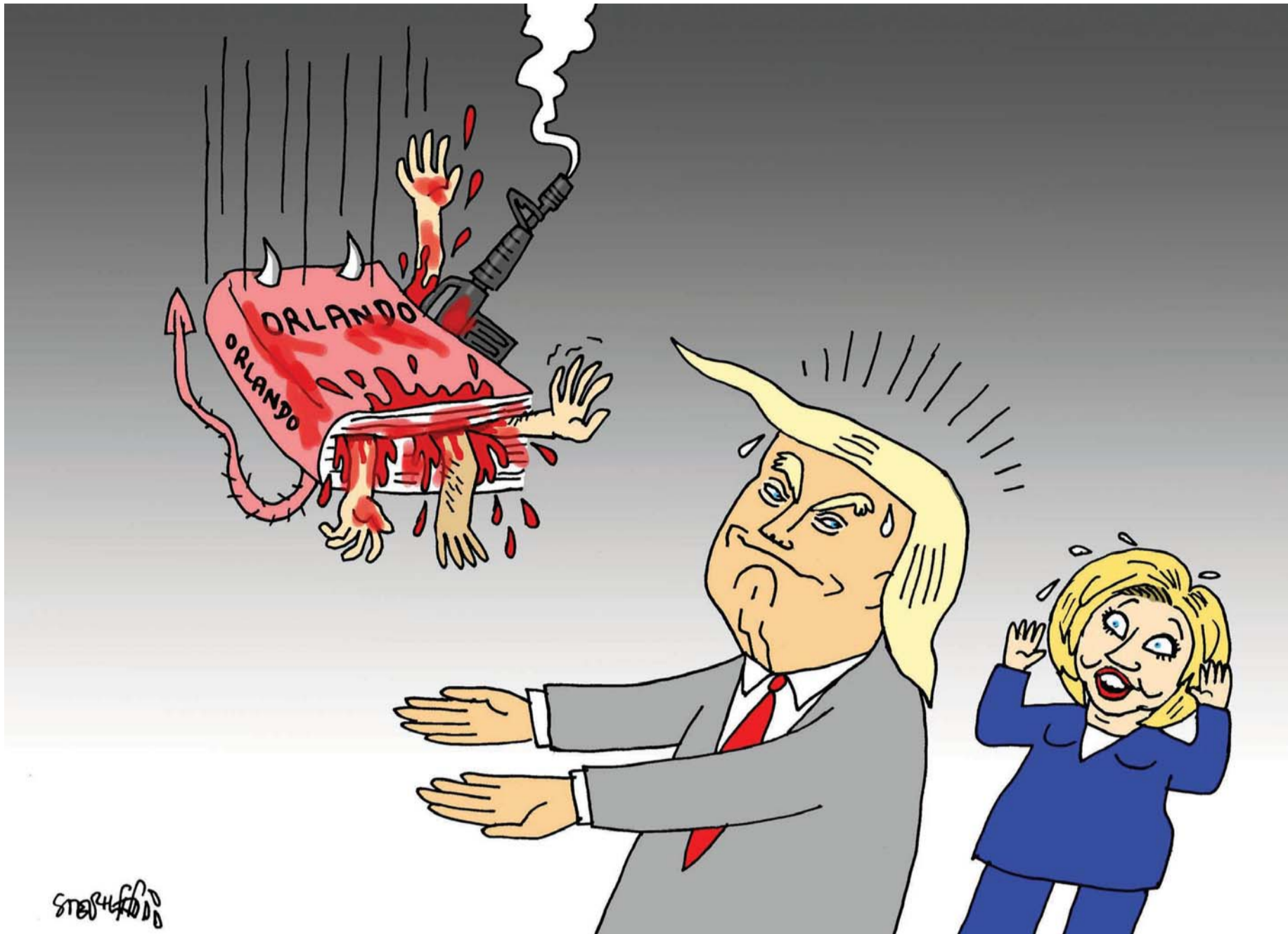
### 'Strongman'

Clinton leads Trump in most head-to-head matchups, but "things can happen in the final weeks and months before the election," explained Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute.

"What if we have an attack like Paris in October?" he asked. "Maybe people will say we can't trust a person who's never had any experience. But maybe there is the allure of a strongman."

Clinton argues that her experience-as first lady, US senator and top diplomat-makes her the most qualified to be president. She has reminded voters she urged Obama to authorize the mission to kill Osama bin Laden. But Trump touted his own clairvoyance about national security challenges, tweeting the "congrats" he received "for being right on radical Islamic terrorism." —AFP

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## TRUMP AND CLINTON CONTRASTS IN ORLANDO RESPONSE

By Julie Pace

**F**or Donald Trump, Sunday's mass shooting in Florida was a moment to redouble his call for tougher action against terrorism and to take credit for "being right" about the threat. For Hillary Clinton, it was a time to choose words carefully and reiterate her call for keeping "weapons of war" off America's streets. The responses of Trump and Clinton to the deadliest mass shooting in modern US history were a study in contrasts for the two presumptive presidential nominees - one of whom will soon be leading a country fearful of terrorism, gun violence and the often merciless intersection of the two.

The motive behind Sunday's early morning rampage at a gay nightclub in Orlando was unknown when Trump and Clinton began weighing in. By day's end, authorities still had far to go in uncovering what led Omar Mateen, a 29-year-old American citizen from Florida, to open fire, kill 50 people and critically wound dozens more.

As information began trickling out, Trump took to Twitter to say he was "praying" for the victims and their families. "When will we get tough, smart & vigilant?" he wrote. Within a few hours, the presumptive Republican nominee was back on social media saying that he'd appreciated "the congrats for being right on radical Islamic terrorism." After President Barack Obama did not use that same phrase to describe Mateen in his remarks from the White House, Trump released a statement saying the president "should step down" - a provocative response that far exceeds the typical Republican criticism of Obama's approach to extremism.

Trump is hardly the first politician to try to capitalize on a tragedy, though

he's more blatant than most in connecting his electoral prospects to incidents of unimaginable suffering. Shortly after last year's deadly attacks in Paris, Trump said, "Whenever there's a tragedy, everything goes up, my numbers go way up because we have no strength in this country. We have weak, sad politicians."

**Deep frustration**  
After a deadly December shooting



**MOSCOW: Community members gather for a candle light vigil to honor the victims of the attack on a nightclub in Orlando on Sunday at Friendship Square in Moscow, Idaho. —AP**

rampage in San Bernardino, California, Trump stunned many in his own party by calling for a temporary ban on Muslims coming to the US. Rather than sink his political prospects, it helped propel the businessman to his first victories in the GOP primary. For Trump's detractors, his comments can appear jarring and crass. But he's also tapped

into a deep frustration among some voters who believe Obama has been handcuffed in his response to terror threats because he's worried about offending Muslims in the US and around the world.

"We can't afford to be politically correct anymore," Trump declared Sunday. He canceled a rally scheduled for Monday, but planned to go forward with a speech in New Hampshire, changing the topic from his case

information, my thoughts are with those affected by this horrific act." Like Obama, Clinton prefers to avoid early missteps even if that leaves her looking overly cautious. On Sunday, she waited for the president to declare the shooting an "act of terror" before doing the same.

Clinton and Obama postponed plans to campaign together Wednesday in Wisconsin, a decision driven both by political appearances and an expectation the president would need to spend his week overseeing the government's response to the shooting. Still, Clinton planned to continue with solo campaign stops Monday in Ohio and Tuesday in Pennsylvania. Clinton didn't avoid the prospect of a link to international terrorism in her statement, though she was vague in her language. She has made stricter gun control legislation a centerpiece of her presidential campaign and was more direct in raising the shooting as an example of the nation's failure to keep guns "out of the hands of terrorists or other violent criminals." Federal authorities said later Sunday that Mateen purchased at least two firearms legally within the last week or so.

Whether the tragedy in Orlando ultimately sways the trajectory of the general election campaign is unknown. If current trends hold, there will be more deadly mass shootings in the US before voters head to the polls in November. Other unforeseen events will likely also shape the race over the next five months, as the 2008 economic collapse did in the closing weeks of that year's presidential campaign. But as voters begin seriously weighing Clinton and Trump as their next commander in chief, Sunday's shooting left little doubt that the choice between the two candidates is stark. —AP

## DISPLACED ZIMBABWE VILLAGERS AWAIT GOVT ACTION

By Andrew Mambondiyan

**V**illagers relocated to a sprawling government-owned farm complex in eastern Zimbabwe to make way for the nation's biggest diamond field are hoping that President Robert Mugabe's move to take control of the valued resource will benefit them. More than 1,000 families were moved in 2009 from a village adjacent to the Chidzwa diamond field in Marange to Arda Transau, a 12,000 hectare farm settlement about 40 km (25 miles) to the north with promises of a better life.

Arda Transau was billed as a new township with tarred roads, shops and health clinics - but seven years later the villagers say they have yet to see the promised education and health facilities while their homes are crumbling and food is scarce. Seven mining companies licensed to mine the area were ordered in March to leave by Mugabe who accused them of robbing Zimbabwe of wealth. Mugabe took over all diamond operations in the newly-formed Zimbabwe Consolidation Diamond Company (ZCDC).

Some of the affected diamond companies - Mbada Diamonds and Anjin Investments - have since taken the government to court with the issue still pending before the courts. While Mugabe's move could further tarnish the country's image as a risky investment, with investors already unnerved by his drive to force foreign-owned firms to sell majority shares to locals, the relocated villagers are hoping it will help them.

Caiphas Mujuru is one of the Arda Transau residents lobbying the government to get ZCDC to address the problems faced by the villagers who are facing severe

food shortages. "Life is really difficult here at Arda Transau. We are going hungry," Mujuru told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "We had been promised honey and milk here but it is now a nightmare for us."

### DROUGHT AND HUNGER

When the villagers were moved, each family was given \$1,000 in compensation and a four-room house but these new dwellings, painted bright yellow, have since developed cracks. Families were promised 11 hectares of arable land including one hectare earmarked for irrigation to run small piggy or poultry projects but this never happened, the villagers say.

People in Marange hoped the diamond industry would pump money into reviving failing irrigation schemes as small-scale farmers cannot maintain or replace ageing equipment and national law requires mining companies to help local communities develop. But the plight of the villagers has been further exacerbated by the current El Nino induced drought which has decimated the southern African nation's crops, leaving 4 million Zimbabweans in a population of 14 million without adequate food supplies.

The villagers had the chance to voice their concerns at the Alternative Mining Indaba conference in Mutare this month comprising civic society, communities and stakeholders in the mining sector and legislators promised to help. "We will take your concerns to the Minister of Mines (Walter Chidhakwa)," Prosper Mutseyami, legislator for Musikavanhu constituency in Chipinge district, told the villagers.

However the diamond companies maintain they fulfilled what they were expected to do for the relocated

villagers. Anjin Investments, which was a joint venture between the government and Chinese investors, said it complied with the law when it came to the relocation of the villagers.

"We did everything required by the law," Anjin Investments' Chief Executive Officer Munyaradzi Machacha told the Thomson Reuters Foundation in a telephone interview. A spokesman for Mbada Diamonds, George Manyaya, said his company was happy with what they had done for the villagers and the traditional leaders had appreciated their initiatives.

But villager Blessing Mufute said the situation at Arda Transau had become so bad that many people were going hungry. "We have been selling the few livestock we had to buy food," said Mufute, adding relocated villagers were in urgent need of jobs, clean water, and electricity as well as food. In a telephone interview with the Thomson Reuters Foundation, Mines Minister Walter Chidhakwa said local people should not feel they are forgotten. He said the Manicaland Provincial Affairs Minister Mandi Chimene would work with the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare to provide social and food assistance to the villagers. Contractors would also be asked to work on the poorly built houses at Arda Transau, Chidhakwa added.

But James Mupfumi, who heads the Centre for Research and Development, a local non-governmental investigative organization, is skeptical. "It is disheartening to realise that the Mines Minister has already visited Arda Transau for Zimbabwe Consolidated Diamond Company to relocate more villagers to Arda Transau without addressing previous community grievances," he said. —Reuters

## STEYN REPLACES INJURED SPRINGBOK LAMBIE

**JOHANNESBURG:** South Africa called up experienced fly-half Morne Steyn yesterday to replace injured Patrick Lambie for the second Test against Ireland this weekend. Steyn, who plays for French Top 14 club Stade Francais, is in South Africa as the season has ended for the Paris-based club. Renowned for his goal kicking, the 31-year-old has scored 694 points in 60 Tests since debuting seven years ago against the British and Irish Lions. He is expected to start on the bench Saturday in a must-win second Test for the Springboks following a shock 26-20 loss in Cape Town last weekend. A win for Ireland at Ellis Park would clinch the three-Test series and turn the final international in Port Elizabeth on June 25 into a 'dead rubber'. Elton Jantjies, who replaced concussed Lambie in Cape Town last Saturday, is set to start as South Africa seek revenge after suffering a first home defeat by the Irish. Ireland flanker CJ Stander, whose aerial collision with Lambie injured the playmaker, was red-carded following the incident. — AFP

## PALACE RELEASE ADEBAYOR, CHAMAKH AND HANGELAND

**LONDON:** Crystal Palace have decided against handing new deals to strikers Emmanuel Adebayor and Marouane Chamakh and defender Brede Hangeland, the Premier League club said on its website (www.cpfcc.co.uk) yesterday. Adebayor joined Palace on a short-term deal in January but netted just once in his 15 appearances for the club. Chamakh too failed to nail down a starting spot during his two years at Selhurst Park and was not helped by injuries, which restricted the Morocco international to just 66 appearances. Hangeland, who featured just 26 times over the course of the last two seasons, will be joined by fellow defender Adrian Mariappa in leaving the club. The London club also decided to cut ties with long-serving defender Paddy McCarthy, who made 151 appearances since arriving back in 2008. Staying for another season, however, are goalkeeper Julian Speroni and defender Damien Delaney who both signed one-year contract extensions. — Reuters

## SIMPSON HOPES TEAM MATE VARDY STAYS AT LEICESTER

**LEICESTER:** Leicester City defender Danny Simpson is hopeful that striker Jamie Vardy will reject the overtures of Arsenal and still be at the Premier League champions when the new season kicks off. Arsenal have triggered a release clause in Vardy's contract with a bid believed to be 20 million pounds (28.43 million) for the England striker, with the player yet to commit to the move, according to British media. "I have spoken to Jamie," Simpson told the BBC. "Everyone wants him to stay. We would like everyone to stay, even if it's just for one more year. It's his decision and he says he wants to concentrate on the European Championship." Vardy, 29, was the joint second-highest scorer in the Premier League last season with 24 goals and is currently on international duty at the Euro 2016 tournament in France. The Leicester striker was an unused substitute when England drew their Group B opener against Russia 1-1 on Saturday but will be hoping to play some part against Wales on Thursday or the team's final group game against Slovakia on June 20. — Reuters



Sheikha Al-Abdallah in a group photo with Bocci players



Al-Abdallah with the fencing team.

# AL-NOUKHATHA DEFEAT AL-ITTIHAD 59-49 IN RAMADAN DISABLED COMPETITION



Abdallah kisses the head of a Bocci player



Noukhatha and Ittihad teams competing.

By Abdellatif Sharaa

**KUWAIT:** The Eighth Ramadan Disabled Sports competition continued at the Disabled Sports Club in basketball, table tennis, fencing and Bocci, as a large number of club players participating. The tournament is scheduled to conclude tomorrow.

In basketball competition Al-Noukhatha defeated Al-Ittihad with the score of 59-49 in the second match of the competition, as Ittihad suffered its second defeat and the title is now hanging between Kuwait and Noukhatha as each had won once. In fencing, Faisal Al-Kandari won first place in the 'epee' category while Adballah Al-Haddad took second, meanwhile in the juniors competition Fahad Al-Bastaki won first place followed by Suleiman Al-Tameemi and Samad Al-Beloushi.

**KDSC President Shafi Al-Hajiri**

In table tennis, individual standing Ali Al-Sane first, Abdelraheem Mahmoud second and Abdallah Al-Saif third. Meanwhile, in the sitting category Yacoub Al-Khalifa first followed by Abdallah Al-Thafiri and Fahad Al-Muwaizri. In the sprouts, individual standing Abdallah Ashour took first place, followed by Malak Hadi and Dhari Al-Azmi.

The Bocci competitions of the BC1 category saw Sharifa Muhareb claiming first place, Fahad Al-Babtain second and Mohammad Al-Mutairi third. In the BC3 category Athari Al-Mutairi followed by Ayesha Al-Hashash and Khalij Saad. The BC4 category was won by Nadia Al-Mahroun, followed by Amani Ismail and Tahani Ismail.

Honorary President of the Kuwait Disabled Sports Club Al-Sheikha Sheikhha Al-Abdallah said the club accustomed us to organizing a sports competition during the holy month of Ramadan in the four games.

She asked all normal athletes in other clubs and sports unions to come to the disabled club to encourage the disabled athletes and lift their moral. Al-Abdallah said Kuwait and its establishments is always in support of the disabled, and the club's athletes deserve it.



Ali Uwaidha and Abdelaziz Al-Otaibi.



Al-Abdallah with table tennis team

## 'BROKEN' PISTORIUS SHOULD NOT BE JAILED, COURT HEARS

**PRETORIA:** Oscar Pistorius is a "broken" man who should be hospitalised rather than jailed, a South African court heard yesterday, as the Paralympic athlete awaits sentencing for the murder of his girlfriend three years ago.

The double-amputee killed Reeva Steenkamp, a model and law graduate, in the early hours of Valentine's Day in 2013, saying he mistook her for an intruder when he fired four times through the door of his bedroom toilet.

Red-eyed, tearful and sometimes resting his head in his hands, the 29-year-old "Blade Runner" attended the first day of his sentencing hearing at the High Court in Pretoria along with members of his family. "He has developed a serious psychiatric condition which has become worse in the past two years," psychologist Jonathan Scholtz, called by the defence,

told the court. "Further imprisonment would have a detrimental effect on him." Scholtz said that during recent interviews Pistorius had displayed signs of "post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorder and depressive disorder". "Currently he is not able to testify (to the court). His condition is severe," he said. In March, Pistorius's lawyers failed in their legal bid to reverse a Supreme Court of Appeal judgement that upgraded his original conviction from culpable homicide-the equivalent of manslaughter-to murder.

The original trial judge Thokozile Masipa is expected to pass a new sentence after hearing arguments from both prosecution and defence. Scholtz added that Pistorius "has almost given up, his spirit seems broken" and he should be sent to hospital.

"(He is) a vulnerable, anxious man,

extremely uncertain of himself without his prostheses." Pistorius faces a minimum 15-year jail term for murder, but his sentence could be reduced due to time already spent in prison and mitigating factors, including his disability.

Steenkamp's parents were both in court on Monday, and her father Barry may take the witness stand to ask the court to impose a lengthy punishment. If he does, it will be the first time that one of Steenkamp's parents has testified in the case.

### TV INTERVIEW CRITICISED

Pistorius has shunned the media during years of intense coverage since Steenkamp's killing, but his family have revealed that he has given his first interview, due to air on British broadcaster ITV later this month. The interview drew a

sharp attack from state prosecutor Gerrie Nel, who said it proved that Pistorius was capable of testifying. "He would rather give his version to the TV than to court," said Nel, who accused psychologist Scholtz of being biased. Pistorius was released from jail last October to live under house arrest at his uncle's mansion in Pretoria after serving one year of his five-year sentence for culpable homicide.

Since being convicted of murder, Pistorius has been on bail and allowed to leave his uncle's house at set times, but not travel further than 20 kilometres (12 miles) without permission.

The hearing-held in the same courtroom as the original trial-was adjourned until Tuesday. It is scheduled to last one week. Pistorius has always denied killing Steenkamp in a rage and, during his dramatic seven-month trial in 2014, sobbed

in the dock as details of his lover's death were examined in excruciating detail.

The year before he killed Steenkamp, Pistorius became the first double-amputee to race at Olympic level when he appeared at the London 2012 games.

He has since lost his glittering sports career, lucrative contracts and status as a global role model for the disabled.

"(Pistorius) is adamant that he never wants to touch or handle a firearm again," said Scholtz yesterday. "He becomes traumatised when he hears the sound of gunfire, even when it is part of a film he is watching." Other exchanges on Monday revealed that while in prison Pistorius caught an infection in his leg stumps after being forced to shower on a concrete floor. About 20 Pistorius supporters rallied outside the court, saying he should be treated leniently. — AFP

# WARRIORS STAR DRAYMOND GREEN SUSPENDED FOR GAME 5

**OAKLAND:** Through all of the criticism and accusations of dirty play, Draymond Green vowed to keep pushing as hard as he possibly could to help deliver another championship to Golden State.

That win-at-all-costs mentality has suddenly opened the door for LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers to get back into the NBA Finals, and added an extra edge to a burgeoning rivalry.

Green was suspended for Game 5 last night after the league assessed a Flagrant 1 foul for striking James in the groin during a scuffle in the closing minutes of the Warrior's Game 4 victory Friday night.

James and Green got tangled up on the play, and James stepped over Green as the two got up - a move widely viewed as a show of disrespect in league circles. Green then swiped at James' groin in retaliation

and threw another jab at the four-time MVP that did not connect. "There's no way you can say this is an acceptable act," Kiki VanDeWeghe, the NBA's executive vice president of basketball operations, told The Associated Press in a phone interview. Especially for a player like Green, who entered the finals one flagrant foul or two technicals short of a mandated suspension.

"History probably didn't help Draymond," Warriors center Andrew Bogut said. "When they reviewed it, that's probably what helped them get to their decision." Commissioner Adam Silver put the hard-nosed, emotional leader of the defending champion on notice before the start of the rematch with Cleveland when he said that the Competition Committee would in the offseason be reviewing Green's penchant for wildly flailing his legs on jump shots

and rebounds. Green was given a Flagrant 2 foul and fined \$25,000 for kicking Oklahoma City's Steven Adams in the groin during the Western Conference finals and picked up a Flagrant 1 for throwing Rockets forward Michael Beasley to the ground in the first round. Green also kicked Cavs guard Kyrie Irving in the chest - inadvertently, Green said - in Game 1 of the finals, which was not penalized by the league.

"You have to do what you think is right for the play," VanDeWeghe said, "and unfortunately Draymond put himself in this position." Golden State leads the series 3-1 and has easily been the better team. But losing a player of Green's caliber could tip the scales just enough.

Green is a plus-71 in the last two NBA Finals, serving as the heartbeat of the Warriors defense and a critical playmaker

on the other end of the court.

Warriors coach Steve Kerr spoke to Green earlier in the postseason about keeping his emotions in check, but they again got the better of him at a crucial time. "Draymond's success is based on playing like that," Bogut said. "He plays physical and chippy and he's a talker. That's what makes him who he is. It's hard to tone that down when it's in you. We don't blame him for it."

The after-the-fact technical levied against James isn't unprecedented. It's the fourth assessed by the NBA in the last two postseasons. Last year in the Chicago-Cleveland East semifinals, the Cavs' Matthew Dellavedova got one. This year, Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant (in the Thunder-Dallas series) and Miami's Goran Dragic (in the Heat-Toronto series) also were assessed technicals after league review.

"There's no rhyme or reason to it," Bogut said. "I've been in the same situation. I've been suspended before. I think it's like a lottery decision, like the draft. They just pull out a ping-pong ball and make a decision."

James said Green crossed the line with some of the trash talk he hurled toward the Cavaliers star, and said he felt Green's swipe at his groin was "a little outside of basketball." Green's teammates stood tall for him, saying James instigated the confrontation when he stepped over Green on the court. "You don't let anybody walk over you," Bogut said. "If someone walks over me, I'm getting up the same way." "I was just trying to get back into the play," James said. The incident has helped turn what started out as a respectful rivalry between two of the best teams in the league into a heated contest. — AP

# VENTURA HITS CAREER-HIGH 10 AS ROYALS BEAT WHITE SOX 3-1

**CHICAGO:** Yordano Ventura struck out a season-high 10 batters in seven innings, and the Kansas City Royals held on for a 3-1 win over the Chicago White Sox on Sunday afternoon. Whit Merrifield finished 3-for-5 with a double, an RBI and a run to lead the Royals at the plate. Salvador Perez added a solo home run as Kansas City won its second consecutive game. Ventura (5-4) fanned 10-plus batters for the fifth time in his career and the first time since Oct. 3, 2015, against the Minnesota Twins. He struck out the side in the second inning and again in the sixth inning. A pending nine-game suspension did little to distract Ventura, who is appealing the penalty for his role in a June 7 brawl with the Baltimore Orioles. Ventura allowed one run on five hits and walked one.

## CUBS 13, BRAVES 2

The Chicago Cubs were a comedy of errors defensively with Bill Murray on hand for the final two games against Atlanta. The Cubs won both in laughs anyway, making the actor-comedian happy and improving the team's major-league-best record to 43-18. Jon Lester (8-3) didn't allow an earned run over seven innings and the Cubs made four errors in the first two innings against the Braves on Sunday. The Cubs had three errors in Saturday's game. Anthony Rizzo had three hits and three RBIs, while Javier Baez blasted a three-run homer as part of a six-run eighth inning that followed a three-run seventh by the Cubs.

## TIGERS 4, YANKEES 1

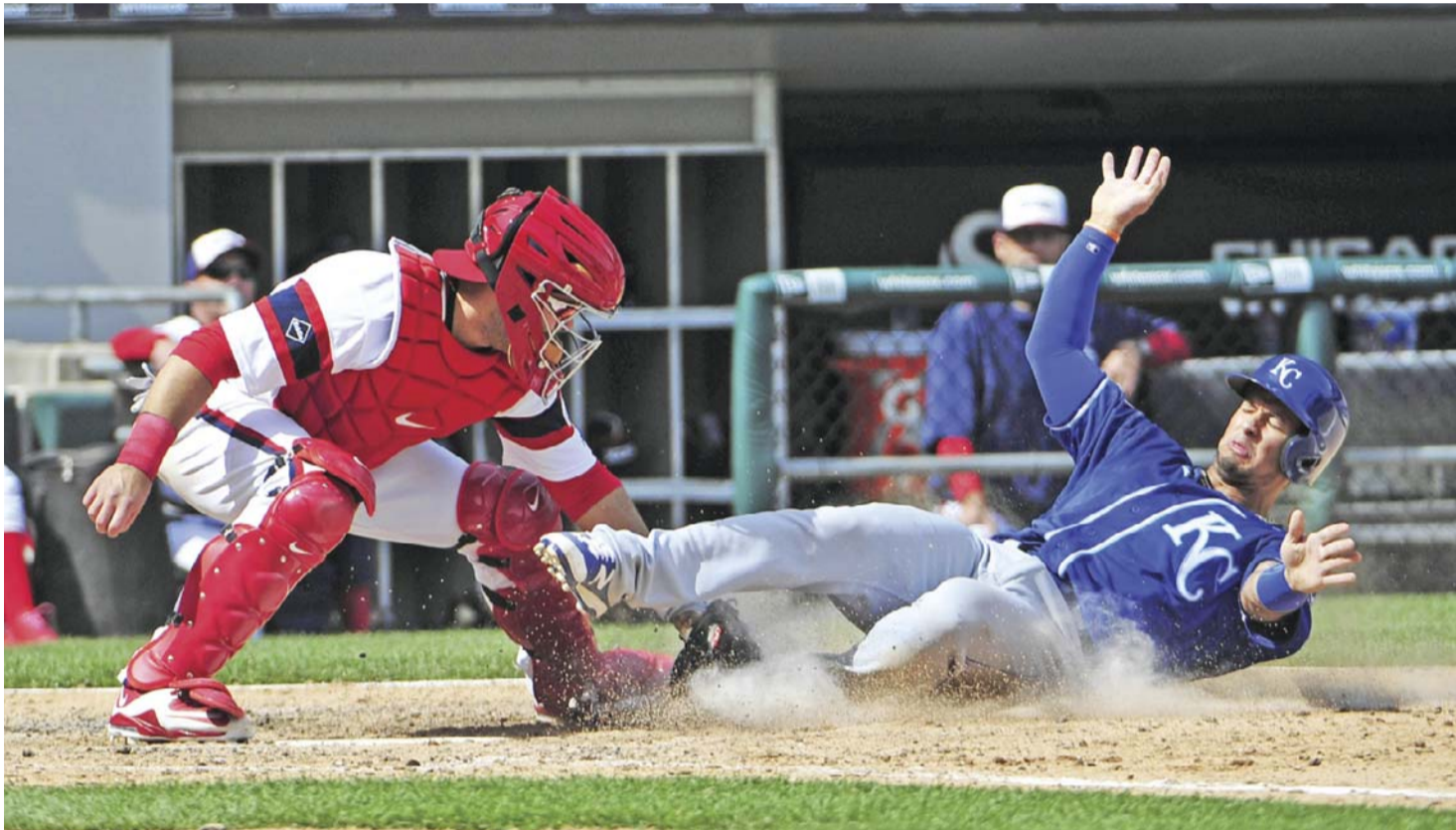
Michael Fulmer continued his impressive run when he pitched six effective innings and won his fifth straight start as Detroit defeated New York. Fulmer (7-1) ran his scoreless streak to 28 1/3 innings by holding the Yankees to two hits. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it is just shy of the Detroit rookie record set by John Hiller, who had 28 2/3 scoreless innings Aug. 10-29, 1967. The right-hander also has allowed one earned run in his last 34 1/3 innings, giving him an earned run average of 0.26 in his last five starts and lowering his overall earned run average from 6.52 to 2.52. He only allowed a leadoff single to Aaron Hicks and a bloop double to Austin Romine that started the fifth.

## BLUE JAYS 10, ORIOLES 9

Russell Martin hit a three-run homer, Kevin Pillar had a homer and two RBIs, Devon Travis had two RBIs and Toronto held on to defeat Baltimore. The Blue Jays won the final three games of the four-game series after the Orioles took the opener. Adam Jones hit two home runs and Pedro Alvarez, Chris Davis and Matt Wieters each homered once for the Orioles, who fell behind by six runs before cutting the lead to one.

## RAYS 5, ASTROS 0

Matt Moore recorded his best game of the season, holding Houston to two hits in seven innings, as Tampa Bay claimed a series victory. Moore (3-4) matched his season high with 10 strikeouts, equaled his longest outing and set a season low for hits and runs-this after getting only one win in his previous nine starts. The Rays took two of three games from the Astros, who saw Dallas Keuchel (3-9) pitch well until a rough fifth inning in which he gave up five runs. The Rays broke the game



**CHICAGO:** Alex Avila #31 of the Chicago White Sox tags out Cheslor Cuthbert #19 of the Kansas City Royals at home plate during the ninth inning on June 12, 2016 at US Cellular Field in Chicago, Illinois. The Royals won 3-1. — AFP

open with a five-run fifth inning, getting to Keuchel after four dominant innings.

## ATHLETICS 6, REDS 1

Marcus Semien and Jake Smolinski each a hit two-run homer to help Oakland avoid the sweep with a victory over Cincinnati in the finale of a three-game interleague series. Danny Valencia added a solo homer in the eighth, his 10th of the season, for the Athletics, who collected 15 hits to snap a seven-game losing streak. Fernando Rodriguez (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings to earn the victory.

## BREWERS 5, METS 3

Zach Davies won his fourth consecutive decision and struck out seven as Milwaukee salvaged a series split with a win over New York. Keon Broxton and Scooter Gennett had two hits each for the Brewers, who produced nine hits off Mets left-hander Steven Matz (7-3). Matz surrendered five runs while striking out five over six innings. Davies (5-3) came into his 11th start of the season riding high-since starting the season 0-3 with an 8.78 ERA, he had gone 4-0 with 2.91 mark in his last seven and carried a no-hitter into the seventh inning his last time out.

## TWINS 7, RED SOX 4

Max Kepler belted a three-run, walk-off home run in the 10th inning to lift Minnesota to victory over Boston at Target Field. Kepler hit an 0-2 fastball from Red Sox right-hander Matt Barnes over the center-field fence for his first career home run with runners at second and third and one out. Michael Tonkin (2-2) struck out two in one inning of scoreless relief to earn the win.

## DIAMONDBACKS 6, MARLINS 0

Rookie Peter O'Brien hit a three-run homer

to cap a four-run first inning, and Robbie Ray threw 7 2/3 scoreless innings in Arizona's victory over Miami. O'Brien hit his first homer of the season in his second start after being recalled Friday from Triple-A Reno, where he led all the affiliated minor leagues with 17 homers and 142 total bases while hitting .330. Ray (3-5) gave up three hits, all singles, and one walk while throwing a career-high 117 pitches. He struck out six and faced two batters over the minimum. Two of the hits were erased by double plays.

## ROCKIES 2, PADRES 1

Mark Reynolds hit a tiebreaking, solo home run in the seventh inning, leading Colorado to a win over San Diego. Reynolds drove the first pitch from Kevin Quackenbush (3-3) over the out-of-town scoreboard in right field to put the Rockies ahead 2-1. It was his fourth homer of the season. Colorado left-hander Tyler Anderson was extremely impressive in his major league debut. However, he was denied a win when Gonzalez Germen (2-0) relieved him in the top of the seventh and allowed an inherited runner to score the tying run. Anderson gave up six hits and one run in 6 1/3 innings with no walks and six strikeouts.

## NATIONALS 5, PHILLIES 4

Jayson Werth hit a two-run single with two outs in the bottom of the ninth as Washington rallied for a win over Philadelphia to sweep the three-game series.

Jonathan Papelbon (1-2) gave up a game-tying homer to Maikel Franco in the top of the ninth but emerged with the win. The Phillies tied the game at 3-3 in the sixth as Odubel Herrera had an RBI double and Freddy Galvis singled to drive in Herrera. Philadelphia's Cody Asche hit his first homer of the year, a solo shot in the fifth that cut the deficit to 3-1. Danny Espinosa gave Washington a 3-0 lead in the second with a solo homer.

## INDIANS 8, ANGELS 3

Carlos Santana hit two home runs and drove in three runs to lead Cleveland past Los Angeles. Santana hit a solo homer in the second inning and a two-run drive in the ninth to increase his total to 12 home runs. Francisco Lindor added three RBIs and three hits, including a solo home run.

Los Angeles center fielder Mike Trout left the game in the eighth inning when Tommy Hunter hit him with a pitch in the right hand. X-rays revealed no fracture, but Trout sustained a right thumb contusion during the Angels' eighth loss in 10 games.

## RANGERS 6, MARINERS 4

Cole Hamels threw seven strong innings, and Texas' offense came alive to take two of three in the series from Seattle. Mitch Moreland hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning and Ian Desmond added a two-run single in the sixth as the Rangers opened up a five-game lead atop the American League West. The last time Texas had a lead that wide in the division standings was in May 2013. Hamels (6-1) held Seattle to one run on four hits over seven innings. The Mariners rallied for three runs over the final two innings before the game ended with

# CANADA'S HENDERSON WINS WOMEN'S PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

**SAMMAMISH:** Brooke Henderson beat top-ranked Lydia Ko with a birdie on the first hole of a playoff Sunday in the KPMG Women's PGA Championship after overcoming a three-shot deficit on the back nine.

The 18-year-old Canadian, ranked No. 4 in the world, closed with a bogey-free 6-under 65 - the best round of the week at Sahalee - to match Ko at 6-under 278. Ko finished with a 67. In the playoff on the par-4 18th, Henderson hit her second shot from 155 yards to 3 feet, while Ko's second from farther back in the fairway left her with 20 feet. Ko missed to the left, and Henderson tapped in to cap a week that started with a hole-in-one on her fourth hole of the tournament and ended with a major championship.

In regulation, Henderson saved par on 18 with a 12-footer, moments before Ko missed a 4-foot birdie try on the par-3 17th. Henderson also made a long eagle putt on the par-5 11th and birdied the par-3 13th. She won last year in Portland, Oregon, for her first tour title.

