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# **OPERATIONS BEGIN AT AZZOUR** ELECTRICITY AND WATER PLANT

FIRST INDEPENDENTLY-OWNED PROJECT TO SELL OUTPUT TO MEW

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### SAUDI KING TO **VISIT KUWAIT**

HOPE FOR KHAFJI

**KUWAIT:** Saudi King Salman is to visit Kuwait next week as hopes rise in the state of a resumption of production from a jointly run oilfield after a twoyear shutdown. The king will travel to Kuwait on Dec 8 after a Gulf summit in Bahrain and stay for three days, Al-Jarida newspaper reported yesterday. His visit comes as the state-owned Kuwait Gulf Oil Co (KGOC) readies for a long hoped-for resumption of production from the offshore Khafji field, jointly run with Saudi Aramco Gulf Operations.

In an internal memo seen by AFP, KGOC asked staff to make the necessary preparations. It ordered implementation of a Startup Readiness Plan to put "facilities in operational ready state within least possible period in order to achieve the resumption of Khafji crude oil production". Output from the Khafji field was halted in Oct 2014. Saudi Arabia cited environmental concerns but the move came amid a slump in prices that put pressure on producers around the world.

The halt to the field's production of 300,000 barrels per day - shared equally between the two countries - hit Kuwait far harder than Saudi Arabia. The state lacks the spare production capacity its giant neighbor enjoys. — AFP



KUWAIT: The Azzour North One power and water plant is seen.

**By Sara Ahmed** 

**KUWAIT:** The first independently-owned power and water plant in Kuwait, Azzour North Óne, launched commercial operations yesterday. Azzour North One will generate 10 percent of Kuwait's power requirements (1,539 MW) and 20 percent of water needs (107 million gallons per day). The KD 519 million (\$1.7 billion) project was delayed for years due to political infighting but finally started construction in

The power and water plant marks the first stage in a lengthy effort by the government to meet the state's growing power and water needs. It also represents the first successful test case for the implementation of the government's mega infrastructure development plan and the public-private partnership model. Azzour North One will be fueled by a blend of local gas and imported LNG. In 2015, Kuwait imported 3.1 million metric tons of LNG and has awarded a consortium to build a KD 882 million (\$2.9 billion) LNG import and regasification terminal at Azzour.

Falling under the first phase of the Independent Water and Power Project (IWPP), Azzour North One is owned and operated by Shamal Azzour Al-Oula KSC, which is 40 percent owned by a private consortium comprising ENGIE (formerly GDF SUEZ), Sumitomo Corporation, and Kuwait-based AH Al Sagar & Brothers. The remaining 60 percent is owned by the government of Kuwait, through the Kuwait Investment Authority (5 percent), the Public Institution for Social Security (5 percent), and Kuwait Authority for Partnership Projects (50 percent).

The government is mandated to sell 50 percent of the total ownership through an initial public offering (IPO) to Kuwaiti citizens after construction is completed. The government will retain a 10 percent stake following the IPO. All the power and treated water produced from the plant will be bought by the Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) under a 40-year long-term deal. (See Page 3)



LA UNION, Colombia: Rescuers search for survivors yesterday in the wreckage of the LAMIA airlines charter plane carrying members of the Chapecoense Real football team that crashed in the mountains of Cerro Gordo. — AFP

### 75 KILLED AS PLANE CARRYING BRAZIL FOOTBALLERS CRASHES

**BOGOTA:** A charter plane carrying a Brazilian football team crashed in the mountains in Colombia late Monday, killing as many as 75 people, officials said. But they said six survived, including four players. Brazil's President Michel Temer declared three days of mourning for the victims. The LAMIA airlines charter declared an emergency at around 10 pm local time (0300

GMT yesterday), reporting it had suffered "electrical failures", and crashed a short time later near the city of Medellin, officials said.

The plane was carrying members of Chapecoense Real, a Brazilian football club that had risen from obscurity to play in the Copa Sudamericana finals today against Atletico Nacional of Colombia.

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# BILLIONS PLEDGED FOR TUNISIA

### Kuwait to give \$500m in loans over 5 years

### **KUWAIT HAS SENT** REQUEST FOR INT'L **BOND PROPOSALS**

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait has sent a request for proposals for a potential debut international bond, according to sources. The sovereign is expected to issue next year, most likely in the US dollar market, continuing the spree of Gulf sovereign bond deals. In October, bankers said that Kuwait was in no rush to fund overseas, according to Reuters. Finance Minister Anas Al-Saleh had said in July the government planned to sell as much as \$10 billion in conventional and Islamic bonds in international markets to help plug Kuwait's budget deficit for the current fiscal year, which will end on March 31.

Several Gulf sovereigns have sold bonds in the international markets this year, led by Saudi Arabia's record breaking \$17.5 billion triple-tranche offering in October. Other notable deals from Gulf sovereigns in 2016 include Oman's return after a 20-year absence, Qatar's \$9 billion trade and Abu Dhabi's \$5 billion transaction. Kuwait, however, will be a new name for investors, though corporates and banks from the country have outstanding US dollar bonds.

This year holding company KIPCO printed a \$500 million 2023 bond at a yield of 5 percent in March, while Burgan Bank printed the first ever senior US dollar deal from a Kuwaiti bank in September. Burgan, Boubyan Bank and National Bank of Kuwait also have outstanding subordinated bonds. Timing for the sovereign's debut issuance remains unclear. — Reuters

TUNIS: Tunisia won pledges of billions of dollars in financial support at an investment conference yesterday aimed at reviving the country's struggling economy. Nearly six years after its Arab Spring revolution, Tunisia hopes the meeting will help it tackle challenges including high unemployment, low growth and a tourism sector hammered by militant attacks. The two-day "Tunisia 2020" conference aims to put the North African nation "back on the investment map of the Mediterranean", officials said.

"Tunisia faces exceptional circumstances and needs exceptional support," said President Beji Caid Essebsi. "The success of the democratic project in Tunisia... serves the interests of the region and can help strengthen security and stability regionally and globally," he said. More than 2,000 business, finance and political leaders from 40 countries are attending the conference, including officials from global lenders such as the World Bank.

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TUNIS: Tunisian President Beji Caid Essebsi (center), Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani (left) and French Prime Minister Manuel Valls attend the opening ceremony of "Tunisia 2020", an international investment conference, yesterday.— AP

MOSUL: Iraqi special forces, Lt Col Ali Hussein holds a destroyed drone used by Islamic State militants, which was shot down by his brigade on the frontline Bakr neighborhood on Nov 25, 2016. — AP

## FEARS OF IS' USE OF WEAPONIZED DRONES

### 'Dronejacking' may be next big cyber threat

**BAGHDAD/WASHINGTON:** The Mosul battle in Iraq has seen the Islamic State group increasingly resort to weaponized drones, which Western governments fear could lead to a new type of attack at home. France issued an internal note to its security forces last week warning that "this threat is to be taken into account nationwide" and ordering any drone be treated as a "suspicious package". The first record of a deadly IS drone attack was in October when two Iraqi Kurdish fighters were killed and two French special forces soldiers

The device had been booby-trapped and did its damage on the ground when forces approached it after it landed. "The use of drones by terrorist and insurgent forces is a growing issue of international concern," James Bevan, executive director of the Conflict Armament Research NGO, wrote in a recent report. Western countries have seen an unprecedented wave of attacks perpetrated or inspired by IS and the new airborne threat is giving chills to security agencies.

"It's a threat we're looking into, especially with all those who will return from Iraq and Syria with bags of battle experience," a French government official told AFP. Some countries, especially those with large numbers of nationals among IS' foreign fighter contingent such as France or Belgium, worry that attacks on home soil will spike after the collapse of the jihadists' "caliphate". Drones are ubiquitous on the frontlines of the battle for IS bastion

Mosul, which Iraqi forces launched on Oct 17.

The militants have used them for some time for reconnaissance missions, just like government forces have, but they have more recently tried to modify them. In mid-November an AFP team on Mosul's southern front saw a small commercial drone, of the kind that will fly off the shelves in the run-up to Christmas, drop a grenade on a federal police position.

Forces battling their way to the outskirts of Mosul have reported several similar incidents. "They are also using drones in this area," Abu Mohammed Al-Atabi, a commander with the Hashed al-Shaabi paramilitaries deployed southwest of Mosul told AFP last week.

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RIYADH: Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Sabah (third from right) is pictured among participants in the 35th meeting of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Interior Ministers meeting. — KUNA



**Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled** Al-Hamad Al-Sabah attends the meeting.



Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Prince Mohammad bin Nayef.

### Kuwait stands by Saudi Arabia to fight threats: Interior Minister

Saudi Arabia in its efforts to stave off all threats and safeguard sacrosanct Muslim sites, Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah said yesterday.

These remarks were made in a speech by the Kuwait minister during the 35th meeting of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Interior Ministers, presided over by Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Prince Mohammad bin Nayef.

Moreover, on the meeting, he said that it is "part of regular discussions to review progress

RIYADH: Kuwait firmly stands in solidarity with made in security issues of mutual concern, which call for increased cooperation and appropriate decision-making."

Speaking on regional conditions, Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled said that it would behoove GCC nations to be extra cautious, as "current challenges and obstacles require us to forge a concerted stance in a volatile juncture that the world is going through."

"Terrorism and extremism represent a grave threat that risk tearing apart nations in our region," the Kuwaiti Minister of Interior said, underscoring the need to ratchet up security cooperation on the part of GCC nations. He also thanked GCC Secretary General Abdullatif Al-Zayani for expending efforts to organize such meetings, which prove crucial and instrumental to joint work.

Similarly, the Saudi Interior Minister underscored GCC nations' profound capabilities to overcome any security challenges and threats

With its proximity to conflict-ridden nations, the GCC has been able to preserve its security and stability, he added. The meeting featured talks over the latest security developments in the region as well as strategies to bolster GCC cooperation in that realm.

Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled later met with Prince Mohammad bin Nayef, during which he affirmed his country's deep ties with Saudi Arabia, and stressed the importance of bolstering Kuwaiti-Saudi security cooperation, exchanging mutual information and security expertise among all GCC countries, particularly in light of the current situation in the region.

The two sides discussed ways to boost mutual cooperation in the security field, including coordination, exchange of information, expand security cooperation prospect between the two countries, and create integration between GCC countries in order to achieve

security and stability for the region's people. Shortly following his arrival in Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled said that it is imperative for the GCC member states to further promote and prop up their security cooperation and integration.

Stressing that the GCC member states will consolidate their security cooperation in order to maintain stability and address swift regional developments, he indicated that the meeting comes at a time when the region is witnessing critical security risks that pose a threat to the national interests of the GCC countries. — KUNA

### KUWAIT RENEWS COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENTING CWC: OFFICIAL

**BRUSSELS:** The State of Kuwait has renewed its commitment to implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) on both local and international levels, said a Kuwaiti official yesterday. The use of chemical weapons by any party at any position and under any condition violates the provisions of the convention, Ali Salem Al-Thaidhi, head of the Kuwaiti delegation to the conference of 21st states parties to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), said in a statement. The conference which kicked off late Monday in The Netherlands' city of the Hague will run until December 2.

Thaidhi voiced Kuwait's condemnation of the repeated use of chemical weapons against the Syrian people. He affirmed Kuwait's support for the international community's efforts, mainly the ones of the OPCW-UN joint commission tasked with investigating the use of chemical weapons and bringing the perpetrators to justice, in combating these weapons. The State of

Kuwait late Monday urged the international community to prohibit all weapons of mass production in the world in general and the Middle East in particular.

Meanwhile, Director General of OPCW Ahmat Uzumcu stressed in a speech that this year has witnessed several challenges, reviewing the efforts exerted by the organization's secretary over the past period to make many achievements.

The organization is working on getting rid of Syria's chemical weapons program in accordance with security conditions, he said, expressing his concern over the repeated use of these weapons in Syria. He also reviewed the organization's efforts in Iraq, Libya and Russia, lauding the OPCW's role in achieving international peace and security. The conference discusses several key topics and Kuwaiti delegation took part in the meetings of national committees ahead of the conference during which means of implementing the provisions of the convention were discussed. — KUNA



Al-Sabah poses with a medal presented by President of Geneva University Sabah delivers his speech during the ceremony. Professor Yves Flueckiger. — KUNA



GENEVA: His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-

## LORD MAYOR OF LONDON MEETS KUWAITI OFFICIALS



**KUWAIT:** Lord Mayor of London Dr Andrew Charles Parmley received yesterday Director General of Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority Sheikh Dr

Mishal Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. He also visited His Highness Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah at Shuwaikh Palace on Monday

Head of the mission of honor Governor of Hawalli Lieutenant-General Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah attended both meetings. — KUNA

### UN ASSOCIATION PRAISES KUWAITI WOMEN

**ROME:** A United Nations Women's Association extolled Kuwaiti women's diligent efforts towards philanthropic causes, which represents Kuwait's firm commitment to humanitarian endeavors all across the globe.

In a speech to open a charitable bazaar in the headquarters of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) yesterday in Rome, with participation of the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Rome's wife Dr Sara Al-Rakyan, head of the association Dima Kashour noted that such events help boost awareness on the misery of

women's contributions in the field of charity work to help out women, children, disabled people and other hapless segments of society.

Rakyan said that she is proud to be a member of such a prominent association, whose efforts to mitigate the suffering of children worldwide has been well-chronicled. She also underscored the bazaar as the latest in a string of events put together by the association to promote cultural harmony and co-existence, adding that her participation in this event is a testament to Kuwait's support of humanitarian

### the needy. Moreover, she spoke of causes. — KUNA

FM MEETS WITH SAUDI MINISTER



KUWAIT: Kuwait's First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah met yesterday with visiting Saudi State Minister for Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Affairs Thamer bin Sabhan Al-Sabhan.

Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled

Al-Jarallah also met the Saudi minister, in presence of a number of senior foreign ministry officials and the Saudi Ambassador to Kuwait Dr Abdulaziz Al-Fayez. Jarallah later hosted a luncheon banquet in honor of the visiting minister and his delegation. — KUNA

# **SWITZERLAND HONORS** SHEIKH NASSER AL-MOHAMMAD

GENEVA: Switzerland honored His Highness Genevensis', in a ceremony held last Friday, with in a speech of his own, the Swiss Foreign Minister Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah of Kuwait for his efforts to further relations between both nations. He was awarded in a ceremony held to mark 50 years since the inception of bilateral ties between Switzerland and the State of Kuwait.

President of Geneva University Professor Yves Flueckiger handed His Highness Sheikh Nasser a commemorative medal christened, 'Schola Swiss Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Eves Rossier in attendance.

An alumnus of Geneva University, His Highness Sheikh Nasser thanked all those that "have shared their wisdom" with him. Moreover, reminiscing on Kuwaiti-Swiss ties, he noted that he was the very first Kuwaiti diplomat to serve the European Federal Republic, as he was appointed Kuwait's Consul General in Switzerland in 1966. Meanwhile,

lauded ties with Kuwait during the course of the last 50 years. Speaking on pupils of Geneva University, Flueckiger said that the school "is proud of its students, most notably, His Highness Sheikh Nasser," praising him for his successful stint as Kuwait's Ambassador to Switzerland. After the ceremony, a banquet in honor of His Highness Sheikh Nasser was held, where senior Swiss officials were in attendance. — KUNA







KUWAIT: The United Arab Emirates' Ambassador to Kuwait Rahma Al-Zaabi hosted a reception Monday night to celebrate his country's national day. Top state officials led by First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, diplomats and other dignitaries attended the event. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



# AZZOUR NORTH ONE POWER, WATER PLANT CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

**KUWAIT:** Shamal Azzour Al-Oula KSC, the owner and operator of Azzour North One power and water plant, yesterday officially marked completion of the plant's construction phase and announced the commencement of full commercial operation. The \$1.7 billion facility that started construction in December 2013 is Kuwait's first independently owned power and water facility, and falls under the first phase of the country's IWPP project. The project was completed on schedule and on budget.

As of yesterday, the project has the capacity to generate 10 percent of Kuwait's power requirements at peak capacity (1,539MW) and 20 percent of water generation (107 million gallons per day). The plant is fueled by a blend of local gas and imported LNG. The combined facility of power and water generation is Kuwait's cleanest and most efficient source of electricity.

### Private consortium

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The remaining 60 percent is owned by the Government of Kuwait, through the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA: 5 percent), the Public Institution for Social Security (PIFSS: 5 percent), and Kuwait Authority for Partnership Projects (KAPP: 50 percent). The Government of Kuwait is mandated to sell 50 percent of the total ownership through an Initial Public Offering (IPO) to Kuwaiti citizens after construction is completed. The government will retain 10 percent stake following the IPO.

The power and treated water produced from the plant will be entirely supplied to the country's national power and water grid operated by the Kuwait Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) under a 40-year long-term Energy Conversion and Water Purchase Agreement (ECWPA). ENGIE and Sumitomo will undertake the operation and maintenance (OandM) of the plant on an equal share basis.

The plant is the first stage of the country's plan to significantly increase capacity over the coming years, and falls within a larger effort to meet an anticipated peak demand of 25 gigawatts (GW) by 2025. It was awarded under the IWPP law and implemented through a process managed by the Kuwait Authority for Partnership Projects. The Plant is part of an overall IWPP



located in the Azzour area. The overall IWPP is expected to be developed over five phases, for a total capacity of 4,800 MW of electricity and approximately 280 MIGD of

- Kuwait's first PPP project commences 100 percent commercial operations
- Adds 1,539MW and 107MIGD to the national grid today
- The combined facility of power and water generation represents Kuwait's most efficient source of electricity

desalinated water to be tendered over a period of four to six years to meet a projected rapid increase in electricity demand, which is expected to increase at a high rate of 7.6 percent per annum until 2020 against the backdrop of fast economic growth.

### **Living proof**

KAAP General Manager Mutlaq Al-Sane said, "Azzour North One project was our first PPP project to be tendered and the first to be completed. All of us at KAAP are extremely proud of this achievement and the transparent and efficient tendering process it involved.

Shamal Azzour KSC is living proof of the benefits of PPP model and how the private sector, international partners, and the State can all work together on delivering major infrastructure projects on schedule and on budget for the benefit of the people." Shamal Azzour KSC Chairman Yousef Al Hajri said, "On behalf our partners, our investors, and everyone working on the project, it gives me great pleasure to announce that as of yesterday Azzour North One is fully operational, with a production capacity of 1,539.2 MW and 107MIGD.

The plant is a testament to the country's vision and the private sector's capability in materializing the vision. All of us involved in the project are extremely proud of this achievement."

Shamal Azzour KSC CEO Andy Biffen coming months (Mid 2017)".

said, "I would like to thank MEW, KAAP, our EPC contractors Hyundai Heavy Industries (HHI) and Societe Internationale De Dessalement (SIDEM), General Electric, our staff, our shareholders, and everyone who had role in delivering a project of this magnitude on schedule and on budget; reflecting the skills, efficient organization and expertise of all those involved. Yesterday, as we celebrate the 100 percent commercial operation of the plant, we look forward to providing the country with the cleanest and most efficient power in the grid, to extending more opportunities for Kuwaitis, and to operating a safe, efficient environ-

ment for our employees."

Shamal Azzour KSC CFO, Quentin des Cressonnieres said, "Shamal Azzour achievements of the past three years would not have been possible without the Project Finance in place, and the strong support from our Lenders (NBK, JBIC, NEXI, SMBC, Standard Chartered and BTMU) and our Shareholders (ENGIE, Sumitomo, Al Sagar, KAPP, KIA, PIFSS). We also look forward to start the IPO process of 50 percent of the Shares to Kuwaiti Citizens in the

### HIGHLIGHTS

- \* The power plant produces 1,539.2 MW in net contracted power capacity
- \* The power plant is operated by a combined cycle gas turbine: natural gas as main fuel and gas oil as backup fuel
- \* The power plant comprises five (5) General Electric GTG 9F-3 turbines generating 225.8 MW each and two (2)
- General Electric STG D1 turbines generating 251 MW each \* The water desalination plant comprises a multiple-effect distillation (MED) unit capable of producing 107 million imperial gallons per day (MIGD) (the equivalent of 486,400 m3/d) of desalinated water. The water desalination plant's output represent 20% of Kuwait's installed water treatment capacity
- \* The water plant uses MED technology through 10 SIDEM MED units, each generating 10.84 MIGD

### **Project Achievements:**

- \* Cumulative Man Hours: over 26 Million
- \* Environmental incidents: None.
- \* Early power generated after 18.5 months since start of development
- \* Construction project was completed on schedule and on budget

### Project Facts:

start of construction

- \* Total project cost: \$1.7 billion
- \* Power plant: engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractor: Hyundai Heavy Industries (HHI)
- \* Water plant: engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractor: Societe Internationale De Dessalement (SIDEM), a subsidiary of Veolia, France

### Azzour North One Project Timeline:

- \* March 2011: Request for proposal (RFP) issued for the
- Az-Zour North One Plant development
- \* March 2012: Preferred bidder was chosen
- \* December 2012: Successful bidder announced \* December 12, 2013: Kuwait's first PPP RFP process was successfully completed, signing ceremony with MEW, and
- \* January 10, 2014: Shamal Azzour Al-Oula reaches its financial close \* March 13, 2015: Key interfaces connection with MEW
- and KOC:
- \* Electricity transmission facilities (MEW),
- \* Main fuel connection Gas (KOC), \* Backup fuel connection - fuel oil (KOC)
- \* May 3, 2015: First megawatt of power was generated into the national grid of Kuwait
- \* June 28, 2015: ECOD 1 :1 GTG in SC 214.3 MW \* August 11, 2015: ECOD 2 :2 GTGs in SC - 440.5 MW
- (achieved two days early)
  \* September 18, 2015: ECOD 3 :3 GTGs in SC 664.2 MW
  (achieved ten days early)
- \* November 26, 2016: Construction completed, full commercial operation starts





In Brief

### AMIR CONDOLES SISI

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable of condolences on Monday to Egyptian President Abdelfatah Al-Sisi on the death of his father-in-law Ahmad Amer Ameen. His Highness the Amir prayed that Allah the Almighty bestows the deceased with His blessings. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables. —KUNA



### **KUWAIT OFFERS CONDOLENCES**

KUWAIT: Deputy Amiri Diwan Affairs Minister Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah visited the Cuban Embassy in Kuwait yesterday and convoyed the condolences and grief of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, as well as the Kuwaiti people over the death of former Cuban President Fidel Castro. —KUNA



### **UAE HONORS DAIHANI**

**DUBAI:** The Mohammad bin Rashed Al-Maktoum Creative Sports award has named Kuwait's shooter Fheid Al-Daihani Monday as one of the distinguished and creative Arab sports figures of the year 2016. Daihani was chosen by the award's council of secretaries for his remarkable achievement, winning the gold medal in the men's double trap competition of the 2016 Rio Olympic Games in Brazil last August. The award honors individuals, teams, and establishments that demonstrate creativity in the field of sports. —KUNA



### **Photo**

of the day

KUWAIT: A historical mosque is pictured in Kuwait City, with skyscrapers and other landmarks of the state's capital are seen in the background. —KUNA photo



KFH and Kuwait Dive Team representatives.

# KFH OFFERS WHALY BOATS TO KUWAIT DIVE TEAM

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Finance House (KFH) continued its efforts in participating in several environmental awareness activities and events in collaboration with the concerned authorities such as the Environmental Voluntary Foundation and Kuwait Dive Team. This stems from KFH's endeavors to optimally assume the social responsibility and efforts to increase the awareness of the importance of keeping the environment safe, healthy and clean.

KFH contributed in supporting the efforts of Kuwait Dive Team through offering a number of Whaly Boats that help in lifting waste and neglected materials, not to

mention assist in the protection and rehabilitation mission of Kuwait's aquatic world and the safety of the marine environment.

KFH is keen on supporting programs that serve the community and spread awareness among people. The bank organized many events for children in collaboration with schools and the Ministry of Education to raise their awareness of the importance of the environment. KFH attaches great importance to the environmental issues in Kuwait, and calls for boosting the synergy among all respective authorities to keep Kuwait clean and pollution free.

# KUWAITI NATIONALS SAFE FROM OSU VIOLENCE: EMBASSY

**WASHINGTON:** Kuwait Embassy affirmed that its nationals in the United States are safe after a man attacked people at Ohio State University (OSU) earlier Monday. In a statement the embassy called on all Kuwaiti citizens or students living in the US to report on any eventuality via the following phone lines: The embassy+IBk-s

emergency phone number: 262-0758 The emergency phone number of the Culture Office: 364-2104. A man, identified as Abdul Razak Ali Artan, 18, drove his car on an OSU sidewalk, got out of it and attacked pedestrians with a knife+ADs- he was fatally shot by an off-duty police officer. +IBM —KUNA

# YOUTH COUNTRY'S REAL WEALTH: SHEIKHA INTISAR

**KUWAIT:** Sheikha Intisar Al-Sabah, Chairperson of Al-Nuwair Positive Initiative launched in 2013, has affirmed that the youth is the country's real wealth. She said in a statement that the 'Bareeq' program on youth is launched concurrently with the 2017 National Day celebrations, adding that the program is the first in its kind in both Kuwait and the Middle East that instills positive principles through events at Kuwaiti schools.

"The aim of the program is to disseminate positive situations when dealing with others," she said. "We target youth as they makes up the largest number of Kuwaiti citizens and is the country's real nucleus, she said yesterday. The program will train students on positivity through researches and scientific studies based on psychology, and enhance their instinctive belonging which help them feel satisfaction."

She called for preparing young people scientifically, bodily and psychologically to make them qualified for resolving problems and overcoming difficulties facing the country, indicating this will lead to everlasting prosperity, safety and stability in the country. Sheikha Intisar said that some training courses were organized at a number of schools in different areas for this purpose, adding the courses were highly appreciated and attracted by students.

Meanwhile, Roqaiya Hussein, head of the program, said that it aims to boost positive thought and achieve psychological welfare to help youth get behavioral balance. The program will also enable youth to achieve their scientific and practical goals positively and moderately, she added, noting that up to 66 cadres at 13 schools have been so far trained on the program. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Sheikha Intisar Al-Sabah launches the 'Bareeq' program on youth.



A group photo for Hawally Educational Zone officials.



### FIVE CONTEST ELECTIONS' RESULTS

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

**KUWAIT:** Lawyer Dowaim Al-Mowaizri announced his intention to file a case at the constitutional court contesting the election results on behalf of his client, second constituency candidate Salman Khaled Al-Azmi. Meanwhile, four contests were filed yesterday at the constitutional court with claims of forgery in the elections results in the first, third, fourth and fifth constituencies. In other news, the comprehensive court yesterday mandated the interior ministry to appoint a female citizen holding a degree in law as an investigator. The court also ordered compensating the citizen KD 5,001.

### **Accident**

Three female citizens were injured when they lost control over their vehicle and it turned over near the Basic Education College.

### Recycling site

The municipal council's technical committee yesterday approved removing all obstacles at the Saad Al-Abdullah City project's site including relocating a waste recycling site outside the city. Committee Chairman Fahd Al-Sane said the committee also recommended approving a request by MSAL to allocate special sites to build labor compounds in various governorates.

### **Food authority**

The board chairman and director of the public authority for food and nutrition Essa Al-Kandari yesterday issued a decision deputizing Kuwaiti employees working for municipality slaughterhouses to work with the authority for one year. Kandari also issued another decision forming the authority's permanent technical committee under his chairmanship. He explained that the committee would be responsible for studying and making recommendations regarding food specific standards as per WTO regulations.

### Labor union

Chairman of the National Union of Employees (NUE) and the commerce and industry ministry employees' syndicate Ajmi Falah Al-Mutalqam said recent developments in Kuwait call for solidarity and hard work for Kuwait's best interests. He also called for fighting financial and administrative corruption prevailing in various state bodies. Mutalqam stressed that NUE is keen on achieving progress in various ministries and state bodies, adding that ministries must be given efficient and competent people capable of shouldering the responsibilities of protecting citizens' rights. "The PM must select the best on forming the new Cabinet," he underlined, giving an example of the ministry of commerce and industry, saying that it had been suffering very much under the previous minister who was incapable of resolving various problems.

### **Jaber Causeway**

The Ministry of Public Works' assistant undersecretary for road engineering affairs Ahmed Al-Hassan said 69 percent of Jaber Causeway has been completed and that the remaining work is proceeding steadily to finish according to schedule in Nov 2018. Hassan added that the project's total cost is KD 738.75 million and that the 36-km causeway linking Kuwait City to Subbiya will be the longest oversea bridge in the world. It will help cut the distance between both cities from 104 km to only 36 km.

# FIVE HURT IN FIRE

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

**KUWAIT:** Three brothers and two maids were injured and suffered smoke inhalation during a fire in a Taima area house. Firemen from Jahra fire station battled the fire and put it out. An investigation was opened to determine the cause of the fire.



**Municipality inspection** 

Ahmadi Municipality branch has launched a series of inspection campaigns focused on local co-ops to ensure quality of foodstuffs being sold. The campaign covered Dhaher, Fahaheel, Jaber Al-Ali and Regga areas and resulted in the issuance of 37 citations, while two stores were ordered shut because they were operating without a

### **Construction licenses**

Municipality Public Relations Department said the Engineering license department in the capital continued issuing construction licenses during the first six months of this year, and KD 11,368 were collected out of 1341 licenses. Director of capital branch Eng. Ammar Al-Ammar said a plan has been placed to ease procedures

# MP MUWAIZRI SAYS HE WILL CONTEST FOR SPEAKER POST

OPPOSITION FACTIONS IN SEARCH FOR COMMON GROUND

By B Izzak

**KUWAIT:** Opposition MP Shuaib Al-Muwaizri who said during the election campaign he will contest the national assembly speaker post, said yesterday that he will not withdraw from the race. Muwaizri's statements on his Twitter account appear to be in response to calls by opposition figures that opposition MPs must field one candidate for the post to boost their chances of winning it against an expected tough competition from the outgoing speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem.

The lawmaker, who returned to the assembly after Saturday's election, said that he will continue to be in the race and that he has no plans to withdraw. Three leading opposition MPs are expected to contest the post -Abdullah Al-Roumi, Mohammad Al-Mutair and

Roumi, a veteran MP and former deputy speaker, has been campaigning to boost his chances by visiting MPs who were elected on Saturday. Mutair however said yesterday that he believes that the opposition should field only one candidate in the race to increase their chances of winning it.

A large number of candidates have vowed during the election campaign that they will not vote for Ghanem and many of them have won seats in the assembly. The government



MP Shuaib Al-Muwaizri

strength in the 16 votes remains the decisive factor in the race. As of now, it is certain that the candidate supported by the government is highly tipped to win.

But the government may be forced to vote for an opposition candidate or allow ministers a free voting if it wants to establish good relations with the opposition MPs who now represent nearly half of the 50-seat assembly.

### **Common ground**

In the meantime, the various opposition factions appear to be searching for a common ground for unity to forge its agenda. Leading

Islamist MP Waleed Al-Tabtabaie said the opposition is trying to create coordination between a group of 25 MPs, adding it will not become a united bloc like in the 2012 national assembly.

Tabtabaie expected the formation of a number of parliamentary blocs which will establish coordination among themselves, adding he and his colleagues will support any move that serves the interest of people.

He said that a large number of reformist MPs has been elected and the number would have been far bigger but for the single-vote voting system. He said their main priorities will be to amend the single-vote electoral system, scrapping the political exclusion and the DNA testing laws and also issuing laws to ensure the independence of judiciary and closely monitor public funds.

Islamist MP Abdullah Fahhad said the opposition will extend a hand of cooperation for the government and if it does not accept it, there will be a popular anger in the assembly chamber. Meanwhile, newly-elected independent MP Yousef Al-Fadhalah called yesterday for changing the prime minister, saying he has proved that he is incapable of running the government affairs. He said the selection of the prime minister and ministers must be based on competence, and hoped there will be new blood in the cabinet capable of ending legislative and executive chaos in the country.

# ICM PROPOSES DEAL WITH THE GOVERNMENT: SOURCES

By A Saleh

**KUWAIT:** The Islamic Constitutional Movement (ICM) has made contacts with the government and MP Marzouq Al-Ghanem, who intends to run for the speaker's post, well-informed sources said. The sources added that ICM does not intend to directly take part in the cabinet for the time being because it had been severely criticized by other political bodies that questioned its credibility for running in the elections after boycotting them. "Taking part in the new cabinet might be interpreted as a deal made with the government in return for ending their boycott," explained the sources, noting that this would blow away their public support.

The sources added the ICM only asked the government to appoint Oroub Al-Refai as a minister, who is close to them in ideology and is the daughter of former Islamist minister Yousif Al-Refai, in return for supporting the cabinet in the parliament. On the other hand, ICM promised to support Ghanem in the speakership elections with three of its MPs - Osama Al-Shaheen, Abdullah Fahhad Al-Enezi and Mohammed Al-Dallal - explained the sources, noting that MP Jamaan Al-Harbash will vote for Ghanem only if MP Shuaib Al-Muwaizri drops his candidacy.

Separately, the Anti-Corruption Authority announced referring a complaint filed by Ghanem against Abdul Rahman Al-Anjeri to the public prosecutor. Notably, Anjeri had accused a project executed by Ghanem's companies of being involved in corruption, which was refuted by Ghanem.

Meanwhile, MP Saleh Ashour

announced starting consultations to form a parliamentary bloc that would adopt political and economic reforms. Ashour said the nucleus of the new bloc had already been formed by three MPs who are currently consulting with their peers to add more members. "The government has to reform itself and stop squandering money on expenses and aid," he underlined.

### **DNA tests**

The Ministry of Interior's assistant undersecretary for criminal security affairs Maj Gen Shehab Al-Shemmari strongly denied rumors about intentions to subject people arriving and departing through the northern land border exit of Abdaly to DNA tests. Speaking to the German news agency, Shemmari said the procedures followed in Abdaly are the same ones used at Kuwait International Airport. He added that on direct orders from HH the Amir, the DNA law was referred to a special committee for amendment to include only people working in highly hazardous jobs like the military, army, police, national guard and fire-

Shemmari added that people with criminal records would also be subjected to the DNA tests as a preventive measure in case of any terrorist acts. Shemmari added that the main aim of DNA tests is to serve justice and solve crimes. "When Al-Sadeq Mosque was attacked by a terrorist, we did not have a database of the victims and started subjecting their relatives to DNA tests," he explained, adding that for this reason and for security considerations, there was a plan to subject the entire population to DNA tests.

## PIC TO SIGN CONTRACTS ON OLEFINS AND AROMATICS IN 2017: OFFICIAL

studies on the olefins and aromatics proiects will be signed in the first quarter of 2017, Husniya Hashem, deputy CEO of olefins and aromatics at Petrochemical Industries Company (PIC), said yesterday.

It is expected that the integrated project at Al-Zour Refinery Project will be finalized in the second quarter of 2022, Hashem added in a statement on the sidelines of the 11th Forum of Gulf Petrochemicals and Chemicals Association (GPCA) currently held in Dubai.

She noted that the refinery project

od. The PIC will carry out new projects during 2017 and consider implementing some investment opportunities in the petrochemicals area in Asia and North America, she revealed.

She pointed out that the capacity of propylene production factory, established in cooperation among Korea's SK Gas Company, Saudi Advanced Petroleum Company (APCO), and Kuwait's PIC, reached 105 percent of its designed capacity reaching 600,000 tons every year. OIC owns 25 percent of this factory and it considers carrying out a

polypropylene production plant in South Korea, she affirmed.

The ethylene glycol plant established in the US State of Texas is expected to start its actual production in the second half of 2019, with a capacity of 750,000 metric tons, she said. Hashem stressed the importance of PIC's participation in GPCA form which helps participants get acquainted with the latest developments in the future industry of petrochemicals. PIC is a subsidiary of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and a petrochemical industry leader in Kuwait and throughout the Middle East. —KUNA

### Job Fair for NORTHWEST Bilingual School Teachers al School is inviting potential applications of teachers for the academic year 2017-2

### Date & Time

Saturday, December 10th, 2016 - From 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### **Event Venue**

Northwest Bilingual School, Farwaniya

### Location

https://goo.gl/maps/5Xo6AyPSMSB2

### Hiring Criteria

- Credentialed / certified in the subject area and grade level.
- Bachelor's Degree in Education for KG & Elementary Positions. - Bachelor's Degree in Subject Area for Middle & High School Positions.
- At least 2 years of relevant teaching experience is preferred.
- Not under contract with another local school for year 2017-2018.

### Anticipated Vacancies

Position	Grade Level
Home Room Teacher	Kindergarten/Elementary
Reading Specialist (English)	Kindergarten&Elementary
English Teacher	Middle School
Science Teacher	Middle School
Math Teacher	Middle School
English Teacher	High School
Social Studies Teacher	Middle/High School
College/Guidance Counselor	Middle/High School
Vice Principal	Middle/High School

### US, EU **PRAISE** KUWAIT'S **ELECTIONS**

### **WASHINGTON/BRUSSELS:**

The US on Monday congratulated Kuwait on the success of its National Assembly elections, describing the Gulf nation as a "regional leader" in constitutional governance. "We congratulate Kuwait and its people on a successful holding of a national parliamentary election," State Department spokesman John Kirby said at a briefing. "Kuwait has long been a regional leader with respect to constitutional governance as reflected by Saturday's free legislative elections," he added.

Meanwhile, European

Union said that the elections to the National Assembly of Kuwait held on Saturday saw a broad participation of political groups, reflecting the full spectrum of Kuwaiti society. "Credible and inclusive elections represent one important element of the political life in Kuwait and we recall the unique character of the parliamentary system in Kuwait in the regional context," the spokesperson for EU High Representative Federica Mogherini said. "We reiterate the need for all political actors to participate constructively in the post-election process and to contribute to the further progress of Kuwaiti society," the EU spokesperson added. —KUNA



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# SUICIDE, ATTACKS ON POLICE AND ROBBERIES

**KUWAIT:** An Indian man killed himself by hanging. His friend found him hanging by a rope in a small grocery store. The man removed the rope and took his friend to the hospital. Doctors failed to revive him and he was pronounced dead. Kuwait records a relatively low suicide rate compared with other developed countries but has seen suicides increasing in recent years, especially among lower income expatriate communities.

### Citizens beat police

Five young citizens were arrested as they attacked and beat two policemen in Farwaniya security department. The incident took place when a man sought police help after a reckless driver hit his car. The suspects were taken to the proper authorities to face charges.

### Robbery cases solved

Taima detectives solved a spate of armed robbery cases when they arrested a bedoon and a Gulf national who were recognized by their last victim in a police lineup. An Indian told Taima police that two men impersonating detectives beat him up and stole his wallet. The two were identified by detectives, placed under surveillance and arrested. The two resisted arrest.

### Wrong treatment

A parent accused a doctor of wrongly injecting his son in the left shoulder that caused a swelling. Investigations under way.

### Co-op robbed

Forensic police are looking into the robbery of a cooperative society's branch in Abu Halifa. It was found that the thief or thieves committed the crime after the cameras stopped working. KD 400 in cash was stolen.

### Garage thief caught

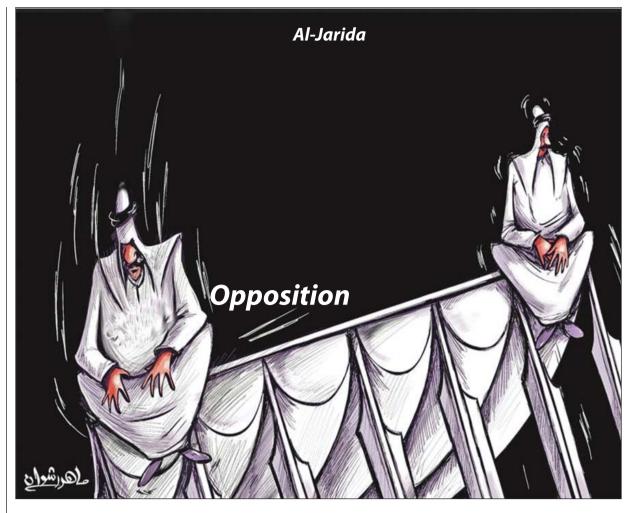
Jahra police arrested a citizen, while another citizen and a Gulf national escaped. The three men were involved in thefts that targeted the impoundment garage. The arrested man was caught in the act of robbing cars in the garage, and he took police to where he was hiding the stolen material on Salmy Road. Police are looking for the two fugitives.

### Gas station insult

A citizen complained against an unknown person who he accused of verbally insulting him at a gas station. A report was filed. In another gas station incident, an Indian driver told Zahra police he was insulted by a woman while filling his car with gas at a local petrol station. He said he had no idea what provoked the insult.

### Yemeni jailed

Criminal detectives sent a Yemeni man to the criminal sentences implementation department to serve a five-year jail sentence. The man was sentenced for robbery and posing as a detective. In an unrelated incident, a citizen in his forties was sent to criminal detectives for possession of an unlicensed fire arm. The arrest was made in Khaitan. — Al-Anbaa



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### WHEREVER WE GO, SHE'S STILL A MOTHER

By Dr Nermin Al-Houti

ities may differ and countries may change - each race has its own beliefs and traditions, and our societies may be different, but we perhaps agree on one thing: a mother's love remains the same. Each of us has a certain date, which even if the mind forgets, the soul will always remember - the birthday of our mother who made us come to life in this world.

Today is her birthday. I was looking forward to write a column in the memory of my late mother, and while I was writing, I scrolled through Instagram and found a caption written by my cousin to her mother, describing herself and how she became similar to her mother, my aunt Mufida. Although I have read this in the past, I did not get the meaning until I grew older. The majority of daughters in our country grow up looking more and more like their mothers.

### The following are the words:

I grew up; my mother, I am becoming like you more and more... now I wake up early.

I sleep before them, congestions irritate me, and talking exhausts me.

I grew older, my mother, and I taste tea much better. I like herbs and the smell of amber.

I grew older, my mother and I read everything alone. I cry silently all alone, and I miss my old self.

I grew older, my mother, and everyone is leaving. I have less friends, I have started to like the silence and get tired of noises.

I grew up, my mother, and I don't care about staying up late - now the sea gives me comfort like you.

I am no longer that girl who sleeps to dream of that dress - the world has become very complicated, my mother.

Everyone has become like toys, and I no longer know how to play.

Life no longer looks like what you said, and it is barely colorful - the streets have become congested, and everyone, my mother, is worried.

—Translated by Kuwait Times

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Al-Anbaa

# BOOKS AND COVERS

By Saleh Al-Shayeji

f we can read a book by a glimpse at its cover, the recently announced results of the parliamentary elections indicate that the new parliament is not likely to lead to political serenity that would ultimately help the country's greater good, which indicates its failure and short tenure. I will not go as far as describing the election results as knives bought by the candidates to slaughter their country with. However, reality is no different from this image. I hope my readers will not take this as pessimistic. It is, unfortunately, the clear truth and facts can be bitter and ugly.

With such a parliament in our country, we are in sync with what is going on in surrounding Arab countries

The breakthroughs made by some young people who made their way into the parliament by voters support is the only good thing achieved by bringing this parliament to office. However, it will not change the fact or calm the possible tension. It won't turn battlefields into flowery gardens because national consciousness or the country's greater good are not the judges here. Judging will be done by politically demonizing others and pulling strings with foreign motives.

Arab countries no longer determine their fate, interests or geographical borders. All these things are done by pressurizing effective regional powers that have great access into those countries using the so-called politicians and parliamentarians. Situations in Iraq and Lebanon are the best examples of this because despite the problems and crises these two countries are still suffering from, nothing has changed in them or the politicians dominating them for ages.

So, with such a parliament in our country, we are in sync with what is going on in surrounding Arab countries. The only hope, if any ever exists, is in the independent MPs who do not have any foreign agendas. They are more accepted by the people and will have to form a special bloc to resist those with agendas, otherwise we will be in real danger!

—Translated by Kuwait Times from



Hamad Al-Sayer is pictured at the panel discussion.



Mubarak Naser Al-Sayer is pictured with Tmkeen delegates.

# AL-SAYER PARTICIPATES IN YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SYMPOSIUM 2016

### COMMITTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH

**KUWAIT:** As part of the continuous sustainability efforts to support the national youth who shall become major pillars to boost the economy and sustainable development of the country, Al-Sayer Group Holding (ASGH) has participated in the recently concluded Tmkeen Youth Empowerment Symposium 2016. Following the event delegates from Tmkeen visited Al-Sayer Group Headquarters and met Mubarak Naser Al-Sayer CEO to express their gratitude for the partnership along with sharing event report.

According to Mubarak Naser Al-Sayer CEO Al Sayer Group Holding "We are glad to know from Tmkeen about the program outcome and the enthusiasm among Kuwait youth towards diversified entrepreneurship opportunities. Such strategic youth initiatives are important from a sustainability standpoint. We wish to have stronger engagement and long terms partnership to foster Kuwait youth community."

### Sustainable growth

Eng Nehad Al-Haj Ali, Deputy Group Manager Corporate Excellence said "The main purpose of this initiative is to motivate and encourage them to go for most competent role of being selfmade to build sustainable growth, employment, innovation, leadership and gain exposure through the ideas and topics presented during the event discussions towards building next generation entrepreneurs."

The symposium delivered outstanding knowledge to the talented young people to progress in their fields of interest and trigger their enthusiasm. This year Tmkeen Youth Empowerment Symposium showcased renowned international and local industry pioneers, creative leaders and professionals. Attendees benefitted from the lectures of



The Prius display stand at Tmkeen Youth Symposium.

Jeremy Liew - Partner at Light Speed venture capital, 1st investor in Snapchat, Corey Owens - Head North America Public Policy at DJi, who held similar positions at UBER and Facebook, and Jennifer Boulanger - Head of recruitment at Booking.com.

### Effective practice

During the panel discussion on 'SME's Journey to Global Success', Hamad Al-Sayer, CEO of Al-Sayer Franchising commented on the importance of having effective CSR practice within the corporate business framework. Irrespective of the size of business, the leaders to define the role of business to collaborate for a constructive impact on its market and customers, who shall in return uphold great trust and solidarity for initiatives, products and services. Hamad Al-Sayer also

suggested to form a panel through Tmkeen including eminent industry leaders to support the evolution of youth in terms of leadership, idea consultancy, angel investment, mentorship to compete in the global stage.

