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## US EMBASSY CONFIRMS TROOPS CAME UNDER 'TERROR' ATTACK

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### GOVT POSTPONES \$10 BILLION BOND ISSUE UNTIL 2017

DUBAI: Kuwait has delayed a sovereign bond issue of up to \$10 billion until next year after deciding it is in no rush to raise funds overseas, bankers familiar with Kuwaiti debt policy said. Finance Minister Anas Al-Saleh said in July the government planned to sell as much as \$10 billion of US dollar-denominated conventional and Islamic bonds in international markets to help plug its budget deficit for the current fiscal year, which will end on March 31.

Officials subsequently said they were looking at a window of September or possibly October for the issue. But the government has still not sent banks a request for proposals to arrange the issue, while the sale still needs official approval by the Ministry of Finance, said one of the bankers. This means the deal will definitely take place in 2017, he added.

"The government has not mandated banks on the bond, which would suggest that they were targeting a later release post-the Saudi Arabia one," said Dima Jardaneh, head of regional economic research at Standard Chartered.

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BANGKOK: HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah is welcomed by a senior advisor at Thailand's Royal Court at Bangkok International Airport yesterday. Sheikh Sabah will head Kuwait's delegation at the second Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) summit in the Thai capital. — KUNA

KUWAIT: A collision between a truck driven by an Egyptian and a vehicle carrying three US soldiers in Kuwait was a "terrorist attack", not an accident as first thought, the embassy confirmed yesterday. "US Embassy in Kuwait confirms that what at first appeared to be a routine traffic accident involving three deployed US military personnel... was in fact an attempted terrorist attack," the mission said in a statement posted on its website. The statement said the attack took place on Thursday and that the US soldiers escaped unhurt.

The soldiers also rescued the Egyptian driver when his truck caught fire, it said. The Kuwaiti interior ministry said on Saturday that authorities arrested the Egyptian driver and found with him a handwritten note in which he had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group. It also said that the driver, identified as Ibrahim Suleiman, 28, also carried a belt and material suspected of being explosives. The ministry said the attack was on five Americans without saying they were troops.

The US embassy said it was not aware of specific, credible threats against private US citizens in Kuwait at this time. But it warned that the attack serves as a reminder to maintain a high level of vigilance, advising US citizens to review their personal security plans and remain alert. The embassy did not say where the troops were stationed, but American forces are deployed to Kuwait's Camp Arifan. Kuwaiti authorities announced in July they had dismantled three IS cells plotting attacks, including a suicide bombing against a Shiite mosque and against an interior ministry target. — Agencies

## COURT RESTORES CITIZENSHIP OF PRO-OPPOSITION TV OWNER

### MP FILES REQUEST TO GRILL JUSTICE MINISTER

By B Izzak

### INDIAN TYCOON PAYS \$9M FOR DUBAI CAR PLATE

DUBAI: An Indian businessman has paid \$9 million at auction to grab a single-digit car registration plate in Dubai, feeding a passion for "unique" number plates. Balwinder Sahani, who owns a Dubai-based property management company, spent AED 33 million on the "D5" number plate, in an auction organized by the road authority, Gulf News daily reported yesterday. "I have collected 10 number plates so far and I am looking forward to having more. It's a passion. This number will go to one of my Rolls-Royces," he said.

The daily said more than 300 bidders participated Saturday in the auction which is organized every two months. Eighty special numbers were on offer. Auctions for "unique" car plates have become a fashion in the glitzy United Arab Emirates with auction organizers frequently netting millions of dollars. — AFP



Balwinder Sahani

KUWAIT: The administrative lower court yesterday ordered the government to restore the citizenship of pro-opposition Al-Youm television owner Ahmad Jabr Al-Shemmari, more than two years after it was revoked. In a landmark ruling, the court also abolished the Amiri decree that withdrew the citizenship of Shemmari and his four children, and ordered the government to return the nationality to them "immediately" without waiting for the rulings of the appeals and cassation courts.

The court also ordered the government to pay KD 5,001 in temporary compensation for Shemmari, a verdict that could open the way for him to seek much larger damages. After revoking his nationality in July 2014, the government shut down Al-Youm television and Alam Al-Youm newspaper, both owned by him, on the basis that media licenses must be in the name of Kuwaiti citizens only.

The verdict came after more than two years of a legal battle in which the lower court initially rejected Shemmari's petition on the grounds that courts cannot look into nationality cases because they



Ahmad Al-Qudhaibi

are "sovereign" issues. This verdict was upheld by the appeals court. But the court of cassation, whose rulings are final, earlier this year ruled that courts can look into these issues and ordered the lower court to hear the case again.

The ruling will also open the way for a large number of opposition figures to resort to court, who were stripped of their citizenship amid a government crackdown on the opposition during a political crisis in the country.

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WASHINGTON: A woman looks at the cover of the comic book "Madaya Mom" on Oct 7, 2016. — AFP

### SYRIAN MOTHER LIVING UNDER SIEGE IS MARVEL'S SUPERHERO

NEW YORK: Besieged by the Syrian government for two years, the city of Madaya has had little contact with the outside world - barely reachable by aid convoys, let alone video journalists. So ABC News and Marvel Comics, known for its muscular superheroes, teamed up find another way to help the world see the devastating reality of life under siege. Journalists at ABC had been in contact with a woman living in Madaya - a city home to some 40,000 people near the border with Lebanon - who chronicled in a series of blog posts her fight to survive the harsh

conditions brought on by the Syria's civil war, now in its sixth year.

The two Disney-owned companies created a free, digital comic based on the anonymous dispatches by the young mother of five - a way to try and demonstrate the horrors their cameras could not access. The illustrated panels are far less bloody than they are heartbreaking. Combined with the powerful words of the mother - kept anonymous to protect her family's safety - they speak to the severe hardships trapped families are enduring.

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RAEL, Syria: Syrian rebel fighters get into a pickup truck flying an Islamist flag in this northern village after they captured it from the Islamic State group in the Marj Dabiq area north of the embattled city of Aleppo yesterday. — AFP

### SYRIA REGIME KEEPS UP ALEPPO ASSAULT

BEIRUT: Syrian government forces yesterday kept up their blistering assault on rebel-held eastern Aleppo after a divided UN Security Council failed to agree on a truce to save the war-battered city. Regime forces and their allies were advancing street by street in the eastern sector which has been out of government hands since 2012. "Clashes on the ground as well as fierce air strikes went on all night and are continuing Sunday, especially in the Sheikh Said district" of eastern Aleppo, said Rami Abdel Rahman, head of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The monitor said regime forces took control of the Jandul crossroads in the northeast of Aleppo. The latest advances aim to clear the way for "a crucial and decisive land offensive", said Syria's Al-Watan newspaper which is close to the government. The army launched its assault on the besieged sector of Aleppo more than two weeks ago with the backing of Russian air strikes, aiming to reunite the city which was Syria's economic hub before its conflict erupted in 2011.

Air strikes and artillery fire by the regime and its Russian ally killed 290 people, mostly civilians and including 57 children, since the Sept 22 launch of operations in Aleppo, the Observatory said. The Britain-based monitor, which compiles its information from sources on the ground, said 50 civilians, including nine children, have also died in rebel bombardment of regime-controlled western districts.

Syria's official SANA news agency said yesterday that rebel shelling killed a baby and wounded two people in the Hamdaniyeh neighborhood. On Saturday at the United Nations, Russia vetoed a French-drafted resolution demanding an end to the bombing of Aleppo, but its own rival measure on a truce was rejected.

The failure of the two resolutions deepened divisions at the UN Security Council between Moscow and the Western powers backing rebel forces in Syria's five-year war which has killed more than 300,000 people. France's draft called for an end to all military flights over Aleppo and to air strikes on the rebel-held east that has 250,000 inhabitants. "What is at stake today is first and foremost the fate of Aleppo and its people," France's Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault told the council, urging it to take "immediate action in order to save" the city.

It was the fifth time that Russia used its veto to block UN action on the war in Syria. Shortly after Russia's veto, the Security Council rejected a rival draft presented by Moscow that called for a ceasefire but did not mention a halt in air strikes. Britain's ambassador to the United Nations, Matthew Rycroft, described Saturday's failure in New York as "a bad day for Russia, but an even worse day for the people of Aleppo". Following the meeting, his Russian counterpart Vitaly Churkin insisted that diplomatic efforts on Syria were not dead.

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**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah at Seif Palace yesterday. —Photos by KUNA



**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives Acting National Assembly Speaker Mubarak Al-Khurainij yesterday.



**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.



**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah.

# KUWAIT, EGYPT SEEK CLOSER PARLIAMENTARY TIES: SPEAKER

AL-GHANIM PAYS TRIBUTE TO LEGACY OF EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENT

**SHARM EL-SHEIKH:** The Egyptian parliament has proven its repute despite the adversity it has encountered during the course of its illustrious history, Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim said yesterday.

Al-Ghanim's remarks came in a statement to the press after participating in celebrations marking the sesquicentennial anniversary of the inception of Egypt's parliament.

"We are proud to join our Egyptian brothers in their celebrations, as Egypt has always been a pioneer of Arab parliamentarianism," Al-Ghanim noted. "We are talking about the largest Arab nation's parliament and of a history so rich and profound," the Kuwaiti Parliament Speaker said, adding that Kuwait's ties with Egypt remain vigorous. Moreover, he wished the Egyptian parliament "every success and prosperity."

Speaker Al-Ghanim accompanied by a delegation is taking part in the festival. The delegation includes MPs Faisal Al-Shaya, Humoud Al-Hamdan, Kamel Al-



**SHARM EL-SHEIKH:** Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim speaking to the media in Sharm El-Sheikh yesterday. —KUNA

Awadhi and Rakan Al-Nisf as well as National Assembly Secretary General Allam Al-Kandari.

Al-Ghanem met his Egyptian counterpart Dr Ali Abdulal in Egypt's Red Sea resort city of Sharm El-Sheikh yesterday. During the meeting, held on the sidelines of a ceremony marking the 150th anniversary of the Egyptian parliament, they discussed bilateral cooperation and coordination between both sides' parliaments over continental and international issues.

**Condolences**

The Speaker yesterday sent a cable of condolences to Haiti's Senate President Ronald Larche and Speaker of the House of Representatives Cholzer Chancy over the victims of Hurricane Matthew. Meanwhile, Egypt's President Abdelfatah Al-Sisi said yesterday that the parliamentary life over the last decades has "mirrored the country's social, economic and political situations". Al-Sisi made the remark in a speech during a ceremony marking 150 years of the parliamentary

life in Egypt, in the presence of heads and members of Arab, African and international legislatures. Al-Sisi reviewed the experiment of the parliamentary life in the country since the formation of a first legislature upon a decree by Khedive Ismail Pasha in 1866.

He said the parliament has experienced big changes since its establishment, adding that the 2014 Constitution "grants the current 596-seat parliament wide and unprecedented powers". This parliament represents different segments of Egyptian people, he asserted. He indicated that the House of Representatives has taken its responsibilities amid "unprecedented economic and political challenges", expressing his confidence in parliamentarians' ability to take measures aiming to maintain the country's security and achieve its economic renaissance.

He voiced his hope that the House would translate aspirations of Egyptian people into effective legislations and resolutions so as to achieve social and economic development. —KUNA

in my view

## SME ISSUES

By Fajar A.R.

**T**he amount of small and medium enterprises that have been flourishing in Kuwait in the past few years has been absolutely inspiring. Oil prices might be dropping, but other sectors have been blooming, from food and beverage to the creative industry, fashion, music, design, you name it! I am very proud to be representing clients in such industries and although the majority of my clients are prospering in their field, they do face challenging legal issues. I have written the issues and the solutions available.

Question: My partners and I have been in the food and beverage industry for the past four years. Although the business is succeeding, I would like to leave the partnership as I would like to do my own thing. I am also not happy with the terms and conditions that we are working under. How can I leave?

I honestly don't answer questions like these without reviewing all the necessary documents and gathering more information about the company, the company's articles of association and the company's policies, to name a few. The general procedure would be for you to offer your share to the other partners first - they have priority over your share. Should they refuse or refuse to respond to your offer, you can publish your offer to them in a newspaper and wait for seven days. If you do not receive a response within this time-frame from any of the partners, then you can sell

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your share to a third party or waive your shares to the other partners.

Question: We have been in the real estate industry for the past five years, and I have been the managing partner. I want to leave now and sell my shares, but my partners are saying I can't because there isn't anyone suitable to be the managing partner. The other partners have fulltime jobs and therefore cannot be managing partners. What can I do?

A company does not need a managing partner, but can just have a registered manager. You can leave the company and all the partners need to do is hire a manager, if they can't or don't want to be managers. The manager will be officially registered and is responsible for the company's presence.

Question: We are a limited liability company with four partners. I would like to leave the company, but I have no idea how much my share is worth. I would like to sell my share to them, but how do I calculate how much it is worth?

Unfortunately as lawyers, we don't do such calculations. Also, there isn't a right or wrong way to do it. You could go to a financial firm and ask them to do the calculations for you. They will not only take into account how much the capital of the company is or the assets, but also the current market value that includes all of the above. It's always good to know how much your shares are worth, but you could also just quote an offer that you are happy with, even if it's more or less. The amount doesn't have to be the market price.

## SHEIKH SALMAN LAUDS YOUTH FOR GLOBAL RECOGNITION

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait being chosen as the "Youth Capital" for the year 2017 would not have been possible without the youth themselves, Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah said yesterday. In a speech during a meeting with a higher committee dealing with this distinction, Sheikh Salman said that the Arab League has prioritized youth-related issues, ultimately choosing Kuwait as the "Youth Capital of 2017."

Moreover, he noted that this honor bestowed upon Kuwait is a testament to the country's commitment to its youth, as he underscored the "Ministry of State for Youth Affairs, formed in 2013, as a government body tasked with catering to the nation's youth." Speaking on the United Nations' (UN) vision towards youth, he said it was altered in 1995 into a strategy that placed them at the epicenter of global development goals, adding that a slew of youth projects have been completed in recent years.

On the distinction, he revealed that Kuwait has been selected as the "Youth Capital" from May 2017 to April 2018, a period he said will be marked by a plethora of activities and programs. As a bastion of humanity, Sheikh Salman said that Kuwait has plenty to offer. —KUNA

## NCCAL TO HOLD SESSION ON ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait National Council for Culture, Art and Letters (NCCAL) will hold a conference under the name "Science in the Islamic civilization, intellectual, cultural and effects" from 10th to 12th of October during the celebration of Kuwait as the capital of Islamic culture for 2016, the NCCAL General Secretariat said yesterday.

It said in a statement that the conference takes place under the auspices of the Minister of Information, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and the NCCAL Chairman, Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah. The convention includes a number of important scientific subjects namely: Translation in the human civilization and effects of intellectual scientists, philosophers in the Islamic civilization and Islamic culture effect on the European Renaissance.

General Secretariat of the NCCAL called on researchers and those interested in Islamic civilization to attend the conference's nine sessions. —KUNA



## OOREDOO ANNOUNCES SECOND WINNER OF MINI COOPER

**KUWAIT:** Ooredoo, the fastest network in Kuwait in 2016, announced Mohammed Bassam as the lucky winner of second Mini Cooper draw on Thursday, in collaboration with Al-Babtain, the authorized seller of Samsung devices in Kuwait. The draw concludes Ooredoo's exclusive promotion on Shamel postpaid packages with Samsung's latest S7 edition.

All customers who subscribed to any of Shamel packages starting from KD17.5 with Samsung S7 from the beginning of the campaign in August were eligible for the campaign. The offers come with all the exclusive benefits for Shamel, giving



customers flexibility in their usage depending on their lifestyle. Shamel plans allow customers to freeze contracts for up to three months when traveling, so they wouldn't have to pay for a service that they don't use.

Customers can also enjoy unlimited local voice calls on Ooredoo network, a feature included in all packages. They can also transfer contracts at any time and carry for-

ward unused Internet data to the following month, which will provide customers with more freedom to use the web. Customers can also get the latest device from Ooredoo, even if they have existing contracts, which allows them more freedom and flexibility in use. For more information about the unique Shamel packages, please visit any one of Ooredoo's branches or official dealers.



# 3 BROTHERS ARRESTED FOR RECKLESS DRIVING

## STATELESS PERSON POSED AS DETECTIVE HELD

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

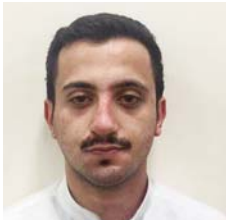
**KUWAIT:** Three Kuwaiti brothers were arrested for reckless driving, endangering others' lives, resisting arrest and assaulting police officers. Security sources explained that one of the brothers was driving dangerously, and when told to pull over, he drove on the opposite side of the road, hitting another vehicle. The source added that his two brothers tried to free him, but they were eventually controlled. Policemen found one of them was wanted for a KD 3,000 financial claim.

### Arrested with guns

Two citizens were arrested with a shot-gun and 22 cartridges, said security sources.

### Impersonation

A stateless person was arrested for impersonating as a police detective and robbing expats in Shuwaikh Industrial area. Security sources noted that the suspect



**KUWAIT:** The stateless person arrested for impersonating as a police detective.

usually asked for victims' IDs, and as soon they got their wallets out, he snatched them and fled.

### Municipal inspection

Capital municipality inspection teams collected KD 2,175 in fines in September, said Capital municipality manager Ammar Al-Ammar, noting that 55 warnings were issued and 54 houses were inspected pending connecting power supplies. Ammar added that the teams filed 150 food-related citations, marked 33 abandoned vehicles, removed 26 illegal ads and two violations on public property. Meanwhile, Jahra municipality inspectors removed five abandoned vehicles and six public property violations.



**KUWAIT:** The Interior Ministry yesterday inaugurated a special training program for traffic police agents with the attendance of Mol's acting assistant undersecretary for traffic affairs Maj Gen Fahd Al-Showayye, top Mol officials, UNDP's deputy resident representative Dima Al-Khateeb and the Supreme Planning Council's assistant secretary general Talal Al-Shemmari. The program will be for a month with participation of 22 trainees from the traffic sector and three from the investigations department.



**KUWAIT:** KFSD is participating in the Kuwait Industries Union Exhibition being held from Oct 9 to 11 as a government sponsor. The opening ceremony was attended by Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Hind Al-Subaih, Kuwait Industries Union Chairman Hussein Ali Al-Kharafi and top KFSD officials. —Photos by Hanan Al-Saadoun

# ZAIN DONATES OVER KD 45,000 TO HUMANITARIAN CAUSES

**KUWAIT:** Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, announced the donation of over KD 45,000 on behalf of its customers for humanitarian causes. The donation came as part of its recently concluded charitable initiative it launched during the Holy Month of Ramadan.

The donation came in collaboration with Sheikh Abdullah Al-Nouri Charity Association, and will be utilized to build a number of water wells at distant locations in Somalia and Kyrgyzstan with the aim of providing clean and safe drinking water to underprivileged families.

Zain's donation on behalf of its customers came in line with its Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility strategy that seeks to contribute to humanitarian causes. Zain prides itself on its long track of records and contributions it has put in philanthropic areas. The company strongly believes that such initiatives help infuse a sense of responsibility into members of the society, to help support



those who are in need of help.

The donation came as part of Zain's recently concluded initiative launched in June, where the company donated 500 Fils (half a KD) every time a customer paid their bill during the Holy Month of Ramadan through one of Zain's electronic channels, including Zain's website, Zain's smart-

phone app, and any of Zain's Quickpay machines.

Zain will continue to introduce initiatives that reflect the traditional humanitarian values and principles of the Kuwaiti society; aimed at enriching the art of giving and increasing bonding between individuals.



**KUWAIT:** Shiite men flagellate themselves with chains in preparation for the peak of the mourning period of Ashoura at a husseiniya in Daiya on Saturday. —Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



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KUWAIT: A dazzling view of the Al-Shaheen Park at night with its illuminated fountains spraying blue-colored water into the air. —KUNA

## PAAET SEEKS TO EMPOWER WOMEN TO FACE CHALLENGES

**KUWAIT:** The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) is hard at work to empower women in the Gulf to face contemporary challenges, PAAET Director General Dr Ahmad Saleh Al-Athari said. Al-Athari made the statement at a meeting yesterday for the higher committee of the second scientific and cultural forum of students of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) university and educational institutions.

The meeting focused on setting the axes and the goals of the forum slated for March 19-23, 2017. The PAAET is making hard efforts to prepare for the forum, to enhance bases of fair competition and scientific integrity in addition to highlighting creativity and skills of the GCC women in scientific, economic and social scenes, he said.

Also, the authority seeks more cooperation accords with Kuwait's Public Authority for Youth (PAY), which is a strategic partner in supporting young people, Al-Athari noted. It also aspires for concluding further agreements with external authorities and seeks to shed light during the forum on the achievements of the Gulf women, as well as the challenges and obstacles they are facing.

For his part, PAY Director General Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi said that they would offer support to youth through experts and specialists, to assess their behavior and define their needs during panel discussions, and will also listen to their views, Al-Mutairi said. He stressed the fact that PAY is working in line with directives of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to support youth. —KUNA

## GLOBAL SILENCE OVER ALEPPO CARNAGE DISGRACEFUL: KUWAIT OIC CALLS FOR EMERGENCY SESSION ON SYRIA SITUATION

**JEDDAH:** An extraordinary session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) at the delegates' level yielded calls yesterday for an urgent meeting to discuss worsening conditions in Syria. The session, which was chaired by Kuwait's Consul General and permanent delegate to the OIC Wael Al-Enezi, aimed to ensure that Islamic nations would act in concert over efforts to end the war in Syria and other conflicts plaguing the Arab world, a statement issued following the conclusion of the meeting noted. Moreover, the statement decried "the brutal forms of warfare" taking place in Syria, adding that the onus is on the Syrian government and its allies who should be held accountable for these aggressions. The statement also noted that it is incumbent upon the United Nations (UN) to ensure that peace and security is restored in Syria, as it highlighted the need for a sustainable solution to the conflict.

The international community's silence over atrocities committed in the Syrian city of Aleppo is a sign of failure, Al-Enezi said yesterday, adding that global reaction to the bloodshed is a "disgrace." Al-Enezi made the remarks in a speech during an extraordinary OIC meeting at the delegates' level, called to discuss deteriorating humanitarian conditions in Aleppo.