Henderson became the second-youngest winner in a major championship, with Ko the youngest last year in the Evian Championship in France. Henderson also ended the 19-year-old Ko's bid for her third straight major victory.

Ariya Jutanugarn, in search of a fourth straight victory, shot a 66 to finish a stroke back. The 20-year Thai player missed a birdie putt on the 18th that could have put her into the playoff.

## FEDEX ST. JUDE CLASSIC

Daniel Berger won the FedEx St. Jude Classic for his first PGA Tour title, shooting a 3-under 67 to hold off Phil Mickelson, Steve Stricker and Brooks Koepka by three strokes. The 23-year-old Floridian had had never been in a final pairing until Sunday. When Mickelson, with his 42 career PGA Tour titles, closed within a stroke, Berger birdied three of his next four holes, highlighted by a 32-foot putt on the par-3 14th that pushed his lead to

Seattle's Robinson Cano getting thrown out at second base trying to stretch an RBI single into a double.

## CARDINALS 8, PIRATES 3

Matt Holliday and Randal Grichuk hit home runs in St. Louis' win for a sweep of a weekend series against Pittsburgh, who have lost five straight. Holliday went 3-for-4 with two RBIs before leaving in the seventh for a pinch runner. The Cardinals pounded out 14 hits, with eight starters getting at least one and six players driving in at least one run.

The sweep was the first for the Cardinals at PNC Park since August 2009. They finished a two-series road trip 5-1 and are a season-high seven games over .500. The five-game losing streak is the longest of the season for the Pirates, dropping them to just a game over .500.

## GIANTS 2, DODGERS 1

Fifteen-year veteran Jake Peavy outdueled 19-year-old Julio Urias in a battle of the ages, pitching San Francisco to a victory over rival Los Angeles in a nationally televised game. The first-place Giants won two of three in the weekend series to take a five-game lead over the second-place Dodgers in the National League West. Brandon Belt hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning to account for all of the scoring for the Giants, who recorded their fourth one-run win over the Dodgers this season. — Reuters

## CONSTELLATION SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Bernhard Langer won the Constellation Senior Players Championship for the third straight year, holing a 12-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a one-stroke victory at windy Philadelphia Cricket Club.

The 58-year-old German star won his seventh senior major title - his fifth in the last 11 majors - to tie Hale Irwin for second place on the career list, a victory behind Jack Nicklaus. Three strokes ahead at 2 under entering the round on the difficult Wissahickon Course, Langer closed with a 3-over 73 to finish at 1-over 281 - the highest winning score in the history of the event first played in 1983. Mark O'Meara had the previous record at 7 under in 2010 at TPC Potomac in Maryland.

Langer held off Miguel Angel Jimenez and Joe Durant, saving bogey with a 6-footer on the par-4 17th and getting his birdie putt to drop on the par-4 18th after it caught the edge and circled the cup. Jimenez and Durant each shot 68 for the low rounds of the day.

Langer won in 2014 at Fox Chapel in Pittsburgh and last year at Belmont in Massachusetts. Langer has three victories this year, also winning the Chubb Classic in Florida in February and the major Regions Tradition last month in Alabama. The two-time Masters champion is third on the tour victory list with 28, one behind Lee Trevino. Irwin is the leader with 45. — AP



**SAMMAMISH:** Brooke Henderson of Canada holds the winner's trophy after winning the final round of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship at Sahalee Country Club on Sunday in Sammamish, Washington. — AFP

## MLB results/standings

Toronto 10, Baltimore 9; Tampa Bay 5, Houston 0; Oakland 6, Cincinnati 1; Chicago Cubs 13, Atlanta 2; Detroit 4, NY Yankees 1; Minnesota 7, Boston 4 (10 innings); Kansas City 3, Chicago White Sox 1; Milwaukee 5, NY Mets 3; Cleveland 8, LA Angels 3; Washington 5, Philadelphia 4; Arizona 6, Miami 0; Colorado 2, San Diego 1; Texas 6, Seattle 4; St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 3; San Francisco 2, LA Dodgers 1.

American League Eastern Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Baltimore	36	26	.581	-
Boston	36	26	.581	-
Toronto	35	30	.538	2.5
NY Yankees	31	32	.492	5.5
Tampa Bay	29	32	.475	6.5
Central Division				
Cleveland	35	27	.565	-
Detroit	32	30	.516	3
Kansas City	32	30	.516	3
Chicago WSox	31	32	.492	4.5
Minnesota	19	43	.306	16
Western Division				
Texas	39	24	.619	-
Seattle	34	29	.540	5
Houston	30	35	.462	10
LA Angels	26	36	.429	12
Oakland	27	36	.419	12.5

National League Eastern Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Washington	39	24	.619	-
NY Mets	34	28	.548	4.5
Miami	32	31	.508	7
Philadelphia	29	34	.460	10
Atlanta	18	44	.290	20.5
Central Division				
Chicago Cubs	43	18	.705	-
St. Louis	35	28	.556	9
Pittsburgh	32	31	.508	12
Milwaukee	30	33	.476	14
Cincinnati	24	39	.381	20
Western Division				
San Francisco	38	26	.594	-
LA Dodgers	33	31	.516	5
Colorado	30	33	.476	7.5
Arizona	28	37	.431	10.5
San Diego	26	38	.406	12

## PENGUINS BEAT SHARKS 3-1 FOR FOURTH STANLEY CUP TITLE

**SAN JOSE:** A turnaround season for the Pittsburgh Penguins ended with Sidney Crosby once again holding the Stanley Cup. Crosby set up Kris Letang's go-ahead goal midway through the second period and the Pittsburgh Penguins won the fourth Stanley Cup in franchise history by beating the San Jose Sharks 3-1 in Game 6 of the final Sunday night.

"It wasn't easy getting here, especially the way things started out," Crosby said. "The first half wasn't easy and I think everyone just stuck together, kept going and found some momentum there in March and continued to keep it going."

Brian Dumoulin opened the scoring with a power-play goal and Patric Hornqvist added a late empty-netter. Matt Murray made 18 saves to give the Penguins a championship seven years to the day after they beat Detroit for their

third title. The game ended when Crosby cleared the puck the length of the ice with San Jose on the power play, setting off a wild celebration. All that was left was for Crosby to accept the Conn Smythe trophy as playoff MVP and then the Stanley Cup.

"We tried to keep fighting and slowly started to turn things around," he said. "Everyone has a part in this. It feels really good to win your last game of the season." Three nights after squandering a chance to become the first Pittsburgh team to win a title in front of the home fans in 56 years, the Penguins finished the job on the road just like they did in Minnesota (1991), Chicago (1992) and Detroit (2009) in past title runs.

The championship in Detroit was supposed to be the first of many for a team led by players like Crosby and Evgeni

Malkin. But a series of concussions that led Crosby to miss almost entire season and a half, and a run of early playoff exits that included twice blowing 3-1 series leads prevented a second celebration in the Crosby era until now.

This didn't seem like it would be a season to remember back in early December when the Penguins were the near the bottom of the standings in the Eastern Conference and coach Mike Johnston was fired. But led by coach Mike Sullivan, the Penguins recovered to make the playoffs as the second place team in the Metropolitan Division. Pittsburgh knocked off the New York Rangers in the first round, Presidents' Trophy-winning Washington in round two and then rallied from a 3-2 series deficit to beat Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference final. The Penguins were in control for

almost the entire Cup final.

They did not trail until Game 5 at home and responded to a strong push from San Jose in the clincher to avoid a decisive seventh game. Pittsburgh held San Jose to just one shot on goal in the first 19 minutes of the third period to preserve the one-goal lead. The Penguins sealed it when Crosby blocked a shot from Marc-Edouard Vlasic that set Hornqvist's empty-netter.

Pittsburgh owner Mario Lemieux pointed to general manager Jim Rutherford and a series of moves made during the season - including acquiring Phil Kessel from Toronto - as the reason the Penguins won it all.

"It's been an incredible year," Lemieux said. "We a rough start the first couple months of the season, then we made some changes. ... It's hard to win this Cup.

We're going to enjoy it for a while." Logan Couture scored the lone goal for the Sharks, whose first trip to the final in their 25-year history ended two wins short of a title. Martin Jones made 24 saves and was San Jose's best player for the series.

While the season ended in disappointment, it also was a bit of a breakthrough for Joe Thornton, Patrick Marleau and the rest of a franchise that had been known for playoff collapses, most notably in 2014 when the Sharks blew a 3-0 series lead in the first round to Los Angeles.

There was an electric atmosphere before the final home game of the season in San Jose with fans starting their "Let's Go Sharks!" chants well before the opening puck drop and an elaborate pregame light and video show firing up the fans. — AP

## CHAHAL PUTS ZIMBABWE INTO SPIN AS INDIA CLAIM SERIES

**HARARE:** A second-string India side humbled a full-strength Zimbabwe for the second time in three days to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the one-day international series at Harare Sports Club yesterday.

After losing the toss on an overcast morning, Zimbabwe made a promising start thanks to Vusi Sibanda's half-century before collapsing to 126 all out in 34.3 overs. India made light work of that total on a good pitch, with Karun Nair scoring 39 and Ambati Rayudu finishing unbeaten on 41 to take the tourists home inside 27 overs.

The hosts were on track to eclipse the 168 all out that they managed in a nine-wicket loss in Saturday's series opener, as Sibanda's fluid 53 carried them to 106 for three at the midway point of their innings.

But legspinner Yuzvendra Chahal picked up three wickets in nine deliveries and Zimbabwe lost six wickets for the addition of just 20 runs.

"I almost hanged myself," Zimbabwe interim coach Makhyta Ntini said. "If there was a tomato tree outside I would have hanged myself in that tomato tree."

"It's no good. We have experienced players with us who can easily read the game. We were in the perfect position."

Zimbabwe's cause was not helped by the fact that Sean Williams, who was draft-

ed in as a replacement for the injured Craig Ervine, took a blow to the finger during the warm-ups and was unable to bat.

Chahal finished with figures of 3 for 25, while seamers Barinder Sran and Dhawal Kulkarni picked up a couple of wickets apiece.

India had no trouble knocking off such a flimsy target, with Nair putting on an opening stand of 58 with KL Rahul, who followed up the century he scored on Saturday with 33.

Nair and Rayudu then added 67 for the second wicket to take India to the brink of victory, before Manish Pandey sealed the deal. Zimbabwe's feeble performance led the few supporters in the ground to stage something of a protest against their players, as they held up banners and whistled during the early stages of India's chase.

One of the placards read: "We cannot support disaster, calamity and quagmire of epic proportions." "I heard some of the words that came out and they're obviously not nice. We're representing our country and they're as disappointed as we are," Sibanda said afterwards.

"We want them to stand by us when things aren't going well so we can pull in the same direction, because otherwise we can't achieve anything." —AFP



**FOXBORO:** Gil #4 of Brazil collides with Jose Paolo Guerrero #9 of Peru in the first half during the 2016 Copa America Centenario Group B match against Brazil at Gillette Stadium on Sunday in Foxboro, Massachusetts. — AFP

## PERU GOAL KNOCKS BRAZIL OUT OF COPA

**FOXBOROUGH:** Substitute Raul Ruidiaz's hotly disputed goal earned Peru a shock 1-0 win over Brazil in Foxborough, Massachusetts on Sunday, the defeat knocking the five-times world champions out the Copa America at the group stage.

The Peruvian forward appeared to use his hand to score from close range with 16 minutes remaining and after a long delay while the referee consulted with his assistant while taking advice through an earpiece, he allowed the goal to stand. Television pictures showed Ruidiaz grinning after the goal had been awarded but the Brazilian players were apoplectic with rage at a decision that sent them tumbling out of the tournament before the knockout stages for the first time since 1987.

"We saw that the ball hit his hand but you can't complain," Brazil centre half Miranda told reporters. "(The referee) said he discussed it with four officials and that they didn't see the hand-ball." Brazil tried from the first minute to score but the ball didn't want to go in unfortunately, and that's football. If you don't score you pay for it."

The result lifted Peru to the top of Group B

and eliminated Brazil, who dropped down to third place behind Ecuador in the tournament being played in the United States to celebrate the centenary of governing body CONMEBOL and the Copa America.

Following the conclusion of the first two groups in the 16-team competition, Peru will play Colombia in the quarter-finals in New Jersey on Friday, while the host nation will take on Ecuador in Seattle a day earlier.

Mexico, Venezuela and Argentina have already qualified from the other two groups with a match to play with either Chile or Panama joining them in the quarter-finals pending the result of their showdown on Tuesday.

### MISSED OPPORTUNITY

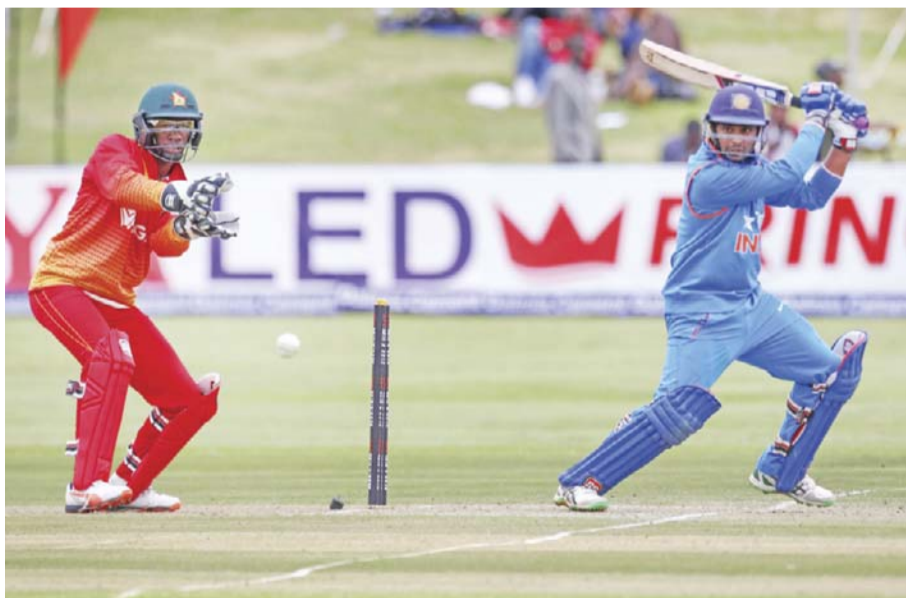
The loss was a harsh one for Brazil, who knew a draw would have been enough to see them advance and were generally the better team without ever really threatening the Peruvian goal. Peru upped the tempo after a lacklustre first half and the controversial decider came after 74 minutes when Andy Polo whipped in a

low cross that fell just behind the onrushing Ruidiaz inside the six-yard box.

The Universitario player appeared to handle the ball into the net to the immediate anger of the Brazilian players, who surrounded the Uruguayan referee along with several Peruvians before the official opted to give the goal after a long delay. Elias then missed a golden opportunity to equalise for Brazil in injury time but he failed to connect properly with only the goal-keeper to beat. The result came just hours after Ecuador hammered a hapless Haiti 4-0 to guarantee their quarter-final berth.

Enner Valencia opened the scoring after 10 minutes and Jaime Ayovi doubled Ecuador's advantage nine minutes later after a swift counter-attack. Christian Noboa made it 3-0 with a well-placed shot after 56 minutes before Antonio Valencia tapped home the fourth after another break on 77 minutes.

The result left Haiti, who were competing in the competition for the first time, bottom of the group on no points and a goal difference of minus 11. — Reuters



**HARARE:** India's batsman Ambati Rayudu hits a shot as wicket keeper Richmond Mutumbami looks on during the second cricket match between India and hosts Zimbabwe in a series of 3 ODI games at Harare Sports Club yesterday. — AFP

## MURRAY WARMS UP FOR QUEEN'S TITLE WITH BECKHAM'S SON

**LONDON:** Andy Murray warmed up for the start of his Queen's Club title defence with an unlikely practice partner as he took to the court with David Beckham's son Romeo.

Murray arrived at Queen's Club in west London over the weekend and the world number two found time to hit a few balls with Beckham's offspring before getting down to the serious business of preparation for the grass-court campaign.

Former Manchester United and England star Beckham is a friend of Murray's and has watched him play at Wimbledon on several occasions, so the Scot had no problem taking a break for a friendly session with 13-year-old Romeo. "I knew Andy was down here because I spoke to him earlier. But we were just coming down to see if there was any practice going on before the tournament starts. It was something that was a big plus for Romeo," Beckham said on the Aegon Championships podcast.

"Romeo's a member here now. So we came down to see a few of the guys practising and obviously it's great for him.

"He was playing against me this morning! So it's tougher now against Andy!" With Murray bidding for a record fifth Queen's Club crown this week ahead of the start of Wimbledon, the two-time Grand Slam winner, who has rehired Ivan Lendl as a member of his coaching staff, will be firmly in the spotlight over the next month.

### ROLE MODEL

And Beckham believes there is no better role model for his tennis-mad son and any other youngster dreaming of a sporting career. "He (Romeo) retired at the old age of 13 from football and now he's happy hitting a ball around on the tennis court, he plays four or five times a week and he enjoys himself," Beckham said.

"When you look at role models, you want them to be passionate about the sport, passionate about what they do, to play hard all the time, and Andy's one of those players." "It's great for any young kid to have great role models in sport and Andy's definitely one of those for many kids around the world." — AFP

## S LANKA LOSE SILVA AS RAIN SETS UP MARATHON FINALE

**LONDON:** Sri Lanka lost Kaushal Silva as rain set up a lengthy 47-over final session on the fifth and last day of the third Test against England at Lord's yesterday.

Only 22 balls were possible between lunch and tea after rain washed out Monday's first session, with England 2-0 up in the three-match series. Sri Lanka resumed on 32 without loss in pursuit of a challenging victory total of 362.

Dimuth Karunaratne was 19 not out and Silva unbeaten on 12. In overcast conditions, staying at the crease against the England new-ball duo of Stuart Broad and James Anderson was going to be a tough task for Sri Lanka's opening pair, let alone reaching a target that would set a new record for the highest fourth-innings total to win a Test at Lord's, surpassing the West Indies' 344 for one against England in 1984. Monday's first over saw Silva edge Broad just short of England captain Alastair Cook at first slip.

But Anderson, England's all-time leading Test-wicket taker, struck in the fourth over when Silva (16), padding out after failing to pick an inswinger going against the Lord's slope, was lbw.

Silva reviewed but to no avail, with Sri Lanka 45 for one. No sooner had Silva been dismissed than the umpires took the players off the field after just 18 minutes' play, with left-hander Karunaratne 27 not out.

England's first innings 416 was built around Yorkshire wicket-keeper Jonny Bairstow's Test-best 167 not out and 85 from Cook. Sri Lanka could only manage 288 in reply, despite fifties from Karunaratne and Silva, with all-rounder Chris Woakes taking three for 31. England's second innings 233 for seven declared saw Alex Hales again fall short of a maiden Test century with 94 — his third fifty of a series where the Nottinghamshire opener had twice been dismissed in the 80s. But there was controversy when Hales, then on 58, was bowled by Nuwan Pradeep on Sunday only to be spared by, as it turned out, an incorrectly called front-foot no-ball from Australian umpire Rod Tucker.

The Sri Lanka flag was draped over the tourists' dressing-room balcony for some 45 minutes in protest at Tucker's decision which, under current regulations, could not be overturned. — AFP



**LONDON:** Sri Lanka's Kaushal Silva is trapped lbw by James Anderson (not pictured) during play on the fifth day of the third test cricket match between England and Sri Lanka at Lord's cricket ground in London, yesterday. — AFP



# FOOTBALL FANS TRIED IN FRANCE, RUSSIAN HOOLIGANS ‘EVADE ARREST’

## FAN FERVOR



**MARSEILLE:** Ten men will be tried in France yesterday over the violence between English and Russian football fans in Marseille, but prosecutors said 150 “extremely well-trained” Russian hooligans had evaded arrest.

England captain Wayne Rooney and manager Roy Hodgson made a public appeal to England fans to behave after UEFA threatened the team with disqualification. A Northern Ireland fan meanwhile became the first fatality at Euro 2016 after plunging over a guard rail into the sea to his death, police said. Six Britons, one Austrian and three French will be in court in the southern French city after Saturday’s clashes, the worst violence at an international tournament since the 1998 World Cup. An England supporter who was seriously injured in pitched battles on Saturday remains in a “critical but stable” condition in hospital, prosecutor Brice Robin told a press conference.

The attackers have not been identified, but Robin said 150 “extremely well-trained” Russian troublemakers had taken part in the Marseille unrest. They were “prepared for hyper-fast and hyper-violent acts”, Brice said and they slipped through police surveillance.

The head of Britain’s Euro 2016 policing operation has said the Russians in Marseille were wearing gum shields, martial arts gloves and carrying knives. Assistant chief constable Mark Roberts told the Guardian newspaper that while “a small minority” of England fans were out to cause trouble at the match, there were hundreds of “Russian troublemakers”. Tensions came to a head inside the Stade Velodrome after Saturday’s 1-1 England-Russia draw.

Russian fans charged into a section of the stadium occupied by English supporters and began throwing punches, sending spectators including women and children fleeing.

### MORE CLASHES FEARED

UEFA has warned Russia and England that they could be kicked out of the tournament if their supporters cause more violence. It also told the two countries to appeal to their supporters to behave.

In response, England’s Rooney and Hodgson made a video plea for the country’s fans to avoid further violence. “I’m appealing to you to stay out of trouble,” Hodgson said. “We really desperately want to stay in the competition.”

Rooney told fans: “Be safe, be sensible and continue with your great support for the players.” The British government said it was “deeply concerned” by the Marseille violence and offered to send more police to France.

UEFA admitted there were stadium security flaws and the fans were not properly segregated. They said changes would be made. The French cities of Lyon, which hosts its first match on Monday when Belgium face Italy, and Toulouse announced bans on alcohol sales to football fans on the days of Euro 2016 matches.

The French government has given regional police chiefs powers to ban alcohol sales and consumption from the day before matches near the 10 stadiums and fan zones being used for the month-long, 24-nation tournament.

The Northern Ireland who died became the first fatality at Euro 2016 after plunging to his death from a guard rail

overlooking the sea in the French city of Nice, police said. The young fan, who was in his twenties, fell about eight metres (25 feet) from a rampart on the Promenade des Anglais seafront at about 2.00am, police said.

The government said Sunday that 116 people had been arrested over football violence since the start of the tournament and 63 taken into custody.

Three people had been expelled from France and five others designated as a threat to public order and banned from entering the country, the interior ministry said. There were new incidents Sunday, as German football fans fought Ukrainian supporters ahead of their Group C game in Lille.

More than 50 known German hooligans were involved in the clashes, according to a German police source quoted by the SID sports news agency.

And in Paris about 50 French youths dressed in black taunted Croatian supporters, with the two sides throwing missiles and fireworks at each other before police moved in.

### RED ALERT

There are concerns that Russian and English fans could clash again this week in the northern city of Lille. Russia’s next game is in Lille on Wednesday against Slovakia, while England play Wales in nearby Lens on Thursday. Russian Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko said his country’s fans “behaved improperly” and predicted UEFA would impose a fine this week. He laid the blame on match organisers for failing to separate supporters. — AFP



**SAINT-ETIENNE:** Portugal’s forward Cristiano Ronaldo takes part in a training session at the Geoffroy-Guichard Stadium in Saint-Etienne, central-eastern France, yesterday, on the eve of their Euro 2016 football tournament match against Iceland. — AFP

## MINNOWS ICELAND OUT TO SHOCK RONALDO’S PORTUGAL

**SAINT-TIENNE:** Cristiano Ronaldo-led Portugal open their Euro 2016 campaign today eager to avoid slipping-up against minnows Iceland and aiming to emulate their run to the European Championship semi-finals four years ago.

Portugal lost to eventual winners Spain on penalties in the semi-finals of Euro 2012 and have arrived in France determined to win Group F and book their place in the knock-out stages.

First they must negotiate their way past surprise-package Iceland, who beat the Netherlands home and away in qualifying as the Dutch failed to reach Euro 2016. The tiny North Atlantic island nation of 330,000 people is making their debut at a major tournament and is the smallest country by population ever to feature at a European Championship.

Former Chelsea and Barcelona forward Eidur Gudjohnsen, 37, has come out of retirement to be part of the Icelandic squad.

Now playing his trade in Norway with Molde, the veteran said it will be a “dream come true” when Iceland face Portugal, who trounced Estonia 7-0 in a warm-up game last Wednesday.

Ronaldo netted twice before coming off at half-time and Iceland’s Swedish co-manager Lars

Lagerback said his side must ensure a quiet night for Real Madrid’s superstar forward.

### BACK FROM HOLIDAY

“I saw him play for 45 minutes against Estonia. I’m not sure he was really on holiday before but he recharged his batteries, both physically and mentally,” said Lagerback.

“You can expect the best from him-but not against us.” Portugal won their qualifying group by bouncing back from a shock 1-0 defeat to Albania in their opening game to win all of their remaining matches and top their group. Now winger Vieriinha says the star-studded Portugal squad need to again show what they can do on the European stage.

“Everyone knows our objective is to win Euro 2016, but we have to go step by step,” said Wolfsburg’s Vieriinha. “The players know what they have to do: beat Iceland, then Austria, then Hungary. We know our qualities and we have to show this on the pitch.”

The 30-year-old says Portugal must justify their tag as group favourites. “We played very well in the build-up and we know that people consider us the favourites in the group, but we have to show that we are better than the other teams,” he said. First up,

Portugal needs to subdue a resilient Iceland in Saint Etienne. The current team’s rise is the result of an ambitious plan, which Iceland’s football association (KSI) started 15 years ago, to build over 150 small artificial indoor arenas on the island.

It ensured football could be played without interruption through the long Icelandic winter and saw the junior side dubbed the ‘indoor kids’ in qualifying for the 2011 European U-21 finals.

The Icelandic team has a strong team spirit. “The main key is the mentality of the Icelandic players,” said FC Basel midfielder Birkir Bjarnason.

“We are hard working, we don’t give up. “Many of us have been together for ten years, started together in the U-17s.” Iceland warmed up for the Euro with a 4-0 trouncing of minnows Lichtenstein last Monday.

Real Sociedad striker Alfred Finnbogason is coming off the back of a successful loan spell at Augsburg where he scored seven goals in 14 German league games. And Iceland’s captain and midfield general, Cardiff City’s Aron Gunnarsson, is raring to go.

“I’ve done some extra work, which was something I was lacking in our warm up games, but my form is in a good place and I’m just looking forward to the game,” said the 27-year-old. — AFP

## KANE MUST IMPROVE OR FACE BEING DROPPED: SHEARER

**LONDON:** Harry Kane’s performance against Russia was not good enough and he could have no complaints if Jamie Vardy replaced him for England’s Group B clash with Wales in Lens on Thursday, former England striker Alan Shearer said.

The Tottenham Hotspur striker, the Premier League’s leading scorer last season, failed to shine in England’s opening match and, according to Shearer, lacked energy. Leicester City’s title-winning striker Vardy had to kick his heels on the bench in Marseille where England were held 1-1. “(England coach) Roy Hodgson would be within his rights to tell Harry Kane that his performance in Saturday’s draw against Russia was not good enough and he has to improve or he will change things up front-and rightly so,” Shearer told the BBC.

“I am a huge fan of Kane, and he has had another fantastic season for Tottenham, but he looked very leggy and tired against Russia on Saturday.” Shearer still expects Kane to lead England’s line against Wales, but says he needs to step up.

“I would not alter anything about England’s starting XI or the system they played in Marseille for their next

game against Wales,” he said. “I would tell Kane-and also Raheem Sterling, whose final ball was yet again very poor-that, although I am going to stick with you, if you do not do better then I will make those changes during the Wales game. It is up to them to respond.”

Kane played as the central prong in a three-man attack against Russia with Adam Lallana impressive on the right and Sterling less so on the left despite plenty of the ball. Kane only touched the ball once in Russia’s penalty area.

“Just because you have one bad game does not mean you are a bad player and Kane will be looking to Hodgson to give him another opportunity,” Shearer said. “But Hodgson has a lot of other strong options, particularly in the centre-forward positions.” Shearer said he had been impressed with England’s midfield in which captain Wayne Rooney often dropped deep to allow Dele Alli the license to roam forward but still could have scored a couple of goals. “He played the new position very well and combined well with Eric Dier and Dele Alli too,” Shearer said. “Dier sat in but Rooney and Alli had to decide when to stay and go forward-and they got it right.” — Reuters



**TOULOUSE:** A Czech Republic supporter wearing a rain poncho looks on ahead of the Euro 2016 group D football match between Spain and Czech Republic at the Stadium Municipal in Toulouse yesterday. — AFP

# GERMANY SWOONS FOR COMEBACK KING SCHWEINSTEIGER

## FAN FERVOR



**LYON:** Both the German press and Germany's Euro 2016 squad poured praise on 'bloody-fighter and come-back king' Bastian Schweinsteiger yesterday following his goalscoring heroics off the bench against Ukraine.

Despite having previously played just 245 minutes of football in 2016 due to a torn knee ligament in March, Germany's captain dismissed any doubts about his fitness with an electric goal. After Shkodran Mustafi's header gave Germany an early lead, Schweinsteiger scored his first international goal for nearly five years to seal a 2-0 win in their Group C opener on Sunday.

"This goal delights the whole of Germany!", wrote German daily Bild as Joachim 'Jogi' Loew's world champions got off to a winning start. "Everyone enjoys his success and is pleased for him, especially Jogi's boys!"

Schweinsteiger scored in the 92nd minute with just his third touch of the ball having been on the pitch for just two minutes. The 31-year-old's brief cameo made German football history as his 14th appearance at European championships

finals overtook Philipp Lahm's previous record.

The Manchester United star later admitted he was out of breath from his long sprint towards the German bench to celebrate the goal with his team-mates. "It's unbelievable, that something like that happened, you can only dream about it," he told reporters.

"I only had around 300 playing minutes under my belt this year, and then that happens..." "I still haven't got the strength for 90 or 120 minutes. I'm okay for a half, but I feel really good." German fans are particularly delighted to have their skipper back after Schweinsteiger was left bloodied by a battling display in the 2014 World Cup final to help win the Brazil 2014 title.

"Bloody fighter and comeback king! Why we're all behind 'Schwein' now," screamed the Bild headline.

There was also plenty of praise from his teammates. "It's super. Crazy. What a story! I'm delighted for him," said forward Thomas Mueller. Goalkeeper Manuel Neuer said he hopes Schweinsteiger can make a full return to the white

shirt soon. "I hope that he can play from the start as soon as possible and show what a class player he is," said Germany's stand-in captain. "Everyone knows his qualities, he brings order to our game." Loew was also delighted for his captain: "I think the goal gives Bastian personally, and all of us, a boost". This is not the first time Schweinsteiger has excelled in the comeback role at a major tournament.

He only made his first appearance four years ago in Brazil off the bench late in Germany's second group game, a 2-2 draw with Ghana, after an ankle injury hampered his World Cup preparations.

It remains to be seen whether the Man Utd star will start Germany's next crunch game against neighbours Poland at the Stade de France today.

But Germany's midfield general is back. "Too old! Too heavy! Too slow! You've exceeded yourself!" wrote his older brother Tobias Schweinsteiger, a former pro footballer and now Under-17 coach at Bayern Munich, on Twitter. "Never write B. Schweinsteiger off. Congratulations, brother!" — AFP



VILLENEUVE-D'ASCO: Germany's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer (C) catches the ball during the Euro 2016 group C football match between Germany and Ukraine at the Stade Pierre Mauroy in Villeneuve-d'Ascq near Lille on Sunday. — AFP

# MUSTAFI HELPS GERMANY TO NERVY WIN OVER UKRAINE

**LILLE:** Stand-in centre back Shkodran Mustafi headed his first goal for Germany and Bastian Schweinsteiger scored in stoppage time as the world champions survived several scares to beat Ukraine 2-0 in their opening Euro 2016 Group C match on Sunday.

Mustafi, who started in the absence of regular centre back Mats Hummels, rifled home a header after 19 minutes to give Germany the lead, which was not extended until Schweinsteiger, a 90th-minute substitute, swept home from close range. Germany, bidding for a fourth Euro triumph but first since 1996, dominated possession, but also relied on three top saves from keeper Manuel Neuer and a goal-line clearance by Jerome Boateng to come out on top.

Ukraine, playing in their second European championship, harried and hustled their opponents and their tight defence offered few clear sights of goal to the Germans. Yet lone striker Roman Zozulya was unable to offer much threat, except at the very start and in the closing stages as Ukraine pushed on in search of an

equaliser. In a breakneck first half, Ukraine's Yevhen Konoplyanka forced Germany keeper Neuer to make a flying save in the fourth minute before the Germans steadily took control, with Toni Kroos orchestrating most of their attacks.

It was from his free kick, that Mustafi, who last featured for Germany in March and only made the side because Hummels was recovering from a muscle injury, leapt behind Serhiy Sydorchuk to power in a header.

Ten minutes later Sami Khedira had the chance to double Germany's lead as Kroos floated a ball beyond the defence, but he shot straight at the keeper.

By then though, the Ukrainians had woken up and, driving their full backs higher up the pitch, forced Neuer to punch over a strong header from Yevhen Khacheridi. Boateng was then forced into a dramatic clearance, having first lost the ball before hacking it clear while backpedalling into the net. Lone striker Zozulya also had an effort disallowed for offside as Germany hung on until halftime. Ukraine posed less of a threat in the second half,

relying on hopeful long balls forward, while their keeper Andriy Pyatov was forced into action to save a long-range effort from Khedira, a low drive from Thomas Mueller and from Mesut Ozil, when he was through on goal. Germany suffered one final fright when Mustafi headed back over Neuer's head, leaving the goalkeeper to scramble back towards his own net, while appearing to body check substitute striker Yevhen Seleznyov in the process. Then, in the final seconds, with Ukraine pushing up, Germany countered and Schweinsteiger slammed in an Ozil cross to score. The result extended Germany's unbeaten run against Ukraine to six matches and maintained their record of never having lost their opening match in a European Championship. Germany will play joint group leaders Poland at the Stade de France on Thursday, when Ukraine take on Northern Ireland in Lyon.

Several hours before the match, German and Ukrainian supporters scuffled briefly in the centre of Lille, though police quickly brought the situation under control. — Reuters

## BALE COMMENTS 'DISRESPECTFUL'

**CHANTILLY:** England manager Roy Hodgson has branded Gareth Bale "disrespectful" after the Wales star said his country showed more "passion and pride" than their neighbours and Euro 2016 rivals. England and Wales face off in Lens on Thursday, with Bale's team in the driving seat in Group B after they beat Slovakia 2-1 in their opening game and Hodgson's men could only draw 1-1 against Russia. Speaking before the Slovakia game, in which he netted a spectacular free-kick, Bale had said of England: "I think we've got a lot more passion and pride about us than them."

But in comments published by British media yesterday, Hodgson retorted: "Receiving disrespectful comments is part and parcel of being a footballer and a football coach. I don't ever comment on other people. I've been in the game sufficiently long to know every opponent has got an opinion. "The other day it was (Russia goalkeeper Igor) Akinfeev saying we were the worst seeded team and now it's Gareth Bale.

"They can have those opinions, but I don't have any doubts personally about our patriotism or desire and that's the important thing. "If he believes that that's the case, he's welcome to that opinion. But we know who we are, we know what we are. We don't have any doubts about ourselves in that respect."

Defeat by Wales would leave England in a perilous position, but Hodgson has backed his players to bounce back from the blow of conceding a stoppage-time equaliser against Russia in Marseille.

"It is a tight dressing room, a passionate dressing room," said the England manager, whose side are based in Chantilly outside Paris. "I would recommend anybody who does have any doubts about players in that respect to watch the game and come to me afterwards and show me where they've seen that lack of passion and lack of patriotism because I certainly didn't see it.