### Innovative engineering

Al-Sayer also exhibited innovative automobile engineering with the display and test drive of Prius, world's first mass produced hybrid from Toyota. Prius is a great driver of change introducing new sensation among youth, powered with tomorrow's technology for today. Jeremy Liew recalled his seven years' ecofriendly drive experience of Prius in San Francisco, and Corey Owen hinted about the relevancy of the Uber service along with Prius Hybrid in the emerging markets to experience new transport exposures.



Hamad Al-Sayer is seen at the Prius stand.



KUWAIT: The Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) took part in the 2016 Global Informatics Forum (GIF) which took place recently under the auspices of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. The event was organized by the Salem Al-Ali Informatics Award under the title of 'Digital Transformation toward Knowledge Economy.' CBK provided silver sponsorship for the event.

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# OHIO ATTACKER ANGRY AT US INTERFERENCE

FUMMING FACEBOOK POSTS FOUND

**COLUMBUS:** A university student whose family immigrated from Somalia rammed his car Monday into a crowd at Ohio State University and attacked them with a butcher knife, injuring 11 before police fatally shot him.

Identifying the assailant as Abdul Razak Ali Artan, officials in the northern US state said he appeared to have acted alone in what was being investigated as a possible terror attack. He also appears to have made an anti-US posting on Facebook minutes before the attack, on a page that was quickly disabled or taken down by authorities, US media said. "I can't take it anymore. America! Stop interfering with other countries, especially the Muslim Ummah. We are not weak. We are not weak, remember that," the post quoted by ABC television said, using a term referring to the global community of Muslims. "If you want us Muslims to stop carrying lone wolf attacks, then make peace," the post reads. "We will not let you sleep unless you give peace to the Muslims."

Artan also referred to Anwar al-Awlaki, a USborn Al-Qaeda cleric, as a hero in the posting. His shocking attack lasted just a few minutes-from the car careening into the crowd until the suspect was shot dead-but triggered a tense lockdown on the university's main campus in Columbus, with panicked students hiding in bathrooms before the scene was declared secure.

Officials said 11 people were being treated at local hospitals for stabbing wounds and injuries from the motor vehicle. None of their injuries were life-threatening. Columbus police chief Kim Jacobs said earlier in the day they were considering the "possibility" that it was terrorism related. US media reported that Artan was of Somali descent, though officials did not confirm that information. They did not release his exact age, saying only that they believed he was born in 1998.

An OSU student of the same name also was profiled in the August issue of student newspaper The Lantern, for an article in which he spoke of the lack of Muslim prayer rooms on campus. Artan, who was



COLUMBUS, Ohio: Guests stand for a moment after lighting their candles during a vigil at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Monday. —AP

identified as a third-year transfer student studying and the Islamic State group claimed the attack as logistics management, told the paper he was uncomfortable with praying on campus. "If people look at me, a Muslim praying, I don't know what they're going to think, what's going to happen," he said. The rampage comes two months after a Somali immigrant stabbed 10 people at a mall in Minnesota, before he was fatally shot by an off-duty police officer. The Minnesota assailant, 20-year-old Dahir Ahmed Adan, was described as "radicalized"

the work of an IS "soldier."

### A tense lockdown

Monday's attack unfolded just before 10:00 am (1500 GMT), when police were alerted that a car had struck pedestrians on campus, and that the driver had jumped out wielding a large knife. "We could tell that the suspect was in the car by himself," said Craig Stone, chief of police at the university, describing a review of surveillance camera footage of his grey sedan. A fire alarm, which investigators believed to be unrelated, had caused students and

staff to evacuate a building prior to the attack. The attacker "exited the vehicle, and used a butcher knife to start cutting pedestrians," Stone said. "Our officer was on scene in less than a minute and he ended the situation in less than a minute. He engaged the suspect, and he eliminated the threat." After the suspect was shot dead by the responding officer, identified as 28-year-old Alan Harujko, university officials sent out a campus-wide alert to initiate a lockdown due to a possible active shooting incident. SWAT teams fanned out across the facility and an FBI team was also on the scene, searching buildings for any additional suspects.

### **Screams and running**

It took nearly two hours before officials lifted the lockdown, and shocked students and staff began streaming out of buildings. The university canceled classes for the rest of the day. "I was right there," student Joseph Noll told Columbus television station WBNS. "I just heard some screams, and I saw people

Cydney Ireland told ABC she was walking out of class when she also heard screams. "Everybody was running in any direction they possibly could, students were running out of the classroom building," she said from her hiding spot in a locked bathroom. Ohio State has roughly 60,000 students on the main campus in Columbus, which sprawls across more than 1,900 acres (770 hectares). A number of vigils and gatherings were planned, as university officials offered student and staff counseling. "Days such as these test our spirit," university president Michael Drake said in a note to students and staff, "But together we remain unified in the face of adversity." "I encourage anyone in our community in need of assistance to utilize the university's resources,." Classes are scheduled to resume yesterday.

"Our hearts go out to the families of those affected in Ohio-a tragic attack. Our prayers are with them," said Vice president-elect Mike Pence in New York. "While we do not yet have confirmation of terrorist connections, this is the type of indiscriminate violence our enemies are urging their followers to use against us," House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Michael McCaul said in a statement. "Whatever the case, we will continue to monitor the investigation to ensure any potential accomplices or instigators are found and brought to justice."—AFP



# ON EDGE OF MOSUL, SHOPPERS SAVOUR MARKET LIFE AGAIN

GOGJALI, Iraq: A month ago it was on the front line of Irag's battle to retake Mosul, but now the village of Gogjali echoes with shouts of "Chicken! Tomatoes! Cigarettes!" A lively market has sprung up here on the eastern edge of Mosul, where just a few kilometers away Iraqi forces are fighting street by street with the Islamic State group.

The market has become a place not just to shop, but to work and to talk-to savour the newfound freedom of life without the jihadists.

His head wrapped in a traditional keffiyeh headscarf, Khaled Mohammed Saleh chops meat at an impromptu butcher's shop he has erected with red zinc panels. "Security under the control of Iraqi forces, to stock up. Iraqi Kurdish regional capital, but also from here is much better than anywhere else in the area," the man in his 50s says.

Elite Iraqi forces reclaimed control of Gogiali in the early days of the offensive they launched to retake Mosul on October 17, more than two years after IS seized Iraq's second largest city. Remnants of the battle to capture the village can be seen in the rubble piled at the side of the road and the shells of destroyed buildings.

But nearby are signs of new life-boxes filled with tomatoes, aubergines, potatoes and onions. Fares Maher, 27, has come from the Mosul neighborhood of Zahra, now

"I come here every day to buy food and resell it to the residents of my neighborhood," he says.

### Women can again shop alone

A kilogram of tomatoes or aborigines is selling for less than 1,000 dinars, the equivalent of about 85 US cents.

Maher says that's less than produce used to cost under IS, which imported goods from Syria, the other country in the jihadists' cross-border "caliphate".

Today the products at the market are coming mainly from the city of Arbil, the further afield. Abdelaziz Saleh, who has laid out bags of sweets and boxes of preserved goods, pulls out a cake imported from Iran. "Iranian products were strictly forbidden" under IS rule, he says. "When the jihadists saw someone selling Iranian products, they immediately arrested them and seized their merchandise," confirms Ashraf Shakr, a 30-

year-old vegetable seller. For Shakr one big change has been seeing women out shopping by themselves. Under IS, he says, "they always had to be accompanied by a man or a child who would speak to the vendor for them." Many of the village's residents were unable to find work while IS controlled Gogjali and were pleased to again have the opportunity to earn some money. Many of those fleeing fighting inside the city have to pass through the village and several grocery stores have sprung up along

"There is a lot of work, people come every day to do their shopping," says Hussein Haidar, a 24-year-old vegetable seller at the market. "Before the arrival of Daesh, we were in painting but the company stopped working when IS took control of Mosul," his brother Mohammed says. "So now we sell vegetables." — AFP



ALEPPO: Syrian families, fleeing from various eastern districts of Aleppo, queue to get onto governmental buses yesterday in the government-held eastern neighborhood of Jabal Badro, before heading to government-controlled western Aleppo, as the Syrian government offensive to recapture rebel-held Aleppo has prompted an

### SYRIANS' SUFFERING FAILS TO STRIKE A CHORD IN EUROPE

**PARIS:** As the bombs rain down on the besieged city of Aleppo the scenes of suffering are horrific, yet the Syrian war fails to move people to protest in the way that the US intervention in Iraq or the siege of Sarajevo did.

In Paris' traditional place of protest, Place de la Republique, demonstrators spelled out "Free Syria" in candles last Friday as forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad increased their control of rebel-held areas of Aleppo.

But barely a hundred people took part in the protest. "I find it hard to understand. This is a cause which people should rally around," said one of the participants, Ahmad Darkazanli, who originally comes from Aleppo but has lived in France for half a century. It has been a similar story in London, Berlin and Rome-the plight of the Syrian people fails to strike a chord. "Aleppo is already a Sarajevo, a black chapter in the history of mankind and of international politics," Jan Egeland, the head of the UN-backed humanitarian taskforce for Syria, said recently.

### No solidarity

Intellectuals across Europe took up the fate of Sarajevo, the destroyed capital of Bosnia, during the 1992-1995 war and the conflicts in Gaza brought thousands of people into the streets.

The US intervention in Iraq unleashed massive demonstrations, including an estimated one million people who marched through London in February 2003.

Yet Syria fails to stir the same feelings of solidarity. As the war has ground on for five years, the mainstream media and social media have been filled with images of barrel bombs, children struggling to breathe after chemical weapons attacks, dead prisoners, and desperate families scrambling through the rubble of their shattered homes. "It's so barbaric that it's hard for people to take in." Ziad Majed, a professor at the American University of Paris, said.

Photographs of Aylan, the little Syrian boy found drowned on a Turkish beach, and the blood-streaked face of another child, five-yearold Omran, who had emerged from the rubble of his bombed home in Aleppo, caught the world's attention for a few days. But, said Majed, "it's one horror after another and because people don't understand who is killing

to look at it or think about it anymore."

The complex nature of a conflict that began as a civil war after President Bashar al-Assad cracked down on the opposition but has gradually spread to the whole region and sucked in jihadist groups may be to blame for the general public's indifference.

"Who is against Assad? And who is on his side? Should tyrants be ousted? We saw where that led in Iraq and Syria," Stephan Polonski, an artist in Paris, said.

In the Middle Eastern "Great Game" that the Syrian war has become with Russia, Iran, Turkey and the Gulf states all playing a role, and the Islamic State jihadist group feeding off the resulting chaos, "the Syrian people and their aspirations for democracy are invisible", Majed said.

"I think the attacks carried out in Europe by Daesh (another acronym for IS) have exhausted the capacity of people in the West to show empathy or anger at what is happening in Syria," said Pauline Hamon, a journalist. "As far as we are concerned the real enemy are these fanatics," Charlotte Cruchet, a housewife in her 40s, said. "Unfortunately, many people think that in the Middle East we're violent, we kill each other, we're incapable of being democratic and we've got the regimes we deserve," said Farouk Mardam-Bey, a French-Syrian publisher who is president of the French support group for the Syrian revolution, Souria Houria.

He points to the insidious effect of "influential" pro-regime websites who disseminate information from a war which is largely out of bounds to the mainstream media. "Even among my left-wing friends, I often hear: 'Who is to say these horrifying images are not fabricated? Who is to say it's true?" he said.

Since the war began, Souria Houria has organised hundreds of meetings and events, but the people who attend are normally the usual suspects-individuals with a direct link to the war, artists and activists. "When the bombing of Aleppo started (in September), we saw faces we hadn't seen before, 'ordinary people' who took part in our demonstrations in front of the Russian embassy in Paris," Mardam-Bey said. "But they were a very small group." He sees one ray of hope, in Germany, which has taken in hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees, and where young Syrian authors are being translated into German for the first time. — AFP

### whom, they feel powerless and they don't want RANSACKED HOMES AND LITTLE HOPE

FOR RETURNING IRAQI CHRISTIANS

QARAQOSH, Iraq: A strip of negatives lying in the rubble of a home in northern Iraq contains snapshots of life as it was before Islamic State overran the area two years ago and purged its Christian com-

In some of the frames, a woman barbecues meat on a skewer surrounded by friends or family, perhaps celebrating a birthday or engagement. Others show a man scaling a ladder propped against the wall of a house under construction.

Those images stand in contrast to the devastation that is now Qaragosh - Iraq's biggest Christian settlement before militants took over in 2014 and issued an ultimatum to residents: pay a tax, convert to Islam, or die. Most of its population of 50,000 fled - the latest chapter of a history that dates back two millennia to the start of Christianity in Iraq and which has become increasingly beleaguered over the past decade.

Iraqi forces retook Qaraqosh about a month ago in the early stages of their campaign to drive Islamic State out of Mosul and terminate the group's selfstyled caliphate, but it may be too late to reverse the decline of Iraq's Christian

Displaced residents venturing back to

assess the damage say they will not live in Qaraqosh again unless they get compensation and guarantees of protection from the international community. A few are being brought back in coffins to be buried beneath their home town, spared the sight of destruction.

Qaraqosh has been ransacked by the militants, who stole everything of value televisions, washing machines, fridges to distribute to their followers or sell for profit. Some houses have been torched, either to create a smokescreen against coalition aircraft bombing Islamic State in support of Iraqi forces, or apparently

out of spite. "It's worse than we expected," said teacher Wisam Rafou Poli, trying to exorcise the militants who occupied his house by emptying its entire contents onto the street to be burned.

Amongst the debris was a militant's underwear and the lid of a box of ammunition for 120mm mortars labelled: "The state of the caliphate. Committee for military development and manufacture; department of explosives." "I cried when we entered the house," said his wife Zeena, comforting their young daughter, who was mourning her favourite doll, found filthy and ripped. — Reuters

# PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT TO CONSOLIDATE RULE

### BLOCKING THE RETURN OF DAHLAN

RAMALLAH, West Bank: President Mahmoud Abbas' long-dominant Fatah movement yesterday opened a conference that is expected to cement the rule of the 81-year-old Palestinian leader and lock out his chief rival from decision making for at least the next five years.

Some 1,400 members of Fatah were gathering in Ramallah for the five-day conference, where delegates are to hold elections for the party's two main decision-making bodies. While the elections are expected to bring some new faces into the leadership structure, the conference's main purpose appears to be aimed at blocking the return of Abbas' exiled rival, Mohammed Dahlan.

Dahlan, who was forced to leave the West Bank six years ago after accusing Abbas' sons of corruption, now lives in the United Arab Emirates. He has forged close ties with the leaders of the UAE, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

In recent months, these countries, known as the Arab Quartet, have pressured Abbas to allow Dahlan to return to a leadership position. Abbas, accusing his Arab allies of meddling in his affairs, instead decided to schedule the Fatah elections, while blocking Dahlan and his close allies from participating.

Abbas' supporters rejected criticism that he was focused on Dahlan. They say that the conference, two years behind schedule, had to be held to revive the movement.

Fatah has dominated Palestinian politics since its founding five decades ago. But Abbas has seen his popularity plummet due to years of failed peace efforts with Israel, a stagnant West Bank economy and his inability to reconcile with the rival Hamas movement, which seized control of the Gaza Strip from his forces nearly a decade ago. Abbas now only governs autonomous areas of the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

### Room for optimism

In addition, the election of Donald Trump has given the Palestinians little room for optimism. Although the US president-elect has not vet laid out a Mideast policy, many of his advisers are known for hard-line positions in favor of Israel and against the Palestinians. "This congress is taking place in a crucial moment in the history of the Palestinian people. We have to discuss our aspirations, our concerns, and challenges," said Jibril Rajoub, a senior Fatah leader and Abbas loyalist. "We have to build a strategy, consolidating the movement, and achieving national unity," he said, adding: "Dahlan is past. He has no place in the movement."

Abbas was set to address the conference on



WEST BANK CITY: Fatah's conference spokesperson Mahmoud Abu al-Heijah displays a "yes" card that was used in the voting of the conference members who unanimously re-elected President Mahmoud Abbas to a new five-year term, during a press conference yesterday. — AFP

Tuesday evening. Participants were coming from the West Bank, Gaza Strip, as well as diaspora communities scattered across the Arab world and in the West. The convention is to conclude with elections for 18 spots in the Central Committee, the top decision making body, and 80 members of the movement's parliament, the Revolutionary Council.

Participants reported fierce lobbying in the fight for seats on the two prestigious bodies. The struggle will include attempts by some younger activists to land seats in what are often seen as stodgy bodies dominated by men in their 70s and 80s. Abbas himself is running unopposed as leader of the movement, and none of his key policies toward Israel are expected to change. Abbas, who succeeded the late Yasser Arafat in 2005, seeks the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem - territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war.

Many members have accused Abbas of orchestrating the convention to consolidate his grip on the movement. "The convention is meant to exclude all critic voices in the movement," said Jamal Jahjouh, Fatah's leader in the Qalandia refugee camp in the West Bank.

He said Fatah leaders had excluded key activists from this week's convention and replaced them with Abbas lovalists. He said members of the movement in his camp would protest Tuesday to voice their opposition to Abbas and his convention. Dahlan was expected to remotely deliver a speech to the convention on Tuesday. His supporters say they plan to hold an alternative convention with 2,000 members in Egypt in the near future to voice their criticism of Abbas and opposition to his policies.

This week's convention is to be followed by a long-overdue meeting of the Palestinian National Council, the parliament of the umbrella Palestine Liberation Organization. The PNC is to elect the top PLO leadership.

Fatah dominates the PLO, but many smaller factions also belong. In a gesture of unity, Fatah invited the rival Hamas and Islamic Jihad militant groups to attend this week's conference as observers. Neither group belongs to the PLO but their membership is seen as crucial to restoring Palestinian unity. — AP

# MOSUL EDGES TOWARDS FULL SIEGE, FAMILIES STRUGGLE TO FIND FOOD

**BAGHDAD/MOSUL:** A full siege is developing in Mosul as poor families struggle to feed themselves after prices rose sharply following the US-backed offensive on the Islamic State-held city in northern Iraq, humanitarian workers said vesterday.

Some of the poorest families are finding it hard to feed themselves while others are hoarding and hiding food as they expect prices to rise further as the battle that started six weeks ago takes hold of the city. "Key informants are telling us that poor families are struggling to put sufficient food on their tables," UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq, Lise Grande, told Reuters. "This is very worrying."

Iraqi government and Kurdish forces surround the city from the north, east and south, while Popular Mobilization forces - a coalition of Iranianbacked Shi'ite groups - are trying to close in from the west. Retail prices rose sharply last week, after Popular Mobilization fighters cut the supply route to Mosul from the Syrian half of the self-styled caliphate, declared by Islamic State two years ago over Sunni-populated parts of Iraq and Syria.

More than a million people are still believed to live in parts of Mosul under the control of the Islamic State fighters, who seized the largest city in northern Iraq as part of a lightning advance across a third of the country in 2014.

With the last supply route cut off, basic commodity prices in Mosul could double "in the short term", said a humanitarian worker, who declined to be identified. Some 100,000 Iragi government troops, Kurdish security forces and mainly Shi'ite militiamen are participating in the assault on Mosul that began on Oct 17, with air and ground support from a US-led international military coalition. The capture of Mosul, Islamic State's last major urban stronghold in Iraq, is seen as crucial towards dismantling the caliphate.

### "Acute need"

Iragi forces moving from the east have captured about a quarter of Mosul, trying to advance to the Tigris river that runs through its centre, in the biggest battle in Iraq since the 2003 US-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein. "In a worst case, we envision that families who are already in trouble in Mosul will find themselves in even more acute need." Grande said. "The longer it takes to liberate Mosul, the harder conditions become for families." Islamic State arrested on Sunday about 30 shop owners accused of raising food prices in the city, to try to suppress discontent, witnesses said on Monday. The group is relentlessly cracking down on people who could help the offensive in Iraq. Most of the people executed previously in Mosul were former police and army officers, suspected of disloyalty or plotting rebellions against the militants' harsh rule. The Iraqi military estimates there are 5,000-6,000 insurgents in Mosul, dug in amid civilians to hamper air strikes, resisting the advancing troops with suicide car bombs and sniper and mortar fire that also kill civilians.

An air strike targeting Islamic State fighters hit a clinic south of Mosul on October 18, killing at least eight civilians, Human Rights Watch said yesterday.

Iraqi and coalition forces did not confirm the report, which said two militants and the Sunni hardline group's transport minister were also killed in the strike. Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, believed to be somewhere near the Syrian border, has told his fighters there can be no retreat from the city.

Some 74,000 civilians have fled Mosul so far, and the United Nations is preparing for a worstcase scenario which foresees more than a million people made homeless as winter descends and food shortages set in.

A Reuters correspondent in eastern Mosul saw civilians fleeing the fighting in Aden, a district supposed to be under Iraqi government control, in an indication of the difficulty the troops are encountering in holding terrain. "Daesh is still there," said Ehab, a high school student, referring to Islamic State by one of its Arab acronyms. "They drive around in cars; the situation is very, very difficult there. I am glad I made it out alive."— Reuters

# TURKEY SLAMS EU VOTE AS 'MOST UNJUST IN HISTORY'

**BRUSSELS:** Turkey's EU Affairs Minister Omer Celik yesterday dismissed a European Parliament vote to freeze accession talks with Ankara as the "most unjust resolution in history" and urged solidarity instead.

During a visit to Brussels, Celik sought to ease tensions exacerbated by the non-binding vote last week to halt Turkey's membership process over its "disproportionate" crackdown since July's failed coup. "Turkey is a big country, a magnificent country and the people of this country live in pluralism. They stand up for democracy," Celik

told both European and Turkish journalists. "The European Parliament's taking this resolution against such a society is the most unjust resolution in history," he said trying to clear up what he sees as EU misperceptions. "Today, now is the time for solidarity."

Ahead of talks with the European Commission's First Vice President Frans Timmermans and other officials, Celik renewed charges that the EU failed to show sympathy with a democratic country rocked by the deadly July 15 coup attempt. "Please try to empathise with us," he pleaded. But the parliamentary vote underscored growing European concerns over rights and democracy in Turkey, especially over the coup crackdown that has seen almost 37,000 arrested.

Turkey formally applied to become an EU member in 1987 and accession talks only began in 2005, even though Ankara's aspirations to become part of the bloc dates back to the 1960s. "If there were objective, fair negotiations... then there is no reason why Turkey would not be a full member state today," Celik said.

The parliament vote escalated tensions with Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan who threatened to retaliate by rupturing a March deal that has sharply reduced the flow of migrants to Europe. — AFP

### EXPERTS, OFFICIALS TRASH TRUMP CLAIM OF MASS FRAUD

on both sides of the political aisle on Monday dismissed Donald Trump's claim that "millions" of Americans voted illegally on Election Day, as efforts expanded to organize recounts in swing states.

The Republican billionaire's victory on November 8 saw him clinch the crucial Electoral College count, which determines the presidency, but lose the popular vote to rival Hillary Clinton by more than two million ballots.

Cloistered in his Florida resort for the long Thanksgiving weekend, the 70-yearold tycoon who has never previously held elected office took to Twitter to indulge in one of his customary tweet storms. On Sunday, before returning by private jet to New York to resume interviews with potential cabinet appointees, he claimed he would have won the popular vote if it were not for "the millions of people who voted illegally."

"Serious voter fraud in Virginia, New Hampshire and California-so why isn't the media reporting on this? Serious bias-big problem!" he followed up later. Trump, who spent the campaign warning that the result might be "rigged," is now-with his aides-pushing back hard as the Green Party works to secure recounts in three states which Trump won: Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The campaign of Green Party candidate Jill Stein, who won a tiny fraction of the vote in each state and where Trump beat Clinton by thousands of votes, said voters had filed recount requests in more than 100 (out of 9,163) precincts in Pennsylvania-promising that more would follow.

The party requested a statewide recount in Wisconsin on Friday and plans to request a recount in Michigan on Wednesday, the campaign said.

### 'No evidence'

But observers deny any evidence of widespread fraud. And few expect any change in the outcome of the vote, which former secretary of state Clinton conceded to Trump in an early-hours phone call on November 9.

Meanwhile, Trump increased his Electoral College vote count to 306, compared to 232 for Clinton, after Michigan certified its election results-and his victory there. Republican, Democratic and independent lawmakers dismissed Trump's claims as totally unsubstantiated.

Some experts warned they set a dangerous precedent by potentially undermining trust in democracy or confidence in his leadership. "I have not seen anything in the millions, I don't know what he was talking about," Republican Senator James

NEW YORK: Experts and elected officials Lankford told CNN. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said "there has been no evidence produced to substantiate a claim like that."

> Clinton's campaign has said it would join the process, but has also indicated it so far sees no evidence of hacking or vote tampering.

Bernie Sanders, who ran against Clinton for the Democratic nomination, called Trump's remarks "unfounded nonsense" that showed Republicans wanted to make it harder for people including minorities to register to vote.

### Discord

In New Hampshire, deputy secretary of state David Scanlan told AFP that isolated instances of voter fraud "show up in every election" but that the 2016 ballot had run "very smoothly." But the dispute roils what has already been a rough transition period, as Trump continues to hold back-to-back meetings with people he is considering for

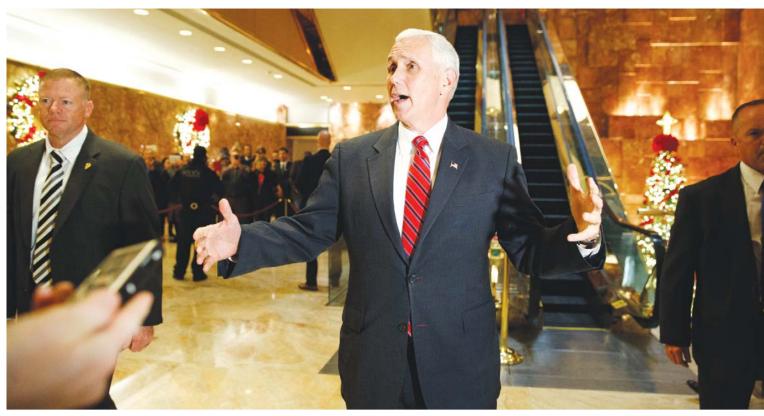
Trump has picked Georgia Representative Tom Price, a robust critic of President Barack Obama's health care reform law, to serve as health secretary, and plans to make a formal announcement as early as Tuesday, US

And his Vice president-elect Mike Pence told reporters to expect "a number of very important announcements" yesterday, fueling speculation of more cabinet posts to be revealed. Trump threatened to end the thaw in US relations with Cuba, following the death of Fidel Castro, unless Havana makes concessions on human rights and opening up its economy.

Discord has flared in the Trump camp over the pick for secretary of state, the most prestigious job in the cabinet-in particular over the candidacy of Mitt Romney, the 2012 Republican presidential nominee. Other potential candidates are outspoken former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani; David Petraeus, the celebrated general who later resigned as CIA director and pleaded guilty to showing classified material to his mistress; and Bob Corker, a Republican lawmaker and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Trump met Petraeus on Monday, and was to meet Romney for a second time yesterday, in addition to a planned meetina with Corker. "Very impressed!" tweeted Trump of Petraeus just minutes after the general left the building, having described their conversation as "very good."

Romney was one of Trump's most outspoken critics during the campaign, and Trump aide Kellyanne Conway declared, in an unusual statement by a senior political aide, that she had received "a deluge" of concern from supporters about him.—AFP



NEW YORK: Vice President-elect Mike Pence talks with reporters as he leaves Trump Tower, Monday, Nov 28, 2016.—AP

# TRUMP SUMMONS ROMNEY FOR 2ND LOOK AS STAFFERS SQUABBLE

### THE HUNT FOR A SECRETARY OF STATE

**NEW YORK:** Donald Trump's hunt for a secretary of state is veering into dramatic terrain, with the president-elect summoning Mitt Romney back for a second look as a top aide leads a public pressure campaign against the pick.

Trump has a follow-up meeting yesterday with the 2012 GOP presidential nominee, who has become a symbol of the internal divisions agitating the transition team. He also plans to sit with Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. On Monday, Trump spent an hour with retired Gen. David Petraeus, a new contender.

Aides were divided over Trump's choices, particularly the prospect that Trump could tap Romney for the top-tier diplomatic post. In an unusual public airing of internal machinations, Trump senior adviser Kellyanne Conway on Sunday warned that the president-elect's supporters would feel "betrayed" if he tapped Romney as secretary of state.

### Very important announcements soon

Exiting Trump Tower on Monday night, Vice President-elect Mike Pence simply teased "a number of very important announcements tomorrow." On Tuesday morning, the Trump transition team announced the selection of Georgia Rep. Tom Price to lead the Department of Health and Human Services. It also announced that Seema Verma has been chosen to be administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

While other staffing decisions were being made, the search for secretary of state was still underway. Petraeus said he spent about an hour with the president-elect and praised him for showing a "great grasp of a variety of the challenges that are out there."

The former CIA chief pleaded guilty last year to a misdemeanor charge of mishandling classified information relating to documents he had provided to his biographer, with whom he was having an affair. Pence, who is heading the transition effort, is said to be among those backing Romney for secretary of state. Romney was fiercely critical of Trump throughout the campaign but is interested in the Cabinet position, and they discussed it during a lengthy meeting earlier this month.

Other top Trump allies, notably Conway, have launched a highly unusual public campaign against a Romney nomination. Conway's comments stirred speculation that she is seeking either to force Trump's hand or give him cover for ultimately passing over Romney.

Three people close to the transition team said Trump had been aware that Conway planned to voice her opinion, both on Twitter and in television interviews. They disputed reports that Trump was furious at her and suggested his decision to consider additional candidates instead highlighted her influence.

Trump is said to have offered Conway a choice of White House jobs - either press secretary or communications director. But people with knowledge of Conway's plans say she is more interested in serving as an outside political adviser, akin to the role President Barack Obama's campaign manager David Plouffe played following the 2008 election.

Trump was considering former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani to head the Homeland Security Department, according to those close to the transition process. Giuliani was initially the front-runner for secretary of state and is still in the mix. But questions about his overseas business dealings, as well as his public campaigning for the job, have given Trump pause.

Those close to the transition insisted on anonymity in commenting because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the private process. In addition to the public staffing spat, the campaign was forced Monday to defend Trump's baseless assertions of illegal voting, made in angry response to a recount effort. — AP

# TEARFUL CUBANS PAY TRIBUTE TO FIDEL CASTRO

HAVANA: Hundreds of thousands of ure of the 20th century. While some States to the Cuban capital in half a Cubans swarmed Havana's Revolution Square for a tearful tribute to Fidel Castro on Monday while his brother, Raul, led a private ceremony in front of the late communist icon's ashes.

A weeklong farewell to Castro began with long lines of mourners streaming past a black-and-white picture of "El Comandante" as a young, black-bearded revolutionary carrying a rifle. The crowd walked by silently, some took pictures with their phones and others sobbed uncontrollably as they looked up at the portrait flanked by white roses inside the monument to independence hero Jose Marti.

Many were dressed in state uniforms-school children, soldiers, veterans, doctors and customs officers-and the line continued as night fell. "We know that our comandante has become immortal," said 36-year-old university professor Pedro Alvarez.

To the surprise of many, Castro's ashes were not part of the public display. Cuban state television later showed Fidel's brother and successor, Raul Castro, leading a private ceremony in front of the dark wood urn at the armed forces ministry. It was the first time that his remains were shown since his death Friday at age 90.

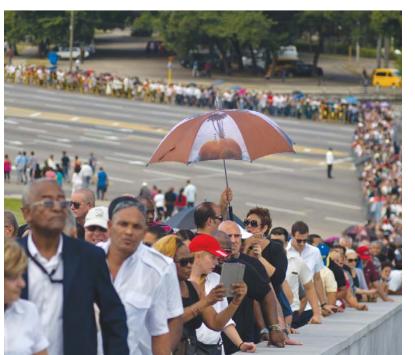
Castro, whose 1959 revolution toppled a dictatorship with the promise of bringing justice and equality to the Caribbean island, was a towering fig-

saw him as a socialist hero who brought education and free health care, others labeled him a tyrant who caused economic hardship and sparked an exodus of Cubans seeking a better life. "He's the father of all Cubans. My dad was my dad, but he couldn't give me what (Castro) gave me," said Lourdes Rivera, a 66-yearold retired civil servant who sat on a curb and cried as she waited in line. "He gave me everything. My freedom. My dignity."

Across the island, Cubans were invited to sign an oath to "keep fighting" for the revolution at hundreds of schools, hospitals and other public buildings. Raul Castro, who took over for his ailing brother a decade ago, and top officials signed the same pledge during their intimate ceremony after placing flowers in front of the urn.

### **Terminator Trump?**

In a sign of changing times, US President Barack Obama visited Revolution Square during his historic visit to Havana in March, when he became the first US leader since 1928 to step foot in Cuba, a nation of 11 million people. In 2014, Raul Castro announced a diplomatic detente with Obama, who has lifted some trade barriers. On Monday, the first regular flights from the United



HAVANA: Mourners line up at Revolution Plaza, the site of two days of tributes to the late Fidel Castro Monday, Nov 28, 2016.—AP

century resumed.

But US President-elect Donald Trump renewed a threat to end the thaw unless Havana makes concessions on human rights and opening up its economy. "If Cuba is unwilling to make a better deal for the Cuban people, the Cuban/American people and the US as a whole. I will terminate deal," he said on Twitter.

Manuel Rodriguez Oliva, a 73-yearold interior ministry retiree who paid tribute to Castro, said Trump is "paranoid and crazy." "He can break relations. We have lived without them and we will keep living," Rodriguez Oliva added. Raul Castro has enacted gradual economic reforms. But he has firmly resisted any changes to the communist island's political system. Government opponents hope Fidel's death will trigger bolder reforms.

### Blame the US embargo

Dissidents who were repressed by Castro's regime for years said they were happy that the "dictator" had died, but called off regular demonstrations on Sunday out of deference to those in mourning. In Miami, where so many Cubans flocked in the past decades to escape Castro's policies, Cuban-Americans celebrated his death with street parties throughout the weekend.

The tributes will continue in Havana on Tuesday with an event featuring foreign dignitaries. Castro's leftist allies in Latin America are coming, including Presidents Rafael Correa of Ecuador, Nicolas Maduro of Venezuela and Evo Morales of Bolivia.

From Africa, Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya and Jacob Zuma of South Africa will fly in. But several Western leaders, including Obama, are not coming. Starting Wednesday, Castro's ashes will go on a four-day island-wide procession.

They will be buried on Sunday in the southeastern city of Santiago de Cuba, the heartland of Castro's uprisng against US-backed dictator Fulgencio Batista. Fidel could do no wrong for the mourners at Revolution Square, where Castro would often rail against the US "empire" during his legendary, marathon speeches.

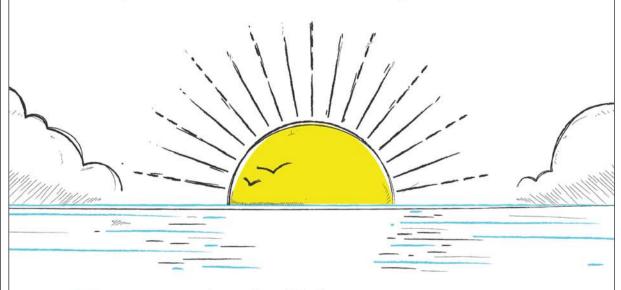
For them, the country's economic problems stem from the decades-old US embargo. "If we didn't develop more, it's the fault of imperialism," said a teary-eyed Augustin Fivale Hernandez, 80, holding his wife's hand after participating in the event.—AFP



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# RULE OF 'BILLION-YEAR' GAMBIA PRESIDENT UNDER THREAT

**BANJUL, Gambia:** Gambia's president once said he would govern the country for a billion years if God willed it. But voters may deliver an upset Thursday after years of economic hardship that have pushed thousands of young people to attempt the perilous Mediterranean crossing to Europe.

Yahya Jammeh will face the biggest

challenge to his 22-year rule as a united opposition and frustration over the economy dominate the west African nation's presidential campaign. Around 880,000 Gambians are expected at the polls from 0800 GMT on Thursday in the tiny former British colony, a narrow sliver of land mostly surrounded by French-speaking Senegal.



WELLINGARA, Gambia: Supporters of Adama Barrow, the flag-bearer of the coalition of the seven opposition political parties in Gambia dance at the venue of a political rally on November 28, 2016. —AFP

Opposition rallies on an unprecedented scale have galvanized normally apathetic sections of society-especially the youngafter the government's repressive tactics backfired badly. "Gambians, this is the only chance we have to remove him from power, if we fail to do so we'll bite our fingers (regret it). This is the only chance we have. We should utilize it to the maximum," opposition leader Adama Barrow said on Friday.

Observers from the European Union and the Economic Community of West African States will not attend the vote. The Independent Electoral Commission declared that it owed "allegiance to nobody but the people of this country". African Union observers are expected to oversee it,

### 'You cannot express your view'

Several top officials of the largest opposition group, the United Democratic Party (UDP), were jailed for holding a peaceful protest in April over the death in custody of youth leader Solo Sandeng. The incident led all of The Gambia's opposition parties-except one-to form a coalition around Barrow, a previously unknown businessman.

Barrow's inexperience has proven to be a virtue, as he is unburdened with party political baggage and is seen as a figurehead for the intellectuals, lawyers and entrepreneurs who would likely join his

cabinet if he won. "(Barrow's) chances are bright because Gambians suffered a lot in the last five years," Mbembe Kuyateh, a 25year-old student, told AFP in the capital city Banjul. "Politically you cannot express your view, and economically people are dying in the Back Way (migrant route to Europe) due to this economic crisis"

Gambians make up the largest group per capita of arrivals to Italy by the Mediterranean, according to figures from the International Organization for Migration. Jammeh said during the campaign that he was best placed to halt the exodus, telling supporters: "Those who do not want our children to end up in refugee camps, they know who to vote for."

The president, who is seeking a fifth term, still has strong support despite having faced multiple attempts to remove him from power since he became leader in a bloodless coup in 1994 aged just 29.

The former army lieutenant is best known abroad for his claims to have personally developed cures for HIV, infertility and seizures, which he administers personally to citizens. A devout Muslim, Jammeh is never seen without a Koran and prayer beads in hand, dressed in billowing white robes.

### 'I'm better than anyone'

However, his unusual approach to ruling has alienated foreign investors and African leaders alike, despite some impressive progress in the country's development over the past two decades. Jammeh has taken The Gambia out of the Commonwealth and moved to leave the International Criminal Court. He also railed against United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon for asking him to investigate deaths in custody.

Jammeh's security services are regularly accused by the opposition and rights groups of torture, arbitrary detention and intimidation. For Jammeh's die-hard supporters, he represents national pride and stability in a region plagued by jihadists and civil strife. "He brought electricity, good roads... before you couldn't get a vehicle to go to our village," explained carpenter Lamin Mendy, 47.

Several supporters gave Libya as an example of what could happen if a longtime leader was removed in the hope of positive change. Significant progress has been made in the last 20 years in improving literacy and child mortality rates, and the president has in the last year banned child marriage and female genital mutilation.

But 60 percent of the population live in poverty, and a third survive on \$1.25 (1.20 euro) or less a day, according to the UN. Jammeh remains confident of being returned to power, telling a recent rally, "I'm not saying I'm the best, but I'm better than anyone you would ever have in this country". —AFP

# LOCAL VOTE IN LONDON, BREXIT BATTLEGROUND

### SECOND REFERENDUM ON BREXIT

LONDON: A local by-election for parliament in the posh London suburb of Richmond on Thursday is threatening to turn into a mini-referendum on Brexit, with the defending MP a Brexiteer in a pro-EU heartland.

Liberal Democrat challenger Sarah Olney, whose party wants a second referendum on Brexit, is hop-

people feel very strongly about Heathrow expansion, lots more people feel much more strongly about Brexit," Olney told AFP. "That's really alarmed and upset people and they want to use this opportunity to send a message."

In the June referendum on Britain's membership in the European Union, 52 percent nation-

LONDON: British Prime Minister Theresa May reacts during a joint press conference with Polish

Prime Minister Beata Szydlo (unseen) at 10 Downing Street in central London on November 28,

wide voted to leave. But in the well-

heeled borough of Richmond in

southwest London, 69 percent vot-

ed to remain in the bloc, the 19th

the highest in the UK, showed it

was an issue locals felt passionate

about. The centrist and unambigu-

ously pro-EU Lib Dems, reduced to

a rump in the 2015 general elec-

tion, are eyeing a comeback by fill-

ing the void for disgruntled

The 82 percent turnout, one of

highest of 326 voting areas.

'Remain' voters.

### Message to the heart

"The things people want to talk about in this campaign are things we've had a very clear position on," said Olney, meeting commuters outside Richmond railway station.

The 39-year-old accountant only joined the Lib Dems last year and was rapidly selected as their next Richmond Park candidate for the

House of Commons. Former Lib

Dem leader Paddy Ashdown, 75,

said Thursday's vote could "send a

message right to the heart of

Downing Street". "Richmond can

speak for the people of Britain, the

millions who want the government

to change course and don't want a

hard Brexit. If they vote Liberal

Democrat, that's a message

Downing Street will hear," he told

However, the Lib Dems face a

tough task in overturning

AFP on the campaign trail.

Goldsmith's majority. Both the Conservative and Brexit-cheerleading UKIP parties are giving him a clear run.

Goldsmith won Richmond from the Lib Dems in 2010 and retained it in the May 2015 general election with 58 percent of the vote.

Bookmakers have Goldsmith as the 1/3 favourite, with Olney 5/2, and then the main opposition Labour candidate at 200/1. Five others are also standing. Wealthy, suave, affable and soft-spoken, 41-year-old Goldsmith is Brexit royalty.

He is the son of the late tycoon financier Jimmy Goldsmith, whose high-spending Referendum Party, calling for a vote on UK-EU relations, got the anti-EU bandwagon rolling. Zac Goldsmith made a bid for London mayor in May but he was beaten by Labour's Sadig Khan and was criticised for the tone of his campaign, often focusing on Khan's Muslim faith. AFP sought an interview with Goldsmith but he is focusing on private grassroots cam-

### 'Totally disenfranchised' And his understated, local

approach seems to have won him support around Richmond. "There's a lot of loyalty to Zac round here," said Jane McCready, 52, who sat enjoying a hot drink overlooking the

But she added that Brexit was an issue: "I do have friends who are using this as another vote for 'Remain' (in the EU) by voting Lib Dem." However, Freddie Gates, 79, from Richmond, said he had voted in June to stay in the EU but now would be backing Goldsmith. "The majority of the country said out, so you go along with it," he said.

But local surveyor Roy McClure, a lifelong Conservative, was so furious about the lack of a Tory candidate that he considered standing himself, before backing Olney. Typical Richmond voters-soft Conservative, pro-EU and anti-Heathrow expansion-have been left "totally disenfranchised", he told AFP. —AFP



CHERNOBYL, Ukraine: A man takes a picture of the Chernobyl's New Safe Confinement covering the 4th block of Chernobyl Nuclear power plant during the inauguration ceremony yesterday. —AFP

### **NUCLEAR COVER UP:** CHERNOBYL'S GIANT DOME

PARIS: The new metal dome encasing power plant contains enough metal to build three Eiffel Towers with a few thousand tons to spare.

At 108 meters it is taller than the Statue of Liberty and is designed to contain the power plant's dangerous radioactivity while protecting the plant from climactic events for the next century.

The giant dome was fitted 20 years after Chernobyl reactor number four exploded on April 26, 1986, spewing poisonous radiation over large parts of Europe, particularly Ukraine, Belarus and Russia.

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is leading the 2.1 billion euro (2.2 billion dollars) project, with contributions from around 40 countries. The metal dome, built in Italy, rests on a foundation of rectangular concrete beams and weighs 36,000 tons, three and a half times the weight of the iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris.

### Many 'liquidators died'

The 162-metre-long 30-storey high structure now covers an original sarcophagus hurriedly put in place by Soviet workers known as "liquidators", after the worst nuclear accident in history.

Over 600,000 "liquidators" were sent to Ukraine's infamous Chernobyl nuclear the scene of the accident with little or no protection over four years. Many died attempting to extinguish the initial fire, isolate the destroyed reactor under concrete and clean up the surrounding area.

The new casing has two objectives: "to contain the radioactive dust and to allow the future dismantling of the damaged reactor as well as the reprocessing of the 200 tons of highly radioactive magma from the old sarcophagus" which has reached the end of its useful life, said the project's director, Nicolas Caille.

Caille, who works for Novarka, the joint venture by French construction firms VIN-CI and Bouygues which built the dome, hailed it as "a feat of engineering that will ensure optimal safety conditions for the Ukrainian people for the next 100 years."

The structure has equipment and facilities to allow the reactor to be dismantled while limiting the need for human intervention, as the dome will be sealed off hermetically, according to Novarka. The ventilation system controls the atmosphere inside, regulating the temperature and humidity levels.

The equipment is now due to be tested and completed before a handover to Chernobyl nuclear authorities expected in November 2017. —AFP

# TOP AIDE TO BURUNDI PRESIDENT ESCAPES ASSASSINATION BID

**NAIROBI:** A top advisor to Burundi's president and the most public face of the government has escaped an assassination attempt, the latest political attack in the crisis-wracked nation.

2016, following their meeting. —AFP

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Olney is running against Zac

Street, as the government ploughs

Goldsmith, who held the seat for

Prime Minister Theresa May's

Conservative Party but quit in

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Heathrow Airport.

Willy Nyamitwe was returning to his home in the capital Bujumbura on Monday night when "he was met with sustained gunfire and grenade explosions", a high-ranking presidential official told AFP on yesterday, speaking on condition of anonymity, One of his bodyguards was killed and another injured while Nyamitwe suffered slight wounds to his arm.