"What is happening in Syria is not only a grave crime but a flagrant infraction of international laws and conventions," the Kuwaiti diplomat said. Moreover, he noted that the most abominable methods of warfare are being practiced in Aleppo, "as all forms of life have fallen victim to these attacks."

He also said that the meeting was called due to the international community's failure to put an end to the violence. Speaking on Kuwait's contributions to mitigate the misery of the Syrian people, Al-Enezi said that the country has

been steadfast in its support of Syria, as he underscored numerous pledges Kuwait has made to help the war-torn nation.

"We face a mounting obligation to cease the humanitarian suffering in Syria through the dire need to enforce a stringent ceasefire and to deliver much needed relief aid to the country," he added. He also asserted that the meeting will persist and that the situation in Syria will be closely monitored.

Meanwhile, the OIC's Secretary General Iyad Madani said that the international community is obligated to fulfill its responsibilities to address the deteriorating conditions in the war-torn city of Aleppo. He also called for an urgent ceasefire that would facilitate the flow of relief aid into the country, pressing the international community to pile pressure on the Syrian government to accept a political solution to the conflict. — KUNA



## ABK ROLLS OUT A SERIES OF INITIATIVES IN SUPPORT OF CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**KUWAIT:** Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) recently announced its support of cancer awareness month, whereby the Bank is rolling out a series of initiatives that aim to raise awareness and understanding of the various cancer related diseases and raise funds for research into its diagnosis, prevention and treatment.

ABK started the month by presenting staff members with an informative brochure and a ribbon

to wear for the month while also offering staff and customers discounts on cancer screening tests at Royal Hayat Hospital, which will be valid until December 2016. The Bank will also raise awareness of the disease by sending out weekly cancer awareness messages through its social media channels.

In parallel, ABK will be sponsoring an open day for cancer patients in collaboration with the Cancer Control Center, which will be held

on 13 October, 2016 at the Sheikhha Badriya Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Center for Oncology and Stem Cell Transfusion. The Bank will conclude initiatives for this month with the sponsorship of the 'Fight Like A Girl' breast cancer awareness event, an annual initiative held by The American Women's League Kuwait (AWL). The event is scheduled to take place on 22 October, 2016 at the Jumeirah Hotel Ballroom.







KUWAIT: Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Hind Al-Subaih and other officials during the launch of the Kuwait Industries Union Expo 2016 at Sheraton Hotel yesterday. —Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



# KUWAIT TO EMPOWER YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

## MINISTER OPENS 3-DAY INDUSTRIES UNION EXPO 2016

By Nawara Fattahova

KUWAIT: Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Hind Al-Subaih yesterday said the government has 11 transformative and youth projects in the pipeline, and the General Secretariat for Planning will execute them. "The government aims to have more industries run by the youth that promote local products," said Subaih, who is also the State Minister for Planning and Development, during the launch of the Kuwait Industries Union Expo 2016 at Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

This three-day event is organized by the Kuwait Industries Union (KIU), and 55 local industrial companies and public institutions from different sectors including food, construction, chemical and

others are participating in the expo. "The Kuwait Industries Union Expo is rapidly improving every year, which indicates the importance of the industrial sector for the local economy. The Ministry of Social Affairs supports new industries, and is cooperating with 10 youth groups from cooperative societies and development centers. Next month, a decision will be issued to support these projects by mandating 10 percent of the ministry's purchases from these projects," Subaih said.

Regarding developing Kuwaiti islands, Subaih said a company is studying the project, and that Khairan City will also be integrated in this development. "The company will present three proposals for the project, and the ministry will select one. The hike in petrol prices hasn't affected the prices of

local products," she added.

As part of the expo, a symposium was held after the official launch of the exhibition. Representatives of three institutions presented this symposium. Acting Director General of KIU Mohammed Al-Ajmi noted that KIU has approved more than 230 applications for expanding industries in various areas including west Shuaiba, Amghara and Subhan during the past two years.

"Shuaiba will see new projects including 35 industrial investment projects of a value of KD 1 billion. All these projects respect environmental standards. We should focus on manufacturing as this is the strategic alternative, especially with the low price of oil. Also, 1,056 industrial plots in Shadadiya will be given to the applicants after approval by the municipal council," stressed Ajmi. KIU has executed a 'one window' service. "We faced a problem of incompetent employees. With the electronic portal, we overcame this obstacle and succeeded to finalize over 150 transactions. We are also preparing a recycling project in Salmi, and are now readying the infrastructure," he added.

Abdullah Al-Sabah, Director General of the Environment Public Authority (EPA), explained the new environment law includes more than 50 articles related to industry, factories, emissions and other issues. "EPA aims to gain the cooperation of all factories so that they use safe ways of waste disposal, and they are cooperating. EPA hasn't shut down any factory till now, but we have issued some fines," he pointed out.

Abdullah Al-Motoutah, Acting Director General of the Public Authority for Manpower, said the One Window service was launched at the authority in cooperation with KIU, through which investors can renew, cancel or make inquiries.





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## Crime

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### JET SKI RIDER ARRESTED FOR ASIAN SWIMMER'S DEATH OFF SALMIYA

**KUWAIT:** The rider of the jet ski who hit an Asian swimmer off Salmiya resulting in the latter's death was eventually arrested, security sources. The jet ski rider, who had fled the scene following the incident and the police were in the pursuit of the man.

#### Pirated CDs seized

A massive inspection campaign was launched recently across Kuwait in order to protect copyrights resulted in confiscating hundreds of pirated CDs from 38 places.

#### Fake robbery

A Jordanian who had reported that robbers stole KD 12,600 from his vehicle was recently arrested when detectives found out that the money belonged to a friend of his and that he faked the robbery to take hold of the money for himself, said security sources.

#### Argument leads to brawl

An Egyptian sustained a head injury when an argument with a relative developed into a fight in a restaurant in Khaitan, said security sources.

#### Citizen dies in crash

A citizen was instantly killed and another was seriously injured when their vehicle turned turtle along Al-Salmi highway, said security sources. The injured was rushed to Jahra Hospital for treatment.

#### Asians assaulted

Three Asians working in a laundry reported that a client assaulted them because he found out that one of his Dishdashas was burnt while they were ironing it.

#### Bro loses cool

A citizen was recently arrested after his own brother called the police seeking help to bring his brother under control because he was drugged and out of control. The citizen reported that the brother smashed a TV during his rage.

#### Police major injured

A traffic police major was recently rushed to hospital with injuries when a citizen refused his instructions not to use a U-Turn outside a school during rush hour and ran him over, said security sources. On checking on the suspect's registration, the police found out that the vehicle belonged to a female citizen and the driver was her brother who was eventually arrested.

#### Suicide attempt

A female citizen was recently rushed to Adan Hospital by her family when she swallowed a large number of pills in an apparent suicide attempt.

#### Citizen duped

A citizen reported to the police that a Somali real estate broker had taken KD 5000 from him as commission for sale of a 12,500 sqm of farm in Abdali for KD 30,000. However, the Somali reportedly disappeared after taking the 'commission'. —Al-Rai/Al-Anbaa

## MOMENTUM GAINS FOR TAKAUD'S MENA PENSIONS CONFERENCE

**MANAMA:** TAKAUD, the specialist provider of savings and pension solutions for the MENA region, announced yesterday that, with almost 250 registered delegates to date, momentum is building for the Middle East and North Africa "MENA" Pensions Conference. The Conference will bring together, for the first time, private and public sector representatives, regional and global institutions and leading employee benefits consultants to discuss how the region can reflect global practices in pension schemes for citizens and expat workers. The Conference is being held under the patronage of the Central Bank of Bahrain and will take place at the Four Seasons Hotel in Manama, Bahrain on October 18, 2016.

"The support we have received has been overwhelming," said Ebrahim K Ebrahim, TAKAUD's Chief Government Business and Communications Officer, and the leader of the Conference initiative. "We are most grateful for the high level commitment demonstrated for the Conference and its important goals." The Conference has drawn prominent speakers, including representatives of international organisations such as the World Bank, the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) and the World Pension Council. Public pension entities from Bahrain, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Morocco will provide their perspective to the audience of distinguished and expert delegates. Delegates from across the region will be joined by international delegates from the countries of Albania, Mongolia, Nigeria and Namibia.

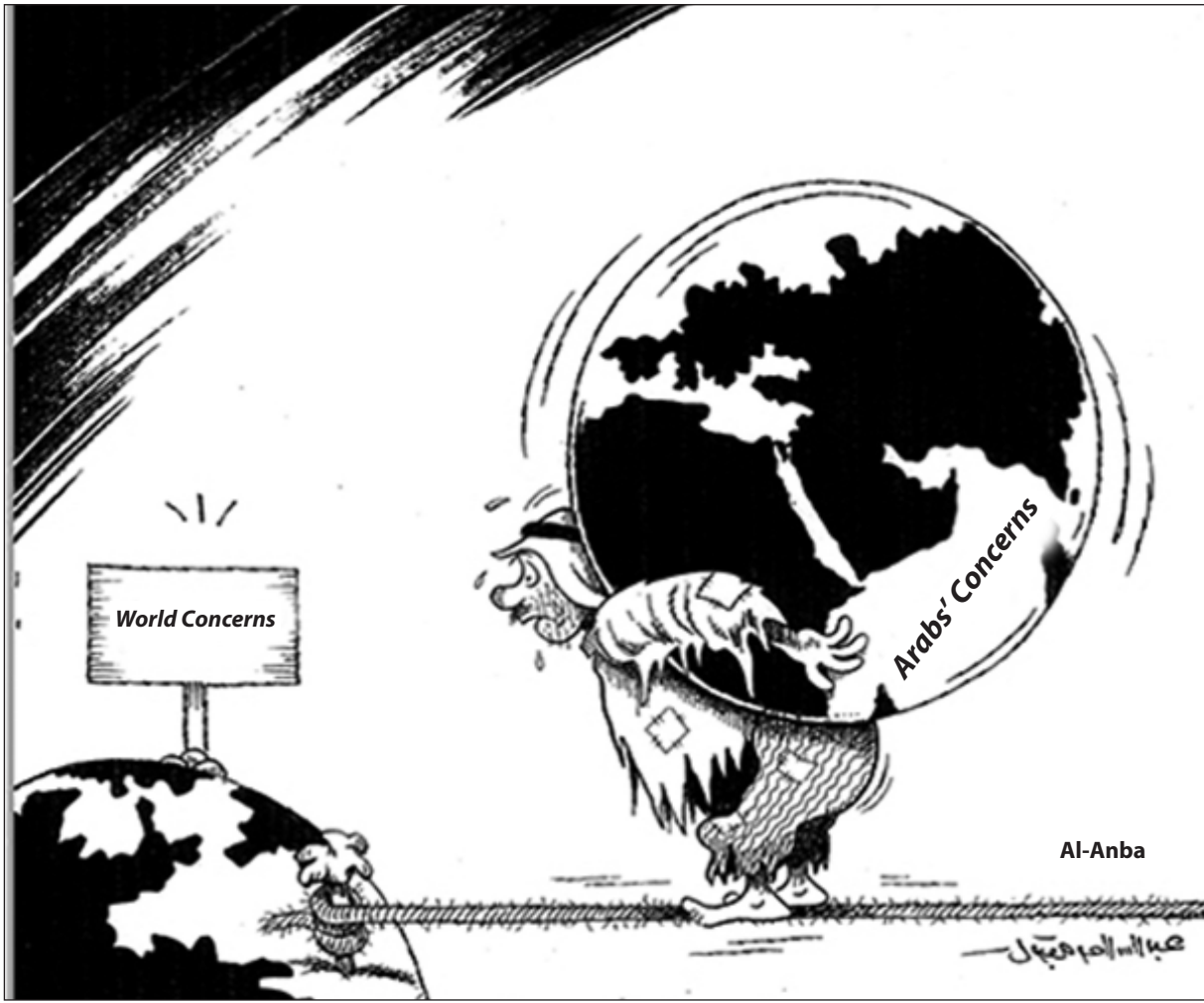
Official Conference partners include the Economic Development Board, Nogaholding, Bahrain Bourse and the SIO (Social Insurance Organisation). Ebrahim emphasizes that the Conference is meeting a need in the region by bringing together public pension administrators, private-sector pension providers, economic advisors, financial services regulators, asset managers, and specialist financial firms. He points out that the Conference mandate supports public and private pension provision: "Globally, there are challenges in sustaining social security benefits due to changes in economic, demographic and social conditions," he stated.

"This conference will explore and present options beyond sole pension-provision by governments, in line with the World Bank's three-pillar pension format". Moreover, with the presence of substantial numbers of expatriate workers throughout the region, there is a need to ensure that this working population has access to regulated private-sector pensions, assuring them of some sort of retirement security. In many companies the End-of-Service Benefits (ESBs) for expat workers are not adequately managed in accordance with global best practices."

In our region alone, private sector pensions are currently a US\$30 billion business. Experts have calculated that by 2023, just seven years from now, if this region invests in private and corporate pensions at a level that reflects the average of the 16 countries studied by Towers Watson in 2015, pensions will represent \$1.9 trillion in assets under management, which in turn can turn the region into a super financial centre.



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## WEST IS NOT BETTER THAN US

By Arwa Al-Waqian

**W**henever your own society bullies, hates and ostracizes you, you will have no option but to hate it back, hate its individuals and reject its traditions and customs and probably its religion as well, because you will find that others keep advising you with the excuse that 'religion is the opium of the masses'. I am not here praising Western countries, because they are not better than us, but because they discovered at an early stage how the human nature accepts violence, sarcasm, harassment and violating others' privacy. This is why laws were set to incriminate bullying and hate. Laws deem any person using racial discrimination legally accountable, and so many people avoid insulting others not because they have profound manners or respect others, but because of fear of legal accountability.

Therefore, we are on a constant run from real life that overburdens us by bearing with strangers' curiosity, rela-

tives' nosiness and hatred if you are any different from the rest of the herd. We have recently started flying to countries that respect and value liberties, where we can live the simple life we have always dreamt of.

In our societies, simplicity is restricted to the poor, extravaganza is the culture of religious people and passion is a secret we only reveal to the sick and needy. The West is no better than us. We have as intelligent and creative minds. Our problem is that we are living in societies that violate privacy and incriminate people for being 'different'. This is the true problem that cannot be solved unless by setting laws incriminating hatred and those showing it.

Finally, one has to always remember how small he is in an enormous world, and that he has no right in judging others and making choices for them!

— Translated by Kuwait Times from Al-Jarida



## EQUATE SPONSORS KUWAIT INDUSTRIES EXPO

**KUWAIT:** Under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, EQUATE Petrochemical Company, Kuwait's first international joint-venture in this industry, sponsored the Third Kuwait Industries Expo 2016. Through this sponsorship for the third consecutive year, EQUATE aspires to strengthen cooperation and coordination among Kuwait's industrial organizations, as well as familiarize the public with the role and added-value of the Kuwaiti industrial sector.

EQUATE President & CEO Mohammad Husain said, "We seek overall industrial collaboration and integration by all industry-related bodies in Kuwait, public and private. Such a step would greatly contribute to the diversification of our national economy, especially that EQUATE's petrochemical products represent over 60 percent of Kuwait's export value from non-oil sources. In addition, EQUATE has contributed to the growth of the local plastics industry by over 450 percent and supported these local man-

ufacturers to launch export operations to several countries."

Husain added, "As a global industrial enterprise, EQUATE is the first Kuwaiti petrochemical company to establish an industrial investment in the USA through a world-scale ethylene glycol (EG) plant with a capacity of 750,000 metric tons annually. The plant is expected to be finalized during 2019. Currently, EQUATE is the world's second largest producer of ethylene glycol (EG) with a 12 percent market share." EG is used in a number of market applications, including polyester fibers, polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles and packaging, antifreeze and coolants, paints, resins, deicing fluids, heat transfer fluids and construction materials. Husain added, "Through this expo, we can highlight the vitality of the Kuwaiti petrochemical sector in the development and progress of our national economy by diversifying income sources, devising additional added-value, creating job opportunities especially for nationals, as well as con-

tributing to overall sustainability. This can be done through the integration of oil, gas and petrochemical sectors."

Husain expressed appreciation and gratitude to Kuwait Industries Union (KIU) along with all participants in the expo for their role in organizing and enriching this event. During the opening ceremony, EQUATE's exhibition stand hosted the representative of HH the Amir, Minister of Social Affairs & Labor and Minister of State for Development and Planning Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh. EQUATE's stand has attracted numerous attendees who are interested in receiving more information about the company's activities and overall contributions. Kuwait Industries Expo 2016 is held from the 9th to the 11th of October at the Sheraton Hotel in Kuwait City.

Established in 1995 as Kuwait's first international joint-venture in this industry, EQUATE Petrochemical Company (EQUATE) embodies its "Partners in Success" slogan through the partnership among

Petrochemical Industries Company (PIC), The Dow Chemical Company (Dow), Boubyan Petrochemical Company (BPC) and Qurain Petrochemical Industries Company (QPIC). Having commenced production in 1997, EQUATE is currently the owner and single-operator of several fully integrated world-class units in Kuwait, North America and Europe that annually produce over 6 million tons of the highest quality petrochemicals. As part of its global presence and growth opportunities, EQUATE fully acquired MEGlobal as a wholly owned subsidiary in 2015. MEGlobal is a world leader in the manufacture and marketing of petrochemicals with operations in North America and Europe. EQUATE's operations through MEGlobal and Greater EQUATE, the Kuwait-based integrated petrochemical complex, include producing Ethylene, Polyethylene (PE), Ethylene Glycol (EG), Polypropylene (PP), Styrene Monomer (SM), Paraxylene (PX), Heavy Aromatics (HA) and Benzene (BZ).



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## ABSOLUTE FRUSTRATION

By Hassan Al-Essa

**A** friend of mine, who is a businessman of medium caliber and not a tycoon, who step into tenders wherever they go, spoke to me very sadly, which is not like him. He told me that he was seriously considering going into semi-permanent residence abroad, probably in Spain or Portugal, because both countries give foreigners permanent residence and a Schengen visa if they own a reasonably-priced home there. He said that he feels absolute depression and frustration and sees no hope for a better future, because state situations are getting worse without any hope for possible solutions or making any dreams come true.

My depressed friend said that he has been very worried and concerned over the past few years. He explained that he was not worried about death or geriatric diseases and loss of youth. He stressed that he was worried about the unknown and the state's loss of all hopes for a better future. He said the state administration does not include a single person holding any sort of torches to light the paths of tomorrow.

"The problem is not about falling oil prices," he said explaining that all businessmen, merchants and government employees mainly rely on that good and that it was normal to be affected by the end of the welfare years. "It is a matter of a lack of trust in the administration," he added, noting we are forced to deal with this administration without any discussion. So, what about having it change its opinions or way of work that has been the same for generations?

My friend gave an example of two similarly identical companies working in the same line of business that have been given KD 1 million each to invest. He added that after a while, you would find that one of the companies had lost the million and borrowed another, while the other made a one-million dollar profit. "The difference between both countries is simple - administration, my friend," he underlined, noting that the one with good management made profits.

My friend highlighted that he had interest in politics and stressed that it is politics that imposes itself on him and that he could not express his opinion even in the simplest matters because of growing limitations and restrictions on freedoms. He said that one could not object or criticize except within allowed limits. He added that Kuwait enjoyed the climax of liberties in the 1960s and that it began to deteriorate by the decade to where we are now.

"Just review our papers, which are only different in names because of censorship, and you will find nothing but emptiness in headlines, comments and columns," he rued, asking to be excused because he had an appointment to apply for a Schengen visa, leaving us here fighting about fuel prices!

— Translated by Kuwait Times from Al-Jarida





# CURRENT, FORMER GOP ELECTED OFFICIALS BACK AWAY FROM TRUMP

NO CHANCE HE'LL QUIT

**WASHINGTON:** The list is growing of elected Republican officials and others who want Donald Trump to abandon his presidential campaign or say they will not vote for him. Comments of some of those leaving Trump after the revelation of vulgar comments he made about women, recorded in 2005. He says there's no chance he'll quit.

"I wanted to be able to support my party's nominee, chosen by the people, because I feel strongly that we need a change in direction for our country. However, I'm a mom and an American first, and I cannot and will not support a candidate for president who brags about degrading and assaulting women. I will not be voting for Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton and instead will be writing in Governor Pence for president on Election Day." - Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire.

"While I continue to respect those who still support Donald Trump, I can no longer support him. I continue to believe our country cannot afford a Hillary Clinton presidency. I will be voting for Mike Pence for president." - Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio.

"I have reached the decision that I can no longer endorse Donald Trump. This is not a decision that I have reached lightly, but his pattern of behavior has left me no choice. ... Make no mistake. We need conservative leadership in the White House. I urge Donald Trump to step aside and allow the Republican Party to put forward a conservative candidate like Mike Pence who can defeat Hillary Clinton." - Sen. Mike Crapo of Idaho.

"Donald Trump's comments regarding women were disgraceful and appalling. There are absolutely no circumstances under which it would ever be appropriate to speak of women in such a way. It is now clear Donald Trump is not fit to be president of the United States and cannot defeat Hillary Clinton. I believe he should step aside and allow Governor Pence to lead the Republican ticket." - Rep. Bradley Byrne of Alabama.

"I can no longer look past the pattern of behavior and comments that have been made by Donald Trump. ... I believe our only option is to formally ask Mr. Trump to step down and to allow Republicans the opportunity to elect someone who will provide us with the strong leadership so desperately needed and one that Americans deserve." - Senate candidate Rep. Joe Heck of Nevada.

"I have wanted to support the candidate our party nominated. He was not my choice, but as a past nominee, I thought it important I respect the fact that Donald Trump won a majority of the delegates by the rules our party set. But Donald Trump's behavior this week, concluding with the disclosure of his demeaning comments about women and his boasts about sexual assaults, make it impossible to continue to offer even conditional support for his candidacy. ... Cindy and I will not vote for Donald Trump. I have never voted for a Democratic presidential candidate and we will not vote for Hillary Clinton. We will write in the name of some good conservative Republican who is qualified to be president." - Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

"I am committed to defeating Hillary Clinton. The only way this is now possible is with a new nominee that reflects the values of our country and our party. I will not vote for Donald Trump. If Donald Trump wishes to defeat Hillary Clinton, he should do the only thing that will all us to do so - step aside, and allow Mike Pence to be the Republican Party's nominee." - Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado.

"I'm incredibly disappointed in our party's candidate. And unlike the Democrats who have proven completely unwilling to hold secretary Clinton accountable for her illegal activities that endangered our national security, I am willing to hold Mr. Trump accountable. I am therefore calling for him to step aside and to allow Mike Pence to lead our party." - Rep. Chris Stewart of Utah.