"We'll get over it, no question of that. We'll bounce back. My hope is and my dream is that we'll play as well in the next two matches and go on to do well in the tournament." — AFP



VILLENEUVE-D'ASCO: German supporters are pictured during the Euro 2016 group C football match between Germany and Ukraine at the Stade Pierre Mauroy in Villeneuve-d'Ascq near Lille on Sunday. — AFP

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SAINT-DENIS: Sweden's midfielder Emil Forsberg (R) and Ireland's midfielder Glenn Whelan (L) vie for the ball during the Euro 2016 group E football match between Ireland and Sweden at the Stade de France stadium in Saint-Denis yesterday. — AFP

## SWEDEN FIGHTBACK HOLDS IRELAND AFTER HOOLAHAN BEAUTY

**PARIS:** Wes Hoolahan's brilliant finish was not enough to give the Republic of Ireland a winning start to Euro 2016 as Ciaran Clark's own goal ensured a 1-1 draw with Sweden yesterday.

Hoolahan met Seamus Coleman's flighted ball with a controlled first-time strike three minutes into the second half at the Stade de France to give Ireland a lead they fully deserved. However, having been kept quiet for long spells by the Irish defence, Sweden captain Zlatan Ibrahimovic created the equaliser in the 71st minute when his cutback was turned into his own net by Aston Villa defender Clark.

It is a result that keeps both sides in the

running in Group E, which also contains Italy and much-fancied Belgium, but the Irish will be especially frustrated at leaving with only a point.

Ibrahimovic was attempting to become the first player to score in four separate European Championships, but the Sweden captain was a peripheral figure in a first period in which Ireland were the better team.

Martin O'Neill's men played with far greater intensity and were first to threaten from a Jeff Hendrick shot nine minutes in that was well struck but was turned around the post by Andreas Isaksson.

Then Clark headed on a left-wing corner and veteran captain John O'Shea, stretching

at the far post, was just unable to turn the ball in with the goalkeeper beaten.

**HENDRICK HITS BAR**

Robbie Brady, an attacking player at club level but deployed as a left-back for Ireland, crashed a rising right-foot shot inches over, and in the 32nd minute Hendrick played a one-two with Shane Long before curling an effort from 25 yards onto the bar.

Meanwhile, former Paris Saint-Germain star Ibrahimovic was unable to trouble Irish goalkeeper Darren Randolph from a long-range free-kick.

Sweden were dealt a blow right on half-time when right-back Mikael Lustig came off

with what appeared to be a groin injury.

Coach Erik Hamren was forced into a defensive reshuffle as substitute Erik Johansson came on in central defence and Victor Lindelof moved out to the right.

That defence was finally breached three minutes into the second period. Coleman did superbly on the right and lifted the ball towards the far post where Hoolahan, all alone, smashed home a delightful first-time shot beyond Isaksson.

The sea of Irish fans behind the goal, bedecked in green, erupted, but having created almost nothing themselves, Sweden were nearly level barely a minute later.

Clark turned a corner towards his own goal

but Randolph made a superb save, diving low to his right to scoop the ball away.

Ibrahimovic finally came to life on the hour, firing just wide with his back to goal following a Martin Olsson centre. He had a new partner in attack by that point, with John Guidetti having replaced Marcus Berg in a switch which proved pivotal as Sweden dug out the equaliser.

Guidetti's flick released Ibrahimovic, and his ball from the left was headed past Randolph by the unfortunate Clark.

Ibrahimovic then came within a whisker of converting a low driven cross by Olsson, but a point was the very least Ireland deserved as the match ended all square. — AFP

## PIQUE'S LATE HEADER GIVES SPAIN WIN OVER CZECHS

**TOULOUSE:** Reigning champions Spain left it late but Gerard Pique's 87th-minute header earned them a deserved 1-0 victory over a dogged Czech Republic in their Euro 2016 Group D opener yesterday.

Pique headed in Andres Iniesta's "incredible" cross to give Czech goalkeeper Petr Cech no chance after he had made several fine saves to put his side within sight of an unlikely draw.

Cech reacted well to deny Alvaro Morata and David Silva in the first half while Czech defender Roman Hubnik deflected Morata's shot against his own post. Spain were given a fright when a stretching Hubnik forced a save from David de Gea and Cesc Fabregas made a goalline clearance to keep out Theodor Gebre Selassie's header.

But Pique's late intervention ensured the champions began with a victory to join Croatia on three points, a result which delighted King Felipe VI who congratulated the players after the match.

"We struggled a bit during the first half and we'd already had a lot of chances," Pique told journalists. "In the second half, we were lucky to score," he added, before paying tribute to his brilliant team mate with the observation: "Iniesta's pass was incredible." Czech Republic started aggressively, but Cech was kept busy during the first half, setting the tone of the match with stops from Morata and Silva, who was making his 100th appearance.

Spain's rhythm improved as Czech intensity dipped, and while coach Pavel Vrba's ploy of employing two full backs on the right flank to deal with Jordi Alba was initially successful, the left back began to find space.

Both Alba and Silva forced stops from Cech, while Tomas Necid struck a shot at De Gea before half time.

"I think we played well," Pique continued. "We controlled the match but the ball just didn't want to go in." "We took the initiative throughout the match,"



**TOULOUSE:** Spain's Aritz Aduriz heads the ball during the Euro 2016 Group D soccer match between Spain and the Czech Republic at the Stadium municipal in Toulouse, France, yesterday. —AP

added Spain coach Vicente del Bosque. "We dominated." The Czechs swapped their aggressive approach for more disciplined containment after the break, although Morata's cross forced Hubnik into a deflected error which beat Cech but bounced back off the post.

Vrba's side also served warning that they were capable of extending their opponents' miserable run of failing to win any of their opening tournament matches since 2008 with Hubnik and Gebre Selassie going close. Ladislav Krejci was on hand to make a superb last-ditch tackle on substitute Thiago Alcantara as a Czech defence that conceded 14 during the qualifiers kept Spain's wealth of attacking talent at bay.

Del Bosque introduced Aritz Aduriz for Morata, but it was an unlikely candidate, Pique, who ultimately secured the winning start for the champions. — Reuters

## THIEM WINS STUTTGART

**STUTTGART:** Austrian Dominic Thiem won the ATP event in Stuttgart yesterday after rain caused the grasscourt final against German Philipp Kohlschreiber to be held over.

Kohlschreiber had been leading Thiem 3-2 in a first-set tiebreaker on Sunday when play was halted for the day. But the Austrian world number seven upped his game Monday, eventually running out a 6-7 (2/7), 6-4, 6-4 winner with the contest played on a side court in front of a small crowd of 1,000 due to water damage on the Centre Court grass.

"I've never been so relieved," said Thiem after claiming his fourth title of a breakthrough season. "This is by far my most special trophy." Every title is wonderful, the only thing comparable would be winning Kitzbuehel at home," said the seventh-ranked Austrian.

"I came here almost expecting to lose in the first round. Then I reached the semi-finals, the final and now the title. I couldn't have expected this in my wildest dreams." Thiem, who moved into the ATP top 10 last week after a French Open semi-final performance, had already claimed titles in 2016 at Buenos Aires, Acapulco and Nice. The 22-year-old, who saved two match points as he knocked out Roger Federer in the semi-finals, was successful in his bid to become the first man this season to claim trophies on three different surfaces-clay, hardcourt and now grass.

"It's sad to lose the final, but I think it was a very good final," said Kohlschreiber, winner of five of his seven titles at German home events.

"It was a tough situation, because of the rain, but overall it was a great finish for



**STUTTGART:** Austria's Dominic Thiem holds the trophy during the victory ceremony after winning the ATP Mercedes Cup tennis tournament in Stuttgart, southwestern Germany, yesterday. — AFP

the tournament and for Dominic.

"Everyone hates to wait, it's the worst thing that can happen to you. But it didn't seem to bother Dominic. "We had an intense mental battle; the difference was that he played better on the big points. "I'm happy with the performance, the loss is a little bit annoying, but I'm happy with the week. I'm now looking forward to playing another tournament in Germany (Halle)." — AFP

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OPEC SEES OIL GLUT SHRINKING IN H2



BEIJING: In this photo taken on June 8, 2016, a model poses during a photo shoot in front of a shopping mall. — AFP

CHINA INVESTMENT GROWTH SLOWS

WORRYING TREND DESPITE OTHER SIGNS OF ECONOMIC STABILIZATION

**BEIJING:** Growth in China's fixed-asset investment slipped below 10 percent for the first time since 2000 in January-May as a boost from record credit growth seemed to be already fading, putting expectations of further stimulus back on the table. The government has taken a more cautious stance on stimulus since commentary in official media last month warned of the risks of growing debt, but analysts said signs of weakness in the latest monthly data may spur policymakers into taking additional steps to support the economy.

"I see rising odds of a cut in RRR (banks' reserve requirements) or even a policy rate cut, before the end of the second quarter," Zhou Hao, senior Asia emerging market economist at Commerzbank said in a note after May activity data yesterday. With the economy not yet on solid footing, other analysts agreed that more stimulus is likely in coming months. "The government will

likely launch more fiscal policies such as faster approval of infrastructure projects as downside risk to growth heightens," said Raymond Yeung of ANZ in a note.

A major worry for the authorities is the continued decline in fixed-asset investment by private companies. Overall fixed-asset investment growth fell to 9.6 percent in January-May from a year earlier, missing market expectations of 10.5 percent, which would have been unchanged from Jan-April. Investment by private firms slowed to a record low, with growth cooling to 3.9 percent from 5.2 percent in Jan-April and double-digits last year. Private investment so far this year has been the slowest since China began publishing the data in 2012.

China needs to open up its state sector further in order to arrest the steep slowdown in private investment, statistics department spokesman Sheng Laiyun told

a news conference, adding that falling prices and industrial overcapacity have impacted private investment. Foreign direct investment in China, meanwhile, declined 1 percent year-on-year in May, the first decline since December, the commerce ministry said on Sunday.

Other data yesterday were more mixed, suggesting the economy may be bottoming out and less at risk of a hard landing but is still struggling to regain traction. Factory output grew 6 percent in May from a year earlier, the same as in April and marginally better than expected. Analysts believe industrial output has been supported by a government infrastructure spending spree and a further recovery in the property market.

Investment in real estate in May also posted its first year-on-year slowdown in growth since December, though property sales by area surged more than 32 percent.

Despite a jump in car sales, consumption softened slightly. Retail sales growth, which captures both private and government purchasing, slowed to 10.0 percent on-year. Analysts had forecast it would be unchanged from April at 10.1 percent.

Trade data last week showed a further drop in exports but the smallest decline in imports in more than a year, suggesting domestic demand was picking up. Consumer inflation cooled, but production price deflation eased markedly, reducing some of the strains on Chinese companies which are battling shrinking profit margins. Government pledges to cut excess industrial capacity and restructure bloated state-owned enterprises are a major wild card, posing risks to near-term growth and the financial system. But most economists expect Beijing to move slowly, fearing social instability if millions are suddenly thrown out of work. — Reuters

SHARES IN G4S  
PLUNGE AFTER  
US MASSACRE

**LONDON:** Shares in British private security giant G4S plunged on the London stock market yesterday after it emerged that Omar Mateen, the gunman behind the massacre in a Florida gay nightclub, was one of its employees. The share price was down 5.71 percent at 176.70 pence at around 1000 GMT and the company published a statement on the London Stock Exchange website reiterating details about Mateen's employment.

"Mateen was subject to detailed company screening when he was recruited in 2007," the group said in a statement to the London Stock Exchange. Mateen was "re-screened in 2013 with no adverse findings. He was also subject to checks by a US law enforcement agency with no findings reported to G4S," the statement said. That followed an FBI statement on Sunday saying it had interviewed Mateen three times in 2013 and 2014.

"G4S is deeply shocked by the tragic events in Orlando this weekend and the thoughts of everyone at G4S are with the victims and their families," the statement said, adding that he was employed by the company at a residential community in south Florida. "G4S is providing its full support to all law enforcement authorities in the USA as they conduct their investigations," the company said.

G4S employs 623,000 people worldwide and defines itself as "the largest security solutions provider in the world", according to the company website. Around 23 percent of its workforce is in Britain and Ireland and 20 percent in North America. In 2013, the group had a turnover of £7.4 billion (9 \$10.5 billion). US agents are investigating the alleged Islamist links of the 29-year-old gunman after an attack that left 50 dead - the worst mass shooting in modern US history. Carnage erupted at the Pulse club in Orlando in the early hours of Sunday before the attacker was shot dead by a police SWAT team. — AFP



Omar Mateen

IRAQ SAYS IMF DEAL 'ON TRACK'

**BAGHDAD:** Iraq has approved measures requested by the International Monetary Fund in order to unlock loans that should help overcome a cash crunch caused by declining oil revenue, a senior government official has said. The agreement, reached last month between Iraq and the IMF, "is on track", Mudher Salih, an adviser on financial policy to Prime Minister Haider Al-Abadi, told Reuters late on Sunday.

Among the measures approved are settling by the end of the year all arrears owed to foreign oil companies operating in Iraq, Salih said. He did not say how much was owed. The OPEC member has sought budget support to help it cope with a collapse in oil prices over the past two years. The drop in revenue that resulted caused the public deficit to widen and delayed payments to foreign oil producers.

The IMF in May agreed to provide \$5.4 billion over three years. But the funds are conditional on Iraq's implementing measures to cut spending, increasing non-oil revenue, and settling several billion dollars in arrears to oil companies. The Iraqi government approved the measures at a meeting last week and informed the IMF, Salih said in an interview. Baghdad expects the IMF board to approve by the end of June or early July the disbursement of a first tranche of about \$600 million, he added.

The reforms include a tax increase, higher electricity fees and better banking supervision to fight corruption and money laun-

dering, Salih said. There were also plans to streamline state-owned companies and audit the bloated public payroll to purge so-called "ghost employees" who do not show up to work. Global oil prices plunged just as Iraq needed more resources to fight Islamic State, the ultra-hardline group that seized vast tracts of the north and west, displacing about 4 million people.

**Hopes for \$18 Billion**

Salih said a recent increase in oil prices, to \$50 a barrel from below \$30 earlier this year, would not delay the reforms. The agreement with the IMF should unlock a total of \$18 billion in international assistance over three years, Finance Minister Hoshiyar Zebari has said. He cited the World Bank and the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations as donors, along with the IMF.

Zebari said Iraq expects to sell \$2 billion in eurobonds in the last quarter of this year, when international aid starts coming in, helping to lower its cost of borrowing. Iraq last sold international debt in 2006, when it issued about \$2.7 billion of bonds due in 2028 with a coupon of 5.8 percent. Iraq hopes that international support will bring the bond yields down to 5 or 6 percent, from about 10-11 percent now.

Iraq's existing bonds have been appreciating steadily since early May, when the understanding with the IMF was being worked on. The 2028 bond rose from below

70 cents to the dollar in early May to 77.75 cents on June 8. On Monday it traded at about 75.75 cents, for a yield of around 10.5 percent. "We believe this is just a bit of profit-taking after the price had risen steadily since early May when the agreement in principle with the IMF was reached," said

Alan Cameron, an economist at Exotix in London. Oil prices and the IMF deal continue to be the main factors driving Iraqi bond prices, he said. Moody's and Fitch Ratings last month said Iraq's IMF deal was credit positive. Fitch rates Iraq's long-term credit at B-, below investment grade. — Reuters



BAGHDAD: Iraqi Abu Abdul Razzaq, 74, works at his blanket workshop in the Dahanna neighborhood of the capital yesterday. Abdul Razzaq is one of the last people to work in an industry that is being replaced by imports from China and other countries. — AFP

# OIL PRICES UNDER PRESSURE FROM RISING CONCERNS

**LONDON:** Oil prices fell yesterday even as OPEC forecast a further tightening of supplies, as traders focused instead on turbulence across financial markets. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, whose 13 members together pump out about one-third of the world's crude, said yesterday that a global supply glut was likely to shrink further, leading to greater balance between supplies and demand of oil.

Around 1145 GMT, Brent North Sea crude for delivery in August was down 44 cents at \$50.10 a barrel. US benchmark West Texas Intermediate for July delivery fell 50 cents to \$48.57 a barrel compared with Friday's close. Crude prices had tumbled on Friday at the end

of a volatile week, during which WTI struck an 11-month high, as a weaker dollar made the commodity cheaper for holders of non-US currencies.

"Oil prices have fallen because of various reasons, chief among them being a rallying US dollar and a sharp rise in risk aversion," Fawad Razaqzada, analyst at traders City Index, said yesterday. "This is evidenced, for example, by the slumping global stock markets, and rallying safe-haven government bond prices, yen and gold. Investors are spooked about the prospects of a UK exit from the EU, the economic impact of a potential US rate rise in the summer, and renewed demand concerns out of China," he added.

World stock markets fell sharply yesterday on rising fears that Britain could vote to leave the European Union in next week's referendum and owing to uncertainty on the outlook for US interest rates. On oil markets, a combination of tighter supplies and a downbeat dollar sent oil prices surging to fresh 2016 high points last week, before they dropped on worries over the global economic outlook.

### 'Excess Likely to Ease'

OPEC yesterday said "the excess supply in the market is likely to ease over the coming quarters". In its June report, OPEC attributed the recovery to a myriad of factors, including a weaker dollar,

falling production in the US and forecasts of a sharp fall in non-OPEC oil supply this year, partly owing to disruptions in some producer countries. On Friday, data showed the number of active US rigs rose for the second week in a row, by three to 328, according to oilfield services firm Baker Hughes. However, that is still far below the 635 pumping a year ago.

BMI Research analyst Peter Lee told AFP that companies were restarting rigs as prices above \$50 made it financially viable to pump crude again. "While the (upcoming) big events worldwide like the central bank meetings and (Britain's EU) vote will have an impact on the market, fundamentally, the picture still

remains the same. It is all due to demand and supply," he added. Oil prices have rebounded from 13-year lows of around \$25 in January. The market previously dived from \$100 a barrel in mid-2014 because of the global supply glut.

Yesterday, the European Central Bank also said the fall in oil prices over the past two years would add less to global growth than earlier thought and the overall impact could even be negative. Oil traders have already sold out of long positions that have profited from an almost doubling in crude prices since hitting over decade lows earlier this year. "Oil may be looking healthier than it has in a very long time, but it is not yet out of the woods," Barclays said in a note. —Agencies



TOKYO: A businessman walks past electronic market indicators showing Tokyo and New York stock market prices and US dollar rate in the window of a securities company yesterday. —AFP

# BREXIT FEAR FACTOR SENDS GLOBAL STOCKS SPINNING

## ONE POLL SHOWS 10-POINT LEAD FOR 'LEAVE' CAMP

**LONDON:** Fears that Britain may be on the verge of voting to leave the European Union next week coursed through global financial markets yesterday, sending Asian and European shares sharply lower and the pound to an eight-week low. With growth looking shaky, worries that the "Brexit" vote could tip Europe back into recession have moved to the head of a list of concerns for investors which includes banks' problems with negative interest rates and dangerous imbalances in China.

A poll late on Friday gave Britain's "Leave" camp a 10-point lead, knocking sterling back by almost 3 full cents against the dollar and driving the worst losses for Asian stock markets in four months. European shares fell 1.5 percent and Wall Street was set to open 0.3 percent lower. Other polls have been tighter, but money markets have now abandoned expectations, high just weeks ago, that the US Federal Reserve could raise official borrowing costs on Wednesday, just 8 days before the UK vote. Instead, the worry is that the Fed could use language that quells expectations of a move this year at all.

More broadly, after eight years of ultra-low rates and outright money-printing, investors wonder if central banks have much ammunition left should the uncertainty that a Brexit would bring for thousands of businesses weaken demand and investment further. "We're in uncharted territory in front of the Brexit vote, and

then there's also the Fed this week. So the wall of worry is quite high at the moment," said Zeg Choudhry, managing director at LONTRAD. "All the banks are a little bit lower, and they're the ones which are likely to get hit. For the next two weeks, you've got to be slightly mad if you've not got your money in defensive stocks."

The news out of China was also poor, with data showing fixed-asset investment slipped below 10 percent for the first time since 2000. Stock markets in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Shanghai all fell by around 3 percent. Moves in Europe, where investors have been preparing for the British vote for months, were only slightly more subdued. The Frankfurt and Paris stock exchanges both fell around 1.2 percent.

The index of major European bank shares fell 2 percent. It has been hammered this year by concerns that lenders will struggle as long as they are effectively paying central banks to deposit cash. Any new retreat in expectations for growth and inflation would only worsen that picture. In contrast, Britain's FTSE 100 fell just 0.4 percent, and both Deutsche Bank and JP Morgan said they remained overweight UK equities into the vote. "In the case of a 'Leave' vote in the UK referendum ... we expect UK equities to outperform the European market, given the likely GBP (British pound) depreciation in such a scenario as well as the market's defensive sector structure," Deutsche Bank strategists said in a note.

### Yen Break

On currency markets, sterling fell almost 1 percent against the dollar after sinking by as much as 3 full cents in value on Friday. It was down by more, 1.2 percent, at 79.86 pence per euro. Options market pricing showed expectations for the biggest swings against the euro on record, and analysts at UBS raised the prospect of a cut in British interest rates and another round of quantitative easing if the economy struggles after the referendum. "If activity does slow further beyond the end of the second quarter, the market is likely to rapidly start considering how (the Bank of England) may choose to enact any further easing," economists from the Swiss group said in a note. The Bank of England meets on Thursday.

Traditionally investors' first choice in times of financial and economic stress, the yen climbed 1 percent against both the dollar and euro. Those gains took the Japanese currency past long-term resistance around 106.50 yen per dollar and put more pressure on the Bank of Japan to act against the currency's 14 percent rise this year when it ends a regular meeting on Thursday. "While the pound is the worst-performing G10 currency versus the dollar this year, the yen is by far the best," said Derek Halpenny, European Head of Global Markets Research at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi in London. "The continued surge of the yen will lift expectations that the BOJ may surprise the markets and announce some additional monetary easing." —Reuters

# YEN SURGES, STERLING SLUMPS OVER JITTERS

**LONDON:** The safe-haven yen strengthened across the board yesterday, hitting a three-year high against both the euro and sterling, on worries that Britain could vote to leave the European Union in a referendum in just 10 days' time. Sterling has been dominated by Brexit concerns since late last year, but other major currencies have until now appeared largely protected from angst over the vote.

But with bookmakers and betting exchanges shortening their odds on a vote to leave following a couple of too-close-to-call polls at the weekend, with one putting the "Leave" campaign 10 points ahead, those fears seemed to be spreading yesterday. As investors ditched riskier assets, the yen surged by more than 1 percent to trade at 119.05 yen per euro, its strongest since February 2013. Against sterling, which was down across the board, the yen also climbed as much as 1.8 percent to 149.50, its strongest since August 2013. The Japanese currency also gained about 1 percent against the dollar, hitting a six-week high.

"All eyes are on the Brexit polls," Credit Agricole's head of G10 currency strategy in London, Valentin Marinov, said. "The yen is among the preferred safe havens at the moment, both because of its positive correlation with risk aversion and because it's geographically removed from the UK," he said. Marinov said, however, that the Bank

of Japan would be closely watching the yen and would step in if it got a lot stronger. The BOJ starts a two-day policy meeting on Wednesday.

A shortage of dollars and high safe-haven demand for the yen globally are stretching certain dollar-based rates to levels more associated with periods of extreme market stress, raising a red flag for the wider financial system. The benchmark 3-month dollar/yen FX basis-swap was last trading at 102.25, the lowest in at least seven years.

Not all market players believe that the BOJ's verbal warnings about intervention will amount to action. In Frankfurt, Commerzbank strategist Thulan Nguyen said doubts that the BOJ would step in to weaken the yen were keeping upward pressure on the currency. Nguyen said that the yen has been helped higher by expectations that the US Federal Reserve, which also begins a two-day policy meeting on Tuesday, would strike a dovish tone.

As sterling slumped to six-week lows on a trade-weighted basis, the cost of hedging against big swings against the euro over the coming month hit a record high. "I would expect volatilities to rise further and the markets will become even bleaker as we head towards the referendum," Standard Chartered Bank's executive director of finance in Tokyo, Koichi Yoshikawa, said. —Reuters

# GOLD HITS 4-WK HIGH

**LONDON:** Gold hit its highest since mid-May yesterday, driven higher by a retreat of the dollar and as stocks were knocked by rising risk aversion before key central bank meetings this week and a June 23 vote on whether Britain should leave the European Union. The pound fell to a two-month low against the dollar, pushing gold denominated in sterling to its highest in nearly three years at 909.83 pounds an ounce, up 1.9 percent. Spot gold was up 0.9 percent at \$1,284.76 an ounce at 1145 GMT, off an earlier peak of \$1,286.30. US gold futures for August delivery were up \$11.90 an ounce at \$1,287.80.

Fading expectations for a Federal Reserve rate hike have driven prices sharply higher so far this month. Gold has rallied 6 percent since US payrolls data for May came in weaker than expected on June 3, crushing expectations for an interest rate hike over the summer. "Following the labor market report a Fed rate hike has been priced out for June and July, and at the same time it seems as if odds for the UK to leave the European Union have come back up again," Danske Bank analyst Jens Pedersen said. "Those two factors are benefiting gold."

Fears Britain is on the verge of voting

to leave the European Union next week spread through global financial markets yesterday, sending Asian and European shares sharply lower. The dollar fell 0.2 percent against the euro. The Fed, Bank of England, Swiss National Bank and Bank of Japan will all meet this week, and are expected to hold monetary policy steady against a backdrop of caution about the global economic outlook as well as the impact of a possible Brexit.

"The UK referendum on EU membership has implications across many asset classes but gold, as the ultimate barometer of financial and economic tension, is currently the asset class showing one of the highest levels of sensitivity to the possible range of outcomes," Citi said in a note yesterday. "Gold has fluctuated in line with the Brexit opinion polls, even dislocating it from its usual primary-link with the US dollar."

Holdings in the world's largest gold-backed exchange-traded fund, SPDR Gold Shares, rose 0.74 percent to 893.92 tonnes on Friday, the highest since October 2013. Among other precious metals, silver was up 0.3 percent at \$17.37 an ounce, while platinum was up 0.6 percent at \$996.23 an ounce and palladium was 1.1 percent higher at \$548.25 per ounce. —Reuters

## EXCHANGE RATES

### AL-MUZAINI EXCHANGE CO.

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
ASIAN COUNTRIES		
Japanese Yen	2.825	
Indian Rupees	4.513	
Pakistani Rupees	2.885	
Sri Lankan Rupees	2.051	
Nepali Rupees	2.826	
Singapore Dollar	222.820	
Hongkong Dollar	38.900	
Bangladesh Taka	3.852	
Philippine Peso	6.540	
Thai Baht	8.553	
GCC COUNTRIES		
Saudi Riyal	80.616	
Qatari Riyal	83.042	
ani Riyal	785.213	
Bahraini Dinar	802.840	
UAE Dirham	82.307	
ARAB COUNTRIES		
Egyptian Pound - Cash	31.900	
Egyptian Pound - Transfer	34.416	
Yemen Riyal/for 1000	1.214	
Tunisian Dinar	143.200	
Jordanian Dinar	425.890	
Lebanese Lira/for 1000	2.014	
Syrian Lira	2.154	
Morocco Dirham	31.805	
EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COUNTRIES		
US Dollar Transfer	302.150	
Euro	344.450	
Sterling Pound	436.610	

Canadian dollar	234.040
Turkish lira	104.730
Swiss Franc	310.850
Australian Dollar	222.680
US Dollar Buying	300.950

### GOLD

20 Gram	250.790
10 Gram	128.310
5 Gram	65.000

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US Dollar	302.600
Canadian Dollar	236.990
Sterling Pound	431.905
Euro	341.360
Swiss Frank	292.805
Bahrain Dinar	800.535
UAE Dirhams	82.630
Qatari Riyals	83.840
Saudi Riyals	81.370
Jordanian Dinar	426.270
Egyptian Pound	33.979
Sri Lankan Rupees	2.087
Indian Rupees	4.525
Pakistani Rupees	2.899
Bangladesh Taka	3.850
Philippines Peso	6.562
Cyprus pound	576.355
Japanese Yen	3.830
Syrian Pound	2.375
Nepalese Rupees	3.825
Malaysian Ringgit	74.745

Chinese Yuan Renminbi	46.480
Thai Bhat	9.555
Turkish Lira	103.435

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CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
Europe		
British Pound	0.431464	0.441464
Czech Korune	0.004674	0.016674
Danish Krone	0.042045	0.047045
Euro	0.0337538	0.0346538
Norwegian Krone	0.032900	0.038100
Romanian Leu	0.075871	0.075871
Slovakia	0.008995	0.018995
Swedish Krona	0.033074	0.038074
Swiss Franc	0.304581	0.315581
Turkish Lira	0.098508	0.108808
Australasia		
Australian Dollar	0.216219	0.228219
New Zealand Dollar	0.202875	0.212375
America		
Canadian Dollar	0.2230251	0.239251
US Dollars	0.298050	0.302750
US Dollars Mint	0.298550	0.302750
Asia		
Bangladesh Taka	0.003404	0.003988
Chinese Yuan	0.044523	0.0478023
Hong Kong Dollar	0.036809	0.039559
Indian Rupee	0.004192	0.004602

Indonesian Rupiah	0.000018	0.000024
Japanese Yen	0.002721	0.002901
Kenyan Shilling	0.002979	0.002979
Korean Won	0.000249	0.000264
Malaysian Ringgit	0.070066	0.076066
Nepalese Rupee	0.002879	0.003049
Pakistan Rupee	0.002709	0.002999
Philippine Peso	0.006387	0.006687
Sierra Leone	0.000073	0.000079
Singapore Dollar	0.217112	0.227112
South African Rand	0.014171	0.022671
Sri Lankan Rupee	0.001669	0.002249
Taiwan	0.009233	0.009413
Thai Baht	0.008206	0.008756

Arab		
Bahraini Dinar	0.794890	0.803390
Egyptian Pound	0.027923	0.033041
Iranian Riyal	0.000084	0.000085
Iraqi Dinar	0.000190	0.000250
Jordanian Dinar	0.422155	0.431155
Kuwaiti Dinar	1.000000	1.000000
Lebanese Pound	0.000150	0.000250
Moroccan Dirhams	0.020069	0.044069
Nigerian Naira	0.001245	0.001880
Omani Riyal	0.778385	0.784065
Qatar Riyal	0.082182	0.083632
Saudi Riyal	0.079487	0.080787
Syrian Pound	0.001280	0.001500
Tunisian Dinar	0.139062	0.147062
Turkish Lira	0.098508	0.108808
UAE Dirhams	0.080839	0.082539
Yemeni Riyal	0.001365	0.001445

## DISPLACED ZIMBABWE VILLAGERS WANT ACTION FROM GOVT

**MUTARE, Zimbabwe:** Villagers re-located to a sprawling government-owned farm complex in eastern Zimbabwe to make way for the nation's biggest diamond field are hoping that President Robert Mugabe's move to take control of the valued resource will benefit them. More than 1,000 families were moved in 2009 from a village adjacent to the Chiadzwa diamond field in Marange to Arda Transau, a 12,000 hectare farm settlement about 40 km to the north with promises of a better life.

Arda Transau was billed as a new township with tarred roads, shops and health clinics - but seven years later the villagers say they have yet to see the promised education and health facilities while their homes are crumbling and food is scarce. Seven mining companies licensed to mine the area were ordered in March to leave by Mugabe who accused them of robbing Zimbabwe of wealth. Mugabe took over all diamond operations in the newly-formed Zimbabwe Consolidation Diamond Company (ZCDC).

Some of the affected diamond companies - Mbada Diamonds and Anjin Investments - have since taken the government to court with the issue still pending before the courts. While Mugabe's move could further tarnish the coun-

try's image as a risky investment, with investors already unnerved by his drive to force foreign-owned firms to sell majority shares to locals, the relocated villagers are hoping it will help them.

Caiphas Mujuru is one of the Arda Transau residents lobbying the government to get ZCDC to address the problems faced by the villagers who are facing severe food shortages. "Life is really difficult here at Arda Transau. We are going hungry," Mujuru told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "We had been promised honey and milk here but it is now a nightmare for us."

### Drought and Hunger

When the villagers were moved, each family was given \$1,000 in compensation and a four-room house but these new dwellings, painted bright yellow, have since developed cracks. Families were promised 11 hectares of arable land including one hectare earmarked for irrigation to run small piggery or poultry projects but this never happened, the villagers say. People in Marange hoped the diamond industry would pump money into reviving failing irrigation schemes as small-scale farmers cannot maintain or replace ageing equipment and national law requires mining companies to help local communities develop.

But the plight of the villagers has been further exacerbated by the current El Nino induced drought which has decimated the southern African nation's crops, leaving 4 million Zimbabweans in a population of 14 million without adequate food supplies. The villagers had the chance to voice their concerns at the Alternative Mining Indaba conference in Mutare this month comprising civic society, communities and stakeholders in the mining sector and legislators promised to help. "We will take your concerns to the Minister of Mines (Walter Chidhakwa)," Prosper Mutseyami, legislator for Musikavanhu constituency in Chipinge district, told the villagers.

However the diamond companies maintain they fulfilled what they were expected to do for the relocated villagers. Anjin Investments, which was a joint venture between the government and Chinese investors, said it complied with the law when it came to the relocation of the villagers. "We did everything required by the law," Anjin Investments' Chief Executive Officer Munyaradzi Machacha told the Thomson Reuters Foundation in a telephone interview. — Reuters

A spokesman for Mbada Diamonds, George Manyaya, said his company was happy with

what they had done for the villagers and the traditional leaders had appreciated their initiatives. But villager Blessing Mufute said the situation at Arda Transau had become so bad that many people were going hungry. "We have been selling the few livestock we had to buy food," said Mufute, adding relocated villagers were in urgent need of jobs, clean water, and electricity as well as food.

In a telephone interview with the Thomson Reuters Foundation, Mines Minister Walter Chidhakwa said local people should not feel they are forgotten. He said the Manicaland Provincial Affairs Minister Mandi Chimene would work with the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare to provide social and food assistance to the villagers. Contractors would also be asked to work on the poorly built houses at Arda Transau, Chidhakwa added.

But James Mupfumi, who heads the Centre for Research and Development, a local non-governmental investigative organization, is skeptical. "It is disheartening to realize that the Mines Minister has already visited Arda Transau for Zimbabwe Consolidated Diamond Company to relocate more villagers to Arda Transau without addressing previous community grievances," he said. —Reuters

## PARK URGES 'BONE-CRUSHING' REFORM ON SHIPBUILDERS

**SEOUL:** South Korean President Park Geun-Hye yesterday urged "bone-crushing" efforts to overhaul the nation's ailing shipbuilders faced with mounting losses caused by slowing global demand and increased competition. The South's mighty shipbuilders including Hyundai Heavy Industries and Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering have dominated the global market for past decades.

But a slump in oil prices and global economic slowdown sapped demand for tankers and container ships, while overcapacity, regional rivalry and the emergence of cheaper Chinese shipbuilders has squeezed profit margins. The South Korean government and creditor banks, including state-run Korea Development Bank, have urged intense restructuring efforts including mass job cuts in recent months.

"The (shipbuilding) companies, along with creditor banks, should make bone-crushing efforts to revive their businesses," Park said in a speech to Seoul lawmakers. "If we don't carry out a bold restructuring by downsizing the overgrown workforce... and cutting costs, the future of not only the shipbuilders but also the whole economy will be in jeopardy."

Park warned of mass job cuts and an economic slump in the country's southern region where the shipbuilders are based. "The road for reform is painful... but, if we

try to avoid it, our economy would be devastated and we would face even bigger pain in the end," Park said, adding Seoul would offer financial assistance and job training for those who are laid off.