Police said the assailants were waiting in a nearby house under construction before launching the ambush. "Thank God, Willy Nyamitwe narrowly escaped an attack...," tweeted Burundi's UN ambassador Albert Shingiro.

Nyamitwe is one of the most prominent voices in Burundi, an active tweeter who frequently criticises the West for interfering in the central African nation. "I thank those who wish me a speedy recovery. I am doing well but saddened by the death of a best friend, the policeman Gasongo," Nyamitwe

tweeted after the attack. His brother Alain Aime Nyamitwe, also Burundi's foreign minister, described the assassination bid as "a new, pointless effort to disturb republican institutions". Born in the early 1970s, when their father was killed in a wave of ethnic violence against Hutus by the Tutsi-dominated army, the Nyamitwe brothers have risen to become Bujumbura's bulwark against an increasingly critical international community.

### 'Foreign plot'

Burundi has been in turmoil since President Pierre Nkurunziza announced plans in April last year to run for a third term, which he went on to win. More than 500 people have been killed in the unrest and at least 300,000 have fled the country, while several well-known figures, including highranking military officers, have been assassinated.

In April, Human Rights Minister Martin Nivyabandi and his wife were injured in a grenade attack while leaving church. General Adolphe Nshimirimana, considered Nkurunziza's right-hand man, was killed in August 2015, the highest-ranking member of the regime to be assassinated.

A volley of reports by international rights groups accusing the government of atrocities and warning of genocide has infuriated Bujumbura, which says there is a "foreign plot" to overthrow the government

Burundi in October formally informed the United Nations that it intended to withdraw from the International Criminal Court. It also suspended cooperation with the UN human rights office and declared three UN rights investigators persona non grata after a damning September report detailing atrocities.

A report by the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) two weeks ago warned of the risk of genocide in the country which suffered a brutal civil war from 1993 to 2006 between majority Hutus and minority Tutsis, which claimed an estimated 300,000 lives.

In response, Nyamitwe launched the hashtag #ThisisMyGenocide, posting pictures of himself posing with a kitten or juggling eggs to mock the "biased report".

On Saturday, thousands of Burundians heeded a call by government to protest at a new probe into alleged rights violations after the Genevabased Human Rights Council appointed commissioners to lead the one-year investigation. —AFP

### ARRESTED RUSSIAN MINISTER WANTED STATE TO CEDE CONTROL OVER ROSNEFT

**MOSCOW:** Russia's former Economy Minister Alexei Ulyukayev privately argued to colleagues in government that the state should give up control over oil giant Rosneft, before he was arrested two weeks ago in a sting inside the company's offices, according to two sources.

A source familiar with Ulyukayev's thinking, speaking before Ulyukayev was arrested on bribery charges on Nov. 15, told Reuters that the minister had been promoting the idea of reducing the government's stake in Rosneft. Russia's biggest oil company, to below 50 percent. The second source, a government official, confirmed that Ulyukayev had discussed this idea with other officials before he was

"Ulyukayev was talking about that," the second source said. Several government officials who spoke to Reuters said that there was no evidence that his arrest was motivated by anything other than a desire to tackle corruption. Reuters has uncovered no evidence that Ulyukayev's stance on state control of Rosneft was linked to his prosecution.

However, oil industry experts say any plan to reduce state control of Rosneft would have weakened the position of the company's powerful boss Igor Sechin, a confidant of Vladimir Putin blacklisted by the United States as part of the Russian president's inner circle. Reuters sent written questions to the Kremlin and Rosneft, which provided no immediate response. Previously, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov has referred questions about Ulyukayev's case to prosecutors. Roman Nesterov, the state investigator handling Ulyukayev's case, declined to answer Reuters questions. Rosneft has praised law enforcement officials for "effective and adequate" action in detaining

Ulyukayev, who was fired hours after his arrest, denies the charges against him. He was the first sitting cabinet member to be arrested in more than two decades. The Kremlin and investigators say it is a straightforward criminal bribery case with no other targets. Investigators say Ulyukayev tried to extort a \$2 million bribe from Rosneft in exchange for approving its \$5 billion purchase of a stake in mid-sized Russian oil firm Bashneft earlier this year.

The role of Rosneft in helping to prosecute the case has led some in Russia's ruling elite to view it as part of a battle between powerful clans within the ruling elite. Prosecutors say the company had alerted the authorities to the wrongdoing before security service officers swooped into its offices to arrest Ulyukayev, and several sources have said a member of the company's security staff worked for weeks helping gather evidence against the economy minister. —Reuters



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# CHINA SAYS HOPES FOR 'CLEAR' MESSAGE WITH NEW N KOREA SANCTIONS

**BEIJING:** China said yesterday it hoped France - have agreed to new measures, can reach consensus on the draft as ly to be adopted it would cut its imports for a "clear" message to be sent with new seen by Reuters on Friday, that largely UN sanctions on North Korea over its target the hermit Asian state's coal nuclear program, but would not comment on the draft, saving there had been too much speculation about the details.

The Security Council is set to vote on Wednesday to impose new sanctions on North Korea for its fifth and largest nuclear test, slashing Pyongyang's export earnings by some \$800 million, diplomats say. Diplomats say the council's five veto-wielding powers - the United States, China, Britain, Russia and

export earnings.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said China supported further action against North Korea, but that it should be targeted and not harm normal humanitarian, civilian or development needs. "At present the Security Council members are having consultations on the draft," Geng told a daily news briefing.

"We hope Security Council members

soon as possible, to send a clear and united message."

North Korea has been under UN sanctions since 2006 over its nuclear and missile tests. It conducted its latest nuclear test on Sept. 9, and the United States and China, North Korea's most important diplomatic and economic backer, spent more than two months negotiating new sanctions.

China is believed to be the only country that now buys North Korean coal and under the US-drafted UN resolution likeby some 60 percent, or \$700 million on 2015 sales, diplomats said.

The new sanctions would cap North Korean coal exports at \$400.9 million, or 7.5 million metric tons, annually, whichever is lower, starting on Jan. 1. Over the first 10 months of this year, China imported 18.6 million tons of coal from North Korea, up almost 13 percent from a year ago.

Coal is one of North Korea's only sources of hard currency and its largest single export item. The draft UN resolution would also ban exports of copper, nickel, silver and zinc, which the US official said are worth about \$100 million a year.

Asked about the details of the new sanctions, Geng said there had been a lot of speculative reports around ahead of the resolution being passed. "So it's not appropriate to comment on conjecture and supposition."

China has always been conscientious about enforcing UN resolutions, and all countries have an obligation to do so, he added.—Reuters



TAIPING ISLAND: Taiwanese Coast Guard carry a mock victim during a search-andrescue exercise in the South China Sea yesterday.—AP

### TAIWAN HOLDS RESCUE EXERCISE IN DISPUTED SOUTH CHINA SEA

TAIPING ISLAND: Taiwan held a searchand-rescue exercise in the South China Sea yesterday as part of efforts to cement its hold over a key island in the strategically vital waterbody.

Eight vessels and three aircraft took part in the drill simulating a fire aboard a cargo ship that forced crew members to seek safety on Taiping in the Spratly island group. Both coast guard and navy ships participated in the exercise.

While Taiwan claims all of the Spratlys, it only occupies Taiping and hasn't challenged the presence of forces from China and other nations on other islands in the group. Coast guard head Lee Chung-wei told journalists that Taiwan's sovereignty over Taiping is "undeniable," but that it wants to turn the island into a base for humanitarian relief missions in the area. "The purpose of this drill is to tell international society that we are keen to conduct humanitarian relief on the island. We want to maintain peace in this region and put away disputes," Lee said.

In recent years, Taiwan's chief rival, China, has been aggressively pushing its claim to virtually the entire South China Sea, putting it in conflict with neighbors Vietnam and the Philippines. Malaysia and Brunei also claim parts of the South China Sea, while Indonesia has become increasingly assertive in defending its exclusive economic zone that encompasses rich fisheries and a potential wealth of mineral resources.—AP

# SOUTH KOREA PRESIDENT SAYS WILLING TO LEAVE OFFICE EARLY

BILL COULD BE PASSED AS EARLY AS FRIDAY

**SEOUL:** South Korea's scandal-hit President Park Geun-Hye said yesterday she was willing to resign early and let parliament decide her fate, a move critics said was a bid to delay impending impeachment.

Park has been engulfed in allegations of influence peddling and claims that tens of millions of dollars have changed hands, sparking widespread anger across South Korea and bringing hundreds of thousands of protesters onto the streets demanding her ouster. "I will leave the issue of my departure, including the (possible) reduction of my term in office, to a decision by the National Assembly", she said in a speech carried live on television. "Once lawmakers come up with measures to transfer power in a way that minimizes any power vacuum and chaos in governance, I will step down," she said.

Park's presidency has gone into a tailspin, with accusations that Choi Soon-Sil-a secretive confidante dubbed "Korea's Rasputin"-elicited more than \$60 million in payments from some of the country's top firms, including Samsung.

Park has been named as a suspect in the growing investigation, making her the first sitting president to be subject to a criminal probe while in office. While she retains the presidency, she cannot be charged with a criminal offence except insurrection or treason, but she could be charged once she steps down.

Huge protests calling for her impeachment have rocked Seoul every weekend for the more than a month, and opposition parties say they expect to vote to remove her as early as this week. Park's latest remarks are a possible bid to de-fang that effort, critics say, with the president hoping that she can cut a deal that would avoidor lessen-formal sanctions. But opponents on Tuesday rubbished her offer.

"Our stance to seek Park's impeachment remains unchanged," Choo Mi-Ae, leader of the main opposition Democratic Party, said, describing Park's remarks as "a trick" designed to distract attention.



SEOUL: South Korean President Park Geun-Hye speaks during an address to the nation, at the presidential Blue House yesterday.—AFP

### **Push for impeachment**

Three opposition parties, which jointly hold 55 percent of seats in parliament, and some members of Park's party are seeking to collect a two thirds of total votes to pass the bill as early as Friday. If the motion passes, Park would immediately be suspended from official duties and her prime minister would take over as interim head of government. But the impeachment would not be finalized until the Constitutional Court approves it-a process that could takes six months. Massive weekly protests have intensified over the past month, with up to 1.5 million people braving freezing temperatures in Seoul Saturday to demand Park's resignation, according to organizers. Park has been hemorrhaging allies, with her justice minister stepping down

and staunch supporters within her own party calling for her to go. Park-in her third public apology over the scandal-tried Tuesday to distance herself from Choi, who was charged earlier this month with coercion and abuse of power. She said the huge sums of money that had changed hands had been directed towards projects that were for "the public good".

"I have not sought any personal gain there" she said, but added: "It was my fault that I failed to keep my personal ties (with Choi and Choi's associates) under control." Park had earlier promised to submit to a judicial probe, as well as to a separate investigation by an independent special prosecutor. But she later backtracked, with her lawyer rejecting a series of requests by prosecutors to make herself available for questioning.—AFP



HONG KONG: This Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016 photo shows nine eight-wheeled Singapore-made Terrex infantry carrier vehicles seized at a contain-

# CHINA BLASTS SINGAPORE'S MILITARY COOPERATION WITH TAIWAN

**BEIJING:** A Chinese state newspaper yesterday criticized Singapore over the Southeast Asian citystate's military training with self-governing Taiwan, following the impounding of nine Singaporean infantry fighting vehicles transiting through Hong Kong. The Communist Party-run Global Times said in an editorial Tuesday that Singapore was responsible for the incident, but gave no details about what laws or regulations have been broken by the shipping of the armored vehicles from Taiwan. The vehicles were being sent to Singapore from Kaohsiung, in southern Taiwan, after a military exercise there, when they

were seized on Wednesday by Hong Kong. The editorial said China has long opposed all forms of military cooperation between other countries and Taiwan, which Beijing claims as a breakaway province to be reunited with by force if necessary. "China opposes the outside world having any form of military cooperation or exchange with Taiwan," the paper said. "Singapore, a state that has diplomatic relations with China, should be cautious in this regard."

### **What Singapore said** Singapore's defense minister, Ng Eng Hen,

said yesterday that the city-state supports the "one-China" principle - Beijing's view that the mainland and Taiwan are part of a single Chinese nation - and that Singapore is open about its overseas training arrangements. "Any training matters between us and other countries are bilateral, and we should not unnecessarily, until the facts come out, muddle the picture and impute various motives," he said.

Ng said Singapore "plays a positive role in cross-strait relations, and we will continue to do so," citing as an example the city-state's hosting of a historic meeting last year between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Taiwan's then-president, Ma Ying-jeou.

On Monday, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said that Beijing has lodged a protest with Singapore following the seizure of the vehicles. Geng Shuang reiterated China's opposition to military and other exchanges between Taiwan and the countries China has ties with. "We urge the Singaporean government to stay committed to the one-China principle," Geng said at a regular briefing.

Last week, Singapore's defense ministry sent a team to Hong Kong to ensure the securi-

ty of the eight-wheeled Singapore-made Terrex infantry carrier vehicles that were held by Hong Kong customs on Wednesday. It said the vehicles were not carrying ammunition or sensitive equipment and that the team would "assess the situation."

Singapore's army chief, Maj. Gen. Melvyn Ong, said Tuesday that the vehicles had been shipped commercially and the military was still attempting to ascertain the reason for the detainment. Hong Kong's South China Morning Post newspaper has said Singaporean authorities would need to contact China's foreign ministry to get the vehicles back. The militaries of Taiwan and Singapore have long trained together, much to the irritation of Beijing.

The seizure also comes amid Chinese displeasure over Singapore's calls for China to heed international rulings over territorial claims in the South China Sea, which Beijing says belongs to it almost in its entirety. China says international law has no jurisdiction over the matter.

Some experts have speculated that China would use the seized military shipment to pressure Singapore to adopt a friendlier stance toward China on the dispute.—AP

### PHILIPPINES DETAINS HUNDREDS OF CHINESE IN CASINO RAID

MANILA: More than 1,300 Chinese citizens have been arrested in the Philippines for working illegally at an unlicensed online gaming business, the immigration bureau said yesterday. China has expressed concern over the raid at a casino-hotel complex in the northern Philippines and said Manila must guarantee "humanitarian treatment" of those

Some 1,318 people were detained during the raid on November 24 in Angeles city, immigration bureau spokeswoman Maria Antoinette Mangrobang told AFP. "A number of them have been charged for immigration offences, for engaging in gainful activity at an unlicensed online gaming business," she said.

Those found guilty are likely to be deported, she said, adding that sorting through the documents of all of those being held would take time. China is "highly concerned about the detention by the Philippine side of such large number(s) of Chinese citizens," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told reporters in Beijing Monday.

China has called on Manila to handle the case "with impartiality" and demanded the immediate release of those who are legally in the Philippines. Philippine authorities must "ensure the safety and humanitarian treatment of all the involved," they added.

Some of the people detained had arrived recently on tourist visas and others had working visas, Mangrobang said, adding that they could still be found guilty if their permit was unrelated to their actual line of work.—AFP

## UN TO VOTE ON TIGHTER N KOREA SANCTIONS

**UNITED NATIONS:** The United Nations is readying tighter sanctions on North Korea that would limit its coal exports to China, in response to Pyongyang's fifth and biggest nuclear test, US diplomats said Monday

The resolution, spearheaded by the United States and negotiated with Beijing for three months, should go to a Security Council vote early Wednesday, according to diplomats who expect it will pass. "This resolution would impose a hard, binding cap that will cut the DPRK's coal exports, which are its largest single source of external revenues, by more than 60 percent," said a US official familiar with the text, using the formal acronym for the North.

The tightening aims to cut \$700 million from Pyongyang's coal earnings-or a 62 percent reduction from last year. "It would dramatically reduce the regime's access to hard currency used for its nuclear and ballistic missile programs," the diplomat stressed. "We do not claim that this resolution is going to cause the

DPRK to abandon its nuclear weapons program... but this resolution would make it significantly more difficult."

And China, North Korea's Ione ally, is also among the few potential markets for that coal. The draft text says that the Council "condemns in the strongest terms" the North's September 9 test. Pyongyang claimed at the time it had made major strides in its efforts to fit a miniaturized warhead on a rocket that could reach the United States.

"The measures imposed by this resolution are not intended to have adverse humanitarian consequences for the civilian population of the DPRK," the draft text adds.

US President Barack Obama reportedly told his incoming successor Donald Trump that confronting the nuclear threat from North Korea represents the top US national security priority. The reclusive regime has carried out more than 20 missile tests this year, one of which reached Japanese-controlled waters after a launch in August.—AFP

### 7 INJURED BY TURBULENCE AS CHINA airliner approaches Sydney

**SYDNEY:** Officials say seven people were injured when a Chinese airliner hit turbulence at it approached Sydney airport. China Eastern Airlines general manager Kathy Zhang said five passengers and two crew members were taken to a hospital after Flight 777 from

Kunming in China landed yesterday.

All are in stable condition. The Ambulance Service said in a statement that three complained of neck pain and the others suffered back pain, a minor head injury. a jaw laceration and a wrist injury.—AP





Dawn breaks after one of England's coldest nights of the autumn so far this year at Holme Pierrepont, Nottinghamshire, yesterday. — AP

### FEARS OF IS' USE OF WEAPONIZED DRONES

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A high-ranking army officer posted on the southern front said his soldiers were attacked by a modified Phantom 4, a basic camera-fitted "quadcopter" that can be purchased online for less than \$1,000.

Experts argue that, compared to the suicide car and truck bombs IS sometimes fills with several tonnes of explosives, drones represent a minor threat. Their autonomy is limited and they cannot carry heavy payloads. Yet there is evidence that IS weapons experts have been busy trying to perfect their drones. Conflict Armament Research in February saw a workshop abandoned by IS after Iraqi forces retook the city of Ramadi.

The group documented an unmanned aerial vehicle which IS had designed itself, using polystyrene foam and model aircraft components, and fitted with a camera. It said evidence in the workshop also showed attempts to build much larger drones from scratch. "No terrorist entity to date has demonstrated UAS

(unmanned aircraft systems) capability that would be considered highly capable, highly lethal and highly secure," Don Rassler, from the Combating Terrorism Center, said in an October report.

He warned that could soon change, however. "Future off-the-shelf drones will be able to carry heavier payloads, fly and loiter longer, venture farther from their controller and be able to do so via more secure communications links," he said. The disaster scenario is one in which IS uses drones to disseminate the kind of chemicals it has so far used with limited success on rockets. "Although technically much more difficult to achieve, aerosol or spraying devices can also be attached to a UAS to distribute chemical and biological agents," Rassler said.

To counter this new threat, some Western countries have started developing defense systems capable of spotting, tracking and destroying drones. The US military is using kinetic anti-drone systems that physically take on the devices, while others favor hacking or scram-

bling. Another more unusual technique developed in France uses eagles that are trained - by being fed meat on drones - to spot the aircraft and take them down. "They are capable of detecting them from thousands of metres away and neutralizing them," French air force general Jean-Christophe Zimmermann said.

Separately, a big rise in drone use is likely to lead to a new wave of "dronejackings" by cybercriminals, security experts warned yesterday. A report by Intel's McAfee Labs said hackers are expected to start targeting drones used for deliveries, law enforcement or camera crews, in addition to hobbyists. "Drones are well on the way to becoming a major tool for shippers, law enforcement agencies, photographers, farmers, the news media, and more," said Intel Security's Bruce Snell, in the company's annual threat report.

Snell said the concept of dronejacking was demonstrated at a security conference last year, where researchers showed how someone could easily take control of a toy drone. "Although taking over a kid's drone may seem amusing and not that big of an issue, once we look at the increase in drone usage potential problems starts to arise," he said. The report noted that many consumer drones lack adequate security, which makes it

easy for an outside hacker to take control.

Companies like Amazon and UPS are expected to use drones for package deliveries - becoming potential targets for criminals, the report said. "Someone looking to 'dronejack' deliveries could find a location with regular drone traffic and wait for the targets to appear," the report said. "Once a package delivery drone is overhead, the drone could be sent to the ground, allowing the criminal to steal the package."

The researchers said criminals may also look to steal expensive photographic equipment carried by drones, to knock out surveillance cameras used by law enforcement. Intel said it expects to see dronejacking "toolkits" traded on "dark web" marketplaces in 2017. "Once these toolkits start making the rounds, it is just a matter of time before we see stories of hijacked drones showing up in the evening news," the report said. Other predictions in the report included a decrease in so-called "ransomware" attacks as defenses improve, but a rise in mobile attacks that enable cyber thieves to steal bank account or credit card information. The report also noted that cybercriminals will begin using more sophisticated artificial intelligence or "machine learning" techniques and employ fake online ads. — Agencies

### 75 KILLED AS PLANE CARRYING BRAZIL...

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"The pain is terrible. Just as we had made it, I will not say to the top, but to have national prominence, a tragedy like this happens. It is very difficult, a very great tragedy," club vice-president Ivan Tozzo told Globo SportTV. In all, there were 72 passengers and nine crew on board the British Aerospace 146.

A police commander, Jose Gerardo Acevedo, initially said only five people survived the crash, but Colombian authorities later said a sixth person was found alive, raising hopes there might be other survivors. "The rescue of a sixth survivor, player Helio Hermito Zampier Neto, who is in the process of being evacuated, is confirmed. The possibility that other people will be found alive has not been ruled out," Colombia's disaster risk management agency said.

One of the survivors was Alan Ruschel, a 27-year-old defender for the Brazilian team, the head of Colombia's civil aeronautics agency, Alfredo Bocanegra, told reporters. Radio Caracol said two other players - Marcos Danilo Padilla and Jackson Follmann - also survived and were taken to hospitals, along with a flight attendant and a journalist.

The LAMIA airlines flight originated in Sao Paulo, Brazil and had made a stop in Santa Cruz, Bolivia before continuing on to Rionegro, a city near Medellin. The airport statement said the plane reported an emergency at 10 pm local time (0300 GMT). "It declared it had electrical failures." It went down about 50 km from Medellin, Colombia's second largest city, in an area called Cerro Gordo.

Elkin Ospina, the mayor of the town of La Ceja near the crash site, said the mountainous terrain was some 3,300 m above sea level and very difficult to access. Rescuers carrying stretchers had to hike for more than half an hour to reach the site. On its Twitter account, the airport said a plan to use an air force helicopter had to be shelved because of bad weather in the area.

Ospina said authorities were on the scene and hospitals and medical centers were preparing to receive the injured. But the bad weather forced the search to be suspended in the early hours of yesterday, with plans to resume. Colombia's civil aeronautics agency said it had a team at the airport in response to the crash. Conmebol, the South American football confederation, meanwhile officially called off the Copa Sudamericana final that was to be played between Chapecoense and Atletico Nacional. "All activities of the confederation are suspended until further notice," Conmebol said.

Chapecoense and Atletico Nacional were supposed to have faced off in today's first leg of the final of the Copa Sudamericana, the second most prestigious club football tournament in South America after the Copa Libertadores. Chapecoense had reached the final after completing a victory on away goals last week over Argentinian side San Lorenzo in the semi-finals.

Chapecoense is widely regarded as one of the minnows of Brazilian club football, having been founded relatively recently in 1973 in the city of Chapeco in southern Santa Catarina state. After decades in the lower divisions, Chapecoense returned to Brazil's top flight Serie A in 2014 for the first time since 1979. The club finished in 14th spot in the 2015 edition of the 20-team championship. Nine team members did not travel to Colombia.

Two weeks ago, the same plane was used to fly the Argentine national team with Lionel Messi on board to San Juan, Argentina for a World Cup qualifying match. Atletico Nacional said on its Twitter account it "profoundly laments and expresses solidarity with @chapelcoensereal for the accident that occurred." — AFP

### BILLIONS PLEDGED FOR TUNISIA

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The government is seeking bids on 140 ventures from infrastructure and agricultural projects to hi-tech schemes - worth roughly \$32 billion. At the conference's opening session, Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani pledged \$1.25 billion to "support the Tunisian economy and strengthen its process of development". Kuwait said it would lend Tunisia \$500 million over the next five years, while Canada and Algeria also pledged financial support.

The European Investment Bank (EIB) said it would lend Tunisia €2.5 billion (\$2.65 billion) by 2020, while the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development said it would give \$1.5 billion in soft loans over the same period. Turkey said it would deposit a \$100 million zero-interest loan at Tunisia's central bank.

French Prime Minister Manuel Valls said the French Development Agency (AFD) would invest "at least €250 million (\$265 million) every year" in Tunisia, a former French colony. That is on top of an aid package France announced last year to pump a billion euros (\$1.06 billion) into Tunisia's economy by 2020. "We want to go further," Valls said, adding that France has "duty and a responsibility" to support Tunisia, and called on Europe to "live up to expectations".

The Tunisian government says the conference is part of a charm offensive aimed at attracting private sector investment to reinvigorate growth and create jobs. The meeting came as French auto giant PSA said yesterday it would open a factory in Tunisia to produce Peugeot pickups for the local market. PSA and its Tunisian partner

Stafim said they will produce 1,200 vehicles a year from 2018. But with around 15 percent of its workforce unemployed as of spring 2016, according to the World Bank, Tunisia needs much more investment in order to stave off social unrest. Many of its jobless are young graduates who have seen the hope of the Arab Spring dissipate.

Prime Minister Youssef Chahed's government took office in August in place of an administration heavily criticized for its economic management. That followed a catastrophic 2015 in which attacks claimed by the Islamic State group killed 59 foreign visitors and 13 Tunisians. The attacks dealt a devastating blow to the tourism industry, which in 2010 employed 400,000 people and represented 10 percent of Gross Domestic Product.

Strikes and social unrest have also hit strategic sectors including phosphate mining. In January, Tunisia faced its biggest social unrest since the revolution. Chahed told AFP last week that Tunisia deserved support and that the international community "should invest in Tunisian democracy". The International Monetary Fund approved a \$2.9-billion loan to Tunisia in May to help implement economic and financial reforms. The European Union also announced a doubling of its financial support in 2017 to \$318 million.

Essebsi will head to Brussels today and tomorrow for an EU-Tunisia summit. Incoming UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres told yesterday's conference that Tunisia had not yet received enough economic support. "The success of Tunisia requires a strong economy," he said. "For the private sector, investing in Tunisia is an intelligent decision." — AFP





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**Focus** 

### AFGHANISTAN TAKES ON RICH, POWERFUL IN WAR ON GRAFT

fghanistan's anti-corruption court has held its inaugural public hearings in Kabul, the first steps on the long road to transparency in one of the most corrupt countries in the world - and expectations are immense. Afghans hope the Criminal Justice Centre against Corruption, created by presidential decree, is destined to prosecute the rich and powerful behind major cases of graft. These, according to anti-corruption NGO Transparency International, are numerous. Afghanistan is at the very bottom of their authoritative global ranking, alongside North Korea and Somalia.

"It is a very important moment that will put an end to impunity. One hopes to reach the highest levels of the state, to the former ministers and important people who were never held to account until now," says Yama Torabi, chairman of the Independent Committee for the Observation of Corruption. The anti-corruption centrer, the fulfilment of a promise made by President Ashraf Ghani to the international community last May, is armed with prosecutors, judges and police criminal investigators, and had a war chest of half a million dollars for its first four months. It is headed by a 32-yearold judge, Mohammed Alif Urfani, who sits in prefabricated offices in a heavily guarded compound between the headquarters of the special police and the antidrug units.

### **Threats and Pressures**

"I see two types of threats: Within the government, some do not want the center to work; and the Taliban, they do not want the government to be strong," he told AFP. A father of two young children, Urfani is guarded by two soldiers and one member of the Afghan intelligence service. "I have not received any direct threats, but this is just the beginning. The pressure will inevitably increase when the biggest cases are reached," he says, citing threatening phone calls received by police officers who arrested a threestar general at the Ministry of Defense.

Thirty-five people, including 14 judges, have been assigned to the center, which comprises a court of first instance and a court of appeal. "Whoever they are, they have been checked and cleared," the spokesman for Attorney General Jamsheed Rasooli told AFP. To date, they have taken 55 cases and 31 suspects are behind bars, with "five ministries" in their sights, as well as "the Central Bank of Afghanistan and the issuing authority of identity cards", he says, but gives no further details.

Earlier this month the court handed down its first sentence: Two and a half years in prison for military prosecutor General Abdul Haye Jurat. He was caught red-handed as he pocketed 50,000 Afghanis (\$760) from a prisoner's family, demanded to secure the man's release at the end of his sentence. The offence appears minor in view of the billion dollars diverted from Kabul Bank in 2010, a massive scandal that highlighted how deep the roots of corruption go in Afghanistan - but it is a start. "The sum is small but the accused is a two-star general," said Urfani. "We proved that we can bring high-ranking officers to justice."

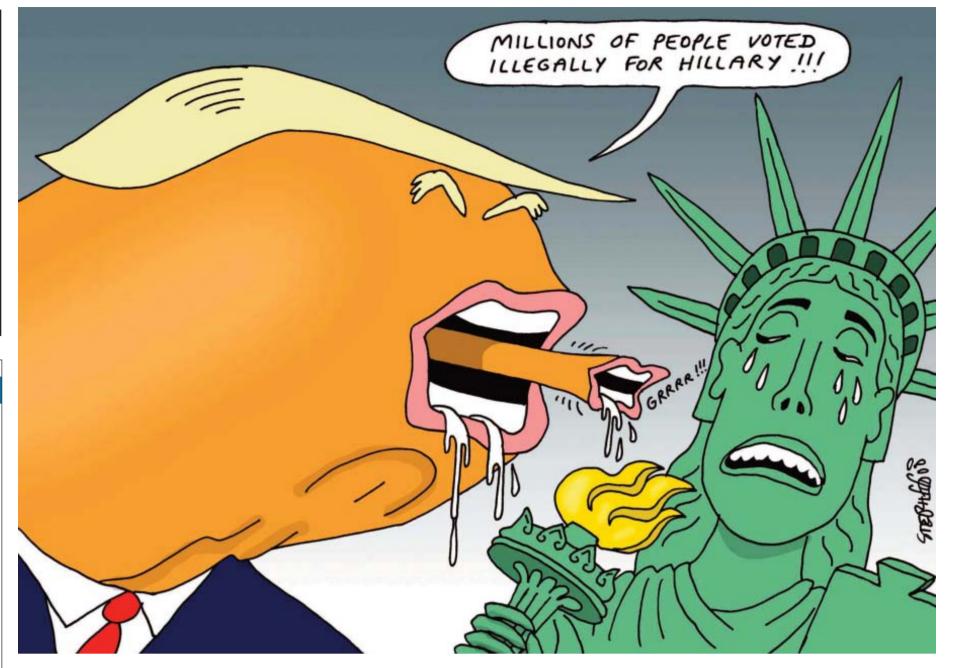
### **Impatience**

"We know that the population and the international community are scrutinizing us," says the young judge, the only person in his village to learn to read and write. Today his childhood friends watch when he appears on television. He regrets the "impatience" of Afghans: "Some cases take years: When you want to bring a minister to justice, you need proof and to arrest the people involved. If you go too fast, you will lose."

At a very high level, witnesses fear for their relatives. "People are scared to help us, they fear kidnappings, the mafia is inside the government," he says. The first hearings were attended by a large number of foreign observers, including those of the embassies which financially support the center - the United States, the

United Kingdom and the Netherlands in particular. This is a considerable challenge when it's about the rich and powerful... Corruption is the basic problem," the European Union ambassador, Franz-Michael Mellbin, told AFP, referring to the many "ghost employees" of the ministries and even of the army or the police. But both the international community and the Afghan people must be realistic, he added. "Previously a lot of cases were poorly prepared and it was very easy for defense lawyers to dismiss them," he adds, justifying the need to "isolate the institution from the power to let them work and gather the evidence and build the cases properly". —AFP

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### YOUNG US IMMIGRANTS WORRIED ABOUT FUTURE

undreds of thousands of young immigrants living in the country illegally willingly came out of the shadows and identified themselves to the Obama administration on the promise that they'd be safe from deportation and allowed to work. Some may now regret that decision. President-elect Donald Trump has promised to immediately scrap the program that protected these immigrants. If he does, it's not clear whether he would take action against the more than 741,000 participants. But if he decides to pursue them, the government now has their addresses, photographs and fingerprints.

Twenty-year-old Nancy Villas was among the first to apply for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in the summer of 2012, waiting in line hours at a sign-up site at Chicago's Navy Pier. Since then she's been working part time at a child care center to pay for college classes. Now she's worried she may eventually be forced to return to Mexico, a country she left when she was 9. "I knew it was the only way to have better opportunities," Villas said. "Í took the risk without thinking that somebody would want to take it away."

Trump made illegal immigration the cornerstone of his campaign, promising to build a massive wall along the Mexican border and deport millions of people living in the country illegally. Once he takes office, Trump can almost immediately rescind the promised protection and, with it, likely void the accompanying work permits. But there is little to suggest that he would move swiftly to deport program participants. In a postelection interview with CBS' "60 Minutes," Trump said he would focus initially on criminal immigrants living illegally in the US. He said that could be about 2 million to 3 million people, though that figure is likely inflated.

Mark Krikorian, executive director for Center For Immigration Studies, said the fears of pro-

gram participants may be overblown. "Unless there's a crime issue or something specific that's going to draw attention to an individual, I can't see how they'd be a priority," said Krikorian, whose think-tank describes itself as low-immigration, pro-immigrant.

President Barack Obama initiated the program to shield from deportation young immigrants, some of whom don't even remember their native countries. It didn't give the immigrants legal status, only "deferred action" - meaning they wouldn't face deportation while they participated. There was never a guarantee that it would last beyond Obama's term as president. A former immigration official who helped craft the program, John Sandweg, said the White House and the Homeland Security Department considered the reality that a future president could end it. But at the time, he said, it appeared that revoking already-approved protections would be politically difficult.

### Opposition

"These are the kinds of kids you should bring out of the shadows," said Sandweg, a former acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "I don't think anyone envisioned a President Trump when this was created." Trump wasn't subtle about his opposition to the program. He called it an "illegal

vent an expansion of the deportation protection plan. When the program started, the Obama administration suggested that application files would not generally be used for enforcement efforts, US Citizenship and Immigration Services addressed the concern in its published "frequently asked questions," saying information would be shared with enforcement officials only if someone "meets the criteria" for deportation proceedings. But revoking the deportation pro-

tection would make those young immigrants

amnesty" and promised to "immediately termi-

nate" the program. And since winning office,

Trump has said he will nominate immigration

hardliner Sen Jeff Sessions as attorney general.

As he considers other Cabinet vacancies, Trump

has met with Kansas Secretary of State Kris

Kobach, who led his state's court fight to pre-

almost immediately eligible to face deportation. Sandweg said going after participants would be a massive logistical undertaking that would only worsen backlogs in an already overburdened immigration court system where many people wait years for a final decision. Adding about 750,000 to the court system "would do nothing for public safety," Sandweg said. Nonetheless, the mere prospect of that has prompted some Democratic lawmakers to ask Obama to protect these immigrants with pardons before he leaves office.

And advocates for the young immigrants have pledged to keep up their fight to win public and political support for overhauling immigration laws. "We organized across the country, we shared our stories publicly and we came together. We took direct actions and held politicians accountable," said Cristina Jimenez, executive director and co-founder of United We Dream. Under a Trump administration, Jimenez said, that won't change. —AP



In this Nov 17, 2016 photo, Nancy Villas stands on a street in Chicago. —AP

# FROM MILK TO BULBS, CASTRO RESHAPED CUBA

■ idel Castro changed the flavor of the ■ milk Cuban children drink at breakfast. He filled Cuban kitchens with energy-saving rice cookers, and he gave a two-hour lesson in their use live on national television. He even changed the nation's lightbulbs, launching a nationwide campaign to replace incandescent bulbs with fluorescents that cast a pallid white light in Cuban homes to this day.

Castro, who died Friday night at 90, gained global stature with grand visions: Confronting the United States; building universal healthcare and education; sending Cuba's doctors to heal the Third World's sick and its soldiers to fight alongside socialist allies from Vietnam to Angola. At home, he expended vast quantities of time and energy remaking the minutest aspects of life in the country he ruled for nearly 50 years. Obsessive, restless, fixated on details, Castro is being remembered by many Cubans for his decades of smaller-scale, often quixotic initiatives to implant Soviet-style central planning on an unruly and improvisation-

al Caribbean island. Ten years after Castro turned power over to his brother Raul, the artifacts of his time in command still feature in the daily lives of average Cubans, particularly those related to Castro's passions for agricultural productivity and energy-saving. Millions of Cubans still depend on the pale-blue ration book that once provided a month's worth of free food, reduced today to about 15 days of rice, beans, eggs, chicken, cooking oil, salt and sugar.

In Nov 2005, Castro tried to persuade his countrymen to also feed their children "chocolatin", a mix of powdered milk and cocoa distributed to families in 200-gm bags. "Seven of every 11 grams are whole milk powder, believe me," he said. "Check it if you're skeptical. Take it to a laboratory and test it. There's also four grams of

cocoa, which is very strong, as strong as it is healthy. I know that our doctors over there in the mountains of Kashmir are drinking their chocolate every night." To this day, it's hard to find a Cuban child who doesn't ask for chocolate-flavored morning milk, itself a legacy of Castro's pledge to give every Cuban under age 7 one liter of milk every day.

### **Initiatives**

In 1961, two years after Castro's revolution won power, the new Cuban government launched an ambitious campaign to stamp out illiteracy. Some 250,000 volunteer teachers, many of them young women, fanned out across the country, especially in rural areas where access to education was spotty and the need was greatest. In the space of a year, about

700,000 people learned to read and write, said "Maestra", a documentary that explores the initiative's history. Today, Cuba reports a literacy rate of 99.8 percent, on par with the most developed nations in the world.

In 1960, Castro launched the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution, neighborhood watch groups given the job of implementing social welfare projects and natural disaster assistance, looking out for the elderly and organizing modest block parties. They also serve as the government's eyes and ears, networks of informants that enforce compliance and watch for suspicious activity such as political dissidence or an illegal satellite hookup. The committees are so ubiquitous that just about everyone in Cuba, especially in the cities, still



In this Feb 13, 1961 file photo, Cuba's leader Fidel Castro cuts sugarcane in an unknown location in Cuba. —AP

lives within sight of the home of a committee member.

In 1985, many Cubans stopped smoking when Castro abandoned his ubiquitous cigars as part of a nationwide campaign against tobacco, which remains one of the island's principal exports. Some Cubans fondly remember his personal involvement in the daily problems of individual citizens, while others say he created a leader-dependent autocracy that remains virtually immobile without direct commands from the president. "A friend of mine solved her housing problem when she got Fidel's response to her letter seeking help," said Elisa Marquez, a 54-year-old state human resources manager. "With his signature on the letter, it got fixed."

In 2005, Castro's government decided as part of its "energy revolution" that the incandescent light bulb's time was up. Workers went door-to-door across the country as people handed over old 60watt bulbs and were given energy-efficient replacements in the 5- to 18-watt range, with the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution helping keep track of those who complied. The switch is still evident today in millions of dimly lit homes, stores and offices. Some people have complained that the light is barely enough to read by or for kids to do homework after nightfall.

In March 2005, Castro stunned islanders with the sudden announcement that the government would hand out 100,000 new pressure cookers each month until some 2.5 million were distributed in all - and that still more would then be made available at subsidized prices, along with Chinese-made rice cookers. The move "will do away with the rustic kitchen", Castro said in remarks to the Federation of Cuban Women. Today the pressurized appliances remain a fixture in households everywhere. —AP

### **KEOTHAVONG NAMED** FED CUP CAPTAIN

LONDON: Former British number one Anne Keothavong will succeed Andy Murray's mother Judy as her country's Fed Cup captain, the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) said yesterday. Her first assignment will be the Euro/Africa Zone Group 1 ties in Tallinn, Estonia following next year's Australian Open. London-born Keothavong, whose brother James is a top-level umpire, retired, aged 29, in 2013 and has been working as a TV pundit for BT Sport since. She reached a career-high ranking of 48th in 2009 - the first British woman to crack the top 50 for 16 years. "I think Anne is a great choice as our next Fed Cup captain," British number one Johanna Konta said. "She will lead from real life experience because she was a winner on court and she knew what it took to step up and play for her country." — Reuters

### BARCELONA CAPTAIN INIESTA FIT FOR CLASICO

BARCELONA: Barcelona captain Andres Iniesta is available to play against Real Madrid in the first Clasico of the season on Saturday at the Nou Camp, coach Luis Enrique said yesterday. The 32-year-old midfielder damaged knee ligaments last month and returned to training on Friday. "Andres is waiting to be given the all clear by the doctors but this is just a formality. He is fit and he has been training with us," Luis Enrique told a news conference. "He is available for selection." The Spain international missed Sunday's 1-1 draw at Real Sociedad, a result that left Barca six points adrift of La Liga leaders Real Madrid, who are unbeaten in 31 games in all competitions. Iniesta will not travel to Alicante for Barca's King's Cup round of 32 first-leg match against Hercules on Wednesday. "Andres is not playing tomorrow because he is banned but had he been available, he would have had minutes," Luis Enrique said. Sunday's result in San Sebastian was Barca's second successive draw in La Liga. "It's obvious that we need to improve, that we need more consistent but I don't see any signs to worry me too much," Luis Enrique said. "The team is well and we got a point at La Real. We are still favourites to win all the titles but it's clear that we have to improve. — Reuters

### HAMEED TO RETURN HOME FOR SURGERY

MOHALI: England batsman Haseeb Hameed's India tour ended yesterday with skipper Alastair Cook confirming he will return home to have surgery on his injured hand. Hameed-who made his debut in the first Test in Rajkot-was hit on his left hand by a rising delivery from Indian seamer Umesh Yadav in the first innings at Mohali. But the teenager played through the third Test with a broken hand-though his valiant effort of 59 not out in England's second essay could not save the Test for the visitors, who now trail 2-0 in the five-match series. "He has got a broken hand, needs a plate within it to fix it. He's out for the whole tour, he is going home. A replacement would be called," Cook told reporters after the team's eight-wicket loss. Hameed, nicknamed "Baby Boycott" for his unflappable style of play, came to bat at number eight on the fourth day and put in a strong performance during his 156-ball stay. — AFP



NASSAU: Tiger Woods speaks with the media ahead of the Hero World Challenge at Albany, The Bahamas yesterday in Nassau, Bahamas. — AFP

### WOODS RELAXED AHEAD OF COMEBACK IN BAHAMAS

**NASSAU:** Tiger Woods delivered a strong indication he is ready for his comeback after a 16-month layoff when out-driving Olympic champion Justin Rose at Nassau's Albany Club in the Bahamas on Monday.

The 14-time Major winner makes his long awaited return in the Hero World Challenge starting Thursday, where he will play with American Ryder Cup star Patrick Reed. He teamed up with Rose, who has been a resident on the exclusive Albany estate for two and a half years, former New York Yankees baseball legend Derek Jeter and fellow World Series winner Tino

Woods, who has 'parked' his luxury yacht 'Privacy' close to Rose's palatial home on the island, was clearly very relaxed in the company of the three and aside from an errant drive down the left side of the 13th he was in play for much of the nine holes in the sunny but windy conditions.

There were no official scores recorded but it's understood Woods, wearing shorts, shot a comfortable one-over-par 37 for the nine holes that included two bogeys and a

Highlight of his nine holes was a 350yard downwind drive at the par-four 15th that was easily 40 yards further than Rose.

Rose is returning after a seven-week injury absence and looked a lot more rusty than Woods who will tee-up in the 18-man \$3 million event in his first appearance since sharing 10th in the Wyndham Championship 465 days ago.

"I was really pleased the way I was striking the ball as I hit it pretty well but then the wind today is expected to come from a different direction on Thursday," said Woods. "The greens, and how they've set them up at the moment, are a little too quick for this wind and with talk of a storm also coming in on Thursday, they should be perfect." It was Woods' second nine holes on the Ernie Els designed course having played the front nine on Saturday and spending Sunday working on the range.

But if his golf and his positive demeanour is any sign then Woods could surprise many come Thursday's start to the

Woods seems to have gained further strength in chatting at length over the nine holes with both Jeter and Martinez, with Jeter competing in the later stages of his own career with a broken ankle he sus tained in October 2012.

### **SURGERIES**

"That's one of the things I was talking to Derek and Tino about and that his how long did it take them at the start of each match to get ready to go out and play in each game," disclosed Woods.

"We all know Derek broke his ankle and in coming back from that he said it used to take him three to four hours just to get prepared for a game.

"I also was discussing that today with 'Rosey' (Justin Rose) and he also says he needs to spend upwards of an hour and a half in the gym before he tees-up each day of a tournament given he's now 36 years of age. "It's been the same deal with me and long before I was out injured for this long period. "We all agreed we missed the times early in our careers when you could just turn up, grab your equipment and just go out and hit a 300-yard drive.

"I can't do that anymore as I'm at an age where it takes time to prepare as I've had like three knee surgeries and also the operations on my back." — AFP

# ROWING, CANOE, SWIMMING TO REMAIN AT TOKYO VENUES

**TOKYO:** Olympic organizers agreed yesterday to keep the rowing, canoe sprint and swimming venues at their planned sites in Tokyo for the 2020 Games, while postponing a decision until Christmas on a possible switch for volleyball.

Representatives of the International Olympic Committee, Tokyo organizers and Japan's central and city governments have been discussing ways of reducing costs, including possibly moving three sports from planned new venues to

The group was established in October after a Tokyo government panel said the Olympics cost could exceed 3 trillion yen (\$27 billion) unless drastic cuts were made.

The Tokyo panel had initially proposed moving the rowing and canoe sprint venue, currently planned at the Sea Forest in Tokyo, to Miyagi prefecture, 400 kilometers (250 miles) north of Tokyo, after its cost estimate soared to nearly 50 billion yen (\$450 million). A new feasibility study shows the cost could come down to around 30 billion yen (\$270 million).

"Considering the cost, location and various other factors, we have decided to hold (the rowing and canoeing) at the planned Sea Forest site,"Tokyo Gov. Yuriko Koike said.