"Enough is enough. Donald Trump should withdraw in favor of Governor Mike Pence. This election is too important." - South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

"I cannot support and will not vote for Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton to be president of the United States. I will write in Governor Mike Pence for President." - Rep. Frank LoBiondo of New Jersey.

"Donald Trump's comments are inexcusable. I am appalled that he would brag about violating a woman's physical boundaries. As a husband and father of two daughters, I denounce his comments and the behavior that it incites. I believe that Mike Pence would be the best nominee for the Republican Party to defeat Hillary Clinton." - Rep. Scott Garrett of New Jersey.

"Character matters. @realDonaldTrump has been saying outrageous, offensive things the whole time. He should have stepped aside long ago." - Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan.

"We must have a conservative in the White House to restore accountability, opportunity and security. For the sake of our Constitution and the rule of law, we must defeat Hillary Clinton. Today I ask Donald Trump to step aside and for the RNC to replace him with Gov. Mike Pence." - Former 2016 GOP presidential candidate Carly Fiorina.

"Donald Trump should withdraw and Mike Pence should be our nominee effective immediately." - Sen. John Thune of South Dakota.

"I never endorsed Donald Trump and cannot in good conscience support or vote for a man who degrades women, insults minorities and has no clear path to keep our country safe. He should step aside for a true conservative to beat Hillary Clinton." - Rep. Will Hurd of Texas.

"For the past several months I have been one of the few who refused to endorse Donald Trump. I have said all along that I was still waiting for Mr. Trump to demonstrate his commitment to the kinds of principles and policies the people in Utah's 4th Congressional District want in their elected leaders. Mr. Trump has yet to clear that bar and his behavior and bravado have reached a new low. I



LAS VEGAS: Mitt Romney, Rep. Crescent Hardy, Rep. Joe Heck, Sen. Dean Heller and Nevada Lt. Gov. Mark Hutchison pose for photos with campaign volunteers at a campaign rally on Saturday.—AP

cannot vote for him. For the good of the party, and the country, he should step aside." - Rep. Mia Love of Utah.

"Mr. Trump himself has acknowledged this and identified this series of events tonight as a mere distraction. Well, with all due respect sir, you, sir, are the distraction. Your conduct, sir, is the distraction. It's a distraction from the very principles that will help us win in November. You, yourself sir, Mr. Trump, have stated repeatedly that the goal, the objective has got to be to defeat Hillary Clinton in November. I couldn't agree more. It's for precisely that reason, Mr. Trump, that I respectfully ask you, with all due respect, to step aside, step down, allow someone else to carry the banner of these principles, these principles that have made our country great, these principles that will stand as a beacon of hope to the American family rather than weighing down the American people, rather than weighing down the very principles that will help us win in November." - Sen. Mike Lee of Utah.

"As a woman, a mother, and a grandmother to three young girls, I am deeply offended by Mr. Trump's remarks, and there is no excuse for the disgusting and

demeaning language. Women have worked hard to gain the dignity and respect we deserve. The appropriate next step may be for him to re-examine his candidacy." - Sen. Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia.

"In a campaign cycle that has been nothing but a race to the bottom - at such a critical moment for our nation - and with so many who have tried to be respectful of a record primary vote, the time has come for Governor Pence to lead the ticket." - Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman.

"For the good of the country, and to give the Republicans a chance of defeating Hillary Clinton, Mr. Trump should step aside. His defeat at this point seems almost certain. And four years of Hillary Clinton is not what is best for this country. Mr. Trump should put the country first and do the right thing." - Rep. Mike Coffman of Colorado.

"This is disgusting, vile and disqualifying. No woman should ever be subjected to this type of obscene behavior and it is unbecoming of anybody seeking high office. In light of these comments, Donald Trump should step aside and allow our party to replace him with Mike Pence

or another appropriate nominee from the Republican Party. I cannot in good conscience vote for Donald Trump and I would never vote for Hillary Clinton." - Rep. Barbara Comstock of Virginia.

"As disappointed as I've been with his antics throughout this campaign, I thought supporting the nominee was the best thing for our country and our party. Now, it is abundantly clear that the best thing for our country and our party is for Trump to step aside and allow a responsible, respectable Republican to lead the ticket." - US Rep. Martha Roby of Alabama.

"I cannot and will not support Donald Trump for president. He has forfeited the right to be our party's nominee." - Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski.

"Keeping Republicans in the Senate majority is critical to the economic and national security of Alaska and America. As for the White House, Donald Trump should step aside. I will support Mike Pence for president." - Alaska Sen. Dan Sullivan. "I'm horrified by #TrumpTape news. @realDonaldTrump campaign is a poisonous mix of bigotry & ignorance. Enough! He needs to step down." - Former Gov. George Pataki of New York. —AP

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## IRAN TEMPORARILY RELEASES HUNGER-STRIKING JOURNALIST

**TEHRAN:** Iran has temporarily released a journalist for medical treatment after he became sick following a hunger strike, local media reported yesterday. Ehsan Mazandarani, who runs reformist daily newspaper Farhikhtegan, was arrested in late 2015 and sentenced in April to seven years for “acting against national security”.

“The health of my client, due to a hunger strike he was on, turned bad and he was transferred to hospital,” his lawyer Hooshang Pourabbayi told the ISNA news agency. Mazandarani’s wife, Maliheh

Hosseini, told local media that a doctor at Tehran’s notorious Evin prison reported concerns over the journalist’s health.

“We were told to go to Evin prison and take my husband to hospital,” she told the reformist-linked ILNA news agency, adding that he had suffered bleeding in the stomach and his blood sugar level had plunged.

Four other journalists are thought to have been arrested around the same time as Mazandarani and have been given sentences

ranging from two to 10 years. The elite Revolutionary Guards claimed to have disrupted an “infiltration network linked to hostile Western governments”. That followed warnings by supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei against “infiltration” by Western media.

Mazandarani’s lawyer said he had heard that his client’s sentence has been reduced to two years, but had no official confirmation.

Mazandarani was previously arrested in 2009 for acting against national security and having con-

tacts with foreigners as protests swept the country following the disputed re-election of hardline president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Journalists in Iran frequently face prosecution. Jason Rezaian, the Washington Post’s Tehran correspondent and a dual Iranian-American citizen, was arrested in July 2014 and convicted last year of espionage and other charges.

He was freed in January this year as part of a prisoner swap between Iran and the United States that saw several Iranians released. — AFP



**JERUSALEM:** A man uses a phone to take a photo of a car at the site of a shooting attack near Israeli police headquarters yesterday. — AP

## PALESTINIAN GUNMAN KILLS 2 IN JERUSALEM AS UPSURGE FEARED

### FEARS GROW OF A NEW SPIKE IN VIOLENCE

**JERUSALEM:** A Palestinian opened fire from a car in Jerusalem yesterday and again as Israeli police chased him, killing an officer and a woman, officials said, as fears grew of a new spike in violence.

The gunman, reportedly scheduled to begin a prison term the same day, was killed soon after carrying out the attack near police headquarters, close to the line dividing mainly Palestinian east Jerusalem from the city’s mostly Jewish western sector.

Police said the dead included 29-year-old police officer Yosef Kirma, while Israeli media said the second person killed was a 60-year-old Israeli woman. It was among the deadliest attacks in Jerusalem over the past year. Medics reported three people wounded by bullets in addition to the two killed, with another two were lightly hurt when their car was hit by the attacker’s vehicle.

The shooting rampage comes at a time of increased Jewish visitors to the flashpoint Al-Aqsa mosque compound in east Jerusalem for the holidays of Rosh Hashanah, which was last week, and Yom Kippur, which begins Tuesday evening. Police said the 39-year-old assailant fired in the direction of a tram station in the area, seriously wounding a woman.

He then continued at high speed and shot at a car, leaving another woman badly hurt, they added. The attacker then headed toward the

nearby neighbourhood of Sheikh Jarrah in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem, where a number of upscale hotels are located, and got out of his car, police said.

As officers approached him by motorcycle, he opened fire on them. Police returned fire and killed him, but two officers were wounded, including the one who was killed, they said.

#### Due for prison term

Police said the attacker was from the Silwan area of east Jerusalem. Hamas, which runs the Gaza Strip, said he was a member of the Islamists movement and praised the attack without claiming responsibility for it.

Palestinian media identified the man as Misbah Abu Sbeih and said he was due to begin a four-month prison term on Sunday for attacking an Israeli police officer in 2013. The reports said Abu Sbeih was a well-known figure at Al-Aqsa mosque and was banned from entering for several months.

In his last public Facebook post on October 7, Abu Sbeih wrote about his longing for the holy site and said “Al-Aqsa is a responsibility you have been entrusted with”. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, speaking at the start of a cabinet meeting, saluted the police, saying they had “acted rapidly and very firmly against the terrorist, who was eliminated”.

Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum called the

attack “a natural reaction to the crimes and violations of the occupation against our people”.

#### Concerns of fresh violence

Al-Aqsa mosque compound is holy to both Muslims and Jews, who refer to it as the Temple Mount. The site is central to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with Palestinians fearing that Israel may one day seek to assert further control over it.

Last year’s Jewish high holidays led to clashes and marked the start of an upsurge in Palestinian gun, knife and car-ramming attacks. Violence since October 2015 has killed at least 232 Palestinians, 36 Israelis, two Americans, one Jordanian, an Eritrean and a Sudanese national, according to an AFP count. Most of the Palestinians were carrying out attacks, according to Israeli authorities. Others were shot dead during protests and clashes, while some were killed in air strikes on the Gaza Strip.

Many analysts say Palestinian frustration with the Israeli occupation and settlement-building in the West Bank, the complete lack of progress in peace efforts and their own fractured leadership have fed the unrest. Israel says incitement by Palestinian leaders and media is a leading cause of the violence. The vast majority of the attacks have been carried out by lone-wolf assailants, Israeli authorities say. Many have been young people, including teenagers. — AFP

## 3 BOMB ATTACKS IN IRAQI CAPITAL KILL 10 PEOPLE AND WOUND 37

**BAGHDAD:** Iraqi officials say three bomb attacks have killed 10 people and wounded at least 37 across the Iraqi capital. In a statement, the Islamic State group claims responsibility for the largest attack, which killed five people and wounded 22 in eastern Baghdad. It says a suicide bomber targeted Shiite pilgrims marking the holy month of Muharram.

Iraqi officials say two other attacks in

southern Baghdad killed five people and wounded 15. The Iraqi security and medical officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they are not authorized to brief the press.

The attacks come as Iraqi forces prepare to retake the city of Mosul from IS, the militant group’s last urban stronghold in Iraq. IS has been carrying out attacks far from the front lines after suffering territorial losses. — AP

## MOROCCAN ELECTION OVERALL FAIR, BUT TURNOUT LOW

**RABAT:** Voting in Morocco last week was largely free and fair, the country’s election observer body said yesterday, but it is investigating some cases of vote-buying and expressed concern about low turnout.

The moderate Islamist Party of Justice and Development won Friday’s legislative election, beating out a party with close ties to the royal palace after an unusually hostile campaign. The PJD, which has led a coalition government since it first won elections in 2011 on a wave of Arab Spring protests, is now working on building a new coalition with rival parties.

The Interior Ministry said the PJD won 125 of the 395 seats in the Chamber of Representatives, while the Party of Authenticity and Modernity, founded by an adviser to the king, came second with 102 seats.

The National Council of Human Rights, which oversees election monitoring, released a preliminary report Sunday noting sporadic irregularities. They included 37 cases of vote buying by people distributing bags of wheat or up to 500 Dirhams (\$51) in cash. Abderrazak El Hanouchi, chief of staff to the council’s president, would not

divulge the names of the parties involved, saying that would be released later in a full report. Such cases appeared rare. Council president Driss El Yazami told reporters the elections took place in a “serene and transparent climate”.

However, he expressed concern about the 43 percent turnout rate. The report recommended a study into why most Moroccans don’t vote. Experts see the result as a generally positive sign for Morocco’s democracy and reform movement, which was unleashed in 2011. The movement is pushing for less centralized control by the royal palace and more genuine political debate.

Despite a new constitution, many Moroccans still see elections as futile because major policy decisions rest with King Mohammed VI and the royal palace. A popular Islamist movement, Adl Wal Ihsan (Justice and Charity), was among those boycotting Friday’s vote.

The report also recommended increasing the number of women election workers, make voting stations more accessible to the disabled and allowing Moroccans living abroad to take part. — AP



**RABAT:** The president of a polling station shows a ballot as officials and political party’s representatives count the ballots in the polling station on Friday. — AP

## TRUCK BOMB KILLS 18 IN TURKEY, IS BLAMED

**ANKARA:** Eighteen people were killed yesterday when a van packed with five tons of explosives blew up in Turkey’s restive southeast in an attack blamed on Kurdish militants, the prime minister said.

The bombing, which killed 10 soldiers and eight civilians, was one of the single deadliest attacks on the Turkish security forces since the attempted coup of July 15 when a rogue military faction tried to oust President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. “The attack was perpetrated by a suicide bomber who detonated a van (packed) with five tones of explosives,” Prime Minister Binali Yildirim told a press conference in Istanbul.

Earlier reports put the toll at nine dead after the attack which targeted a security post in Hakkari province. The explosion occurred as security forces were searching vehicles in Semdinli district, the official news agency Anadolu said. Another 26 people — 10 soldiers and 16 civilians—were injured in the blast which was blamed on the outlawed Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK), Anadolu said.

The blast left a gaping hole in the road which was 10-15 meters wide (33-49 foot) and up to seven meters (22 foot) deep, Anadolu said. It also caused major damage to the main gate of the security post. Soon after the attack, the military confirmed it had begun a large-scale air operation. And, as in previous attacks, the Radio and Television Supreme Council (RTUK) issued a temporary ban on images from the scene and of the victims, it said on its website.

#### ‘Heinous terror attack’

Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus described Sunday’s attack as an “atrocious” and “heinous terrorist attack”, vowing on Twitter that Turkey would never surrender to militant groups. Over the past two months, the military says it has killed a total of 387 PKK militants in Hakkari province, CNN-Turk reported.

The PKK has waged a 32-year insurgency against the Turkish state, which has left nearly 40,000 dead since 1984. The group is proscribed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union. Since the collapse of a two-and-a-half-year ceasefire in July 2015, more than 600 security forces and over 7,000 PKK militants have been killed, according to Anadolu. Over the past 15 months, attacks on the Turkish security forces have continued on an almost daily basis as the government has pressed military operations against the PKK to rid urban areas of fighters.

#### Fight will go on

Yildirim vowed that Turkey would continue with determination its “fight against the separatist terrorist organization (PKK)... and all kinds of terrorist organizations” including jihadists from the Islamic State (IS) group. The bombing comes a day after two suspects believed to have been preparing a car bomb attack blew themselves up on the outskirts of Ankara when police ordered them to surrender. Turkish officials said they believed the pair were linked to the PKK. — AFP

## ARAB COALITION TO PROBE YEMEN FUNERAL CARNAGE

**SANAA:** The Saudi-led coalition fighting rebels in Yemen said yesterday it will investigate an air raid that killed more than 140 people at a funeral, after Washington announced it was reviewing support for the alliance.

The Iran-backed Huthi rebels blamed the coalition for Saturday’s attack, one of the deadliest since it launched a military campaign against the Shiite insurgents in March 2015. The attack could further sour US-Saudi ties already strained over the coalition’s military intervention which is suspected of causing almost half of the more than 4,000 civilian deaths in Yemen’s conflict.

It also risks embarrassing Washington, which has vehemently criticized Moscow over the heavy civilian death toll from Russian air raids in support of Syria’s regime in Aleppo city. After initially denying any responsibility, the coalition said it was ready to launch a probe into the “regrettable and painful” strike, which the UN said also wounded more than 525 people.

“The coalition will immediately investigate this case along with... experts from the United States who participated in previous investigations,” it said. “The coalition is also willing to provide the investigation team with any data and information related to its military operations

today, at the incident’s location and the surrounding areas.”

UN chief Ban Ki-Moon demanded a “prompt and impartial” probe. “Those responsible for the attack must be brought to justice,” he said. The Huthis accused the coalition of a “massacre”, saying its planes hit a gathering of hundreds mourning the death of the father of rebel interior minister Jalal al-Rowaisan.

They did not say if Rowaishan was in the building at the time, nor did they indicate if other senior figures were attending the funeral. But Sanaa mayor Abdel Qader Hilal was among those killed, said the rebels’ Almasirah television.

#### Protest against Saudi, US

Thousands of angry protesters took to the streets of Sanaa on Sunday, chanting slogans against Saudi Arabia and the United States. Riyadh’s key ally Washington said it had launched an “immediate review” of support to the Arab coalition. “We are deeply disturbed by reports of today’s air strike on a funeral hall in Yemen, which, if confirmed, would continue the troubling series of attacks striking Yemeni civilians,” said White House National Security Council spokesman Ned Price.

“In light of this and other recent incidents, we have initiated an immediate review of our already significantly reduced support to the Saudi-led coalition and are prepared to adjust our support so as to better align with US principles, values and interests. “US security cooperation with Saudi Arabia is not a blank cheque,” Price said, and called for an “immediate” ceasefire. In August, the US military announced it had slashed its number of intelligence advisers supporting the coalition following concerns over civilian casualties. — AFP



**SANAA:** A Yemeni man who was wounded in an air strike on a funeral the previous day lies on a hospital bed yesterday. — AFP



# BLOCKADE OBSTRUCTS CUBA-US RELATIONS

The blockade continues to be a pending issue hanging over the normalization of Cuba-US relations. The term normalization is often used by the international media and even by White House spokesmen, which was analyzed by the MIN-REX Director General of the United States Division, in an exclusive interview published on CubaVSBloqueo website.

"There are still many pending issues whose solution will take time," said the official who stressed that "among other issues, the blockade must be lifted, the Naval Base in Guant-namo must be returned, the preferential treatment given to Cubans by the wet-foot dry foot policy must be modified, together with the Cuban Adjustment Act and the Parole Program for Professional Cuban Physicians. The illegal radio and TV broadcasting and the use of technologies politically motivated against Cuba, as well as the subversive programs aimed at promoting a change of regime in the island must be eliminated."

Asked about what the governments of Cuba and the United States had to do to dismantle that policy of siege, Vidal recalled that in Cuba there is no discrimination against US companies. They can benefit from business opportunities offered by our country in equal conditions with companies from other countries, and she asserted that Cuba has taken advantage of the limited spaces offered by President Barack Obama's measures: positive steps but still insufficient, she reiterated. "The blockade and dozens of restrictions derived from this policy remain in force and even slow down the implementation of the measures already approved, she stated.

The Cuban official recalled that the US President can still exercise his prerogatives more extensively to modify other regulations of the blockade, which would be an important step toward its dismantling. And, of course, it will be necessary for the Congress vote for its elimination.

Later Josefina Vidal added that to have normal economic ties, other steps should be made by the US, like a preferential treatment given to Cuba for trade: for example, the status of more favored nation, and the review of the law establishing the high taxes for the entry of Cuban products into the US market.

About Barack Obama's possible actions beyond leaving the White House, way beyond the announcements and the limited steps adopted since December 17, 2014, Josefina Vidal talked about new measures for which he is empowered which can modify other aspects of the blockade. Among them, she referred to the authorization of more exports from the US, as well as Cuban exports to that country, authorization of US investments in Cuba and the adoption of steps to normalize financial relations between the two countries, as well as the authorization to open accounts in US banks by Cuban financial entities. "He could also put an end

to the preferential immigration policy for Cubans and take effective action to eliminate subversive programs against Cuba", she stressed.

In response to a question about the period after Obama, Vidal announced the expectations that whoever the next president will be they should adopt a policy that reflects the consensus of American public opinion, including the Cuban emigrants in that country, who overwhelmingly favor the improvement of relations with Cuba.

"Independent of what happens in the US after the presidential elections on November 8, Cuba will continue with its plans, with the support of the immense majority of its people and of other nations of the world, who reject the unilateral and coercive actions like the blockade, and recognize the prestige gained by our country, as a result of its resistance, dignity and contribution to peace, and the stability and development of many nations."- Courtesy of Cuban Embassy Kuwait.

## HAITI MOURNS HURRICANE DEAD AS MATTHEW DWINDLES

**PORT-AU-PRINCE:** Haiti began three days of mourning yesterday for victims of Hurricane Matthew as relief officials grappled with the unfolding devastation in the Caribbean country's hard-hit south. Matthew, meanwhile, lost its hurricane status, subsiding to a "post-tropical cyclone" after cutting a swath from Florida to South Carolina that left nine dead.

At 1200 GMT, the storm was still packing winds that gusted to hurricane strength as it moved away from the US coastline. But attention was shifting back to Haiti, the Americas' poorest country and one shattered by a 2010 earthquake and ravaged by a cholera epidemic.

Matthew crashed ashore on Haiti's southern coast on Tuesday as a monster Category 4 storm, packing 145 mile (230 kilometer) winds. Aerial footage from the hardest-hit towns in southern Haiti showed a ruined landscape of metal shanties with roofs blown away, downed trees everywhere and mud from overflowing rivers covering the ground.

Civil defense officials put the death toll at 336, although some officials said it topped 400. Interim President Jocelerme Privert declared three days of national mourning for the dead. As the death toll climbed, pledges of aid flooded in, with the United States announcing it was sending a Navy ship, the USS Mesa Verde, whose 300 Marines will add to the 250 personnel and nine helicopters already ordered to deploy to Haiti.

France announced it was sending 60 troops, with 32 tons of humanitarian supplies and water purification equipment. California-based charity International Relief Teams said it was donating \$7 mil-

lion in medical supplies with international organizations MAP International and Hope for Haiti.

### Flooding

In the United States, coastal flooding from the storm surge posed the biggest threat to life and property. "The combination of a dangerous storm surge, the tide, and large and destructive waves will cause normally dry areas near the coast to be flooded by rising waters moving inland from the shoreline," the NHC said.

Matthew made landfall southeast of McClellanville, South Carolina, on Saturday as a weakened Category 1 storm, but it triggered serious inland flooding. Millions of Americans were subject to evacuation orders and curfews were slapped on cities as the lethal storm barreled north after storming through Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Cuba and the Bahamas.