The nation's so-called "Big Three" shipbuilders including Hyundai, Daewoo and Samsung Heavy Industries racked up collective losses of 8.5 trillion won (\$7.2 billion) last year. They were hailed as a major driver of the country's export-reliant economy - Asia's fourth-largest - before being forced since last year to shed thousands of jobs and assets to stay afloat.

As exports sputtered and domestic demand slowed, South Korea's central bank in April slashed the country's growth outlook for this year to 2.8 percent from the previous three percent. The economy expanded 2.6 percent last year, the lowest since 2012, as crushing household debts prompted more South Koreans to tighten wallets. Total household debts have snowballed to reach a record 1,223 trillion won as of late March as wages stagnated and housing prices continued to rise.

The central bank also cut last week the key interest rate to a record low of 1.25 percent, saying it was aimed at easing the impact of corporate restructuring. Seoul and state-run creditor banks have tried to put pressure on troubled industries, including shipbuilding and shipping, to reform and blaming a lack of competitiveness for their economic woes. —AFP

## CHINESE GERMAN LEADERS DOWNPLAY TRADE TENSIONS

### ANGER PERSISTS OVER CHINA UNDERCUTTING FOREIGN COMPANIES

**BEIJING:** China does not want a trade war with Europe, Premier Li Keqiang said yesterday at a news briefing with Germany's Chancellor who said she was sure a solution could be found to tensions over Beijing's status in the World Trade Organization. As both sides appeared to play down simmering differences between China and European powers, Airbus Helicopters finalized an agreement to build an assembly line on a Sino-German business bark in China and sell 100 helicopters to a Chinese consortium.

Daimler AG and its Chinese partner, BAIC Motor, also pledged to jointly invest 4 billion yuan (\$608 million) to expand engine production. Beijing sees Germany, China's largest trading partner in the European Union, as influential in the 28-member bloc's debate on the politically sensitive issue of its market economy status. The European Commission is set to accept a change to China's trade status at the WTO by treating it as an economy controlled by the market, not the state. That would make it easier for Beijing to export into the bloc.

But the Commission also wants to enhance the bloc's ability to defend itself against cheap China's heavily subsidised goods. Reluctance in Europe to give up a method to defend against cheap Chinese imports has set up a looming dispute at the WTO and the prospect of broader trade friction. "China has already fulfilled its obligations on joining the WTO. What's needed now is for the other parties to fulfil the matching obligations they had promised," Li said. "We don't want to fight a trade war because this will benefit nobody."

### Banking Tensions

German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who on Sunday began her ninth trip to China since taking office, said: "It does not help us to emotionalise the whole subject. I

am convinced that we can find a solution on the lines of what was promised 15 years ago." The chancellor linked market access for Chinese banks in Germany to a liberalization of the sector in China. "We will certainly pay even more heed to reciprocity in the financial sector than in classic industry," she said, adding that German banks

will be treated equally," he said. Merkel said during a trip to China last year that Germany favoured granting China market economy status in principle but that Beijing still had work to do, including further opening its public procurement markets.

European commissioners are expected to debate the issue in

Merkel has also stressed the need for a level playing field for foreign firms amid growing pressure from industry to confront China more forcefully, and to step up protection for businesses from Chinese cyberattacks. "Germany has always presented itself as an open investment market," Merkel said. "We expect reciprocity also



**BEIJING:** German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang chat during a signing ceremony at the Great Hall of the People yesterday. —AP

were currently restricted by a 20-percent limit on the size of stakes they can buy in Chinese banks. "In the banking sector, we are at the start of a cooperation," she said.

Li said there were informal barriers in Europe for Chinese banks, which were disadvantaged compared to those based in Europe and the United States. "We need to talk more about how both sides

late June or July, at a time of heightened trade tension after global rivals accused China of dumping cheap steel exports after a slowdown in demand at home. Li said unilateral trade protection measures wouldn't help resolve the problem and that low-end steel was not something China wanted to produce or sell and was committed to phasing out.

from the Chinese side." Foreign critics accuse China of not following through on its reform agenda and of introducing new regulations that further restrict market access. "The facts prove that China's market is open. We will be even more open," Li said. "We will take even more steps based on the principles of treating everyone equally, fairness and transparency." —Reuters

## IN RIO FAVELAS, LACK OF PROPERTY RIGHTS CAN BE LETHAL FOR YOUTHS

**RIO DE JANEIRO:** It is mid-afternoon on a workday in a Rio de Janeiro slum when a young man in a tank top crouches besides a building, walkie-talkie on his belt and a large black pistol openly drawn on a main road. As people walk by unperturbed, local residents say he is protecting turf for a drug gang in the Cantagalo favela, a bustling community on a hillside overlooking Copacabana beach in downtown Rio. With an average of 11 murders per day, violent crime remains a major problem in Rio, according to figures from Brazil's Public Security Institute (ISP), a government body.

In favelas like Cantagalo, where people often lack formal documents to prove they own their ramshackle homes, young men are disproportionately impacted by violence, analysts said. "There is no clear definition of who owns the land in Cantagalo," said Vinicius Mariano de Carvalho, a lecturer at King's College London specializing in Brazilian politics. "A population with a sense of ownership of their homes has more direct communitarian ties," he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "I believe this sense of ownership would reduce the vulnerability to criminality."

Home to more than 20 percent of Rio's residents, favelas first developed as squatter communities. As a result, many favela residents do not have formal title for their homes. Rio prepares to host the Olympic Games in August, rights groups are concerned that killings by police have increased by more than 50 percent in the past two years, according to ISP figures. In Rio state, 645 people were killed at the hands of police last

year and more than 100 people have been killed by Rio police so far this year, ISP statistics show. "Rio's police (are) the most lethal force in Brazil," Maria Canineu, Brazil director for Human Rights Watch (HRW), told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

Even by the standards of developing countries with high rates of inequality and crime, the number of killings by Rio's cops stand out, according to HRW. In South Africa, a nation of 53 million infamous for high crime rates, police killed 396 people last year. In contrast, the state of Rio de Janeiro with 16 million people had nearly twice as many police killings, and a lower crime rate than South Africa, HRW said. Rio's state police did not respond to phone calls or emails requesting comment, nor did the federal police.

### Gangs Take Control

Even though there is no official data linking a lack of official property titles in Rio's poor communities to violence and police killings, many of those killed by police are young men from favelas who are said to be linked to the drugs trade, analysts said. "It's not by chance that drug dealers occupy these kinds of territories with insecure land tenure," Martim Smolka, director of the Latin America program at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, a U.S. think-tank, told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

Cantagalo, with its 30,000 people, is one of the favelas formally "pacified" or brought under state control by police. But, as evidenced by young men openly carrying weapons, the police's grip

has slipped in recent months, two residents said on condition of anonymity due to security fears. "It's much easier for criminals or drug gangs to occupy areas where residents don't have official, legal (land) rights," Smolka said.

A lack of trust in the state and a poor relationship with police have added to the problem, said Michel Misse, a professor at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro who studies urban violence. Improving formal ownership rates would "absolutely" lead to better security, Misse told the Thomson Reuters Foundation, as would better government services in poor communities and more training for police.

While favela residents can buy and sell properties in the informal market, a lack of official titles makes it difficult for them to access some government services. Bringing people into the formal system of governance and ownership would help to improve security, said one long-time resident. "The state needs to give them (favela residents) property documents," Rafael Azeredo, owner of a bustling youth hostel in Cantagalo, said.

With a flat screen television and hip, modern decor, Azeredo's Pura Vida hostel is hiring local youths and doing brisk business. A group of tourists from Asia leave the gated home toting surf boards, heading for Copacabana beach. Azeredo opened the place a few years ago. He grew up in the favela and inherited the property from his grandmother. Unlike many of her neighbors, his grandmother had a formal title to her home, so it could be converted into a lawful business with electricity, water and other services. —Reuters



**SEOUL:** South Korean President Park Geun-Hye delivers a speech during a ceremony celebrating the opening of the 20th National Assembly yesterday. —AFP

## CHINA AUTO SALES INCREASE IN MAY

**BEIJING:** Car sales in China, the world's top auto market, increased at a faster pace in May than the previous month, an industry group reported yesterday, despite continued woes in the country's economy. A total of 2.09 million vehicles were sold in China last month, up 9.8 percent from a year ago, the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM) said in a statement. The numbers were an increase on the 6.3 percent gain posted in April. The pickup came despite protracted weakness in the world's second-largest economy, where growth slowed to 6.7 percent in the January-March period, the worst quarterly expansion in seven years.

Key economic indicators further deteriorated in May, with official figures released this week showing the increase in fixed-asset investment, a main gauge of infrastructure spending, has slowed to

its weakest pace in 16 years. Some economists have predicted China's expansion will slow further in the second quarter. Auto sales in the country reached 24.6 million last year, and in October the government sought to boost the market by slashing the purchase tax on passenger cars with small engines.

Sales of passenger cars reached 1.79 million units in May, up 11.3 percent year on year, CAAM data showed. US automaker General Motors outperformed the overall market, reporting earlier this month a 16.9-percent surge in May sales in the country to nearly 300,000 units on the back of strong demand for its sport utility vehicles, multi-purpose vehicles and luxury cars. Japanese car manufacturer Toyota sold more than 100,000 vehicles in China last month, up 12 percent year-on-year, according to Chinese media reports. — AFP

# OPEC SEES OIL GLUT SHRINKING IN H2

**LONDON:** OPEC forecasts that the world oil market will be more balanced in the second half of 2016 as outages in Nigeria and Canada help to speed up the erosion of a supply glut. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries pointed in a monthly report to supply exceeding demand by just 160,000 barrels per day (bpd) in the second half. A surplus of 2.59 million bpd in the first quarter sent prices to a 12-year low.

Oil has risen to \$50 a barrel from the 12-year low of \$27 in January as the outages curb excess supply.

These, say OPEC, are accelerating a tightening in the market it expected to happen anyway, as lower prices finally take their toll on higher-cost supply outside the group. "The excess supply in the market is likely to ease over the coming quarters," OPEC said in the report, published yesterday. "Shutdowns in Nigeria and Canada tightened the oil market markedly and brought supply and demand more closely into alignment earlier than many had expected, bolstering prices."

But OPEC cautioned: "Nevertheless, there is still a massive global supply overhang." Prices collapsed from

\$100 two years ago in a drop that deepened after OPEC refused to cut output, hoping lower prices would curb rival supply. With signs the strategy is working, OPEC at a June 2 meeting made no change to its output policy. The price drop is hitting non-OPEC supply as companies have delayed or cancelled projects around the world. OPEC forecasts supply from outside producers will decline by 740,000 bpd in 2016 led by the United States, unchanged from last month.

OPEC supply had been climbing since the 2014 policy shift, reaching its highest since 2008 in April. But

output fell by 100,000 bpd in May to 32.36 million bpd led by Nigeria, the report said citing secondary sources. With demand for OPEC crude expected to rise to an average of 32.52 million bpd in the second half as non-OPEC supply falls and seasonal demand rises, OPEC's report points to excess supply of 160,000 bpd if the group keeps pumping at May's rate. OPEC stuck with a forecast that world oil demand will rise by 1.20 million bpd this year. The next closely watched report on global oil supply and demand is due on Tuesday from the International Energy Agency. —Reuters

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Index	Change	Closing	Last Closing	High	Low
Price index	▼ -10.08	5,412.31	5,422.39	5,423.09	5,405.21
Weighted Index	▼ -1.38	354.30	355.68	355.70	354.12
KSX 15	▼ -4.71	811.14	815.85	816.24	810.70

Security	High	Low	Volume	Value (KD)	Trades	Last	Change
MARIN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	100	— 0.0
IKARUS	39.5	39.5	10,000	395	1	39.5	▲ 0.5
IPG	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	320	— 0.0
NAPESCO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	680	— 0.0
ENERGYH	58	53	467,050	26,055	22	55	▼ -1.0
GPI	43.5	43.0	1,005,370	69,832	34	43.5	▼ -0.5
ARAR	88	88	200,358	17,632	3	88	▲ 2.0
Oil & Gas			2,282,778	113,914	60	754.52	▼ -0.64
KFOUC	178	178	8,000	1,424	1	178	— 0.0
BPCC	540	520	208,256	110,375	14	530	▼ -10.0
ALKOUT	630	600	43,048	27,021	3	630	— 0.0
ALQURAIN	210	200	70,053	14,795	11	210	▲ 2.0
Basic Materials			329,957	153,615	29	977.51	▼ -2.09
KCEM	375	375	4,421	1,658	1	375	— 0.0
REFRI	305	305	5,000	1,525	1	305	▲ 5.0
CABLE	400	390	390	153	2	400	— 0.0
SHIP	166	166	54,050	8,972	10	166	▼ -2.0
PCBM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,000	— 0.0
PAPER	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	275	— 0.0
MRC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	59	— 0.0
ACICO	295	285	13,252	3,801	6	295	▲ 10.0
GGMC	265	265	44,099	11,885	2	265	▲ 15.0
HCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	142	— 0.0
KBMMC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	250	— 0.0
NICBM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	210	— 0.0
EQUIPMENT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	62	— 0.0
NCCI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	12.5	— 0.0
GYPSUM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	102	— 0.0
SALBOOKH	76	73	42,498	3,110	8	73	▼ -2.0
AGLTY	485	485	68,195	33,075	12	485	▼ -5.0
EDU	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	190	— 0.0
CLEANING	40.0	40.0	180,000	7,200	5	40.0	▼ -0.5
CITYGROUP	680	630	10,483	7,028	4	630	▼ -50.0
KGL	48.5	48.0	105,001	5,040	5	48.5	— 0.0
KCPC	210	192	52,100	10,009	7	210	▲ 8.0
HUMANSOFT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,380	— 0.0
NAFAIS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	174	— 0.0
SAFWAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	305	— 0.0
GFC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	34.0	— 0.0
MAYADEEN	27.0	25.5	17,140,859	450,077	148	25.5	▼ -0.5
CGC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	780	— 0.0
MTCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	68	— 0.0
UPAC	690	680	4,819	3,302	3	690	▲ 10.0
ALAFCO	204	204	50,120	10,224	3	204	▲ 4.0
MUBARRAD	62	61	830,000	51,430	11	62	▲ 1.0
LOGISTICS	81	79	945,094	75,567	48	79	▼ -3.0
SCBM	78	78	32,526	2,537	1	78	▲ 1.0
GCBM	73	73	10,000	730	1	73	— 0.0
QIC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	72	— 0.0
FCBM	74	73	561,191	40,237	11	74	— 0.0
RKWC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	94	— 0.0
SPEC	76	72	600	44	2	76	▼ -1.0
Industrials			20,144,690	727,405	291	1063.71	▲ 0.38
KSH	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	150	— 0.0
NSH	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	64	— 0.0
PAPCO	100	100	5,000	500	2	100	▼ -6.0
CATTL	196	194	25,000	4,880	4	194	▲ 6.0
DANAH	124	116	2,431,004	296,576	73	124	▲ 10.0
POULT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	176	— 0.0
FOOD	2,060	2,020	65,659	132,680	15	2,060	▲ 40.0
Consumer Goods			2,526,663	434,635	94	1123.21	▲ 15.40
MHC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	200	— 0
ATC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	920	— 0
VIACO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	208	— 0
Health Care			0	0	0	990.98	— 0.00
KCIN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,700	— 0
KHUT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	210	— 0
SULTAN	59	59	2,063	122	1	59	▼ -2
CABLETV	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	25.0	— 0
EYAS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	385	— 0
IFAHR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	198	— 0
OULAFUEL	108	108	907	98	2	108	— 0
MUNTAZAHAT	98	94	7,768,522	740,598	128	94	▲ 1
JAZEERA	920	910	153,794	140,940	10	920	— 0
SOOR	110	110	4,446	489	3	110	— 0
FUTUREKID	112	112	5,000	560	1	112	▼ -4
ALRAI	170	160	876,950	143,768	57	164	▼ -4
ZIMAH	43.5	42.5	1,738,267	74,971	27	42.5	▼ -1
UFIG	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	140	— 0
Mezzan	1,060	1,060	1,808	1,916	3	1,060	— 0
Consumer Services			10,551,757	1,103,462	232	1018.11	▼ -5.65
ZAIN	345	340	166,001	56,750	9	340	▼ -5
OOREDOO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,160	— 0
HITSTELEC	39.5	39.0	6,683,038	260,704	51	39.0	▼ -1
VIVA	940	930	35,806	33,500	18	930	▼ -10
Telecommunications			6,884,925	350,962	78	606.18	▼ -5.96
NBK	620	610	1,312,400	800,614	45	610	▼ -10
GBK	220	220	205,250	45,155	3	220	▲ 2
CBK	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	415	— 0
ABK	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	330	— 0
ALMUTAHED	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	405	— 0
KIB	196	196	120,000	23,520	2	196	— 0
BURG	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	320	— 0
KFIN	470	465	710,655	330,479	11	465	— 0
BOUBYAN	405	390	12,444,214	4,905,780	140	390	▼ -10
AUB	196	196	303,171	59,422	20	196	— 0
ITHMR	38.5	38.0	894,600	34,025	22	38.0	▼ -1
WARDADANK	174	172	32,234	5,552	23	172	— 0
Banks			16,022,524	6,204,547	266	805.95	▼ -4.04
KINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	300	— 0
GINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	700	— 0.0
AINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	475	— 0.0
WINS	102	102	100,000	10,200	3	102	— 0.0
KUWAITRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	190	— 0.0
FTI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	50	— 0.0
WETHAQ	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	31.5	— 0.0
BKIKWT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	355	— 0.0
Insurance			100,000	10,200	3	1033.53	— 0.00
SOKOUK	36.5	36.0	1017500	36,707	20	36.0	▼ -0.5
KRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	56	— 0.0
URC	90	90	5	0	1	90	▼ -1.0
NRE	90	90	10,000	900	2	90	▼ -1.0
SRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	350	— 0.0
TAM	560	550	3,500	1,928	2	560	— 0.0
AREEC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	138	— 0.0
MASGALJI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	44.0	— 0.0
ARABREC	31.0	31.0	1,250,000	38,750	30	31.0	— 0.0
ERESCO	52	52	305,898	15,907	14	52	— 0.0
MADANEC	800	790	100,005	79,004	5	800	▲ 10.0
INJAZZAT	75	74	32,100	2,376	6	74	— 0.0
INVESTORS	22.5	22.0	1,641,954	30,348	20	22.0	▼ -0.5
IRC	33.0	32.0	160,100	5,123	5	33.0	▲ 0.5
ALTUJARIA	76	76	200,463	15,235	4	76	— 0.0
SANAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	32.0	— 0.0
AAYANRE	63	62	8,900	560	2	63	— 0.0
AQAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	60	— 0.0
ALAQARIA	25.0	25.0	25,000	625	1	25.0	▲ 1.0
MAZAYA	120	120	920,426	111,171	11	120	▼ -2.0
ADNC	11.5	10.5	9,165,068	99,883	124	11.0	▼ -1.0
THEMAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	90	— 0.0
TLUARA	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	36.5	— 0.0
TAAMEER	23.0	22.5	594,244	13,371	12	23.0	— 0.0
ARIKAN	90	90	5,100	459	1	90	— 0.0
ARGAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	144	— 0.0
ABYAAR	24.0	23.5	91,000	2,139	3	24.0	▲ 0.5
MUNSHAAT	56	54	128,000	6,978	13	54	▲ 1.0
FIRSTDUBAI	70	68	1,177,982	81,378	42	68	▼ -2.0
KBT	41.0	40.5	1,111,230	45,060	8	40.5	▼ -0.5
REAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	146	— 0.0
MENA	21.5	20.0	494,817	10,092	20	21.0	▼ -1.0
ALMUDON	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	28.5	— 0.0
MARAKEZ	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	23.0	— 0.0
REMAI	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	33.5	— 0.0
AWJ	75	75	10,000	750	1	75	▲ 1.0
Real Estate			18,459,292	604,744	347	846.06	▼ -3.37
KINV	88	88	1				

# SIRDAB LAB: A STARTUP HUB FOR ENTREPRENEURS



By Haidar Al-Mosawi

Starting a business is a lingering goal in the minds of ambitious individuals and disgruntled employees. But many people never take a step towards pursuing their dreams, leading to frustrations and regrets. I honestly can't blame them (or you, if that's how you feel). Creating a business is intimidating, especially if you've never done it before, have experience with failed businesses, or don't see yourself as a "business person". "I'm an engineer"... "I'm an artist"... "I'm an employee"... these labels can hold you back and limit your vision of seeing yourself as a successful business owner. And without a vision, it's hard to make much progress.

### 'But Where Do I Begin?'

"The longest part of the journey is said to be the passing of the gate."  
— Marcus Terentius Varro, Roman scholar

Those who have business ideas often struggle to figure out where to get started, especially when businesses have so many moving parts. I've spoken to aspiring entrepreneurs who worry about marketing before they have a product, or work on a product before speaking to potential customers, or speak to potential customers without knowing how to ask the right questions.

It's painful to see great ideas die because their originators didn't know how to bring them to life. Not only do they suffer, but the world misses out on the value they can bring to our lives. Imagine the world without cars or airplanes or smartphones. Imagine the world without telephones or WhatsApp or Talabat. You are interacting with man-made products 100 percent of your time. Even if you decide to live in the jungle, you're bound to wear clothes others have made or use tools to make your life in the jungle easier (and your chances for survival higher).

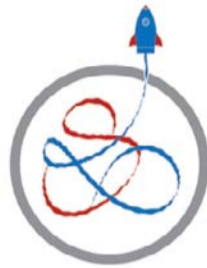
Whatever you want to build. Whatever problem you wish to solve. The world will be a better place if you work on your ideas instead of just thinking about them. And that's why Sirdab Lab came to exist.

### Enabling Entrepreneurs

In early 2014, I attended the Benchmark Forum, organized by YourAOK. While there, I met Mona Al-Mukhaizeem, who had an interest in starting an accelerator program to support tech startups improve their chances for success. Mona had just returned from San Francisco, having witnessed what a thriving startup climate looks like and personally helped in establishing Alchemist Accelerator in Silicon Valley.

We exchanged ideas about fostering a startup ecosystem and creating a community of entrepreneurs looking to start their own businesses (or joining businesses that channel their passions and appreciate their talents). We spoke about the fragmentation of the entrepreneurial community, where designers, developers, and business people had their own separate events and none were benefiting from the insights and potential collaboration opportunities between each other.

Mona asked me to be her cofounder in turning Sirdab Lab into a reality. I



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agreed to join as I strongly believed in the importance of ecosystems creating startup successes, and wanted to be a part of the economic change Kuwait was witnessing (in 2016, the need for an entrepreneurial ecosystem and the diversification of Kuwait's economy is ever greater). Abdullah Alsayer, founder of MrBabu.com, who Mona met during the Thukhur leadership program became our third cofounder. Abdullah Al-Husainan, developer of Kuwait Prayer Times app, was our technical backbone and Ghaila Faraj, a startup enthusiast with experience working with startups in Silicon Valley, became our community manager and our voice on social media.

With that core team, and the over-flowing support from community members, Sirdab Lab became a reality. The initial goal of Sirdab Lab was to help build a community, without waiting for others (public or private) to pave the way. Having frequent events where like-minded individuals can meet, exchange ideas, and inspire one another was our first target to bringing the community together.

### Why Community Matters

Sure you can learn a lot from watching YouTube videos, and there are plenty of

number of events to educate the community on the importance of the lean startup methodology, as well as a wide spectrum of topics relevant to business owners and creators, from idea creation to registering a patent.

We deliver workshops to teach technical skills such as using Photoshop, Android development, and User Experience (UX) design. Our 3-week Startup Bootcamp helps founders turn their ideas into viable businesses (and one of our Bootcamp graduates went on to win the MIT Pan Arab Enterprise competition. More on that in another article). Our monthly Startup Grind events host well-known and successful entrepreneurs for an evening of knowledge-sharing and inspiration. Some attendees have had their understanding of business change entirely after attending one of our Startup Grind events.

### 'If it's Perfect, it's Too Late'

Not everything we do works the way we want it to, and that's OK. Trying to get everything perfect from the get-go usually means lots of planning but little to no execution. Being comfortable with making mistakes and proceeding anyway is essential to any business, and it's a mindset we try to spread by applying it ourselves.

### What's Next?

I will be using this column to cover business-related topics, advice on how to run a tech startup, as well as show-case established and emerging startups. If you have any topic in mind that you'd like me to cover or have a startup you want me to feature, don't hesitate to get in touch at haider@sirdab-lab.com. Looking forward to helping you become the next big startup.

## OSN APPOINTS INDUSTRY LEADER MARTIN STEWART AS CEO

**DUBAI:** OSN, the region's leading pay TV network, announced the appointment of Martin Stewart, an experienced international pay TV professional with proven industry leadership credentials, as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Widely acknowledged for his contribution to the European pay TV industry, Stewart has served as Director General of ONO, a Spanish broadband communication and entertainment company and as Chief Financial Officer for Sky, Europe's leading entertainment company, during which time, Sky launched its digital platform and doubled its subscriber base to 7 million. He was also the CFO of EMI, the British multinational music recording and publishing company. Stewart is currently Chief Financial Officer of The Football Association (The FA) in the UK.

Stewart takes charge from David Butorac,



Martin Stewart as CEO

who served as OSN's CEO from 2010, playing an instrumental role in establishing OSN as the region's leading pay-TV network. Milestone achievements under his leadership include the launch of OSN Play, the region's first digital platform; Go online TV; and OSN Store, the region's first digital video store. Butorac also contributed to building OSN's exclusive partnerships with the world's leading content providers, and steered the anti-piracy campaign spearheaded by OSN in the region. Faisal Hamad Al-Ayyar, Chairman of OSN, said: "I am delighted to welcome Martin Stewart, an experienced professional with exceptional leadership experience in driving the transformational growth of businesses. Stewart is not new to OSN, having been its non-executive director since 2015. His expertise in leading from the forefront of

change will be a significant value-add for OSN as we mark a new chapter in our growth story."

He added: "I thank David Butorac for driving the growth of OSN over the past six years. His strategic initiatives enabled OSN to take firm industry leadership and consolidate its market presence through compelling content and innovative tech platforms."

Stewart will assume office at OSN in Dubai on August 1, 2016. He said: "I am delighted to take charge as the Chief Executive Officer of OSN. The business is well positioned to take advantage of new opportunities and I am confident that we have the team, network and resources to gain a stronger foothold across the region. The rise in digital content, smart TVs and smartphone penetration together with a youthful population affords an exciting opportunity for growth in the future." Stewart holds several high-profile leadership roles. He is the lead non-executive director of The Department of Energy & Climate Change (UK), and has been a board member and chair of the Audit Committee for Satellite Information Services (SiS) Ltd and Kabel Deutschland in Munich. He was also a board member and chair of the Audit Committee for London 2012 - the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

With over 150 channels, OSN is an industry leader bringing an unbeatable breadth of entertainment choices. OSN's long-term global and regional partnerships ensure that viewers across the MENA will always have first and exclusive access to premium content.

The biggest Hollywood blockbusters, latest TV series and general entertainment from leading studios such as Warner Brothers, Paramount, Disney, MGM, NBCUniversal, HBO and DreamWorks are available first and exclusively on OSN meeting the preferences of the entire family. A pioneer in delivering premium children's content, OSN has 10 channels dedicated to family and children's entertainment including OSN Movies Kids, Disney Channel HD, Disney XD and Nick Jr, among others. OSN's compelling content is available anytime, anywhere and 'On Demand' making OSN the go-to network for the best in TV entertainment.

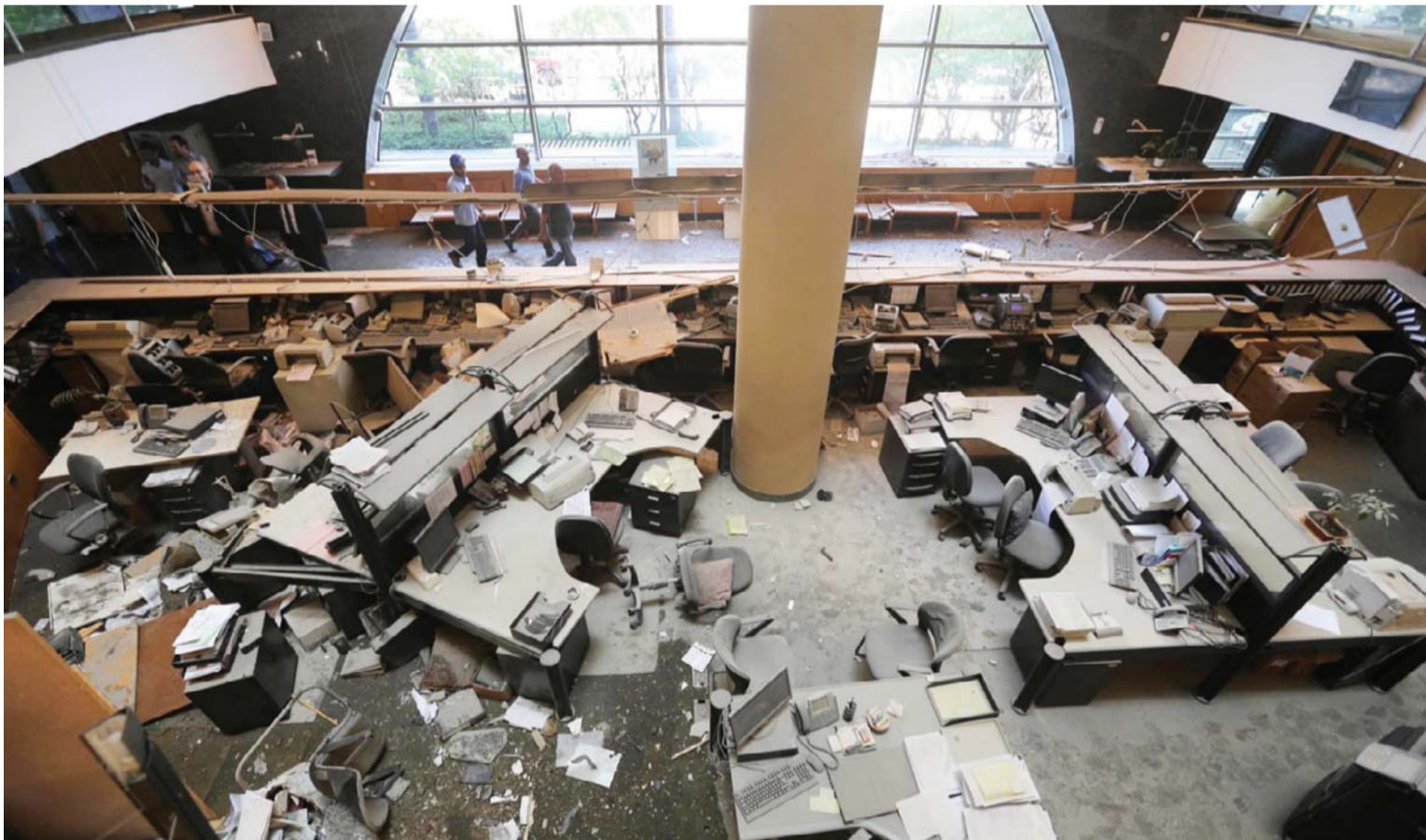
## 'BEST INVESTMENT BANK' AWARD SHOWS NBK CAPITAL'S DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE

**KUWAIT:** NBK Capital was named "The Best Investment Bank in Kuwait" during the Euromoney Awards for Excellence 2016 that was held in Dubai on June 1. Euromoney highlighted that NBK Capital executed an impressive number of high profile transactions and worked with leading clients in Kuwait and across the region such as the STC's tender offer for VIVA, the IPO of Mezzan Holding, KNPC's KD 1.2 billion credit facility, Burgan Bank's KD 100 million Tier 2 Bond, and NBK's ATI and Tier 2 Bonds.

Euromoney's Middle East Awards, which are an integral part of Euromoney's global

Awards for Excellence program since their inception in 1992, is seen as the benchmark for leading firms in financial services within the region.

"We are proud to be recognized as Best Investment Bank in Kuwait by Euromoney's Middle East Awards for Excellence. This award underscores the dedication and effort of our professionals to provide the best products and services to our clients and investors," said Faisal Al-Hamad, CEO of NBK Capital. "Receiving this award is a great milestone for NBK Capital and is a testament to our continuing growth and relentless focus on quality."



**BEIRUT:** Bank employees (background) yesterday check the customers' hall which was damaged after a bomb exploded outside the headquarters of Blom Bank. —AP

# LEBANON BANKS SAY BOMB ATTACK TARGETS THEM ALL

## BOMBING FOLLOWS CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS

**BEIRUT:** Lebanese banks said yesterday that a bombing outside the headquarters of one of the country's biggest banks had targeted the entire sector, an attack seen as a dangerous escalation of a crisis over a US law targeting the finances of the Shiite group Hezbollah. The bombing outside the main Blom Bank building in Beirut on Sunday night, which caused damage but no fatalities, followed the closure of accounts considered to be linked to the group by banks afraid of being shut out of the international financial system. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack. Hezbollah, which has not commented on the bombing, has condemned the central bank for implementing a law it views as a breach of sovereignty. The banks say they have no choice but to implement it. Blom Bank, one of Lebanon's biggest banks, has closed more accounts than other banks as a result of the legislation, Lebanese officials say.

Hospitals are among social institutions deemed to be linked to Hezbollah that have had their accounts closed, sources familiar with the matter say. Societies affiliated to Hezbollah run hospitals, schools and social care institutions and the group says the measures are targeting the entire Shiite community. "The Association of Banks confirms that it operates according to the highest levels of professional practice and within the rules prevailing in the international markets," the Association of Banks in Lebanon said in a statement. "This explosion targets the entire banking sector."

The US Hezbollah International Financing Prevention Act (HIFPA), passed in December, threatens to punish any organization or person providing significant finance to Hezbollah, designated a terrorist organization by US law. It poses an unprecedented financial challenge to the Iranian-backed group that dominates Lebanon, its influence underpinned by a powerful armed wing that is fighting in Syria in support of President Bashar Al-Assad.

### Political Cost

Though analysts say Hezbollah itself can

operate without bank accounts, the situation is seen as carrying a political cost as it affects its support base in the Shiite community. "They won a military war, they won a political war, but they cannot win a financial war," said one Lebanese banker, discussing the matter on condition of anonymity. "They have to find ways to work in the shadows but the problem is that whoever deals with them will be under scrutiny."

When the law first came into effect, Lebanese banks began closing accounts, including of Hezbollah officials, themselves. The central bank subsequently issued a directive requiring the banks to refer accounts considered linked to Hezbollah to an investigative unit before any measure is taken. In a statement issued last week, Hezbollah's parliamentary bloc stepped up its attack on central bank governor Riad Salameh for "ambiguous and suspicious" statements, and said Hezbollah's education and health institutions could not be undermined.

In an interview with CNBC last week, Salameh said the central bank was making sure banks

had really studied account activity before any decisions are taken. "The law is being implemented," he said. Deflecting criticism, Blom Bank said in a statement yesterday it "represented all sections of Lebanese society and its sects" in terms of its account holders, shareholders and employees.

Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, a Shiite politician and Hezbollah ally, said the attack on Blom Bank had targeted "Lebanon firstly, and Hezbollah secondly". The banking sector is vitally important to Lebanon as a conduit for billions of dollars of annual remittances that keep its economy afloat. The central bank is widely seen as one of the only effective institutions in the weak Lebanese state.