Koike proposed using the Naganuma boat facility, which she had considered as an option, as a training facility ahead of the Tokyo Games. Koike had pushed for the Naganuma facility, which is in the area still recovering from the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami, as a symbol of reconstruction, which she says gives significance to holding the Olympics in Japan in 2020. A new swimming facility at its planned location, Tatsumi in eastern Tokyo, will have seating capacity reduced from 20,000 to 15,000, saving 14 billion yen (\$125 million). Koike, however, said she still needs time to decide whether to move indoor volleyball to Yokohama Arena instead of building a new arena in Tokyo's coastal Ariake district.

She said the estimated 40 billion yen (\$360 million) cost of the Tokyo venue is "still very high," promising a decision by Christmas - a



TOKYO: International Olympic Committee (IOC) Vice President and Chairman of the Coordination Commission for the Tokyo 2020 Games John Coates (R) attends the meeting of the Four-Party Working Group representatives in Tokyo yesterday. Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike on November 29 dropped a proposal to move a 2020 Olympic canoeing venue outside the capital, instead vowing to cut construction costs on that and another facility. — AFP

delay the group accepted. At yesterday's fourparty talks, Tokyo organizing committee CEO Toshiro Muto proposed putting a 2 trillion yen (\$18 billion) cap on the total Olympic cost, whose estimate has yet to be released. IOC vice president John Coates, who heads the international body's coordination commission for Tokyo, said the ceiling was too high and he was still not satisfied with the number. "The IOC has not agreed to that amount of money," Coates told reporters

after the meeting. "We believe the cost can be significantly lower than that," Coates said, citing "high figures" on the rent. "We can make some savings on those figures." Cost estimates at a number of venues have surged since Tokyo was awarded the games in 2013, in part due to rising construction costs related to disaster reconstruction.

Koike repeatedly cited the IOC's "Agenda 2020" reforms that seek sustainable Olympics and encourage the use of existing venues, not just in Japan but universally, saying her effort is fully in line with them. Concerns over costs have discouraged some cities from bidding. — AP



NAGANO: Japanese Buddhist monk, Kazuki Yazawa (4th R) walks with other monks after the morning prayers at the courtyard of Zenkoji Buddhist temple in Nagano on November 7, 2016. Yazawa, who finished 11th in the men's kayak slalom at the Rio Olympics earlier this year, is contemplating the holy grail of the 2020 Tokyo Games — if he can find time between all that chanting and meditating. — AFP

HEAVEN AND HULL FOR

### US SAILING HIRES MALCOLM PAGE TO LEAD OLYMPIC TEAM

**SAN DIEGO:** US Sailing is turning to twotime gold medalist Malcolm Page of Australia to try to turn around the American Olympic team's sagging fortunes.

The national governing body hired Page as chief of Olympic sailing on Monday. Page won gold medals in the 470 class at the 2008 and 2012 Olympics. That's one more medal combined than the United States won in the 2012 and 2016 Olympics. The Americans were shut out in 2012, the first time that happened since 1936, and won just one medal at the Rio Games in August, a bronze in the Finn class by Caleb Paine of San Diego.

Page said in a phone interview that standing on the Olympic podium representing Australia was one of his most special accomplishments.

But he's wanted to get back to the performance side of the sport, and leading the US Olympic team was too good of a chance to pass up. "I'm a competitor," he said. "I hate losing, and I'm excited to be here and to be involved and to assist. I'm looking forward to seeing these athletes realizing their dreams. I want to help them get to that point." Page, who currently is head of marketing and media for World Sailing, replaces Josh Adams, who is leaving US Sailing to tend to his family business.

The United States has won the most Olympic sailing medals in history, 60, but the well-funded British team has quickly pulled within one. Plus, the Brits lead the Americans in gold medals, 28 to 19.

The United States dominated Olympic sailing in the 1980s and early 1990s before Britain, Australia and New Zealand began overtaking it.

US Sailing President Bruce Burton said there were American candidates for the job, but that Page "is a great fit for what we need" because he brings "a template" of the success the Australians had in rebuilding their Olympic program. Burton said the Australians hired top coaches, put together a strategic plan and found the money to compete at a high level.

The Australians were shut out in the 2004 Athens games despite having several world champions and top-ranked sailors on their team. "I was one of those world champions and world No. 1s leading into the games and I took a solid 12th," Page said.

He said athletes initiated a review and the federation took over to restore the program. The Aussies responded with two golds and one silver at Beijing in 2008, and three golds and one silver in London, when the Aussies, including Page, outperformed the powerful British team.

Burton said US Sailing needed a different point of view. "We've been looking in the mirror quite a bit but we need a different picture," he said. "We think we needed a little bit different perspective and we think Malcolm does a great job of bringing that

US Sailing is working to direct more resources to the national team and a youth development effort. Including Paine, Americans finished in the Top-10 in six classes in Rio. "I think the potential in the US is through the roof and I mean that from so many different levels," Page said. "It has a huge population and a huge talent base. That talent base hasn't been lost even though you haven't been as successful. And also the wealth potential, the funding potential, is there as well. We just need a cohesive approach and a cohesive team to pull it all together, which I do believe the journey started four years ago on that." — AP

### JAPAN'S KAYAKING MONK **NAGANO:** Rising silently before dawn to slip on his monastic robes and begin the solemn duties of a Buddhist monk, Kazuki Yazawa is not your average Olympic athlete. Bowing his shaved head in prayer five times a day as part at the ancient Zenkoji Daikanjin Temple, Yazawa is so committed to his

Japan's top canoeist. But Yazawa, who finished 11th in the men's kayak slalom at the Rio Olympics earlier this year, is contemplating the holy grail of the 2020 Tokyo Games. "Of course I want to compete in Tokyo," the 27-yearold told AFP in an interview as the early morning sun crept above the roof of his temple in Nagano prefecture. "It will be the only chance in my life to compete at an Olympics in Japan," added Yazawa, who also represented his country at the Beijing and London Games. "But it's pretty hard to win an Olympic medal if you also happen to be a monk. To set your heart on winning a medal, you have to be completely focused. Otherwise it's impossible."

faith very few people would recognise him as

Still getting to grips with the priesthood's austere way of life, Yazawa squeezes in kayak training each afternoon, pulling on a T-shirt and shorts before hurtling down a nearby river at breakneck speed. The fun-loving priest, who frequently posts grinning selfies on Instagram, flirted with retirement after a Japanese record ninth-place finish at the 2012 London Olympics as his thoughts turned to finding a steady job for the future.

### **ROOM WITH A PEW**

Instead he was persuaded to swap his life as an athlete on the professional circuit for a room with a pew. "I didn't have an epiphany-I simply wasn't interested in becoming a priest," said Yazawa, who took the advice of the local canoe federation boss Kenei Koyama, himself a priest. "(But) I really looked up to my teacher (Koyama) and wanted to become like him, someone who will be there to help people. "Obviously now I don't have enough time for my kayak training but I get to enjoy the sport in its purest form," he added. "I still want to win though. hat hasn't changed."

Yazawa, whose younger sister Aki also qualified for Rio, admits his second calling got off to a difficult start. "The first two months of monastic training were in the mountains," he said. "You wake up at 2:00 am and study until 10:00 am, sat with your legs crossed the whole time. The food is very basic and you have to do the cleaning. It's tough."

But while Yazawa can no longer spend as much time in the gym or on the water, he believes he does have divine support. "I don't feel that because I'm a priest my kayak goes any faster," he smiles. "But I do feel that the Buddha is protecting me. "You must have a goal and dedicate yourself to it. If you do that, then it's in the last split-second where Buddha will help you," added Yazawa, who last month captured the Japan Cup.

### **HOLY WATER**

Yazawa says his faith helps make him a better canoeist. "I don't do anything particularly religious before I get into the canoe," he said. "But I believe if I focus hard enough, the Buddha will give me a gentle push on the water." His senior monks woke up in the middle of the night to watch live streaming of Yazawa's races in Rio, further supporting him with text messages and Skype calls. "We all want him to win a medal at the Tokyo Olympics," said priest Shinjun Denda. "We will all be cajoling him and pushing him to compete." For now religion comes first for Yazawa, who insists he wants to race on his own terms. "I don't want to have any regrets," he

said, sitting in front of the temple's grand altar. "When you come to a place like this you feel your heart relax. It helps control your feelings when you're competing under pressure. But if you don't control your own thoughts, you won't get any help from above." — AFP



## BATTLE FOR WORLD CHESS CROWN HEADS TO TIEBREAKER

**NEW YORK:** Neither reigning champ Magnus Carlsen of Norway nor Russian grandmaster Sergei Karyakin has claimed the world chess crown after 12 matches, throwing the tournament to four tiebreak games scheduled for today.

Almost three weeks after the chess World Championship began, the last scheduled game ended Monday in a draw-just like nine of the previous 11 games-with spectators left hungry for decisive action in the forthcoming tiebreaker.

"I'm not proud of the game today, but I think there's a tradeoff" for the spectators, said Carlsen, alluding to the extra chess to be played. Regulations stipulate that the two players will now participate in four rapid games, which the World Chess Federation says will be played "at the rate of 25 minutes per player per game, with 10 seconds added after each move." All previous games allowed for more than three hours of play. In the event of a draw at the end of those four games, the players will participate in two blitz games, a fast format played at the rate of five minutes per player at the start, with three seconds added after each move. Should there still be a tie at this point, they will play up to four more sets of blitz games.

"If there is still no winner, Carlsen and Karyakin



NEW YORK: Sergey Karjakin (R), Russian chess grandmaster, plays against Magnus Carlsen, Norwegian chess grandmaster and current World Chess Champion, during round 12 of the World Chess Championship on Monday. — AFP

will play an Armageddon game in which white has five minutes and black has four, but black only has to draw to win the match," the World Chess Federation said. The eventual accelerated games leave plenty of opportunity for harried mistakes.

But in the meantime, Carlsen said "25 minutes and 10 seconds per move is a lot of time so we're still playing normal chess."

"We're not at the penalty stage yet. We're at extra time," he said, making a soccer analogy. "I understand if sometimes both teams are not trying to score in the last minute of regulation that can be frustrating but also having extra time is exciting."

The winner will be declared world champion and will take home 600,000 euros (\$637,000). The loser will walk away with a consolation prize of 400,000 euros. At the end of the eighth game, which ended in a victory for Karyakin, Carlsen left the premises in a state of fury before participating in a press conference, which earned him a penalty equal to five percent of his earnings, whether he wins or loses.

More than six million people have checked in on the World Chess Championships via its official website since the start of the competition, a spokesman said Monday, without specifying how many had paid to watch the live video. — AFP

### **UAE HONORS AL-DAIHANI AS** ARAB SPORTS FIGURE OF '16

**DUBAI:** The Mohammad bin Rashed Al-Maktoum Creative Sports award has named Kuwait's shooter Fheid Al-Daihani Monday as one of the distinguished and creative Arab sports figures of the year 2016. Al-Daihani was chosen by the award's council of secretaries for his remarkable achievement, winning the gold medal in the men's double trap competition of the 2016 Rio Olympic Games in Brazil last August.

The council has also chosen Jordan's Taekwondo athlete Ahmad Abughaush for the award after he won the gold medal in Taekwondo at Rio'16, and Prince Ali bin Al-Hussein, President of the Jordan Football Association and West Asian Football Federation, for his recent significant efforts at FIFA, in addition to his constant demands for implementing transparency in FIFA. It has also chosen UAE's Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashed Al-Maktoum, President of Al-Nasr Club, for his efforts in the development of sports in his country and his support of disability sports, sea sports, and equestrian sports. The award honors individuals, teams, and establishments that

demonstrate creativity in the field of sports. Meanwhile, UAE General Public Authority for Youth and Sports Welfare honored three Kuwaiti trekkers who travelled on foot from Kuwait to UAE to cele-

The three Kuwaiti trekkers were merited for their journey by Secretary General of the Authority Ibrahim Abdul Malik Mohammed in a celebration held to mark **UAE** National Day.

brate the latter's National Day.

Speaking on behalf of his fellowtrekkers, Ali Al-Ajmi told KUNA that the main goal of taking on this 14-day trek was to show sentiment of solidarity, love and loyalty to UAE and its people; it's a gesture of brotherly love to the Emirati people.

He expressed appreciation to UAE Authority for Youth and Sports for a great welcome and greater honor he and his fellow mates received.

He also thanked Kuwait Public Authority for Sports and Youth for its support. Abdullah Mani and Ayed Al-Ajmi have been alongside Al-Ajmi in a trek that was named "UAE is worth it." — KUNA

# ENGLAND'S SCRUM IS THE PROBLEM: CHEIKA

LONDON: Australia coach Michael Cheika has fired back at Eddie Jones by insisting it is England rather than Australia who scrum illegally.

England boss Jones riled his native Australia by calling for a pre-match meeting with referee Jaco Peper ahead of Saturday's clash at Twickenham to discuss his concerns about the Wallabies' scrum.

But Cheika said Jones, once his teammate at Sydney club Randwick, had to get his own house in order after prop Dan Cole was sin-binned for collapsing a scrum during England's 27-14 win at home to Argentina last Saturday.

"I think the important thing there to note is that he's got to be looking at his own players because they're the ones who have a prop with a yellow card and that same prop's been infringing the law since his career started, probably if not all of this year," Cheika said Tuesday.

Cheika, in a thinly veiled reference to Cole's play during England's 3-0 series win in Australia in June, added: "It's up to the ref whether he gets influenced by that really after the guy's been boring in and falling down all of June in the series we played against them." The Australia coach stressed his side scrummed correctly.

"We scrum square," he said. "We've got an Argentinian scrum coach and all we do is scrum square and try to get as much weight as possible." Cheika added that Australia props Scott Sio and James Slipper had been undone at the scrum by Cole not because of any technical deficiencies of their own, but rather as a result of the England front-row's illegal tactics.

### 'BLOWING UP'

"In the summer that's what happened to

Scotty and James-Cole's experience in that way and turning in and pulling down just got the better of them and they weren't able to deal with it." It is standard practice before an international for coaches to meet with a referee in order to get some idea of how a particular official will interpret rugby union's complex rulebook.

But Cheika said Jones, whom he had previously accused of being "vitriolic" towards Australia, the team he guided to a 2003 World Cup final defeat by England in Sydney, now had a different attitude towards such encounters. "It's funny how your tune changes because in the summer when we asked for those meetings he (Jones) was blowing up, he stormed out of one," said Cheika. Rugby Union is unusual in allowing coaches to meet with a referee in the lead-up to a Test match and Cheika questioned whether the practice should

"I don't think the refs like those meetings anyway but they're the rules so we were only asking," he said. "There's no other sport where a coach is meeting a referee the day before a game on their own. "We sign a million integrity forms now at World Rugby and do courses, but I still don't understand how the referee meets the coach before the game on his own."

England head into Saturday's match on a 13-game unbeaten run, having won all 12 of their internationals under Jones since the former Japan coach took charge following last year's World Cup.

Australia, meanwhile, will be looking to recover from a 27-24 loss to Ireland in Dublin last Saturday that ended their hopes of emulating the 1984 Wallabies by completing a Grand Slam of wins over the Home Nations. — AFP



BAGNOLET: Wrestlers of the "Diables Rouges" wrestling club in Bagnolet, attend a training session on November 18, 2016 at the sports hall in Bagnolet. The team of the "Diables Rouges" wrestling club in Bagnolet are performing at the Theatre in Aubervilliers. — AFP



ST LOUIS: St Louis Blues' Vladimir Tarasenko (91), of Russia, celebrates after scoring a goal past Dallas Stars goalie Antti Niemi, left, of Finland, during overtime of an NHL hockey game Monday, in St. Louis. The Blues won 4-3 in overtime. — AP

# Tarasenko scores 10th goal TO LIFT BLUES PAST STARS

ST LOUIS: Giving up a lead late before going on to win two straight games is not St Louis coach Ken Hitchcock's idea of good hockey.

Vladimir Tarasenko scored at 3:24 of overtime to lift the Blues to a 4-3 victory over the Dallas Stars on Monday night. Tarasenko took a pass from Jori Lehtera and fired a wrist shot past Stars goalie Antti Niemi for 10th of the season and team-leading 23rd point.

The Stars had tied it with 50 seconds left in the third period on defenseman Jamie Oleksiak's second goal of the game. "There's a real concern about the leads," Hitchcock said. "There's a real concern about what we gave up and how we did it. We played terrific and had full control of the hockey game. We got careless on our checking and our puck management."

The Blues also gave up a late third-period goal in Saturday's shootout win over Minnesota. "There's a lot of good things to like with what's going on right now," Hitchcock said.

"You like our spirit and our ability to come back but there's genuine concerns on my part about elements of our game that don't hurt you at home but will kill you on the road. We have to get that cleaned up." On the tying goal, Dallas had an extra skater with Niemi pulled and Oleksiak sent the puck at the net from the left point and it got past Blues goalie Jake Allen for his fourth career goal third against St. Louis. "I don't come into games thinking (anything) but I was fortunate to get a couple of bounces here and I think I just do what I can," Oleksiak said. "Obviously I have some familiarity with this team. We play them a lot and played them in the playoffs last year and you kind of learn some tendencies and you kind of learn where to be in certain situations."

Robby Fabbri, Alex Pietrangelo and David Perron also scored for St. Louis, and Allen finished with 18 saves. Jamie Benn had the Stars' other goal and Niemi stopped 27 shots. St. Louis improved to 3-3 in games beyond regulation - including 2-2 in overtime - and Dallas fell to 1-6 - all in OT. "Overtime is killing us right now," Benn said. The Blues took a 3-2 lead with 6:48 remaining as Perron took a pass from Jaden Schwartz and beat Niemi. Perron has the longest active point-scoring streak

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in the NHL at eight games (three goals, eight assists). "We were patient there," Perron said. "We were able to come back and get the two points so it's good." The Blues improved to 6-1-0 over their past seven games. St. Louis has won its last five home games and is 8-0-2 in the last 10 at Scottrade Center. The Blues got on the scoreboard first with 6:24 left in the first period when Fabbri took a pass from Robert Bortuzzo in the right circle and sent a low wrist shot past Niemi. It was Fabbri's first goal in six games.

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Pietrangelo poked in a loose puck under the Niemi's pad at 4:17 of the second period for a power-play goal to make it 2-0. Patrick Berglund redirected the shot by Pietrangelo but Niemi never completely covered it. Charging the net, Pietrangelo pounced and knocked it in.

"We were all whacking away at it," Pietrangelo said. "Somebody has to score it. I do what I can. I was just hoping it was me. I'll take it. Everybody loves to score."

Dallas cut the lead in half with 3:39 left in the second when Oleksiak beat Allen with a wrist shot from the right circle. Oleksiak skated around Perron and Pietrangelo to score.

The goal impressed Dallas coach Lindy Ruff. "He scores two goals. The first one is one you can save for a lifetime and I think it was a turning point for us," Ruff said. "It gave us some belief that we can

get back into the game." The Stars tied it on a power play when Benn, who also had two assists, scored 1:47 into the third. It was his third goal in his last five games. St. Louis had two power-play opportunities in the third period and did not put a shot on goal. This is the second of four meetings between the Stars and Blues this season. Dallas won the first meeting, 6-2, in Dallas on Nov. 3. — AP



# INSIDE 'CUT-THROAT WORLD' OF GAME'S MINNOWS

**HONG KONG:** Elite cricket is a tough game but spare a thought for the sport's minnows, who have to contend with makeshift facilities, scant funding and the chronic threat of financial ruin. At a small ground in the heart of bustling Hong Kong, the soothing sight of an afternoon's play belies the very real risks facing cricket's associate, or second-tier, nations.

Hong Kong have risen as high as 10th in the world in Twenty20 cricket and in 2014 they beat hosts Bangladesh in front of a stunned Chittagong Stadium at the World T20. Yet just a couple of untimely defeats could cost them hundreds of thousands of dollars in International Cricket Council funding, setting them back years. Tim Cutler, Cricket Hong Kong's 34-year-old CEO from Australia, is painfully aware that a run of poor form by the national team could mean the end of his job. "It's such a cut-throat world, associate cricket," Cutler said, as Hong Kong played Papua New Guinea earlier this month.

"There's huge pressure on games of cricket."

Hong Kong play in the tier below the Test nations, but relegation to the next division could cost \$750,000 in funding, plus other

support for tours and training, Cutler said. It gives games between associate nations an edge not found at Test level, with a team's future and the livelihoods of players and officials sometimes at stake.

Kenya, Canada, the Netherlands and Bermuda have all felt the pain of reduced circumstances after losing their ODI status and finding themselves unable to win it back.

### 'TOUGH OLD WORLD'

"If you drop the ball, you can see the effect it's had on teams like Canada and Kenya, Bermuda as well," Cutler said.

"So it's a tough old world, associate cricket. I know if we don't stay up in the World Cricket League then my job's in jeopardy as well... there's a lot of funding linked to some single,

tough, on-field targets. "Sport's a game, sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. Generally business (is)... very rarely linked intrinsically to sometimes single results."

Hong Kong's battle to survive and thrive is not helped by the scarcity of cricket grounds in a densely populated city with some of the world's highest property prices.

Their three-match series against Papua New Guinea was played at Mission Road, close to the heart of the teeming Mong Kok district and skirted by a high-rise apartment block. The former British colony's cricketers often play on cramped fields belonging to schools and the police force, where they use artificial or roll-out wickets.

"Some of those grounds we can only play from one end, just because of how small the grounds are," Cutler said. Cricket Hong Kong recently took over the lease at a former landfill site at Gin Drinkers Bay, whose Cantonese name translates as "Rubbish Bay".

"It's an ex-landfill so it will be quite convex. So we won't be playing high-class cricket on there," dead-panned the CEO.

### **Match-fixing approaches**

Such conditions pose problems when Hong Kong play abroad: not used to bigger fields, their batsmen have to hit harder than usual to reach the boundary. "It sometimes does play on our minds with the small boundaries, especially when we play international games with the boundaries being much bigger," said Hong Kong batsman Anshuman Rath. "We tend to get away with it here because of the small boundary... just 45 metres (49 yards), hitting sixes all day long."

Low wages can also make players vulnerable, as seen when Hong Kong all-rounder Irfan Ahmed was banned for 30 months this year for failing to report match-fixing approaches. Cutler, who was appointed last year, is working to establish new revenue streams with tournaments such as the Hong Kong Sixes or the T20 Blitz, which featured ex-Australia captain Michael Clarke in its inaugural edition in May.

Even as those tournaments take root, with the hugely successful Hong Kong Sevens rugby tournament as their model, Cutler says he wishes cricket had more government support in semi-autonmous Hong Kong, a Chinese "Special Administrative Region" of seven million people. "We have a Hong Kong side that's performing at the highest level. We're ranked 14th in the world in one-day cricket, we've been ranked as high as 10 in T20 cricket," he said.

"It's something for Hong Kong to be proud of, and we should celebrate it." At least Cricket Hong Kong isn't having to pay for any smashed windows.

At the Mission Road ground, the apartment block flanking the boundary has so far remained unscathed. "I don't think anyone can hit it that far," said Rath. — AFP

# KIWIS WIN AFTER FINAL-SESSION AS PAKISTAN COLLAPSE

**HAMILTON:** New Zealand took nine wickets in a dramatic final session of the second Test against Pakistan to win by 130 runs in Hamilton yesterday and sweep the series 2-0. It was New Zealand's first series win over Pakistan since 1985 and a relieved captain Kane Williamson called it one of the most remarkable Test finishes he had ever played in.

"Without a doubt," he said, admitting he felt Pakistan had a chance to win when they started the final session needing 211 off 204 balls. "You take nine wickets in a session, they're all pretty big moments... from the feeling at tea time to the feeling now is pretty contrasting and will go down as a great Test victory."

Pakistan were faced with an imposing 369-run target but set themselves up for a run-a-ball slog when they reached tea on the final day at 158 for 1. At that stage Williamson began to question whether he had declared New Zealand's second innings too early at 313 for 5. "It does cross your mind, but at the point of declaration we did know that the opposition needs a sniff," he said. "They tried to chase it and we were able to get opportunities." Pakistan

### MILLENNIUM CUP - 2016

KUWAIT: Kuwait's most awaited tennis ball cricket tournament, The Millennium Cup which will be in action starting November @ grounds in Mirqab and Salmiya. First time in the history of tennis cricket in Kuwait, we will be seeing a tournament of such rewarding kinds. This tournament will be witnessing Kuwait's top teams participating and working their way towards clinching the Millennium CUP 2016. This tournament is being organized by one of the prominent tennis cricket club in Kuwait, Alida's Cricket Club and is also being partnered by NCB National Certification Bureau. On behalf of Alida's Cricket Club & PAT Group we hope that you all enjoy the game of cricket and come in numbers to view interesting games. Finals will be on December 9.

captain Azhar Ali said they tried to pull out of the chase and play for a draw when Sarfraz Ahmed was run out to make it 199for 4 but they could not hold on.

"We thought that's it because the new ball" was due, he said. "We did not want our lower order to be exposed to that but at the end if did happen and unfortunately we could not get the result we wanted."

The match edged towards a cliff-hanger finish before Tim Southee removed Pakistan's leading run scorer Sami Aslam for 91. That started the collapse which saw eight wickets fall for 49 in 20 overs with Neil Wagner taking the final three for no runs in just six deliveries.

### LATE CHARGE, THEN COLLAPSE

New Zealand's series win means Pakistan fall from second to fourth in the world rankings while New Zealand move up to sixth. Pakistan were left to ponder whether they left their charge too late. Azhar Ali (58 off 161 deliveries) and Aslam (91 off 238) laid the platform with a record Pakistan fourth innings opening stand of 131 but it lasted 60 overs before Azhar was dismissed.

The arrival of Babar Azam was a signal to lift the pace but the pitch was still offering support to the bowlers on the fifth day. Azhar (58) played on trying to hit leg-spinner Mitchell Santner out of the ground and Azam (16) went in similar fashion fourth ball after tea

Aslam, trying to raise the tempo having reached his highest Test score, mistimed a drive off Southee to Williamson at mid-off. Sarfraz Ahmed was run out for 19 off 21 balls and Asad Shafiq did not get off the mark. Veteran Younis Khan, on his 39th birthday, struggled to 11 before he fell lbw to Southee.

Colin de Grandhomme snapped up Sohail Khan for eight before Wagner removed Mohammad Amir, Wahab Riaz and Imran Khan all without scoring. It was a Test that had begun in Pakistan's favour after they won the toss on a lush green surface and celebrated with a wicket in the first over. But that bright start faded rapidly and even the loss of more than four sessions to rain could save them.

Reaching 369 would have meant overtaking the record fourth innings chase in New Zealand of 348 for 5 by the West Indies 47 years ago in Auckland. — AFP



MOHALI: India's Parthiv Patel plays a shot for a boundary on the fourth day of the third cricket Test match against England, in Mohali, India, yesterday. — AP

# INDIA BRUSH ASIDE ENGLAND FOR 2-0 LEAD

**MOHALI:** India registered a comprehensive eight-wicket win over England in the third Test in Mohali and went up 2-0 in the five-match series. The hosts finished at 104-2 in 20.2 overs, chasing down the 103-run target with resolute ease. With two tests to play, India has outplayed England so far on tour.

Parthiv Patel struck his fifth test half-century and spearheaded the short run-chase after tea. He was unbeaten on 67 runs at the end, facing 54 deliveries in all, hitting 11 fours and a six.

He put on 81 runs for the second wicket with Cheteshwar Pujara (25). Their 50-partnership came off 62 balls. Patel reached his half-century off only 39 balls. Indian skipper Virat Kohli was full of praise for the 31-year-old who was called up as replacement for injured keeper Wriddhiman Saha.

Additionally, Patel was also asked to open the innings when Lokesh Rahul was ruled out at the last minute. "The intent he showed in both innings just deflated the opposition. Credit to him to go out there and counter attack, and take on their pacers. I think he really stood out in this game for me as a batsman. As a keeper as well he did well too," said Kohli.

With the finish line in sight, Pujara was out caught sweeping off Adil Rashid (1-28). Patel and Kohli (6 not out) then completed the formalities without any fuss. This was after a brave half-century by injured Haseeb Hameed helped England finish their second innings at 236.

Alastair Cook confirmed that Hameed has a broken finger in his left hand, and is out of the remaining two tests. He will be flying home to England and a replacement will be named shortly. In the morning session, Joe Root (78) scored a gritty half-century, facing 179 balls and scoring six boundaries. Starting from overnight 78-4, Root looked to bat for time. Jos Buttler (18) counter-attacked at the other end, and hit one four as well as a six in his 18-ball stay.

Buttler put on 29 runs for the sixth wicket with Root. He then holed out to long on off Jayant Yadav (2-21). Hameed and Root put on 45 runs for the seventh wicket. Just before lunch, India got the big wicket.

Ravindra Jadeja (2-62) ended Root's resistance, caught at slip by Ajinkya Rahane, the fielder pulling off a superb one-handed catch to his left. Hameed and Chris Woakes (30) then put on 43 runs for the eighth wicket. Woakes was dismissed caught behind after India took the second new ball.

Mohammed Shami (2-37) hit Woakes on the helmet in the 84th over, but the batsman was unhurt. He was dismissed off the next ball, fending another short ball.

Two balls later, Adil Rashid (0) was caught at fine leg, pulling another short delivery from Shami. Hameed then changed gears. He had scored only 17 runs off the first 117 balls he had faced. Thereafter he scored 33 off 37 to reach his second test half-century. In all, Hameed scored 59 not out and hit six fours as well as a six in his 156-ball stay spanning just short of three hours.

Indian players had shaken his hand at the end of the England innings. Later, both captains paid tribute to the manner in which the youngster batted.

"He's showed great character for a 19-year old at this level. He put his hand up when his team wanted him to do it," said Kohli. Alastair Cook confirmed that Hameed has a broken finger in his left hand, and is out of the remaining two tests. He will be flying home to England and a replacement will be named shortly.

"He has got a broken hand and needs a plate within it to fix it. It's obviously unlucky for a youngster who impressed us all with his technique and talent, and obviously now with his bravery and determination.

When he's playing for England, he'll do anything to get out there. To play like that was a very special knock," said Cook. Hameed put on 41 runs for the tenth wicket with Anderson (5), who was run-out by Jadeja (2-62) with a throw from the deep. Ravichandran Ashwin (3-81) and Jayant Yadav (2-21) shared five wickets.

India are now unbeaten in five home Tests this season, and have stretched their unbeaten streak to Galle (Sri Lanka, 2015). Since then, under Kohli, India have not tasted defeat in 16 consecutive Tests.

"When you are put in trouble after losing the toss on a good wicket, the bowlers stand up. Then on day two, you are 156-5 and then your lower order steps up. So those two days, including the third day, were very pleasing for me as captain. Our confidence went up really high even in the second innings when we came out with the ball," said Kohli.

Meanwhile, Cook lamented the missed chances for his side, in particular the low score after winning the toss and opting to bat on a fresh pitch.

"We were behind the game in the first innings. We were not good enough. No magic balls were being bowled really. What we did is we showed good character to drag ourselves back in but in this part of the world you need a big score, certainly on a wicket like that. There is no hiding behind it.

We were not good enough to do that," he said. India won the second Test in Visakhapatnam by 246 runs. The first test in Rajkot was drawn. The third test begins in Mumbai on December 8. — AP

### **SCOREBOARD**

HAMILTON: New Zealand's Matt Henry bowls during day five of the second crick-

et Test match between New Zealand and Pakistan at Seddon Park in Hamilton

HAMILTON, New Zealand: Completed scoreboard in the second and final Test between New Zealand and Pakistan at Seddon Park in Hamilton yesterday.

1-0-2-0.

New Zealand first innings 271 (J. Raval 55; Sohail Khan 4-99) Pakistan first innings 216 (Babar Azam 90 not out; Southee 6-80)

yesterday. — AFP

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Pakistan second innings (overnight 1-	0)
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Babar Azam b Santner	16
Sarfraz Ahmed run out	
(de Grandhomme/Watling)	19
Younis Khan Ibw Southee	11
Asad Shafiq c Nicholls b Henry	0

Mohammad Rizwan not out 13 Sohail c Nicholls b de Grandhomme Mohammad Amir c Watling b Wagner 0 Wahab Riaz c Watling b Wagner Imran Khan c Latham b Wagner Extras; (b4, lb3, w6, nb1) 14 Total: (all out, 92.1 overs) 230 Fall of wickets: 1-131 (Azhar), 2-159 (Azam), 3-181 (Aslam), 4-199 (Ahmed), 5-204 (Shafiq), 6-218 (Younis), 7-229 (Sohail), 8-230 (Amir), 9-230 (Riaz), 10-230 (Imran) **Bowling:** Southee 24-6-60-2, Henry 19-5-38-1, Wagner 20.1-4-57-3 (2w, 1nb), Santner 16-2-

49-2, de Grandhomme 12-5-17-1, Williamson

### **SCOREBOARD**

MOHALI, India: Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the third cricket Test between India and England in

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England 1st innings 283 (J. Bairstow 89; M. Shami 3-63) India 1st innings 417 (R. Jadeja 90, R. Ashwin 72; B. Stokes 5-73, A. Rashid 4-118)

England 2nd innings (overnight 78-4; J. Root 36 not out) A. Cook b Ashwin 12 J. Root c Rahane b Jadeja 78 M. Ali c J. Yadav b Ashwin J. Bairstow c Patel b J. Yadav 15 B. Stokes Ibw b Ashwin 5 G. Batty Ibw b Jadeja J. Buttler c Jadeja b J. Yadav 18 H. Hameed not out 59 C. Woakes c Patel b Shami 30 A. Rashid c U. Yadav b Shami 0 J. Anderson run out 5

Extras (b8, lb1)

Total (all out, 90.2 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-27 (Cook), 2-39 (Ali), 3-70 (Bairstow), 4-78 (Stokes), 5-78 (Batty), 6-107 (Buttler), 7-152 (Root), 8-195 (Woakes), 9-195 (Rashid), 10-236 (Anderson)

Bowling: Shami 14-3-37-2, U. Yadav 8-3-26-0, Ashwin 26.2-4-81-3, Jadeja 30-12-62-2, J. Yadav 12-

2-21-2. India 2nd innings: M. Vijay c Root b Woakes 0 P. Patel not out 67 C. Pujara c Root b Rashid 25 V. Kohli not out 6 Extras (b4, lb1, nb1) Total (for two wkts, 20.2overs) Fall of wicket: 1-7 (Vijay), 2-88 (Pujara) Bowling: Anderson 3-2-8-0, Woakes 2-0-16-1, Rashid 5-0-28-1, Stokes 4-0-16-0 (nb1), Ali 3-0-13-0,

Batty 3.2-0-18-0.



## SEX ABUSE SCANDAL BIGGEST CRISIS EVER FOR FA CHAIRMAN

English football is the greatest crisis current Football Association chairman Greg Clarke can recall, he told Sky News yesterday. Clarke was referring to the serial child molester Barry Bennell, who has been accused by at least 20 footballers of abusing them when he worked for Crewe Alexandra, Manchester City and Stoke City across three decades beginning in the 1970's, and is subject to five separate police investigations.

The FA has also launched its own internal review appointing leading lawyer Kate Gallafent, an expert in child protection, to head it up.

The FA said the review would find out "what information the FA was aware of at the relevant times around the issues that

**LONDON:** The abuse scandal rocking have been raised in the press, what clubs documentary about sex abuse in football were aware of, and what action was or should have been taken".

> Clarke took over as chairman in August and has already had to deal with the removal of Sam Allardyce as England coach over comments he made in a newspaper sting and the 'poppygate' row with FIFA. But he told Sky News this was the most serious problem he could remember to have afflicted English football.

> "It's certainly the biggest (crisis) I can remember," said Clarke. "I think the moral consequences of failing to deal with some of these issues in the past we must get to the bottom of."

> Clarke doesn't know if the FA at the time deliberately turned a blind eye to the goings on although a reporter who made a

for Channel Four in 1997 has claimed there is a FA report from 2005 detailing 250 victims and spread over a number of clubs.

"I don't know if there was a cover-up or not, I really don't know," said Clarke. "I suspect like many big problems, people aren't drawn towards them. My methodology is, if there's a problem, run towards it, embrace it, fix it, disclose everything that happened. "I think institutionally, all organisations in the old days used to protect themselves by keeping quiet and closing ranks. "That's completely inappropriate and unacceptable today."

Clarke told the BBC that the FA review would not seek to speak to alleged victims nor would he confer with his predecessors as chairman. "We've agreed with the police that we won't talk to any of the victims formally, because they have to talk to them, they have to take statements and we're not allowed to interfere in that process," said Clarke, who added he thought criticism of the present FA was misplaced and they had acted speedily to look into the claims.

Bennell, who has served three jail terms for previous abuse, is presently hospitalised after police responded to a fear for welfare incident' but it has not halted the slew of victims coming forwards.

Another appeared on Tuesday as former Wales Under-18 international captain Matthew Monaghan told the Daily Mail for the first time of the abuse he suffered at the hands of Bennell when he was a boy at Crewe. Monaghan, whose 20-year-old son

only learnt of what Bennell put his father through when he went public on Tuesday, said his dream move to Manchester United aged just 14 never saw him kick on and left legendary manager Alex Ferguson perplexed and infuriated because of the flashbacks he had of the abuse.

Ferguson thought he was drinking too much because he had been led astray by some of the other players-even when he went in for a hernia operation he ran up a bar bill of £800 because he says there was a fridge stuffed with Guinness in his roombut he insists it was because of Bennell who began to abuse him when he was just 10 and he says raped him at least four times. "He has good weeks and bad weeks but he suffers every day," says his wife Denise. — AFP

# CAVANI CHASES PSG CENTENARY, PRESSURE ON NICE

**PARIS:** Edinson Cavani is in the best form of his career in French football and is targeting his 100th goal for Paris Saint-Germain as the reigning Ligue 1 champions entertain Angers yesterday.

Uruguay striker Cavani scored both goals as PSG won 2-1 away to Lyon on Sunday, taking his tally to 99 altogether for the club he joined from Napoli in 2013 for a French record fee of 64 million euros (\$67.8m, £54.6m).

Oft-maligned for his ability to miss chances rather than praised for the goals he does score, Cavani appears liberated in the post-Zlatan Ibrahimovic era in the capital and has 18 goals in 17 matches this season. That leaves him fourth in the club's alltime list, one behind Dominique Rocheteau and also adrift of Pedro Pauleta and Ibrahimovic, with the latter rattling in 156 goals in just four years. "He is our goal-scorer. We just need to give him the confidence to do his job but he always works so hard for the team," said coach Unai Emery.

PSG welcome mid-table Angers to the Parc des Princes looking to extend a run of 11 games without defeat in all competitions and keep the pressure on in a threeway fight at the top of the table.

Angel di Maria could return after missing the last two games due to injury, while Javier Pastore is also a contender to return but Layvin Kurzawa and Adrien Rabiot should miss out again. Nice have been top of the table since late September but their lead was trimmed to a single point after a weekend on which they were held to a 1-1 draw by Bastia while PSG won and Monaco thumped Marseille 4-0.

They have won just once in five games in November and Mario Balotelli is set to again miss their trip to Brittany to play fifth-placed Guingamp as he struggles with a calf problem. "I am not worried. I just hope that our concentration doesn't drop and we don't start believing we have achieved something," said midfielder Valentin Eysseric. "For the moment we have achieved nothing and it is a very long season."

### MONACO TO ROTATE

Monaco can go provisionally top as they visit Dijon looking to extend a run of eight games without defeat in all competitions.

The principality club, who are the most prolific side in Europe's big five leagues with an average of over three goals scored per game, are set to rotate their squad in Burgundy in the midst of a hectic fixture schedule. That means midfielder Thomas Lemar, who made his debut for France this month, could return after being rested at the weekend. "We are just a group of friends playing well together," said Lemar, explaining Monaco's superb form that has made them genuine title contenders.

"We all know each other's games and we are not surprised by how we are playing this season. We are fully aware of our qualities." Elsewhere Marseille are looking for a boost as they visit Saint-Etienne having won just once in five league matches since the arrival of Rudi Garcia as coach.

"We are going to need to win a match quickly," admitted Garcia on Monday ahead of the meeting of France's two most successful clubs but who these days lie well off the pace being set by the top three.

Meanwhile, bitter rivals Nancy and Metz meet in the top flight for the first time in eight years and bottom club Lorient host Rennes in a Brittany derby. — AFP



PHILADELPHIA: Carson Wentz #11 of the Philadelphia Eagles runs for a touchdown against Micah Hyde #33 and Clay Matthews #52 of the Green Bay Packers in the first quarter at Lincoln Financial Field on Monday in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. — AFP

# RODGERS TOSSES 2 TD PASSES, PACKERS BEAT EAGLES 27-13

Denver

San Diego

**PHILADELPHIA:** Aaron Rodgers showed Carson Wentz what an elite quarterback can do for his team. The two-time NFL MVP had a dazzling performance in a game the Green Bay Packers desperately needed to win. The rookie QB was inconsistent and made a costly mistake for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Rodgers had 313 yards passing and threw two touchdown passes to Davante Adams to help the Packers beat the Eagles 27-13 Monday night, snapping a four-game losing streak.

Wentz was 24 of 36 for 254 yards and threw an interception in Green Bay territory. He also was sacked four times.

Wentz didn't have starting running back Ryan Mathews the entire game, and No. 1 receiver Jordan Matthews missed most of the second half. "The way he started the game was exceptional," Eagles coach Doug Pederson said. "After that, playing with so many guys out, I thought he managed it extremely well. He stayed calm. He stayed on point."

The Eagles and their fans hope Wentz can someday be on Rodgers' level. "I think his ceiling is extremely high and Eagles fans should be very excited for the future," Rodgers said.

Rodgers was outstanding from the start, leading Green Bay to consecutive TD drives. He made perfect passes to Adams on both TDs and another on a 50-yard gain in the third quarter.

"There's a big difference between 4-7 and 5-6 for sure, but I hope there's not a ton of relief because we still have a lot of things in front of us we'd like to accomplish," Rodgers said. "This is a step in the right direction, a game we needed to take care of business, but we have a short week with Houston coming in and we have to have a similar performance." Here's some things we learned from Green Bay's win over Philadelphia:

### NO MORE DOMINANCE AT HOME

The Eagles were 4-0 and outscored opponents 108-38 at home before Rodgers and the Packers came to town. The Browns, Steelers, Vikings and Falcons combined for the same amount of TDs (three) as the Packers had against the Eagles.

### **DEFENSE RISES UP**

The Packers had allowed 89 points in the past two games and at least 30 in each of the previous four, but they overcame injuries and shut down Philadelphia. Clay Matthews returned to inside linebacker because Jake Ryan and Blake Martinez were sidelined. Matthews briefly left with a shoulder injury on the Eagles' only TD drive. "I felt natural going back in there," he said.

### **BALL CONTROL**

The Packers went 10 for 14 on third downs, 1 for 1 on fourth and dominated time of possession by an 11-minute advantage. They sealed the game with a drive that lasted 8:21 in the fourth quarter. "We have to get off the field on third down," Eagles cornerback Jalen Mills said.

### **WENTZ CAN RUN**

After managing only 48 yards rushing in the first 10 games, Wentz scrambled four times for

## **NFL** result/standings

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33 yards. He had a 17-yard run on third-and-6 and got a positive gain after eluding a rusher who grabbed his facemask for a penalty on another third down.

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**DYNAMIC DAVANTE:** Adams caught five passes for 113 yards and two TDs. He made excellent catches in difficult spots when Rodgers made perfect throws.

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"He's a playmaker. He's grown each and every week and it's fun to watch," said teammate Jordy Nelson, who had eight receptions for 91 yards. "The more guys we have out there to make plays, the better." — AP



CHEMNITZ: Germany's Anja Mittag, left, and Norway's Nora Holstad Berge challenge for the ball during an international women's soccer match in Chemnitz, Germany, yesterday. — AP

NEW YORK: Bruce Arena, back in charge of the US national soccer team for the first time in a decade, speaks during an interview in New York, yesterday. Arena was hired last week to replace Jurgen Klinsmann as US coach following losses at home to Mexico and at Costa Rica in the first two games in the final round of World Cup quali-

### 41% OF PLAYERS MADE TO WAIT FOR WAGES: SURVEY

**LONDON:** Over 40 percent of the world's professional footballers have experienced delayed payment of wages, according to a wide-ranging survey published by global players' union FIFPro yesterday. In the survey, carried out by the University of Manchester, 41 percent of the 13,876 players who responded had been forced to wait for their salaries over the past two seasons.

"It's a wake-up call for clubs and governing bodies," FIFPro General-Secretary Theo van Seggelen told reporters during a recent briefing in London. "We cannot accept it any longer." The FIFPro Global Employment Report 2016 also found nine percent of players had suffered from violence and seven percent had been been approached to

FIFPro hopes the survey, which is the biggest of its kind, will shed light on the problems faced by players playing outside glamorous championships such as England's Premier League or Spain's LaLiga.

The median net monthly income of players surveyed was \$1,000 to \$2,000, with 60 percent of respondents earning under \$2,000 per month. FIFPro has used the example of Nigeria international Michael Uchebo, who has not been paid by Portuguese top-flight club Boavista since April, to illustrate its findings on late payments. The 26-year-old striker has been prevented from playing since the end of last season and, according to FIFPro, risks eviction from his house. He has been banned from first-team training and has posted footage on social media that appears to show him being forcibly removed from Boavista's gymnasium and threated with violence by security staff. "I don't understand why Boavista treat me like this," Uchebo said during a press conference in Lisbon organised by the Portuguese players' union. "I asked them if I did something wrong.

They are treating me like a slave." Boavista did not wish to comment on the matter when contacted by AFP, but in a video posted on Facebook earlier this month, club president Alvaro Braga said Uchebo's statements "do not correspond to the truth". Braga said Uchebo turned down opportunities to join other clubs during the close-season transfer window and had rejected a settlement-which FIFPro says was one month's salary-to terminate his contract.

World governing body FIFA's rules on overdue payments allow clubs to be 90 days late and the survey found 78 percent of players experiencing salary delays were paid within that timescale.