President Barack Obama had declared federal states of emergency in Florida, Georgia, and North and South Carolina. More than a million people were left without power, which was slowly being restored. In Jacksonville Beach, Sam Vond, a 68-year-old retiree, calmly rode his bike along the shore Saturday.

"It wasn't that bad. I didn't go outside. We stayed in the house until we were told it was OK to get out. Luckily, no damage to my house, so I'm happy," he said.

Matthew damaged roofs at the Kennedy Space Center but spared Florida's heavily populated south-central coast a direct hit. Cities including Savannah, Georgia, and Charleston ordered dusk-to-dawn curfews to keep people off the streets and guard against looting. — AFP



**HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK:** This combination of file photos taken on September 26, 2016 shows Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton facing off during the first presidential debate at Hofstra University. — AFP

## TRUMP FACES UPHILL BATTLE IN SECOND DEBATE WITH CLINTON

### STAKES SKY-HIGH

**WASHINGTON:** White House candidate Donald Trump desperately needs a strong debate performance against Hillary Clinton, with stakes sky-high following intense scrutiny of his treatment of women and damaging footage of him making lewd remarks.

His unprecedented, outside-the-establishment presidential bid, and the embattled Republican Party with it, was thrown into disarray by his misogynistic comments, with growing calls from top Republicans for him to step aside. Even before the latest fallout, Trump was already in need of a moment of political magic to reverse his slide in the polls barely four weeks from Election Day on November 8.

Now his campaign has been rocked by its worst crisis, with his crude comments echoing in voters' ears, day in and day out. National media have dug up evidence of some of his bad and bizarre behavior, including agreeing with an interviewer that his daughter Ivanka was a "piece of ass". In a 2002 interview with Howard Stern, Trump also said he preferred leaving women over a certain age.

"What is it at 35? It's called check-out time," he quips. At 9:00 pm (0200 GMT Monday), the real estate magnate will face the former secretary of state in their second presidential debate which will take place at Washington University in St Louis. The format poses its own difficulties for Trump: half of the questions will be asked by undecided voters. He will want to build a personal connection with these everyday Americans and show his capacity for empathy, a quality that often has been absent in his large, raucous campaign rallies.

### 'Alpha-male boasting'

Despite an angry backlash over Trump's

remarks boasting about his ability to grope women as he pleases without impunity, he insisted there is "zero chance I'll quit". Late Saturday, the defiant Republican stepped outside of his Trump Tower skyscraper in New York, brandishing his fist to cheers from dozens of supporters.

Asked if he was staying in the race, he responded: "100 percent". Trump's own wife Melania said she was offended by her husband's "unacceptable and offensive" comments, caught on a hot mic just months after the two married. But she urged voters to support him. "I hope people will accept his apology, as I have, and focus on the important issues facing our nation and the world," she said in a statement.

In the footage, released Friday by The Washington Post, Trump can be heard using vulgar and predatory language as he describes hitting on a married woman and grabbing women's crotches. It forced a rare apology from a campaign already peppered by controversies over Trump's treatment of women, roiling his Republican Party. The Republican National Committee appeared to have halted part of its "Victory" program to elect Trump, asking for a mail production to be "put a hold", the Politico news website reported.

CNN said the RNC was considering ending a joint fundraising agreement with the Trump campaign. But Trump called the disclosure a "distraction", defiantly hitting back at the Clintons over husband Bill's past infidelities, and hinting he would say more during Sunday's debate.

Britain's Nigel Farage, who co-founded the UK Independence Party that led this year's shock campaign to leave the European Union, dismissed Trump's remarks as little more than

"alpha male boasting" and "the kind of thing men do."

### 'Enough!'

Republican reaction to the videotape came fast and furious, with some calling on him to step aside or allow running mate Mike Pence to take over, while others simply withdrew their endorsement. Pence, the governor of Indiana, said he was "offended" by Trump's remarks. But Trump's campaign released a schedule showing the bombastic billionaire would be back on the trail for rallies starting Monday. House Speaker Paul Ryan, the top Republican officeholder, said he was "sickened" by Trump's comments, and withdrew an invitation for him to attend a political event in Wisconsin. By Saturday, about a dozen senators, a dozen members of the House of Representatives and three governors-all Republicans-had withdrawn their support. Among them was former secretary of state Condoleezza Rice, who said: "Enough! Donald Trump should not be president. He should withdraw."

Senator John McCain, the 2008 presidential nominee with whom Trump has sparred repeatedly, said "Donald Trump's behavior... make(s) it impossible to continue to offer even conditional support for his candidacy."

Governor John Kasich of Ohio said Trump's comments were "disgusting" and Illinois Senator Mark Kirk called for an "emergency replacement". Actor-director Robert de Niro also weighed in, saying: "I'd like to punch him in the face." But top Trump surrogate Rudy Giuliani, a former New York mayor, insisted that there was "nothing that would cause his dropping out." "That is wishful thinking of the Clinton campaign and those people who have opposed him for a long time. He is in the race to win," Giuliani added. — AFP



**JEREMIE, HAITI:** A young man carries water to remove the mud of his house destroyed by Hurricane Matthew on October 8, 2016. — AFP

## SUSPECT IN 2 FATAL POLICE SHOOTINGS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

**PALM SPRINGS:** Police have apprehended the man suspected of fatally shooting two officers and wounding another in Palm Springs, California, authorities announced yesterday. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department made the announcement overnight on Twitter. No further information was immediately available.

Two officers trying to resolve a family dispute were killed Saturday when a man they had been speaking with suddenly pulled out a gun and opened fire, Palm Springs police Chief Bryan Reyes said. A third officer was wounded and remained hospitalized. The chief identified the slain officers as Jose "Gil" Gilbert Vega and Lesley Zerebny.

Zerebny, 27, had been with the department for about 18 months and only recently returned from maternity leave after giving birth to a daughter four months ago. Vega, the father of eight, was a 35-year veteran who planned to retire in December. He had been working overtime on his day off Saturday. The wounded officer's name was not released. Riverside County SWAT officers quickly sealed off the normally quiet residential neighbor-

hood in this desert resort town as police evacuated some residents. They told others to stay inside their homes, keep their doors locked and not to open them for anyone until further notice.

Although Reyes didn't identify the shooting suspect, he indicated police had had previous dealings with him. He declined to elabo-

rate, adding that Riverside County sheriff's deputies were now in charge of the investigation. As the lockdown continued, scores of police officers gathered at Palm Springs Desert Regional Medical Center to offer a somber salute as the bodies of Zerebny and Vega were loaded into white hearses for transport to a coroner's office. — AP



**PALM SPRINGS:** Riverside County Sheriff's Deputies stand near the scene of a shooting on Saturday. — AP

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## RULING PARTY WINS GEORGIA VOTE, OPPOSITION ALLEGES FRAUD

**TBILISI, GEORGIA:** The ruling Georgian Dream party won Georgia's parliamentary polls, early results showed yesterday, though accusations of vote fraud from the opposition sparked fears of political instability in the Caucasus nation.

Georgia's Western allies are watching closely to see if the strategic nation-praised as a rare example of democracy in the former Soviet region-can cement gains after its first transfer of power at the ballot box four years ago.

With votes from more than 82 percent of precincts counted, the central election commission said Georgian Dream was leading main opposition force the United National Movement (UNM) by 49.26 percent to 26.46 percent. For the first time in Georgia's post-Soviet history, a small pro-Russian party, Alliance of Patriots, received five percent of the vote needed to enter parliament. Western observers said polls were competitive though noted procedural problems during counting. After voting closed on Saturday the Georgian Dream was quick to declare victory based on exit polls which gave it a strong lead over the UNM. "This was a truly free and fair election, which firmly cements Georgia's democracy," Georgian Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili said after the vote ended. But the UNM accused the government of attempts to "steal elections" and held a protest rally outside the central election commission. "Votes have been stolen from us. We will defend our votes," Nika Melia, chief of UNM's campaign and an MP candi-



**TBILISI, GEORGIA:** International observers from the OSCE, NATO, Council of Europe and European Parliament attend a press conference after Georgia's parliamentary election in Tbilisi yesterday. —AFP

date, told protesters. Most opposition parties, including Democratic Georgia, the Labour Party, and the State for People, also cried foul, accusing the government of "massive vote rigging."

### Competitive elections

But international observers from the OSCE, NATO, Council of Europe and European Parliament said the elections "were competitive, well-administered and fundamental freedoms were generally respected." "The calm and open campaign atmosphere was, however, impacted by allegations of

unlawful campaigning and some incidents of violence," the monitors said in a joint statement. Ahead of the vote, election monitors and opposition politicians had noted that Georgia's electoral environment and financing give an unfair advantage to the ruling party, which could potentially affect the vote's outcome. Georgian Dream, led behind the scenes by billionaire ex-premier Bidzina Ivanishvili, and the UNM founded by exiled former president Mikheil Saakashvili, had been neck-and-neck in opinion polls ahead of the election. Politics is still dominated by Saakashvili and Ivanishvili even

though neither holds an official position.

The voting percentages that have so far been released are for a proportional ballot that will decide 77 of the 150 seats in the legislature. The figures may not necessarily be reflected in parliamentary seats because almost half will be determined on a first-past-the-post basis rather than by the proportional representation system. Due to the country's complex election rules the final makeup of the 150-seat parliament may only become clear by late November, after second round runoffs in most of the single-mandate constituencies.

### Climate of hatred

Tensions rose ahead of the vote in the ex-Soviet republic-which fought a brief war with Russia in 2008 and seeks EU and NATO membership-after a car bombing and shooting incident at a rally. The campaign was marred by Wednesday's attempted murder of a UNM lawmaker whose car exploded in central Tbilisi, injuring four passers-by. The bombing prompted UNM to accuse authorities of "creating a climate of hatred in which opposition politicians are being attacked". It came after two men were injured when unknown assailants on Sunday fired shots during a campaign rally held by an independent candidate in the central city of Gori.

The poisonous atmosphere around the polarised vote follows years of what the opposition sees as political witch hunts and retribution against Saakashvili and his team. — AFP

## MANHUNT FOR GERMAN BOMB PLOT SUSPECT; 1 MAN IN CUSTODY

### 22-YEAR-OLD SYRIAN IDENTIFIED

**BERLIN:** German police searched nationwide yesterday for a 22-year-old Syrian man believed to have been preparing a bombing attack, who slipped through their fingers as they were closing in on him, and were questioning a second Syrian man on suspicion he was involved in the plot. The man in custody was one of three apprehended in the eastern city of Chemnitz on Saturday. He was the renter of the apartment that police raided in their search for the main suspect, Jaber Albakr from the Damascus area of Syria, Saxony police spokesman Tom Bernhardt told The Associated Press. The other two men

have been released. He said the man in custody was Albakr's "countryman" but would not give other details. "We believe he is a possible co-conspirator," Bernhardt said. On Saturday morning, as police prepared to raid the apartment building, Albakr was observed leaving the premises. Police fired a warning shot but were unable to stop him, Bernhardt said, confirming German media reports. They thought he had turned back into the building but was not the case, he said.

### Entered with migrants

Bernhardt also confirmed reports that Albakr

had come to Germany in the flood of 890,000 migrants who entered the country in 2015 and had been granted asylum. Nobody was in the apartment when police SWAT teams blew down the door Saturday, but investigators found "several hundred grams" of a volatile explosive hidden in the flat, enough to cause significant damage, Bernhardt said. "With this highly volatile explosive, even a few hundred grams is no trifle," he said. "For an explosive of this type, it was a considerable amount."

He said experts were still trying to determine whether it was the same explosive used in the deadly Nov. 13 attacks in Paris and the March 22 attacks in Brussels known as TATP, or triacetone triperoxide. "It's comparable to that," he said. TATP has been used in many attacks over the years, and is favored by violent extremists because it's fairly easy to make and detonate.

The explosives were destroyed Saturday in a controlled detonation by bomb squad experts in a pit dug outside the five-story apartment building because they were considered too dangerous to transport. The raid came after Saxony police were given a tip from Germany's domestic intelligence service that Albakr may be planning an attack. He had been on the agency's radar, but Bernhardt said it was not clear how long.

German media have reported that Albakr is believed to be connected to Islamic extremist groups, but Saxony police have not commented on his possible motivation or the bomb plot's target.

Germany has been on edge since two attacks this summer claimed by the Islamic State in which multiple people were injured and both assailants died. Two other attacks unrelated to Islamic extremism, including a deadly mall shooting in Munich, have also contributed to fears.

Federal police have increased security around the country, particularly around "critical infrastructure" like train stations and airports, as authorities search for Albakr. —AP



**CHEMNITZ, GERMANY:** Police officers leave an apartment after detonations in the eastern city on Saturday. —AP

## POPE NAMES 17 CARDINALS: 3 OF THEM US MODERATES

**VATICAN CITY:** Pope Francis named 17 new cardinals yesterday - three of them American moderates, including Chicago Archbishop Blase Cupich and Indianapolis Archbishop Joseph Tobin - in a clear signal to the conservative US church hierarchy that he values pastors focused more on mercy than morals.

Tobin's nomination also carries a political message, given that he openly opposed a request from Indiana Gov. Michael Pence, now the Republican running mate of presidential candidate Donald Trump, to not settle Syrian refugees in the state. Thirteen of the new cardinals, including all the Americans, are under age 80 and thus eligible to vote in any future conclave to elect Francis' successor.

As is Francis' tradition, the new cardinals hail from some of the most far-flung and peripheral corners of the globe, with Africa, Asia, South

America and Oceania getting far more representation in this round than Europe, which has long dominated the College of Cardinals. Despite the new nominations, though, Europe still has the most voting-age cardinals with 54.

New "princes" of the church include bishops from Bangui, Central African Republic; Port Louis, Mauritius and Tlalnepanitla, Mexico. In all, seven countries that have never had a cardinal are getting one in this, Francis' third batch of red-hatted churchmen.

Significantly only one Italian elector was named: Francis' ambassador to "the beloved and martyred Syria," Cardinal-elect Mario Zenari. The third American, Cardinal-elect Kevin Farrell, the outgoing bishop of Dallas, was an expected nomination. Francis in August named him to head the big new Vatican department for laity, family and life issues.

### Elevation on Nov 19

Speaking at the end of a special Mass on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica, Francis said the 17 would be elevated at a consistory on Nov 19, on the eve of the close to his Holy Year of Mercy. "Their provenance from 11 nations expresses the universality of the church that announces and is witness to the good news of the mercy of God in every corner of the world," Francis said.

Their elevation will bring the number of voting-age cardinals to 120 by the end of November, the maximum allowed under current rules. With the non-voting cardinals included, the college by that time will number 228.

With Sunday's appointees, Francis will have appointed 44 cardinal electors and 11 non-electors. Of the new cardinals, Cupich is very much a pastor in Francis' likeness, emphasizing the merciful and welcoming side of the church - somewhat to the dismay of US conservative Catholics. His nomination as Chicago archbishop was Francis' first major US appointment and he was a papal appointee at the pope's big family synod last year. The nomination for Tobin is significant both for the US church and the US election and reflects Francis' ongoing concern for refugees. A US federal appeals court recently used stinging language in a ruling that will keep Pence from barring Syrian refugee resettlement in Indiana for now. Trump, the Republican nominee for president and Pence's running mate, has proposed deporting millions of immigrants and banning the entry of Muslims from other countries. "You can find a political message" in the Tobin appointment, said Massimo Faggioli, a Villanova University expert on the Vatican. Tobin's nomination could also indicate Francis' appreciation of his support for American nuns. Tobin had been the No. 2 in the Vatican office for religious orders for only two years when in 2012, then-Pope Benedict XVI sent him back to the US to head the Indianapolis archdiocese, which has fewer than 230,000 parishioners. The transfer was seen in some Vatican circles as being tied to Tobin's efforts to promote dialogue and resolve tensions between the Vatican and US nuns who were subject of two separate Holy See investigations at the time. — AP



**VATICAN:** Pope Francis celebrates a jubilee mass in St. Peter's Square yesterday. —AP



**BISHOFTU, ETHIOPIA:** This file photo taken on October 2, 2016 shows residents of Bishoftu crossing their wrists above their heads as a symbol for the Oromo anti-government protesting movement during the Oromo new year holiday Irreechaa. —AFP

## ETHIOPIA DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

**ADDIS ABABA:** Ethiopia declared a state of emergency yesterday following months of violent anti-government protests, according to an official statement. "The state of emergency was declared following a thorough discussion by the Council of Ministers on the loss of lives and property damages occurring in the country," Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn said.

The declaration marks a further hardening of the government's position after months of protests in different parts of the country which have been met with a strong

security response that has left hundreds dead, according to human rights groups.

"We put our citizens' safety first. Besides, we want to put an end to the damage that is being carried out against infrastructure projects, health centers, administration and justice buildings," he said on state media.

Ethiopia is facing its biggest anti-government unrest in a decade, from the majority Oromo and Amhara ethnic groups which feel marginalized by a minority-led government. —AFP



**MOSCOW:** Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov (R) and his French counterpart Jean-Marc Ayrault arrive for a joint press conference following their meeting in Moscow on October 6, 2016. —AFP

## RUSSIA SAYS US ACTIONS THREATEN IT'S SECURITY

**MOSCOW:** Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said yesterday he had detected increasing US hostility towards Moscow and complained about what he said was a series of aggressive US steps that threatened Russia's national security.

In an interview with Russian state TV likely to worsen already poor relations with Washington, Lavrov made it clear he blamed the Obama administration for what he described as a sharp deterioration in US-Russia ties. "We have witnessed a fundamental change of circumstances when it comes to the aggressive Russophobia that now lies at the heart of US policy towards Russia," Lavrov told Russian state TV's First Channel. "It's not just a rhetorical Russophobia, but aggressive steps that really hurt our national interests and pose a threat to our security."

With relations between Moscow and Washington strained over issues from Syria to Ukraine, Lavrov reeled off a long list of Russian grievances against the United States which he said helped contribute to an atmosphere of mistrust that was in some ways more dangerous and unpredictable than the Cold War.

He complained that NATO had been

steadily moving military infrastructure closer to Russia's borders and lashed out at Western sanctions imposed over Moscow's role in the Ukraine crisis. He also said he had heard that some policy makers in Washington were suggesting that President Barack Obama sanction the carpet bombing of the Syrian government's military air fields to ground its air force.

"This is a very dangerous game given that Russia, being in Syria at the invitation of the legitimate government of this country and having two bases there, has got air defense systems there to protect its assets," said Lavrov.

Lavrov said he hoped Obama would not agree to such a scenario. Russia suspended a treaty with Washington on cleaning up weapons grade plutonium earlier this month in response to what it said were "unfriendly acts" by the United States. Lavrov said both countries had the right to pull out of the treaty in the event of "a fundamental change in circumstances".

"The treaty was concluded when relations were normal, civilized, when no one ... was trying to interfere in the (other's) internal affairs. That's the fundamental change of circumstances," said Lavrov. —Reuters



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## CHINA JAILS PROVINCIAL BOSS OVER \$36 MILLION IN BRIBES

**BEIJING:** A Chinese court yesterday handed a former top provincial official a suspended death sentence for bribery, it said, the latest senior politician to be jailed in a high-profile, anti-corruption campaign. Bai Enpei, the former top Communist Party official in the southwestern province of Yunnan was handed the sentence-usually commuted to life in prison-for accepting bribes worth more than 240 million yuan (\$36 million) a court in Anyang city said on an official microblog.

Graft has become endemic in China and President Xi Jinping launched a much-publicized drive against corruption after he came to power in 2012, vowing to target both high-level "tigers" and low-ranking "flies". But analysts say China has failed to implement institutional safeguards, such as an independent judiciary and free media, leaving anti-graft campaigns subject to the influence of politics. China's ruling Communist Party promoted Bai to the top-ranking post in Yunnan from 2001 to 2011,

before putting him under investigation in 2014. The court said he had accepted bribes in exchange for giving out rights to real estate and mining projects, and political promotions.

The sentence came as two other formerly high-ranking officials were charged with corruption, the official Xinhua news agency said yesterday.

Former boss of Hebei province in the north Zhou Benshun was charged with bribery, as was Yang Dongliang, China's top work safety official until he

was sacked last year. The Communist Party put Yang under internal investigation shortly after a massive explosion at a chemical storage warehouse in the northern port city of Tianjin killed 173 people in one of China's worst workplace accident in decades.

Zhou Benshun, removed from his Hebei post last year, was a former aide to China's ex-security czar Zhou Yongkang, the highest ranking official to have been jailed in the corruption crackdown since Xi took office. — AFP



**BELGRADE, SERBIA:** Migrants queue for food at a park where hundreds of migrants are temporarily residing on Thursday, October 6, 2016. —AP

## AFGHAN MIGRANTS STUCK IN BALKANS RESIST GOING HOME

### NO TURNING BACK

**BELGRADE:** They have come a long way, spent most of their money on smugglers and camped out in the open for weeks. For Afghan migrants stranded in the Balkans there is no turning back, even as the most likely prospect many of them face in the European Union could be deportation back to their country.

Thousands of young Afghan men in Serbia and elsewhere in the region are determined to reach wealthy EU nations, despite closed borders and an agreement between their government and the EU that will more easily send home Afghan citizens who have been rejected for asylum.

Aid groups have sharply criticized "The Joint Way Forward" declaration, which was agreed upon only days ahead of an international donors' conference Wednesday for Afghanistan that pledged \$15.2 billion for the beleaguered country. Imogen Sudbery, head of the Brussels office of the International Rescue Committee, says the plan "is worrying on several levels."

"Deals made behind closed doors, thrashed out with no civil society engagement and without apparent consideration for people's safety, nor the realities on the ground, set an alarming precedent for the EU," Sudbery said. "The notion that vulnerable women and children can be sent back to a place of war is preposterous."

#### Measures to return

The document outlines measures to return Afghan citizens, including charter flights, the issuing of travel documents and the possible construction of a separate terminal at Kabul Airport. The EU declaration said the plan aims "to establish a rapid, effective and manageable process for a smooth, dignified and orderly return of Afghan nationals" who don't receive asylum in the 28-nation bloc.

Afghanistan has been mired in conflict for

decades. Clashes have revived recently between government forces and the Taliban around the northern city of Kunduz with civilians increasingly fleeing. Sudbery said 11,000 civilians were killed in Afghanistan last year and 1.2 million people remain internally displaced.

"Afghanistan cannot be considered a 'safe country,'" Sudbery insisted. Serbia is not part of the EU, making the situation for Afghans stuck here even more complicated. It has asked to be included in the EU-Afghanistan return arrangements.