Nabil Boumonsef, a commentator with An-Nahar newspaper, said the bombing meant the crisis had now become a security issue. "Its danger is that it is connected to the most important, and I can even say the last bastion of protection for Lebanon's social, political and economic stability - the banking sector." —Reuters

## INDIA INFLATION INCREASES

**NEW DELHI:** India's consumer prices rose faster than expected in May due to higher food prices, official figures showed yesterday, which will likely hold off an increase in interest rates. The inflation rate increased by 5.76 percent from a year earlier, substantially higher than 4.8 percent recorded in March and 5.4 percent in April, reported the statistics ministry. The jump was mostly driven by higher food prices due to back to back droughts, reported Bloomberg.

"The recent pickup in Indian inflation is due to higher food prices, not a pickup in overall inflationary pressures," Bill Adams, senior international economist at PNC Financial Services Group, said in a statement to AFP. "Nevertheless, the Reserve Bank of

India is likely to leave interest rates on hold for the rest of 2016 after its 25 basis point cut in the repo rate to 6.5 percent on April 5," Adams added.

Central bank governor Raghuram Rajan, who has made taming India's once-runaway prices a priority of his tenure, has set a medium-term goal of limiting inflation to 5 percent by March 2017. The RBI's April rate cut, designed to lower the cost of borrowing and provide a boost to the economy, took the key interest rate to 6.5 percent, its lowest level since early 2011. Economists are now looking ahead to the imminent monsoon, a key factor in food price inflation owing to its outsized impact on India's farmers, whose crops are highly dependent on the annual rains. — AFP

## GULF INSURANCE GROUP TO ACQUIRE TURKISH INSURER

**KUWAIT:** Gulf Insurance Group K S C P, the leading insurance service provider in the Middle East and North Africa region, announced today that it has successfully obtained the approval from Turkish regulators to acquire 90 percent stake of Turins Sigorta, a Turkish non-life insurer.

Established in 2013, the Turkish non-life insurer Turins Sigorta offers insurance solutions to both corporates and individuals covering personal accident, travel, fire, general accidents, marine and aviation and motor insurance lines coupled with an advanced IT infrastructure, which offers an efficient service to its customers.

"It is an absolute pleasure to have Turins

Sigorta join Gulf Insurance Group," said Khaled Saoud Al-Hassan, GIG CEO.

"Turins has a strong presence in the Turkish insurance market and this acquisition, which is in line with our regional expansion strategy, paves the way to further expansions in the region. This acquisition also expands the spread of our services to our clients as well as our Kuwaiti investors."

Turins Sigorta CEO, Suleyman Sagiroglu added: "I am very excited for the completion of the Turins Sigorta acquisition. I hope to capitalize on my international and Turkish market experience in leading this young company and its



Khaled Saoud Al-Hassan, GIG CEO

dynamic team. We want to provide creative and comprehensive insurance solutions for many other lines of businesses using diverse marketing channels."

GIG, supported by its major shareholders KIPCO (the biggest diversified holding company in the MENA region) and Fairfax Financial Holding (a Canadian-based Insurance giant), has the necessary expertise, financial strength and capacity to contribute to the development and growth of the Turkish Insurance Sector by providing innovative and comprehensive insurance solutions through diverse marketing channels and will strive to meet the ever-changing customer needs.



### BURGAN BANK ANNOUNCES NAMES OF WINNERS OF YAWMI ACCOUNT



**KUWAIT:** Burgan Bank announces the names of the lucky winners of its Yawmi account draw, each taking home a prize of KD 5,000. The lucky winners for the daily draws took home a cash prize of KD 5,000 each, and they are:

1. Abdullah Hasan Sayed Ali Ali
2. Mohammad Abdullah Ali
3. Khaznah Saleh Hawwas Mujdel
4. Fahad Mubarek Nema Faleh
5. Sami Mahmoud Hasan Al Rabiah

To further add to the anticipation of Yawmi account customers, Burgan Bank now offers a quarterly draw with more chances to win higher rewards, entitling

one lucky customer to win KD 125,000 every three months. The Yawmi Account now offers daily and quarterly draws - the quarterly draw requires customers to maintain a minimum amount of KD 500 in their account for two months prior to draw date. Additionally, every KD 10 in the account will entitle customers to one chance of winning. If the account balance is KD 500 and above, the account holder will be qualified for both the quarterly and daily draws.

Burgan Bank encourages everyone to open a Yawmi account and/or increase their deposit to maximize their chances to becoming a winner. The more customers deposit, the higher the chances they receive of winning.

## NISSAN PROPILOT LEADS THE WAY FOR AUTONOMOUS TECH AT G7 SUMMIT



**DUBAI:** European Council President Donald Tusk had a front-seat view to Nissan's ProPilot autonomous drive technology on Thursday at the G7 summit in Ise-shima, Japan. The EC President's car was among a cavalcade of Group of Seven next-generation vehicles.

The Nissan autonomous drive road session was one of a number of events planned during the Japan-hosted G7 Summit on May 26 and 27. The prototype vehicle, based on the Nissan LEAF, a 100 percent electric vehicle, was equipped with special features such as a millimeter wave radar, laser scanners, cameras, and a specialized HMI (Human Machine Interface) to support autonomous driving. The G7 Summit autonomous vehicle demonstration allowed President Tusk to experience how ProPilot technology could navigate roads, incorporating two innovative functionalities. The first, aminiature, high-spec laser scanner that

determines the distance between the vehicle and its surroundings through precise three-dimensional measurements enabling navigation in tight spaces. The second is an eight-way, 360-degree view camera system for accurate routing decisions at intersections and on sharp curving roads. The technologies were tested on roads and highways in Japan and the United States earlier this year.

Nissan will introduce the ProPilot autonomous drive technology in a model in Japan later this year, and then expand availability to Europe, United States and China. ProPilot 1.0 can be used in congested highway traffic conditions.

By 2018, the company plans to implement a multiple-lane, ProPilot autonomous drive technology that allows highway lane change, while by 2020, the new technology will facilitate driving on urban roads, including intersections.

## HOMAIZI: KFIC PAID KD 4M IN LOAN PAYMENTS DURING 2015

**KUWAIT:** Plans to divest some unprofitable investments and the diversification of the investment portfolio to decrease risks continue to be implemented. Saleh Yacoub Al-Homaizi, Chairman of Kuwait Finance and Investment Company (KFIC) revealed that KFIC continued during 2015 to decrease the total receivables by 14 percent to approximately KD 20.8 million. This figure compares to approximately KD 24 million by the end of 2014. This decrease was observed after it paid KD 4 million to banks and creditors as per the loans agreements. As such, KFIC has paid KD 26 million for the first quarter of 2016 out of its total active loans after the restructure that occurred in 2012.

Al-Homaizi stated during the Annual General Meeting that was held yesterday that KFIC during 2015, KFIC liquidated a considerable part of its listed and categorized investments for trade. They are now for sale to decrease the exposure on the disturbed stock markets. The associates' performance has also improved. They achieved good results during the year as well as good revenues from the new investments that KFIC bought at the end of 2014 and the beginning of 2015, which compensated from the stock investment losses.

Homaizi pointed out that KFIC's ownership rights increased during 2015 by 3 percent to KD 41.5 million in comparison with approximately KD 40.3 million during 2014. On the other hand, the company's total assets have declined by 3 percent to KD 3.62 million as of December 31, 2015 due to the payment of receivables as per the loans agreements.

Homaizi also indicated that KFIC will continue to implement its plans to divest of some of its unprofitable direct investments during the period from 2016 to 2018. Al Homaizi pointed that the company successfully divested of its unprofitable investments in the Arab Finance House, Gulf Investment Corporation and Credit Information Network (CINET) during the past two years.

Homaizi also clarified that KFIC started diversifying its investment portfolio in order to decrease risks and guarantee the generation of a revenue that covers the capital costs and generates a constant cash flow. In their diversification efforts, KFIC has entered the real estate market through new profitable assets during 2014 and 2015 with an approximately 5.3 million KD investment. The revenues attained from those investments were approximately 394,000 KD during 2015.

Homaizi stated that KFIC's operational net profit before interest and tax and unusual items were 1.7 million KD for 2015 in comparison with 2.3 million KD for 2014 which signifies a 26 percent or 0.6 million KD decline. The decline is mainly due to the decrease in stock prices and the volume of transactions in the Kuwait Stock Exchange during 2015 by a large margin. In spite of such decline, KFIC continued to achieve positive results. The company's net profit was approximately 847,000 KD in 2015 in comparison with approximately 1.5 million KD in 2014 which signifies an 853,000 KD decline.

Homaizi emphasized that the aforementioned financial indicators reflect the strength of



Saleh Yacoub Al-Homaizi, Chairman of Kuwait Finance and Investment Company

KFIC's financial position. He also clarified that the company will monitor its investments and operation as per the suggested work plan that is associated with the restructure plan that was implemented. He said that KFIC is now working on fully committing and adhering to the Capital Markets Authority's governance rules requirements by June 2016.

It is noteworthy that the General Assembly agreed to all the items on the agenda including the refusal to distribute profits for 2015 and support the company's reserves by KD 300,000.

## AUB ANNOUNCES COUNTDOWN TO KD 250,000 GRAND AL HASAD DRAW

**KUWAIT:** One fortunate winner will soon enjoy Ahli United Bank's (AUB) quarterly prize draw providing a KD 250,000 lifetime salary as the countdown begins to one of the Islamic bank's top rewarding savings prize draws. The draw will take place on the 29th of June, where one winner will win the top prize of a KD 250,000 lifetime salary through continuous monthly payment. Customers may enter the draw to enjoy this attractive quarterly prize when opening their Al Hasad accounts at least two weeks prior to the official draw date.

The Al Hasad program is the first program for prizes in Kuwait which provides the highest prize value, reaching KD 3.4 million per annum, along with offering 26 weekly prizes - generat-



ing the largest number of winners. AUB continues to thank its customers for their support and trust in the bank's capabilities, which is reflected in the constant persistence in providing innovative banking products and services.

The bank is reaching out to citizens and residents of Kuwait to avail the benefits associated with the Al Hasad account while also leveraging

the opportunity to win the quarterly prize draw by increasing their accounts and to double their chances of winning with the Al Hasad Islamic savings program. Individuals interested in winning and achieving more profits in line with sharia law may open their Al Hasad Islamic savings account with a minimum of KD 100. Opening the account does not require a salary transfer, and minors are also able to open their accounts through their parents or legal guardians.

Through these simple steps to opening an Al Hasad account, AUB reaffirms its commitment to being the ideal bank that works towards increasing its clients' savings, helping them achieve their dreams by delivering on Kuwait's first Islamic rewards program.

## GULF STOCKS MOSTLY SOFT BUT SAUDI FIRM

### MIDEAST MARKETS REPORT

**DUBAI:** Most stock markets in the Middle East edged down yesterday after global bourses and oil prices fell further and Egypt's Orascom Telecom saw a second day of steep losses after an acquisition plan was called off but Saudi Arabian shares were firm. Riyadh's index recovered from early weakness to end up 0.3 percent as Saudi Electricity Co (SEC) climbed 2.5 percent. SEC said at the weekend that it was inviting expressions of interest from companies to build two solar power plants; the firms would invest in the plants and sell electricity to SEC in deals that could become models for future infrastructure projects under Saudi Arabia's economic reform plan. Other blue chips also supported the market with the largest listed Islamic lender, Al Rajhi Banking, gaining 1.7 percent. Retailer Fawaz Al Hokair rose 3.4 percent. But Dar Al Arkan Real Estate, which had surged nearly 30 percent since news that it was in talks with the government to build housing units under last week's economic plan, fell 1.6 percent to 6.35 riyals. Eight analysts polled by Reuters have a 5.94 riyal mean price target for the stock.

Many portfolio managers are still sizing up the likely impact of the economic reform plan on companies' earnings; they have largely stayed clear of making long-term commitments to Saudi shares. Another factor looming for the market is international index compiler MSCI, which is to announce after the close on Tuesday whether it will put Saudi Arabia on review for possible inclusion in its emerging markets index as early as mid-2017.

Inclusion would bring billions of dollars of passive foreign funds into the market but fund managers are split on whether Saudi Arabia is likely to be put on review this year. Mohammad Shabbir, head of equity funds at Dubai-based Rasmala Investment Bank, said there was a high possibility for MSCI to include Saudi Arabia in its index next year because of an easing of foreign ownership restrictions and reforms to the trading environment announced in early May.

MSCI will also announce today whether China A-shares will be upgraded to its emerging markets index. If they are, this would dilute the weightings of other Middle Eastern markets in the index - the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Egypt - causing outflows of passive funds from them. "The impact of the outflow will be short-lived," said Shabbir. Mohamed El-Jamal, head of capital markets at Abu

Dhabi's Waha Capital, said he was expecting about \$100 million of outflows from the UAE, Qatar and Egypt if China A-share inclusion went ahead.

#### Dubai, Egypt

Dubai's index lost 0.4 percent, weighed down by further declines in large caps. Emaar Properties fell 1 percent, leaving it down 9 percent from its late April high. In Abu Dhabi, heavyweight banking shares were the main drag on the index, which slipped 0.1 percent. National Bank of Abu Dhabi declined 2.4 percent. Qatar's main index dropped 0.9 percent to close at the day's low of 9,704 points. A sell-off in blue chips weighed on the bourse, with real estate developer Ezzan Holding slumping 3.2 percent. Cairo's main index edged down 0.1 percent as Orascom Telecom retreated a further 4.6 percent. It slid 5.7 percent on Sunday after a plan by its unit Beltone to acquire CI Capital from Commercial International Bank (CIB) was called off because it failed to win regulatory approval. Orascom said it would re-engage in the acquisition once all "regulatory obstacles" were overcome, but the failure of the deal was seen by some investors

as a blow to prominent businessman Naguib Sawiris, who family controls Orascom, and to the Egyptian investment climate in general. However, shares in CIB bounced 1.7 percent on Monday.

#### Yesterday's highlights:

- SAUDI ARABIA**
  - \* The index added 0.3 percent to 6,590 points.
- DUBAI**
  - \* The index dropped 0.4 percent to 3,323 points.
- ABU DHABI**
  - \* The index edged down 0.1 percent to 4,365 points.
- QATAR**
  - \* The index lost 0.9 percent to 9,704 points.
- EGYPT**
  - \* The index edged down 0.1 percent to 7,645 points.
- KUWAIT**
  - \* The index fell 0.2 percent to 5,412 points.
- OMAN**
  - \* The index declined 0.4 percent to 5,847 points.
- BAHRAIN**
  - \* The index gained 0.7 percent to 1,123 points.

— Reuters

## AL-DAWLI REWARDS ITS CUSTOMERS WITH COMPLIMENTARY TRAVEL INSURANCE

**KUWAIT:** In its bid to provide its customers with a stress-free experience when traveling abroad with the family, Kuwait International Bank (KIB) offers them with comprehensive travel insurance for free when purchasing travel tickets using any of KIB credit cards. The policy covers various emergency occurrences during their stay overseas.

On this occasion, the AGM Retail Banking at KIB, Waleed Jaafar Al-Qattan said, "With the advent of summer season and families are getting ready to enjoy good and relaxing times wherever they go, we aspired to provide them with peace of mind by offering them complimentary insurance coverage when they purchase travel tickets with their KIB Credit Cards." He added that the sharia-compliant insurance has global coverage and offers 24/7 travel and medical assistance



Waleed Jaafar Al-Qattan

with a direct claim settlement.

He continued by saying that the policy covers various travel inconveniences like baggage loss or delay, trip delay, loss of passport, as well as emergency medical and dental expenses, emergency medical evacuation, baggage tracking and assistance, legal referral assistance, delivery of medicine and more.

Qattan concluded by stating that Al-Dawli's sole purpose and aim is to serve its customers with utmost commitment wherever they are by providing them with quality and innovative services that makes their lives easier and offering them an exceptional banking experience. That's why the bank offers a suite of credit cards to choose what suits their needs and lifestyle, as well as get rewarded with the best-in-class benefits at all times.

# THE AMBIGUITY OF CEM, DIGITAL AND BIG DATA

By Khaled Mkahal

Without any doubt the world has gone the digital direction becoming more focused on the Customer experience while trying to map customer interactions and generating useful information that will increase satisfaction, leading to continuous business growth. In-line with this trend, you will notice that people are more involved in exploring and researching what I like to call the 'three words'- Big data, Digital and Customer Experience Management (CEM), especially if they are working in service oriented sectors like Telecom, Banking and Travel and Tourism.

Keeping in mind the size and amount of information being exchanged daily brings up an important question - "Is there any clear common understanding that defines the Three Words? And can they really be separated?"

Unfortunately, there is none at the moment as this area is considered as a

growing non-mature space. Definitions and concepts keeping evolving with new approaches, strategies and best practices. We will try to address these areas from our understanding hoping it will help better understand and hence embrace these new trends.

Starting with the Customer Experience (CX): It is the perceived experience by a customer to a certain product or service, the experience can be good, bad or normal. The ability to measure customer experience and manage this information, i.e. analyze it, improve it and reuse it to derive new services and products personalized to the customer is what we call Customer Experience Management. It is important to understand that the experience is holistic and cannot be segregated and hence the challenge in capturing it. In the CEM world this is referred to as measuring customer experience throughout the customer life cycle and against all touch points.

Let me give you an example. The

experience of a customer who wants to stay in a particular hotel starts from the time he visits the hotel's website to book a room until he checks out of the hotel. This includes his experience at the time of check in, while using the facilities of the hotel and finally when he makes the final payment. The question that now arises is how to measure his experience and ensure that the customer would not only return to the same hotel but also share his experience and recommend the hotel to his friends and colleagues which in turn would translate to more business for the hotel.

Digital: To explain this simply, digital is the form of the data that customers generates during their interactions with different touch points. It is also denotes the channels that the customer has used to transfer this data. It is definitely advantageous to have data captured in digital form as it helps improve the process of collecting the data thus increasing the ability to process it further. If we go back to our hotel example,

we can consider the hotel website that the customer used to book his room as the digital channel and the information that he was required to fill and the online payment he made are in the form of digital data.

Big Data: This is the data that is generated by all customer transactions for each and every product/service they have experienced.

Let's go back to the hotel example to understand this a little more. Here "big data" is the data generated by the customer (his profile, the country he is travelling from, number of days of stay, the room type, the means of payment, utilities access in the hotel like pool, gym, restaurants, feedback, complaints if any, etc.). It is of course easy to collect this type of data from one customer but imagine the size of the same data when collected for all the customers of the hotel over a long period of time. This cumulative data of all customers is what we call 'big data'. In fact in reality, customers can use multiple services at the



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same time generating more data.

It is important to be able to define and distinguish the different meanings of the 'three words' distinctly and although we believe they all come together in one gigantic process while working back to back as one of them is the input (Big Data), the second is the form and channel of the data (Digital) and the final one (CEM) is the engine and Processes which when applied to this data helps improve both customer satisfaction and business growth.

## COMING LATER TODAY: APPLE'S NEXT BIG SOFTWARE IMPROVEMENTS

**SAN FRANCISCO:** With sales of Apple's flagship iPhone slowing, the spotlight is on the company's hunt for its next big thing. Apple's annual software developers conference, which kicks off Monday, will be its next big opportunity to show the world what's coming next.

Artificial intelligence, and Apple's wisecracking digital assistant Siri, could play a big role. Of course, Apple is expected to unveil a number of other advances - software improvements for its iPhones, iPads and Mac computers and a possible overhaul of its music service chief among them. After Apple's dust-up with the FBI earlier this year over iPhone security, it might also announce new security measures to protect users' data.

But AI is emerging as a major new tech battleground, one where Apple may have some ground to make up. Siri made a big splash when it debuted five years ago. But as other tech giants jockey to build intelligent "chat bots" and voice-controlled home systems capable of more challenging artificial-intelligence feats, Siri at times no longer seems cutting edge.

### Making siri smarter

Apple is expected to demonstrate an upgrade to Siri's smarts. The main question is whether it will be enough to keep up with rivals like Amazon, Google, Facebook and others who are racing to create digital services that consumers will find indispensable for shopping, chatting, controlling other appliances and simply getting through their daily lives. "Google Now has kind of eaten their lunch," said Chris Monberg, co-founder of Boomtrain, a startup that makes artificial intelligence software used by online retailers. Monberg argues that Google's proactive digital assistant provides more useful reminders, recommendations and tips on local weather or traffic, largely because it reads his email and other data from his Android phone and crunches it with sophisticated algorithms on Google's powerful servers.

Amazon's Echo home speaker likewise has its fans; it recognizes informal voice commands and can order flowers, pizza or a ride to the airport. Facebook, Google and Microsoft are also working to incorporate intelligent "bots" into the voice- and text-messaging services that people use to chat with their friends.

In some respects, Siri remains plenty competitive, at least so long as you stick with Apple's other services. If an iPhone owner uses Google's Gmail, for instance, Apple's software may not scan those emails for useful information. But Jan Dawson, a tech analyst at Jackdaw Research, notes that Siri can volunteer

helpful reminders from the Apple calendar, offer suggestions based on a user's location, or search for images stored in Apple's photo app.

### Getting to know you

Apple, however, has been largely unwilling to pry too deeply into your personal information. And some experts say that puts it at a disadvantage compared to Google, which has compiled vast quantities of data - about both individual users and consumer trends - from its search engine, Gmail, maps and other well-liked online services. (Many of those Google services remain popular on the iPhone, despite Apple's best efforts to replace them. With AI, "systems get much better the more they know about the user," said Alan Black, an expert in voice-enabled technology at Carnegie Mellon University.

Apple collects plenty of data from its users, but hasn't "focused on connecting all the dots," said Raj Singh, co-founder of Tempo AI, an artificial intelligence startup acquired by Salesforce.com last year.

Google, of course, makes money from advertising that's keyed to individual interests. Apple, which makes most of its money from iPhones, says its software respects customer privacy by working with an individual's data on the iPhone or iPad, while anonymizing information that's uploaded to its servers.

"We don't mine your email, your photos, or your contacts in the cloud to learn things about you," Apple VP Craig Federighi said at the company's Worldwide Developers Conference last year. "We honestly just don't want to know."

### "Siri, reserve my table"

Apple declined comment on plans for Siri. Last fall, however, Apple acquired a startup that makes AI software specifically for mobile devices, and another that helps computers carry on extensive voice conversations. And tech news sites have reported Apple may loosen its restrictions on Siri's ability to work directly with other companies' software. That could enable Siri to book a restaurant reservation on command, or order a ride from a car service, rather than show a link to an app like Open Table or Uber and requiring the user to do the rest.

Experts say the quality of Apple's software and online services is increasingly critical to maintaining its popularity with consumers.

Services like Siri, Apple Music and Apple Pay add significant value to the iPhone and other Apple devices, Dawson said. "They're important to keeping the Apple ecosystem attractive."—AP



JAKARTA, INDONESIA: Go-Jek motorcycle taxi app founder and CEO Nadiem Makarim, right, rides on a Go-Jek bike as he leaves his office for a meeting.—AP

## JAKARTA'S TRAFFIC TRIALS GIVE RISE TO A TECH SUCCESS

**JAKARTA:** The Indonesian capital's reputation as one of the most congested cities is typically not an advantage with investors. But one company has become the country's most visible technology success with an app that relieves some of the pain of its maddening traffic. The ride-hailing apps that are now part of daily life from New York to New Delhi and London are usually used to summon cars. Jakarta, the world's sixth-largest urban sprawl and by some measures the most car-clogged, needed something different.

In hindsight, the Go-Jek mobile app for hailing rides on motorcycles, to dodge and weave through traffic, was a no-brainer. But its sudden success over the past two years took even its founder by surprise. The app's name is a play on "ojek," the Indonesian word for freelance motorcycle taxis, now a rare sight in Jakarta after many drivers joined Go-Jek's green-jacketed, GPS-coordinated ranks.

"We really had no idea it would be adopted so widely and so quickly," said Nadiem Makarim, who admits the company and its app struggled to keep pace when tens of thousands began downloading it.

Makarim believes Jakarta's carnageddon had arrived at a "pain point" of huge unmet demand for a solution. "Smartphone penetration was at an all-time high in Jakarta, traffic was at an all-time high," he said. "Getting yourself or your things from A to B in the quickest way possible could only be achieved by motorcycles."

As by far the biggest economy in Southeast Asia, making up a third of the region's gross domestic product, Indonesia has also attracted Uber and Go-Jek's fiercest competitor, Malaysia's Grab, which is headed by Makarim's Harvard classmate Anthony Tan.

Analysts say both Uber and Grab have greater scale and resources than Go-Jek, crucial for sustaining losses in the transport app industry's early stages and for sustaining investments in the behind-the-scenes technology that makes the apps easy for people to use. Go-Jek has built on its strategy of providing rides to introduce a slew of additional Go-services to the app, including delivering food, groceries, cleaners, massage therapists and beauticians to homes.

The Go-Send document pickup and delivery service and Go-Food are the company's two biggest businesses after rides, Makarim said. Go-Food, he said, has become the biggest food delivery business in Southeast Asia by number of transactions. "Go-Jek's vision is to escape competition by creating an on-demand platform for anything our consumer wants," he said. "We're not stuck on our identity based on what we think it

should be. We let the market decide what they want us to be."

Florian Hoppe, a partner at consulting company Bain who specializes in technology, said Go-Jek's approach is "fairly unique" but fits the situation in Jakarta and other Indonesian cities where service businesses are hobbled by transportation problems.

"It's hard to predict where this will be going," he said. "In the long-term, specialized services will likely have an edge but Indonesia has enough uniqueness, market protection and scale, that (Go-Jek) could be very successful in the long-term too."

Makarim dreamed up Go-Jek for an independent study project while at Harvard Business School and started it as a sideline business when he returned to Indonesia in the summer. For its first three years, it operated like a call center. It became a mobile app after Makarim turned his attention to it full-time from mid-2014.

Like elsewhere, ride hailing apps are drawing an angry backlash from taxi drivers as their incomes drop. In March, a protest by thousands of taxi drivers that paralyzed the capital turned violent, with cabbies brawling in the streets with green-jacketed drivers from Go-Jek and Grab.

Go-Jek says it has more than 200,000 drivers around Indonesia but the pain for taxis seems most acute in Jakarta, where all the ride hailing services are battling fiercely for customers, pushing fares to rock bottom.

Since a Go-Jek trip within the city costs only about 12,000 rupiah (90 cents) outside of peak hours, the company is burning through its investment cash because in Jakarta the fares are lower than what it pays drivers.

Yet the apps have proven so useful to people in a city where officials estimate congestion causes losses of \$3 billion a year that attempts to ban them on the basis of claims of unfair competition have failed.

When the transport minister issued a directive last December banning app-based ojek, the public outcry was such that President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo quickly overruled the decision.

The nationalistic appeal of a home-grown tech success is also a potent advantage for the company. "We want to make Indonesia proud that this is a uniquely Indonesian company that was started here," Makarim said. "We have a huge competitive advantage as the first mover and from a sense of growing nationalism and pride that we are the tech brand of Indonesia right now."—AP



SAN FRANCISCO: Eddy Cue, Apple senior vice president of internet software and services, talking about the new voices of Siri virtual assistant during the keynote address of the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference.—AP

## MASSIVE N KOREA CYBER ATTACK THWARTED AFTER HACKING S.KOREA

**SEOUL:** North Korea has hacked into more than 140,000 computers at large South Korean conglomerates and government agencies and planted malicious codes that may have been intended for a massive cyber attack that has been thwarted, a news report said on yesterday.

The hacking originated from an internet address traced to the North Korean capital and targeted a software used by about 160 companies and government agencies to manage their computer networks, Yonhap news agency reported, citing the police.

The internet address was identical to the one used in a 2013 cyber attack against South Korean banks and broadcasters that froze their computer systems for more than a week. South Korea blamed the North for that attack.

The South Korean police agency's cyber investigation unit uncovered the hacking and worked with the companies and agencies affected to neutralize the malicious codes and prevent them from being used in a large-scale cyber attack, Yonhap said.

The police's cyber investigation unit could not immediately confirm the report. South Korea has been on heightened alert against the threat of cyber attacks by North Korea after it conducted a nuclear test in January and a long-range rocket launch last month that led to new UN sanctions.

In March, the South's spy agency said it had intercepted an attempt to hack into the South's computer networks to attack the transport system's control network, blaming the North for the attempt.

North Korea has worked for years to develop the ability to disrupt or destroy computer systems that control public services such as telecommunications and other utilities, according to a North Korean defector familiar with the effort.

The United States accused North Korea of a cyber attack against Sony Pictures in 2014 that led to the studio cancelling the release of a comedy based on the fictional assassination of the country's leader, Kim Jong Un. North Korea denied the accusation.—Reuters

DASMAN DIABETES INSTITUTE: KUWAIT’S STAUNCH BULWARK AGAINST DIABETES

By Shahad Kamal

**KUWAIT:** The prevalence of diabetes in Kuwait is amongst the highest in the world, and the country's government and non-government organizations have been confronting the non-communicable disease and its risk factors at all fronts.

On the frontline of this war, stands the Dasman Diabetes Institute as a main defender of Kuwaitis' health against the disease which represents an enormous challenge to Kuwait's health system.

The DDI encompasses a multi-disciplinary team of national and international professionals who combine their knowledge and experience to provide quality diabetes care, Director-General of the Dasman Diabetes Institute (DDI) Dr. Qais Al-Duwairi told KUNA.

He pointed out that the DDI's research department aimed to explore the mechanisms of the diabetes and its complications to help provide practical solutions

for the prevention and treatment of this disease, he argued. He emphasized that the DDI researchers were also keen on translating the findings of their studies into clinical practices to improve the health conditions of the patients.

Al-Duwairi stated that the DDI has been prioritizing researches focusing on upgrading healthcare services offered to diabetic people. The DDI has entered into strategic partnerships with the Kuwait University and Kuwait's Ministry of Health as well as a slew of international healthcare and educational institutions such as the US-based Harvard University and Georgetown University, he said.

He added that the DDI researches tackle everything related to diabetes before and after the disease diagnosing. The researches cover a wide array of topics including clinical diabetology, immunology, biochemistry, molecular biology and pediatrics, he said.

He unveiled that the DDI teams are

working on 61 diverse researches and studies that were approved by the Ethical Review Committee. Four of those researches touches upon knowledge-based awareness, lifestyle, breastfeeding and food role in prevention and reducing the incidence of diabetes, he said.

Al-Duwairi noted that some 20 clinical experiments were carried out in the DDI since 2010. These experiments have boosted the DDI status as one of the main diabetes research centers in the world, he said. For her part, DDI Researcher Dr. Maisa Mahmoud Kamkar disclosed that the findings of 13 the DDI researches would be announced this year. She explained that the researches take long time because of the high DDI standards and procedures such as idea approval, samples taking and clinical work, waiting for the results, a review to the results.

She noted that the DDI role is to help prevent, control and mitigate the impact of diabetes and related conditions in

Kuwait through effective programs of research, training, education, and health promotion and thereby improve quality of life in the population. "Despite the progress achieved in the past years, more researches and efforts are still needed to improve the diabetes diagnoses, treatment, prevention, medicine and patients lifestyle," Al-Duwairi told KUNA.

Al-Duwairi stated that a research carried out by the Kuwait Scotland eHealth Innovation Network has shown a remarkable rise in prevalence of diabetes among children and adolescents (under 14 years old) by 1.7 folds in the past five years. The DDI marks this month the 10th anniversary of its inauguration by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The Institute was founded by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) to be in charge of studies related to diabetes. The Kuwait adult population has the sixth highest prevalence of diabetes

in the world, affecting approximately 24 percent of the population. A number of potential causes for the rising trends in diabetes have been identified, including genetic predisposition, westernized diet, lack of physical activity and limited recreational facilities.

Kuwait also has one of the highest levels of obesity in the world. It is estimated that threequarters of the adult population are overweight or obese with the latter accounting for between 30 and 50 percent of the population.

These problems are not restricted to the adult population. The prevalence of diabetes in children and young adults is rising, estimated to be around 33 per 100,000. Kuwait also has a high prevalence of overweight and obesity in children and adolescents. As the number of cases of diabetes and obesity continues to rise these patients place an ever increasing burden on the healthcare system. — KUNA

PRECISION MEDICINE SOLUTIONS  
MADE EASIER AND MORE AFFORDABLE  
TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

**OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS:** Health Outcomes Sciences (HOS), serving hospitals and health systems across the country, has achieved new milestones in its journey to deliver personalized predictive analytics for cardiovascular patients. As a provider of online healthcare technology solutions, the month of June 2016 marks the company's release of its patented next generation ePRISM (r) platform along with brand new subscription plans that make adoption of its precision medicine solutions easier and more affordable.

Dr. John Spertus explains how a predictive model is used in the ED for stroke patients. "We're seeing a groundswell of interest in the use of predictive analytics to support personalized care and shared decision-making," says Dr. John Spertus, HOS co-founder and Chief Scientific Officer. "However, we know that cost can be a barrier to rapid adoption, as can the IT burden associated with implementing new technology. That's why we've made it possible for hospitals and health systems to be up and running with our next generation ePRISM (r) platform in just a few days' time, and they can use any of the predictive models in our library for just a few hundred dollars a month."

The company's new ePRISM (r) Level 1 and Level 2 options offer hospitals and health systems their own private online web portal along with a subscription to any predictive model in the company's library. Differences between the two options include the number of user logins, the ability to save data and download it for localized use, and the opportunity for branding with a logo. Both options include no-cost educational webinars and US-based phone support. Although the new ePRISM (r) Level 1 and Level 2 options reduce the operational requirements of a major IT project, the company will continue to offer a more robust option that fully integrates with all major electronic medical record (EMR) systems. The company's partnership with the

American College of Cardiology (ACC) has contributed to a strong track record of client success in cardiovascular care. Its suite of predictive models for percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) and implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) are derived directly from ACC NCDR (r) research, and are regarded as the gold standard. Within the next few months, the company will expand its library to include suites of predictive models for orthopedics and oncology, expressly in support of CMS initiatives addressing Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) and Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography.

Spertus offers, "Thousands of predictive models have been published in scientific annals, but HOS is careful to select only those that offer high impact to patient outcomes. We work closely with clinical care teams to embed the predictive models seamlessly into routine workflow."

Earlier this year, HOS added new predictive models to its library with the assistance of Saint Luke's Health System in Kansas City. Spertus describes in this video how one of the models is being used at Saint Luke's Hospital as part of the RESOLVE research study, an American Heart Association (AHA) initiative that seeks to improve outcomes for stroke patients. The company worked with Drs. Arnold and Cohen at Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute to launch a model that addresses outcomes for transcatheter aortic valve replacement, or TAVR (otherwise known as transcatheter aortic valve implantation, or TAVI). The company is currently offering TAVR/TAVI teams around the world access to the model via a free online risk calculator.

"Our solutions play a pivotal role in healthcare quality management," Spertus explains. "The Wall Street Journal recently reported on the prevalence of medical errors, and the toll on lives lost. Personalized precision medicine can help overcome that growing epidemic." —AP



LAS VEGAS: Prince performs at the Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena. It's not clear if any doctor could have averted the fentanyl overdose that killed Prince in April 2016. But his death may offer evidence for how the special treatment often afforded the rich and famous can result in worse health care than ordinary Americans receive. — AP

WHEN STARS SEEK MEDICAL CARE,  
RISK OF ‘VIP SYNDROME’ LOOMS

**NEW YORK:** One doctor delivered test results to Prince's home. Another sent his son, who wasn't a physician, on a cross-country flight to bring medication to the music star.

It's not clear if any doctor could have averted the fentanyl overdose that killed the singer in April. But his death may offer evidence for how the special treatment often afforded the rich and famous can result in worse health care than ordinary Americans receive. It's a pattern identified in medical literature as early as 1964 and it has a name: "VIP Syndrome."