FIFPro wants the non-payment buffer to be reduced to 30 days, in the short term, and ultimately abolished. "Not every football player has three cars in three different colours," said Van Seggelen. — AFP



# ROMANIA'S DERBY WHICH SURVIVED FALL OF COMMUNISM

has no qualms about braving the freezing temperatures for today's fiery Dinamo Bucharest-Steaua Bucharest derby, a holdover from the communist era that still stands long after the fall of the Iron Curtain despite the decline of Romanian football.

Like Mircea, tens of thousands of supporters are expected at the national stadium where Dinamo, formerly the club of Romania's secret police, will host their eternal, Army-founded rivals. "It's impossible to say how many of them I've seen," smiled the veteran Dinamo supporter.

While the golden eras of the two clubs have long since been consigned to history, their ultimate raison d'etre-biannual clashes with their bitter foes-remains firmly intact. "The fans still say it: no matter the standings, what really counts is beating Steaua-or Dinamo-and the season is saved," Helmuth Duckadam, the goalkeeper who saved all four penalties in Steaua's 1986

Barcelona, told AFP.

The rivalry between the clubs was carved into their identity from their respective births shortly in the late 1940s, with their encounters destined to spice up the Romanian championship as one of the rare forms of entertainment tolerated by the communist regime.

Steaua and Dinamo became the embodiment of a scarcely concealed power struggle between the government's two most powerful components, the army and the Internal Affairs Ministry.

"There has always been this rivalry of pride, sustained and developed as the two departments gained more and more power," explained Ovidio Ioanitoaia, the director of Gazeta Sporturilor daily.

### **SECURITATE VERSUS ARMY**

The confrontation reached its climax during the 1980s when the eldest son of

Valentin, was appointed Steaua's general manager

Across the city, Dinamo had a prominent number one fan of their own in Tudor Postelnicu, chief of the Securitate, the country's formidable state security agency.

"During the 1988 Romanian Cup final, after a Steaua goal was ruled out for offside. Valentin Ceausescu ordered the team to leave the pitch," recalled Ioanitoaia. A few days later, the federation awarded the club the trophy.

The fallout was that of lasting resentment. When Steaua offered to return the cup to their rivals after the fall of the communist dictatorship in 1989, Dinamo stubbornly refused.

Even today, Dinamo's hardcore ultra fans celebrate May 10, 1997, the date they set alight the away stand at Steaua's former Ghencea home, completely destroying it.

Rare transfers between the two clubs

**BUCHAREST:** At 87 years old, Mircea Barbu European Cup final triumph over Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausecu, have proved hard to forgive. "Those who switch between Steaua and Dinamo are perceived as a a traitor," recounted loanitoaia.

> The notion of defecting never crossed the mind of Ion Pircalab, a right-sided winger for Dinamo during the 1960s. "I played at least 30 derbies against Steaua and I still have the same emotions, the same worries and the same desire to win," he confided.

### **ROCKED BY SCANDALS**

While the 26 league trophies won by Steaua outshine Dinamo's haul of 18, the latter can boast about producing the leading scorer on 19 occasions, five times more than their rivals.

But the pair share the honours when it comes to scandals ranging from corruption to match-fixing and tax evasion. The issues have plagued Romanian football since the return of democracy, with officials from both sides serving time behind bars.

Without a league title since 2007, Dinamo, currently sixth in the table, have fallen upon hard times financially in recent times and filed for insolvency two years ago. But the situation is almost more dramatic still at Steaua.

While top of the table, last season's runners-up were booted from their historic ground and stripped of their name after losing a legal battle over their trademark with the defence ministry, having separated from the Army in 1999.

Risky management is not easily forgiven by some supporters, with many staying away from games in protest.

"All my life has been built around Steaua, all that mattered was getting behind the team, even if it meant missing exams or losing a job," said one disenchanted fan, aged 40.

"And 90 percent of my passion, I lived it during the matches against Dinamo, our true rivals." — AFP

## WEST HAM FEAR SAKHO **FACES ANOTHER LAYOFF**

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AS PIOLI CLAIMS FIRST WIN

LONDON: West Ham United will be without Diafra Sakho for today's League Cup quarterfinal at Manchester United after he injured his hamstring in the Premier League draw between the sides at Old Trafford on Sunday. The Senegalese striker, a key figure for West Ham in the last two seasons, has just returned to fitness after being out since the start of the season with a back injury and scored early in Sunday's draw before going off in the second half. Manager Slaven Bilic said he would miss the return visit to Old Trafford and fears he faces another spell out. "We will have to wait for the results of the scan to see how many weeks we will be without him," Bilic told a news conference.

"It is a big blow because we know what he can give to us and he showed that against Manchester United on Sunday. I can only hope it is not going to be long.

"To be sidelined again is awful for him but I am sure this injury will not be like the one that forced him to miss the start of the sea-

MILAN: Inter Milan scored three early goals

before surviving a second-half fightback to

beat 10-man Fiorentina 4-2 and give new

coach Stefano Pioli his first win on Monday. Mauro Icardi netted twice for Inter, tak-

ing his Serie A tally for the season to 12,

while Fiorentina had defender Gonzalo Rodriguez sent off in first-half stoppage

time. Hosts Napoli lost ground on the lead-

ers when they were held 1-1 by Sassuolo in

the other match after Gregoire Defrel grabbed a memorable late equaliser for the

visitors. Napoli are seventh with 25 points,

four behind second-placed AS Roma, while

fifth from bottom Sassuolo became the first

team to field an all-Italian starting line-up

to Israel's Hapoel Beer-Sheva in their first

two games under Pioli, got off to a flying

Inter, who drew with AC Milan and lost

Marcelo Brozovic fired them ahead after

Icardi added a third after 19 minutes

three minutes and Antonio Candreva

tapped in a second from Ivan Perisic's cross

when he turned Rodriguez one way and

the other, slipped past Davide Astori and

sent a low shot under Ciprian Tatarusanu.

in Serie A this season.

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son." Better news for West Ham is that injuryplagued striker Andy Carroll could be in line for a return having been out since August with a knee injury. "Andy has had a good recovery and has been training with us," Bilic said. "If he progresses well and there are not any minor setbacks he will definitely be ready for Saturday and we will make a decision about the United game after training." West Ham travel to United just two wins away from a first domestic cup final since losing to Liverpool in the 2006 FA Cup final.

However, they are only one point above the Premier League relegation zone and host Arsenal on Saturday. "The league is always the priority but this is a big game and the cup competitions are important for us," said Bilic who hinted at some team changes.

"It will be a big thing to reach the semifinals and that is why we are approaching the game in a positive way. It would give us a lot of confidence if we could win the game." The teams drew 1-1 at the weekend. — Reuters

Nikola Kalinic pulled one back for

Fiorentina, though, found their game after the break and outplayed Inter with

some slick passing. They deservedly scored

in the 62nd minute when Borja Valero sent

Josip Ilicic bursting down the left and the

Slovenian struck with an angled shot that

was badly misjudged by Samir Handanovic.

ing although Joao Mario missed a good

chance for Inter on the break when he shot

over with the goal at his mercy from six

metres. The visitors were always vulnerable

to counter attacks and were caught out in

stoppage time as Icardi sealed a win that

lifted Inter to eighth place, one point ahead

minute lead when he collected Marek

Hamsik's pass, cut inside and curled his shot

into the net from the edge of the area. But

he was upstaged by substitute Defrel's

82nd-minute equaliser as the Frenchman

met Marcello Gazzola's cross in his stride to

volley the ball past Pepe Reina. — Reuters

Lorenzo Insigne gave Napoli a 42nd-

of their opponents.

Fiorentina continued to look threaten-

Fiorentina in the 37th minute but the visi-

tors were in more trouble when Rodriguez hauled down Icardi just outside the area

and was shown a straight red card.



# **COPA SUDAMERICANA 2016**

CHAPECO: This file photo taken on November 24, 2016 shows Brazil's Chapecoense players posing for pictures during their 2016 Copa Sudamericana semifinal second leg football match against Argentina's San Lorenzo held at Arena Conda stadium, in Chapeco, Brazil. — AFP

# PLANE CRASH KILLS DREAM OF FOOTBALL TEAM THAT DEFIED ODDS

SAO PAULO: Traveling on the doomed airliner that crashed in Colombia overnight were the players and staff of a Brazilian football club about to complete a fairytale journey from unknowns to would-be South American champions.

The LAMIA charter plane went down near Medellin late Monday with 81 people aboard and so far only six are reported to have survived. At least two were said by officials to be football players. For the Chapecoense Real team the disaster means the cruel end of a story that had been meant to climax with an unexpected chance for glory today against Colombia's Atletico Nacional in the first leg of the Copa

"The pain is terrible. Just as we had made it, I will not say to the top, but to have national prominence, a tragedy like this happens. It is very difficult, a very great tragedy," club vicepresident Ivan Tozzo told SporTV.

Only a few years ago Chapecoense was just another a gritty outfit in the Brazilian lower leagues, where players, unable to afford cars, took the bus to training. The stadium in Chapeco, a city of 200,000 people in the southern Santa Catarina state, didn't have a gym.

The steep climb from minnow to contender started in 2009 when Chapecoense entered the fourth division. Back then, the team's top goalscorer Bruno Rangel told Brazilian newspaper Lance, even the club's bus was "was very old."

"But a lot has changed in the club since I arrived," he said. "There are still prejudices against the club but more because we're from the (country's) interior. That's diminishing, it's true. Every day we're more respected."

By 2014 the club had fought its way into the lower half of the elite table, but the side wanted more. Even at this point Chapecoense was almost ignored by its own public, with only about 7,000 people turning up to home games, according to Globoesporte website.

### **SHOT FOR STARDOM**

Chapecoense entered the running for the Copa Sudamericana for the first time in 2015 and didn't disappoint.

In the club's first ever international tournament, the one-time unknowns didn't go all the way, but they performed bravely, even defeating Argentina's famed River Plate club.

This year, things seemed to be going wrong. The coach credited with Chapecoense's miraculous rise, Guto Ferreira, walked out and his replacement Caio Junior lost his first game against the lowly Cuiaba.

But the little team that could roared back, taking down Argentina's Independiente and Junior de Barranquilla. They were going to the final to meet the reigning Copa Libertadores champions Atletico Nacional and no one would write them

On the way to Colombia, the team stopped off in Sao Paulo to play the penultimate game of Brazil's domestic league. Here they lost against Palmeiras, the team which ended the season as Brazilian champion. But there was a sense that the players had their minds on the bigger challenge awaiting them against Atletico. "I see this is a group of winners. It's as if God

has put us precisely here today to taste this and to appreciate even more the challenge today," the coach said after the Sao Paulo game.

Now their dreams have met a devastating end and today at what would have been an intriguing first leg of the Copa Sudamericana final there'll be only silence. Back in Chapeco, the stadium was opened up to greet grieving families and fans.

"We're all here at the stadium to help the people connected," said Tozzo. "It hasn't really sunk in yet. We have to trust in God. Out team must carry on," he said. — AFP



CHAPECO: People pay tribute to the players of Brazilian team Chapecoense Real who were killed in a plane accident in the Colombian mountains, at the club's Arena Conda stadium in Chapeco, in the southern Brazilian state of Santa Catarina, yesterday. — AFP

**Toulouse v Montpellier** 

Nantes v Lyonnais

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### **Paris Saint v Angers** 23:00 **English League Cup** belN SPORTS 6 HD **Arsenal v Southampton** 22:45 **Spain Copa del Rey** belN SPORTS 1 HD **Real Betis v Deportivo** 0:00 **Manchester v West Ham** beIN SPORTS beIN SPORTS Toledo v Villarreal 21:00 French League 1st Div. beIN SPORTS **Nancy Lorraine v Metz** 21:00 Formentera v Sevilla 21:00 beIN SPORTS beIN SPORTS Saint Etienne v Marseille 21:00 **Real Madrid v Leonesa** 23:00 belN SPORTS 6 HD beIN SPORTS 3 HD **Bastia v Girondins** 21:00 **Guijuelo v Atletico** 23:00 beIN SPORTS belN SPORTS 5 HD

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MILAN: Fiorentina's US midfielder Joshua Perez (L) fights for the ball with Inter Milan's

Argentinian defender Cristian Ansaldi during the Italian Serie A football match between

Inter Milan and Fiorentina on Monday at the San Siro Stadium in Milan. — AFP

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# AIR DISASTERS IN FOOTBALL HISTORY

MONTEVIDEO: The crash in Colombia of a plane carrying the Brazilian football club Chapecoense Real, killing 76 people, was among the deadliest air disasters in the sport's history. Here are others on that list:

- \* May 4, 1949: Eighteen players of the Torino football club, the best in the world at the time, are killed along with 13 other people when their plane crashes in the Basilica of Superga, near Turin, in the first such
- tragedy to strike the world of football. February 6, 1958: A plane crash at the Munich airport kills 23 people, including eight Manchester United players, their
- coach and two team directors. \* April 3, 1961: An aircraft transporting part of Chile's Club de Deportes Green Cross
- crashes in the Andes, killing 24 people, among them eight players and two members of the coaching staff. December 8, 1987: Forty-three people die
- when a plane carrying the Alianza club of Lima goes down in the Pacific Ocean. Among the dead are 16 players and the team's coach. April 27, 1993: A military aircraft carrying
- most of the national team of Zambia to a World Cup qualifier in Senegal goes down in the Atlantic, claiming 30 lives, including 18 players.
- November 28, 2016: A charter plane carrying Brazil's Chapecoense Real crashes in the mountains near Medellin, Colombia. Six survive, including four players, but as many as 75 others are killed. — AFP

Rowing, canoe, swimming to remain at Tokyo venues



Plane crash kills dream of football team that defied odds



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NEW YORK: Derrick Rose #25 of the New York Knicks puts up a shot against the Oklahoma City Thunder during the second half at Madison Square Garden on Monday in New York City. — AFP

### NBA results/standings

Washington 101, Sacramento 95 (OT); Toronto 122, Philadelphia 95; Oklahoma City 112, NY Knicks 103; Boston 112, Miami 104; Charlotte 104,

Memphis 85; Utah 11	12, Minnesota 1	03; Golder	າ State 105, <i>i</i>	Atlanta 100.						
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Toronto	11	6	.647	-	Utah	10	8	.556	0.5	
Boston	10	7	.588	1	Portland	9	10	.474	2	
NY Knicks	8	9	.471	3	Denver	7	10	.412	3	
Brooklyn	4	12	.250	6.5	Minnesota	5	12	.294	5	
Philadelphia	4	14	.222	7.5	Willinesota	_	Division	.25	,	
	Central	Division			Golden State	16	2	.889		
Cleveland	13	2	.867	-			_		-	
Chicago	10	6	.625	3.5	LA Clippers	14	4	.778	2	
Indiana	9	9	.500	5.5	LA Lakers	9	9	.500	7	
Milwaukee	7	8	.467	6	Sacramento	7	11	.389	9	
Detroit	8	10	.444	6.5	Phoenix	5	13	.278	11	
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Charlotte	10	7	.588	-	San Antonio	14	3	.824	-	
Atlanta	10	8	.556	0.5	Houston	11	6	.647	3	
Washington	6	10	.375	3.5	Memphis	11	7	.611	3.5	
Orlando	6	11	.353	4	New Orleans	6	12	.333	8.5	
Miami	5	12	.294	5	Dallas	3	13	.188	10.5	

# WESTBROOK IN A HURRY AS THUNDER DOWN KNICKS

**NEW YORK:** Russell Westbrook got his third straight tripledouble and nearly did it by halftime, finishing with 27 points, 18 rebounds and 14 assists for his NBA-leading eighth of the season as the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the New York Knicks 112-103 on Monday night. Westbrook had 14 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists at the break and is now averaging a triple-double for the season, raising his averages to 30.9 points, 11.3 assists and 10.3 rebounds through more than a month of the season. Enes Kanter added a season-high 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Steven Adams had 14 points and 10 boards in the Thunder's third straight victory. Derrick Rose scored a season-best 30 points, but the Knicks had their six-game home winning streak snapped. Kristaps Porzingis added 21 points and Carmelo Anthony had 18, but shot just 4 for 19.

### WARRIORS 105, HAWKS 100

Kevin Durant had 25 points and 14 rebounds, Draymond Green blocked two shots in the final 43.4 seconds and Golden State held off Atlanta and its strong bench for a 12th straight victory. Stephen Curry scored 25 points with four 3-pointers, and Klay Thompson added 20 points as Golden State's Big Three each reached 20 points for the second consecutive game. The Warriors won their seventh straight home game and fifth in a row against Atlanta at Oracle Arena while welcoming back Green from a one-game absence while injured. Dennis Schroder scored 24 points for the Hawks. Dwight Howard added 14 points and 16 rebounds, and Paul Millsap had 14 points and 14 boards.

### **CELTICS 112, HEAT 104**

Isaiah Thomas had 25 points and eight assists, Avery Bradley added 18 points and Boston beat Miami. Jae Crowder scored 17 points and Kelly Olynyk had 14 for the Celtics, who beat Miami for the fourth consecutive time. The 112 points were the most scored against the Heat this season.

Goran Dragic had 27 points and 17 assists for the Heat, setting season bests in both categories. Hassan Whiteside added 25 points and 17 rebounds, and Josh Richardson scored 12. The Heat tied a season low for a quarter with 12 points in the second, going into halftime down 48-31. They established a season best with 42 points in the third, yet Boston maintained a double-digit lead.

### **JAZZ 112, TIMBERWOLVES 103**

George Hill had 24 points, eight rebounds and four assists, and Rudy Gobert had 16 points and 17 rebounds to lead Utah over Minnesota for its third straight win. Gordon Hayward scored 24 points and Utah's top-ranked

defense put the clamps on young Timberwolves stars Andrew Wiggins and Karl-Anthony Towns. Towns had 19 points and 12 rebounds but shot 8 of 18 and struggled with foul trouble. Wiggins scored 13 points on 6-for-16 shooting. All five Wolves starters were in double figures, including Zach LaVine with 28 points.

### **RAPTORS 122, 76ERS 95**

Kyle Lowry scored 24 points and set a team record by hitting all six of his 3 pointers, and Toronto extended its winning streak over Philadelphia to 13 games. Lowry added eight assists and four rebounds. He topped the 5for-5 mark on 3s set by several other Raptors throughout

Six players scored in double figures for the Raptors (11-6), who won their third in a row. Terrence Ross added a season-high 22 points for Toronto, including a trio of 3s, as the Raptors went 13 for 19 (69 percent) from beyond the arc. Robert Covington led the 76ers with 20 points, going 6 for 9 from 3-point range. Jahlil Okafor had 15 points for the Sixers (4-14), who lost their fourth straight. Philadelphia has dropped all six road games this season. The team's losing streak away from home is at 22 games dating to last season.

### **WIZARDS 101, KINGS 95, OT**

Bradley Beal made a career-high seven 3-pointers and finished with 31 points as Washington recovered after giving up a late lead and beat Sacramento in overtime. John Wall had 19 points and 11 assists for the Wizards, but committed a career-high 11 turnovers. Washington had a season-high 24 giveaways, but held the Kings to three points in overtime after seeing an eight-point lead evaporate over the final 5:12 of regulation. DeMarcus Cousins had 36 points and a season-high 20 rebounds for Sacramento, which also committed its most turnovers of the season with 20.

### **HORNETS 104, GRIZZLIES 85**

Kemba Walker and Jeremy Lamb scored 21 points apiece, and Charlotte built an early lead on the way to beating Memphis. Walker and Lamb were a combined 14 of 25 from the field, including 7 for 13 on 3-point attempts. The rest of the Hornets were 2 of 13 from outside the arc. Michael Kidd-Gilchrist had 14 points and Frank Kaminsky added 12 for the Hornets, who won their second straight after a four-game losing streak. Lamb grabbed nine rebounds. Marc Gasol led the Grizzlies with 19 points and eight rebounds. Mike Conley had 15 points before leaving in the third quarter with a lower back





OSLO: In this Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016 file photo, Norwegian three-time Olympic cross-country skiing medalist Therese Johaug, right, arrives for press conference in Oslo. Norway's anti-doping agency yesterday, has called for a 14-month doping ban. — AP

# WORLD CHAMP JOHAUG FACES 14-MONTH BAN

**OSLO:** Norway's Anti-Doping Agency yesterday called for a 14-month suspension against cross-country skier Therese Johaug, a seven-time world champion, after she failed a September drug test.

The request will now be forwarded to an arbitration body at the Norwegian Sports Confederation, which will rule on the sanction to be imposed on the former Olympic gold medallist.

If the Agency's request is upheld then Johaug would miss the start of the next World Cup in addition to the current one but could be back for the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics in February 2018.

"I am glad that (the prosecuting committee within the Anti-Doping Agency) believes in what I have said," Johaug said in a statement sent by her lawyer. "But I do not understand that what has happened can justify 14

months of suspension." "I am now looking forward to seeing the case before the arbitration body and I hope that it can happen as quickly as possible," said the 28-year-old skier, who has already been suspended for two months pending a final sanction. Johaug tested positive for traces of the prohibited anabolic steroid clostebol, banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), during an out-of-competition control on September 16.

The steroid was contained in a lip cream called Trofodermin, which she used to treat burns during a training session at altitude in Italy in late August.

National ski team doctor Fredrik Bendiksen, who has insisted he did not realise the cream contained clostebol, has taken full responsibility and resigned from his post in October.

"As a high-level international athlete, Therese Johaug is subject to strict international regulations," Anstein Gjengedal, an official at the Norwegian Anti-Doping Agency said in a statement.

"The athlete's responsibility for what he or she ingests has been established in a number of doping verdicts at the national and international level," he said.

The anti-doping agency has requested that the suspension be applied retroactively, from October 18.

An immensely popular athlete in her winter sports country, Johaug won relay gold at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, and silver in the 30km freestyle and bronze in the classic 10km in Sochi 2014.

This is the second incident to embarrass the Norwegian Ski Federation this year. At the end of July, men's cross-country skier Martin Sundby was suspended for two months and stripped of his 2014-15 overall World Cup and Tour de Ski titles for unauthorised use of ventoline.

The Federation had also assumed the responsibility, having failed to request an authorisation for the use of the anti-asthmatic. — AFP

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# OIL 'HEEBIE-JEEBIES' AS PROSPECTS OF OPEC DEAL DIM

BASRA: An Iraqi worker operates valves at the Rumaila oil refinery, near the city of Basra, 550 kilometers southeast of Baghdad, Iraq. Iraq's prime minister says his country will agree to cut production to boost oil prices. OPEC members will try to complete a production-cut deal when they meet today in Vienna. — AP

# IRAN, IRAQ AT LOGGERHEADS WITH SAUDIS

# Algeria, Venezuela seeking Russian OPEC accord

**VIENNA:** Iran and Iraq are resisting pressure from Saudi Arabia to curtail oil production, making it hard for the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to reach a global output-limiting deal when it meets today. OPEC sources told Reuters a meeting of experts in Vienna on Monday failed to bridge differences between OPEC's de facto leader, Saudi Arabia, and the group's second- and third-largest producers

over the mechanics of output cuts.

"The revival of Iran's lost share in the oil market is the national will and demand of Iranian people," Iranian news agency Shana quoted the country's oil minister Bijan Zanganeh, who was due to arrive in Vienna later, as saying. OPEC, which accounts for a third of global oil production, agreed in September to cap output at around 32.5-33.0 million barrels per day versus the current 33.64 million bpd to

prop up oil prices, which have halved since mid-2014.

Iran has argued it wants to raise production to regain market share lost under Western sanctions, when its political archrival Saudi Arabia increased output. In recent weeks, Riyadh offered to cut its own output by 0.5 million bpd, according to OPEC sources, and suggested Iran limit production at below 4 million bpd. Tehran has sent mixed signals including that it wanted to produce 4.2 million bpd. Iraq has also been pressing for higher output limits, saying it needs more money to fight the militant group Islamic State.

The argument between Iraq and Saudi Arabia mainly focuses on whether Baghdad should use its own output estimates to limit production or rely on lower figures from OPEC's experts. As tensions within OPEC mounted, Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih said at the weekend that oil markets

would rebalance even without an output-limiting pact. He had previously said Riyadh was keen for a deal. Falih was not expected to land in Vienna before evening, leaving little time for traditional pre-meeting discussions with other ministers. "The feeling today is mixed," Indonesian Energy Minister Ignasius Jonan told reporters yesterday when asked about the prospects of a deal. "I don't know. Let's see."

### Goldman sees deficit

Brent crude was down more than 2 percent, near \$47 a barrel, after the Indonesian comments. Some analysts including Morgan Stanley and Macquarie have said oil prices will correct sharply if OPEC fails to reach a deal, potentially going as low as \$35 per barrel. Goldman Sachs, one of the most active banks in oil trading, said yesterday it saw prices averag-

would rebalance even without an output-limiting pact. He had previously said Riyadh was keen for a deal. Falih was not expected to land in Vienna before evening, leaving little time ing \$45 a barrel until mid-2017 even without any OPEC deal and added the market was likely to move into a deficit in the second half of 2017.

A year ago, Goldman was saying a global glut would push oil prices to around \$20. Prices fell to multi-year lows of \$27 per barrel in January 2016. Besides disagreements with Iran and Iraq, Saudi Arabia has also signaled it was unhappy with Russia's position. Oil ministers from OPEC members Algeria and Venezuela travelled to Moscow yesterday to try to persuade non-OPEC Russia to take part in cuts instead of merely freezing output, which has reached new highs in the past year. They made no comment as they emerged from their meeting. Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak said he had no plan to travel to Vienna but could meet OPEC once it reaches a deal. — Reuters

# SAUDI PULLS BACK WITH OIL RETREAT

### MIDEAST STOCK MARKETS

**DUBAI:** Saudi Arabia's stock market gave up early gains by the close yesterday as oil prices pulled back, while other Gulf bourses were mixed. Profit-taking pulled Egypt' market lower after big gains this month. The Saudi index has soared over 25 percent - almost entirely erasing its losses this year - since the government's \$17.5 billion international bond issue in late October eased fears about its ability to cope with an era of cheap oil, and helped it begin making delayed payments to settle its debts to private companies.

In early trade yesterday the index rose as much as 0.7 percent. But Brent crude oil fell around 2 percent to below \$47.50 a barrel yesterday afternoon on signs that oil exporters were struggling to agree a deal to cut production. This pulled the stock index down 0.1 percent in active trade to 6,897 points at the close. It failed to confirm a clear break of major technical resistance on the April peak of 6,876 points. The banking and petrochemical sectors, which led the market up during most of its rebound this month, underperformed yesterday; banks dropped 0.3 percent and petrochemicals lost 0.6 percent.

Much activity focused on smaller stocks with retailer Jarir Marketing, beaten down earlier this year by economic slowdown due to low oil prices, jumping 6.1 percent. Central bank data showed cash withdrawals from

automated teller machines edged up in October, suggesting cuts to public employees' financial allowances might not be hurting consumption as much as some analysts had feared.

Insurance stocks favored by local retail speculators also surged yesterday, with Al Rajhi Takaful up 3.9 percent. Speculative activity in small caps also supported markets in the United Arab Emirates. Dubai's index rose 0.7 percent as Dubai Investments surged 3.2 percent. Loss-making construction firm Arabtec climbed 2.3 percent after it appointed Hamish Tyrwhitt as new chief executive; Tyrwhitt was CEO of Australian contractor Leighton Holdings, since rebranded CIMIC Group, between 2011 and 2014.

Abu Dhabi's index edged up 0.1 percent, buoyed by banks, with Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank adding 1.8 percent. Qatar's index fell 0.5 percent, as Qatar National Bank slipped 3.7 percent. Egypt's index fell 0.9 percent as profit-taking resumed after its 37 percent jump in the weeks after the Nov 3 float of the Egyptian pound. But Arabia Investments jumped 7.1 percent after its nine-month consolidated net loss shrank to 10.3 million Egyptian pounds (\$572,000) from a year-earlier loss of 11 million pounds, while operating revenues rose. Exchange data showed foreign investors remained net buyers of Egyptian stocks yesterday, by a modest margin of about \$2 million. —Reuters



MUNICH: Airplanes of German airline Lufthansa are parked in front of the Lufthansa terminal at the Franz-Josef-Strauss airport in Munich, southern Germany yesterday. — AFP

### STRIKE SLASHES 800 LUFTHANSA FLIGHTS

FRANKFURT AM MAIN: German airline Lufthansa said it had slashed 800 flights yesterday as pilots walked out for a 48-hour strike following a four-day stoppage last week in a long-running pay dispute. Around 82,000 passengers are affected by the latest industrial action, the 15th by the carrier's flight crew since April 2014. While yesterday's walkout affects short-haul flights, today will see a further 890 flights cancelled including some long-haul services. Lufthansa failed to obtain an injunction to halt the strike from a Munich court-the second time in a week its attempts to block industrial action by legal means have fallen through after a similar judgment in Frankfurt.

A spokesman told AFP the group had withdrawn an appeal against the Bavarian court's judgment. There is little sign of an end to the drawn-out dispute between pilots and managers at Lufthansa, with union Vereinigung Cockpit warning of further strikes if the airline does not soften its

position. "Strikes can continue as long as we don't have an offer we can negotiate over," union leader Joerg Handwerg told the Sueddeutsche Zeitung daily. Pilots complain that they have had no pay rise in five years, while the airline has continued to book healthy profits.

They demand a pay increase of an average of 3.66 percent per year, retroactive for the past five years. But managers have rejected such a settlement, with their last offer a one-off bonus of just under two months' salary and a 4.4 percent pay increase spread over two years-a deal refused by Cockpit at the weekend. The pay deal was "only a part of an overall package" that included cuts to pensions, Handwerg said. Lufthansa says it pays pilots significantly more than its competitors. According to managers, a co-pilot earns a starting salary of 6,500 euros (\$6,890) gross per month, while a late-career captain can be paid as much as 22,000 euros. — AFP

# CHINA'S FOREX REGULATOR TIGHTENING CONTROLS TO STEM CAPITAL OUTFLOWS

### REGULATOR VETTING TRANSFERS ABROAD

**SHANGHAI:** China is stepping up measures to stem capital outflows after its yuan currency skidded to more than eight-year lows, sources said yesterday, taking aim at outbound investments that have soared to a record high. The State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) has begun vetting transfers abroad worth \$5 million or more and is increasing scrutiny of major outbound deals, even those with prior approval, sources with knowledge of the new rules told Reuters.

Capital outflows, both legal and illegal, have pressured the yuan. The Chinese currency has depreciated nearly 6 percent against a strong dollar this year and many traders are betting on further losses, raising the spectre of more capital flight. The new rules would govern transfers abroad under the capital account for transactions such as portfolio or foreign direct investment, and could knock some momentum from China's overseas asset shopping spree, analysts say. Chinese outbound investment deals totalled \$530.9 billion in the first nine months of 2016, surpassing 2015's record volume and helping China outstrip the United States as the top acquirer for foreign companies, Thomson Reuters data show.

"The new rules will have a very big impact on outbound deals," said Luke Zhang, a partner at Zhong Lun Law Firm, who expects the number of deals to go down "quite a lot". SAFE always supports legitimate and compliant overseas direct investments, the regulator said on its microblog

late. "Previously, only forex transfers worth \$50 million or more needed to be reported to SAFE. Now, the threshold has been drastically lowered to \$5 million, and covers both foreign currency and yuan," said one of the sources with direct knowledge of the rules. "All we can do is to ask clients to be patient, and tell them that the transaction is being vetted by SAFE for authenticity and may not be approved."

One of the sources said that even if an outbound investment had already obtained approval to buy foreign exchange, but the money had not been fully transferred, the remainder of the quota was now subject to further approval if it exceeds \$50 million, which is regarded as a "large sum". Two other sources confirmed the new rules. The sources said the forex regulator told banks about the new rules on Monday, the same day the government said it would stick to its "going out" strategy of encouraging outbound investment.

### **Defending the yuan**

China has been using its foreign currency reserves to keep the yuan from falling too rapidly against the dollar, managing market expectations, and restricting outflows into overseas securities. Wang Zhenying, a senior Chinese central bank researcher, said in a recent interview that Beijing needed to stem outflows that risk putting the yuan into a potentially destructive feedback loop. "At the moment, the fall in the yuan's exchange rate is shaping market expectations. Depreciation triggers capital flight, and capital flight exerts even bigger pressure on the yuan," Wang said.

"Therefore, it's necessary to break this feedback loop... for example, by slowing capital outflows," he said. Chinese state-owned banks were seen selling dollars in the onshore foreign exchange market for a second straight day yesterday, in what traders called a bid to support the yuan. The yuan has rebounded around 0.5 percent in the past few sessions. While still the largest in the world, China's foreign currency reserves have fallen to \$3.17 trillion at the end of September from a \$3.99 trillion peak in June 2014, indicating that authorities sold dollars to prop up the yuan's value.

Selling of the yuan and other emerging market currencies has intensified since Donald Trump's upset presidential victory on Nov 8. Expectations of higher fiscal spending and interest rates under a Trump administration have boosted US bond yields and the lure of the dollar. The new curbs, if adopted, are likely to have an impact on deals, said Greg Burch, who works on mid-market China outbound M&A deals as a Hong Kong-based partner at the Locke Lord law firm. Stronger capital controls could also affect China's push to internationalize the yuan and would raise questions about where capital will flow internally, as property prices are already high, Burch added. "If you pinch a balloon in one place, it just bulges in another." — Reuters





# ETIHAD AIRWAYS PARTICIPATES IN UAE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

**KUWAIT:** Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, participated in the United Arab Emirates' 45th National Day celebrations held on 28 November at Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa, Kuwait. The special event was attended by the UAE Ambassador to Kuwait, His Excellency Rahma Hussein Al Zaabi, along with Airways' Premium stopover program, which

diplomats, and the Etihad Airways' commercial team led by Abbas Al Ali, Etihad Airways General Manager in Kuwait. Etihad Airways had its own booth at the event, offering attendees the opportunity to find out more about the airline's reimagined cabins, destinations and Etihad allow guests to enjoy up to two free nights at a range of five star hotels in Abu Dhabi. To mark this national occasion, Etihad Airways is offering special return fares to customers in Kuwait starting at 53 KWD to Abu Dhabi. The fares will be available for purchase until 30 November 2016, and valid for travel until 14 December 2016.

KIZAD

### ABU DHABI PORTS WELCOMES **KUWAITI COMPANY TO** Khalifa Industrial Zone

ABU DHABI: Abu Dhabi Ports, the master developer, operator and manager of the Emirate's commercial and community ports as well as Khalifa Industrial Zone, and Integral Plastic Industries Co. LLC today have signed a Musataha agreement to build a new manufacturing plant in Khalifa Industrial Zone (KIZAD) with an investment of AED10 million. The agreement was signed by KIZAD CEO, Mana Mohammed Saeed Al Mulla, and Khaled Al Saleh, CEO of Integral Plastic Industries Co., a subsidiary of Light Industries Holding Co, (State of Kuwait). The manufacturing facility will be built on a plot of 21,649 square meters in KIZAD with the aim of producing 15,000 tons per annum of Plastic Bottles Preform (PET), Plastic Bottles Caps (HDPE), and Plastic Packing Strips Rolls (PET). Production is expected to commence in the first quarter of 2018. Mana Mohammed Saeed Al

Mulla, CEO of KIZAD, said: "We are pleased with the rapid growth we are witnessing at KIZAD as we evolve over time to become the preferred partner for businesses looking to invest in this market. The development of Integral Plastic Industries Co. Abu Dhabi's manufacturing facility in KIZAD will strategically benefit the industry and its customers who will now have access to national plastic products that meet international standards and reduce their dependency on imports, therefore reducing costs of doing business and increasing the efficiency of supply chains."

CEO of Integral Plastic Industries Co, Khaled Al Saleh, commented: "Our decision to invest in KIZAD was a result of its attractive business model which



features an integrated infrastructure in a prominent location and easy access to regional markets through Khalifa Port. Being one of the fastest growing industrial zones in the region, KIZAD has met all the requirements of our regional development strategy; it is the perfect base for our operations which enables us to extend our products to new markets within the UAE, the Gulf, and the neighboring regional markets."

"We will employ the latest and best technologies to meet the growing demand of our customers

in the Gulf region for high-quality products that meet best international standards. We will also offer our customers the opportunity to visit our facility once complete in order to experience our production process first-hand and personally track their orders." Integral Plastic Industries Co.-Abu Dhabi was established in 2016 as a Limited Liability Company registered at the UAE Ministry of Economy. The company is also licensed by the Industrial Development Bureau and the Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development.

### National Bank of Kuwait Financial Markets Daily Report At 02:00 PM Previous Day

Index	Previous Close	Last Price	Char	nge	Daily Performance %	Yearly Performance %
Dow Jones	19,152.14	19,097.90	-54.24	•	-0.28	9.60
NASDAQ	5,398.92	5,368.81	-30.11	•	-0.56	7.22
S&P 500	2,213.35	2,201.72	-11.63	•	-0.53	7.72
Financial Times	6,799.47	6,748.98	-50.49	•	-0.74	8.12
DAX	10,582.67	10,577.27	-5.40	•	-0.05	-1.54
CAC 40	4,510.39	4,527.70	17.31	<b>A</b>	0.38	-2.36
Swiss	7,823.23	7,811.89	-11.34	•	-0.14	-11.41
Nikkei 225	18,356.89	18,307.04	-49.85	•	-0.27	-3.82
Topix	1,469.58	1,468.57	-1.01	•	-0.07	-5.09
Hang Seng	22,830.57	22,737.07	-93.50	•	-0.41	3.75
Straits Times	2,874.65	2,879.14	4.49	<b>A</b>	0.16	-0.12

	ME	NA Stock Ir	ndices			
Index	Previous Close	Last Price	Cha	inge	Daily Performance %	Yearly Performance %
Kuwait	5,539.76	5,543.59	3.83	<b>A</b>	0.07	-1.36
Saudi Arabia	6,903.85	6,911.34	7.49	<b>A</b>	0.11	-0.11
Dubai	3,310.48	3,333.73	23.25	<b>A</b>	0.70	5.06
Abu Dhabi	4,256.98	4,261.23	4.25	<b>A</b>	0.10	-1.17
Bahrain	1,177.15	1,177.31	0.16	<b>A</b>	0.01	-3.19
Qatar	9,689.07	9,636.40	-52.67	•	-0.54	-7.10
Oman	5,486.22	5,481.30	-4.92	•	-0.09	1.48
Lebanon	1,230.47	1,231.53	1.06	<b>A</b>	0.09	5.21
Jordan	2,140.95	2,140.53	-0.42	•	-0.02	0.22
Egypt	11,261.82	11,107.88	-153.94	•	-1.37	60.75
Morocco	10,726.11	10,739.61	13.51	<b>A</b>	0.13	20.17
Tunisia	5,526.18	5,519.60	-6.58	•	-0.12	9.60

	Global Currencies Exchange Rate											
Currency	Kuwaiti Dinar	Saudi Riyal	US Dollar	Euro	Sterling Pound	Swiss Franc	Japanese Yen	Australian Dollar				
Kuwait Dinar		12.1889	3.2626	3.0756	2.6153	3.3080	367.11	4.3665				
Saudi Riyal	0.08204		0.2677	0.2523	0.2146	0.2714	30.12	0.3582				
US Dollar	0.30650	3.7359		0.9427	0.8016	1.0139	112.52	1.3383				
Euro	0.32514	3.9630	1.0608		0.8505	1.0763	119.38	1.4211				
Sterling Pound	0.38236	4.6605	1.2475	1.1758		1.2656	140.39	1.6703				
Swiss Franc	0.30230	3.6847	0.9863	0.9291	0.7901		110.96	1.3200				
Japanese Yen	0.00272	0.0332	0.0089	0.0084	0.0071	0.0090	3/4 (17)	0.0119				
Australian Dollar	0.22902	2.7915	0.7472	0.7037	0.5987	0.7576	84.07					
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Currency	US Dollar	Kuwaiti Dollar	Saudi Riyal	Bahraini Dinar	Qatari Riyal	Omani Riyal	Emirates Dirham	Egyptian Pound				
US Dollar		0.30650	3.7359	0.3740	3.6264	0.3835	3.6570	17.9400				
Kuwaiti Dinar	3.2626		12.1889	1.2203	11.8316	1.2512	11.9315	58.5318				
Saudi Riyal	0.2677	0.08204		0.1001	0.9707	0.1027	0.9789	4.8021				
Bahraini Dinar	2.6737	0.81947	9.9885		9.6957	1.0253	9.7776	47.9653				
Qatari Riyal	0.2758	0.08452	1.0302	0.1031		0.1058	1.0084	4.9471				
Omani Riyal	2.6076	0.79922	9.7416	0.9753	9.4561		9.5359	46.7797				
Emirates Dirham	0.2734	0.08381	1.0216	0.1023	0.9916	0.1049		4.9057				
Egyptian Pound	0.0557	0.01708	0.2082	0.0208	0.2021	0.0214	0.2038					
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	Global Interest Rates										
Currency	1-Week	1-Month	3-Month	6-Month	1-Year						
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.00	1.19	1.44	1.63	1.94						
US Dollar	0.45	0.60	0.93	1.28	1.64						
Euro	-0.39	-0.38	-0.33	-0.22	-0.07						
Sterling Pound	0.24	0.26	0.38	0.55	0.79						
Swiss Franc	-0.80	-0.78	-0.74	-0.67	-0.50						
Australian Dollar	1.58	1.67	1.62	1.62	1.62						
Japanese Yen	-0.07	-0.08	-0.08	0.00	0.10						

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Country	2-Year	5-Year	10-	Year	30-	Year
United States	1.11	1.81	2.	.33	2.	99
Europe	-0.77	-0.48	0.	.19	0.	84
United Kingdom	0.09	0.60	1.	.39	2.	.06
		Commoditi	ies			
Index	Previous Close	Last Price	Cha	ange	Daily Performance %	Yearly Performance %
Kuwait Oil	42.55	42.60	0.05	<b>A</b>	0.12	32.43

Index	Previous Close	Last Price	Char	nge	Daily Performance %	Yearly Performance %
Kuwait Oil	42.55	42.60	0.05	<b>A</b>	0.12	32.43
Brent	46.07	44.90	-1.17	•	-2.54	18.41
West Texas	45.81	45.51	-0.30	•	-0.65	18.95
Gold	1193.38	1189.11	-4.27	•	-0.36	11.07
Silver	16.63	16.54	-0.09	•	-0.54	16.72

### **EXCHANGE RATES**

### AL-MUZAINI EXCHANGE CO.

**ASIAN COUNTRIES** Japanese Yen Indian Rupees 4.477 Pakistani Rupees 2.922 Srilankan Rupees 2.067 Nepali Rupees Singapore Dollar 215.720 Hongkong Dollar 39.456 Bangladesh Taka Philippine Peso 6.140 Thai Baht

**GCC COUNTRIES** Saudi Rival Qatari Riyal 84.101 ani Riyal Bahraini Dinar 813.070 **UAE Dirham** 83.356

> ARAB COUNTRIES 23.900

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**EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COUNTRIES** 

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305.080 Australian Dollar 231.340 **US Dollar Buving** 304.800 **GOLD** 20 Gram 242.52 124.18 10 Gram

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44.870 Chinese Yuan Renminbi Thai Bhat 9.580 Turkish Lira 89.625

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# OIL 'HEEBIE-JEEBIES' AS PROSPECTS OF OPEC DEAL DIM

**VIENNA:** Oil prices dipped yesterday as expectations dimmed of an OPEC agreement to reduce the cartel's gushing of crude into the massively saturated global market by around a million barrels per day. Prices were also hit as non-OPEC Russia confirmed it would not send a delegation to the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' meeting in Vienna today. "There is no need (to attend the meeting), OPEC should hold its meeting first," Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak said yesterday. "Sure, if there is a consensus and OPEC takes a decision, we will come to an agreement as quickly as possible," he added, though he did not specify a timeframe.

In late morning European trading, US benchmark West Texas Intermediate for delivery in January was down 73 cents a barrel to \$46.35, in what market analyst Jasper Lawler at CMC Markets called "heebie-jeebies" on the eve of the talks. Brent North Sea crude was down 0.72 cents to \$47.52. Analysts expect further falls if OPEC fails to agree today its first joint output cut in eight years in an effort to reduce the global glut and so lift prices. The group's big players-Saudi



VIENNA: Iran's Minister of Petroleum Bijan Namdar Zangeneh speaks to journalists at a hotel in Vienna, Austria yesterday. — AP

Arabia, Iran and Iraq-disagree on what size cuts each member will make, and the cartel wants non-OPEC countries like Russia to reduce production too. Russia is currently pumping some 11 million barrels per day (bpd), a level not seen since Soviet days. Hit hard by the low

price and Western sanctions, Moscow has said it is ready to freeze output but not to cut it.

10-hour meeting

While making life cheaper for consumers and businesses, two years of low

prices have wreaked havoc with the public finances of OPEC member states, even in the wealthy Gulf states. But Iraq and Iran, OPEC's biggest producers after Saudi Arabia, on Monday continued to express objections to a proposal to cut up to 1.2 million bpd from October levels, Bloomberg News reported, citing an OPEC delegate.

In a 10-hour meeting, Iran said it might be ready to freeze production at about 200,000 barrels a day above its current output of around 3.975 million bpd, Bloomberg said. Saudi Arabia hit back saying Tehran should freeze its production at just over 3.7 million bpd-more or less its current level.

Iran has consistently said it won't cut production until it has reached pre-sanctions levels. It is also a fierce regional rival of Saudi Arabia, engaged in a proxy war in Yemen and backing different sides in Syria. Iraq meanwhile has said it will cut output but that it is short of money needed to fight Islamic State extremists. It also disputes with OPEC the level of its current output. OPEC kingpin Saudi Arabia added to the pessimism about prospects for a deal on Sunday by

appearing to say it could live without an agreement. Recovering demand, said Energy Minister Khaled Al-Falih-due in Vienna later-would "stabilize" prices in 2017 anyway.