Some migrants in Belgrade, the Serbian capital, said they are not safe in Afghanistan and have no way to finish schools, find jobs or earn money. The young men - who stand little chance of being granted asylum in EU countries - pleaded with EU nations to let them in so they can have a hope of a better future. "Life in Afghanistan is too hard for us, we can't live there," said 15-year-old Sulaiman Zazai. "That is why we go to live in Germany, for a good life, for our future."

#### The struggle is real

Saifullah Zamiri, 18, added that "we struggle a lot in these bad conditions and with closed borders." "We can't go back," Zamiri insisted. "Our government can't control a bad situation, so why do you want us to go back to our country?"

Germany and other EU nations have sought to limit the influx of refugees and migrants after taking in more than one million people last year. The German government says the joint declaration with Afghanistan will provide a "clear and reliable basis" for both voluntary returns and deportations.

IRC's Sudbery blasted as "most damning" the clause that envisages that unaccompanied minors could be returned if "adequate reception and care-taking arrangements" are put in

place in Afghanistan. "It is unclear how the EU will measure or verify this," she said. Rados Djurovic, from Serbia's Asylum Protection Center, said asylum-seekers from Afghanistan must not be automatically rejected but reviewed individually, considering that parts of the country are still dangerous. "Each application should be taken most seriously," he said.

Afghans account for about one half of more than 6,000 migrants who have piled up in Serbia after EU neighbor Hungary introduced strict limits on asylum - seekers and reinforced the border with a razor-wire fence and heavy patrols. On Tuesday, several hundred men set off on a protest march toward Hungary, demanding that authorities there open the border. Tired and cold, the marchers gave up the next morning after walking 40 kilometers (24 miles) and spending the night out in the open.

On Friday, Serbian authorities discovered two Afghan boys, aged 12 and 16, hiding in a truck heading toward EU member Croatia. In Belgrade, a park close to the railway and bus stations where migrants from Afghanistan spend their days and nights is now dubbed "Afghan park."

On a sunny day last week, some migrants were sleeping on the benches wrapped in blankets at the park. A man was helping his friend shave without a mirror on the park's water pipes. A woman was washing clothes and hanging them on a rope spread between two poles.

At lunch time, hundreds lined up for a warm meal of beans and beets distributed by a Belgrade aid group. Hunched over, the migrants ate their food on the ground or on the limited benches. Aid coordinator Gordan Paunovic says his Info Park center now delivers more than 2,000 meals a day in what he described as a "dramatic" increase in recent months. — AP

## NINE MYANMAR POLICE KILLED IN ATTACK ON BANGLADESH BORDER

**YANGON:** Nine Myanmar police officers were killed in coordinated attacks by insurgents on posts along the border with Bangladesh early yesterday, an official and police said. No-one has claimed responsibility but a senior local Myanmar official pointed the finger at a militant group from the Muslim Rohingya minority that has been dormant for years.

The assaults hit three border posts around 1:30 am near Maungdaw in the impoverished western state of Rakhine, simmering with tensions between Buddhists and Muslim Rohingyas, who are forced to live in dire conditions. "Altogether nine police were killed, four others were injured and one is still missing," Tin Maung Swe, a senior official within Rakhine's state government, told AFP.

He added that eight insurgents were also killed in the attacks. Police in the capital Naypyidaw confirmed the attack and said multiple weapons were seized by the assailants. Tin Maung Swe said the attackers were "RSO insurgents", a reference to a group known as the Rohingya Solidarity Organisation.

He did not elaborate on how he knew this. The RSO was a small Rohingya militant group active in the 1980s and 1990s but has not been heard from in nearly two decades. Rakhine has been effectively split on religious grounds since bouts of communal violence tore through the state in 2012, killing scores and forcing tens of thousands to flee.

The Muslim Rohingya are largely confined to camps and face restrictions which rights groups have likened to apartheid. Several complex ethnic conflicts are rumbling across Myanmar's bor-

derlands, hampering efforts to build the economy after the end of junta rule.

But compared to the country's civil war-ravaged eastern and northern border states, Rakhine has not boasted a significant rebel military presence. In the last few years the Arakan Army, a small Buddhist militia which wants an independent homeland in the state, has fought sporadic battles with the military.

Despite their plight the Rohingya do not have a known militant faction fighting for them. In May attackers stormed a security post at a camp for Rohingya refugees in southern Bangladesh, just across the border from Maungdaw.

A Bangladeshi camp commander was shot dead and the attackers made off with weapons. Police at the time said the Rohingya themselves could be suspects. In recent years Bangladeshi police have also alleged that Rohingya refugees are involved in criminal activities including human trafficking. Any rise in violence in Rakhine will be a major concern for the new civilian-led government of Aung San Suu Kyi.

She has asked former UN chief Kofi Annan to head a commission tasked with trying to heal sectarian divisions in the state. The move was largely welcomed by Rohingya community leaders but angered Buddhist nationalists.

Anti-Muslim sentiment still runs high in the region, fanned by hard line Buddhist nationalists who revile the Rohingyas and are viscerally opposed to any move to grant them citizenship. They insist the roughly one-million strong group are intruders from Bangladesh, even though many can trace their ancestry in Myanmar back generations. — AFP

## AUSTRALIAN, BRITON ARRESTED IN BALI FOR POSSESSION OF DRUGS

**JAKARTA:** An Australian and a Briton residing on the resort island of Bali have been arrested on suspicion of possessing hashish, an offence that can incur jail sentences of up to 20 years, Indonesian police said in a statement yesterday.

Police found 7.32 grams of suspected hashish at the residence of the 48-year-old Australian in Sanur. He led them to a 55-year-old Briton, who was found in possession of at least 10.09 grams of hashish, as well as a bong.

Both suspects have lived in Bali for five years according to the police. Drug trafficking in Indonesia carried a maximum

death penalty, and the country has faced widespread international criticism for executions of drug traffickers, including those of a group including two Australians in 2015 which went ahead despite repeated pleas for mercy from governments and international activists.

"For sure, we are building this case further to find the big dealer behind the origin of this (drugs)," said Gede Ganefo, head of narcotics units of Denpasar police.

The two suspects has violated a narcotic law which carries a maximum 20 year of prison, Ganefo said —Reuters



**NEW DELHI:** An ambulance, present as a precautionary measure, leaves a cargo area near the international terminal at New Delhi's international airport yesterday. — AFP

## SUSPECTED RADIOACTIVE LEAK AT DELHI AIRPORT

**NEW DELHI:** Emergency workers sealed off a portion of New Delhi's international airport yesterday after officials suspected a consignment containing radioactive material had leaked, a police officer said.

Fifteen cartons containing nuclear medicine were isolated to investigate the suspected leak after the shipment arrived at the cargo area in an Air France plane, Sanjay Bhatia, the police chief of Delhi airport security, told AFP.

"The consignment had come from Paris. Our staff reported a leak in the shipment and we alerted the authorities," said Bhatia. "The situation is under control. We have cleared the cargo area and experts from India's Atomic Energy Regulatory Board are examining the material."

The shipment was meant for biomedical companies in New Delhi and a few other Indian cities, he said. Last year a similar suspicion caused a scare at the busy airport after cargo staff found a shipment with nuclear medicine damaged on Turkish Airlines.

Investigators from India's nuclear watchdog later found an organic liquid from another consignment had spilled over the nuclear medicine cartons. In 2010, a scrapyard worker in Delhi died from radiation poisoning and seven others were injured, raising concerns over the handling of radioactive material in India. Environmental group Toxic Links estimates that India produces five million tons of hazardous industrial waste every year. — AFP

## SCORES FLEE PITCHED BATTLES IN NORTHERN AFGHAN CITY

**KABUL:** The number of war-displaced civilians in Kunduz has more than doubled to 24,000, the UN said yesterday, as street battles persisted a week after the Taliban stormed into the northern Afghan city.

Terrified residents facing a growing humanitarian crisis have been fleeing explosions and

gunfights to neighbouring provinces of Balkh, Takhar, Baghlan and the capital Kabul. "Initial reports indicate that around 24,000 internally displaced persons" have fled Kunduz, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said in a statement. "As assessments are ongoing and families are still

on the move, this figure will almost certainly change." The UN had earlier said up to 10,000 people had fled the city, which briefly fell last year to the Taliban in a similar assault. Kunduz residents have faced crippling shortages of food and medicine after the Taliban launched an all-out assault last Monday, capturing parts of the city.

Afghan forces have struggled to flush them out of residential neighborhoods, with the government saying the clearance operation was being carefully conducted to prevent civilian casualties. At least three civilians have been killed and more than 290 wounded, according to the Kunduz general hospital, but local residents say the actual toll is much higher. "Key parts of the city have been cleared, with 52 insurgents killed in the last 24 hours," the interior ministry said on Sunday.

The Taliban attack on Afghanistan's fifth largest city a year after it was overrun by insurgents has raised serious concerns about the capacity of NATO-trained government forces to protect large urban centres. "Kunduz is a tragedy caused by the government's failure to stop the Taliban from entering the city," Kunduz MP Fatima Aziz told local TOLO TV. "If the senior officials of Kunduz had been held accountable last time we wouldn't be facing this renewed crisis." — AFP



**KUNDUZ, AFGHANISTAN:** Residents leaving the city on October 5, 2016 amid ongoing fighting between Taliban militants and Afghan security forces. —AFP





Children are silhouetted against the sky as they play with a ball on the top of straw bales during a sunny autumn day with temperatures around 12 degrees Celsius in Aubing near Munich yesterday. Meteorologists forecast unsettled weather during next days in the southern region of Germany. — AFP

SYRIAN MOTHER LIVING UNDER SIEGE...

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Since Madaya came under total siege in mid-2015, more than 60 victims have died of famine and malnutrition. "Our bodies are no longer used to eating," reads one panel. "My children are hungry but are getting sick, severe stomach pains from the food because their bodies aren't able to digest and absorb the food because they were hungry for so long."

Artist Dalibor Talajic said he made a conscious effort to avoid straying into the sensational. "I didn't want to do a war comic," said the Croatian artist - who lived through Yugoslavia's breakup in 1991. "I wanted to make a comic with a civilian point of view, where you're really powerless. You can't do anything. You're just waiting for it to pass or for you to die."

Before now Talajic was best known for his work on Deadpool, a comic about antiheroes that were featured in a film of the same name earlier this year. The illustrator said he is "not a typical Marvel artist where everything

must be larger than life", preferring instead to stay anchored in reality. "I always try to keep things more familiar, more grounded, more probable."

But attempting to convey the grim daily life of besieged Syrians without sensationalizing was no easy task. "It was challenging," Talajic said, noting that he never saw photos of the young mother or the family. "It's like blade running the thin line of being exploitive of someone's hardship." The brutal story of daily life under siege is occasionally broken up with small bright moments. "It is a mother, but it is every mother," Talajic said. "It is a family, but it's every family."

This is not Marvel's first foray into real life heroes: The comic book company also depicted Pope John-Paul II, St Francis of Assisi and Mother Teresa. ABC did manage to deliver some of Talajic's images to the mother: "she found that he really nailed the features of the people, the ambiance, the town," ABC News Producer Rym Momtaz said. "If she ever gets out," artist Talajic said, "the pictures will go to her." — AFP

SYRIA REGIME KEEPS UP ALEPPO ASSAULT

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The assault on Aleppo was launched just days after the collapse of a ceasefire in Syria that was brokered jointly by Russia and the United States. Russia says its air strikes target extremist militias such as the Islamic State group but critics say it is more occupied with keeping Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad in power than killing jihadists. An analysis published yesterday by the US-based IHS Conflict Monitor said that in the first quarter of 2016, just 26 percent of Russian strikes in Syria targeted IS. That dipped to 22 percent in the second quarter, and 17 percent in the third quarter, the report said.

Yesterday, two of Syria's most powerful jihadist groups joined forces, as Fateh al-Sham Front - a former Al-Qaeda affiliate

- announced it had taken Jund al-Aqsa under its wing. Jund al-Aqsa is designated as a terrorist organization by Washington and has been accused of ties to IS. The Jund al-Aqsa group said it was trying to settle differences with Ahrar al-Sham, with which it has been fighting for days in the north-western Idlib province, so as not to weaken rebel fighting against Assad's government. The Observatory said the two rebel groups were still fighting late into yesterday evening.

Jund al-Aqsa's statement - circulated by rebel officials from other groups and carrying the Fateh al-Sham Front stamp - did not say how pledging allegiance to Fateh al-Sham Front would mend its relationship with Ahrar al-Sham. The Observatory, which also reported Jund al-Aqsa's announcement, said the group was seeking the protection of Jabhat Fateh al-Sham. — Agencies

COURT RESTORES CITIZENSHIP OF PRO-OPPOSITION...

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They include former Islamist MP Abdullah Al-Barghash and about 60 members of his family and relatives whose nationalities were revoked along with Shemmari. The lower court had ordered the government to restore Barghash's citizenship, but the ruling was overturned by the appeals court, which said courts were not competent to rule on citizenship matters. His case is still at the court of cassation, which set the next hearing for mid-November.

Others who had their citizenship revoked include Islamist preacher Sheikh Nabil Al-Awadhi and opposition activist Saad Al-Ajmi, who was deported to Saudi Arabia. They all have cases in courts. Shemmari said after the ruling that he had no doubt that the fair Kuwaiti judiciary would eventually rule in his favor. His lawyer Al-Humaidi Al-Subaiei described the ruling as "historic" and thanked the judiciary.

Explaining its verdict, the court said the government's decision was "unlawful" and oppressive, because it breached the constitution. It said that Shemmari obtained Kuwaiti nationality by birth because he was born to a Kuwaiti father, and accordingly his citizenship cannot be revoked.

In another major development yesterday, MP Ahmad Al-Qudhaibi filed a request to grill Minister of Islamic Affairs and Justice Yaqoub Al-Sane for excessively delaying the issuance of the bylaws of the Anti-Corruption Authority (ACA). The lawmaker said that in December last year, the

constitutional court abolished the establishment of ACA, saying it was unconstitutional because of procedural flaws in the establishment law. He said that three weeks later, the National Assembly voted to pass the same law after introducing key amendments to plug loopholes, and the law was finally published on Feb 1 this year.

This required the justice ministry, being responsible for the ACA, to issue the bylaws for the authority within two months in accordance with the law to enable it to start working. But the minister failed until now to issue the bylaws, which means that he obstructed it from starting to function and effectively prevented the authority from receiving wealth disclosures from ministers, MPs and top bureaucrats.

The grilling will be announced on the opening day of the new Assembly term on Oct 18, and the minister can then ask for a two-week delay. Several other lawmakers are currently preparing similar requests to grill Finance Minister Anas Al-Saleh for being responsible for raising petrol prices. Two groups of MPs have already said they will file grilling requests against Saleh, and sources said a third may be on the way.

The flurry of grillings made pro-government MP Saadoun Hammad to say that he believes that the Assembly will be dissolved soon, and what remains is to determine the date, which is in the hands of HH the Amir. In a related development, five MPs submitted a draft law stipulating to ban the government from raising petrol prices without a law from the Assembly.

GOVT POSTPONES \$10 BILLION BOND ISSUE...

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This implies the first quarter of 2017 is a likely time period for the issue, she said. Kuwait's Ministry of Finance did not respond to requests for comment.

Bankers said Kuwait may have been encouraged to delay its issue by the approach of a mammoth bond sale by Saudi Arabia, which is scrambling to finance its own budget deficit. The Saudi issue, expected to be around \$10 billion to \$15 billion, is now anticipated to come in late October. If Kuwait had issued before Saudi Arabia, demand could have been limited by investors holding back funds for the Saudi sale. Now that the Saudi sale is occurring so late in the year, Kuwait may not have time to issue before financial market participants start going on holiday in late December.

Kuwait's window of opportunity this year has been shrunk further by expectations for US monetary policy: 14 of 15 primary dealers polled by Reuters forecast an interest rate hike at the US central bank's mid-December meeting. But bankers said they believed the main reason for the delay was Kuwait's financial position. Although its state budget has been pushed into

the red by low oil prices, like Saudi Arabia's, Kuwait's finances are much stronger and its need to raise funds is not as urgent as Riyadh's.

Compared to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait "has much more room to be flexible and it has one of the lowest break-even points for oil prices to balance its budget", said Faisal Hasan, head of investment research at Kuwait-based KAMCO Investment Co. Before a transfer of money to its sovereign wealth fund, Kuwait posted a budget deficit of KD 4.6 billion (\$15 billion) last fiscal year, its first deficit in 17 years - but that was dwarfed by Saudi Arabia's deficit of nearly \$100 billion last year.

"If you go down the list of Gulf Cooperation Council issuers, in terms of need and requirement to issue, at the top of the pile there's Saudi Arabia. At the bottom of the pile you have Kuwait and Dubai," said Abdul Kadir Hussain, head of fixed income asset management at Arqaam Capital in Dubai. "Kuwait has the highest flexibility in the region in terms of timing. As a bond investor I'd expect them to come to the market when market conditions are good. Spreads now are attractive but not outright cheap, so I'm not surprised they'd delay the issuance." — Reuters

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## Issues

BLACK VOTE KEY  
FOR CLINTON IN  
BATTLEGROUND

By Michael Mathes

Under a canvas tent, African-American businessman and chef Santi Jones was offering barbeque tacos to tailgaters outside a Carolina football game when he ruminated on Hillary Clinton and whether black voters will win her the White House. The former secretary of state needs a strong turnout among minorities, particularly African Americans, if she is to defeat Republican Donald Trump and succeed the nation's first black president.

Can she rally them to the ballot box on Nov 8 where it counts, in battlegrounds like North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Florida? "She can," Jones, 37, said as hip-hop pumped from nearby speakers on a recent Sunday in Charlotte, North Carolina. "But she's got to try a little harder."

Racial tensions, fuelled by a series of police shootings of black men, have simmered in the United States since last year. Some have accused real estate billionaire Trump of fomenting the discord through his provocative campaign rhetoric, his years of propagating the "birther" conspiracy theory that Obama was not born in the United States, and embrace of the Republican by white nationalists. And when he was asked about what was necessary to heal the racial divide during his first debate with Clinton, in the aftermath of deadly unrest that rocked Charlotte, Trump answered by lamenting that "we need law and order in our country".

North Carolina is seen as ground zero for Clinton's efforts to convert tangible and historically high black support for President Barack Obama into her own victory in swing states that will decide the election. Obama narrowly won North Carolina in 2008, then lost it four years later. Clinton's campaign is now in overdrive to turn the Tar Heel state blue again.

## 'Sticking Together'

Blacks comprise 12 percent of the US electorate, and about nine in 10 support Clinton, according to polls. Yet many black voters remain lukewarm about her. In a sign of the challenge Clinton faces, even Jones, who supports Clinton, said he is not sure whether he'll vote. At a Clinton campaign field office in a Charlotte strip mall, volunteers like Arnetta Strickland, 56, were making calls to rally Democrats and undecided voters.

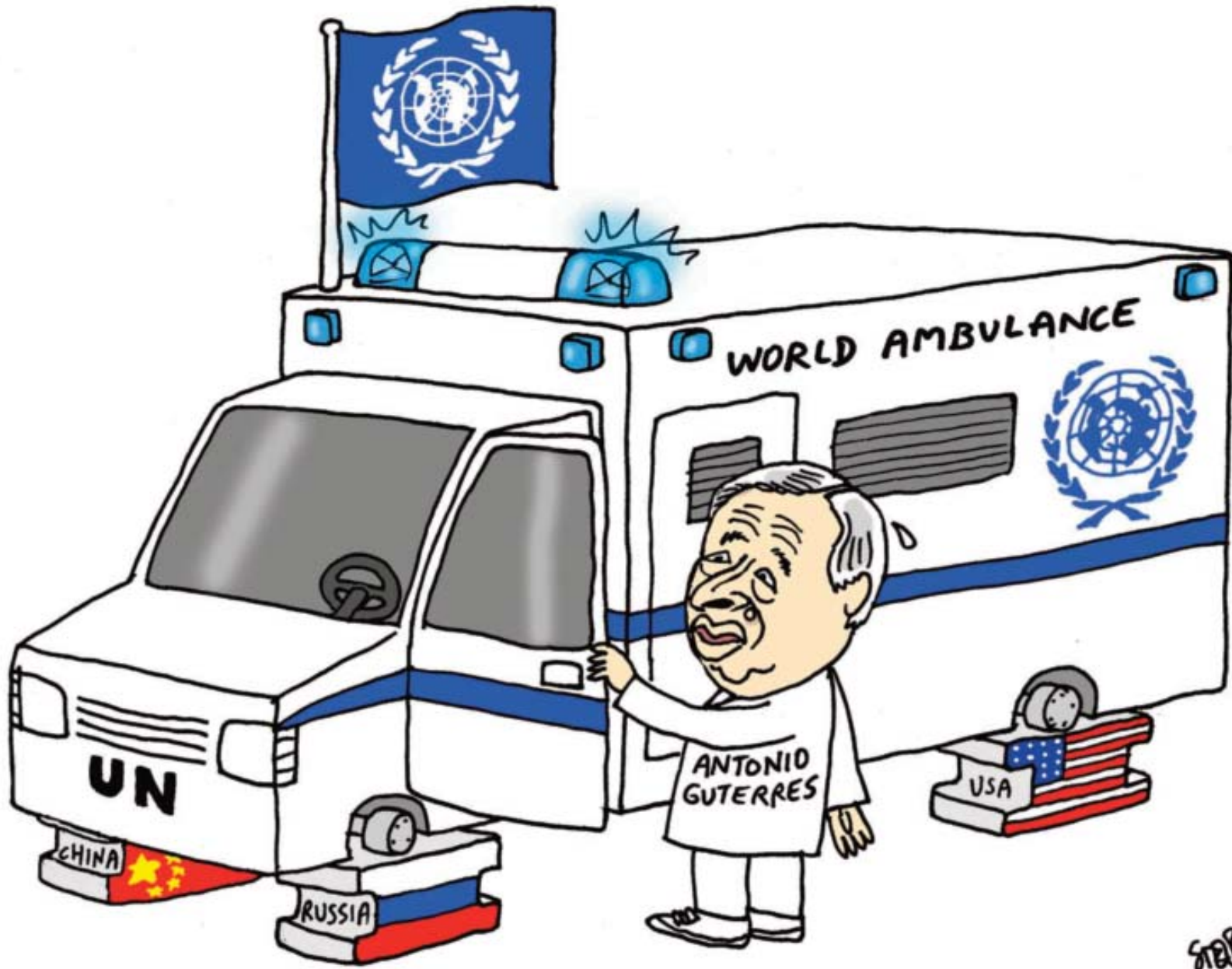
Strickland, a medical biller, shook her head when asked if Trump could do or say anything to make her or fellow African-Americans reconsider their votes. "Most blacks are Democrats," she explained. "No matter what he says, they're not going to vote for him. We're used to sticking together." And yet Strickland, who volunteered for Obama, expressed skepticism about whether turnout for Clinton "will be the same as Obama's".