Experts agree that doctors treating Michael Jackson and Joan Rivers lost their bearings and made fatal mistakes in the glare of their patients' fame. Eleanor Roosevelt is another example. "There are a number of red flags that go up," said Dr. Robert Klitzman, who directs Columbia University's bioethics master's program. "Prince was one of the wealthiest musicians alive. Did he get appropriate care? VIP Syndrome may have been involved."

First described by Dr. Walter Weintraub of the University of Maryland School of Medicine in a 1964 paper, VIP Syndrome is shorthand for how the influence of wealth and the allure of fame can cause doctors to veer into risky territory when they cater to the demands of a star or his entourage. Stars may reject medical advice or demand ineffective or harmful treatments. Star-struck doctors may order unnecessary tests or not enough tests. Hospital administrators may meddle in decisions if the patient is a potential financial donor.

Jackson's personal doctor, Conrad Murray, spent two years in prison after his involuntary manslaughter conviction in the King of Pop's 2009 death. Jackson had requested a surgical anesthetic, propofol, to help him sleep, calling it his "milk," according to trial testimony. Prosecutors said Murray supplied the drug and didn't notice when Jackson stopped breathing.

Eagerness to please apparently pushed Murray far beyond the boundaries of reasonable treatment, said Dr. Stephen Dinwiddie of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Another doctor took a cellphone photo of Joan Rivers on the operating table, according to a recently settled malpractice lawsuit. That's a clear sign of clouded judgment, Dinwiddie said.

The comedian's family accepted an undisclosed amount to settle the complaint in her 2014 death following a routine endoscopy. The family alleged doctors performed an unauthorized medical procedure and failed to act as Rivers' vital signs deteriorated.

Eleanor Roosevelt may have been misdiagnosed because of VIP Syndrome, said New York University School of Medicine's Dr. Barron Lerner, who published a paper based on his review of her medical record. The first lady died in 1962 of tuberculosis, which could have been caught earlier if she'd had a bone marrow biopsy in time, Lerner said. Instead, she was misdiagnosed with aplastic anemia and treated with steroids, which may have reduced her body's ability to fight infection. "Lots of doctors were involved, and no

one was specifically in charge," Lerner said, citing one hallmark of VIP Syndrome. "She was an opinionated patient, and that made it more challenging to take care of her."

The timeline of events surrounding Prince suggests missed opportunities, experts said, including a close call less than a week before he died on April 21. On April 15, Prince's private plane made an emergency stop in Illinois on a flight from Atlanta back to Minnesota. The Associated Press and other media organizations, citing anonymous sources, reported that first responders gave him an antidote commonly used to reverse suspected opioid overdoses. "You'd think someone would say, 'Let's get him into treatment,'" Klitzman said. Instead, a week passed before Prince's associates called a California addiction and pain specialist, Dr. Howard Kornfeld. Authorities have not said whether he had a prescription for the fentanyl and, if not, how he obtained it. Much about the musician's care remains unknown. Was Prince - who reportedly suffered from hip and knee pain related to years of athletic stage performances - already seeing doctors well-versed in the risks of opioids? If he became addicted to painkillers, did anyone consider referring him to a nearby and highly regarded treatment option, Minnesota's Hazeldon Betty Ford?

Kornfeld sent his son Andrew in an effort to persuade Prince to seek long-term care at his Recovery Without Walls center in Mill Valley, California, according to William Mauzy, the Kornfelds' attorney. Andrew Kornfeld carried a small dose of buprenorphine, which is used to ease withdrawal symptoms and cravings, Mauzy

has said. The younger Kornfeld arrived too late. He was among those who discovered Prince's body. Mauzy did not respond to the AP's questions regarding Kornfeld's approach to celebrity care. The actions of Dr. Michael Todd Schulenberg, a Minnesota family physician, are also under scrutiny. Schulenberg saw Prince on April 7 and 20, the day before he died. He told investigators he prescribed medications for him, but a search warrant did not specify which drugs. Schulenberg arrived "on the death scene" at some point, according to the warrant. He told a detective he was there to drop off test results.

That house call suggests VIP Syndrome, Klitzman said. Schulenberg's attorney, who would not comment specifically about Prince, said the doctor has made periodic house calls ever since he was in residency, when he was trained to do them.

During the visits, he carries only a stethoscope and "does not administer medications or perform any type of procedures in a patient's home," attorney Amy Connors said in an email to The Associated Press.

To guard against VIP Syndrome, the Cleveland Clinic published nine principles of caring for VIPs in 2011. The document warns doctors against bending the rules. In the end, doctors must monitor a tendency toward any unusual practices, said Lerner, author of "When Illness Goes Public: Celebrity Patients and How We Look at Medicine." "When you're contemplating superhuman or very heroic, unorthodox behavior in your zeal to help a famous patient," Lerner said, "that's where you've got to take a deep breath and reassess." — AP

VAPING TEENS MORE APT TO  
MOVE ON TO REGULAR CIGARETTES

**NEW YORK:** Older teens who try electronic cigarettes have six times the odds of trying regular cigarettes within two years than those who never puffed on the devices, a study published yesterday found.

"We're concerned that kids who experiment with e-cigarettes may be moving on to other types of tobacco products, like combustible cigarettes, which are arguably a lot more dangerous," said University of Southern California researcher Jessica Barrington-Trimis, lead author of the study published in the journal Pediatrics.

E-cigarettes are handheld electronic devices that vaporize a fluid typically including nicotine and a flavor component. Using them is called "vaping." The researchers based their findings on surveys conducted by USC involving about 300 high school students in southern California. In 2014, about half of the students said they had at least tried an e-cigarette.

In a 2015 follow-up survey, about 40 percent of those who had tried an e-cigarette by the previous year had tried regular cigarettes. That compared to about 11 percent of those who said they had not tried an e-cigarette in the prior

year's survey. After adjusting the statistics for gender, ethnicity, grade and parental education, the researchers calculated that the teens who tried the e-cigarettes had six times the odds of taking up smoking than those who never tried them. When the researchers looked at teens who said on the first survey that they had no intention to smoke, the risk of moving from e-cigarettes to regular cigarettes by the next year was 10 times greater than those who never vaped.

Barrington-Trimis said the high risk among teens committed to not smoking "suggests this is not just occurring among kids who intended to smoke anyway." The survey participants were 11th and 12th grade students who all were least 18 years old by the second survey. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommended in 2015 that the devices be regulated as tobacco products due to concerns they would lead teens to regular cigarettes and also expose their developing brains to nicotine.

The US Food and Drug Administration last month took wide-ranging steps to crack down on e-cigarettes and banned sales to anyone under age 18. — Reuters

THAILAND WARNS FANS OF EURO  
2016 HEART ATTACK THREAT

**BANGKOK:** Thailand's health authorities have urged football fans to avoid getting overly excited while watching Euro 2016 lest those heart-stopping moments literally prove fatal.

The Public Halth Ministry published advice calling on fans to ward off heart attacks by making sure they get enough rest and avoid long binges of football-fuelled excitement. "The ministry would like to advise all sport lovers-teenagers, students, working people and the elderly-to watch sensibly," Suwanchai Wattanayingcharoenchai, a ministry official, told reporters.

"Allocate appropriate time for watching and resting," he added. The ministry urged

those with diabetes and heart problems to make sure they continue to take medication. It said those who work hard, even the young, should also take care."If your bodies are weak, fans should only watch the matches they are interested in or watch replays instead. Do enough rest, exercise, eat healthy foods and avoid alcohol," Suwanchai said.

Thailand is a football-mad nation and European football in particular has a huge following. Most of Euro 2016's matches will take place in the middle of the night in Thailand, leading some health officials to fear that diehard fans will pull successive boozy all-nighters. —AFP



BATON ROUGE: Mike VI, LSU's tiger mascot, rests in his habitat before an NCAA college football game Between LSU and Florida. — AP

LSU VET: MASCOT TIGER BACK  
FROM BRINK OF CANCER DEATH

**BATON ROUGE:** LSU veterinarian David Baker says the lemon-sized swelling that had nearly closed one eye of the school's tiger mascot has gone down completely since his radiation therapy at a human hospital.

He tells The Advocate that a week or two later might have been too late to treat Mike VI. But he continues to stress that Mike remains terminally ill from spindle cell sar-

coma, with perhaps a year or two to live.

Mike was treated after hours June 1 at the Mary Byrd Perkins-Our Lady of the Lake Cancer Center, so no human patients were there. The center's chief of medical physics, Jonas Fontenot, says dealing with a 420-pound tiger felt surreal. It took more than eight people, using a sling system created by the veterinary staff, to lift the anesthetized animal.—AP



**KAZIRANGA, INDIA:** A forest official shows shell casings that were recovered from a site where a rhinoceros was killed by poachers with AK-47.



**ASSAM, INDIA:** A one-horned rhinoceros stands in the Kaziranga National Park, a wildlife reserve that provides refuge to more than 2,200 endangered Indian one-horned rhinoceroses. — AP photos

# INDIA'S ASSAM STATE MAKES NEW PLANS TO HALT RHINO POACHING

**GAUHATI, India:** The newly elected government of the northeast Indian state of Assam has launched plans to crack down on the poaching of the area's famed one-horned rhinos, an official said Saturday.

The state's Kaziranga National Park is home to the world's largest population of the rare rhinos, with more than 2,000 of the species. While overall poaching deaths have dropped

over the last few years, a series of rhino killings this year has led the new government to renew anti-poaching efforts.

The state's new environment minister, Pramila Rani Brahma, said that local police have been asked to join the offensive against poaching. Previously, Kaziranga's forest rangers and anti-poaching staff handled this responsibility on their own.

Brahma said allegations that some park staff may be involved in the trade in rhino parts were also being investigated. On Tuesday, as Brahma and other officials visited Kaziranga to discuss the threat of poaching, a female rhino was shot dead by poachers in the vicinity. In April, poachers killed a rhino at the 480-square-kilometer (185-square-mile) park hours after a visit by Britain's Prince William

and his wife, Kate. The royal couple had spent several hours at Kaziranga in hopes of drawing attention to the plight of endangered animals, including the park's one-horned rhinos.

All five of the world's rhino species are under constant threat from poachers seeking their horns to sell on the black market. Demand is high in countries such as China and Vietnam, where people mistakenly believe

consuming rhino horns can increase male potency. This year, eight rhinos in Kaziranga have been killed for their horns, after 17 were poached in 2015. Despite the threats, Kaziranga is a conservation success story. The reserve had 75 rhinos in 1905. In 1966, the number of rhinos in Kaziranga was put at 366. According to a 2015 estimate, the number has risen to 2,401. — AP

## 4 PEOPLE DIED IN APPARENT BEAR ATTACKS IN NORTHERN JAPAN

**TOKYO:** Four people foraging for edible wild plants or bamboo shoots were killed in bear attacks in a small area of northern Japan in three weeks, police said yesterday, and are warning people to take precautions.

The bodies of the three men and one woman had bites and scratches presumably made by "a large animal," Kazuno Police Station spokesman Noboru Abukawa said. He added that police heard roars of a bear or bears and saw bears from a helicopter while searching for the victims.

The victims, who were aged 65 to 79, were killed in a mountainous area within a 2.5-kilometer (1.6-mile) radius since May 20. Police are not sure of the cause of the sudden increase in the number of bear attacks. Abukawa said there had been no deaths from bear attacks in the last five years in Kazuno. The city in Akita prefecture is more than 600 kilometers (37 miles) north of Tokyo.

On Friday, hunters shot and killed a female Asiatic black bear with a body length of 1.3 meters (4.3 feet) about 20 meters southwest of where the fourth victim was found dead, but Abukawa said it was unclear whether the dead bear had attacked the victims.

Police are enhancing patrols and have distributed fliers alerting residents around the mountainous area to exercise caution. In nearby Iwate prefecture, eight people were attacked by bears on six occasions between April 1 and June 7, according to its prefectural website. The Iwate site urges people going into the mountains to bring a bell or turn on a radio to avoid bears.

Nationally, 168 bear attacks have been reported between April 2014 and March 2016, according to Environment Ministry data, and 176 people suffered injuries or died in those attacks. — AP

# EXCLUSIVE: STUDIES FIND 'SUPER BACTERIA' IN RIO'S OLYMPIC VENUES, TOP BEACHES

**S**cientists have found dangerous drug-resistant "super bacteria" off beaches in Rio de Janeiro that will host Olympic swimming events and in a lagoon where rowing and canoe athletes will compete when the Games start on Aug. 5.

The findings from two unpublished academic studies seen by Reuters concern Rio's most popular spots for tourists and greatly increase the areas known to be infected by the microbes normally found only in hospitals.

They also heighten concerns that Rio's sewage-infested waterways are unsafe. A study published in late 2014 had shown the presence of the super bacteria - classified by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as an urgent public health threat - off one of the beaches in Guanabara Bay, where sailing and wind-surfing events will be held during the Games.

The first of the two new studies, reviewed in September by scientists at the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy in San Diego, showed the presence of the microbes at five of Rio's show-case beaches, including the ocean-front Copacabana, where open-water and triathlon swimming will take place.

The other four were Ipanema, Leblon, Botafogo and Flamengo. The super bacteria can cause hard-to-treat urinary, gastrointestinal, pulmonary and bloodstream infections, along with meningitis. The CDC says studies show that these bacteria contribute to death in up to half of patients infected.

The second new study, by the Brazilian federal government's Oswaldo Cruz Foundation lab, which will be published next month by

the American Society for Microbiology, found the genes of super bacteria in the Rodrigo de Freitas lagoon in the heart of Rio and in a river that empties into Guanabara Bay.

Waste from countless households, in addition to hundreds of thousands of households, pours into storm drains, rivers and streams crisscrossing Rio, allowing the super bacteria to spread outside the city's hospitals in recent years. Renata Picao, a professor at Rio's federal university and lead researcher of the first study, said the contamination of Rio's famous beaches was the result of a lack of basic sanitation in the metropolitan area of 12 million people. "These bacteria should not be present in these waters. They should not be present in the sea," said Picao from her lab in northern Rio, itself enveloped by stench from Guanabara Bay.

Cleaning the city's waterways was meant to be one of the Games' greatest legacies and a high-profile promise in the official 2009 bid document Rio used to win the right to host South America's first Olympics. That goal has instead transformed into an embarrassing failure, with athletes lamenting the stench of sewage and complaining about debris that bangs into and clings to boats in Guanabara Bay, potential hazards for a fair competition.

### Situation getting worse

Picao's study, which has undergone internal reviews at Rio's federal university, analyzed water samples taken between September 2013 and September 2014. Using 10 samples taken at five beach locations, the study found super bacteria were most present at Botafogo beach, where all samples were positive.

Flamengo beach, where spectators will gather to watch Olympic sailors vie for medals, had the super bacteria in 90 percent of samples. Ten percent of Copacabana's samples had the microbes.

Ipanema and Leblon beaches, the most popular with tourists, had samples that tested positive for super bacteria 50 and 60 percent of the time, respectively. The Oswaldo Cruz study of the Olympic lagoon, which was peer reviewed, is based on water samples taken in 2013. It found that the lake is a potential breeding ground for super bacteria and their spread through the city.

While the studies both use water samples that are from 2013 and 2014, Picao and other experts said they had seen no advances in sewerage infrastructure in Rio to improve the situation. Valerie Harwood, an expert in recreational water contamination and antibiotic-resistant bacteria at the University of South Florida who was not involved in the studies, said that if anything, things were getting worse, as the super bacteria naturally spread by infecting other microbes. The contamination has prompted federal police and prosecutors to investigate whether Rio's water utility Cedae is committing environmental crimes by lying about how much sewage it treats. Investigators are also looking into where billions of dollars in funds went since the early 1990s, money earmarked to improve sewage services and clean Guanabara Bay.

Cedae has denied any wrongdoing. It said in an emailed statement that any super bacteria found at the beaches or the Olympic lagoon must be the result of illegal dumping into storm drains. Cedae said it carries out

sewage treatment and collection in the entire "south zone" of Rio, where the bodies of water are located and where the water samples were taken.

**'Like candy'**

Five scientists consulted by Reuters said the immediate risk to people's health when faced with super bacteria infection depends on the state of their immune systems.

These bacteria are opportunistic microbes that can enter the body, lie dormant, then attack at a later date when a healthy person may fall ill for another reason. Super bacteria infect not only humans but also otherwise-harmless bacteria present in the waters, turning them into antibiotic-resistant germs.

Harwood said the super bacteria genes discovered in the Olympic lagoon were probably not harmful if swallowed by themselves: they need to be cocooned inside of a bacterium. "Those genes are like candy. They are organic molecules and they'll be eaten up by other bacteria, other organisms," Harwood said. "That's where the danger is - if a person then ingests that infected organism - because it will make it through their gastrointestinal tract and potentially make someone ill."

The presence of the super bacteria genes in the lagoon indicates the bacteria themselves had recently died or simply were not detected by testing, Harwood said. Health experts say Rio's poor wastewater management has already created endemic illnesses associated with sewage that disproportionately impact the city's poor, including gastrointestinal and respiratory problems, Hepatitis A and severe heart and brain conditions. — Reuters

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# WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

UN's current year's theme 'Fight against illegal trade in wild life' for the World Environment Day was observed at IISM primary.

2nd June 2016, marking the day as important a special assembly was conducted by I and II graders. The programme order included a melodious songs charged with

emotions about the age old bond between animals and humans, followed by a skit portraying hunting and poaching and its adverse effect on environment. Students voiced their views on protection of wild life and forests, sanctuaries and zoological parks with posters and slogans. Domestic animals were also included. They rallied for

the silence behind the animal cries.

Seizing the moment Director, Mr. Malayil Moosa Koya planted a sapling symbolizing the importance of the day as tradition. Assembly credits goes to Mrs.Mehnaz.

Fancy dress, Drawing and a Poster making were activities for competitions conducted on 3 June for grades III, IV and V students as

World Environment Day was observed at IISM. Saving the earth...our way.

Outfits made of recycled materials were the highlight in the fancy dress competition for III graders. Plastic was portrayed extensively as the prime cause for environmental disasters.

The theme formulated by the UN for the

year 2016 World Environment Day has IISM students to ponder on their role in making the world a better place to live in.

Drawing and Poster making competitions based on the topic by grades IV and V students respectively had an outpour of their humane qualities and felt responsible towards animals' outcry.



## AHMADI GOVERNOR WELCOMES WELL-WISHERS

Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Fawaz Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah welcomed Ramadan well-wishers at the governorate's public diwan recently. The guests included First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, sheikhs, tribal chiefs, ambassador and a large number of citizens and residents.



## THE SULTAN CENTER CELEBRATES GURAISH WITH THE ELDERLY HOUSE

In preparation for the Holy month of Ramadan, and as part of its ongoing commitment to the community, The Sultan Center, held a Guraish event for the elderly to celebrate the authentic Kuwaiti pre-Ramadan tradition. As part of Kuwait's past traditions, Guraish is still widely celebrated by Kuwaitis that marks the final feast before the beginning of Ramadan, whereby family members gather under an uplifting atmosphere of compassion, affection, and gracious sharing. TSC wished to revive this

ancient custom with them in hopes of greeting them on this occasion with well-wishes and joy.

During the visit a full entertainment program was arranged complete with Tanoura show, competitions, poetry and giveaways, along with traditional music that added to the occasion. At the end of the event all those who attended enjoyed a delicious Guraish feast.

Commenting on TSC's initiative, Lisa Al Gharib, Marketing Manager at TSC said: "The Sultan Center is charac-

terized by their social responsibility towards the community, through which we hope to embrace all segments of the Kuwaiti society. We wanted to celebrate the arrival of the month of Ramadan by reviving the Kuwaiti traditions with the elderly, and show our respect and appreciation to those who have contributed greatly to the society "The visit was a rewarding experience for all those who were involved, she added"

TSC is committed to supporting the communities which in it operates.



## Ramadan Fasting Challenge!



Non-Muslims are invited to experience Ramadan firsthand by fasting for one day!

Friday, June 10



### TIES CENTER'S RAMADAN CHALLENGE

The holy month is intriguing to non-Muslims in Kuwait. The Kuwait population starves until sunset for a family meal each day of the month. A fascinating and unique social behavior. This is very much understood by Muslims to be the holy practice of fasting Ramadan yearly. Non-Muslims are given a special opportunity to step into the world of Islam and experience fasting with Muslims for particular days, with modified rules and regulations that suits his or her needs.

The breaking of the fast is shared by Muslims in the Ties Center. In which participants will receive their certificates and share their thoughts on this very first fast of their life. Doctor Casper from Netherlands explained his thoughts on last year's Ramadan Challenge that it was necessary to get to know, mentally and physically, how everyone else experience Ramadan yearly, as long as non-Muslims are residing in a culture unique to him. The Ties Center welcomes donations for supporting further cross-cultural projects.

The Ties Center successfully coached participants through last year's Ramadan Challenge. We pray to Allah, to have more and more success in increasing the awareness of our visitors in Kuwait about Islam and the Arabian Culture.

## UPAC CONCLUDES EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES, EMPLOYEES PLANT TREES, RECYCLE AND CARPOOL TO WORK



More than 35 employees from United Projects for Aviation Services Company (UPAC) marked Earth Day 2016 with a range of environmental activities carried out over a two month period. All activities involved elements of environmental protection and conservation and were aimed at

mitigating UPAC's impact on the environment while giving back to the local community.

Earth Day activity highlights included: Tree Planting: At the UPAC-managed Discovery Mall in Kuwait City UPAC employees, along with their families and friends, planted 85 plants and trees in the garden next to the

mall. The activity provides an additional green area for the community to enjoy.

Recycling: UPAC held a recycling week, encouraging employees to collect paper plastic, metal, and rubber materials from their homes and offices for recycling. In collaboration with the Kuwait Waste Collection and

Recycling Co., UPAC was successful in sending 2,980 kilograms of materials for recycling.

Carpooling: In an effort to reduce the number of cars on the road and in turn decrease air pollution and carbon emissions, UPAC employees collaborated in a joint carpooling campaign, sharing rides to and from the office

over the duration of the period.

Nadia Akil, CEO of UPAC, said, "As a socially responsible company operating in Kuwait, UPAC is committed to reducing its environmental impact and to giving back to the community through its participation in such volunteer and awareness activities"

## TSC LAUNCHES IMPRESSIVE ANTI-TOBACCO CAMPAIGN FOR STAFF TOGETHER FOR A WORLD FREE OF TOBACCO

In line with its commitment to support its workforce and urge them to embrace a healthy lifestyle and foster a sense of team spirit, The Sultan Center on the occasion of "World No Tobacco Day", joined hands on May 31st and launched an awareness campaign for TSC staff regarding the dangers of smoking and using tobacco products.

Launched under the theme of "Be Brighter and Put Down The Lighter!" the anti-tobacco campaign aimed at raising awareness and creating an understanding about the harmful effects of tobacco products on one's health and those around them. Our employees across the country were asked to refrain from smoking for a period of 3 days to support this initiative.

To further encourage our staff to quit smoking, TSC designed a creative contest whereby all TSC staff had an opportunity to create posters showcasing the impact of smoking on one's health and reasons for quitting this habit. The posters were then displayed at TSC Head Office and posted on TSC's Facebook account, allowing family and friends to cast their vote for the best poster. By the end of the campaign, Mr. Rizny Mohamed Rajabdeen from Fahaaheel Store grabbed the 1st prize for the World No Tobacco Day Poster Making Competition 2016. Replenishment Team of Commercial Foreign Department got the 2nd

prize while Mr. Muhammed Farooq from Financial Control Department got the 3rd prize. The "People's Choice Award" was awarded to Replenishment Team of Commercial Foreign Department; their poster received the highest number of likes on TSC's Facebook account.

TSC staff displayed a great sense of commitment, determination and team spirit in taking a stand towards creating a tobacco free generation across the stores and head office.

Commenting on TSC's initiative, Hani Ismail - Group Human Resources Director for TSC said: "Our employees are valuable to us; we profoundly believe they are the cornerstone of TSC's success therefore maintaining a healthy lifestyle is important to us". He added: "The anti-tobacco campaign is another milestone in TSC's plan to secure a healthy working environment for its employees to help them increase their productivity and save the cost associated with tobacco use while most importantly we wanted them to get engaged in this campaign and be TSC partners in helping promote a tobacco-free world".

TSC Together Committee embraces a variety of social initiatives and campaigns aimed at spreading awareness on health and social issues within the community in which it operates.



### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE EMBASSY OF INDIA KUWAIT

Second International Day of Yoga (IDY) Celebrations on 24 June 2016 (Friday) from 0600 hrs onwards at American International School, Kuwait

1. The 1st International Day of Yoga was celebrated at Embassy premises last year, with H.E. Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Minister for Amiri Diwan Affairs being the Chief Guest for this event.

2. In order to allow greater space for performing Yoga asanas, the venue for the 2nd IDY celebrations has been changed this year to the indoor stadium of American International School, Meidan Hawalli, Kuwait. The event will be held from 0600 hours on 24 June 2016 (Friday). Our partners for this event are 'Art of Living', 'Sahaj Marg', 'Artistic Yoga', 'Harmony House',

'Sevadarshan' and 'AMMA' Kuwait, all based in Kuwait. Various Yoga asanas will be performed, followed by Pranayam and Meditation session as per Common Yoga Protocol. In addition, a team of doctors from Indian Dental Alliance Kuwait (IDAK) would be conducting the oral screening and will present a talk on the "Lifestyle and Oral health" to create awareness regarding oral health management. Indian Doctors forum will also make a presentation on the occasion. The event will be covered by KTV Channel-2 and the local media. Registration is open to general public on first come first serve basis.

3. The Embassy invites participation from one and all in Kuwait at the 2nd IDY celebrations on 24 June 2016 to make this event a grand success.





03:05 Knightriders  
 05:30 The Magnificent Seven Ride!  
 07:10 Natural Causes  
 08:40 Hercules  
 10:20 Kid Galahad  
 11:55 Thunderbirds Are Go  
 13:30 It Runs In The Family  
 14:55 Earthbound  
 16:30 Kiss Before Dying, A  
 18:00 Mannequin  
 19:30 The Tender  
 21:00 Of Mice And Men  
 22:50 Rolling Thunder  
 00:30 Silent Witness  
 02:00 Behind Enemy Lines



03:25 Cheetah: Race To Rule  
 04:15 Gator Boys  
 05:02 Treehouse Masters  
 05:49 Dog TV  
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 07:25 Dogs/Cats/Pets 101  
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 12:50 Dog TV  
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 14:40 Treehouse Masters  
 15:35 Tanked  
 16:30 Cheetah: Race To Rule  
 17:25 River Monsters  
 18:20 Restoration Wild  
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03:00 Hungry Investors  
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 06:20 Nathan For You  
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 08:05 Lip Sync Battle  
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 19:27 Catch A Contractor  
 20:13 Lip Sync Battle  
 20:37 Lip Sync Battle  
 21:00 The Daily Show With Trevor  
 Noah  
 21:30 Hungry Investors  
 22:30 Catch A Contractor  
 23:30 The Daily Show With Trevor  
 Noah  
 00:00 Disorderly Conduct: Video  
 On Patrol

01:10 Running Wild With Bear  
 Grylls  
 02:00 Deadliest Job Interview  
 02:50 Dive Wars Australia



03:00 Untamed & Uncut  
 03:50 Marooned With Ed Stafford  
 04:40 How It's Made  
 05:05 How It's Made  
 05:30 Morgan Freeman's Through  
 The Wormhole  
 06:20 Mythbusters  
 07:00 Dick 'n' Dom Go Wild  
 07:25 Adventure 8: Zoo Games  
 07:50 Too Cute!  
 08:40 You Have Been Warned  
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 09:55 How It's Made  
 10:20 Mythbusters  
 11:10 Bondi Vet  
 12:00 Too Cute!  
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 13:40 Marooned With Ed Stafford  
 14:30 Dirty Jobs  
 15:20 Mythbusters  
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 17:50 Driving Me Crazy  
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 03:00 Obsession: Dark Desires  
 03:48 Breaking Point  
 04:36 Deadly Affairs  
 05:24 California Investigator  
 05:49 California Investigator  
 06:12 Tabloid  
 07:00 Deadly Affairs  
 07:50 I Almost Got Away With It  
 08:40 California Investigator  
 09:05 California Investigator  
 09:30 On The Case With Paula  
 Zahn  
 10:20 Tabloid  
 11:10 Deadline: Crime With Tamron  
 Hall  
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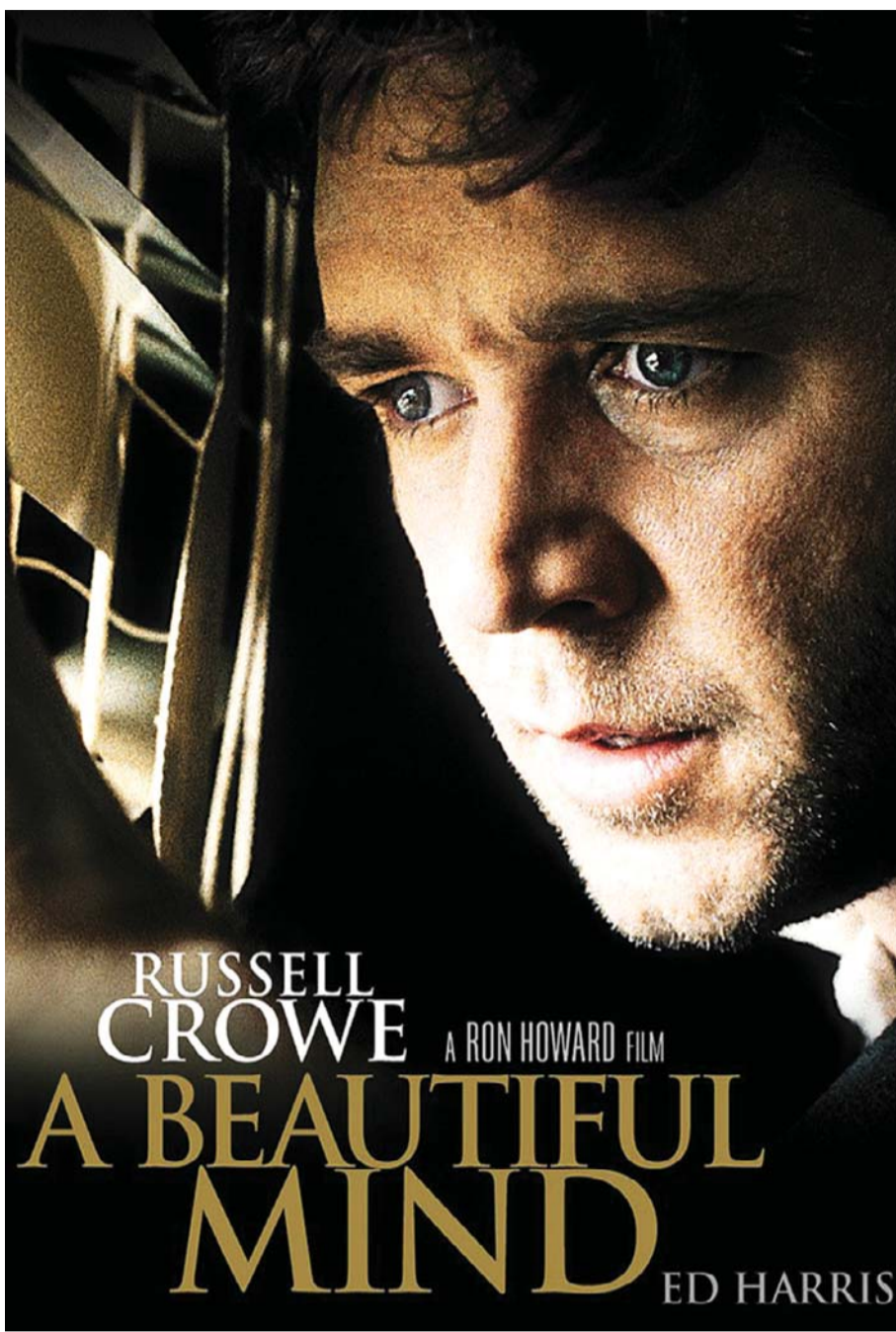


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 09:45 Wizards Of Waverly Place  
 10:10 Wizards Of Waverly Place  
 10:35 Good Luck Charlie  
 11:00 Good Luck Charlie  
 11:25 Jessie  
 11:50 Jessie  
 12:15 Disney Mickey Mouse  
 12:20 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug  
 And Cat Noir  
 12:45 Hank Zipzer  
 13:10 Austin & Ally  
 13:35 Austin & Ally  
 14:00 Liv And Maddie  
 14:25 Liv And Maddie  
 14:50 Dog With A Blog  
 15:15 Disney Mickey Mouse  
 15:20 Gravity Falls  
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 And Cat Noir  
 16:10 Violetta  
 16:10 Backstage  
 17:25 Austin & Ally  
 17:50 Jessie  
 18:15 Best Friends Whenever  
 18:40 Girl Meets World  
 19:05 Evermoor Chronicles  
 19:30 Liv And Maddie  
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 20:20 Backstage  
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 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 The Lion Guard  
 09:35 Doc McStuffins  
 10:00 Sofia The First  
 10:25 Unbungleable  
 10:30 Goldie & Bear



## A BEAUTIFUL MIND ON OSN MOVIES FESTIVAL

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 07:00 Star vs The Forces Of Evil  
 07:25 K.C. Undercover  
 07:50 Supa Strikas  
 08:15 Annedroids  
 08:40 Lab Rats  
 09:10 Kirby Buckets  
 09:35 Pokemon Series Xy: Kalos  
 Quest  
 10:00 Rocket Monkeys  
 10:25 Ultimate Spider-Man  
 10:50 Boyster  
 11:20 Boyster  
 11:45 Pair Of Kings  
 12:10 Pair Of Kings  
 12:35 Lab Rats  
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 13:30 Phineas And Ferb  
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 Much Everything  
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 21:20 Pickle And Peanut  
 21:45 Lab Rats  
 22:10 Mighty Med  
 22:40 Disney Mickey Mouse  
 23:00 Programmes Start At 6:00am  
 KSA



03:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
 03:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
 04:00 Man Fire Food  
 04:30 Man Fire Food  
 05:00 Chopped  
 06:00 Guy's Grocery Games  
 07:00 Man Fire Food  
 07:30 Man Fire Food  
 08:00 Chopped  
 09:00 Barefoot Contessa: Back To  
 Basics  
 09:30 Barefoot Contessa: Back To  
 Basics  
 10:00 The Kitchen  
 11:00 The Pioneer Woman  
 11:30 The Pioneer Woman  
 12:00 Chopped  
 13:00 Grandma's Secret Cookbook  
 Special  
 13:30 Grandma's Secret Cookbook  
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 14:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
 14:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
 15:00 Man Fire Food  
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 18:00 The Pioneer Woman  
 18:30 The Pioneer Woman  
 19:00 Chopped  
 20:00 Iron Chef America  
 21:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
 21:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives  
 22:00 Man v Food  
 22:30 Man v Food  
 23:00 Kitchen Inferno  
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03:40 Brad Meltzer's Decoded  
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03:40 American Restoration  
 04:05 American Restoration  
 04:30 Pawn Stars  
 05:00 The Curse Of Oak Island  
 05:30 Ax Men  
 06:00 Big Rig Bounty Hunters  
 06:50 Big Rig Bounty Hunters  
 07:15 Big Rig Bounty Hunters  
 07:40 The Curse Of Oak Island  
 08:30 Shipping Wars  
 08:55 American Restoration  
 09:20 American Restoration  
 09:45 Ultimate Wheels  
 10:35 Fifth Gear  
 11:25 The Curse Of Oak Island  
 12:15 American Pickers  
 13:05 Storage Wars Texas  
 13:30 Storage Wars Texas  
 13:55 Storage Wars Miami  
 14:20 Storage Wars  
 14:45 American Pickers  
 15:35 Counting Cars  
 16:00 Ax Men  
 16:50 The Curse Of Oak Island  
 17:40 Big Rig Bounty Hunters  
 18:05 Big Rig Bounty Hunters  
 18:30 The Curse Of Oak Island  
 19:20 American Pickers  
 20:10 Pawn Stars  
 20:35 Pawn Stars  
 21:00 Mountain Men - Closest Calls  
 21:50 Swamp People  
 22:40 Pirate Treasure Of The  
 Knights Templar  
 23:30 Mountain Men - Closest Calls  
 00:20 Swamp People  
 01:10 Duck Dynasty  
 01:35 Duck Dynasty  
 02:00 Big Rig Bounty Hunters  
 02:25 Big Rig Bounty Hunters  
 02:50 The Curse Of Oak Island