### 'Kicking the can'

Prices had made a slight recovery Monday after Iraqi Oil Minister Jabbar Al-Luaibi sounded an upbeat note as he arrived in Vienna, saying he was "optimistic" that the 14-country group would strike an accord. Algeria, which is trying to mediate a deal, on Monday proposed a compromise with Iran capping its production at 3.795 bpd, delegates said, according to Bloomberg. However, there has been no indication that any such proposal will actually be accepted when the oil ministers meet today. Bjarne Schieldrop, chief commodities analyst at top Nordic corporate bank SEB, said that the chances of an output cut are now

The best possible result, at this stage, was that the club would end up with a face-saving deal while "kicking the can to the next OPEC meeting in half a year's time", Schieldrop said. — AFP

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### Samsung considers splitting firm into 2

**SEOUL:** Samsung Electronics Co yesterday said it was considering splitting the company into two, a move seen as necessary for heir-apparent Lee Jae-Yong to take over the firm from his father. Samsung has also come under pressure from foreign investors, including US hedgefund Elliott Management, to improve its corporate governance through the establishment of a holding company and to increase dividends for shareholders. The move comes as the tech giant struggles to contain the fallout from a global recall of its Galaxy Note 7 smartphone prompted by exploding batteries. Samsung said in a statement it would consider breaking the company into a holding firm and a producing and operating unit and would take at least six months to study the option. Analysts said a split would give Samsung Electronics' Vice Chairman Lee Jae-Yong a tighter grip on the company through a holding firm. Elliott and other investors have urged Samsung to set up a holding company as a way to address its complicated layers of cross shareholdings with sister companies.

### Qatar bank launches plan to stem losses

**DUBAI:** Commercial Bank of Qatar will cut its exposure to the property market and lend more to the public sector as it set out a turnaround plan under its new chief executive aimed at stemming a dismal earnings run as more loans soured. The Gulf Arab state's thirdlargest lender by assets, like other banks in the region, has seen bad loans rise steeply due to the fallout of lower oil and gas prices on the wider economy, which has forced cutbacks in state and consumer spending, as well as layoffs in a number of industries. The fiveyear plan follows a review by its new chief executive Joseph Abraham, a former Australia and New Zealand Banking Group banker, aimed at halting five consecutive quarters of falling profit. The lender reported a near-tripling of net impairment charges against bad loans to 504.9 million riyals (\$134.62 million) in the third quarter. The bank said it aimed to cut its non-performing loan ratio to the market average of 2 percent from 5.3 percent currently.

### Maersk Line targets German acquisition

COPENHAGEN: The container shipping unit of Danish conglomerate AP Moller-Maersk yesterday refused to comment on a report that it was mulling an acquisition of German peer Hamburg Sud. The company was interested in buying the entire business, which had \$6.7 billion (6.3 billion euros) in revenue last year, and "not just... a few vessels", The Wall Street Journal reported on Monday, citing a person familiar with the matter. "Out of principle we do not comment on rumours," Maersk said in an email to AFP yesterday. Hamburg Sud's owner, the family-owned Oetker Group, was discussing a sale of its shipping business, the same newspaper reported last week. "Hamburg Sud is one of the players in the industry that is probably too small to survive in the long run. It only has three percent of the market," Sydbank analyst Morten Imsgard told Danish news agency Ritzau. The shipping industry is undergoing a wave of consolidation after suffering its worst downturn in six decades amid overcapacity and slumping global trade.

### Turkey tourism down

25 percent in October **ISTANBUL:** The number of foreign visitors to Turkey fell by a quarter in October, official data showed yesterday, the smallest contraction in seven months as arrivals from Russia showed a marked recovery after Ankara restored ties with Moscow. Tourism, which adds about \$30 billion to gross domestic product each year, has been hammered after a spate of bombings this year, including an attack on Istanbul's main airport, and a failed coup in July, scared away Western European tourists. But the drop-off in Russian tourists, who traditionally flock to Turkey's Mediterranean beaches and make pilgrimages to its Byzantium-era Orthodox churches, had been particularly painful. Relations soured after Turkey shot down a Russian warplane over Syria last year. Ties were formally restored in August, sparking hopes for an improvement in tourism. "With the lifting of Russian sanctions it appears that side has

### Japanese household spending falls again

to a large extent returned to normal," said Deniz Cicek,

an economist at QNB Finansbank.

**TOKYO:** Spending among Japanese households fell for an eighth successive month in October despite the unemployment rate sitting at a 21-year low, government data showed yesterday. Japan needs stronger consumer spending if Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's plans to revitalize the world's third-largest economy-now nearly four years old-are to succeed. Last week, the internal affairs ministry core consumer prices, which exclude volatile fresh food costs, fell again in October to extend the longest run of declines for five years. The ministry said yesterday that household spending last month dropped 0.4 percent from a year earlier. It was, however, a smaller decline than the 2.1 percent drop in September, partly because of higher vegetable prices.

# AS OPEC PRICE HIKE LOOMS, ASIA'S OIL BUYERS MAY SHOP ELSEWHERE

### Russia leapfrogs Saudi as China's top supplier

SINGAPORE: For the first time since 2008, OPEC is set to strike a deal to cut oil output that may boost prices. It may also give itself a bloody nose in Asia, where big buyers are ramping up supplies from elsewhere and say they don't want to pay more for fuel. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meets today to hammer out a deal to prop up prices that have halved since 2014. As they gather, tanker shipments to Asia from non-OPEC sources like Alaska, Azerbaijan, and the North Sea are growing, according to shipping data in Thomson Reuters Eikon.

Buyers in Asia, which alone uses a third of the world's oil supply, have watched with concern as OPEC suppliers - their biggest openly discuss propping up prices. With non-OPEC supplies readily available, they say they'll consider exploring new sources if the cartel's price is no longer right. "For us, the current price levels look to be appropriate for both sides (buyers and producers)," said Eiichiro Kitahara, Executive Officer at major Japanese refinery Tonen General Sekiyu. "Our company aims to avoid depending highly on certain suppliers, and we may seek new (supply) opportunities," Kitahara said, though like other executives he cautioned against expectations of any sudden change in supply trends among buyers. Major importers in Japan, China and South Korea have long-standing relationships with OPEC suppliers, with just its Middle East members providing two-thirds of Asia's oil needs.

Those ties could loosen, with refiners in countries like Japan - which gets around 90 percent of its oil from Middle East OPEC-members - keen to diversify sources to cut reliance on any single supplier.

In China, now challenging the United States as the world's biggest oil importer, efforts to reduce dependence on Middle East supplies have already seen OPEC kingpin Saudi Arabia lose its no.1 supplier rank to its rival Russia. Eikon data shows Middle East producers' share of China's supply mar-

ket fell from 50 percent in January to 46 percent in November.

### Price - the bottom line

Oil markets remained jittery ahead of the OPEC meeting. But refiners across Asia remain alive to the prospects of shifting market dynamics and how they could make other suppliers more attractive, even as OPEC seeks a price rise to boost the economies of countries that rely heavily on crude exports. "We are closely monitoring the OPEC meeting," said Kim Woo-Kyung, a spokeswoman at major South Korean refiner SK Innovation. "Even if OPEC cuts output, it won't have a big impact (on SK Innovation business) as there are a lot of supplies out there." Despite Asia's openness to new suppliers, price remains the ultimate arbiter. Most Middle Eastern crudes cost between \$45 and \$48 per barrel ahead of any production cut accord - a competitive price versus supplies from elsewhere when shipping fees are included. North Sea crudes like Britain's Brent and Forties, or Norway's Oseberg, cost between \$46 and almost \$47 a barrel, Azeri Light crude is currently priced at over \$48, while Alaska North Slope crude is on the market for \$46.30 per barrel.

Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA), which represents interests of oil consumers, told Reuters at a conference in Tokyo that an OPEC cut designed to raise prices could trigger an increase in output by other producers elsewhere - an increase in supply that could end up pegging prices back.

"If prices are pushed up towards \$60 we will see within nine months a strong response from US shale production putting oil in the market," Birol said. In the United States, suppliers are poised to take advantage of any shift in buying patterns. "Asian (oil) dependence on the Middle East is higher than they are comfortable with," said Bill Walker, Governor of Alaska, speaking during a recent visit to Japan. — Reuters



The Lord Mayor of London Dr Andrew Parmley addresses the reporters during a press conference yesterday. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

# UK IS KEEN ON BOLSTERING KUWAIT TIES, PARMLEY SAYS

By Faten Omai

**KUWAIT:** Lord Mayor of London Dr Andrew Parmley is visiting Kuwait to discuss the benefits of a strong economic partnership between Kuwait and the City of London with top Kuwaiti officials. "The United Kingdom is keen on bolstering ties with Kuwait in all possible domains," Parmley said. At a press conference yesterday at Hamra Tower, Parmley noted that he met HH Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, adding the meeting was attended by head of the mission of honor, Governor of Hawally Lt Gen Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and Director General of Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority Sheikh Dr Mishal Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah to discuss economic and commercial relationships between Kuwait and the UK.

The Lord Mayor of London affirmed that the goal of the visit was to reassure Kuwait and the GCC countries that the UK would remain a strong business partner. "The UK is a natural partner of choice for any ambitious country that plans to grow its economy. I look forward to strengthening the strong economic ties that bind the UK and Kuwait. During my forthcoming meetings, I will reiterate one central message: The UK is open for business." Parmley emphasized. He added that UK will always remain a great trading nation and Britain's economy is one of the strongest among major advanced economies in the world, and "we are well placed to face the future".

As the representative of London's prestigious and ancient 'City', the Lord Mayor will be primarily focused on commercial and investment relationships. Kuwait has a long history with the City of London, particularly through the Kuwait Investment Office, based in the City, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. Similarly British banking institutions such as HSBC have long operated in Kuwait. During his visit the Lord Mayor, will explore how to deepen these ties, and how the UK and UK businesses and institutions can support Kuwait's stated aim to become a financial hub and the country's ambitious development plan.

Parmley's visit comes on the backdrop of Brexit, an event that sent shockwaves around the globe after the UK expressed clear intensions to fully separate from the EU. Parmley revealed that more top UK officials will visit the



region soon, pointing out that British Prime Minister Theresa May will take part in the GCC summit to be held in Bahrain later next month. Parmley is closely involved in culture and creative industries and promotes diversity, particularly the importance of attracting international skills to London, and global Fair Trade.

The Lord Mayor will also be presenting a Mansion House Scholarship to a Kuwaiti scholar. "We have now two Kuwaiti winners, Mishari Fayez Al-Jassim and Dari Al-Zayad," Parmley said. The scholarship scheme exists to fund scholarships for the brightest and best students and young business executives from overseas to travel to the United Kingdom to study or to undertake training or work experience in London's world-leading financial services sector.

The scheme is administered as a charitable trust, with an independent chairman and four appointed trustees. The selection of the scholar remains as the personal gift of the Lord Mayor of the City of London and those awarded scholarships are known as Mansion House Scholars. This year, Jassim will be appointed as a Mansion House Scholar from Kuwait.

Jassim is 29 and works for Ahli United Bank in Kuwait City, where he has been employed since 2007. He is now a Senior Dealer on one of their Treasury Trading Desks. Mishari is the first Mansion House Scholar ever to have been selected from Kuwait and one of thirteen scholars to have been appointed by the Lord Mayor this year.

### BEIJING TARGETS YOUNG TAIWANESE FRAUDSTERS

**TAIPEI:** Taiwanese fraud rings based all over the world have for years swindled billions of dollars from members of the public through phone scamsnow they are the target of an angry China. As relations sour between Taipei and Beijing, China has insisted that Taiwanese scammers caught abroad are deported to the mainland. While Taipei has called the move "abduction", Beijing says it is justified because the majority of the phone fraud victims are mainland Chinese.

In several swoops since April, around 200 Taiwanese fraud suspects have been deported to China from countries including Armenia, Cambodia and Kenya, according to Taiwanese authorities. The latest incident came yesterday when 21 fraud suspects were deported "against their will" to China by Malaysia, Taiwan's foreign affairs ministry said. Previously, suspects would usually have been deported back to Taiwan as part of informal arrangements between crimefighting agencies in China, Taiwan and countries where the fraudsters are operating.

Beijing still sees self-ruling Taiwan as part of its territory and the new wave of deportations are widely seen as a move to pressurize China-sceptic President Tsai Ing-wen-relations between the two sides have grown increasingly frosty since she won the presidency in January. "Taiwan and China used to jointly investigate fraud cases but it is getting more difficult with the change of ruling party in Taiwan," said lawmaker Hsu Shu-hua of the opposition Kuomintang, who has proposed tougher fraud laws. Crimefighters say the current lack of cross-strait cooperation is making it more difficult to tackle the burgeoning networks.

The crime rings involve thousands of citizens from Taiwan and China. This year more than 10,600 phone fraud cases were recorded up to October, with numbers almost doubling over the past two years due to smartphone app fraud. Scammers have been hacking into popular messaging app Line posing as the user's friends to access phone account details, or asking them to buy gift cards. Fraudsters also make phone calls to victims, posing as police officers to request credit card information which is then used to make purchases, or pretending to be prosecutors demanding access to accounts implicated in money-laundering. Some victims transfer their entire accounts over to the fake law enforcers who say they need to ringfence the money while an investigation is under way. China's Taiwan Affairs Office has accused the swindlers of causing more than \$1.5 billion in losses annually on the mainland.

### Young offenders

Historic crackdowns when relations were better between China and Taiwan have forced fraudsters further afield, says Chan Chih-wen, an anti-fraud specialist at Taiwan's Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB). Since 2011, more than 2,000 Taiwanese fraud suspects have been arrested in 15 countries. While cross-strait politics may now make them harder to catch, some observers say malaise among Taiwanese youth is also to blame. With a stagnating economy many young people in Taiwan are disillusioned about a lack of jobs. Zhang Xue-hai, head of a civil group assisting jailed Taiwanese nationals in Thailand, said his cases are young people duped into joining fraud rings, which then confiscate their passports and mobile phones. — AFP

# OIL CONCERNS TEMPER EUROPEAN STOCKS

### Asian shares edge lower, yen strength hits Tokyo

yesterday, capping gains on European equities, as markets waited to see whether OPEC would be able to hammer out a meaningful output cut during a meeting to rein in a global supply overhang and prop up prices. Italian banking stocks staged something of a recovery after Monte dei Paschi's rescue plan got off to an encouraging start but miners came under renewed selling pressure after a sharp decline in commodities

"The fact that the FTSE 100 is going one way

LONDON: Oil prices fell more than 1.5 percent and the FTSE 250 is going the other way suggests that there is a sector specific event going on, as the FTSE 100 is more commodities heavy," said Investec economist Philip Shaw.

> The miner-heavy FTSE 100 index was down 0.56 percent but the FTSE Mid 250 edged higher at 1145 GMT. Outside of the commodities sector, investors appeared inclined to take on more risk, with Italian stocks up 0.94 percent and the banking sub-index up 2.3 percent. This helped push the STOXX Europe 600 Index up 0.16 percent in early trades, though it heading back towards

parity by 1145 GMT. "There seems to be some hope that Monte dei Paschi's debt-for-equity swap will go through, but I don't think anyone is optimistic about the banking sector in Italy," said OANDA senior market analyst Craig Erlam. Monte dei Paschi's rescue plan got off to a good start after Generali's board approved a conversion of 400 million euros in Monte dei Paschi subordinated bonds into shares, according to Italian press reports.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan fell 0.27 percent after two days of

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gains. Tokyo stocks slipped 0.3 percent, hit by a relatively strong yen.

European government bond markets were also trending in this direction, with safe-haven Germen government bond yields up 1-2 basis points and lower-rated Italian, Spanish and Portuguese bond yields lower. Italy, in focus ahead of a referendum this weekend, led the gains on the day with its 10-year bond yields down 6.9 basis points to 1.98 percent. Yields also fell after Reuters reported that the European Central Bank is ready to by more Italian bonds if there is turmoil after the constitu-

tional referendum on Sunday. "Citi's base case is for a No vote to prevail with political uncertainties likely to remain elevated over the near-term," wrote analysts at Citi. "It's worth watching whether PM Renzi resigns in the event of a No vote as promised, before rushing into euro shorts." The event has brought Italy's ailing banking sector sharp relief, and earlier this week Italian banking stocks hit their lowest point since end-September on continued worries over a cash call at troubled Monte dei Paschi. "Renzi has been such a massive driving force in terms of finding alternatives to reform the banking sector, so him going would be problematic even without considering the political instability it would bring," said Erlam.

The political risk kept the euro restrained despite the pullback in the dollar. The single currency fell 0.17 percent to \$1.0597. The dollar was again moving higher on the yen to reach 112.615, after profit-taking pulled it down as far as 111.58. It remains over 7 percent higher for the month. Dealers reported Japanese buying for the new month with orders today settling on Dec 1.

Against a basket of currencies, the dollar held at 101.330 and not far from last week's 14-year peak. The greenback was still on track for its strongest twomonth gain since early 2015, underpinned by expectations the Federal Reserve is almost certain to hike interest rates next month. — Reuters



SHANGHAI: A man fills a wheel cart with cement at a construction site of a residential skyscraper in Shanghai yesterday. Chinese household debt has risen at an 'alarming' pace as property values have soared, analysts say, raising the risk that a real estate downturn could send shockwaves through the world's second largest economy. —AFP

## GOLD SLIDES AS MARKET LOOKS TO FED RATE RISE

INVESTORS FAVOR RISK ASSETS SUCH AS EQUITIES

**NEW YORK:** Gold prices fell yesterday due to expectations of rising US interest rates and a higher dollar and improving sentiment for global economic growth, which means investors are likely to favor risk assets such as equities. Spot gold was down 0.5 percent at \$1,187.4 an ounce as of 1036 GMT. US gold futures slid 0.5 to \$1.185.9 per ounce. The US Federal Reserve is seen raising rates in December and boosting the US currency, which when it rises makes commodities more expensive for non-US buyers. The dollar index, which tracks the greenback against a basket of six major rivals, hit a nearly 14-year peak of 102.050 last week.

"Gold is struggling here with the higher dollar and better sentiment for growth," said Danske Bank analyst Jens Pederson. "Rising bond yields means it's cheaper to buy US Treasuries, which, like gold, are viewed as a risk-free asset." However, government bonds, unlike gold, earn interest. Expectations of stronger growth after US President-elect Donald Trump takes office in January have also helped equity mar-

"After the election people are thinking we're going to get a few more years of growth and stronger equities," said Andrew Cole, a fund manager at Pictet Asset Management. "Gold's losses are not surprising given the dollar." Analysts said doubts about whether

kets since the election earlier this month.

Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi will win a referendum on Sunday on constitutional reform have not, as some had expected, countered negative sentiment towards gold. But the Italian vote and Austria's presidential election also on Sunday cannot be ignored. On the technical front, traders say a break of a Fibonacci support level at \$1,171.76 last week means gold could see lower levels over coming weeks. "The trigger could be higher US rates," one trader said. "What the Fed says about the timing of further rises will also be important for gold." Silver fell 0.5 percent to \$16.54 an ounce, while platinum lost 0.1 percent to \$921.85. Palladium gained 0.1 percent to \$756.0 after rising to its highest since June 4, 2015, at \$760.30 on Monday. — Reuters

## RAND FALLS 2%, LEADING **EMERGING ASSETS DOWN**

### **EMERGING MARKETS** He said politics too would remain

LONDON: The South African rand fell almost two percent yesterday, leading emerging currency losses as the ruling party's efforts to remove President Jacob Zuma failed and the dollar firmed after a two-day slide. Most other emerging assets also slipped, with the exception of the yuan, which rose to one-week highs thanks to dollar-buying by state-run banks and reports of fresh capital curbs.

Emerging stocks slipped 0.3 percent after hitting two-week highs, as Asian markets reacted to Monday's weak Wall Street close and doubts that the upcoming OPEC oil producers' meeting will be able to implement an output cut. Markets will likely focus on South Africa, which dodged relegation to a junk credit rating last week but faces another test from S&P this Friday. The rand reversed some of Monday's 3 percent gains against the dollar after a newspaper reported that scandal-tinged President Jacob Zuma had survived a ruling party vote to oust him. Bond yields rose five basis points off two-week lows.

Markets were awaiting a 1200 GMT press briefing by the ruling ANC party. Credit Agricole strategist Guillaume Tresca predicted more rand weakness after the past week's 7 percent gain, and expects S&P to cut South Africa's credit rating. He noted the agency had downgraded state-run utility Eskom last week. "Usually they are more negative than the other ratings agencies regarding South Africa ... When you read all the statements from S&P regarding South Africa they always mention the indebtedness of the public companies," Tresca said.

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messy. "The feud between Zuma and (finance minister Pravin) Gordhan is not over. The market is maybe too complacent and too optimistic." Other emerging currencies also eased against the dollar, with the rouble down 0.4 percent and the Malaysian ringgit hovering near 14month lows on the back of a 1 percent decline in oil prices. However, the Chinese yuan rose to one-week highs as state-run banks stepped in to buy the currency for the second straight day and sources said the country's forex regulator would step up measures to stem capital outflows through tighter vetting of outbound investment deals. Offshoretraded yuan also slipped after hitting record lows last week

Mainland China blue-chip stocks rose to 11-month highs, taking heart from Monday's data hinting at stronger manufacturing and corporate earnings. However, capital outflows via both legal and illegal channels are increasing pressure on the yuan, which has depreciated nearly 6 percent against the dollar this year. Yuan weakness raises the spectre of more capital flight and Societe Generale analysts noted that the domestic money stock was still growing faster than nominal GDP and valuations for local assets such as property and stocks looked stretched.

"It is going to be an uphill battle for the PBoC to retain control over the speed of currency adjustments," SocGen said, predicting the yuan would trade at 7.30 per dollar by end-2017, revising the previous 7.20 forecast. — Reuters



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ALOLA	46.5	45.0	630,352	28,837	14	46.5	-	0.0
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AAYAN	27.0	26.5	925,190	24,980	22	27.0		-0.5
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ALDEERA	32.5	32.0	60,530	1,938	12	32.5		-0.5
ALSALAM	44.0	43.0	32,000	1,399	3	44.0	Α.	0.5
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## Alghanim Automotive (Chevrolet and Cadillac) wins first and third place at General Motors' Dealers Technicians Competition Among 1960 auto technicians from the Middle East



**FIRST PLACE** 

'usuf A. Alghanim & Sons Automotive, the exclusive distributor of both Chevrolet and Cadillac vehicles in Kuwait, adds a new entry in its achievement record by winning first place at one of the biggest automotive



service competitions in the region. Organized at 3rd position. Sherwin scored the most points by General Motors, the competition rated the skills and proficiency of 40 authorized auto technicians in the Middle East wherein Alghanim Automotive's very own team came

The annual competition, now in its eighth year, is inspired by General Motor's "Fix It Right First Time" program, where the technician team at Alghanim Automotive service centers, as well as Chevrolet and Cadillac service centers across the Middle East, are considered to be certifiably competent to not only diagnose any fault or malfunction but fix it as well on the first time, thereby elevating the customer's trust of their favorite automotive brand and peace of mind. About 40 top auto technicians from General Motors competed last week in Dubai for the honor to be named the best in the region. And it should be noted that this is not the first win for Alghanim Automotive in this esteemed competition, as they had placed 1st in 2014, and 5th and 6th in 2015.

The triumph of Yusuf A. Alghanim & Sons Automotive comes as a result of the comprehensive training opportunities that its technicians avail of all year long, in addition to them bring provided with the latest and most advanced service equipment that would ensure their job gets done on time while meeting customer service standards.

"Our main aim at GM is to be customer centric; so naturally, making sure customer vehicles are fixed to the highest standard possible is a critical part of this," said Mario A. Spangenberg, President and Managing Director of GM Africa and Middle East. "This commitment to our customers is part of our culture at GM. This competition is one of the many ways we encourage our technicians to develop their craft in order to provide our customers with the best aftersales experience possible."

After having gone through a qualification process over the past year, the 40 finalists met in Dubai to compete in a series of tasks to test their technical skills, they diagnosed and fixed 40 purposely booby-trapped vehicles. The competition is refereed by 20 judges from General Motors as well as third party experts from several different areas of relevant focus.

The group collectively fixed 10 issues over 10 hours during the two-day event.

The winner of the competition was Sherwin Anthony Ribeiro, an Indian national, who is a

for his accuracy and speed in diagnosing 10 difficult issues on various vehicles, be they from Cadillac or Chevrolet, and formulating the best course of action for a correct fix from the outset in the quickest time.

"After my first participation last year, I went back to Kuwait and decided that I will work harder for the following year, and here I am!" Sherwin enthused after Mario A. Spangenberg, President and Managing Director GM Africa and Middle East handed him his winner's trophy during a gala dinner. He continued; "The Competition is full of challenging tasks, it pushes us technicians to work harder and fix a customer's car right form the first time. It is an amazing initiative by GM, because it maintains a high level of skills and I hope to participate and win again."

"Since the inception of this competition and its supporting training programs, there has been a significant improvement in the 'fix it right the first time' rate across the region. This year, GM Middle East, across its four brands' service efforts, has the highest ever customer satisfaction levels in the region's history, something that we are very proud of. Our dealer technicians' skills, highlighted by this competitive tool is a major contributor to our customers' satisfaction," said Mohammed Al Fayyad, Director of Customer Care and Aftersales for General Motors Middle

It has been a long road to get here. 1960 GM dealer technicians from around the Middle East signed up for the competition in February.

Since then, they have been through training programs and five grueling elimination rounds consisting of online and written tests. This cut the field down to 300 and down to the top 40 who flew into Dubai to compete in the finals

On a closing note, this win marks another proud achievement in a fulfilling year for Alghanim Automotive, whereby Mr. Abdullah Al-Khatib won first place at the General Motors Middle East's 2015 Service Advisors Skills Competition. Mr. Gemiliano Cabalar was awarded the "Best TAC (Technical Assistance Center) Contact" award for 2015 during the General Motors TAC Seminar, and Mr. Ayman Ahmed Marie was declared the best wholesale person in the Gulf.

On Alghanim Automotive Service Center (Chevrolet and Cadillac)

The Yusuf A. Alghanim & Sons Service Center in Shuwaikh is the biggest and most advancea technician for the Yusuf Ahmad Alghanim & automotive service center in the world, with Sons Co (Chevrolet and Cadillac), followed by 73,000 sq m of built up area, servicing 1,000 his colleague in the company Willbold Bensley vehicles every day. Throughout the facility,



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advanced technology is used to provide customers with reliable service performed by a team of proficiently trained technicians, onsite and ready to offer necessary advice and support as well as cost-effective operations to customers' vehicles.





# FOR APPLE AND OTHERS, TIN SUPPLY CHAIN HAS TIES TO REBEL-HELD MYANMAR MINE

United Wa State Army blacklisted by US

YANGON: From a remote corner of northeastern Myanmar, an insurgent army sells tin ore to suppliers of some of the world's largest consumer companies. More than 500 companies, including leading brands such as smartphone maker Apple, coffee giant Starbucks and luxury jeweler Tiffany & Co, list among their suppliers Chinese-controlled firms that indirectly buy ore from the Man Maw mine near Myanmar's border with China, a Reuters examination of the supply chain found.

The mine is controlled by the United Wa State Army (UWSA), which the United States placed under sanctions for alleged narcotics trafficking in 2003. The seven companies extracting tin from the mine are all owned or controlled by Wa military and government leaders, Wa officials and people with close ties to UWSA leadership said. This potentially puts companies, which also include industrial conglomerate General Electric, at risk of violating sanctions that forbid "direct or indirect" dealings with blacklisted groups, according to a former and a serving US official and lawyers with expertise in sanctions enforcement.

Several sanctions experts said the US government was unlikely to fine companies who unwittingly used the Myanmar tin. Still, it may force them to shift to new suppliers, they said. A Treasury Department spokeswoman said US sanctions "generally prohibit US companies from

engaging in any direct or indirect transactions or dealings with individuals or entities" on a blacklist, but declined further comment on specific circumstances. The situation illustrates the difficulties facing multinationals in monitoring supply chains that have grown increasingly complex.

Following a 2012 US regulation, companies have spent billions of dollars scrutinizing whether certain minerals used in their products come from mines controlled by armed groups in Central Africa. But the regulations do not require them to assess the origins of minerals from other conflict zones. Apple, Tiffany and GE, and other companies contacted by Reuters, said that to fulfill those regulations they looked to an audit program designed by the industry group Conflict Free Sourcing Initiative (CFSI).

A CFSI program director said the group was "aware of tin exports from Myanmar to other countries and of security and human rights issues in Myanmar". The group said it was updating its audit requirements to include "a broader definition of conflict-affected and high-risk areas". Tin supply chain expert at monitoring group Global Witness, Sophia Pickles, said companies must not wholly outsource due diligence responsibility to a scheme that has exclusively focused on central Africa. "Companies, not schemes, bear the primary responsibility for ensuring that supply chains are responsible," she said.

### Civil war

Most of the tin mined globally is used as solder in electronics, for making batteries and plating. The Man Maw mine roiled the global tin market when huge quantities of high grade ore were discovered around 2013. Annual production is now estimated at about 33,000 tons of tin concentrate, more than a 10th of global output of the metal. The mine is controlled by the UWSA, the strongest of the myriad armed groups that have kept Myanmar in a state of near-perpetual civil war for decades. Reuters visited the remote mine last month, the first international media organization to do so.

Interviews with officials running the mine, UWSA leaders and executives at Asian tin suppliers, together with an examination of public disclosures of suppliers made by companies in regulatory filings, indicate Wa tin likely ends up in an array of products made by US and other international companies. Tin from Man Maw provides revenue critical to the survival of the self-proclaimed Wa State and its rulers, who have refused to disarm or participate in Myanmar's peace process. "There are dozens of trucks carrying tin ore to China every morning," the head of the Wa territory foreign affairs office, Zhao Guo An, told Reuters. "Tin mining is the pillar of our economy. It's the biggest source of income."—Reuters



**Mohamed Alabbar and Rashid Alabbar** 

### YOOX NET-A-PORTER GROUP, MOHAMED ALABBAR PARTNER

**KUWAIT:** YOOX NET-A-PORTER GROUP SpA (MTA: YNAP), the world's leading online luxury fashion retailer is delighted to announce a joint venture with Symphony Investments, an entity controlled by Mohamed Alabbar, to create the Middle East's undisputed leader for online luxury retail, in a partnership that will draw on the region's enormous growth potential. The partnership will see Mohamed Alabbar focus his entire online luxury retail activity in the region exclusively through the new joint venture.

YNAP will hold a 60% stake in the joint venture ("JV"), which will be fully consolidated in YNAP's accounts, while Symphony Investments will own the remaining 40%. The JV will manage all of the Group's existing multi-brand online stores in the region - NET-A-PORTER, MR PORTER, YOOX and THE OUTNET-as well as, in agreement with the brands, select existing and future Online Flagship Stores "Powered by YOOX NET-A-PORTER GROUP" that have significant business potential in the Middle East.

The new company will operate in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries ("GCC") -the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman. The JV may expand to other countries in the Middle East and North Africa in the future. To provide Middle Eastern luxury customers with a fullylocalised offer, the JV will establish on-the-ground operations, which will allow YNAP to capture the region's significant growth potential.

### Localization strategy

In particular, the JV's localization strategy will include: - The establishment of a Dubai-based entity to bring the company closer to its customers: a local office with dedicated sales & marketing, customer care and PR teams will provide Middle Eastern customers with a highly tailored offering that will set a new standard of customer service in the region and further drive brand awareness; - the opening of a new distribution centre in Dubai powered by YNAP's omni-stock techno-logistics platform to guarantee the highest level of service, including premier same-day delivery; - the development of a localized offering ranging from Arabic-language customer care and content, as well as local currency and payment methods.

The JV will open the local office and distribution centre in Dubai by end of 2017. YOOX and THE OUTNET will debut in 2018, while NET-A-PORTER and MR PORTER will launch in 2019, followed by select Online Flagship Stores. "The Middle East is one of the fastest growing global centers for luxury retail. The region also has a significant population of over 200 million young people who are tech-savvy and influence luxury retail decisions."

With this joint venture to be based in Dubai, a global business & leisure hub, we are pioneering a never-before online luxury retail experience that integrates luxury with techno-logistics. It will redefine the retail sector, and create a brand-new way to access the world's high-end brands brought by YNAP. A ground-breaking initiative, the JV will serve as go-to online destination for luxury retail and set new industry benchmarks in customer service, speed of delivery and diversity of choice" said Mohamed Alabbar, Chairman of Symphony Investments.

### Unique experience

"We are thrilled by the potential of the Middle East market: combining YNAP and Mohamed Alabbar's strengths, we look for-

ward to giving shoppers in the region access to a fantastic luxury assortment with our unparalleled service and content. We were delighted to welcome Mohamed Alabbar as a strategic investor earlier this year and together we are now embarking on a major expansion in the region," said Federico Marchetti, Chief Executive Officer of YOOX NET-A-PORTER GROUP.

This partnership will combine the unique experience and expertise of both parties. YNAP will contribute its burgeoning business in the region, as well as its strong existing brand recognition and a high-value customer base. It will also provide long-standing expertise as the world's leading online luxury retailer, plus a world-class techno-logistics platform that is tailored to luxury fashion. Symphony Investments will bring its unique experience of luxury retail in the Middle East along with its unmatched knowledge of luxury consumer trends and its extensive network in the region.

The founder of Symphony Investments, Mohamed Alabbar, is also the Chairman of Emaar Properties and Emaar Malls, and is world renowned for successfully developing and managing The Dubai Mall, the world's largest retail destination. Symphony Investments will make a significant cash contribution to the JV, to be phased over the first three years of the venture, which will support YNAP's expansion in the Middle East and the related investments.

### Digital transformation

The JV further strengthens an existing relationship that was forged when Alabbar invested in YNAP through subscription for a Ä100 million capital increase in April 2016. Symphony Investments, along with its affiliates, operates and invests in businesses in the Middle East, Southeast Asia and Africa across a variety of sectors including luxury fashion, retail, e-commerce, mining, and real estate, among others. Mohamed Alabbar is now leading the digital transformation in the Middle East with the launch of Noon.com which aims to be a generalist ecommerce platform that will include payments and logistics enablers.

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He also led two investor groups in buying a combined 16.45% stake in Dubai-based global logistics provider Aramex. The Middle East region accounted for3%ofglobal luxury consumption in 20151and is expected to significantly outpace the growth of the global personal luxury goods market over the next five years2. The region boasts one of the highest GDP per capita worldwide2, a particularly high concentration of high-net-worth individuals ("HNWIs") and a promising e-commerce landscape, driven by a young and mobile-friendly population, growing internet penetration and public investments in IT, e-services and tele-

coms infrastructure.

The joint venture will have an indefinite duration; however, the agreement allows Symphony Investments to exit the JV after a few years of operations. In addition, the agreement envisages that YNAP will have the right to exercise a call option on Alabbar's stake during predefined time periods. YOOX NET-A-PORTER will appoint the majority of the JV's Board of Directors and will nominate the Chief Executive Officer and the Finance Manager. The Chairman of the board will be appointed by Symphony





# ROGUE ONE STAR WARS LIMITED EDITION TAKES OVER LOS ANGELES AUTO SHOW

**DUBAI:** Nissan unveiled the last of four new vehicles debuting at the Los Angeles Auto Show, the 2017 Nissan Rogue: Rogue One Star Wars Limited Edition. The dramatic reveal featured a special interactive presentation of the Intelligent Safety Shield technologies available in the redesigned 2017 Rogue (known as X-Trail in the Middle East) against a high-action video. The video was followed by a drive-out of a pair of the Nissan Rogue: Rogue One Star Wars Limited Edition vehicles accompanied by battle-ready stormtroopers. Custom features of the Nissan Rogue: Rogue One Star Wars Limited Edition - the first production vehicle ever to include Star Wars-branded elements - include a unique badge, exclusive interior and exterior trim items and a full-size Death Trooper collectible helmet.

Only 5,400 units of the Limited Edition vehicle will be available in the US and Canadian markets. The Rogue One Star Wars Limited Edition packageis only available on 2017 Rogue SV equipped with the Sun and Sound Touring Package. Reservations for the vehicle are being taken now at



NissanUSA.com. "The Nissan Rogue and the first Star Wars standalone movie share more than just a name. The Star Wars film franchise has pushed the boundaries of technology since the debut of the original episode nearly 40 years ago," said Jeremy Tucker, vice president, Marketing Communications & Media, Nissan North America, Inc. "Nissan is doing the same with its industry-leading

cars, trucks and SUVs like the new Rogue - our most advanced Rogue to date - so it's natural that the two join forces."

Nissan has also created an immersive "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story"-inspired experience for consumers visiting the Nissan display during the Los Angeles Auto Show, which takes place at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Nov. 18 through 27. Activities

include a full-scale Tie Fighter replica, a Star Wars character-themed digital mirror experience, an Augmented Reality generator and weekend appearances by stormtroopers. In addition, a special gallery features a display of costumes and model props used during the production of the upcoming "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" movie, including Y-Wing, AT-ACT and X-Wing fighters.

# HENKEL PRESENTS NEW STRATEGIC PRIORITIES, FINANCIAL AMBITION

**DUBAI:** Henkel presented its new strategic priorities and financial ambition, which will shape Henkel until 2020 and beyond - summarized as 'Henkel 2020+'. Based on its strong foundation, Henkel aims to generate continued profitable growth by focusing on four strategic priorities: Driving growth, accelerating digitalization, increasing agility and funding growth. "We will build our future on a strong foundation, which will enable us to generate sustainable profitable growth in the coming years.

We have an excellent track record of outperforming our markets, a balanced and well-diversified business portfolio with exciting brands, innovative technologies and leading positions in highly attractive markets and categories - and a passionate global team with a strong culture, common purpose and shared values," said Hans Van Bylen, Chief Executive Officer of Henkel. "At Henkel, we share the common purpose to create sustainable value - for our customers and consumers, our employees, our shareholders, as well as for our stakeholders and the communities in which we operate. In addition, our values guide all our actions, decisions and behavior," said Hans Van Bylen.

### Ambition for 2020+

"We want to continue Henkel's successful development in a highly volatile business environment, characterized by globalization, accelerating digitalization, rapidly changing markets, and an increasing relevance of resource scarcity and social responsibility. By 2020 and beyond, our ambition for Henkel is to generate more profitable growth and to become more customer-focused, more innovative, more agile, and fully digitized in our internal processes and customer-facing activities. In addition, we aim to promote sustainability in all our business activities, reinforcing our leading position," Hans Van Bylen explained.

"In order to achieve this ambition, we will focus on driving growth, accelerating digitalization across all our businesses and functions, increasing agility in our organization and teams, and funding our growth through targeted initiatives. In addition to



Hans Van Bylen

organic growth, acquisitions will continue to be an integral part of our strategy in order to further strengthen our portfolio. We will begin to implement our strategic priorities in a highly energized way from day one, to continue our successful development and create sustainable value," said Hans Van Bylen, summarizing Henkel's future strategic direction.

### Profitable growth

In a highly volatile and uncertain market environment, Henkel has defined a concrete financial ambition for the period until 2020: Over the next four years, Henkel aims to achieve an average organic sales growth between 2% and 4% with an over-proportionate contribution from emerging markets. For adjusted earnings per preferred share, Henkel targets a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7 to 9%. This ambition for EPS growth includes the impact of currency developments and excludes major acquisitions as well as share buy-back. In addition, Henkel aims for continued improvements of its adjusted EBIT margin and free cash flow expansion. Overview of strategic priorities.

### Drive Growth

Driving growth in mature and emerging markets

will be a key strategic priority for Henkel. The company will launch a range of targeted initiatives to create superior customer and consumer engagement, further strengthen its leading brands and technologies, develop exciting innovations and services, and capture new sources of growth.

### Accelerate Digitalization

Accelerating digitalization will help Henkel to successfully grow its business, strengthen the relationships with its customers and consumers, optimize its processes and transform the entire company. By 2020, Henkel will implement a range of initiatives to drive its digital business, leverage industry 4.0 projects, and transform the organization.

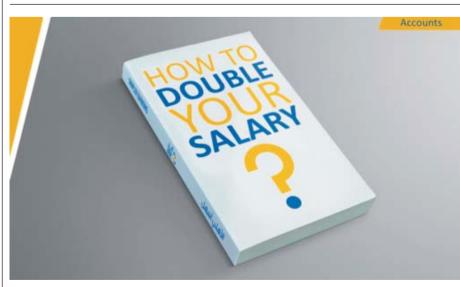
### Increase Agility

In a highly volatile and dynamic business environment, increasing agility of the organization will be a critical success factor for Henkel in the future. This will include energized and empowered teams, fastest time-to-market as well as smart and simplified processes.

### Fund growth

In order to fund growth, Henkel will implement new approaches to optimize resource allocation, focus on net revenue management, further increase efficiency in its structures, and continue to expand its Global Supply Chain organization. Together, these initiatives will contribute to further improve profitability and enable Henkel to fund its growth ambitions for 2020 and beyond.

To reinforce its commitment to sustainability, Henkel has defined clear targets to improve its resource efficiency, for example by creating more value with less resources. Henkel has defined ambitious sustainability milestones which would result in an overall efficiency improvement of 75 percent by 2020 compared to 2010. Engaging all Henkel employees globally to act as sustainability ambassadors toward customers and consumers, business partners and society will be a driver of Henkel's sustainability leadership.



# ABK ANNOUNCES 'DOUBLE YOUR SALARY' WEEKLY DRAW WINNERS

**KUWAIT:** Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) held its 31st 'Double Your Salary' weekly draw on 28th November, 2016 at the Bank's Head Office in the presence of a representative from the Ministry of Commerce, announcing the names of the winners for this week. The promotion includes weekly draws, with two winners per draw. The campaign will run until 27th June, 2017. The winners this week were: (1) Abdullah Hamad Abdullah Al Qahtani - Head Office Branch. (2) Amirah Sayed Ahmad Yousef - Al Ferdous Branch.

New customers who transfer their salary to ABK receive KD 100 and will auto-

matically be entered into the weekly draws to double their salaries. Existing customers who are already transferring their salary to ABK are entered into a separate draw. The next 'Double Your Salary' draw will be held on 5th December, 2016 where two new lucky winners will be announced. All winners will be contacted personally and a weekly announcement will be made through the media with the winners' names. For more information about Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait please visit eahli.com or contact a customer service agent via 'Ahlan

Ahli' at 1899899.

# ZAIN TO HOST SIXTH ZAIN TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE IN AMMAN DECEMBER 5-7, UNDER THEME 'MOVING FORWARD'

Amman and Kuwait City: Zain Group, a leading mobile telecom innovator in eight markets across the Middle East and Africa, is set to host its sixth annual Zain Technology Conference (ZTC), December 5 to 7, 2016 at Le Royale Hotel in Amman, Jordan. The theme of this year's Conference is 'Moving Forward', and will focus on Zain's strategy execution as it continues its transformation to becoming a digital lifestyle provider in a highly competitive environment. This year's ZTC will be held under the

patronage of His Excellency the Prime Minister of Jordan, Dr. Hani al-Mulki; and attended by Her Excellency Jordan Minister of Information and Communication Technology, and Minister of Public Sector Development, Mrs Majd Shweikeh plus several Ministers; President of the Jordan Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, Dr. Ghazi Jbour; Zain Group CEO, Scott Gegenheimer; Zain Jordan CEO, Ahmad Al Hanandeh; Zain Group CTO, Hisham Allam, together with Zain Group and Operations teams. There will also be participation of about 60 technology partners who will showcase their latest technologies, hold technical sessions and functional panels, throughout the three-day program, identifying how they are of benefit to

In addition to keynote speeches from Zain's main technology partners, Ericsson, Huawei, and Nokia who will be sharing their strategic direction with Zain, there will be keynotes by several guest speakers from renowned consulting firms Detecon and Strategy& focusing on experiences of Global operators in their digital transformation journey. There will also be roundtable panels discussions by a set of diverse experts and Zain Chief Technology Officers

Zain's transformation aspirations.



discussing on how Zain can thrive as a digital lifestyle provider.

One of the many highlights of ZTC's agenda will be the keynote address set to be given by Fadi Ghandour, the Co-Founder of courier company Aramex and Executive Chairman of WAMDA Capital, a platform of programs and networks that aims to accelerate the entrepreneurship ecosystems across the MENA. A Jordanian national, Mr. Ghandour has risen to the heights of international business and entrepreneurship and will be sharing some of his perspectives on business success and innovation with the audience.

Commenting on the preparation for ZTC 2016, Zain Group CEO, Scott Gegenheimer said, "We are fully aware of

the requirement to be innovative at all times and thus we have embedded innovation in the culture of the organization and throughout our entire ecosystem. Being able to consistently host an event like ZTC where there is an exchange of valuable information between Zain and its primary technology partners is invaluable, and we are enthusiastic to be holding it for the sixth time. Together with our partners, digital innovation and its implementation to enhance our customer's digital lifestyle experience lies at the heart of Zain's vision." On his part Hisham Allam, Chief Technology Officer of Zain Group said, "Our agenda over the three days reflects the breadth and depth of our endeavors with respect to maximizing digital innovation in order to drive the delivery of the best products and solutions for our customers in the most efficient manner possible. We appreciate the time and effort made by our technology partners to participate in this year's conference in Jordan, the country operation that epitomizes our innovation outlook perfectly."

Jordan is an appropriate backdrop in which to host ZTC 2016, given the emphasis on innovation that is driven from the Zain operation there, notably its Zain Innovation Campus (ZINC), and from which digital ideas are being utilized by the Group in order to deliver unique digital mobile experiences for customers. Zain Jordan is also synonymous for championing youth development and college students and

their professors from the Kingdom have been invited to attend ZTC keynotes, breakout sessions and technology demos and exhibitions by the partners. In addition Ericsson, Huawei and Nokia will be showcasing their latest digital technologies during the conference for university students at ZINC. ZTC 2016 will comprise of seven streams, which extend to; Smart Networks, Core Evolution, BSS and OSS Digital Future, IT Evolution, Quality of Experience, Service Innovation and Energy Efficiency and Site Optimization. Relevant technology and business topics that will be discussed over the three days of high-level interactions include: Network Evolution to 5G and Use Cases, Cloud and Virtualization opportunities, Telecom Data Analytics, IoT use cases, VoLTE and Video services.