Last month, the president issued a stern warning to the black community. "There's no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter," Obama told a Congressional Black Caucus dinner. "After we have achieved historic turnout in 2008 and 2012, especially in the African-American community, I will consider it a personal insult, an insult to my legacy, if this community lets down its guard and fails to activate itself in this election."

Clinton holds a slim lead in North Carolina, according to polling. She may expect a bounce in coming days after a shocking video was made public Friday in which Trump was caught making very lewd and demeaning comments about groping women. At the Anderton barbershop in Charlotte, barber Brendan Watson said he and colleagues registered 2,000 new voters during the previous two elections. "I see us doing like the same thing this time," he said. "I feel a sense of urgency in the community that we will show up."

Still, he acknowledged North Carolina will be "tough" to win. The challenge comes amid a rise in nationwide racial tension fuelled in part by police killings of unarmed blacks. Several relatives of African Americans who died at the hands of police or in police custody have become known as Mothers of the Movement, and campaign for Clinton. They include Geneva Reed-Veal, mother of Sandra Bland whose death in a Texas jail sparked protests.

Reed-Veal acknowledged to AFP that the inspiration about Clinton might be different than it was with Obama, but hoped Democratic "loyalty" will convert to votes. Part of Clinton's struggle to win over black voters, Reed-Veal said, stems from a controversial crime bill that Bill Clinton signed into law. In a 1996 speech Hillary said it aimed to crack down on "super-predators", which many took to mean young black men. She apologized, but resentment lingered. — AFP



## WHY ARE REPUBLICANS DROPPING TRUMP NOW?

By Julie Pace

Why now? And why this? For the legion of Republicans who abandoned Donald Trump on Saturday, recoiling in horror from comments their party's White House nominee made about using his fame to prey on women, there is no escaping those questions. For months, they stomachied his incendiary remarks about Mexicans, Muslims, prisoners of war, a Gold Star military family and a Hispanic judge, along with offensive statements about women too numerous to count. Democratic critics argue that their silence - or the promise to vote for Trump, but not endorse him - amounted to tacit approval of misogyny and racism.

There were no good answers Saturday, and few Republicans attempted to offer any. A steady stream of GOP officials revoked their endorsements or called for Trump to drop out of the race, condemning the New York billionaire in emailed statements and carefully crafted tweets. But some, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan, stuck with Trump even as they condemned his comments. "It is a troubling situation," Ryan said.

Those fleeing from Trump may ultimately say it was the shock of hearing and seeing the businessman's crudeness on video

that prompted them to finally walk away. On Friday, The Washington Post and NBC News both released a 2005 recording of Trump describing attempts to have sex with a married woman. His words were caught on a live microphone while talking with Billy Bush, then a host of "Access Hollywood".

Some may draw a distinction between Trump's outrageous earlier comments about women, minorities and others by noting that this time, the businessman wasn't just being offensive - he was describing actions that could be considered sexual assault. In the video, Trump is heard saying that his fame allows him to "do anything" to women. "Grab them by the p\*\*\*\*. You can do anything," he says.

## Political

But with a month until Election Day, and early voting already underway in several states, the truest answer to why Republicans are dropping Trump now - and why they're dropping him over this - is likely political. During the Republican primary, GOP officials worried that disavowing Trump would alienate his supporters and hurt the party in congressional races. In the general election, Trump's crass behavior also seemed easier for Republicans to tolerate when stacked up against Democrat Hillary Clinton, a candidate so reviled by

many in the GOP that virtually nothing Trump did seemed worse than the prospect of her becoming president.

But these new revelations come at a time when the White House race seems to be slipping away from Trump. He's been unable to attract support beyond that offered by his core backers. His performance in the first debate was undisciplined and he followed it up by tangling with a beauty queen whom he shamed two decades ago for gaining weight. "There were people who were just starting to feel like this ship was going down and now this gives people a good excuse to jump off," said Katie Packer, a Republican strategist who advised Mitt Romney's 2012 campaign and led an unsuccessful effort to prevent Trump from becoming the GOP nominee.

While some Republicans expressed astonishment and dismay over Trump's 2005 comments, those who steadfastly refused to endorse him throughout the campaign suggested their party knew full well what they were getting with the brash real estate mogul and reality TV star. "Nothing that has happened in the last 48 hours is surprising to me or many others," said Ohio Gov John Kasich, who was critical of Trump when he ran against him in the primary and has remained so for months. Privately, even Republicans who didn't

formally revoke their support for Trump conceded there was little he could do to right his campaign at this point. Early voting is already underway in some key states and the comments aired in the video will likely be unforgivable with independent women - a constituency Trump desperately needs to win if he has any hope of defeating Clinton.

The last hope now for many Republicans is that an unimaginable election year will still end with the GOP in control of the Senate. New Hampshire Sen Kelly Ayotte and Nevada Rep Joe Heck, both locked in tight races, joined the parade of officials Saturday who said they simply couldn't stand by Trump anymore.

For Ayotte, the move earned her no quarter from her Democratic opponent, New Hampshire Gov Maggie Hassan. "She has had one example after the next of Donald Trump's despicable words and his despicable behavior as reasons that she should have disavowed him," Hassan said. "It took her until now when the revelation of his comments from a decade ago were made to decide that politically she couldn't stand with him anymore." Look for more of the same in races nationwide. Democrats made clear Saturday they would spend the next month trying to ensure they and other Republicans get no credit for walking away now. — AP

## ALEPPO'S HORROR, IN WORDS OF WHITE HELMETS

By Karam Al-Masri

As bombs rained down on Aleppo, White Helmets volunteer Abu Hassan rushed to join the search for survivors, as usual, never imagining he would find his son's body among the dead. The two of them had worked side-by-side in scores of harrowing rescue operations in rebel-held districts of Syria's battleground second city over the past three years. But Abu Hassan said that rescue mission was one he will never forget. "About two weeks ago, I heard SOS calls on the walkie-talkie about heavy casualties in Salhin," the 50-year-old former carpenter told AFP.

He said he knew his son Hassan had been heading to the eastern neighborhood to refuel a White Helmets ambu-

lance. "When I got there, I saw bodies lying on the floor. One of the volunteers told me there were more behind the building that was hit. That's when I started to feel afraid. I found the body of a young man lying face down, with severe wounds to his stomach, leg and head. I turned him around to see his face. It was my son."

## 'I Can't Stand Remembering'

Abu Hassan said he spent the rest of the night sitting next to his son's body on the floor of the White Helmets branch where they both worked. At dawn, he buried Hassan himself. "It was the hardest moment of my life," he said, struggling to hold back tears. I asked the branch chief to move us to a different building, because I couldn't stay in the same place and see his

name and the words he wrote on the wall. I can't stand remembering that night." The 26-year-old left behind a wife and two children of his own.

Abu Hassan pointed to a photograph of him - a sandy-haired, grinning young man - on the memorial wall of the now-disused branch headquarters in the Bab Al-Nayrab district of the city. Three other volunteers from the branch who lost their lives are commemorated alongside him. Their signature hardhats have not been reused but instead preserved as a tribute.

## Branches 'Targeted'

Across Syria, more than 140 of the White Helmets' nearly 3,000 volunteers have died in the line of duty. Their mission is to save the lives of others but sometimes

they need to be rescued themselves. Mohammed Wawi described one operation last week, when bombing began as he was searching for survivors of an earlier air strike. "The fire and rescue team was hit and six members of our branch were wounded, one of them seriously," Wawi said. "We had been trying to save people, but then the residents saved us."

Wawi was smearing mud on the branch's fire truck in an attempt to camouflage it, protecting it from the view of warplanes overhead. Since government forces launched an offensive to recapture east Aleppo last month, the rebel-held sector has been subjected to devastating air strikes. Whole streets have been levelled and the White Helmets' own infrastructure has taken a heavy hit. "Our branches have been directly targeted in air strikes," said Bab Al-Nayrab branch chief Bibars Mashaal. In the past two weeks alone, three branches have been put out of action and a third of the White Helmets' ambulances, fire trucks and bulldozers in the city destroyed, Mashaal said.

## 'They are my Family'

Often, the damage to rescue workers is more than skin-deep. Louay Mashhadi, 25, who heads another White Helmets branch in Aleppo, recalled one rescue operation earlier this month that left him so traumatised he stayed home for three days afterwards. "I pulled an infant, four or five months old, out of the rubble," said Mashhadi, whose own son is around the same age. "He had lost his legs and part of his stomach but he was still alive. There was no one around from his family, so the baby stayed in my arms for about 15 minutes. He died when the ambulance came."

Mashhadi said the volunteers relied on each other for the strength to continue their work. "Because we're on call all night together in the same centres, we're more than just colleagues or friends." But that makes it all the more painful when fellow members are killed. Four of Mashhadi's team have lost their lives in the past two months alone. "I cried for them all, because they are members of my family." — AFP



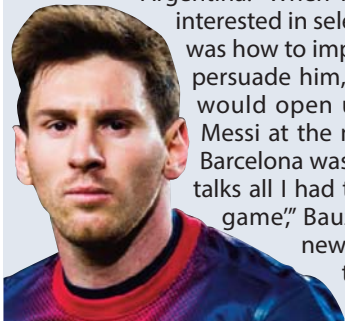
Syrian civil defense volunteers, known as White Helmets, work around destroyed buildings following reported air strikes on the rebel-held town of Douma on the eastern outskirts of the capital Damascus on Oct 5, 2016. — AFP

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## ‘MESSI DESERVES TO RETIRE AS CHAMPION’

**MADRID:** Argentina coach Edgardo Bauza believes Lionel Messi deserves to retire from international football in style as a World Cup winner. Messi flirted with the notion of quitting playing for his country after three successive final heartbreaks, to Germany in the 2014 World Cup and to Chile in the Copa America in 2015 and earlier this year. But the Barcelona star had a change of heart after talks with Bauza in August. For Bauza, Messi's initial decision was borne out of frustration rather than any real desire to turn his back on Argentina. "When we were chatting it occurred to me he was very interested in selection and what worried him more than anything was how to improve." According to Bauza: "I didn't meet Messi to persuade him, I was convinced that during our chat a chance would open up." Joining five time World Player of the Year Messi at the meeting with the new boss of the Albiceleste in Barcelona was his club teammate Javier Mascherano. "After our talks all I had to say was 'ok boys, you'll be picked for the next game,'" Bauza recalled in an interview in Sunday's Catalan newspaper Sport. "I reckon he still has a lot to give to the team." —AFP



## NAPOLI'S STRIKER MILIK OUT FOR SEVERAL 'MONTHS'

**WARSAW:** Napoli striker Arkadiusz Milik could be out for several months after suffering a knee injury in Poland's World Cup qualifier win against Denmark. The Polish football federation said Sunday he will probably need surgery on the injured left knee which suffered anterior cruciate ligament damage during Poland's 3-2 win against Denmark in Warsaw on Saturday. "Arek Milik has undergone tests on his injured knee, which have shown damage to the anterior cruciate ligament," Kwiatkowski, the federation spokesman, said on Twitter. "Arek will return to Napoli on Sunday. He is likely to have to undergo surgery and could be out for several months." Milik, 22, joined Napoli in August from Ajax and has made a huge impact at the Serie A club. And after two rounds of the Champions League for Napoli he is joint top scorer on three goals along with Lionel Messi (Barcelona), Sergio Aguero (Manchester City) and Edinson Cavani (Paris Saint Germain). —AFP

## AURIER THROAT SLIT GESTURE CAUSES STIR

**PARIS:** Controversial Paris Saint-Germain full-back Serge Aurier has caused a social media stir after making a throat slitting gesture during a World Cup qualifier. Ivory Coast international Aurier celebrated a goal against Mali by turning to the crowd and dragging his finger across his throat. Ivory Coast won the African Group C qualifier in Bouake 3-1. Aurier made the hand gesture after his cross was turned into his own net by Salif Coulibaly to give the hosts a 2-1 lead in the 31st minute. Aurier's name was trending on social media after the incident, with many mocking him or blasting the media. The controversial 23-year-old was in trouble last month when he was sentenced to two months in prison for assaulting a police officer—although in France such short sentences are automatically commuted. Last season he was also in trouble with his club after making derogatory comments about his then-PSG coach Laurent Blanc and other team-mates, including current Manchester United star Zlatan Ibrahimovic, on a social media video post. He was suspended by his club for five weeks but owned up to having committed "a stupid mistake". —AFP



## THAILAND'S POOM CRUISES TO VICTORY IN INDONESIA

**JAKARTA:** Thailand's Poom Saksansin cruised to a comfortable five-shot victory when he closed with a five-under-par 67 to win his first Asian Tour title at the BNI Indonesian Masters yesterday. The 23-year-old held a two-shot lead at the start of the day and stayed ahead of the chasing pack by shooting six birdies against one bogey to finish on 18-under-par 270 at the Royale Jakarta Golf Club. Thai teenagers Phachara Khongwatmai and Suradit Yongcharoenchai, both aged 17, and Japan's Masahiro Kawamura settled for tied second place at the \$750,000 event. Poom, who won his first Asian Development Tour title in Malaysia last year, showed no signs of nerves when he made the turn in 34 before tightening his grip with three straight birdies on holes 10, 11 and 12. Dropping only two shots in 72 holes, Poom played solid golf throughout the week and stayed calm under pressure when a host of players briefly threatened his lead early in the round. "It feels great to be a champion. I just tried not to make bogeys today. Anything in the red numbers was good enough for me. Honestly, I was only hoping to make

enough money to keep my Asian Tour card. This victory exceeded my expectations," the golfer said in comments supplied by the organisers. The victory earned him \$135,000, which promoted him from 101st to 21st position on the Asian Tour Order of Merit. "This win opens up so many doors and opportunities for me. I get to play in the big events now and I'm really looking forward to it. There's still a lot of room for improvement for me and before I step up in the big events, I need to work even harder on my game," Poom said. Scores after round 4 of the BNI Indonesian Masters (par 72): 270 - Poom SAKSANSIN (THA) 69-69-65-67 275 - Phachara KHONGWATMAI (THA) 67-71-69-68, Suradit YONGCHAROENCHAI (THA) 67- 74-66-68, Masahiro KAWAMURA (JPN) 66-71-68-70 276 - Gaganjeet BHULLAR (IND) 66-73-70-67 277 - Chikkarangappa S. (IND) 70-67-73-67, LEE Chieh-Po (TPE) 71-70-68-68 278 - Casey O'TOOLE (USA) 69-69-73-67, Marcus FRASER (AUS) 69-67-70-72, Thongchai JAIDEE (THA) 68-69-69-72, Kalem RICHARDSON (AUS) 68-68-69-73. —AFP



**SUZUKA:** Japanese Grand Prix winner Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 Team's German driver Nico Rosberg holds his trophy as Mercedes AMG Petronas members celebrate at their paddock after the Formula One Japanese Grand Prix race in Suzuka yesterday. — AFP

## WORLD CHAMP BUEMI WINS CHAOTIC HONG KONG ePRIX

**HONG KONG:** Reigning Formula E world champion Sebastien Buemi threw down the gauntlet to his rivals as he won the first ever Hong Kong ePrix after an incident-packed season-opener yesterday. The Renault e.dams driver started fifth on the grid but he powered through to win the 45-lap city-centre race by 2.477sec from Lucas di Grassi, who started second-last after a crunching crash in qualifying. Di Grassi and Robin Frijns both came to grief at the same chicane in qualifying, forcing the cancellation of the usual Super Pole shoot-out for the first time in the all-electric series' short history. In a race with plenty of wheel-

to-wheel action, NextEV drivers Nelson Piquet Jr and Oliver Turvey were leading until lap 17 when they came off at the same troublesome chicane, bringing out the safety car. After the drivers had switched to their second race cars-as their batteries are not powerful enough for a full race-Switzerland's Buemi emerged on top and put his foot down to the chequered flag. Formula E, which aims to raise the profile and technological abilities of electric vehicles, is entering its third season, which consists of 12 races and also includes Buenos Aires, Paris and New York. —AFP



**HONG KONG:** Renault e.dams driver Sebastien Buemi of Switzerland celebrates with the trophy on the podium after victory in the Formula E championship in Hong Kong yesterday. — AFP

## ROSBERG EXTENDS LEAD WITH DOMINANT JAPAN WIN

**SUZUKA:** Nico Rosberg tightened his grip on the Formula One title race with a dominant victory at the Japanese Grand Prix yesterday, the German's first win at Suzuka also helping Mercedes claim a third consecutive constructors' crown. Rosberg, who started on pole, was never seriously threatened and crossed the line 4.9 seconds clear of Red Bull's Max Verstappen, who fended off a late-charging Lewis Hamilton after the Briton recovered from a woeful start to finish third. Rosberg extended his lead over Hamilton to 33 points in the overall standings following his ninth win of the season and with four rounds remaining, the 31-year-old can claim a maiden title without needing to win another race. The win was also the 15th of 17 races for Mercedes this season and confirmed three years of dominance, during which time the German outfit has won 47 of 55 races. "It's been an awesome weekend for sure, the whole weekend had gone great from the word go," Rosberg, who led every session at Suzuka, told reporters. "Congrats to all my colleagues in the team, for clinching a third constructors' world title. "Definitely, it's been an unbelievable effort all these years, so let's celebrate hard," added Rosberg, who becomes only the fifth driver in Formula One history to win nine races in a sea-

son. Hamilton went into the race searching for a Suzuka hat-trick to revive his flagging championship prospects after being forced to retire from the lead at the last race in Malaysia but his chances of victory were dashed within a matter of seconds. The Briton was unable to capitalise on his front-row start as he crawled off the line and found himself languishing down in eighth place by the time he reached Turn One as his Mercedes team mate disappeared over the horizon. **MERCEDES PROTEST** "I made a mistake," said Hamilton, who last won at the German Grand Prix in July prior to the series' annual summer break. "And then just working my way up from there was tricky but I did the best I could." Once he had recovered from the disappointment of the tardy start, a mix of his trademark spectacular overtaking and clever strategy by Mercedes saw him scythe through the field and very nearly snatch second from Verstappen. However, the Dutchman held on after rebuffing the Briton's final attempt to pass with a robust move at the chicane on the penultimate lap that sent the Mercedes wide into a run-off area and prompted the German team to lodge an official protest.

As the objection came quite late yesterday, stewards opted to defer a decision on the matter until both drivers could give their views on the incident at the next race, which is scheduled to take place in Austin, Texas on Oct. 23. Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel, who started sixth due to a three-place grid penalty for shunting Rosberg at the start in Malaysia, did well to finish fourth but his hopes of a podium spot were compromised late on by slow moving back markers. The German got off to a fantastic start and looked competitive in third but after losing touch with Verstappen and getting passed by Hamilton on his second pit stop, a bold tyre strategy failed to pay off for Ferrari. His Finnish team mate Kimi Raikkonen, who started eighth after collecting a five-place penalty for an unscheduled gearbox change, also complained of track-hogging back markers on his way to a fifth-place finish. Daniel Ricciardo, winner in Malaysia a week ago, was sixth in his Red Bull as Force India pulled further ahead of Williams in their private battle for fourth overall. Sergio Perez and Nico Hulkenberg finished seventh and eighth ahead of Felipe Massa and Valtteri Bottas, who struggled for pace all weekend but made the most of a one-stop strategy to salvage some points. —Reuters

## EMBATTLED HAMILTON VOWS TO FIGHT ON AFTER SUZUKA DEFEAT

**SUZUKA:** Lewis Hamilton has vowed to "give it everything" in his pursuit of a fourth Formula One drivers' title, which slipped further from his grasp following a third-place finish in yesterday's Japanese Grand Prix. The Briton's title hopes were dealt a crushing blow a week ago when he was forced to retire with a fiery engine failure from the lead in Malaysia. He went into yesterday's race hoping to revive his flagging championship prospects, but a botched start scuppered his efforts. Hamilton's championship-leading Mercedes team-mate Nico Rosberg completed a ninth win of the season to extend his advantage in the standings to 33 points. "That's a healthy margin for Nico, he did a great job, so congrats to him," said Hamilton, who fought his way back through the field with some spectacular overtaking after his slow get-away from second on the grid saw him plummet to eighth. "I'll give it everything I've got, as I did in the race and we'll see what happens." Hamilton is a formidable competitor who thrives on adversity and converted a 43-point deficit to Rosberg early in the season into a 19-point advantage with a streak of six wins from seven races. Even his best, however, may not be enough. Only four of a record 21 races remain and Rosberg can take the title even if he does not win again, leaving Hamilton's own hopes pinned on misfortune striking the German's campaign. Much will also depend on whether Hamilton can bounce back from his setbacks in Malaysia and Japan. He cut a withdrawn and dis-

tracted figure in Suzuka and refused to answer questions from the press after qualifying, which some interpreted as a sign that the pressure of the title fight was starting to get to him. But his team boss Toto Wolff had no doubt that the Briton would regroup before the next

race in Austin, Texas, where he sealed the title last year with three rounds to spare. "Lewis functions best when he's under pressure and when he has a target," said the Austrian. "I have no doubt that this will be an intense fight to the end. This is far from over." — Reuters



**SUZUKA:** Third-placed Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 Team's British driver Lewis Hamilton waves his hand as he arrives at the podium after the Formula One Japanese Grand Prix at the Suzuka Circuit yesterday. — AFP





LONDON: Argentina’s Tomas Cubelli goes to pass the ball as he is tackled by Australia’s Allan Ala’Alatoa during The Rugby Championship game between Argentina and Australia at Twickenham stadium in London, Saturday. —AP

## CHEIKA WANTS ‘EDGIER’ AUSTRALIA AFTER BEATING PUMAS

**TWICKENHAM:** Wallabies coach Michael Cheika said his side will need to be sharper when they return to face England in December after ending the Rugby Championship with a 33-21 win over Argentina at Twickenham.

Samu Kerevi scored two of Australia’s four tries, while forwards Adam Coleman and Dean Mumm also crossed the Pumas’ line in the first Rugby Championship match played outside the southern hemisphere.