03:25 Lewis  
 04:20 Doc Martin  
 05:15 Pick Me!  
 06:10 Mr Selfridge  
 07:05 Catchphrase  
 07:35 Paul O'Grady: For The Love  
 Of Dogs  
 08:00 Lewis  
 08:55 Doc Martin  
 09:50 The Jonathan Ross Show  
 10:40 Pick Me!  
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03:05 American Food Battle  
 03:30 American Food Battle  
 03:55 Lucky Chow  
 04:20 Carnival Eats  
 04:45 Carnival Eats  
 05:10 Great Escapes  
 05:35 Valentine Warner Eats  
 Scandinavia  
 06:00 Maximum Foodie  
 06:25 David Rocco's Dolce India  
 06:50 This Is Brazil  
 07:40 Meat v Veg  
 08:05 Fearless Chef  
 08:55 American Food Battle  
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 22:55 This Is Brazil  
 23:45 Street Food Around The  
 World  
 00:10 Fearless Chef  
 01:00 World's Best Chefs  
 01:25 Miguel's Feasts  
 01:50 Maverick Chef  
 02:15 Dream Cruises



03:45 Swamp Men  
 04:40 Secret Life Of Predators  
 05:35 Night Stalkers  
 06:30 Going Wild  
 07:25 Swamp Men  
 08:20 Secret Life Of Predators  
 09:15 Super Predators  
 10:10 Man V. Cheetah  
 11:05 Lion Ranger  
 12:00 Monster Fish  
 12:55 Ultimate Predator  
 13:50 Man V. Monster  
 14:45 Swamp Men  
 15:40 Secret Life Of Predators  
 16:35 Mission Critical  
 17:30 Natural Born Monsters  
 18:25 Lion Ranger  
 19:20 Swamp Men  
 20:10 Secret Life Of Predators  
 21:00 Mission Critical  
 21:50 Natural Born Monsters  
 22:40 Lion Ranger  
 23:30 Monster Fish  
 00:20 Ultimate Predator  
 01:10 Man V. Monster  
 02:00 Africa's Creative Killers  
 02:50 1000 Days For The Planet



03:50 The Great Human Race  
 04:45 Shark Men  
 05:40 Hunter Hunted  
 06:35 Seconds From Disaster  
 07:30 Street Genius  
 07:55 Street Genius  
 08:25 Maneater Manhunt  
 09:20 Shark Men  
 10:15 Desperate Hours  
 10:40 Desperate Hours  
 11:10 Underworld, Inc.  
 12:05 Locked Up Abroad  
 13:00 Swamp Men  
 14:00 Test Your Brain  
 15:00 Monster Fish  
 16:00 Outsiders: Living Off The  
 Edge  
 17:00 Underworld, Inc.  
 18:00 Locked Up Abroad  
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 22:30 Monster Fish  
 23:20 Hunter Hunted  
 00:10 Outsiders: Living Off The  
 Edge  
 01:00 Best Of Hard Time  
 02:00 Locked Up Abroad  
 02:55 Monster Fish



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 Winx Club  
 08:36 Get Blake  
 09:00 Get Blake  
 09:24 Rabbids Invasion  
 09:48 Henry Danger

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 12:12 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
 12:36 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
 13:00 Harvey Beaks  
 13:24 The Loud House  
 13:48 Get Blake  
 14:12 Rabbids Invasion  
 14:36 100 Things To Do Before  
 High School  
 15:00 Game Shakers  
 15:24 SpongeBob SquarePants  
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 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  
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 01:00 The Haunted Hathaways  
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04:00 Pitch Perfect  
 06:00 Sweet Home Alabama  
 08:00 Planet 51  
 10:00 Pitch Perfect  
 12:00 Sweet Home Alabama  
 14:00 The Misadventures Of The  
 Dunderheads  
 16:00 Three Men And A Baby  
 18:00 Date Night  
 20:00 Cas & Dylan  
 22:00 I Love You Beth Cooper  
 00:00 The Misadventures Of The  
 Dunderheads  
 02:00 Date Night



03:30 A Passage To India  
 06:15 Get On Up  
 08:30 Middle Of Nowhere  
 10:15 A Passage To India  
 13:00 Get On Up  
 15:15 Romeo & Juliet  
 17:15 Middle Of Nowhere  
 19:00 Testament Of Youth  
 21:15 A Beautiful Mind  
 23:30 A Walk Among The  
 Tombstones



03:00 Boychoir  
 05:00 A Gift Of Miracles  
 06:45 Miss Julie  
 09:00 Boychoir  
 11:00 Seventh Son  
 13:00 Veronica Mars  
 15:00 Ana Maria In Novela Land  
 17:00 Barely Lethal  
 19:00 A Royal Night Out  
 21:00 Mortdecai  
 23:00 The Hunger Games:  
 Mockingjay Part I  
 01:15 Project Almanac



03:00 The Game Plan  
 05:00 Bolt  
 07:00 The Princess And The Frog  
 09:00 101 Dalmatians  
 11:00 Atlantis: The Lost Empire  
 12:45 The Parent Trap  
 15:00 Home  
 17:00 102 Dalmatians  
 19:00 Turner & Hooch  
 21:00 Homeward Bound: The  
 Incredible Journey  
 23:00 Home  
 01:00 Turner & Hooch



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03:40 Dukes Of Hazzle  
 04:05 Storage Wars Canada  
 04:30 Property Wars  
 05:00 How Do They Do It?  
 05:30 How It's Made: Dream Cars  
 06:00 Yukon Men  
 06:50 Wheeler Dealers  
 07:40 Fast N' Loud  
 08:30 Dukes Of Hazzle  
 08:55 Storage Wars Canada  
 09:20 Property Wars  
 09:45 How Do They Do It?  
 10:10 How It's Made: Dream Cars  
 10:35 Gold Rush (Season 6  
 Specials)  
 11:25 Rebel Gold  
 12:15 Outback Truckers  
 13:05 Dukes Of Hazzle  
 13:30 Storage Wars Canada  
 13:55 Property Wars  
 14:20 Yukon Men  
 15:10 Wheeler Dealers  
 16:00 Fast N' Loud  
 16:50 How It's Made: Dream Cars  
 17:15 How Do They Do It?  
 17:40 Running Wild With Bear  
 Grylls  
 18:30 Deadliest Job Interview  
 19:20 Bear Grylls: Mission Survive  
 20:10 Storage Wars Canada  
 20:35 Property Wars  
 21:00 Running Wild With Bear  
 Grylls  
 21:50 Deadliest Job Interview  
 22:40 Dive Wars Australia  
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03:48 How The Universe Works  
 04:36 Mythbusters  
 05:24 Curiosity: Sun Storm  
 06:12 What Could Possibly Go  
 Wrong?  
 07:00 Mythbusters  
 07:50 Food Factory USA  
 08:15 How It's Made  
 08:40 Mighty Ships  
 09:30 Through The Wormhole With  
 Morgan Freeman  
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 01:45 How It's Made  
 02:10 Food Factory USA  
 02:35 Food Factory USA

# CLASSIFIEDS



## KNCC PROGRAMME FROM THURSDAY TO WEDNESDAY (09/06/2016 TO 15/06/2016)

<b>SHARQIA-1</b> TE3N (Hindi) WARCRAFT	9:30 PM 12:15 AM	<b>MARINA-1</b> THE ASIAN CONNECTION UN HOMME A LA HAUTEUR	10:00 PM 12:05 AM	<b>AVENUES-10</b> Ely Ekhtashou Matou UN HOMME A LA HAUTEUR	9:45 PM 12:05 AM	<b>BAIRAQ-1</b> THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE NO MON WARCRAFT NO MON	9:30 PM 11:45 PM
<b>SHARQIA-2</b> THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE HASAN WA BOQLOZ	9:30 PM 11:45 PM	<b>MARINA-2</b> WARCRAFT CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR	9:30 PM 12:05 AM	<b>AVENUES-11</b> WARCRAFT (Atmos 2D) WARCRAFT (Atmos 2D)	10:00 PM 12:30 AM	<b>BAIRAQ-2</b> THE JUNGLE BOOK NOTUE Hepta	10:00 PM 12:15 AM
<b>SHARQIA-3</b> THE ASIAN CONNECTION THE ASIAN CONNECTION	10:00 PM 12:05 AM	<b>MARINA-3</b> THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE Hepta	9:45 PM 12:15 AM	<b>360° 1</b> CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR NO THU GO WITH ME NO THU	9:30 PM 12:30 AM	<b>BAIRAQ-3</b> TE3N (Hindi) THE JUNGLE BOOK	9:45 PM 12:30 AM
<b>MUHALAB-1</b> TE3N (Hindi) Hepta	9:45 PM 12:30 AM	<b>AVENUES-1</b> PELE: BIRTH OF A LEGEND THE CODE OF CAIN	10:00 PM 12:15 AM	<b>360° 2</b> THE CODE OF CAIN NO WED PELE: BIRTH OF A LEGEND NO WED	10:00 PM 12:15 AM	<b>PLAZA</b> IRAIMI (Tamil) THU+FRI+MON TE3N (Hindi) SAT+SUN+TUE+WED THE ASIAN CONNECTION	9:30 PM 9:30 PM 12:30 AM
<b>MUHALAB-2</b> THE ASIAN CONNECTION THE ASIAN CONNECTION	10:15 PM 12:15 AM	<b>AVENUES-3</b> THE JUNGLE BOOK TE3N (Hindi)	9:30 PM 11:45 PM	<b>360° 3</b> THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE HASAN WA BOQLOZ	9:45 PM 11:45 PM	<b>LAILA</b> THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE WARCRAFT	9:45 PM 12:05 AM
<b>MUHALAB-3</b> THE JUNGLE BOOK WARCRAFT	9:30 PM 11:45 PM	<b>AVENUES-4</b> THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE THE ASIAN CONNECTION	10:00 PM 12:05 AM	<b>360° 4</b> UN HOMME A LA HAUTEUR UN HOMME A LA HAUTEUR	10:45 PM 12:45 AM	<b>AJIAL.1</b> IRAIMI (Tamil) THE ASIAN CONNECTION	9:45 PM 12:45 AM
<b>FANAR-1</b> THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE X-MEN: Apocalypse	9:30 PM 11:45 PM	<b>AVENUES-5</b> WARCRAFT WARCRAFT	9:45 PM 12:15 AM	<b>AL-KOUT.1</b> WARCRAFT WARCRAFT	9:30 PM 12:05 AM	<b>AJIAL.2</b> JACOBINTE SWARGARAJYAM (Malayalam) PM A Aa (Telugu) WARCRAFT	9:30 PM 12:30 AM
<b>FANAR-2</b> THE JUNGLE BOOK Hepta	9:45 PM 12:05 AM	<b>AVENUES-6</b> Hepta CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR	9:30 PM 12:05 AM	<b>AL-KOUT.2</b> THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE GO WITH ME	10:00 PM 12:15 AM	<b>AJIAL.3</b> TE3N (Hindi) TE3N (Hindi)	9:30 PM 12:15 AM
<b>FANAR-3</b> TE3N (Hindi) THE ASIAN CONNECTION	10:00 PM 1:00 AM	<b>AVENUES-7</b> THE ASIAN CONNECTION THE ASIAN CONNECTION	9:45 PM 11:45 PM	<b>AL-KOUT.3</b> THE ASIAN CONNECTION THE ASIAN CONNECTION	10:30 PM 12:30 AM	<b>AJIAL.4</b> HOUSEFULL 3 (Hindi) NOTHU+FRI A Aa (Telugu)	10:00 PM 9:45 PM
<b>FANAR-4</b> HASAN WA BOQLOZ WARCRAFT	9:45 PM 11:45 PM	<b>AVENUES-8</b> TE3N (Hindi) GO WITH ME	10:00 PM 12:45 AM	<b>AL-KOUT.4</b> Hepta X-MEN: Apocalypse	9:45 PM 12:05 AM		
<b>FANAR-5</b> HOUSEFULL 3 (Hindi) THE ASIAN CONNECTION	9:30 PM 12:15 AM	<b>AVENUES-9</b> THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE HASAN WA BOQLOZ	10:30 PM 12:30 AM				

## WANTED

### For a Dermatology Clinic

- Dermatology nurse with at least two years experience. English and Arabic speaking.
- Receptionist with computer skill with at least two years experience.
- Facialist with at least two years experience.

Please send attached CV to this email:  
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### CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Makbull** Chandsaheb Bepari, holder of Indian Passport No: K2625123, address: Devarahippargi TQ Sindgi, Bijapur - 586115, Karnataka, India, hereby change my name to Nabirasool Bepari S/o Chandsaheb Bepari.  
**(C 5185) 14-6-2016**

I, **Iqbal** Hatimbhai Bhinderwala, holder of Indian Passport No: Z1847106, address: 6/8, Taj Mansion, 3rd floor R.N. 33, 1st Sankli Street, Byculla, Mumbai, 400008, hereby change my name Mufaddal Hatimbhai Bhinderwala.  
**(C 5184) 13-6-2016**

I, **Kotakonda** Manohar (Passport No: Z3017614) S/o Kotakonda Ramachandra, age 33 years, R/o bearing K Vaddipalli, Obulavaripalli, Kadapa Dist, AP, India, is here by declare that with my free consent I have embraced Islam on 14-3-2016 at state of Kuwait and I have adopted my name as Shaikh Umar Farooq.  
**(C 5182)**

I, **Devarapalli** Narasimha



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**(C 5182)**

### SITUATION VACANT

A lady maid is needed to help in cooking and cleaning. Location Salmiya. Working hours - 12.30 pm - 6.30 pm / daily for six days/week. Salary KD 200/month. Contact 66417504. **(C 5183) 11-6-2016**



## Flight Schedule

## In case you are not travelling, your proper cancellation of bookings will help other passengers to use seats

### Directorate General of Civil Aviation Home Page (www.kuwait-airport.com.kw)

Arrival Flights on Tuesday 14/6/2016				Departure Flights on Tuesday 14/6/2016			
Airlines	Flt	Route	Time	Airlines	Flt	Route	Time
THY	772	Istanbul	00:10	AIC	976	Goa/Chennai	00:05
MSC	415	Sohag	00:10	BBC	144	Chittagong/Dhaka	00:10
JZR	239	Amman	00:20	MSC	404	Asyut	00:10
JZR	267	Beirut	00:30	JAI	573	Mumbai	00:25
DLH	635	Doha	01:00	MSR	615	Cairo	00:30
JZR	539	Cairo	01:20	FDB	072	Dubai	00:30
PGT	858	Istanbul	01:40	KLM	411	Amsterdam	00:55
RJA	642	Amman	01:45	MSC	416	Sohag	01:05
ETH	620	Addis Ababa	01:45	THY	773	Istanbul	01:40
AXB	395	Kozhikode	01:50	DLH	635	Frankfurt	02:00
KKK	6506	Istanbul	02:05	THY	765	Istanbul	02:45
KAC	418	Manila	02:15	ETH	621	Addis Ababa	02:45
GFA	211	Bahrain	02:15	AXB	396	Kozhikode	02:50
UAE	853	Dubai	02:25	PGT	859	Istanbul	02:55
OMA	643	Muscat	03:05	KAC	783	Jeddah	03:30
MSR	612	Cairo	03:15	UAE	854	Dubai	03:45
ETD	305	Abu Dhabi	03:15	OMA	644	Muscat	04:00
QTR	1076	Doha	03:25	ETD	306	Abu Dhabi	04:10
KAC	544	Cairo	03:40	MSR	613	Cairo	04:15
LMU	5101	Cairo	04:00	KKK	6505	Istanbul	04:20
JZR	555	Alexandria	04:15	QTR	1077	Doha	04:35
THY	6376	Istanbul	05:05	LMU	5111	Cairo	05:00
DHX	170	Bahrain	05:10	JZR	560	Sohag	05:00
THY	770	Istanbul	05:15	RJA	643	Amman	06:25
JZR	529	Asyut	06:00	THY	6376	Dubai/Istanbul	06:35
PAL	668	Manila/Dubai	06:25	THY	771	Istanbul	06:45
KAC	412	Manila/Bangkok	06:30	GFA	212	Bahrain	06:50
BAW	157	London	06:40	FDB	5062	Dubai	07:55
FDB	5061	Dubai	07:15	BAW	156	London	08:25
KAC	382	Delhi	07:30	KAC	171	Frankfurt	08:40
KAC	346	Ahmedabad	07:35	JZR	1770	Jeddah	08:40
KAC	206	Islamabad	07:40	KAC	513	Tehran	09:15
KAC	302	Mumbai	07:50	JZR	534	Cairo	09:25
KAC	354	BLR	08:00	KAC	787	Jeddah	09:30
KAC	332	Trivandrum	08:15	KAC	619	Doha	09:30
KAC	352	Kochi	08:20	KAC	671	Dubai	09:30
KAC	362	Colombo	08:20	ABY	126	Sharjah	09:45
UAE	855	Dubai	08:25	JZR	482	Istanbul	09:45
KAC	784	Jeddah	08:50	UAE	856	Dubai	09:50
KAC	284	Dhaka	09:00	ETD	302	Abu Dhabi	10:00
ABY	125	Sharjah	09:05	KAC	101	London/New York	10:00
ETD	301	Abu Dhabi	09:05	QTR	1071	Doha	10:35
QTR	1070	Doha	09:20	FDB	056	Dubai	10:40
IRA	675	Lar	09:40	IRA	674	Lar	10:40
FDB	055	Dubai	09:40	KAC	501	Beirut	11:00
CCE	341	Alexandria	10:00	Sohag	346	Sohag	11:10
SYR	341	Damascus	10:30	KAC	561	Amman	11:20
UAE	873	Dubai	10:40	KAC	165	Rome/Paris	11:25
GFA	213	Bahrain	10:40	KAC	679	Muscat	11:25
MEA	404	Beirut	11:00	SYR	342	Damascus	11:30
JZR	561	Sohag	11:25	GFA	214	Bahrain	11:35
RBG	553	Alexandria	11:30	MEA	405	Beirut	12:00
FDB	075	Dubai	12:25	KAC	541	Cairo	12:05
MSC	401	Alexandria	12:30	UAE	874	Dubai	12:10
SAW	701	Damascus	12:35	RBG	554	Alexandria	12:10
MSR	610	Cairo	13:00	JZR	776	Jeddah	12:15
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ACROSS

1. A Turkish unit of weight equal to about 2.75 pounds.
4. An instrument for measuring the distance between two points.
12. The smallest multiple that is exactly divisible by every member of a set of numbers.
15. East Indian tree bearing a profusion of intense vermilion velvet-textured blooms and yielding a yellow dye.
16. Of or relating to an inability to urinate.
17. A strong emotion.
18. The 7th letter of the Greek alphabet.
19. Stout-bodied insect with large membranous wings.
20. Transient cessation of respiration.
22. A region of Malaysia in northeastern Borneo.
24. Not based on fact.
26. A genus of orb-weaving spiders including common garden spiders and barn spiders.
29. (of a young animal) Abandoned by its mother and raised by hand.
30. Goddess of criminal rashness and its punishment.
31. Possessing qualities befitting a man.
33. The elementary stages of any subject (usually plural).
36. Being ten more than one hundred ninety.
38. Physical discomfort (as mild sickness or depression).
41. A state of abnormal softening of tissue.
44. A public promotion of some product or service.
45. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.
46. (Akkadian) God of wisdom.
48. Either of two folds of skin that can be moved to cover or open the eye.
49. Of or relating to or near the tarsus of the foot.
51. The basic unit of money in Bangladesh.
54. An official prosecutor for a judicial district.
55. Metal shackles.
58. A federal agency established to coordinate programs aimed at reducing pollution and protecting the environment.
60. That is to say.
61. In bed.
63. American professional baseball player who hit more home runs than Babe Ruth (born in 1934).
66. A collection of objects laid on top of each other.
70. The head of a branch of an organized crime syndicate.
71. A white linen liturgical vestment with sleeves.
75. Of or relating to or characteristic of Eritrea or its people.
77. Used of a single unit or thing.
78. Any of several small ungulate mammals of Africa and Asia with rodent-like incisors and feet with hooflike toes.
79. Able to be converted into ready money.
80. French marshal in the Napoleonic Wars (1769-1815).

DOWN

1. A port city of south central Ukraine on an arm of the Black Sea.
2. An Arab country on the peninsula of Qatar.
3. Jordan's port.
4. An indication of approved or superior status.
5. Black tropical American cuckoo.
6. United States publisher of magazines (1898-1967).
7. A self-funded retirement plan that allows you to contribute a limited yearly sum toward your retirement.
8. A tricycle (usually propelled by pedalling).
9. A soft cotton or worsted fabric with an open mesh.
10. A state in New England.
11. A narcotic that is considered a hard drug.
12. 1 species.
13. Any system of principles or beliefs.
14. English economist noted for his studies of international trade and finance (born in 1907).
21. A person who chooses or selects out.
23. Squash bugs.
25. 1 species.
27. Of or belonging to an aecium.
28. Before noon.
32. Not out.
34. An imaginary elephant that appears in a series of French books for children.
35. A cigar made with light-colored tobacco.
37. A white metallic element that burns with a brilliant light.
39. Being the one previously mentioned or spoken of.
40. Tropical starchy tuberous root.
42. ('cease' is a noun only in the phrase 'without cease') End v. 1.
43. Standard time in the 6th time zone west of Greenwich, reckoned at the 90th meridian.
47. (Judaism) Jewish holy day celebrated on the sixth of Sivan to celebrate Moses receiving the Ten Commandments.
50. A small piece of anything (especially a piece that has been snapped off).
52. Large brownish-green New Zealand parrot.
53. With rapid movements.
56. (Judaism) A shawl with a ritually knotted fringe at each corner.
57. Marine fishes with a flattened elongated body and a sucking disk on the head for attaching to large fish or moving objects.
59. French writer who generalized surrealism to literature (1897-1982).
62. The brightest star in Cygnus.
64. Speak one's opinion without fear or hesitation.
65. Offensively curious or inquisitive.
67. English essayist (1775-1834).
68. A bachelor's degree in library science.
69. (obstetrics) The number of live-born children a woman has delivered.
72. (of champagne) Moderately dry.
73. Used of a single unit or thing.
76. A silvery ductile metallic element found primarily in bauxite.

Yesterday's Solution

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STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

This is a time of good fortune when opportunities open up for you. Circumstances present themselves today and it is easy to see which path is the one you will want to take. This is a time during which conditions bend to your will and things have a way of working out smoothly. Here are real opportunities to complete and work out difficulties and projects that require both long-term effort and a high degree of discipline. This is a very good day for job-related events. You could represent or speak for your company or speak about your skills. Any personal matters you want to accomplish or business matters that need tending to will have positive results. Any recent difficulties that are personal or professional, will find a new path direction; patience.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Many people find that you are a fine teacher, regardless of where or in what condition. You are innovative, friendly and effective. You find ways to gain important ideas and resources that help you develop a motivating program. This may mean that you teach in an educational system or as a professional advisor. If you do neither, you probably teach others through example. You may find that you enjoy your job more than usual. Your ideal dream is a private one and heaven is as close as work and family. You help find answers to the problems and temptations children face when unsupervised. The romantic in you struggles against the frontier spirit that often moves you into action. Work, achievement and ambition are the things that drive you forward.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A nearby thrift store or church may be having a clothing drive soon. You may encourage the people you work with or the people that live in your neighborhood to contribute to the drive. You create quite a bit of interest and realize some good results with this endeavor. Some sort of emotional demand on your time will come to an end today. You are infinitely curious but some things in the workplace are better left alone, especially this previously time-consuming matter. You have incredible vision and you have many ideas on how your company can have better sales, faster productivity, more incentive for the employees, etc. Write all this down and talk about these things in an employee review. Celebrate tonight.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You enjoy working hard and you exercise skill and discipline in anything that affects your career and reputation. You have the perfect combination for an excellent manager position. This could be the time to push any changes you may want to make in your career. You can find new ways to relate and may be creative in marriage and social amenities as well. You have good opportunities coming soon that will allow you to network and let your professional desires be known. You like to facilitate compromise and otherwise show your breadth of scope-like a coat of many colors. Obtaining and exchanging information takes on more emotional significance around the neighborhood this afternoon. There is helpful information at a city council meeting tonight.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

Your career could assume a much more determined and solid form. This is a real time to buckle down and firm up your career goals. Your own ambition and drive are strong. You may be faced with an important purchase decision for your company. Your ideas open up a window for theories and progress. This is a time to get ahead by taking action. Your spontaneity and unpredictability in your personal life make you the adventurer. If you can see any opening for travel or for volunteer service to test new space or survival gear, you will jump to it. You have a lot to say and love to listen to new inventions and possibilities, which is probably why your friends and family can usually find you sitting in on science or book lectures.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

In the workplace today, you may find that a particular project is just not exactly where you excel. Determination wins out and you will find yourself succeeding at what others need you to accomplish. Your ability to cut through the superficial and get to the real heart of things comes through loud and clear. If you are not moving soon, you may have a relative or friend that will be moving. It can be a time for cleaning and clearing away things of the past. This may include your work as well as your home surroundings. If young people are involved, encourage them to keep the sentimental things, but consider making a little extra money by selling a few things that they no longer need in a garage sale, flea market or neighborhood advertising newspaper.

WORD SEARCH

90's Songs 3 - Word Search

Find the words hidden in the grid of letters.

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ENDLESS LOVE  
ESCAPADE  
GETTO JAM  
HONEY

LET'S RIDE  
LINGER  
LONGVIEW  
MOTOWNPHILLY  
MY WAY  
PLUSH  
SMOOTH  
STAY

STRONG ENOUGH  
THE SIGN  
THIS KISS  
TOO FUNKY  
TWISTED  
UNDERSTANDING  
WONDERWALL



Libra (September 23-October 22)

Today you spend a great deal of time exchanging information with one group of people in order to keep a different group of people up-to-date on new developments in or on some project. This could mean some legal work, news reporting or progress reports. Higher-ups are impressed with your ability to communicate well so that many people understand what you say. This is a great time to work in groups of people. You could come up with new solutions to old problems. You probably do not realize that one key to your success is your ability to read the emotions of other people. You are very intuitive and should trust your insights more and more. Family matters are easy to solve this evening. Tonight, you may enjoy expressing yourself in music.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

You naturally are a giving person, sacrificing your own interests for the sake of an inner vision-what you feel is right. A born psychologist, you may find you enjoy counseling and caring for the mental needs of others. Your lack of seriousness, however, may undermine any valid attempts to form a base. This is the beginning of a better time for you to begin something new with the help of a calendar and a list. The more often you check your list and calendar, the easier it will be to begin a new habit or system of working. You have a natural sense of that which pleases, knowing the mood of the crowd or perhaps authority figures-tonight is your turn to entertain. You always manage to end up in the limelight, with the support of those around you.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

You could be busy outlining some goals in order to make a presentation or in presenting a request for funding a particular project. You may be working with new styles of communication such as e-mail or fax, or you could just mail a letter. Others are open to your ideas. You encourage a structured use of time when you say no to invitations that might take away from the time you have to spend with the young people in your life. This could mean a weekly get-together with a nephew, a neighbor or your own children. Consider teaching the importance of family to these children. Allow laughter to encompass your afternoon. You are very generous and you know just where or with whom to share the extras you do not need. You are a good friend.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Relationships, involving partnerships, private life or the social scene in general, are very important during this time and can have a very decided influence on your career and workplace. This may mean people that are close to you have a store or business and you have been included in the process of its growth. You will make career gains by your ability to sense quality and choose accordingly. It is easy for you to cut through the fluff and get down to your most practical. Careful, this afternoon a friend may want to borrow money-you might not be repaid. Perhaps before you loan the money out, you could negotiate for some trade of work-like yard work or a cleaning job that could be done before you give any money or as a contract.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

It is important not to become distracted while working this day. There is a sense of emotional coolness or detachment at the personal level. Its ideas that count for you now, more than narrowly personal concerns-and you may have little tolerance for people who do not operate at this level-careful. Take time to be specific so that others will understand any instructions you may have. Take care of every last detail by proofing or if possible, exchanging your work with someone else, and proof each other's work. You may decide to submit a detailed documentation of basic business procedures and the related methods for teaching this next semester. Homemade ice cream takes center stage this evening. There could be competition!



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

There are options today for you to discover new ways to relate in marriage and social affairs. You are very tolerant and accepting of differences and have good insights into problems. You are independent. Today is a good time to promote compromise and otherwise show your abilities to understand others. You may be unconventional in matters of philosophy and religion-finding new ways to get past the fluff. You seek to understand and improve situations in the workplace. You are happy to find new and secure ways to better conditions. You may even become involved with positive activities that include helping young people with character education, community service, career awareness, conflict resolution, peer mediation and involvement with others.

Yesterday Solution

Large Print Word Search Puzzles

90's Songs 2 - Solution

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DO ANYTHING  
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JUMP

LITHIUM  
LOSER  
MOVE THIS  
MY ALL  
ONLY YOU  
PUSH  
ROAM  
ROMANTIC

ROOSTER  
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SENSITIVITY  
SHOOP  
SOMEDAY  
THE ONE  
VOGUE



## Yellowstone National Park, USA

Yellowstone National Park is a national park located primarily in the US state of Wyoming, although it also extends into Montana and Idaho. It was established by the US Congress and signed into law by President Ulysses S. Grant on March 1, 1872. Yellowstone, the first National Park in the US and widely held to be the first national park in the world, is known for its wildlife and its many geothermal features, especially Old Faithful Geyser, one of the most popular features in the park. It has many types of ecosystems, but the subalpine forest is the most abundant. It is part of the South Central Rockies forests ecoregion.

Native Americans have lived in the Yellowstone region for at least 11,000 years. Aside from visits by mountain men during the early-to-mid-19th century, organized exploration did not begin until the late 1860s. Hundreds of structures have been built and are protected for their architectural and historical significance, and researchers have examined more than 1,000 archaeological sites.

### Biology and ecology

Yellowstone National Park spans an area of 3,468.4 square miles, comprising lakes, canyons, rivers and mountain ranges. Yellowstone Lake is one of the largest high-elevation lakes in North America and is centered over the Yellowstone Caldera, the largest 'supervolcano' on the continent. The caldera is considered an active volcano. It has erupted with tremendous force several times in the last two million years. Half of the world's geothermal features are in Yellowstone, fueled by this ongoing volcanism. Lava flows and rocks from volcanic eruptions cover most of the land area of Yellowstone.

The park is the centerpiece of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, the largest remaining nearly-intact ecosystem in the Earth's northern temperate zone.

Hundreds of species of mammals, birds, fish and reptiles have been documented, including several that are either endangered or threatened. The vast forests and grasslands also include unique species of plants. Yellowstone Park is the largest and most famous mega fauna location in the Continental United States. Grizzly bears, wolves, and free-ranging herds of bison and elk live in the park. The Yellowstone Park bison herd is the oldest and largest public bison herd in the United States. Forest fires occur in the park each year; in the large forest fires of 1988, nearly one third of the park was burnt. Yellowstone has numerous recreational opportunities, including hiking, camping, boating, fishing and sightseeing. Paved roads provide close access to the major geothermal areas as well as some of the lakes and waterfalls. During the winter, visitors often access the park by way of guided tours that use either snow coaches or snowmobiles.

### Grand Prismatic Spring

The Grand Prismatic Spring in Yellowstone National Park is the largest hot spring in the United States, and the third largest in the world, after Frying Pan Lake in New Zealand and Boiling Lake in Dominica. It is located in the Midway Geyser Basin.

Grand Prismatic Spring was noted by geologists working in the Hayden Geological Survey of 1871, and named by them for its striking coloration. Its colors match the rainbow dispersion of white light by an optical prism: red, orange, yellow, green, and blue.

### KIDS RECIPE

#### SPICY RICE

##### Ingredients:

1/2 cup onion, finely chopped  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 cup long-grain rice, uncooked  
3 tablespoons jalapeño peppers, finely chopped  
2 cups vegetable broth  
3/4 teaspoon cumin  
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, minced  
salt to taste (optional)  
(you'll need help from your adult assistant)

##### Directions:

Spray saucepan with nonstick butter spray. Sauté onion and garlic in saucepan until tender. Add rice, jalapeños, broth, and cumin to saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 20 to 25 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender. Remove from heat and stir in cilantro. Add salt to taste (optional).



### DID YOU KNOW?



Cheetahs are part of the big cat family and while they can't climb trees, they can run faster than any other land animal.

- \* The cheetah is the fastest land animal in the world. They can reach a top speed of around 113 km per hour.
- \* A cheetah can accelerate from 0 to 113 km in just a few seconds.
- \* Cheetahs are extremely fast however they tire quickly and can only keep up their top speed for a few minutes before they are too tired to continue.
- \* Cheetahs are smaller than other members of the big cat family, weighing only 45 - 60 kilograms.
- \* One way to always recognize a cheetah is by the long, black lines which run from the inside of each eye to the mouth. These are usually called "tear lines" and scientists believe they help protect the cheetah's eyes from the harsh sun and help them to see long distances.
- \* Cheetahs are the only big cat that cannot roar. They can purr though and usually purr most loudly when they are grooming or sitting near other cheetahs.
- \* While lions and leopards usually do their hunting at night, cheetahs hunt for food during the day.
- \* A cheetah has amazing eyesight during the day and can spot prey from 5 km away.
- \* Cheetahs cannot climb trees and have poor night vision.

**Q: What time is it when an elephant sits on the fence?**

**A: Time to fix the fence!**

**Q: Why did the elephant sit on the marshmallow?**

**A: So he wouldn't fall into the hot chocolate.**

**Q: What would you do if an elephant sat in front of you at a movie?**

**A: Miss most of the film.**

**Q: Why are elephants so wrinkled?**

**A: Did you ever try to iron one?**

**Q: What do you do when you see an elephant with a basketball?**

**A: Get out of its way!**

**Q: What is gray and blue and very big?**

**A: An elephant holding its breath!**

**Q: What time is it when ten elephants are chasing you?**

**A: Ten after one!**

**Q: What wears glass slippers and weighs over 4,000 pounds?**

**A: Cinderellephant**

### JOKES



### Pompom spiders

#### What you need:

A lot of wool  
Scissors  
4 pipe cleaners  
Scrap cardboard  
Googly eyes  
Glue

#### Activity:

Cut a piece of wool about 30cm long, put it aside for later.  
Cut a piece of scrap cardboard about the size of a business card.  
Wrap about 3 meters of wool around the cardboard (don't wrap the wool too

tightly or it will be hard to take it off the cardboard). Carefully remove the wool loops from the cardboard (make sure the loops retain their shape). Place the 4 pipe cleaners on top of the loops. Tightly tie the extra piece of wool around the middle of the loops plus pipe cleaners. Cut the wool loops at their edges. Trim the pompom so that it makes a nice circle. Bend the spider's legs and glue on googly eyes.



Color me!