Zain is utilizing the latest technologies in the development of tailored solutions in the areas of Machine to Machine (M2M) communications, Enterprise (B2B) offerings, and Smart City connectivity, in attracting and offering its customers unique and business enhancing mobile services.

ZTC 2016 will attract over 700 participants made up of Zain technology, innovation and product development personnel from across its eight operations as well as representatives from the 60 technology partners.

A live stream of the opening and major presentations of the event will be provided to staff across all Zain Group country operations as well as to the personnel of the technology partners present. The conference will also be comprehensively covered live on Zain's social media channels covering many aspects of the event and a dedicated website https://event.zain.com has been set up to cover the major happenings from ZTC 2016.

### CHINESE FIRMS HIT BY HUGE **INCREASE IN CYBER ATTACKS**

**HONG KONG:** Cyber attacks on Chinese companies have soared in the past two years, according to a survey, with new technologies that connect household items to the internet and allow them to receive and send data seen as particular-

The average number of cyber attacks detected by companies in mainland China and Hong Kong grew 969 percent between 2014 and 2016. The number of attacks averaged more than 7 a day for each of the survey's 440 China-based respondents - around half of the global average of 13.

However, the average number of attacks fell by 3 percent globally over the last two years, and 30 percent since 2015, in contrast to the rise in China. China's rapid adoption of new consumer and industrial technology for the 'Internet of Things (IoT)' era may be part of the reason. PwC said such connected devices are the leading targets of cyber-attacks. "IoT devices in general have not paid attention to cyber security," said Marin Ivezic, a partner on cyber security at PwC in Hong Kong. "In China and Hong Kong ... we have more adoption than anywhere else in the world," he said, noting China was also one of the biggest manufacturers of these items.

Chinese-made connected home devices such as webcams with security loopholes that gave way to botnet malwares were blamed by security researchers for a massive cyber attack in the US last month that temporarily paralyzed major internet sites.

The Chinese companies surveyed had cut their cybersecurity budget by 7.6 percent in 2016 compared with flat global spending. Thirty four percent of them identified competitors as a source of attacks, a rate higher than anywhere else

The PwC survey does not track the country of origin of the attacks, which Ivezic said is "almost impossible". The drop in the global number of cyber attacks did not reflect a safer environment, he said, but was rather the result of more sophisticated cyber criminals who more selective in who they targeted. — Reuters

### MOBILE USE DRIVES US HOLIDAY SHOPPING GAINS

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Americans are turning to their mobile devices for deals to kick off the holiday shopping season, with retail trends increasingly upended by ever-present smart-

According to Adobe Digital Insights, the four-day Thanksgiving Day weekend that normally marks the start of the holiday season saw online sales of \$36.5 billion, up seven percent from last year-more than a third of that coming from mobile devices. The latest figures showed the diminishing importance of events such as "Black Friday," the blockbuster sales day following the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, and "Cyber Monday," a tradition dating back to days when consumers waited to use their office high-speed connections for online purchases.

Data released earlier by the National Retail Federation showed relatively flat total retail sales for Black Friday, noting that 44 percent shopped online, compared to 40 percent who went in stores. Plenty of bargain-hunters took a break from Thanksgiving festivities on Thursday to shop-with online sales totaling \$1.93 billion, and 40 percent of the total on tablets or smartphones (\$771 million), according to Adobe.

Data from IBM, meanwhile, showed US

holiday retail trends catching on globally. IBM said global retailers saw a 24 percent increase in online sales as the weekend kicked off, with a major British retailer reporting 2,100 hits per second in the early hours of Black Friday. "It is clear, online shopping during the US holiday period has become a global phenomenon, said Harriet Green, general manager at IBM Commerce, which manages systems for retailers. IBM said pre-holiday online shopping was up 10 percent over 2015, and that this momentum likely pointed to similar gains for the early season.

### **Shopping Monday**

Adobe said Black Friday set a new record by surpassing the \$3 billion mark for the first time (\$3.34 billion), with the first-ever day of mobile sales topping \$1 billion. For Cyber Monday, overall online sales were expected to be even bigger-\$3.39 billion, with mobile accounting for 35 percent of the total, Adobe said. Smartphones were driving more than twice as many sales as tablets on Monday, at 25 percent to 10 percent, according to the survey. Online payments firm PayPal meanwhile reported "double digit growth in payment volume" on mobile devices during the first eight hours of Cyber Monday. — AFP

### CAR MANUFACTURERS TO JUICE EUROPE WITH E-CHARGING NETWORK

FRANKFURT AM MAIN: German carmakers BMW, Daimler, Porsche and Audi and US competitor Ford said yesterday they would cooperate on a Europe-wide network of electric charging stations.

The move is an "important step towards facilitating mass-market battery electric vehicle adoption", the manufacturers said in a joint statement, and comes as German carmakers rev up their offers of electric cars for the coming years. "We intend to create a network that allows our customers on longdistance trips to use a coffee break for recharging," Audi chief executive Rupert Stadler said.

The firms have signed a memorandum of understanding on the joint venture and plan to begin construction of some 400 high-speed charging stations across Europe in 2017. Completion of the network is slated for 2020. Hybrid and all-electric cars from any manufacturer using the Combined

Charging System (CCS) standard will be able to use the stations, in a move aimed at boosting growth of electric car use on the continent. German carmakers have lagged behind some competitors when it comes to introducing electric models.

The technology remains little-used in Europe, hobbled by high prices, the short range of the vehicles and a lack of recharging infrastructure. But recent months have seen a fresh commitment from the industry, a pillar of Europe's largest economy, to speed up the introduction of electric cars.

Audi and Porsche parent Volkswagen announced this month that it aims to sell one million electric vehicles per year by 2025. VW sees non-polluting technology as a chance to clean its tarnished reputation. after it admitted in September 2015 to installing software designed to cheat regulatory emissions tests on 11 million dieselpowered cars worldwide. — AFP

# DIRECTV WANTS TO BE THE NEXT ONLINE SUBSTITUTE FOR CABLE

DVR SYSTEM COMING NEXT YEAR

**NEW YORK:** There are already a few online services that aim to replace cable, but they haven't attracted many users yet. AT&T's DirecTV hopes to change that with a new service announced Monday.

While just about any person you meet on the street will tell you cable costs too much, the vast majority of Americans don't think it's bad enough to cancel. Cheaper online live-TV services, like Dish Network's Sling TV and Sony's PlayStation Vue, remain relatively unknown compared with Netflix, Hulu and Amazon. And while they're easy to order and cancel online and fairly simple to use, they still have drawbacks. "No one has really delivered the right combination of content, price and ease that will get people to make that call to their current provider and say sayonara," said Forrester analyst Jim Nail. It's unclear if AT&T's new service, creatively dubbed DirecTV Now, will break out with consumers, especially with another live-TV operation from Hulu coming early next year. And maybe one from Google. Or, who knows, maybe even Apple, too. The service, which will be available on Wednesday, will initially offer more than 100 channels for a teaser price of \$35 a month. But that's just a limited-time offer, and the price for that bundle will nearly double once the deal expires. (Existing customers will be grandfathered in.) AT&T didn't say when that will happen.

### Who wants to watch?

If an online cable service could figure out how to get customers to pay up, it could attract millions of people. Americans are increasingly dissatisfied with how much they pay for what's on TV. The number of customers paying cable and satellite operators for TV has dropped nearly 3 million, to roughly 97 million, in the past two years, according to industry experts MoffettNathanson Research. And plenty of people never signed up for a \$100 TV bundle to begin with, Research firm SNL Kagan estimates that about 14.4 million households pay for internet but not TV. AT&T sees the potential market for DirecTV Now as 20 million homes.

But analysts estimate that Sling has racked up fewer than 1 million subscribers since it launched in February 2015. Vue's numbers are harder to get a handle on, but it's not on the list of top 10 most popular online video services compiled by research firm Parks Associates.

Neither service reports subscriber numbers. Of course, it's hard to attract attention when there are also dozens of other video apps. You can sign up for specific sports, or comedy, or anime, or a single channel, like HBO or CBS. Netflix, the country's most popular paid video service, has 47.5 million customers in the U.S.

### The problems with internet tv

New services don't have all the channels people want. There's been no perfect solution that lets you pick only your favorite channels for a reasonable price, a vision of TV nirvana known as "a la carte" that has failed to materialize because it undermines the business models of entertainment conglomerates. Only people in some markets can watch broadcast channels like NBC and Fox in real time. That's OK if you can wait to watch the next episode of a TV series, but sports fans typically want to watch games live.

And even though so-called cord-cutters are on a quest for cheaper video, virtual cable may end costing just as much, depending on how many sports channels or other extras you want and how much your internet costs when it's disconnected from its cable-bundle discount. Bundles from Sling and Vue range from \$20 to \$65 a month. You can pay to add more channels.

These services are easy to sign up for and cancel - but connecting them to a TV often requires an extra step or a new gadget, like an Apple TV. On the plus side, while they've experienced some technical issues during major events, serv-



NEW YORK: In this Monday, May 19, 2014, file photo, traders gather at the post that handles AT&T on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. There are already a few online services that aim to replace cable, but they don't have many users yet. AT&T's DirecTV hopes to change that. —AP

ice quality appears to have improved.

And they sometimes lack some of the best features of both traditional TV, like endless channel options and DVR recording (which Vue offers now, while Sling is only launching next month) and subscription TV services like Amazon and Netflix (no blackouts, no restrictions based on location if you're in your home country).

### **Enter DirecTV**

DirecTV Now, available today, will have some of those same problems. It is launching without CBS, which airs hits like "NCIS," "The Big Bang Theory" and NFL football games. CBS also has its own streaming service it wants you to pay for.

And ABC, NBC and Fox will only be available live in a handful of cities - those in which the national

broadcasters own its local TV affiliate. So lots of sports will be unavailable for many subscribers. The service won't immediately offer an online DVR that lets you store programs online for later viewing. although AT&T says that will be coming next year. You can only run it on two screens at a time, which may not work for large families.

Even so, the \$35 bundle is cheaper than the typical cable bundle and provides more channels than online cable competitors offer at similar prices. But the \$60 standard price that kicks in down the road is much less of a deal. AT&T will also offer a smaller package of about 60 channels for \$35. There will also be \$50 and \$70 bundles. AT&T will promote the service by letting its smartphone customers stream without eating into their mobile data plan. — AP

### DRONES ARE MAPPING INDIAN CITIES - WHERE THEY'RE ALLOWED

MUMBAI: Officials in one of India's fastest growing cities are using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to update land records in a pilot project that could be rolled out across the country if rules governing the use of drones were simpler, authorities said.

Haryana state's Project Udaan, or flight, is mapping the technology hub of Gurgaon, a satellite town of Delhi, and the towns of Sohna and Manesar in northern India. The drone images are being used to update decades-old land records, check encroachments and resolve disputes over land and property. "While land records are meant to be updated every five vears, this is not done regularly and there are invariably errors, even with satellite imagery," said T.L. Satyaprakash, deputy commissioner in Gurgaon, "That is why we are using drones, as they are more precise. So we can verify and rectify the land records before they are digitized," he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

India has embarked on a land record modernization program to survey lands, upgrade records and establish ownership. The project is scheduled to conclude in 2021 at a cost of 110 billion rupees (\$1.6 billion). Delays in mapping lands and authenticating ownership have caused disputes that stall development projects, sparking lengthy court battles. Matters related to land and property make up about two thirds of all civil cases in India, according to Daksh, a legal advocacy group based in Bengaluru.

Haryana state officials sourced drones from Science and Technology Park, Pune to take highresolution images every three months to record boundaries, illegal constructions and encroachments of forests and public lands, Satyaprakash said. These images were then checked against existing land records and verified with village councils in rural areas before being updated, said R.S. Hooda, chief engineer at Haryana Space Applications Centre, which is also working on the project. "Drones are cheaper now compared to some years ago, as they are being made in India, and the images are far superior to satellite images," he said. "This project can be replicated elsewhere quite easily, but the guidelines for drone use are rather strict, including where they can fly, so their use is limited."

Drones are increasingly used in India to curb deforestation and check illegal mining and quarrying. But rules governing their use differ in every state, with permissions needed from the local police and the defence ministry to operate them, Hooda said. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation issued a draft policy on the use of civilian UAVs earlier this year, which said all UAVs must be registered and that permits to operate them would be issued on a "case to case basis".

Drones are barred from flying over certain areas, including military facilities, the entire air space over Delhi, and near international borders. "It is a challenge - if it were a little easier to use drones, we can map more areas quickly. — Reuters

### TEXAS REPORTS FIRST CASE OF ZIKA SPREAD BY LOCAL MOSQUITOES

**TEXAS:** Texas health officials have reported the state's first case of Zika likely spread by local mosquitoes, making Texas the second state within the continental United States to report local transmission of the virus that has been linked to birth defects. The case involved a woman living in Cameron County near the Mexico border who is not pregnant, the Texas Department of State Health Services said. Pregnancy is the biggest concern with Zika because the virus can cause severe, life-long birth defects, including microcephaly, in which a child is born with an abnormally small head, a sign its brain has stopped growing normally.

Texas said it currently has no other sus-

but officials there plan to step up efforts to watch for the virus. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it was coordinating with state and local officials to increase surveillance efforts and "vector control activities" such as spraying for adult mosquitoes and applying larvicide to kill emerging mosquitoes. Texas is one of several US states where Aedes aegypti mosquitoes, which carry Zika, are present.

Florida's Miami Dade County has been battling Zika within local mosquito populations since mid-summer. As of today, the state has had 238 cases of locally transmitted Zika. "We knew it was only a matter of time before we saw a Zika case Hellerstedt, Texas Department of State Health Services commissioner, said in a statement. "We still don't believe the virus will become widespread in Texas, but there could be more cases, so people need to protect themselves from mosquito bites, especially in parts of the state that stay relatively warm in the fall and

Dr Amesh Adalja, an infectious diseases expert at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, said local transmission in Texas was "totally expected." Both dengue and chikungunya, two closely related viruses, have already spread locally in Texas, and the state "is a well-established home" of Aedes mosqui-

pected cases of local Zika transmission, spread by a mosquito in Texas," Dr. John toes. "What this case underscores is the risk of local transmission in any area in which Aedes mosquitoes are present and the urgent need to continue aggressive vector control measures to minimize the impact of such local introductions," he said. Officials in Cameron County and the City of Brownsville have assessed the woman's home and have begun trapping and testing mosquitoes to understand how widespread the virus is in local mosquito populations.

The city recently sprayed for mosquitoes in the area, and will continue to take action to reduce the mosquito population, state and local officials said. "Even though it is late in the mosquito season, mosquitoes can spread Zika in some areas of the country," CDC Director Tom Frieden said in a statement. "Texas is doing the right thing by increasing local surveillance and trapping and testing mosquitoes in the Brownsville area." There is no vaccine or treatment for Zika, which causes mild fever, rash and red eyes. An estimated 80 percent of people infected have no symptoms, making it difficult for individuals to know whether they have been infected.

The connection between Zika and microcephaly first came to light last year in Brazil, which has since confirmed more than 2,000 cases of the birth defect. In adults, Zika infections have also been linked to a rare neurological syndrome known as Guillain-Barre, as well as other neurological disorders. —Reuters



SEKIKAWA, Japan: Wearing anti-virus suits, soldiers of the Ground Self Defense Force head for chicken farm in Sekikawa, Niigata prefecture, yesterday.—AFP

# JAPAN ORDERS MAJOR POULTRY CULL AFTER BIRD FLU OUTBREAK

### 'South Korea to cull 3 percent of poultry

ery of a highly contagious form of bird flu on farms in the north of the country, local officials said. The bird flu outbreaks are the first in nearly two years in Japan and news of the cullings boosted shares in some infection-control product makers.

In Niigata prefecture north of Tokyo, authorities on Tuesday started culling about 310,000 chickens at a farm in the village of Sekikawa after 40 birds were found dead from H5 bird flu, a prefectural official told Reuters by telephone. The cull will continue until Dec 2, the official said. Further north in the prefecture of Aomori. about 16,500 ducks were being culled in the city of the same name after some tested positive for bird flu, according to a statement on the prefecture's website. This is the first time that highly pathogenic avian influenza has been confirmed in Aomori prefecture, it said. The agriculture ministry said the outbreaks are the first for nearly two years in poultry farms in Japan.

Taiko Pharmaceutical Co, which makes infection-control products, surged 3.2 percent, and

300,000 chickens and ducks after the discoverent. Protective clothing maker Azearth Corp, or apply safety nets preventing contact with which is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange's second section, soared 17 percent to its daily limit of 681 yen. Meanwhile, grilled-chicken restaurant operator Torikizoku Co dropped 2.8 percent. "The news about bird flu is affecting these shares, but these moves tend to be shortlived," said Mitsushige Akino, chief fund manager at Ichiyoshi Asset Management. South Korea last Friday announced a temporary nationwide standstill order for poultry farms and related transport over the weekend in a bid to contain a spread of H5N6 bird flu, a severe strain of the disease. Another severe strain of bird flu, H5N8, has hit several countries in Europe and led to the culling of thousands of poultry after being detected in wild ducks in Northern France. In recent weeks there have also been outbreaks in the Netherlands, Switzerland, Romania and Germany. Dutch authorities destroyed about 190,000 ducks on Saturday at six farms following an avian flu outbreak.

Farmers located in humid regions, where the risk of transmission is higher, are advised by



SEKIKAWA, Japan: Soldiers of the Ground Self-Defense Force prepare before heading chicken farm in Sekikawa.—AFP

**TOKYO:** Japan has started culling more than mask maker Daiwabo Holdings, jumped 5.1 perhealth authorities to keep poultry flocks indoors wild birds. The H5N8 virus has never been detected in humans but it led to the culling of millions of farm birds in Asia, mainly South Korea, in 2014 before spreading to Europe. The World Organization for Animal Health had warned in an interview with Reuters mid-November that more outbreaks of H5N8 were likely in Europe as wild birds believed to transmit the virus migrate southward.

### In another development,

South Korea will cull 3 percent of its total poultry population to curb an outbreak of bird flu that has hit a number of farms across the nation, its agriculture ministry said yesterday. Since a severe strain of bird flu known as H5N6 cropped up on Nov 18, Asia's fourth-largest economy has stepped up its quarantine measures to contain the virus, including issuing a 48-hour nationwide standstill order for this last weekend. Despite the efforts, Korea's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs said in a statement yesterday that four new cases of H5N6 had been confirmed in central South Korea.

That brings the total number of infected birds to 13 since H5N6 appeared about two weeks ago, according to the statement. Nine other farm birds are also being tested for suspected infections, it said.

To contain the further spread of the virus, the ministry will slaughter at least 2.78 million birds, including 1.68 million that have already been culled, the ministry said. That would be nearly 3.3 percent of South Korea's total poultry population of 84.7 million. Sales of chicken, eggs and ducks at three major discount stores - E-Mart Inc, Lotte Mart and Homeplus Stores Co - have not dropped as consumers know that poultry products are safe to eat as long as they are cooked properly, company spokesmen at the three retailers said.

Supplies of chicken and duck meat and eggs have not tightened, an agriculture ministry official said, but it would have to implement measures such as importing more to meet demand if the bird flu outbreak was prolonged. South Korea's poultry supply is self-sufficient, but it still imports some chicken products, mainly from Brazil, Denmark and the United States. — Agencies

### GREAT BARRIER REEF SEES RECORD CORAL DEATHS

CANBERRA: Warming oceans this year have caused the largest die-off of corals ever recorded on Australia's Great Barrier Reef, scientists said yesterday. The worstaffected area is a 700-kilometer swath in the north of the World Heritage listed 2,300-kilometer chain of reefs off Australia's northeast coast, said the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies.

The center, based at James Cook University in Queensland state, found during dive surveys in October and November that the swath north of Port Douglas had lost an average of 67 percent of its shallowwater corals in the past nine months. Farther south, over the vast central and southern regions that cover most of the reef, scientists found a much lower death toll. The central region lost 6 percent of bleached coral and the southern region only 1 percent. "The mortality we've measured along the length of the Great Barrier Reef is incredibly patchy," the center's director, Terry Hughes, told reporters. "There's very severe damage in the northern section of the reef."

"The good news is that south of Port Douglas, including the major tourist areas around Cairns and the Whitsundays (Whitsunday Islands), have had relatively low levels of mortality," he added. The governments of Australia and Queensland will update the UNESCO World Heritage Center this week on progress being made to protect and improve the reef, including their response to coral bleaching. Providing a status update to the World Heritage Committee was required as part of its decision in June last year not to list the reef as "in danger."

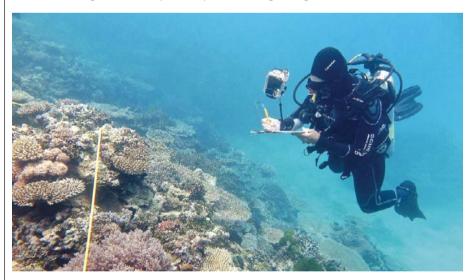
Federal Minister for the Environment and Energy Josh Frydenberg said Tuesday that the reef's coral cover had increased by 19 percent in recent years before it suffered a "significant bleaching event" this year, caused by the El Nino weather effect and climate change. "What that shows is that the Great Barrier Reef is very resilient and quite strong," Frydenberg's office said in a statement. The governments plan to spend

2 billion Australian dollars (\$1.5 billion) over the next decade on improving the reef's health. Hughes said the coral death rates in the north would likely make the task of keeping the reef off the "in danger" list much harder.

"In its ongoing dialogue with UNESCO, Australia has said the outstanding universal values of reef are in tact because of the pristine condition of the northern reef That's simply no longer the case," Hughes said. Researcher Andrew Baird said the 2016 coral die-off was "substantially worse" than the previous worst-ever event in 1998. The proportion of reefs that were severely affected was much, much higher," Baird said, adding that he did not have precise figures immediately available. The 1998 event was restricted to in-shore reefs around the Queensland coastal city of Townsville, while the 2016 destruction affected a much larger area, he said.

Scientists expect that the northern region will take at least 10 to 15 years to regain the lost corals. They are concerned that another bleaching event could interrupt that recovery. There have been three extreme mass bleaching events in 18 years on the reef. In each case, the areas that suffered the worst bleaching were where the water was hottest for the longest period of time. Reef tourism operator Craig Stephen did not expect the dead coral would diminish visitors' experience of one of Australia's biggest tourist drawcards.

The patchiness of the bleaching means that we can still provide our customers with a world class coral reef experience by taking them to reefs that are still in top condition," Stephen said in a statement. Graeme Kelleher, who headed the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority for 16 years, said last week that Australians must not buy the "political lie" that they can have the reef as well as major coal mines nearby. "We've lost 50 percent of the coral cover on the Great Barrier Reef in the last 30 years and the main cause of that is the burning of fossil fuel. I sincerely hope UNESCO rejects the claim that the government is doing enough," Kelleher said.—AP



GREAT BARRIER REEF, QUEENSLAND, Australia: A undated handout photo received from the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, shows researcher Grace Frank completing bleaching surveys along a transect line at One Tree Reef, Capricorn Group of Islands on the Great Barrier Reef off Northern Queensland following the bleaching event.—AFP photos



GREAT BARRIER REEF, QUEENSLAND, Australia: A undated handout photo received from the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, shows staghorn corals killed by coral bleaching at Bourke Reef on the Great Barrier Reef off Northern Queensland following the bleaching event.

# 1 IN 7 WITH HIV IN EUROPE UNAWARE OF THE INFECTION

**STOCKHOLM:** One in seven people with HIV in Europe is unaware of their infection, the EU and World Health Organization reported yesterday as 2015 marked another record year for new HIV cases in the region. "HIV/AIDS continues to be a serious problem in Europe... The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control's (ECDC) estimate that one in seven people living with HIV are unaware of their status is particularly worrying," EU Health Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis said in the report released ahead of World AIDS Day on

"People who do not know they are infected cannot benefit from life-saving treatment, and can continue to transmit the virus to others," he noted. The ECDC figure is based on data from the 28 EU nations plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. Almost half of cases in those countries - 47 percent-are diagnosed at a late stage of infection, the ECDC said, estimating that on average it takes almost four years before an HIV infection is diagnosed and reported. Sex between men remains the main reported HIV transmission mode in those 31 countries, accounting for 42 percent of diagnoses. Men who have sex with men is the only group that has seen a steady increase in infections over the years, the report said. Heterosexual sex accounts for 32 percent of diagnoses, followed by drug use at

### **High rates of infection**

Meanwhile, Europe registered its highest number of new HIV cases in a single year in 2015, at 153,407 cases, up from 142,000 in 2014, the WHO said. The 2014 figures were also a record number, driven by cases in Russia

and immigrants who acquired the virus after arrival. The WHO regional office for Europe has a different definition of Europe and compiles data from 53 countries. Almost 80 percent of the 2015 cases it tallied were reported in eastern Europe, 18 percent in western Europe and three percent in central Europe. Russia, where HIV remains a largely taboo subject, accounted for 64 percent of all newly diagnosed infections in the WHO's European region, and 81 percent of cases in eastern Europe.

There, heterosexual sex is the main route of transmission of the virus which is spread

through contact with contaminated body fluids. Other countries with high rates of new infections last year were Ukraine, Belarus, Estonia, Moldova, Latvia and Georgia. "Despite significant efforts, HIV remains among the main public health concerns in the WHO European region, in particular in its eastern part," the WHO regional director for Europe, Zsuzsanna Jakab, said. She urged member countries to implement a new action plan they endorsed in September, including improving access to HIV testing and prevention methods, to reverse the HIV epidemic. —AFP

DIKANAS, Sweden: Reindeers belonging to Vilhelmina Norra Sameby run during a reindeer herding near the village of Dikanaess, about 800 kilometers north-west of

### A REINDEER'S PERILOUS JOURNEY IN SWEDISH LAPLAND

**DIKANAS:** A herd of reindeer moves silently down the mountain, their silver coats and majestic antlers blending into the Swedish tundra as their herder leads them to their winter grazing grounds in the plains below. The annual pilgrimage, called transhumance, takes on almost sacred meaning for Sweden's indigenous Sami reindeer herders nowadays, as they face modern-day threats to their livelihood from wind turbines, global warming, logging, and mining. "It's a painful life, but the most beautiful there is," says Margret Fjellstrom, who owns several hundred reindeer in Dikanas, a village in Sweden's mountains 800 kilometers north of the capital Stockholm. "My identity depends on this life. When a fawn is born, we forget all of our troubles," the 30-year-old Sami said.

Every autumn, the reindeer are taken to their winter pasture in the plains by their owners, the Sami-formerly called Lappsthe only people authorized to herd reindeer in Sweden. In Dikanas, helpers on snowmobiles and quad bikes prepare for the move by leading thousands of the animals into an enclosure. There the fawns are marked, and the adults are separated. The fattest are sent to the slaughterhousetheir meat is considered a delicacy in the Nordic countries-while the others are sent to the forests in the plains teeming with lichen, a type of moss that makes up the reindeer's main diet.

Margret Fjellstrom's lasso whirls above her furred hat as she shouts out orders to her helpers. Around her waist in a sheath rests the indispensable knife used to carve

the mark in the animals' ears. They need to move quickly. Night falls before 3:00 pm this far north, the semi-domesticated reindeer are getting stressed and the herders are exhausted from a hard day's work. Under the watchful gaze of a group of fascinated children, the herders lay the reindeer down and hold them still as they mark and vaccinate them. The herders then load them onto the trucks that will take them to their winter pasture, 200 kilometers east.

### **Deadly dangers**

In Dikanas, reindeer herding is no longer done the traditional way, on foot: the animals' journey through the wilderness full of peat bogs, dense forests and lakes has become too perilous. With global warming, the crossing has become more treacherous as the ice on the lakes is not thick enough to walk on yet. "The water (current) is strong and therefore impassable, or the ice is too fragile. A farmer from a Sami village a little further north drowned in early November," Fjellstrom recalls. This leaves the herders no other choice than to take to the road, even though it costs more. Other dangers lie in wait. Forty percent of fawns die from the cold, while wolverines, bears, wolves, lynx and eagles all prey on the reindeer. Fjellstrom estimates her losses in 2015 at 250,000 kronor (23,400 euros), despite the damages paid by local authorities to compensate for her reindeer lost to predators. "Sweden has decided to protect its species to diversify its wildlife. That's good, but is it fair that I have to pay for it?,"



DIKANAS, Sweden: A Sami man from the Vilhelmina Norra Sameby, catches a reindeer during a gathering of his reindeers herd for selection and calf labeling.

# DOES MY HAIR LOOK OK? WORLD'S OLDEST PERSON TURNS 117 IN STYLE

'I THINK HER SECRET IS GENETIC'

ROME: Emma Morano, humanity's last known survivor of the 19th century, turned 117 in style yesterday, dressing up for the occasion and demanding to know "does my hair look all right?" before having her photograph taken. The oldest known person alive can hardly see, is very hard of hearing, has been largely bedbound for the last year and has not left her small second-storey flat in Verbania on the shores of Lake Maggiore in northern Italy for over two decades. But her doctor, Carlo Bava, said his patient remained alert and continued to have a reasonable quality of life.

Bava told AFP she was very aware of all the fuss being made about her reaching the latest milestone in a remarkable life that began on November 29, 1899. "She is very lucid, very present," Bava said. "She was very happy and honored to get a telegram of congratulations this morning from President (Sergio) Mattarella. "There was a television crew there and she got flowers. She had dressed up and she was very proud. She posed for a photographer and even asked if her hair looked good. "So I think you can say she is on good form."

### No veggies, thanks

Morano has reached a ripe old age despite an extraordinarily tough life, even by the standards of many of her contemporaries, and following a diet that flouts almost every piece of established medical wisdom. "I eat two eggs a day, and that's it. And cookies. But I do not eat much because I have no teeth," she told AFP in an interview last month. She has long eschewed vegetables and her consumption of fruit is limited to the occasional handful of grapes or snacks of apple puree. Her prodigious egg habit started when she was diagnosed with anaemia at 20 and a doctor told her to start eating two raw and one cooked every day: a habit she maintained until her appetite began to ebb slightly around the age of 110.

When she still had teeth, she was also fond of chomping chicken and lean raw steak. Along with her fondness for pure protein, she has always had a sweet tooth meaning visitors were usually advised to come bearing gifts of Colomba, a cake rich in egg and butter that Italians associate with Easter, or Pannetone and Pandoro, traditional Christmas treats of a similar ilk.



VERBANIA, PIEDMONT, Italy: (FILES) This file photo shows Emma Morano, 116, posing for AFP photographer in Verbania, North Italy.—AFP

### Very strong character

But it wasn't clear if she would be enjoying any of the birthday cake she received on yesterday. "The last time I ate a little, but then I did not feel good," she confided to AFP last month. Bava suspects that Morano has thrived despite her unusual diet, not because of it. "I think her secret is genetic. All of her family lived very a very long time," the doctor said. "The diet she has had would have destroyed the liver of most people. But with Emma, I think she could even eaten pebbles and she would still have lived a very long time. "What might be more important is that she has always had a very strong strong character. It has always been her who decides

what she does or doesn't do." Morano herself has attributed her longevity to having the courage to take the life-changing decision of leaving a violent husband in 1938, shortly after the death in infancy of their son, her only child. It was always an unhappy marriage. Years before, her true love had gone off to fight in World War I and not come back.

Leaving a husband was no easy thing to do in the Church-dominated Italy of the 1930s and Morano worked in a factory producing jute sacks to support herself. "Back then, the workers in those factories were constantly breathing in dust and yet her lungs are fine-that's genetics," said Bava.—AFP

# SOUTHERN STORMS SHOULD EASE DROUGHT; FIRE THREAT REMAINS

ATLANTA: Storms roaring across streaming out of town just as rain months in many parts of the South, the South appeared to be taking aim at some of the largest wildfires burning across the region, which greatest amounts right at the bull's- much to overcome with just one could finally help firefighters in eye of where we've been having storm system," said Mark Svoboda, spokesman for the Mississippi their efforts to subdue the blazes, our greatest activity," said Dave director of the National Drought Emergency Management Agency. authorities said Monday. As the storm system passed over Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee late Monday, it was heading toward some of largest wildfires in Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. In Gatlinburg, Tennessee, smoke and fire caused the mandatory evacuation of downtown and surrounding areas, according to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

The wildfire set 30 buildings ablaze and was at the edge of Dollywood, Dolly Parton's theme park, TEMA spokesman Dean Flener said in a news release. TV news broadcasts showed residents started to wet roads. The rain fore-Martin, deputy director of operations for fire and aviation management with the southern region of the US Forest Service. The projected rainfall amounts "really lines up with where we need it," Martin said Monday.

"We're all knocking on wood." Yet after weeks of punishing drought, any rain that falls should be soaked up quickly, forecasters said. It will provide some relief but won't end the drought - or the fire threat, they say. Drought conditions will likely persist, authorities said. The problem is that rainfall amounts have been 10 to 15 inches below normal during the past three

authorities said. "I think we racked cast "puts the bull's-eye of the up deficits that are going to be too Mitigation Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. "I would say it's way too early to say 'Yes, this drought is over," Svoboda said. "Does it put a dent in it? Yes, but we have a long ways to go."

> The rain also brings danger because strong winds at the leading edge of the storms can topple trees and limbs that can kill and injure firefighters, he said. In Mississippi, trees were reported downed in nearly 20 counties across the state. Sustained winds of 30 to 40 mph with gusts of more than 50 mph were reported and more than 2 inches of rain fell in some areas. Power outages peaked

at more than 23,000 statewide in Mississippi. Powerlines downed by winds sparked grass fires in four counties, said Greg Flynn, a

The storms were moving across Alabama on Monday night and were expected to slam into Georgia during the overnight hours. High wind warnings were issued for mountainous areas in northern parts of Georgia.

In South Carolina, the stormy forecast was giving hope to firefighters battling a blaze in the northwest corner of the state. The Carolina South Forestry Commission hopes to contain the Pinnacle Mountain fire by the middle of next week. More rain was expected today morning in parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. — AP



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# ICSK TO HOST MEGA ARTS FEST FOR INDIAN SCHOOLS





# 35 STUDENTS FROM UCMAS-KUWAIT PARTICIPATE IN DUBAI COMPETITION

35 students from UCMAS - Kuwait (Abacus Mental Arithmetic) participated in the 21st UCMAS International Competition 2016 hosted by UCMAS - UAE in Dubai on Friday 11th November 2016. The international competition is an annual event organized by UCMAS Education Group, Malaysia with thousands of learners from over 50 countries competing every year.

In Visual competition 11-year-old Omar Mansour won 2nd place in higher C level and 6 years old Anusha Pereira won 2nd place in elementary B category. Omar Mansour who also participated in listening calculation competition reached to the final level till 3 digits 40 rows and to the 14th position in a tough competition amongst 180 students from all over the

world. Each students participated in the competition received a paper ranging between 100-200 arithmetic math problems depending on their level and age. They get time of 8 minutes to finish as many problems as they can.

many problems as they can.
Universal Concept Mental Arithmetic
System is an international education organization globally recognized as a leader in

whole brain development and mental arithmetic training. This gives the children considerable improvement in academic performance as well as level of concentration. Moreover it is complementary to the School Curriculum and well accepted by education experts worldwide.

Congratulations to all UCMAS students who participated and the winners.











he Indian Community School, Kuwait is organizing the first-ever mega arts fest for the students of all the Indian schools in Kuwait on 1st & 2nd December, 2016. Around 2,000 students will take part in this grand event titled 'Indian Schools' Mega Arts Fest' with 80 different items for competition which will be organized on 6 stages at three venues (ICSKS Senior, Amman and Junior) in the two days from 8 am

The Inaugural ceremony will be held on Thursday, 1st December at 8 am at ICSK Senior. Along with this, teacher representatives (Principals) of all the Indian schools will be recognized. Ambassador of Britain to Kuwait Matthew James Lodge will attend the event as the chief guest. Sudha Chandran (film actress and dancer) will attend as guest of honor while Maryam Abdul Rahman Dashti, department of Middle and High School, Ministry of Private Education), will grace the occasion as special guest.

The valedictory ceremony and prize distribution will be held on Friday, 2nd December 2016 at 6 pm at ICSK Senior. Indian Ambassador Sunil Jain will be chief guest of the event Oscar Award winner Padma Shri Dr Resul Pookutty will be the guest of honor who will give away more than 600 prizes to all the winners. A musical concert by Stephen Devassy will also presented. This spectacular cultural show, a historic event in the history of Indian schools in the country, is going to be organized for the first time in the Middle East Region and Kuwait with such a large number of items for competition. This spectacular event aims at finding the best talents in Kuwait.

Announcing the event at press conference, held at ICSK Senior branch on Sunday evening, Dr V Binumon, Principal and General Convenor of the Indian Schools' Mega Arts Fest 2016 said, "The aim of Indian Schools' Mega Arts Fest is to provide a platform to showcase the artistic flair of the budding talents belonging to the Indian diaspora. Students from KG to Class 12 will take part in this mega festival," he said.

Registration for this event is strictly restricted through school as only the best from each school is going to compete in this. Competitions will be held in five categories-Cat I( Classes LKG, UKG & 1),Cat II-(Classes 2, 3 & 4), Cat III- (Classes 5, 6 & 7, Cat IV ( Classes 8, 9 & 10) & Cat V( Classes 11 & 12). The result of each competition will be declared within 15 minutes of the completion of the event, he added. In each category the best performers will be conferred the title of 'Kalaprathibha' (male) and 'Kalathilak' (female), awarded 1/2 sovereign gold. The event will be telecast live (icsk-kw.com/ISMAF2016/Live.php). Others who attended the press conference included Secretary, Board of Trustees A. Amer Mohammed, Principal, ICSK Amman Rajesh Nair Principal, Joint Convenor Sunish Mathew and Program Committee Convenor Jacob George.







The Public Relations Department at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training's Secretariat and Office Management College organized a meeting recently to welcome its administrative employees.

### CHARITY BAZAAR

lES has joined Second Chance - a local grassroots environmental group, and several local vendors to raise money for the beleaguered Yemeni people with a charity bazaar that features recycled and up-cycled arts and crafts, valuable handmade goods, new and slightly used apparel, and must-have household goods. Don't miss this indoor-outdoor bargain extravaganza! Kids and adults can participate in recycling arts and crafts while enjoying a selection of snacks, including vegetarian and vegan choices. All proceeds will be donated to needy Yemeni families; cash donations are also accepted.Saturday, December 10 @ 10am - 5pm Address: Villa No 67, Street 413, Block 4, Shuhada Area, Kuwait

The 5th Anniversary of (KTAO) Kuwait Triskelion Alumni Organization was held at Rezayat Villa recently and was sponsored by Sebamed.



Dr Rawda Awwad, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

# AALE RENEWS ACCREDITATION FOR AUK COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

he Board of Trustees of the American Academy for Liberal Education (AALE) has renewed AUK's International Program accreditation for AUK's College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) for its second consecutive five-year term; the first was in 2011. Over the past academic year, CAS had conducted a comprehensive self-study to ensure best practices are maintained to achieve the liberal arts learning objectives. The AALE accreditation indicates that AUK is dedicated to sharing best practices for high student achievement of liberal arts learning objectives; promoting the importance of teaching and instructional practices suitable for liberal education; and developing innovative ways to foster life-long learning that prepares students for productive engagement with the world.

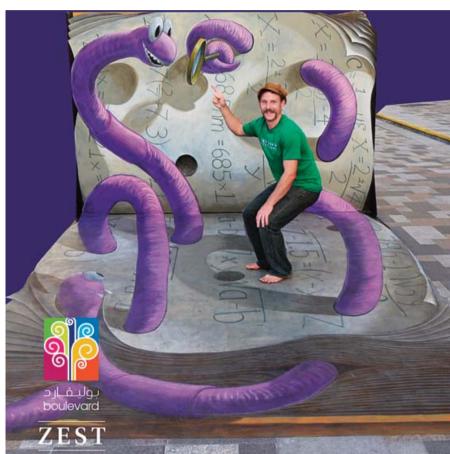
The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr Rawda Awwad, thanked all those who have contributed to the AALE Self-Study, and in particular members of the AALE Steering Committee, chaired by Dr Nicholas Scull, Assistant Dean for General Education and Student Academic Support. Dean Awwad also thanked the student council of AY 2015-2016 and the student body "whose perspective was invaluable."

She added, "The critical involvement and support of the university community in these processes, underscore all of our program accreditation initiatives-collaboration strengthens the college and institution, and places the "student" at the center of any conversation." "The accreditation and re-accreditation processes highlight the importance of student learning and program development, which is, and will continue to be a priority for the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.









### What's On - Submission Guidelines

All photos submitted for What's On should be minimum 200dpi. Articles must be in plain text and should include name and phone numbers. Articles and photos that fail to meet these requirements will not be published.

Please send them to news@kuwaittimes.net

### NES

or the first time in Kuwait, Boulevard is proud to organize a 3D art painting festival from 29th of November till 3rd of December - performed by award winning 3D artists from Australia, Jenny McCracken and Rudy Kistler. The artists will create incredible 3D illusions inside Boulevard mall and park on the lake area. Visitors can enjoy live paintings and get free KD 5 gift vouchers from the event sponsors Sears and Peak shops located at Boulevard. University students will also have the opportunity to learn new skills and gain invaluable experience while having fun with the international

artists. Moreover, the participants will be given a written

reference after the event.

Rawan Adnan - Marketing & Leasing Manager stated that this event is part of the unique entertainment activities that Al Salmiya Group for Enterprise Development Company is organizing at its huge project "Boulevard". Such Activities are set to redefine "Boulevard" as the mustgo touristic place in the State of Kuwait and to support the talents and skills of youth. This is the first visit for the artists to the State of Kuwait. They have previously done many such festivals in UAE, Australia, USA and worldwide. In this special festival that will be held at Boulevard, the artists have prepared Arabic themed artwork in 3D to amaze the

BOULEVARD ORGANIZES A 3D ART PAINTING FESTIVAL

visitors and audience of Boulevard.

Rawan Adnan also added that "Boulevard" project provides commercial, entertainment and sports services to represent the perfect place for family and youth to spend their time and enjoy this unique festival. The project facilitates a huge commercial mall that consist of 2 floors with famous international and local brands, coffee shops and restaurants in addition to a huge green area that occupies 90% of the project area. It provides a perfect environment for joggers to enjoy beautiful views of trees. In addition to the above, the project also contains 2 lakes, a river and sports fields for football, tennis, basketball and cricket.





### MARINA HOTEL KUWAIT ORGANIZES BEACH CLEANUP DRIVE

arina Hotel Kuwait recently organized a beach cleanup drive at the Marina Public Beach to create awareness and emphasis on the importance of protecting the environment. Nabil Hammoud, General Manager, Marina Hotel Kuwait thanked each and every employee who took part in the drive. He said "We are very happy with the active participation of our staff towards this worthy activity. This is a clear demonstration of their personal commitment to environmental protection."

"Our aim is to encourage everyone to take responsibility for their environment through

a range of affordable actions. We are very keen to support and participate in activities that foster a greener, cleaner and healthier environment. Through the cleanup we intended to not only pick up every piece of trash that we could reach, but also take part in educating the public on the responsibility of keeping the surroundings clean." The cleaning campaign began at 02:00 pm with the hotel team distributing gloves, t-shirts, caps and trash bags and concluded around 05:00 pm with a Barbeque dinner for all the participants.

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The stretch of the Marina public beach

was cleaned as part of the event. This involved the collection and removal of a full container of rubbish and debris including plastic bottles and plates, cans and several other items, leaving the beach cleaner and more beautiful. Marina Hotel Kuwait believes strongly in the importance of environmental initiatives that have a direct impact on the community. The hotel encourages organizations and individuals to take part in these eco-friendly causes, helping to increase the level of awareness amongst the community. For more information, please visit our website: www.marinahotel.com





# AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCE AT SHERATON KUWAIT RESTAURANTS AT THE AVENUES

xquisite dining experiences from Sheraton Kuwait Hotel to the Avenues Mall, one of the largest shopping mall in the region, where the visitors can enjoy our best dishes from different cuisines in the world according to the high quality of services which have been preserved by Sheraton Kuwait through a journey of fifty years of outstanding culinary excellence

While enjoying a unique shopping experience, indulge yourselves in an absolutely brilliant experience at any of our restaurants; where you can taste the delicious breakfast and the delec-

table lunch and dinner International buffets from all over the world at Al Hambra restaurant at the Grand Avenue. Le Tarbouche Restaurant, where originality and traditional title, provides the spirit of Lebanese cuisine through the tastiest Cold Mezza, Hot Mezza and set menus like Jeita, Beit Eddine and Baalbek that are served in a traditional Lebanese atmosphere. For the Indian food fans, enjoy Bukhara Restaurant, with its wonderful spirit and distinctive condiments reflecting the authenticity of the Indian taste with the finest types of Indian spices.

Enjoy famous Iranian mix grills at the Shahrayar Restaurant providing you the utmost experience of traditional Iranian cuisine. For those seeking tranquility after a hectic shopping, The English Tea Lounge provides finest quality of tea, coffee and authentic British scones in a luxurious quiet family atmosphere. The Sheraton Kuwait and Four Points by Sheraton Kuwait Hotels are introducing an extended hospitality by offering all in-house guests a discount voucher through an exclusive partnership with MH Alshaya retail outlets that are valid and redeemable at the Avenues Mall.

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20:10 Storage Hunters UK

20:35 What's In The Barn?