Bernard Foley kicked Australia’s remaining 13 points on Saturday but the resilient Wallabies were a man down for 20 minutes after both Coleman and Michael Hooper were yellow-carded for high tackles.

This was just Australia’s third win in nine Tests since they were beaten by New Zealand

in last year’s World Cup final at Twickenham.

In June, the Wallabies went down 3-0 in a home Test series to an England side coached by former Australia boss Eddie Jones.

They will have a chance to turn the tables when they face England at Twickenham on December 3 as part of their end of year tour.

“I just want to have a bit more edge around everything,” said Cheika when asked what he wanted Australia to improve before they returned to London. “We need to start chasing what we want out of a game a little bit harder.” He added: “The team’s been changing so much, I probably didn’t realise it would change as much as it has. “A lot of our guys have really stood up to be counted and we’re creating some competition, and that

should bring a bit of edge with it.”

**‘MASSIVE TASK’**

Victory saw the Wallabies finish runners-up to the All Blacks, who won all six of their Rugby Championship matches.

Next up, Australia have the daunting challenge of trying to stop an outstanding New Zealand side from setting a new world record for a major nation of 18 successive Test wins when they meet their trans-Tasman rivals at Auckland’s Eden Park on October 22. What Cheika labelled a “massive task” is made all the harder by the fact New Zealand are unbeaten at Eden Park in the professional era.

The All Blacks have won a remarkable 35 successive Tests at their ‘fortress’ since losing to

France and drawing with South Africa in Auckland back in 1994. “I’ll start thinking about that tomorrow,” said Cheika. “We’ve got to let the boys enjoy this victory.” Argentina squandered several try-scoring opportunities preventing them from realising their ambition of two wins in this season’s Rugby Championship. They finished bottom and face Japan in Tokyo in a fortnight. “We felt we could have won the game,” said Argentina coach Daniel Hourcade.

“We were not able to win the game because we made mistakes that stopped us scoring, and that also gave them too many points.” Argentina, beaten by Australia in last year’s World Cup semi-final at Twickenham, opted to move a home fixture to England’s headquarters. It was a commercial rather than sporting

decision but Pumas captain Agustin Creevy had no regrets following a match where his side enjoyed plenty of backing from a crowd of more than 48,000.

“I don’t know what would have happened had we played in Argentina,” said Creevy. “Of course for us, playing in Argentina is the best option in terms of crowd support. “But today we had a very good crowd, and at some moments we felt like locals because of the support,” the hooker added.

Whether another Rugby Championship match is staged in the northern hemisphere remains to be seen but Cheika, impressed by the size of Saturday’s attendance, commented: “You can’t say much more about 48,000 fans coming to a game of two neutrals.” —AFP



DOHA: Boels Dolmans Cycling Team’s cyclists pose on the podium after winning the gold medal in the women’s team time trial event as part of the 2016 UCI Road World Championships yesterday, in the Qatari capital Doha. — AFP

## STEVENS RETIRES ON HIGH, TEAM CLAIMS WORLD TITLE

**DOHA:** American Evelyn Stevens will head into retirement with a fourth world title after helping Boels Dolmans to women’s team time-trial victory at at the World Championships in Qatar yesterday. Boels Dolemans, who also include reigning road race world champion Lizzie Deignan (formerly Armistead) and four-times world champion Ellen van Dijk, brushed away the opposition to finish the 40km course in 48mins 41.62secs. That was almost a minute ahead of their nearest rivals, Germans Canyon Sram Racing, who finished in 49:29.86.

Americans Twenty16-Ridebiker, the first team out on the course, which started in Lusail where the 2022 football World Cup final will be played, finished third. It was a sweet end for Stevens, 33, who was also part of the winning teams in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

“I came into this season knowing this was

my last race, it’s nice to have a goal and it makes it very special to win,” she told AFP. She now plans to return to Wall Street and work in finance, where she previously worked before cycling professionally. The race was held in sweltering conditions, where the temperature reached as high as 35 degrees Celsius (95 degrees Fahrenheit). Prior to the championships beginning, organisers had announced they would consider shortening races because of the heat, though yesterday’s event went the full planned distance.

The race also featured a spectacular crash involving Anouska Koster from the Netherlands, riding for Raboliv, who ploughed into a barrier and had to pull out of the race. The championships run until October 16, with the men’s team trial event taking place later yesterday.— AFP

## DEPARTING MARTIN HELPS ETIXX WIN WORLD TITLE

**DOHA:** Tony Martin gave Etixx-Quick Step a parting gift as he helped them claim the men’s team time-trial title at the World Championships in Qatar yesterday, his last race for the Belgians. Etixx won a tight race in a time of 42mins 32.39secs, just eleven seconds ahead of BMC to reverse last year’s result. Australia’s Orica-BikeExchange finished third with early race leaders Team Sky fourth. “It’s really very emotional for me,” time-trial specialist Martin said afterwards. “It was the last race for the team, they have been a family for me in the last five years and I knew it was a last chance to lead the team to a great victory.”

Martin, a three-time world champion, will join Katusha next year. Boels Dolemans, who also included reigning road race world champion Lizzie Deignan (formerly

Armistead) and four-times world champion Ellen van Dijk, brushed away the opposition to finish the course in 48mins 41.62secs. That was almost a minute ahead of their nearest rivals, Germans Canyon Sram Racing, with Americans Twenty16-Ridebiker third. It was a sweet end for Stevens, 33, who was also part of winning teams in 2012, 2013 and 2014. “I came into this season knowing this was my last race, it’s nice to have a goal and it makes it very special to win,” she told AFP. The woman’s race also featured a spectacular crash involving Anouska Koster from the Netherlands, riding for Raboliv, who ploughed into a barrier. The races were held in sweltering conditions, where the temperature reached as high as 35 degrees Celsius (95 degrees Fahrenheit).—AFP



DOHA: BMC Racing Team’s cyclists compete in the men’s team time trial event as part of the 2016 UCI Road World Championships yesterday, in the Qatari capital Doha. — AFP

## STEVE HANSEN KEEPS ALL BLACKS GROUNDED AS HISTORY BECKONS

**WELLINGTON:** New Zealand coach Steve Hansen warned his history-making All Blacks yesterday not to get too far ahead of themselves as they were showered with praise following their record-breaking 57-15 thrashing of South Africa.

Former All Blacks captain Sean Fitzpatrick, speaking on SkySports in England, hailed the current side as “the best ever” after the nine-try demolition took them to a world record-equaling 17th consecutive victory. The Planet Rugby website rated the All Blacks “phenomenal”, particularly in the second-half when they scored 45 points and conceded only six, describing the performance “as one-sided a game as you will see at Test level”. The All Blacks embarrassed the Springboks in their Durban fortress, producing their highest score and biggest-winning margin against their arch rivals in 93 Tests dating back to 1921.

They became the first team to go through a Rugby Championship season scoring four or more tries in each Test, and if they beat Australia when they clash in Auckland on October 22 they will become the most successful ever top-tier side.

Their current streak of 17 wins in a row equals the world record set by the 1965-69 and 2013-14 All Blacks, and the 1997-98 Springboks. “The @AllBlacks are playing a different game to anybody on the planet at the moment. Just a joy to watch. Power pace and skill,” tweeted former Wales and British and Irish Lions backrower Scott Quinnell. But Hansen said while the current crop of All Blacks were “a good side” and determined to get better, he noted that Australia have a history of upsetting them.

“I wouldn’t get too far ahead of ourselves,” Hansen said in Durban. “If we’re going to go one step further we’ve got to make sure we prepare really well. Australia are a good rugby side.

“They’ve got a history of turning up when there’s a record on the table.” The Wallabies stopped the All Blacks’ last record run with a 12-12 draw in Sydney in 2014, while in 2010, when the All Blacks were on a 15-match winning streak, they were beaten 26-14 by Australia in Hong Kong. The All Blacks have convincingly beaten the Wallabies twice already this year — 42-8 in Sydney and 29-9 in Wellington.

Hansen said while there was no guarantee they would win the third encounter, setting records and creating history was their aim. “They’re a team that want to get better and do things other teams haven’t done. That’s been the case with this group since 2012. We’re trying to find different horizons all the time.”

Fitzpatrick, in his praise of the All Blacks, noted they have not missed a beat despite losing 800 caps worth of experience—including legends Richie McCaw and Dan Carter—after winning the World Cup last year. “This team has taken rugby to a new level,” Fitzpatrick said.

“They put a line in the sand after the World Cup last year, lost all that experience, seamlessly have gone into this team and created their own identity.” —AFP



DURBAN: New Zealand’s Anton Lienert-Brown, left, avoids a tackle by South Africa’s Faf de Klerk, during the rugby championship match between South Africa and New Zealand, at Kingsmead stadium in Durban, South Africa, Saturday. — AP

## CLERMONT DOWN TOULOUSE TO RECLAIM TOP SPOT

**PARIS:** Clermont returned to the top of the French League with a tight 29-25 victory over Toulouse in the Top 14 yesterday. They had briefly been replaced at the league summit on Saturday when La Rochelle held Toulon to a 17-17 draw. But Clermont opened up a three-point lead as tries from Arthur Iturria and Remi Lamerat, alongside 19 points from the boot of Morgan Parra, gave them a vital win.

Toulouse outscored Clermont by three tries to two on the back of a dominant pack that forced a penalty try after scores from Samoan pair Census Johnston and Joe Tekori. But indiscipline cost the 19-time French champions who had to content themselves with a losing bonus point that leaves them sixth. Clermont were off to a flyer after a glaring error from Toulouse scrum-half Samuel Marques in the fifth minute.

His pass deep in Toulouse territory was intercepted by Clermont fly-half Camille Lopez and although he was tackled inside the visitors’ 22 by Kiwi Luke McAlister, he managed to offload to lock Iturria to score under the posts. Scrum-half Parra converted and shortly afterwards landed a penalty to boot. Toulouse hit back on 17 minutes from a close-range line-out. They got the rolling maul into gear and prop Johnston barged over to score, although Portugal’s Marques hit the post with the conversion attempt. Parra knocked over a penalty off the upright and then a mazy, darting run from Wesley Fofana took Clermont right up to the Toulouse tryline, and although Australian hooker Nathan Charles was held up a

few centimetres short, a few plays later Lamerat managed to burst through.

Parra converted but Toulouse got back into the match before the break as lock Tekori bulldozed over from close range, through Parra and wing Noa Nakaitaci, after the visitors ran a succession of penalties after the half-time buzzer.

The pendulum seemed to be swinging in Toulouse’s favour as Clermont’s No.8 Fritz Lee was sin-binned for a high tackle on Jean-Marc Doussain with Marques kicking the penalty.

But almost immediately Parra replied to stretch back the hosts’ lead to 23-15.

Clermont were struggling at the set-piece, though, and prop Thomas Domingo was yellow-carded after collapsing a scrum five yards from his own line, leaving Clermont with 13 players.

Their seven-man scrum couldn’t handle the pressure and soon gave up a penalty try, with Marques converting to make it a one-point game. Yet almost immediately, Toulouse’s Fijian wing Semi Kunatani stupidly got himself sin-binned for trying to kick the ball out of Parra’s hands and the scrum-half made the visitors pay by landing his fourth penalty as Lee returned to the fray.

With both teams back to full strength, Florian Fritz kicked a monstrous penalty from inside his own half 10 minutes from time to make it 26-25 but Parra had the last word with his fifth penalty after Toulouse collapsed a maul in the day’s other game, Lyon moved up three places to ninth with a 27-22 win over Pau.—AFP



## KOHLI, RAHANE LEAD INDIA'S DOMINANCE AGAINST N ZEALAND

**INDORE:** Skipper Virat Kohli recorded his second double-century in Tests as he and Ajinkya Rahane helped India post a crushing 557 for five declared against New Zealand at Indore yesterday.

The visitors were 28 without loss at stumps on day two of the third and final Test, with Martin Gupthill on 17 and Tom Latham on six, trailing by 529. The hosts, who started the day on 267 for three, rode on the 365-run fourth-wicket partnership between Kohli (211) and Rahane (188) to flatten the New Zealand bowling.

The partnership was India's best for the fourth wicket, surpassing the 353-run stand between Sachin Tendulkar and VVS Laxman against Australia at Sydney in 2004.

"This partnership was really special. We were 100 for three and from there getting 365 was really special. It will remain in our memory for a long time," Rahane told reporters. Kohli, who scored his maiden 200 against the West Indies in July, registered his career-best Test score Sunday with a dominating display.

The batsman, who resumed the day on 103 in his 48th Test, scored runs all around the park with 20 boundaries during his 366-ball stay at the crease.

Overnight partner Rahane was also in blazing form, posting a career-best score in his 29th match after completing his eighth Test century. Rahane had to face a barrage of bouncers in the morning session from the New Zealand quicks, with one of the short-pitched deliveries from Matt Henry hitting his helmet.

But the incident only appeared to strengthen his resolve and his marathon knock included 18 fours and four sixes. The batsman surpassed his previous best of 147 against Australia in 2015.

"It was tough out there, I was struggling yesterday and I took my time. Today we both decided to dominate the spinners after we got our hundreds," said Rahane,

who started the day on 79.

Off-spinner Jeetan Patel finally broke the big stand by trapping a tired Kohli lbw as he tried to whip away the turning ball but missed the line completely.

### STANDING OVATION

Kohli, 27, the only Indian captain to score two double hundreds, was given a standing ovation by the capacity crowd at Indore's Holkar Stadium, which is hosting its first Test match.

Rahane continued to frustrate the New Zealand bowlers, but finally ran out of steam and was caught behind off Trent Boult. He was also given a rousing send-off.

"It was great to see Virat bat the way he did, learnt a lot of things. He's improving as a batsman and a leader," said Rahane.

Rohit Sharma (51) and Ravindra Jadeja (17) then added some quick runs with an unbeaten 53-run stand for the sixth wicket. The in-form Sharma, who hit three fours and two sixes during his 63-ball knock, struck his third half-century of the series as India gained firm control of the match.

Jadeja though was guilty of giving away five runs after being penalised by the on-field umpires for straying onto the danger area of the pitch while running between the wickets. Jadeja was warned twice by the umpires before the officials took the extreme step of crediting New Zealand with five runs.

Bowlers Boult and Patel shared two wickets apiece after the visitors were put in to field by India on Saturday. "Very, very high-quality batting. Took a very good delivery to create half-chances... I think we stuck to our plans well but we were worn down," said New Zealand coach Mike Hesson. "I think Kohli in particular, I think he took 120 singles, killed us softly." India have an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series but are looking to complete a whitewash against the tourists.— AFP



**INDORE:** Indian batsman Rohit Sharma, left, celebrates his half century with Ravindra Jadeja during the second day of the third test cricket match between India and New Zealand in Indore, India, yesterday. — AP

### SCOREBOARD

**INDORE, India:** Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the third and final Test between India and New Zealand in Indore yesterday:

<b>India 1st innings:</b> overnight 267/3 (V. Kohli 103 not out, A. Rahane 79 not out)		Patel 40-5-120-2, Santner 44-4-137-1, Neesham 18-1-53-0 (nb2)
M. Vijay c Latham b Patel	10	Did not bat: R. Ashwin, W. Saha, M. Shami, U. Yadav
G. Gambhir lbw b Boult	29	
C. Pujara b Santner	41	
V. Kohli lbw b Patel	211	<b>New Zealand:</b>
A. Rahane c Watling b Boult	188	M. Gupthill not out 17
R. Sharma not out	51	T. Latham not out 6
R. Jadeja not out	17	Extras (penalty 5) 5
Extras (lb3, w1, nb2) 10		Total (no loss; 9 overs) 28
Total (5 wickets dec; 169 overs) 557		Bowling: Shami 2-0-5-0, Yadav 2-0-7-0, Ashwin 3-1-9-0, Jadeja 2-1-2-0
Fall of wickets: 1-26 (Vijay), 2-60 (Gambhir), 3-100 (Pujara), 4-465 (Kohli), 5-504 (Rahane)		T bat: K. Williamson, R. Taylor, L. Ronchi, B.J. Watling, M. Santner, J. Patel, M. Henry, J. Neesham, T. Boult.
Bowling: Boult 32-2-113-2 (1w), Henry 35-3-127-0,		

## FAN'S DREAM COMES TRUE AFTER SIGHT RESTORED

**DHAKA:** Blind from his infancy, 19-year-old Bangladeshi cricket fan Samiul Islam finally had the opportunity to see his favourite team in action yesterday after his eyesight was restored following an operation funded by a reality TV show.

Hailing from a poor labourer's family in northern Sherpur district, 180 kilometres (112 miles) from Dhaka, Islam was brought to Mirpur stadium in the capital to fulfil his dream of watching the Tigers play after his eyesight was successfully restored.

A reality show named Shwapno Dekhe Chokh (Eyes see the dream) funded Islam's treatment in cooperation with international charity Sight Savers.

Islam, who lost his eyesight when he was only six months old, said he endured a harsh childhood filled with bullying and

neglect due to his blindness.

But despite the disability and hardships, he fostered a love for cricket and listened carefully to the commentary during matches. "I use to listen to commentary on the radio and TV. Whenever there was a big match I would go before the TV set. I could not see the game, but for sure, I could hear the commentary and feel the thrill," Islam said. When asked by the donors what he wished to see first after his operation, Islam said he would love to watch a Bangladesh cricket match live.

"Today my dream came true," he told AFP during the second one-day international between Bangladesh and England.

"I could see some of my favourite players like Shakib (Al Hasan) and Tamim (Iqbal) play in front of my eyes." — AFP



**POET ELIZABERTH:** Australia's batsman Mitchell Marsh (R) plays a ball during the fourth One Day International (ODI) between South Africa and Australia at the St. George's Park cricket stadium yesterday in Port Elizabeth. — AFP

## AUSTRALIA FALL TO SOUTH AFRICA'S BACK-UP BOWLERS

**PORT ELIZABETH:** South Africa rested three of their frontline bowlers but continued to dominate Australia as they won the fourth one-day international by six wickets at St George's Park yesterday.

Kyle Abbott led what was effectively South Africa's back-up bowling attack as Australia were bowled out for 167, the lowest total of the series. South African captain Faf du Plessis made 69 as South Africa secured their fourth successive win with 14.3 overs to spare.

It left Australian captain Steve Smith having to contemplate the prospect of a 5-0 series defeat going into the final match in Cape Town on Wednesday. "We don't want a whitewash so we'll have to turn up and play," he said.

Smith said he was disappointed with the batting performance.

"The wicket maybe wasn't as good as the others but 250 was about par." Having clinched the five-match series by winning the first three games, South Africa rested fast bowlers Dale Steyn and Kagiso Rabada and leading spin bowler Imran Tahir.

They were replaced by Abbott and spinners Tabraiz Shamsi and Aaron Phangiso. Man of the match Abbott admitted that he felt nervous before the game, having not been part of the first three matches.

But he bowled both Australian opening batsmen inside the first three overs and finished with four for 40. Unorthodox left-arm wrist spinner Tabraiz Shamsi took three for 36 and orthodox left-armer Phangiso picked up the last two wickets at a cost of 17 runs.

On a slow pitch, which offered some seam movement and uneven bounce, Abbott bowled a full length and made the ball deviate in both directions. He bowled Aaron Finch with the third ball of the match and then bowled David

SCOREBOARD		
<b>PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa:</b> Final scores in the fourth one-day international between South Africa and Australia at St George's Park yesterday.		
<b>Australia</b>		Phehlukwayo 5-1-28-0 (1w), Phangiso 4.4-0-17-2, Duminy 2-0-13-0
A. Finch b Abbott	2	
D. Warner b Abbott	6	
S. Smith lbw b Shamsi	21	
G. Bailey lbw b Pretorius	1	
M. Marsh c De Kock b Abbott	50	
T. Head lbw b Shamsi	0	
M. Wade lbw b Phangiso	52	
J. Hastings lbw b Shamsi	4	
A. Zampa b Abbott	5	
C. Tremain not out	23	
S. Boland lbw b Phangiso	0	
Extras (w3)	3	
Total (36.4 overs)	167	
Fall of wickets: 1-2 (Finch), 2-9 (Warner), 3-12 (Bailey), 4-49 (Smith), 5-49 (Head), 6-111 (Marsh), 7-116 (Hastings), 8-121 (Zampa), 9-167 (Wade)		
Bowling: Abbott 8-0-40-4, Pretorius 7-1-33-1 (1w), Shamsi 10-1-36-3 (1w),		

Warner with the first ball of his second over. He struck another crucial blow when he was brought back into the attack and had Mitchell Marsh caught behind for 50, ending a 62-run sixth wicket partnership with Matthew Wade. George Bailey was leg before wicket to Dwaine Pretorius as Australia slumped to 12 for three.

It became 49 for five when Shamsi deceived Australian captain Steve Smith and Travis Head, trapping them both leg before, in the space of three balls. Wade hit a defiant 52 off 58 deliveries and found some support from number ten batsman Chris Tremain, who made 23 not out and helped Wade add 46 for the ninth wicket.

Tremain, who took some heavy punishment in his first two matches for Australia earlier in the

series, gave South Africa some early worries by dismissing both opening batsmen, Hashim Amla and Quinton de Kock. With a strong wind blowing across the field, Du Plessis survived a chance on 16 when Adam Zampa misjudged a high catch off John Hastings at point. He shared half-century partnerships with JP Duminy and Rilee Rossouw before holing out to deep square leg off Marsh's bowling. He hit eight fours in an 87-ball innings. "4-0 sounds amazing," said Du Plessis.

"We said before the game that if we put Australia under pressure we should really hammer down. Abbo (Abbott) was outstanding with the new ball and Shamsi spun a web around them." — AFP

## BANGLADESH HUMBLE ENGLAND TO LEVEL ONE-DAY SERIES

**DHAKA:** Bangladesh thumped England in a bowler-dominated contest after home skipper

Mashrafe Mortaza's all-round brilliance secured their series-levelling 34-run victory in the second one-day international yesterday.

Mortaza blasted 44 runs off 29 balls and then returned to marshal his bowlers intelligently while claiming 4-29 himself as England collapsed for 204 in 44.4 overs.

Jos Buttler (57) and Jonny Bairstow (35) provided the only resistance in an otherwise spectacular England batting collapse chasing a modest 239-run victory target.