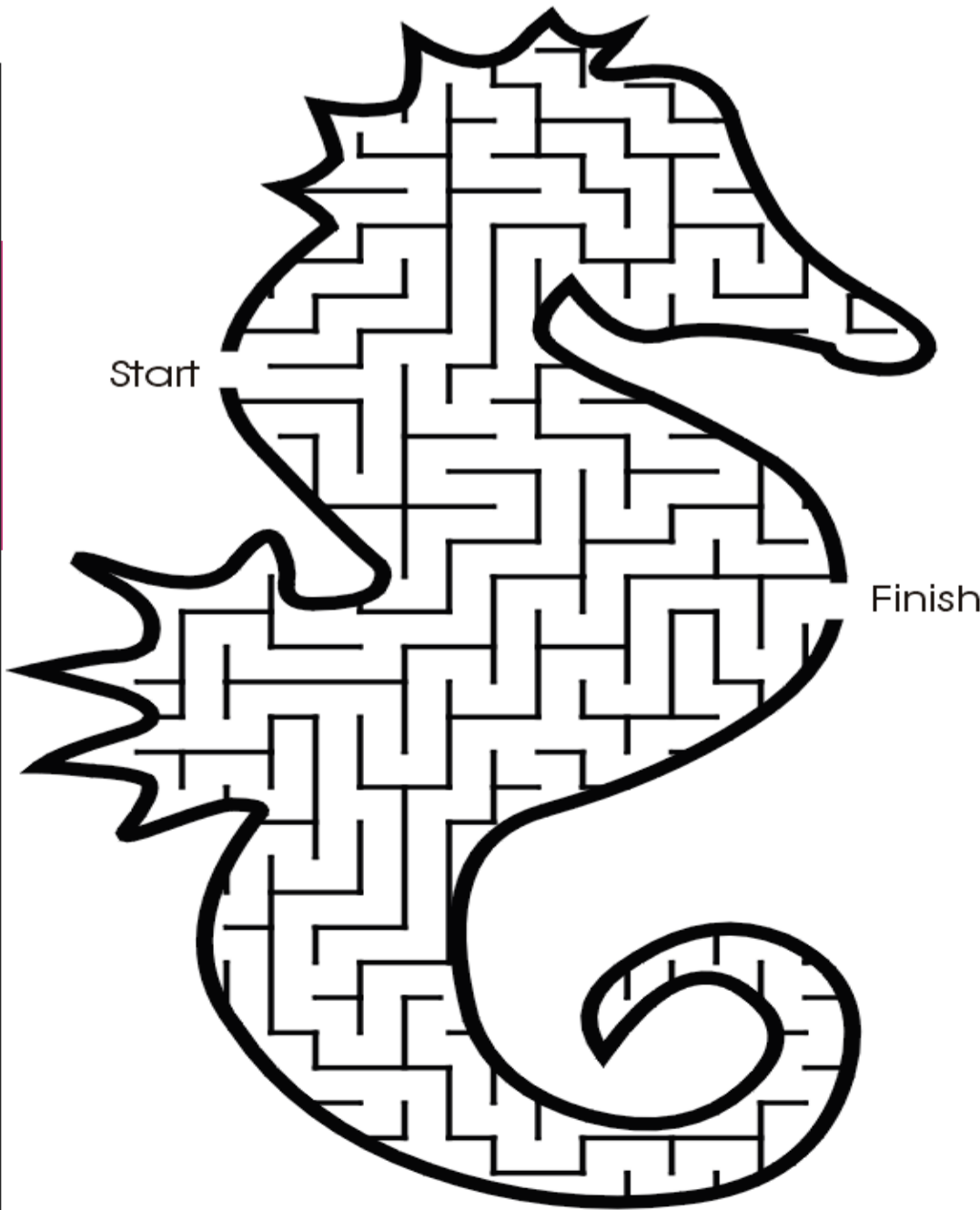


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### MAZE



# Gordon Ramsay's wife has miscarried their fifth child

The 49-year-old TV chef and his spouse Tana are both devastated after tragically losing their unborn baby - believed to be a boy - five months into their pregnancy over the weekend. Taking to his Twitter account yesterday Gordon wrote: "Hi guys, Tana and I want to thank you so much for your support over the past couple of weeks. "We had a devastating weekend as Tana has sadly miscarried our son at five months. We're together healing as a family, but we want to thank everyone again for all your amazing support and well wishes." Gordon then went on to praise the staff at London's Portland Hospital for their assistance and care throughout the heartbreaking ordeal. He added in the personal statement: "I'd

especially like to send a big thank you to the amazing team at Portland Hospital for everything they've done. Gx (sic)" Culinary genius Gordon announced he and Tana, 41, were expecting their fifth child during an appearance on 'The Late Late Show' last month. The couple already have Megan, 17, 16-year-old twins Holly and Jack and Matilda, 14, together. Tana and Gordon married in 1996 and will be celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary this year - as well as Gordon's 50th birthday - and have discussed renewing their wedding vows.



# Carter spent \$50,000 on his son's nursery

The Backstreet Boys singer and wife Lauren Kitt welcomed son Odin Reign into the world in April and the couple spared no expense when it came to creating comfortable surroundings for the tot. According to TMZ, the 36-year-old singer paid a lot of money to celebrity designers Stephanie Avila and Tori Swain to design and build the nursery, and he and Lauren quickly fell in love with the steampunk wallpaper they chose, so opted for an industrial motif for the whole room. Among the pricier items in the baby's room are a \$2,500 couch and a \$700 crib. The couple also splurged on a \$550 lamp and \$1,200 on lighting fixtures. It was recently revealed Lauren - who wed Nick in 2014 - endured 30 hours of labor during a "difficult" home birth. A source close to the fitness expert and actress, 32, shared: "She had a very difficult labor. It was

hard on her. Of course, there was a happy ending!" But Nick praised his wife for being "super cool" throughout her pregnancy and admitted he was cherishing every moment they had left together before the baby came along. He previously said: "You know the thing with my wife is that she is super cool... When it comes to the life I have [Lauren] is making the process really amazing and comfortable. "It's cool to have some time to prepare. I've really been thinking about living in the moment and enjoying every day that I have with my wife. I'm enjoying the process, because I've heard that your life will change and your priorities will change and that's great. So we are enjoying the time we have right now."

# Sykes 'doesn't fancy' Grande

Nathan Sykes insists he doesn't "still fancy" Ariana Grande. The 23-year-old singer is pleased his former girlfriend - who he dated from August to December 2013 - is doing well in her career, but he no longer has any romantic feelings towards her. Speaking backstage at the Capital FM Summertime Ball in London - where both he and Ariana performed - on Saturday he exclusively told BANG Showbiz: "Hold a candle? No! Obviously I'm really happy for her she's doing amazing, if I saw her I'd be like 'hey what's up' ... What a strange question 'do you still fancy your ex-girlfriend.'" While they are no longer romantically involved, Nathan and Ariana have previously teamed up on two duets, 'Almost is Never Enough' and 'Over and Over Again'. Though the 'Kiss Me Quick' singer admits it is unusual to duet with someone more than once, the former Wanted star won't rule out getting back into the recording studio with the 'Dangerous Woman' hitmaker for a third time. He said: "Obviously we've done two songs together now with 'Almost is Never Enough' on her debut album and 'Over and Over Again' which we released our duet version. So we've worked together twice now which is quite a lot for collaborations but you never know I think she's incredible, she's incredibly talented so you never know what's going to happen." Nathan previously insisted it wasn't "weird" for him to work with Ariana on the romantic 'Over and Over Again'. He said: "It's not weird to me at all. I think the most important thing for me is that she's an incredible vocalist and I really think she brings something great to the song. "I think it shows real maturity that we can both do this and not really let it bother us." And the former Wanted singer thinks it was made easier as it feels like "forever ago" since he dated 22-year-old Ariana. He said: "I've experienced so much life experience in those years [that] it does feel like forever ago."



# Laverne Cox is desperate to meet Beyonce

The 'Orange is the New Black' actress is a huge fan of the 'Flawless' hitmaker and though she knows the singer's stylist and publicist, the closest she has come to a one-on-one encounter with the 34-year-old star is making eye contact with her when she stood on the front row at her 'Formation' show in Chicago last month. Laverne told the New York Daily News newspaper: "I have not met Beyonce. "We had several moments where we made eye contact. "She said, 'You run this mother', right to me. "I obviously was doing all the choreography in the audience." The 32-year-old star will make history when she becomes the first transgender actress to portray a transgender character in a series on broadcast TV when she makes her debut as attorney Cameron Wirth in CBS legal drama 'Doubt'. And Laverne admits her love of Reese Witherspoon's 2001 comedy 'Legally Blonde' helped her become well-versed in legal jargon, though she insists she won't be basing her own character on that of the film's protagonist Elle Woods. She said: "You know 'Legally Blonde' is one of my favorite movies of all time. "[But I'm] not channeling Elle Woods, even though she won her case." Laverne recently admitted she wants people to praise her for more than just her looks. She said: "A lot of people have told me that I'm gorgeous and I love hearing that; I'm not going to lie. But I would like to think that I'm compelling not just because of the way I look. That I have something intelligent, smart, insightful, even moving to say. That I'm talented as an actress and that there's something about the content of my character that is beautiful, beyond how I look. I'd like to think."



# Ellen DeGeneres 'represents happiness'

Ellen DeGeneres "represents happiness" for a lot of people. The 57-year-old talk show host is proud that her self-titled daytime program is deliberately uplifting as she has never found humor in poking fun at other people's expense, because she knows first-hand how painful that can be. She said: "It is a happy show, on purpose. I represent happiness to a lot of people... "[As a child,] I was very tender, very sensitive, and I still am. I never want to hurt anybody. I want to make people laugh. I didn't think it was ever funny to make fun of people. There's so much to laugh at without it being at someone else's expense." Ellen came out as a lesbian in April 1997 and is an outspoken advocate for gay rights. And the presenter - who married 43-year-old actress Portia di Rossi - in 2008 after four years together - admitted TV producers thought she may have an "agenda to turn the world gay" when she first landed her show. She told Parade magazine: "I think a lot of station managers thought I would have an agenda to try to somehow turn the world gay. "People did worry. Our only agenda is to make people feel good. It's an hour of joy." The 'Finding Dory' star believes her open attitude to life stems from her parents suddenly announcing they were getting divorced when she was 13. She said: "I grew up in a very conservative home. "There was no drinking, smoking or cursing. I didn't see deep emotion from my parents. It was all very polite and very surface. I never knew how anybody was feeling. I never saw anyone angry. "So when I was 13 and my parents divorced, it was a huge surprise to me, because I was told everything was fine. It was very confusing. That's not a healthy way to grow up."



# Field and Williams' kids are best friends



Ayda Field and Robbie Williams' daughter finally likes her younger brother after being "unhappy" about his arrival. The American actress has revealed that Teddy, three, was "not impressed" about getting her 19-month-old brother Charlton at first, but she has finally gotten over her sibling jealousy and now they are best friends. Ayda, 37, admits seeing them grown so close has been her "best feeling" as a mother. In an interview on UK TV show 'Lorraine' she said: "When Charlie was born, Teddy was not impressed. I think she was indifferent bordering on unhappy about it. Now they just love to do everything together, I was tucking them in last night and I had one on each arm as they had their stories book

and they were tickling each other's faces and that's just the best feeling as a mother." Ayda has also praised Robbie's fathering skills as he is on "baby duties" at the moment while she is busy with work. She insists the 42-year-old singer loves taking time out from being a pop star to care for his kids and insists he is a huge support to her. Ayda - who tied the knot with Robbie in August 2010 - shared: "Oh, he's great, he's on baby duties so he's actually got the harder job right now. That's what is so amazing is that he's getting to see his kids. He's so supportive, for a long time I've been by his side doing the wife and mom thing, and now he's doing a bit of Mr. Field stuff"

# Hemsworth doesn't 'owe anyone a show and tell'

The 'Independence Day: Resurgence' star - who has rekindled his romance with spotlight. He said: "I just want people to be respectful of my privacy. I don't go out of my way to attract that kind of attention, or feel I owe anyone a show and tell. Some [other celebrities] don't mind, but I like to keep my personal life apart and keep the noise at bay. "That sort of attention eats away at you at first. I read things people made up, or horrible things that are really alienating. But the thing is, if you read that one negative thing among the 100 positives, you have to remind yourself everyone else on the planet is thinking about their own s\*\*t. "You can be consumed by, 'Oh, someone wrote something about me', but you have to remember it's 10 seconds out of someone's day, if that. That makes it easier. I don't buy into it anymore, and live my life happily. It's way less complicated." And the 26-year-old actor - who hails from Melbourne, Australia - loves returning home to see his pals as it keeps him grounded. He told Australia's Sunday Style magazine: "You know what I love about going back to Phillip Island and hanging out with my old friends? They're not impressed by it all; they're oblivious to most of it. They've seen some of the movies I've done, but no one treats me differently. It's, 'Oh yeah, mate, that was good. Wanna go for a surf?' "Yeah, it's good [to come back]. That's why I love seeing everyone I grew up with. It's no different even though I've been here seven years and time has

passed. One of my best friends has three kids now. I'll hang out with them and hold his baby. Life is so different, but when we're together the relationships are the same. I get back home Christmas and New Year's ... I really care about those lives."

— Bang Showbiz



# 'Saq Al Bamboo' and 'Been Galbin': Episode 7

By Nawara Fattahova

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Times is publishing a daily recap of two Kuwaiti soap operas aired on Al Rai TV and MBC Drama. Here are the recaps of the seventh episodes: 'Saq Al Bamboo' (Bamboo Stalk)

After Khawla convinces her grandmother Ghanima to meet Eisa, Ghasan brings him to the house. Rashid's sister Nooriya makes fun of him and suggests he takes money and leave Kuwait, as she flatly rejects him being a member of the family. She even says that she will not visit this house if he is in it. She says that if people come to know about him, it will affect the reputation of the Taruf family.

Their other sister Awatef is more religious and defends Eisa, saying he should live in the house as this is his family. She also says that the family should not be separated as this is against Islam. But Ghanima refuses to let Eisa stay and says that just because she agreed to meet him doesn't mean she will let him stay in the house.

Eisa asks Ghasan to take him to Mubarakia, and then he takes him to pray in the church. Khawla and her aunt Hind go to visit Eisa at Ghasan's house. Khawla talks to Eisa and tells him she needs time to get used to this situation - that she has a brother - but is happy to have one. Eisa tells her he is confused and doesn't know what his religion is, but believes in God.

Hind and Ghasan fight, and he is upset that Hind cares about the family name the most. They return home and



Khawla talks with Noora, the daughter of Nooriya, who knows they went to see Eisa. Khawla tells her that she thinks her aunt Hind loves Ghasan and there is an old story between them.

Hind is a human rights activist, and she is invited to a talk show on TV where she speaks about the problems of Kuwaitis married to non-Kuwaitis and what their children face. Ghasan takes Eisa again to Ghanima's house to convince her to let him stay, especially since he will be traveling soon and it's hard for him to stay alone, but she refuses and is rude to him.

**Been Galbin (Between Two Hearts)**

Noora visits her sister Yasmin, who asks her for contraceptive pills as she doesn't want to have more kids, adding she is already annoyed by the three she has. Aryam insists to travel as she needs to be alone for some time after her husband died. She visits her mother in London, who has just remarried, but prefers to stay at a hotel and meet her mother there as she is not happy that her mother got married.

Noora fights with her husband as his behavior is embar-



assing during dinner with her brother Bashar. On the way home, they fight and she wants to leave the house, but Zeid apologizes, promising not to repeat it. Aryam calls her colleague at work to tell her she is travelling, so this colleague tells Bashar. He says he doesn't care and tell her not to give him any news about her as there is nothing between them anymore.



Indian Bollywood actors Shahid Kapoor (left) and Alia Bhatt (second left) and directors Madhu Mantena Varma (second right) and Mahesh Bhatt talk during a press conference organized by Indian Film and Television Directors Association (IFTDA) in Mumbai on 8 June, 2016. — AFP photos

## Stop acting like 'grandmother', India court tells censor

A top court told India's film censor board yesterday not to act "like a grandmother" as it overturned a controversial demand by the notoriously strict body for 13 cuts to a film depicting drug addiction. The makers of "Udta Punjab", a Bollywood movie set in Punjab, went to the court after the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) demanded 13 cuts and said all mention of the northern state should be removed, including from the title.

per the times now. The CBFC need not be over-sensitive in the matter of art. The CBFC cannot stop creative people abruptly as it may discourage them," he added. India's censors have a long history of barring movies and cutting scenes, including those deemed too racy or capable of causing religious offence. The CBFC last year blocked the release of a toned-down version of "Fifty Shades of Grey" and deemed two James Bond kissing scenes unsuitable for an Indian audience. Filmmakers accuse the censors of intolerance.

The Bombay High Court said filmmakers should be allowed to choose the backdrop for movies, ruling that the CBFC's "exercise of power should not violate the constitutional guarantee of freedom of speech and expression". It overruled the board's demand that the words "election, MP, parliament, and party" should be cut and said a scene where a character injects himself with drugs could be shown.

References to a dog called "Jackie Chan" will also be allowed to remain. "I'm terribly pleased and relieved with the verdict," the film's director Abhishek Chaubey told reporters outside court, adding that he hoped it would force the board to change its approach. Several Bollywood actors and directors praised the court's decision. "Landmark judgment by the honorable Bombay High Court on #UdtaPunjab. Great victory for the filmmakers," Madhur Bhandarkar, a filmmaker himself, wrote on Twitter. "Thank U Judiciary for giving back the makers of Indian Cinema their right to express," tweeted filmmaker and dissenting CBFC board member Ashoke Pandit. "Udta Punjab" stars Kareena Kapoor, Alia Bhatt and Shahid Kapoor. — AFP



Indian Bollywood film director Anurag Kashyap addresses media representatives during a press conference organized by IFTDA (Indian Film and Television Directors Association) on the Hindi film 'Udta Punjab'. — AFP

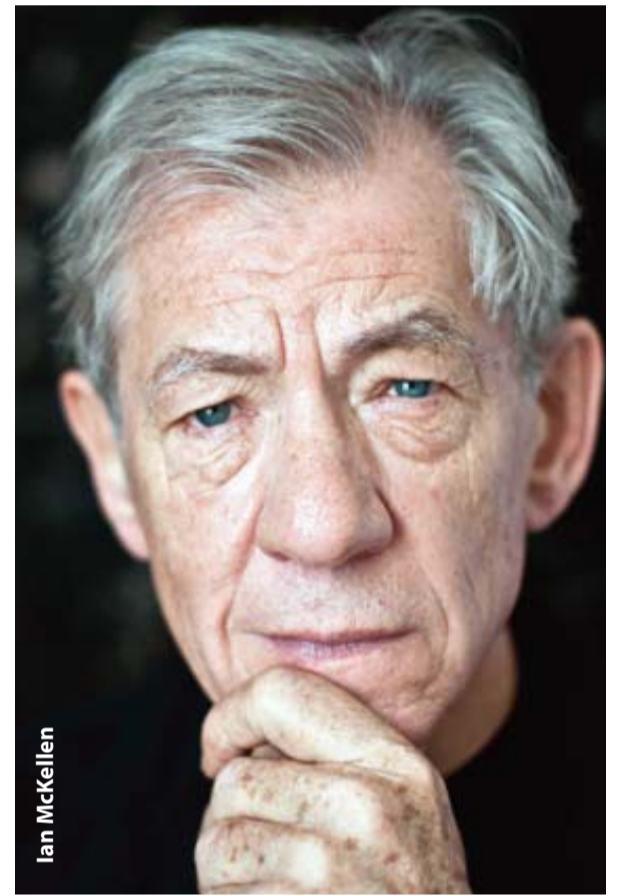
Punjab is due to hold local elections in 2017 and critics alleged that the CBFC was censoring the movie to avoid embarrassing the state government. Yesterday the Bombay High Court, Mumbai's highest judicial authority, ordered the board to clear the film with just one cut. It is due for release on Friday. "The CBFC should issue a fresh certificate within two days with the cut suggested by this court," Justice C.S Dharmadhikari said, ruling that a scene showing a character urinating should be removed.

"Do not act like a grandmother. Change as

## McKellen brings 'Shakespeare on Film' collection to Shanghai

Veteran actor Ian McKellen brought celebrations marking 400 years since William Shakespeare's death to Shanghai yesterday, launching the British Film Institute's "Shakespeare on Film" collection of movies in the Chinese city. The program, which is touring countries around the world this year to mark Shakespeare's April 23, 1616 death, features screenings of film adaptations of the playwright's famous works.

"I'm not a person of religion but if I had to have a God, it would be Shakespeare," the 77-year old actor, who has starred in numerous Shakespeare adaptations, told a news conference at the Shanghai International Film Festival. "He seems to have understood us all, understood that we fall in love, we fall out of love, we get jealous, we get angry, we get ambitious, we get cruel but he never judges us. I think that's what precious about his attitude, he has not got a message other than we are all human beings." — Reuters



Ian McKellen

## Renny Harlin to shoot 'Legend of the Ancient Sword' for Alibaba

Top action film director Renny Harlin is to make Chinese-language action fantasy film "Legend of the Ancient Sword" as his next picture. Production and Chinese distribution is through Alibaba Pictures Group, the film making arm of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba. The film is already in pre-production ahead of principal photography that is scheduled to start in October. The film is derived from a 3D role playing video game originally developed by Shanghai Aurogon and published in 2010 by Gamebar. A TV series was previously produced.

Alibaba purchased rights to the second game and has plans to turn it into both a TV series and a possible three

movie series. Harlin is connected only with the feature movies. Alibaba Pictures did not disclose the budget but described the film as "substantial by Chinese standards." It likened the project to the "Harry Potter" franchise. "This is a big, epic fantasy adventure," Harlin told Variety. "My ambition is to integrate this Chinese property with Hollywood storytelling and visual effects and to introduce new fighting techniques." Harlin recently completed the Jackie Chan-starring action adventure "Skiptrace," which will be released in Chinese theaters on July 22. — Reuters



Renny Harlin

## CMA Music Festival



Pharrell Williams, third from left, with Jimi Westbrook, from left, Kimberly Schlapman, Karen Fairchild and Phillip Sweet from Little Big Town perform at the CMA Music Festival at Nissan Stadium on Sunday, in Nashville, Tenn. — AP photos



Les Taylor from Exile performs at the CMA Music Festival.



Keith Urban performs at the CMA Music Festival.



Producer of "Hamilton" Jeffrey Seller and cast accepts the award for best musical at the Tony Awards at the Beacon Theatre on Sunday. — AP/AFP photos



The cast of "Hamilton," winners of the 2016 award for best musical, performs at the Tony Awards.

# 'HAMILTON' WINS BIG AT TONYS BUT FAILS TO BREAK RECORD



The cast of "Hamilton" performs at the Tony Awards.



Lin-Manuel Miranda, center, and the cast of "Hamilton" perform at the Tony Awards.



Cynthia Erivo accepts the award for leading actress in a musical for "The Color Purple".



Renee Elise Goldsberry, winner of the award for featured actress in a musical for "Hamilton".

**"H**amilton," the hip-hop stage biography of Alexander Hamilton, won the 2016 Tony Award for best new musical, capping an emotional night in which many in the Broadway community rallied to embrace the LGBT community after a shooting at a gay Florida nightclub. Lin-Manuel Miranda's hip-hop-flavored biography about the first US treasury secretary won 11 Tonys, just short of breaking the 12-Tony record held by "The Producers."

Jeffrey Seller, producer of "Hamilton," quoted the show's lyrics when accepting the award. "Look around, look around. How lucky we are to be alive right now," he said. "Hamilton" went into the night with 16 nominations and, in addition to taking the musical award, won best score, best book, direction, orchestration, choreography and best featured actor and actress statuettes for Renee Elise Goldsberry and Daveed Diggs. Leslie Odom Jr., who plays Aaron Burr, won best actor and thanks Miranda for "a new vision of what's possible." He thanked his wife, actress Nicolette Robinson and his parents.

The show earlier won awards for costume and lighting but lost scenic design to "She Loves Me," meaning "Hamilton" couldn't break the 12-statue record haul by "The Producers." Still, few shows get introduced by a sitting president, as Barack and Michelle Obama did for the performance by the show's cast. The awards show unspooled with a heavy heart a night after a gunman killed 50 people at a gay Florida nightclub, prompting a Broadway tribute to the victims at the top of the show and a smattering of references to tolerance throughout it.

## 'love and love and love'

Host James Corden, his back to the audience, spoke to viewers when he dedicated the night to celebrating the diversity of Broadway. "Hate will never win. Together we have to make sure of that. Tonight's show stands as a symbol and a celebration of that principle," he said. But for much of the telecast, the mood was light and typical of an awards show. Miranda, the star and creator of "Hamilton," won for best score and book, and read from onstage a sonnet, referencing tragedy and urging "love and love and love..." Thomas Kail won the Tony for directing "Hamilton." He thanked Miranda, a frequent collaborator, and celebrated the diversity of Broadway this season. "Let's continue to tell stories," he said.

English actress Cynthia Erivo won the Tony for best actress for her Broadway debut in "The Color Purple." She thanked her cast for "making me a stronger woman on that stage." Her show, which failed to beat "Jersey Boys" for the best musical Tony Award in 2006, won the best musical revival award in 2016. Jayne Houdyshell, a mainstay of the New York stage, won her first Tony Award at 62 for playing a gossipy, gently needling mom in "The Humans." Her stage husband, Reed Birney, won best featured actor in a play. An actor for almost 42 years, he acknowledged that 35 of them were "pretty bad." He thanked the theater community for keeping him going.

The play, about a fractious family's get-together, won the best play statuette and playwright Stephen Karam dedicated his award to all the struggling writers. "Keep the faith," he said. In response to the shooting Sunday that left at least 50 people dead in a crowded nightclub in Orlando, Florida, "Hamilton" dropped its use of muskets in its performance. Many stars also wore a silver ribbon to show solidarity. "My heart is saddened by it," Seller said on the red carpet before the show. "The celebration tonight is tempered by it."

The shooting was close to home for Christopher Fitzgerald, who was nominated for his role in "Waitress" and went to school in Orlando. "I'm heartbroken. I think everybody is feeling it, so we are at least all coming together to celebrate and not live in fear," he said on the carpet. Jessica Lange won her first Tony for playing a drug-addled mother in the revival of the monumental "Long Day's Journey Into Night." The two-time Academy Award



Leslie Odom Jr. accepts the award for leading actor in a musical for "Hamilton."

winner said: "This is a dream come true and it fills me with such happiness, even on such a sad day as this." Frank Langella won his fourth Tony for playing a man who has begun his slide down the slippery slope of dementia in "The Father." He almost teared up when he mentioned his brother's struggle with dementia. He also had a message for the people of Orlando: "We will be with you every step of the way."

## Fictional show

Dutch visionary Ivo Van Hove won his first Tony for directing an imaginative revival of Arthur Miller's "A View from the Bridge." Under his helm, the barefoot cast warily circled one another under bright lights in a set that resembled a boxing ring. The show was also named best play revival. The show opened with the cast of "Hamilton" performing their opening number with the lyrics altered to have them all wondering why Corden - "chatting with Hollywood phonies" - had earned the honor of hosting the show.

The "The Late Late Show" host had some quips for the theater-loving audience: "This is like the Super Bowl for people who don't know what the Super Bowl is," he said at one point. At another: "Think of tonight as the Oscars, but with diversity," and made a dig at Donald Trump for wanting to build a wall around the theater. He later flirted with Oprah Winfrey. Donald Trump was a frequent target. Nathan Lane made a crack about Trump University and Emilio Estefan insisted that his all-Latin cast for "On Your Feet!" were all in the US legally.

Corden at one point suggested there were so many diverse performers on the show that the Republican candidate would want to put a wall around the theater. There was also a joke about Trump starring in "The Book of Moron." To be fair, Glenn Close mocked Hillary Clinton in the fictional show "A Clinton Line." "Hamilton" and the 38 new productions this season helped Broadway's attendance figures hit a record high, up 1.6 percent to 13.3 million ticket buyers. The season also was rich in diversity among actors: Fourteen of the 40 Tony nominees for acting in plays and musicals - or 35 percent - were actors of color. — AP



Heather Headley, standing, and the cast of "The Color Purple" perform at the Tony Awards.

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Producer Scott Rudin , center, and the cast and crew of “The Color Purple” accept the award for best revival of a musical.



Andy Blankenbuehler, winner of the award for best choreography for “Hamilton”.



Ivo Van Hove poses in the press room with the award for best direction of a play for “A View from the Bridge”.



Frank Langella accepts the award for leading actor in a play for “The Father”.



Reed Birney accepts the award for featured actor in a play for “The Humans”.



Oprah Winfrey poses with the award for best revival of a musical for “The Color Purple”.



Lin-Manuel Miranda poses in the press room with the award for best musical at the Tony Awards.

Winners

- Best Play:**  
The Humans
- Best Musical:**  
Hamilton
- Best Revival of a Play:**  
Arthur Miller’s A View from the Bridge
- Best Revival of a Musical :**  
The Color Purple
- Best Book of a Musical:**  
Hamilton: Lin-Manuel Miranda
- Best Original Score (Music and/or Lyrics) Written for the Theatre:**  
Hamilton
- Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Play:**  
Frank Langella, The Father
- Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Play:**  
Jessica Lange, Long Day’s Journey Into Night
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Leslie Odom, Jr, Hamilton
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Cynthia Erivo, The Color Purple
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Daveed Diggs, Hamilton
- Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical:**  
Renee Elise Goldsberry, Hamilton
- Best Scenic Design of a Play:**  
David Zinn, The Humans
- Best Scenic Design of a Musical:**  
David Rockwell, She Loves Me
- Best Costume Design of a Play:**  
Clint Ramos, Eclipsed
- Best Costume Design of a Musical:**  
Paul Tazewell, Hamilton
- Best Lighting Design of a Play:**  
Natasha Katz, Long Day’s Journey Into Night
- Best Lighting Design of a Musical:**  
Howell Binkley, Hamilton
- Best Direction of a Play:**  
Ivo Van Hove, Arthur Miller’s A View from the Bridge
- Best Direction of a Musical:**  
Thomas Kail, Hamilton
- Best Choreography:**  
Andy Blankenbuehler, Hamilton
- Best Orchestrations:**  
Alex Lacamoire, Hamilton — Reuters



Daveed Diggs, from left, winner of the award for featured actor in a musical for “Hamilton,” Cynthia Erivo, winner of the award for leading actress in a musical for “The Color Purple,” Leslie Odom, Jr, winner of the award for leading actor in a musical for “Hamilton,” and Renee Elise Goldsberry, winner of the award for featured actress in a musical for “Hamilton” pose in the press room.



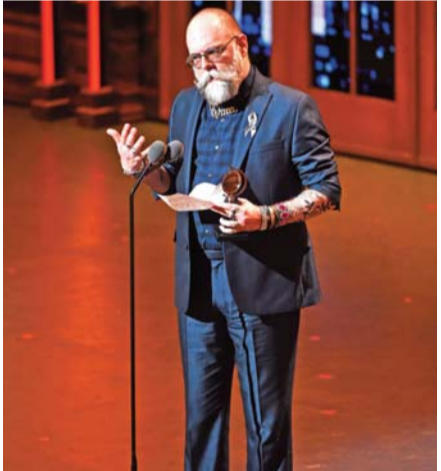
Thomas Kail accepts the award for best direction of a musical for “Hamilton”.



David Rockwell accepts the award for best scenic design for the musical “She Loves Me”.



Daveed Diggs accepts the award for featured actor in a musical for “Hamilton”.



David Zinn holds the award for best scenic design of a play for “The Humans”.



Jayne Houdyshell, winner of the award for featured actress in a play for “The Humans”.



Jessica Lange poses in the press room with the award for leading actress in a play for “Long Day’s Journey into Night”.



James Corden, center, and nominees perform at the Tony Awards.



The cast of “Fiddler on the Roof” perform on stage.



Danny Burstein and the cast of “Fiddler on the Roof” perform on stage.



Emiratis watch a bullfight in Fujairah. — AFP photos

# Bloodless bullfights earn Gulf owners big bucks

There's no matador, betting or blood when bulls lock horns in the Gulf emirate of Fujairah, but a winning beast in the popular sport can still earn its owner a fortune. Bullfights are a weekly event at a ring close to the beach on the east coast of the United Arab Emirates. Organizers admit the sport is rough but insist it is animal-friendly, and they ensure the bull is never killed. While it's believed 16th century Portuguese invaders introduced bullfighting to the Gulf, Fujairah's version pits two bulls against one another instead of man against beast.

And unlike at bull-on-bull tournaments in Southeast Asia, spectators place no bets-Islamic tradition and Emirati laws for-

hours-long contest. The winning bull in each round is decided by a committee of judges formed of eight local elders.

There are no cash prizes for the owners. But the value of a winning bull can shoot up in price, attracting offers by traders, some of whom drive in from nearby Oman where the sport is even more popular. "When a bull is always distinct-winning against other bulls its price can reach 600,000 dirhams (\$163,000)," said Hamad Al-Matrushi, an elderly committee member and bull-owner. "But the price of a bull which sometimes performs well and other times not so well would go down to around 120,000 (\$32,700) or 80,000 dirhams (\$21,800)," he said.

Here we are merciful towards it. We provide it with medical treatment, we take care of it and feed it properly," Mohammed Abdullah, a 30-year-old government employee who himself owns 15 bulls, agreed. "We give them food and nourishment from the best types of proteins and vitamins," he said. He estimated that feeding his bulls costs him 10,000 dirhams (\$2,700) a month. There is no system of weight classes for the bulls, which can fight from the age of two until they retire to the fields or are given away as gifts.

The Jersey and Holstein breeds are the most popular. Fujairah's champion is named Reyli, a massive black hulk of flesh. It always wins, attracting fans who cross the border from Oman to watch it fight. "It comes with its own audience," said Abdullah. The owner has been offered 300,000 dirhams (\$81,700) in cash and still refuses to sell.

### 'Barbarism'

From an early age, owners can tell if a calf will grow up to be successful in the ring. Potential fighters are trained by walking them in the sea to strengthen the legs, before they are taken to the mountains to build up chest muscles. Matrushi said a farmer can often "provide the bulls with more attention than that he gives to his own children". But Mimi Bekhechi, director of the animal rights organization PETA UK, remains unimpressed. "This ridiculous and inhumane form of human entertainment can only be distressing to bulls, who will be agitated by the noise of the crowd and from being manhandled," she told AFP.

"These days, we should be past such barbarism," Bekhechi said. Ethiopian tourist Kidani agreed. "It's not right, because they hurt each other," he said. The organizers "make the animals very angry." The nearby bulls bellowed and snorted, dragging their hooves in the sand. As the sun set, they were dragged into pick-ups and driven back to nearby farms. — AFP



bid it. A fight lasts just minutes, ending when one of the bulls gives up or is pushed back by its rival to the roar of a commentator's voice over loudspeakers. Upon his word, more than a dozen barefooted handlers use ropes to pull the bulls apart before the next bout kicks off.

"Dr Thomas and Jackson," says the commentator, introducing the next pair of animals to lock horns. As the two bulls square off, an alarm pierces the air. Known as "Al-wannan", the sound is intended as a form of applause to heighten the excitement. Despite soaring temperatures, local families and tourists gather around the fenced bull-ring. Some sit atop SUVs, cracking seeds and sipping juice. Around 80 bulls take part in the

### 'Merciful' tradition

This form of bullfighting, known in Arabic as munatahat Al-Thiran (bull-butting), has its own set of traditions. The brightly-coloured "traje de luces" (suit of lights) clothing that distinguishes Spanish matadors is replaced by the traditional white robe worn by Bedouins, known locally as the dishdasha. Twelve-year-old Swati, an Indian girl who came with her family from the modern city-state of Dubai, was expecting to see a matador waving a red cape. "But when I came here, my father told me that it's actually two bulls fighting," she said.

Matrushi pointed to another difference with the Spanish version. "There, they could mistreat the animal or torture it.