21:00 Blue Collar Backers

22:40 Magic Of Science

23:05 Magic Of Science

18:30 How It's Made: Dream Cars

21:50 Incredible Engineering Blunders:

23:30 Fast N' Loud: Demolition Theatre

06:00 Star vs The Forces Of Evil

Phineas & Ferb

Counterfeit Cat

Future Worm

Supa Strikas

Danger Mouse

08:35 Lab Rats: Bionic Island

06:25 K.C. Undercover

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21:10 Pickle And Peanut

21:40 Disney Mickey Mouse

21:45 Guardians Of The Galaxy

22:10 Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs

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17:15 Gamer's Guide To Pretty Much

19:00 Star Wars Freemaker Adventures

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21:00 The Paradise

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01:00 Emmerdale 01:30 Coronation Street 02:00 Coronation Street 02:30 The Chase 03:25 Brief Encounters 04:20 Doc Martin

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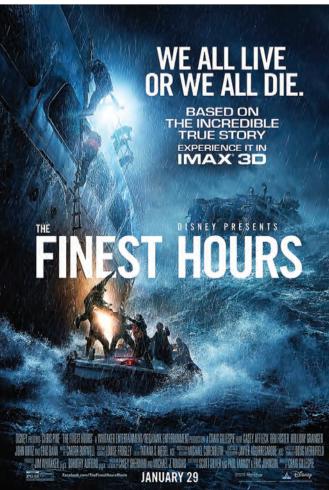
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02:30 Difficult People

05:30 George Lopez

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18:00 2 Broke Girls

18:30 The Simpsons 19:00 Angie Tribeca

19:30 Young & Hungry

13:30 Community

06:30 Community

03:00 Tba- Series

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07:00 Late Night With Seth Meyers

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03:00 Captain Sabertooth And The

05:00 The Wild Thornberrys Movie

19:00 Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder

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11:00 Monsters University

13:00 Capture The Flag 15:00 Harriet The Spy

17:00 Clockstoppers

21:00 Earth To Echo

23:00 Harriet The Spy

07:00 It Takes Two

09:00 Max

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19:20 American Pickers 20:10 Pawn Stars 20:35 Pawn Stars 21:00 Counting Cars 21:25 Counting Cars 21:50 Ice Road Truckers

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### **ACROSS**

- 1. (computer science) The rate at which data is transferred (as by a modem).
- 4. Serving an esthetic rather than a useful pur-
- 12. Type genus of the Muridae. 15. The upper side of the thighs of a seated
- person. 16. Not giving or reciprocating affection. 17. Antibacterial drug (trade name Nydrazid)
- used to treat tuberculosis. 18. (botany) Relating to a plant of the family
- Araceae.
- 20. The choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience.
- 22. Capital city of the Apulia region on the Adriatic coast.
- 23. English economist noted for his studies of international trade and finance (born in
- 25. The general activity of selling.
- 26. One celestial body obscures another v 1.
- 29. An indication of approved or superior sta-
- 31. National capital of Kiribati.
- 33. A hidden drawback.
- 35. Harsh or corrosive in tone.
- 36. An associate degree in applied science. 39. Worn or shabby from overuse or (of pages)
- from having corners turned down. 43. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a
- skewer usually with vegetables. 44. Of a pale purple color.
- 47. Avatar of Vishnu.
- 48. A highly unstable radioactive element (the heaviest of the halogen series).
- 50. (astronomy) The angular distance of a celestial point measured westward along the celestial equator from the zenith crossing.
- 52. Any triangular fore-and-aft sail (set forward of the foremast) v 1.
- 53. A support consisting of an arrangement of straps for holding something to the body (especially one supporting a person suspended from a parachute).
- A Hebrew prophet in the Old To who opposed the worship of idols.
- 62. Of or relating to or derived from or containing boron.
- 64. A technician who is highly proficient and enthusiastic about some technical field (especially computing).
- 68. The blood group whose red cells carry both the A and B antigens.
- 70. South American wood sorrel cultivated for
- its edible tubers. 71. Having an oblique or slanted direction.
- 72. Monoamine oxidase inhibitor (trade name Nardil) used to treat clinical depression.
- 76. A graphical recording of the cardiac cycle produced by an electrocardiograph.
- 78. Coming next after the ninth and just before the eleventh in position.
- 79. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.
- 80. Golden Italian liqueur flavored with herbs. 83. Free from liquid or moisture.
- 84. Experiencing or showing sorrow or unhappiness.
- 85. Small genus of sometimes spiny shrubs or small trees.
- 86. A colloid that has a continuous liquid phase in which a solid is suspended in a liquid.

### **DOWN**

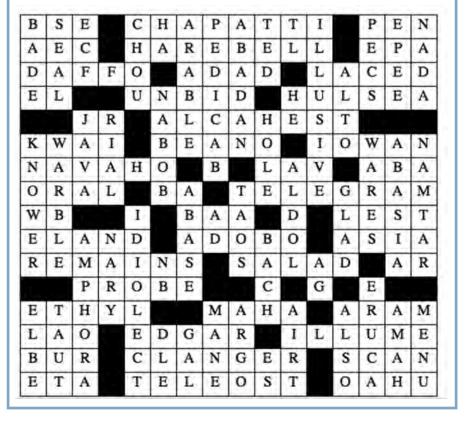
- 1. Divulge information or secrets. 2. (obstetrics) The number of live-born chil-
- dren a woman has delivered. 3. A cut of pork ribs with much of the meat
- trimmed off. 4. An actor's line that immediately precedes
- and serves as a reminder for some action or speech.

- 5. United States musician (born in Japan) who married John Lennon and collaborated with him on recordings (born in 1933).
- 6. A noticeable decline in performance. 7. (Old Testament) The Hebrew prophet who led the Israelites from Egypt across the Red sea on a journey known as the Exodus.
- 8. A unit of energy equal to the work done by an electron accelerated through a potential difference of 1 volt.
- 9. Bound or secured closely. 10. Small air-breathing arthropod.
- 11. System of measurement based on centimeters and grams and seconds.
- 12. Tropical Asian starlings.
- 13. The brother of your father or mother.
- 14. Any broad thin expanse or surface.
- 19. Stout-bodied insect with large membra-21. A dry scab formed on the skin following a
- burn or cauterization of the skin. 24. A former agency (from 1946 to 1974) that was responsible for research into atomic energy and its peacetime uses in the
- United States. 27. A radioactive transuranic element synthesized from californium.
- 28. A plant hormone promoting elongation of
- stems and roots.
- 30. (informal) Of the highest quality. 32. Any organic compound formed by adding
- alcohol molecules to aldehyde molecules. 34. Title for a civil or military leader (especially
- in Turkey). 37. By bad luck.
- 38. Be seated.
- 40. A Hindu prince or king in India. 41. An independent ruler or chieftain (espe-
- cially in Africa or Arabia). 42. A Chadic language spoken south of Lake
- Chad. 45. A gonadotropic hormone that is secreted
- by the anterior pituitary. 46. A stiff chitinous seta or bristle especially of
- an annelid worm.
- A law passed by US Congress to prevent employees from being injured or contracting diseases in the course of their employment.
- 51. A fibrous amphibole.
- 54. Support resembling the rib of an animal. 55. Chief of the Vanir.
- 56. The sense organ for hearing and equilibri-
- 57. A soft silver-white ductile metallic element (liquid at normal temperatures).
- 58. An interval during which a recurring
- sequence of events occurs. 60. In a nice way.
- 61. Any of various spiny trees or shrubs of the genus Acacia. 63. A heavy odorless colorless gas formed dur-
- ing respiration and by the decomposition of organic substances. 65. (with `in') Guardianship over.
- 66. Formally making a person known to another or to the public.
- 67. The univalent hydrocarbon radical C2H5 derived from ethane by the removal of one hydrogen atom. 69. A small cake leavened with yeast.
- 73. A unit of absorbed ionizing radiation equal
- to 100 ergs per gram of irradiated materi-74. One of the five major classes of immunoglobulins.
- people inhabiting the Mekong river in Laos and Thailand. 77. United States liquid unit equal to 4 quarts

75. Of or relating to a member of the Buddhist

- or 3.785 liters.
- 81. Being five more than fifty. 82. A hard malleable ductile silvery metallic element that is resistant to corrosion.

### Yesterday's Solution



### STAR TRACK

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Feelings may influence your judgment this saturday. Let your common sense help you make the right decision. Trust your instincts. Emotional beginnings and a fresh start will establish a new relationship or new patterns of living now. Your conversations today are full of quick answers, great wit and an excess of insight. This is a wonderful time to write and communicate with real originality. Music, spiritually filled visions, clear communication with others all go toward making this a very nice day, perhaps filled with some deep appreciation for all that is beautiful and fine. An invitation to a special event this evening is where you have your attention-you want to feel and look great. If you had a diary you would be writing about a memorable day today.



### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Stress may not always spell trouble. You are mentally in gear to take a driving test, a health test or participate in a marathon. The stress you feel will be the indicator of the urge for success and even the drive that brings beneficial results. No matter what sort of competition you might enter, today the results will be exactly what they should be. You are positive and move in all the right directions. Your support system-family, home and those who give you nourishment-becomes more secure. A positive attitude encourages excellent support. Today you will have an opportunity to transcend the everyday thoughts and soar into more cosmic or eternal musings. You may enjoy visiting the library or a museum or even an art show.



### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You take the time to stop and talk with neighbors or local service providers today. Trees may need trimming or securing future plans for neighborhood holiday decorations is in the works. There are opportunities to share perspectives with friends about the community. Contribute to improvements. Some time set aside for upgrading your domestic environment moves along very well. This may mean the purchase of appropriate containers to improve upon a recycling program in your home. General good feelings and a sense of support and harmony make this a happy time. Your home environment, friends and surroundings in general become simplified and receive encouragement. Young people have a lot to teach you now-listen.



### Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Your morning is spent working on a personalized spending plan. You are successful in finding money for the holiday expenses. Let optimism carry you through a difficult dilemma today. An open mind and a positive attitude are your best keys to understanding. Rejoice in the wealth of your relationships. Your romantic relationship may be in a state of change. The change could be for the positive, particularly if there is more effort to focus on one another more often. Your support system is becoming more secure. You are able to dispense with some of the unessential and develop what is most basic and true in your environment. You encourage better support. You and your friends may find time to do a bit of charity work. Your efforts are infectious.



### Leo (July 23-August 22)

Making a good impression and putting your best foot forward takes on greater importance as a new cycle gets underway in your life. Appearances and style may count most at this time as you shop for that new look you want to achieve. You are determined and ambitious. Perhaps you will be going to a new job interview. A new romantic interest calls to chat later today. Romance, the arts and others of life's pleasures happily enter the scene all afternoon. You encourage neighbors and friends to take used books to the city library. You like to think that your city has a good library and you volunteer to help where and when you can. Weekend chores as well as some fun activities with loved ones or animal friends complete your day.



### Virgo (August 23-September 22)

An auction gives you the opportunity to add to a hobby collection. The day brings a lot of fun activities. If you are with friends, be sure to take pictures. This is the time you make memories. You are actively involved on a social level, taking a bigger part in collective events. Being in touch with ideas and people on a grand scale keeps your mind busy. Stopping at bookstores and shops that feed the mind, you will find plenty of beautiful ways to help the planet and learn about life in general. The study of psychology or self-help tools may be helpful in understanding or aiding others. You feel a love of order and law-an appreciation for responsibilities and duty. There is a little time left this afternoon to finish up some chores.

### WORD SEARCH

### The Beach

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### **Libra (September 23-October 22)**

Cheerful is your mood today. While you enjoy spending some time alone this morning, it will not be long before you are out and merging your energies with other people. This is a great day to get a lot accomplished. Roll up your sleeves and get to workfirst on projects around the house and then on a personal project of your own making. Research for this personal project may take you to a nearby library. Someone you become acquainted with while you are doing your research becomes a new friend. Making friends is very easy for you. You often extend a hand in kindness and you show your appreciation when others help you. You become involved in inspiring conversations. Suggest a meal out only if each person will pay his or her own bill.



### Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

A pronounced curiosity about taboos and mysteries plays a greater part in vour life now. Your mind is focused on cutting through the nonessentials and penetrating to the core of any situation. If you find confusion . . . Keep moving forward. This may mean you are reading instructions on how to put together an easy-to-assemble product. Sex, taxes, investments and others of life's most compelling phenomena may captivate your interest more than ever. You are determined to become more organized and informed so that when tax time comes next year, you will be able to get through it quickly! For those of you who are not married-you may become more interested in finding that perfect mate. You may become driven as you search for a mate.



### Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Before getting out of bed this morning you may be surprised by your kids who want to smother you with kisses or your fun-loving mutt may slurp your face or you are hugged by a lover. Birthday wishes and lovely kisses are yours for the day. You have a basic self-esteem that is plain for all to see. Several social opportunities will show you in the best possible light at this time. Several people may drop by your place this afternoon. You could find yourself in long conversations about some future plans with more than one person. It is stimulating just being with you. The conclusions you have about an important matter in your life are on target. Your attitude is most grate-



### **Capricorn (December 22-January 19)**

ful and celebration time is most fun. Happy birthday!

Avoid scattering your energy. Stay centered and depend on your reserves. Roll up your sleeves and get to work on those home projects. You will work smart, not hard. There will be no regrets today-you get a lot done. When your chores are finished, you concentrate on your favorite hobby. You have good musical knowledge and may learn a new piece of music today. You may even work on some music that you have been trying to create. Your vision is never limited-anything is possible. You are popular and in demandresulting in several phone calls that are from acquaintances wanting you to come out and play with them this evening. You socialize with enthusiasm, knowing that too soon winter brings some activities to a halt.



### **Aquarius (January 20- February 18)**

It takes a concentrated effort to get all of your chores done today. Stay focused on the finish line. Plenty of attention is focused on your home, friends and surroundings in general. You could be working on a picture album or scrapbook, or shuffling keepsakes into a more organized place. You will feel that your life is balanced and you keep yourself busy, securing your position. You are making notes for jobs to be accomplished and generally completing odd-and-end tasks around the house. You could gain from young people this afternoon. The young people around you have lists of their own to complete and you set a good example for them. You may spend time to consider the food and gifts to be purchased during the holiday season-a plan has begun.

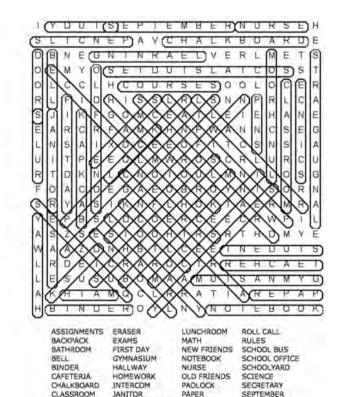


### Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You will find yourself in a very practical mood-working with instead of against yourself. You may have some serious or contemplative moments. There is a yearning for adventure and travel to far horizons-you remain steadfast in your determination to finish whatever project you start today. You must go all the way with whatever you have started. You might consider a home-based business. If you have something that others would readily want to buy, you could have the answer to your need for monetary rewards, variety and change. Relationships are beginning to look exemplary. Your personal goals are in sight. You will enjoy yourself in a social setting this evening. Your whole environment takes on an almost otherworldly hue.

### **Yesterday Solution**

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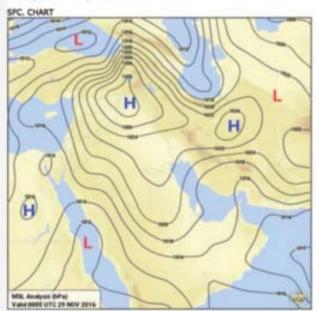
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**Expected Weather for the Next 24 Hours** 

Max Temperature 24 °C

By Day : Mostly sunny with light to moderate north westerly to light variable wind, with speed of By Night: Clouds will increase gradually with variable wind changing to light to moderate north



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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Expected Weather	partly cloudy to cloudy + scattered thunder rain	partly cloudy to cloudy + scattered thunder rain	partly cloudy + scattered rain	Mostly sunny
Min Temp *C	11	13	15	13
Max Temp °C	23	26	27	23
Wind Direction	variable wind changing to light to moderate south easterly	south easterly	south easterly changing to northerly	northerly to north westerly
Wind Speed km/h	08 - 30	15 - 40	15 - 35	15 - 38

Station	MIN °C REC	Max *C EXP
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### FEATURES



A visitor walks past a wax statue of Persian poet Mevlana Jaladdin Rumi at the world's 21st Madame Tussauds wax museum in Istanbul. — AFP photos



A visitor stands next to a wax statues of Ottoman ruler Suleiman the Magnificent (left) and of Persian poet Mevlana Jaladdin Rumi (right) at the world's 21st Madame Tussauds wax museum in Istanbul.

People looking at a wax statue of Classical composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart at the world's 21st Madame Tussauds wax museum in Istanbul.



People posing next to a wax statue of US singer Beyonce.



Madame Tussauds Istanbul's Group general manager Sarper Hilmi Suner posing next to a wax statue of Turkish novelist Yasar Kemal.



A wax statue of Turkish international football player Arda Turan at the world's 21st Madame Tussauds wax museum in Istanbul.

# TURKISH HEROES MEET GLOBAL CELEBS AT ISTANBUL MADAME TUSSAUDS

t's the place in Istanbul where you can meet modern Turkey's secular founder Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and Ottoman ruler Suleiman the Magnificent, then pose next to Julia Roberts, or maybe, Turkish superstar actress Beren Saat. At the new branch of the iconic waxworks franchise Madame Tussauds, the brand's famous mix of global celebrities has a special Turkish flavor. The attraction, which opened on Monday, is situated in the heart of the European side of the city and hopes to help reverse a trend of declining tourism after a spate of terror attacks this year.

The very street where it is located, Istiklal Avenue, was early in the year hit by a suicide bombing blamed on jihadists and has seen numerous businesses close as visitors stayed away. On entering the museum the model of Ataturk, Turkey's national hero who founded the modern secular state out of the ruins of the Ottoman Empire, is the first figure the visitor meets. Getting Ataturk right was the number one priority, after a previous model on display at Madame Tussauds in London was accused of bearing little resemblance to Turkey's revered leader and called a "disgrace to the nation". "We think it is the best replica ever made so far," said Sarper Hilmi Suner, a general manager at Merlin Entertainments, the Britain-based company which runs the attraction. But there is no model of current Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan-at least for the moment.

### **Turkish culture to Hollywood**

One of Turkey's most celebrated novelists, Yasar Kemal, who died last year after battling heart problems, is also enshrined in wax. Wearing his trademark glasses, the whitehaired Kemal is seen in his well-known shirt and jacket sitting in an armchair. "It has taken five months just to catch that pose," Suner told AFP. "We asked for help from his family, that grey jacket is the original one donated by his family," he added. Turkey's star midfielder Arda Turan of Barcelona is featured with the

Turkish national team's jersey and running in triumph after scoring. The waxwork of former basketball star Hidayet Turkoglu, the first player born in Turkey to play in the NBA, is exhibited slam-dunking in a red-and-white Turkish national team vest.

Iconic singer Zeki Muren who adored women's clothes, excessive makeup and is held up as a gay icon, stands in one corner of the museum in a shiny blouse. Those less knowledgeable of Turkish culture will also find familiar faces like Hollywood actors Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts or sports figures includ-

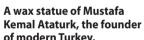


ing tennis champion Rafael Nadal and sprinter Usain Bolt. But some prominent Turkish soap opera actors and actresses on display like Kivanc Tatlitug and Beren Saat could attract foreign visitors, as Turkish soap operas take Arab and even Latin American countries by storm. "We created a mixture that could attract foreign and domestic tourists," said Aydan Alboga Uslu, marketing manager at Merlin Entertainments.

### **Tourism boost for Istiklal**

"Everything is really well done," said Michelle Petsch, a tourist from Canada who was one of the first visitors on Monday. "(Jamaican singer) Bob Marley was my favourite. Up close, it is like he is going to open his eyes and talk to you right there," she added. Istiklal Avenue's tourism is poised to get a boost from Madame Tussauds Istanbul following a spate of attacks as well as the July 15 failed coup. "Turkey is a country of tourism. There could be occasional ups and downs but we trust our Turkey's stability and that's why we keep on investing," said Merlin Entertainments' Suner.

As well as Madame Tussauds, Merlin runs a host of attractions around the world including Legoland, British theme park Alton Towers and the London Eye. Istanbul joins a network of two dozen Madame Tussauds museums in the world including London, Berlin, Amsterdam and New York. — AFP





A wax statue of Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt.



A man poses next to a wax statue of German-born physicist Albert A visitor stands near to a wax statue of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.



A wax statue of US actor Johnny Depp.



MUSIC & MOVIES

# Mahler symphony score sells for record £4.5 mln

■he complete score of Gustav Mahler's Second Symphony was sold in London for £4.5 million yesterday, a record for a musical manuscript, Sotheby's auction house said. The handwritten 232-page score includes the composer's deletions, alterations and annotations, many of them done in a vivid blue cravon. The score was owned by US businessman Gilbert Kaplan who became obsessed with the work, known as the "Resurrection Symphony", and dedicated his life to conducting it before his death earlier this year.

The only comparable sales, both sold at Sotheby's, were a manuscript of nine Mozart symphonies for £2.5 million (\$3.1 million, 3 million euros) in 1987 and the manuscript of Robert Schumann's Second Symphony for £1.5 million in 1994. "The result establishes a new auction record for a musical manuscript," Sotheby's said in a statement. "The work retains the form in which Mahler left it, reflecting and revealing the compositional process for the work," it said, adding that it was the only complete Mahler symphony ever sold at auction.

There were four telephone bidders for the Austrian composer's work but the eventual buyer chose to remain anonymous. The starting price had been set at £3.5 million. In the same auction of musical manuscripts, a score said to be autographed by Beethoven, but the authenticity of which had been questioned, failed to sell. The manuscript of the Allegretto in B Minor for String Quartet had been put up for sale by Sotheby's with a starting price of £150,000. But Barry Cooper, a musicologist and Beethoven scholar, told BBC radio there were inconsistencies in how the notes were written.

Some notes were "slightly ambiguous" but for others it was "clear" that "copiers simply miscopied a note in a way that Beethoven certainly wouldn't," he said. "The curves in this copy are much more curved and elegant than any curves in Beethoven's manuscript," he said. Simon Maguire, head of musical manuscripts at Sotheby's, said the work had been authenticated by two Beethoven experts. "If we got something wrong, we would have to pay

### 'Bolt of lightning'

Kaplan became infatuated with Mahler's symphony after seeing it performed at New York's Carnegie Hall in 1965. "Zeus threw the bolt of lightning. I walked out of that hall a different person," Kaplan said. The economist then trained with the world's top conductors to be able to perform the piece and went on to do so more than 100 times around the globe.

The monumental symphony premiered in Berlin in 1895 and is performed with a 90-piece orchestra, soprano and alto soloists, chorus and organ.

"This was the first major work that saw the composer confront the universal themes of life and death, which were so characteristic of his oeuvre," Sotheby's said. The manuscript was given by Alma Mahler, the composer's widow, to the conductor Willem Mengelberg, a friend of Mahler's, in 1920. Kaplan bought it from the conductor's estate in 1984. — AFP



This file photo shows Anthony Cheng, founder of the Mahler Society of Hong Kong looking at the score by Austrian composer Gustav Mahler's Second Symphony, the 'Resurrection', at the Sotheby's showroom in Hong Kong. — AFP



This file photo shows Japanese pop singer at a Tokyo police station. — AFP

# Japan singer calls police to report spying, is arrested

■ allen Japanese pop star Aska has been arrested on drugs charges after calling police to tell them he was being spied on at home by a hidden camera, police and reports said yesterday. The singer-one half of folk rockers Chage and Aska-was slurring on the call when he insisted he was being watched, Jiji Press and other media said. Police who visited his Tokyo home on Monday arrested the 58-year-old on suspicion of using stimulants and MDMA, a force spokesman told AFP.

Aska was given a three-year prison term, suspended for four years, in December 2014 for possession and use of the same drugs. Narcotics are heavily regulated in Japan and the police make much of high-profile arrests. Writing on his blog, Aska denied reports that a police urine test had come up positive for drug use, saying the result was "not positive. It's 100 percent impossible." Chage and Aska made their musical debut in 1979 and remain hugely popular in Japan and other parts of Asia including Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan.— AFP



In this file photo, Prince performs during the second day of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio,

# PRINCE TO BE CELEBRATED AT PAISLEY PARK ONE YEAR AFTER DEATH

nfluential pop star Prince will be celebrated over a four-day festival at his Paisley Park Studios compound in Minnesota on the first anniversary of his death, organizers said on Monday. "Celebration 2017" will take place from April 20-23, with tickets starting at \$499 for the four-day event that will include artists such as Prince's band, The Revolution; Morris Day; and another Prince band, 3RDEYEGIRL. More artists will be announced at later dates.

Prince, known for songs including "Purple Rain" and "When Doves Cry," died on April 21 of an accidental overdose of the powerful painkiller fentanyl at his Paisley Park estate in the Minneapolis suburb of Chanhassen. He was 57. Organizers said the event will "reflect the spirit" of the singer's inaugural "Prince: A Celebration" June 2000 concert, which featured per-

formances and events over four days. Fans of the late singer have been able to pay their respects at Paisley Park since it opened to the public last month, allowing visitors to see instruments, artwork, wardrobe and other items belonging to Prince. Last month, Stevie Wonder, Christina Aguilera and Chaka Khan topped the bill for an all-star concert tribute in memory of Prince. held at an arena in St Paul, Minnesota, about 30 miles (48 km) west of Paisley Park. — Reuters

# MOROCCO TV 'SORRY' OVER MAKEUP FOR BATTERED WOMEN

public television station in Morocco apologized again on Monday after uproar on social media followed its broadcast of an item on makeup to hide the bruises of battered women. The sequence-marking last week's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women-was transmitted by 2M on the morning magazine program "Sabahiyate" to "show the type of makeup to use when a woman has been hit".

It depicted a woman with a swollen face, with the presenter telling viewers that she was not really injured, but that these were just "cinematic effects". "Green is applied with a brush to camouflage the reddish part", followed by "an orange corrector then yellow, then a foundation", she said. She added that the aim was to "provide solutions to women who need such advice so they can continue with their daily lives and go to work". Last Wednesday's broadcast initially passed unno-

ticed, but after it was posted on the channel's website, by Friday it had provoked a storm of reaction on social media and was then removed.

"So 2M has decided to celebrate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women with anti-bruise makeup!" was one comment. Another social media user noted: "Ladies, 2M has the solution if you get punched in the face by your husband, father or brother." "Black eye? Bruising? No problem! 2M's makeup artist has a miracle product!" wrote yet another. The channel's management issued a statement on Friday calling the broadcast sequence "completely inappropriate", and offered its "most sincere apologies for this error, given the sensitivity and seriousness of the subject".

On Monday, in a video posted on Facebook, 2M again said it was sorry. "We have always put women at the center of our debates and have taken the defense of their rights to heart," it

said. "We apologist for broadcasting the makeup segment, the result of an error of judgment on our part, and beg your indulgence and understanding." Also Monday, in a commentary on worldwide efforts during 2016 to stem violence against women, Human Rights Watch acting women's rights division director Janet Walsh wrote that Morocco was "still discussing a draft domestic violence law".

The New York-based HRW has said that violence against women is common in the North African country. It said an official study in 2009-2010 found that almost two thirds of Moroccan women had been physically, psychologically, sexually or economically abused, and that of those, some 55 percent said they had suffered domestic violence. — AP

# Malaysian DJ samples indigenous music to spread land rights message

tama Katama had spent a decade through the 1990s DJ-ing inp nop acclubs across Malaysia, Singapore and tion that sparked his curiosity about his indigenous roots in the Malaysian state of Sabah. "Your father is the Bob Marley of Sabah. Have you ever thought of putting all the music instruments your father taught you into your own music?" Atama recalls his friend asking. Atama, who was born Andrew Ambrose but goes by the indigenous name given to him 12 years ago, likens his father, the late indigenous singer-songwriter Ambrose Mudi, to Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan and Frank Sinatra. He had grown up among musicians, touring with them from the age of three.

He broke away from DJ-ing and began sampling music by indigenous musicians from Sabah, adding a hip-hop beat and rapping his own lyrics, launching in 2005 an album called "My Tribal Roots". It was after the album landed him in a stressful copyright court battle with a record company that Atama began digging deeper into his culture in Sabah, his homeland of rainforest and remote beaches on Borneo island.

He learned more the about Sabah indigenous peoples' struggle for land rights against companies exploiting their territory for palm oil and timber, and he began using his music to campaign for their rights and raise awareness of the issues. "When I see the community being treated like this by companies going and just taking their land - it's the same feeling from my court case, with the company trying to rip me off and steal my stuff," Atama said in an interview with the Thomson Reuters Foundation in the Thai city of Chiang Mai.

"So I decided to go full on and fight for indigenous rights," he said on the sidelines of a meeting with the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact, a Chiang Mai-based network of indigenous groups across the region. Today, he is among a new breed of indigenous activists, reaching out to young people through art, film and his own music - a catchy, danceable fusion of old school indigenous songs with hip hop and rap. At home in Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah, Atama has connected with local activists who bring remote villagers to court in the city to fight for land rights. Their court victory celebrations, in particular, have included cultural performances that demonstrate indigenous identity through art.

### 'This is our land'

From the Philippines to Brazil, indigenous peoples - living in resource-rich areas and lacking land titles or knowledge to defend themselves - are often at the center of violent struggles for land against governments and companies exploiting land for mining, agricultural and infrastructure projects. In "My Tribal Roots", Atama said, each song has a short interlude of a father telling a bedtime story to his son about indigenous peoples, "instilling the idea of preserving culture and identity and not forgetting who you are."

He has hosted local filmmakers to introduce them to indigenous communities, and teamed up with activists to form a film collective called Waris Sabah - "the descendants of Sabah". From 2006 to 2009, Waris Sabah listened to indigenous peoples' concerns ranging from corruption to illegal logging, and worked with them to create 25 short films on these issues, screening them for the communities. "I see this as amplifying, giving voice to the voiceless, disseminating injustices to the

greater community, and creating understanding and solidarity," Atama said. His latest project was a commemorative song called "Ini tanah kita", or "This is our land" - launched in 2014 in New York at the United Nations World

Conference on Indigenous Peoples. "This is our land", Atama said, describes the struggle of indigenous peoples against "a disease called greed". "Forests are being molested, our resources uprooted, our land is being raped, and our rivers turned murky. Our peoples have become fearful and angry as their futures ... their customary lands, are now submerged in floods. "But here we are on the world stage - let's not just stand and watch, let's talk and defend our lands while we are dancing this song together." — Reuters



**Atama Katama** 



This image released by Disney shows characters Grandma Tala, voiced by Rachel House, left, and Moana, voiced by Auliii Cravalho, in a scene from the animated film, 'Moana.' —AP

# 'Moana' swims to top of N American box office

he animated sea-faring musical adventure "Moana" sailed to success in its debut weekend, taking in nearly \$57 million to top the North American box office, industry trackers said Monday. The Disney film about a brave Polynesian teenage girl on a risky mission to save her people reaped in \$82.1 million during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, according to Exhibitor Relations.

The composers of the film's score include Lin-Manuel Miranda, who wrote the music and lyrics for the smash Broadway hit "Hamilton." It unseated the Harry Potter spin-off "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," which fell to second place in its second weekend in theaters, chalking up \$45.1 million for a total of \$156 million so far. Based on a 2001 book by "Potter" novelist J.K. Rowling, the Warner Bros. film stars Eddie Redmayne as a wizard in 1920s New York.

Its first weekend take of \$74.4 million was the lowest opening for any film in Rowling's "Wizarding World" series, as the film largely drew on fans of the original franchise rather than fresh, younger blood. Dropping from second to third rank in the charts, Marvel's "Doctor Strange" posted another \$13.7 million for a total of \$205.8 million. The movie, which stars Benedict Cumberbatch as neurosurgeon Stephen Strange whose life changes forever after a horrific car accident-is the 14th film in Disney's "Marvel Cinematic Universe."

Fourth place, with just \$12.7 million, went to the debut movie "Allied," starring Brad Pitt and Marion Cotillard as World War II spies who fall in love during an assassination mission and eventually get married and have a child, but then become pitted against each other. The acclaimed alien invasion movie "Arrival," starring Amy Adams and Jeremy Renner, slipped from fourth to fifth place as it posted \$11.5 million in weekend revenue.

- Rounding out the top 10 films were: "Trolls" (\$10.6 million)
- "Bad Santa 2" (\$6.2 million)
- "Almost Christmas" (\$5.7 million)
- "Hacksaw Ridge" (\$5.5 million) "Edge of Seventeen" (\$3 million) — AFP

### VR offers television producers 'Hollywood in a box'

n a soundstage no bigger than a large bedroom a cameraman takes up various angles to film a helicopter that isn't there, landing in a field that isn't there either. Until recently, virtual reality was the preserve of the gaming crowd but producers say the technology is on the cusp of a boom which could change forever the way television is made. Leading the charge is visual effects studio CBS Digital, which has developed "Parallax," a VR system which could potentially do away with on-location filming altogether. The company has laser-scanned endless parts of the United States, overlaying the geometry with hi-res images to produce fully explorable, 3D virtual sets into which real actors can be embedded.

Back at CBS Television City in Los Angeles, two actors can exchange dialogue in a room covered with green screens and optical tracking cameras dotting the ceiling. But what the showrunner sees on his camera screen is his two stars walking hand-in-hand around a photo-realistic Eiffel Tower or leaning over a perfectly rendered Niagara Falls. "The biggest advantage is to take away traditional restrictions that filmmakers come up against," Craig Weiss, executive creative director of CBS Digital, told AFP on a recent visit to the studio. "And that would be the arduous task of going to different locations, shooting in the middle of the night. You're able to bring the world to the

stage, have a lot more flexibility and get more feel like you don't have control because you're

### **Empowering directors**

The problems "Parallax" solves for film and television makers are numerous. But the most important perhaps is cash-or not having enough of it to bring ideas to life on the screen. A big proportion of any production budget goes on securing locations and filming in them. The costs spiral when you have to wait until it stops raining, or until the light exactly matches yesterday's shoot. The virtual sets being made available by "Parallax" allow directors to get through something like three weeks' worth of traditional location work in a day, says the studio. The size of film crews, too,

can be cut in half. According to Weiss, a crew of a handful of technicians working with the system recently captured two blocks in New York-every nook and cranny, from every angle, in under 14 hours. "After an initial investment... the cost of using a virtual set can, in some cases, literally save 100 percent of the costs of on-location shooting," said CBS Digital executive producer George Bloom. Bloom, who was vice president of creative content at Walt Disney Pictures and has 14 years' experience as a director, says

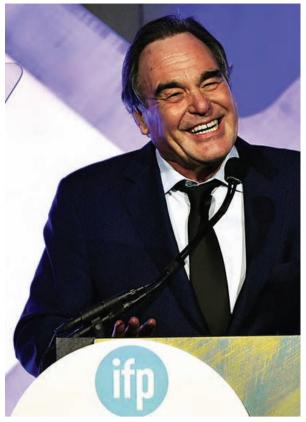
"Parallax" hands control back to the filmmaker. "When you're a director, sometimes you throwing all this vision that you have into a visual effects company's hands," he tells AFP."You have no idea what it's going to look like until five or ten days later."

### Storytelling skills

Fox's "The Last Man on Earth" and ABC's "American Housewife have both started using "Parallax." CBS Digital already provides a variety of cutting edge visual effects for Amazon's 'Transparent" as well as Netflix originals "Daredevil," "Stranger Things" and "Jessica Jones." The only restrictions on what VR can achieve for television is the limits of the human imagination, it says. The newest generation of VR was ushered in by an American teenager called Palmer Luckey, who in 2010 built a prototype of a headset that would eventually become the Oculus Rift.

Luckey, now 24 and worth \$700 million, raised pledges through Kickstarter to manufacture the Oculus VR, bringing it to the attention of Facebook which paid \$2 billion for the company in 2014. Since then, gamers have reveled in the emergence of HTC Vive-a partnership between Taiwanese tech firm HTC and the games company Valve-and Samsung's Gear VR. —AFP

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Filmmaker Oliver Stone accepts the IFP 'Tribute' Award at Actor Anya Taylor-Joy accepts the "Breakthrough Actor" the 26th Annual Gotham Independent Film Awards at Award for her performance in the film "The Witch". Cipriani Wall Street in New York. — AP/AFP photos





Actor Aziz Ansari accepts the 'Made in New York' Award.



Actress Katie Holmes speaks at the 26th Annual Gotham **Independent Film Awards.** 

# 'Moonlight' shines brightest at

# Trump-focused Gotham Awards



Writer - director Barry Jenkins speaks after receiving the 'Best Screenplay' Award for the film 'Moonlight'.

t a Gotham Independent Film Awards overshadowed by the election of Donald Trump, Barry Jenkins' coming-of-age drama "Moonlight" shined brightest. A celebrated film about a boy growing up gay, black and poor in Miami, "Moonlight," virtually swept the night, taking best feature, best screenplay, a special jury award for best ensemble and the audience award. The Gothams, which honor independent film, are essentially the kick-off to Hollywood's long awards season.

Monday night's ceremony, hosted in Manhattan by Keegan-Michael Key, also served as the first opportunity for the film industry - or at least a sizable chunk of its more East Coast, indie contingent - to formally gather since the election. It gave much of Hollywood (which overwhelmingly backed Hilary Clinton) a chance to commiserate over drinks, try out punchlines and make a rallying cry for art's political power. Key, half of the former Comedy Central duo "Key and Peele," opened, with deadpan sarcasm, with what he said was a 4-week-old monologue.

### Visibly shocked

"Ladies and gentlemen, we are so grateful that we live in a country that celebrates diversity," said Key. Later, he gave up the guise and spoke earnestly. "Our voices need to be heard now," he said. It was fitting then that "Moonlight" dominated the evening. The string of awards had the cast which features newcomers Trevante Rhodes, Ashton Sanders and Alex R. Hibbert playing the young protagonist in three chapters - frequently dancing arm-in-arm while

the Gotham crowd stood to applaud.

Though "Moonlight," based on Tarell Alvin McCraney's play, has some big-name backers (Brad Pitt's Plan B produced it), Jenkins played the role of the underdog. "When I made this film, I thought five people would watch it," Jenkins said. In limited release, the low-budged "Moonlight" has already made \$8.5 million, making it one of the year's biggest indie hits. Other top awards went to Casey Affleck, who won best actor for his performance in Kenneth Lonergan's "Manchester by the Sea," and Isabelle Huppert, whose turn in Paul Verhoeven's "Elle" took best actress over favorites such as Natalie Portman ("Jackie") and Annette Bening ("20th Century Women"). The French actress, visibly shocked, said she had been told the Gothams were very American in outlook, and so her chances were slim.

"I feel so American tonight," chuckled Huppert. "I feel good. I feel really good." Others sounded less enthused about their country and the president-elect who resides about 70 blocks to the north of Monday's awards. Oliver Stone, one of the night's four tribute honorees (the others were Amy Adams, Ethan Hawke and producer Arnon Milchan), gave a relatively muted speech, but told filmmakers in attendance: "You can be critical of your government. We've forgotten that." Damian Lewis, the British actor, presented the audience award with a tweak for the electoral college.

### **Small panels**

"The film that receives the most votes ... is the winner," said Lewis with arch emphasis. "It's a brilliant idea." A number of expected Oscar contenders weren't nominated by the Gothams, which select their indie-centric nominees from small panels of industry figures and critics. Absent were late arriving studio releases like Denzel Washington's "Fences" and, most conspicuous of all, Damien Chazelle's Los Angeles musical "La La Land." That \$30 million production (perhaps a bit too pricey for indie qualification), is seen by many as the best picture front-runner.

But Oscar season is just getting started. A string of critics groups will announce their picks this week. And the biggest jolt to the race may have already come via the election. How Trump's victory will affect the mood of Hollywood - will academy members lean toward sunny escapism or more timely social dramas? - has already been one of the season's biggest questions. The Gothams, presented by the Independent Filmmaker Project, aren't historically a good Oscar predictor. But their last two top film picks, "Spotlight" and "Birdman," did go on to triumph at the Academy Awards. — AP



Actress Margot Robbie presents at the 26th Annual **Gotham Independent Film Awards.** 







Writer - director Barry Jenkins, center, accepts the Best Feature Film Award with the rest of the "Moonlight".



Actress Cate Blanchett presents The Film Tribute Award.



**Gotham Independent Film Awards.** 



Actress Winona Ryder presents at the 26th Annual Actor Ethan Hawke speaks after receiving The Film Tribute Award.

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Actor Damian Lewis presents at the 26th Annual Gotham Independent Film Awards.



Actor Danny DeVito presents a Film Tribute Award.



Actress Amy Adams speaks after receiving The Film Tribute Award.



Actress Natalie Portman presents at the 26th Annual Actor Casey Affleck accepts the Best Actor Award. Gotham Independent Film Awards.





Producer Arnon Milchan accepts the Film Tribute Award.



Director Ezra Edelman accepts the 'Best Documentary' Award for 'O.J.: Made in America'.



Actress Cate Blanchett presents The Film Tribute Award to Amy Adams.



Mahershala Ali attends the 26th Annual Gotham Independent Ben McKenzie and Morena Baccarin Film Awards at Cipriani Wall Street.





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**Ethan Hawke** 



Natalie Portman, left, and Greta Gerwig



Janelle Monae, left, and Naomie Harris



Oge Egbuonu, left, and Ruth Negga



**Malin Akerman** 



Amy Adams **Morena Baccarin** 

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'Moonlight' shines brightest at Trump-focused Gotham Awards





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 $Models\ of\ the\ Victoria's\ Secret\ Fashion\ Show\ pose\ for\ a\ group\ photo\ before\ the\ celebrity-filled\ catwalk\ event\ of\ the\ year\ inside\ the\ Grand\ Palais,\ in\ Paris.\ ---\ AP/AFP\ photos$ 

# SEVEN THINGS ABOUT VICTORIA'S SECRET YOU WERE TOO AFRAID TO ASK

he US lingerie giant Victoria's Secret is holding its hugely hyped annual fashion show in Paris for the first time today. The brand has already flown in its "angels"-including supermodels Bella and Gigi Hadid and Kendall Jenner-in what it called the "world's most glamorous airplane" for the star-studded event at which Lady Gaga will perform. Here is everything you need to know about the blingiest event on the underwear calendar:

### Victoria who?

Victoria's Secret may be a household name in the US, but it is almost totally unknown in France, the country that invented lingerie. It has only one small shop at Paris Orly airport. Having a long tradition of high-quality sexy underwear, French women have so far been sceptical of its claims to make "the world's best bras and sexiest lingerie".

### Who are the angels?

Each year the brand assembles some of the most glamorous lingerie models for its show, with Lily Aldridge, Alessandra Ambrosio and Martha Hunt often featuring in its cast of "angels". This year supermodels the Hadid sisters and Jenner-Kim Kardashian's half-sister-will join "veterans" on the catwalk, Adriana Lima, Josephine Skriver, Lily Donaldson and the aptly-named Joan Smalls.

### What's the secret?

Victoria's Secret has nothing to do with Queen Victoria's famously voluminous silk knickers. No "Victoria" ever existed, although the brand's name is a play on Victorian prudishness. It was the brainchild of Californian Roy Raymond who was so embarrassed about trying to buy lingerie for his wife that he set up a mail order company to save his blushes. He sold it in 1982 to its present owner Les Wexner for \$1 million, who sprinkled his stardust and upped prices. The rest is history, with sales hitting \$7.6 billion last year. While his old business boomed, Raymond had less luck and killed himself in 1993.

### Making a show

Victoria's Secret marketing centres on an annual starstudded fashion show and musical extravaganza. Now in



Models of the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, from left front row, US model Lily Aldridge, US model Martha Hunt, US model Gigi Hadid, US model Rachel Hilbert and US model Zuri Tibby, and US model Kendall Jenner, center back, pose for a group photo.

its 21st year, it will be shown in 190 countries from

the year's jewel-encrusted "fantasy bra". This year is set

The brand has regularly faced criticism for presenting

women with an unrealistic body imagine. In 2014 it caused a social media storm with its slogan "The perfect Body" for

its new line of Body bras. Faced with the anger, it changed

the slogan to "The Body for every body". This year former

"angel" Erin Heatherton denounced the pressure to stay

with emeralds and diamonds and costs \$3 million.

The perfect body

ultra-slim and said she would no longer model for the

December 5. Alongside its winged "angels" modelling its colourful lingerie, the centrepiece of the show-which cost \$20 million in 2014 -- is a concert featuring major music stars. This year's headliners are Lady Gaga, Bruno Mars and the Canadian electro star The Weeknd.

But the highlight of the night remains the unveiling of before shows many models use juice-based diets.

### Military preparation

To win their wings, Victoria's Secret models have to suffer. Casting starts months before the show, and this year the brand has hyped up the build-up on social media with the hashtag #trainlikeanangel, showing models working out to get in shape for the catwalk. Orsoni said it was a very clever piece of "marketing to make us believe they are just like us". The campaign is also about promoting the brand's new sportswear line, which has replaced its swimsuit range.



Models of the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, US model Jasmine Tookes, left and Swedish model Elsa Hosk pose for a group photo.



Model of the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, Brazilian model Adriana Lima poses for a group photo.

### Why Paris

Market leader in the US with nearly 1,000 shops, the brand is still a minnow in the lucrative European market. Industry analyst Yves Marin of consultants Wavestone said choosing Paris as it venue shows "they want to invest in the continent because apart from Britain, they are not really present in Europe."

And their timing could not be better. "It's a great brand and commercial lenders are looking for new brands," he said. — AFP

# 'Imagine' a picture book inspired by a John Lennon song

magine a new picture book based on a famous song. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt told The Associated Press on Monday that it was publishing "Imagine," inspired by the John Lennon classic of the same name and authorized by his widow, Yoko Ono. With illustrations by Jean Jullien, the book will feature Lennon's lyrics as it tells of a young pigeon's mission to advocate for peace.

"Imagine" comes out Sept 21, the United Nations' International Day of Peace. It will be released in partnership with Amnesty International, which will receive some of the proceeds. In recent years, Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind" and Bruce Springsteen's "Outlaw Pete" have also inspired picture books. — AP



In this 1971 file photo, singer John Lennon appears during a press conference. Publisher Houghton Mifflin Harcourt said Monday that it was publishing 'Imagine,' inspired by the John Lennon classic of the same name. — AP