Put in to bat, Bangladesh had slumped to 39-3 in the 14th over but Mahmudullah's 75 and Mortaza's breezy knock helped the hosts recover and put on a competitive 238 for eight at Mirpur's Shere Bangla National Stadium. Chris Woakes came up with a double strike to vindicate Buttler's decision to field at the venue of their 21-run victory in Friday's series opener.

Woakes dismissed Imrul Kayes (11), who struck a blistering century in the previous match, and Tamim Iqbal (14) as Bangladesh

suffered a top order collapse.

Mahmudullah added 50 runs with Mushfiqur Rahim (21) and raised 48 with Mosaddek Hossain (29) but wickets kept tumbling at regular intervals.

Mortaza hit three sixes in his brisk knock before running himself out in the final over of the innings. The paceman then returned to lead by example. Mortaza dismissed James Vince, Jason Roy and Ben Stokes, while left-arm spinner Shakib Al Hasan sent back Ben Duckett to reduce England to 26-4 inside 10 overs. Buttler and Bairstow added 79 runs to try and put the chase back on track when Taskin Ahmed (3-47) ripped the heart out of the England lineup with some impressive fast bowling. The lanky paceman dismissed Bairstow and then virtually killed off the contest when he ended Buttler's run-a-ball-knock before sending back Woakes in his fiery spell.

Adil Rashid (33 not out) and Jake Ball (28) offered some late resistance but it was not enough in the end. The teams move to Chittagong for the third and final one-dayer on Wednesday. —Reuters

### SCOREBOARD

**DHAKA:** Scoreboard on the second one-day international between Bangladesh and England at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Dhaka yesterday:

<b>Bangladesh</b>		<b>England</b>	
Tamim Iqbal c Ali b Woakes	14	J. Roy lbw b Mortaza	13
Imrul Kayes c Willey b Woakes	11	J. Vince c Mosaddek b Mortaza	5
Sabbir Rahman b Ball	3	B. Duckett b Shakib	0
Mahmudullah Riyad lbw b Rashid	75	J. Bairstow c Rahim b Taskin	35
Mushfiqur Rahim c Ali b Ball	21	B. Stokes b Mortaza	0
Shakib Al Hasan c Buttler b Stokes	3	J. Buttler lbw b Taskin	57
Mosaddek Hossain c Ali b Rashid	29	M. Ali c Shakib b Nasir	4
Nasir Hossain not out	27	C. Woakes c Rahim b Taskin	7
Mashrafe Mortaza run out	44	A. Rashid not out	33
Shafiqul Islam not out	0	D. Willey lbw b Mosaddek	9
Extras (lb 4, w6, nb1)	11	J. Ball c Nasir b Mortaza	28
Total (eight wickets, 50 overs) 238		Extras (lb7, w6)	13
Fall of wickets: 1-25 (Kayes), 2-26 (Tamim), 3-39 (Sabbir), 4-89 (Rahim), 5-113 (Shakib), 6-161 (Mahmudullah), 7-169 (Mosaddek), 8-238 (Mortaza)		Total (all out 44.4 overs) 204	
Did not bat: Taskin Ahmed		Fall of wickets: 1-12 (Vince), 2-14 (Duckett), 3-24 (Roy), 4-26 (Stokes), 5-105 (Bairstow), 6-120 (Ali), 7-123 (Buttler), 8-132 (Woakes), 9-159 (Willey), 10-204 (Ball)	
Bowling: Woakes 9-0-40-2, Willey 8-1-36-0 (w3), Rashid 10-0-53-2 (w2), Ball 8-0-44-2 (w1), Stokes 6-1-22-1 (nb1), Ali 9-0-39-0.		Bowling: Shakib 9-0-50-1 (w1), Mortaza 8.4-0-29-4 (w1), Shafiqul 8-0-37-0 (w1), Taskin 8-0-47-3 (w3), Nasir 10-1-29-1, Mosaddek 1-0-5-1	
		Result: Bangladesh won by 34 runs.	



**DHAKA:** Bangladesh's wicketkeeper Mushfiqur Rahim, left, successfully makes an LBW appeal to dismissal of England's David Willey, right, during their second one-day international cricket match in Dhaka, Bangladesh, yesterday. —AP



## WASHINGTON BEATS OREGON TO SNAP 12-GAME LOSING STREAK

**EUGENE:** Washington receiver Dante Pettis was succinct in his assessment of quarterback Jake Browning. "Ridiculously good," Pettis said after Browning threw for 304 yards and a school-record six touchdowns in a 70-21 rout of Oregon on Saturday night. The victory snapped the No. 5 Huskies' 12-game losing streak to the Ducks and left Browning - who also ran for a pair of scores - wanting more. "We'll take a win no matter what but yeah, it's kind of cool. Seventy-seven would've been cool, too. The more points you can score the better," Browning said.

Myles Gaskin ran for 197 yards and a touchdown for the undefeated Huskies, who have won nine straight games going back to last season. Pettis caught eight passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns, while John Ross had nine catches for 94 yards and three scores.

Browning's eight touchdowns matched the Pac-12 single-game record.

Washington's 70 points were the most the team had scored since the 1944 season. "Everybody is going to talk about the yards and touchdowns, but I was just doing my job, going through my reads," Browning said. "I don't think there was anything outside of what I was supposed to do." Freshman Justin Herbert made his first college start and threw for 179 yards and two touchdowns for the Ducks, who continued their dramatic slide with a fourth straight loss. Oregon (2-4, 0-3 Pac-12) hadn't lost four straight since the 2006 season.

The 70 points that Oregon allowed were the second-most in school history, one shy of a 71-7 loss at Texas in 1941. Herbert was intercepted on his first pass of the game, and Washington went on to score on the ensuing series on Browning's 1-yard touchdown run.

Washington (6-0, 3-0) upped the lead on Browning's 3-yard TD pass to Ross. Rose also scored on a 15-yard pass from

Browning as the Huskies built a 28-0 lead. Browning scored on a 7-yard keeper to put Washington ahead 35-7 at the end of the first half.

Pettis caught touchdown passes of 10 and 28 yards as the Huskies built a 63-21 lead in the opening minutes of the final quarter. "We don't really focus on the past, we try to focus on the present, but there's a lot of people back home who really, really wanted this so it feels good," Pettis said. A local prospect out of Eugene's Sheldon High School, Herbert is the first true freshman to start for the Ducks since Chris Miller in 1983. Graduate transfer Dakota Prukop started at quarterback in the Ducks' first five games. "It's like a broken record but we just have to keep getting after it," said Oregon defensive coordinator Brady Hoke. "That's the only way to fix it."

### POLL IMPLICATIONS

The decisive victory in a hostile set-

ting - and the end of that 12-game losing streak - should reassure any doubters of Washington's place in the top 10, although Oregon is clearly struggling this season. It was the Ducks' worst loss (margin-wise) since they fell 63-0 at Nebraska in 1985.

### TAKEAWAYS

Oregon: Despite his obvious inexperience and that initial interception, Herbert showed potential. At one point in the first half he followed up a pump fake with a flip pass to tight end Pharoah Brown. The issue for the Ducks continues to be the defense, which allowed the Huskies 682 yards in total offense.

Washington: The Huskies with Browning continue to be an offensive force, completely dominating Oregon's re-tooled D under Hoke.

### KEY INJURY

Oregon was without senior receiver

Dwayne Stanford with an undisclosed injury. He was third on the team with 13 catches for 175 yards and a touchdown. In his honor, Brown wore his No. 88 jersey against the Huskies. When Brown was injured in 2014, Stanford wore his No. 85 jersey.

Oregon running back Royce Freeman may have been injured during the game. Freeman ran for 50 yards but didn't play in the second half.

"I'm just glad I don't have to talk about the streak, or have to answer that. That's probably the No. 1 thing I've been asked since the day I got to Seattle. That's why I'm really happy, so I don't have to answer that question," Washington coach Chris Petersen said.

Washington: The Huskies return home for a bye next week before hosting Oregon State on Oct. 22 Oregon: The Ducks also get a bye next weekend before a Friday night game on Oct. 21 in Berkeley. — AP

## PANTHERS' HUBERDEAU HURT IN WIN OVER DEVILS

**WEST POINT:** Jonathan Huberdeau left with an apparent left leg injury during the Florida Panthers' 4-2 win over the New Jersey Devils on Saturday night. As Huberdeau turned away from a check behind New Jersey's net, the skate of Devils center Sergey Kalinin appeared to come down on Huberdeau's left ankle. The Panthers have not offered an update on Huberdeau's status. Roberto Luongo made 25 saves and Jonathan Marchessault, Colton Sceviour, Aaron Eklblad and Vincent Trocheck scored for Florida. Goaltending tandem Cory Schneider and Keith Kinkaid split time in goal for New Jersey. Schneider allowed all four Florida goals on 15 shots, while Kinkaid stopped all eight shots he faced. Andy Greene and Michael Cammalleri scored for New Jersey.

### BLUE JACKETS STING PENGUINS

In Pittsburgh, Oliver Bjorkstrand scored twice and Sergei Bobrovsky made 22 saves to help the Columbus Blue Jackets beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-3 in the preseason finale for both teams. Matt Calvert had a goal and an assist, Brandon Saad and Boone Jenner also scored, and Alexander Wennberg had two assists. Kris Letang, Evgeni Malkin and Scott Wilson scored for the Stanley Cup champion Penguins. Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 31 shots.

### WILD USE BIG THIRD TO BEAT JETS

In St Paul, Minnesota, Charlie Coyle capped a four-goal third period and the Minnesota Wild beat the Winnipeg Jets 5-1. Mike Reilly, Christoph Bertschy and Marco Scandella also scored for Minnesota in the third after Zach Parise got the game's first goal midway through the first. Devan Dubnyk stopped 17 shots for the Wild. Joel Armia scored with 8:14 left in the first to make it 1-1, and Michael Hutchinson made 29 saves for the Jets.

### BRUINS SLIP PAST FLYERS

In Boston, Ryan Spooner's breakaway goal 1:48 into overtime lifted the Boston Bruins over the Philadelphia Flyers 1-0. David Backes' pass led Spooner on a breakaway before he snapped a quick shot past goalie Steve Mason. Mason made 22 saves. Tuukka Rask stopped 27 shots.

### WINGS SOAR OVER LEAFS

In Detroit, Anthony Mantha's third goal of the preseason with 8:03 left broke a tie and powered the Detroit Red Wings to a 4-3 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs. Detroit led 3-1 after two periods. Gustav Nyquist and Dylan Larkin scored in the first period, and Brendan Smith added a goal late in the second. Toronto scored twice in a 12-second span to start the third period and tied it 3-3. William Nylander made it 3-2 39 seconds in, and

Brooks Laich's first of the exhibition season at 51 seconds drew the game even. Zach Hyman scored in the second period for Toronto. Petr Mrazek made 29 saves for Detroit, while Toronto goaltender Frederik Andersen stopped 19 of 23 shots.

### STAMKOS LEADS LIGHTNING OVER PREDATORS

In Tampa, Florida, Steven Stamkos' three-assist performance helped the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Nashville Predators 5-3. Nikita Nesterov, Brayden Point, Jonathan Drouin, Tyler Johnson and Ondrej Palat scored for the Lightning, while Tampa Bay goaltenders Ben Bishop and Andrei Vasilevskiy split time in net. Bishop made 14 saves on 16 shots in two periods, and Vasilevskiy stopped seven of eight shots in the third.

Pekka Rinne allowed all five Lightning goals on 36 shots. Craig Smith scored twice for the Predators, and Colin Wilson added a goal.

### PIETERANGELO LIFTS BLUES OVER BLACKHAWKS

In St. Louis, Alex Pietrangelo scored early in the third period to lift the St. Louis Blues over the Chicago Blackhawks 2-1. Vladimir Tarasenko got his first goal of the preseason in the first period for the Blues. Carter Hutton stopped 11 of 12 shots in two periods for St. Louis, and Jake Allen stopped all six shots he faced. Dennis Rasmussen scored for Chicago to make it 1-1 early in the second. Corey Crawford stopped 19 shots.

### AVALANCHE CROWN KINGS

In Las Vegas, Gabriel Landeskog's goal 30 seconds into overtime lifted the Colorado Avalanche to a 2-1 comeback win over the Los Angeles Kings.

Mikhail Grigorenko scored with 1:14 left in the third period to tie the game and set up Landeskog's winner. Semyon Varlamov made 26 saves for the Avalanche. Jeff Carter scored for Los Angeles, and Jonathan Quick stopped 23 of 25 shots. The game was played at the T-Mobile Arena, which will host Las Vegas' expansion team beginning in 2017-18.

### CANUCKS RALLY TO BEAT OILERS

In Edmonton, Alberta, Markus Grandlund scored the winner and added an assist, and the Vancouver Canucks overcame a slow start to close out their exhibition schedule with a 3-2 victory over the Edmonton Oilers.

Brandon Sutter and Sven Baertschi also scored for the Canucks. Benoit Pouliot and Connor McDavid scored for the Oilers, who had a three-game winning streak snapped. Jacob Markstrom made 34 saves for the Canucks. Cam Talbot stopped 18 shots for Edmonton. — AP



CHICAGO: Brandon Belt #9 of the San Francisco Giants forces out Addison Russell #27 of the Chicago Cubs at first base in the fifth inning at Wrigley Field on Saturday in Chicago, Illinois. —AFP

## CUBS ON THE CUSP AFTER 5-2 WIN OVER GIANTS

**CHICAGO:** Pitchers Kyle Hendricks and Travis Wood produced on the mound and at the plate Saturday to propel the Chicago Cubs to a 5-2 victory over the San Francisco Giants and a commanding lead in their Major League Baseball playoff series.

The Cubs, in search of their first World Series win in more than a century, lead the best-of-five National League Division Series 2-0 and will try to book their spot in the NL Championship Series in game three in San Francisco on Monday. Wood, who took over on the mound after starter Hendricks was hit on the forearm by a line drive off the bat of Angel Pagan in the fourth inning, earned the victory-and also became the first relief pitcher since 1924 to belt a home run in the post-season.

In all the Cubs used six pitchers. Aroldis Chapman retired three straight Giants in the ninth, striking out two for his second save in as many games. "Obviously the bullpen today was unbelievable," said Hendricks. "They won that game." Before departing, Hendricks delivered a two-run single to spark the Cubs' three-run second inning.

Jason Heyward belted a leadoff double in the second. Javier Baez walked and Willson

Contreras lined a base hit to right to load the bases with none out. Hendricks, a .138 hitter during the regular season, singled to shallow center to score Heyward and Baez.

Contreras reached third on Dexter Fowler's sacrifice and came home on Kris Bryant's base hit. That gave made it 4-0 for the Cubs, who had put one run on the board in the first inning after Fowler doubled and scored on Ben Zobrist's two-out single. San Francisco responded with two runs in the third, pulling struggling starting pitcher Jeff Samardzija early for a pinch hitter. Hendricks' outing ended with two out in the fourth. After he was struck, he threw several warm-up pitches before it was decided he should seek treatment on his pitching arm.

"When it first hit me I didn't really feel it," he said. "Once I started throwing a little more off the mound it just was tightening up on me. "X-rays were negative though, so hopefully it's just a day-to-day thing."

### RARE FEAT FOR RELIEVER

He was replaced by Wood, who in the bottom of the inning belted his 10th career home run to make it a 5-2 lead.

It was his first homer in post-season play-and

just the second ever by a relief pitcher in the playoffs, after that of the New York Giants' Rosy Ryan in game three of the 1924 World Series.

"(The homer) was a special moment for me," said Wood, who also struck out two and didn't allow a hit in his 1 1/3 innings. "But just to be able to pull off the win was huge."

Wood, a former starter who switched to relief roles, has been relied on by Cubs manager Joe Maddon, with 77 appearances in the regular season. "He's been outstanding," Maddon said. "When he goes out there to play even in the tightest situation, he's very comfortable with it. "He takes his batting practice, he looks for those opportunities and then he seized it today."

The winners of the series will face either the Washington Nationals or Los Angeles Dodgers for a World Series berth.

Yesterday's scheduled Nationals-Dodgers game in Washington was rained out. MLB commissioner Rob Manfred said the game would be played on Sunday at Nationals Park, where the Dodgers won game one on Friday to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-five NL Division Series.

The teams will travel after the contest and play game three as scheduled today in Los Angeles. — AFP



WEST POINT: New Jersey Devils goalie Keith Kinkaid (1) defends Florida Panthers center Aleksander Barkov (16) during the third period of an NHL preseason hockey game, Saturday, in West Point, NY. The Panthers won 4-2. — AP

## KENYANS ABEL KIRUI, KIPLAGAT NOTCH CHICAGO MARATHON WINS

**CHICAGO:** Two-time world champion Abel Kirui denied Dickson Chumba a second straight Chicago Marathon title, seizing a narrow lead in the closing kilometers and holding on for the win in the Windy City yesterday.

Kirui, the 2012 Olympic silver medalist, won in 2hrs 11min 23sec with Chumba second in 2:11:26 and Gideon Kipketer third in 2:12:20. While Chumba was unable to repeat his 2015 triumph, Kenya's Florence Kiplagat won her second straight Chicago crown, powering to a dominant victory in 2:21:32, almost two seconds ahead of runner-up Edna Kiplagat's 2:23:28. Valentine Kipketer completed the Kenyan women's sweep, finishing third in 2:23:41.

In a men's race that in the absence of a pace-setter featured erratic surges in speed, a trio of Kenyans, Chumba,

Kipketer and Kirui, broke away late from a group of 13.

With two kilometers remaining Chumba and Kirui were jockeying for the lead before Kirui, running in Chicago for the first time, made a decisive move to capture his first victory in one of the six Word Marathon Majors. There was no such drama for half-marathon world record-holder Florence Kiplagat, who powered home all alone, giving a quick victory dance after crossing the line and embracing her training partner Kirui. "When I was coming here I was determined to win because I just wanted to win twice," said the winner, who didn't approach her personal best of 2:19:44 set in Berlin in 2011 but who bettered the 2:23:33 she ran in Chicago last year. Kirui was delighted with his Chicago debut. "It's wonderful, amazing," he said. —AFP



CHICAGO: Gideon Kipeter of Kenya finishes 3rd in the men's race at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon yesterday in Chicago, Illinois. —AFP



# HENDERSON BACKS ROONEY TO COPE WITH BOOS

**LONDON:** England midfielder Jordan Henderson insists under-fire Wayne Rooney won't let the boo boys throw him off his game. Rooney was jeered by frustrated England fans after the Manchester United star capped a lacklustre performance with a wayward shot in the closing stages of his country's 2-0 win over Malta at Wembley on Saturday. The England captain had already endured a difficult season, with United manager Jose Mourinho dropping him recently, but the taunts that greeted his underwhelming effort against minnows Malta were a new low. Henderson is confident Rooney will be able to ignore the boos because he has become accus-

tomed to dealing with scrutiny and criticism throughout his career. "Wayne's experienced enough to know he has to concentrate on his football. I think he's had criticism for most of his career, like many players have," Henderson said. "He deals with it very well. He's our captain and our leader. He's a fantastic player for Manchester United and England. "I didn't really hear any boos, but we have to deal with it as professional footballers. There is going to be criticism along the way," Rooney wasn't alone in having to deal with jeers during the World Cup qualifier as there were boos for the whole team following a disjointed second half. Henderson admit-

ted the fans' criticism was inevitable after England's embarrassing Euro 2016 exit against lowly Iceland. "We just have to focus on what's important as a team. That's staying together and winning games," Henderson said. "I said during the week the fans had a right to criticise after the way we went out of the Euros. Not only the Euros but in the World Cup as well. "We've got to take the criticism and we deserve it. But I feel as though they know we are a good team and want us to do well. "It's up to us to put in good performances and win games."

**LIMITED SUCCESS**  
Rooney had spent his entire career as

a striker until last season when former United boss Louis van Gaal used him in midfield with limited success. Mourinho is adamant the 30-year-old's best position is up front, but England interim manager Gareth Southgate disagrees and deployed Rooney in a deep-lying midfield role on Saturday. Rooney looked a fish out of water for long spells and Henderson, who played alongside him in midfield, conceded their partnership still needs work. "I felt he had a good performance. He got on the ball and broke it up at times," Henderson said. "It was just making sure that we were communicating and making we weren't

both getting ahead of the ball and leaving gaps in the middle. "We had to be sure one was always protecting and the other was getting forward. "I felt we had that balance most of the time but there were a couple of occasions when it could have been better, so we will look back at that and that's an area we need to improve on." Southgate refused to take the bait when asked if Rooney's display showed Mourinho was right. "Look, Jose will have his opinion on what's right for his team. I have to pick a team to get a result today. I don't see any point in getting drawn into that," he said. —AFP

## CONCACAF TO OVERHAUL 'ARCHAIC' WORLD CUP QUALIFYING FORMAT

**LONDON:** World Cup qualifying in North America set to be overhauled to avoid shutting out the majority of countries in the CONCACAF region so early. CONCACAF President Victor Montagliani has instigated a review of an "archaic" format that leaves only six out of the region's 35 teams still in with a shot at qualifying for Russia in 2018. Alongside a potential new name to replace the corruption-tainted CONCACAF brand, revamping qualifying to be more inclusive has emerged as a key objective for Montagliani after five months in charge of the confederation covering North and Central America and the Caribbean. "Something needs to change because you can't have 85 percent of your members who are on the outside looking in two years before the World Cup," Montagliani told The Associated Press. "It doesn't make sense." Since qualifying for the 1998 World Cup, CONCACAF has used a system where teams play home and away in early rounds. Once 12 nations are remaining there are three groups of four, which produces six teams for a final round. The United States, Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, and Trinidad and Tobago are the last teams standing, chasing three of CONCACAF's automatic qualification places. Starting next month, they play each other twice in a league. "It's great for those six teams over the next year and a bit but how about the other ones?" Montagliani said. "It's hard." Hard for players to raise their standard and hard for teams to generate revenue to fund soccer development. "Caribbean countries have problems climbing the FIFA rankings, just because we are not able to play as many international games as you want to," John Krishnadath, president of the Suriname soccer federation, told the AP earlier this year, while also highlighting the high cost of traveling to matches. Suriname's World Cup journey ended in June 2015 immediately after entering in the second round of CONCA-

CAF qualifying. The first seven CONCACAF teams were eliminated back in March 2015. It's so long ago that Montagliani is the third president CONCACAF has had during qualifying for the 2018 tournament. Former CONCACAF head Jeffrey Webb was first arrested as part of the sprawling American investigation into soccer corruption in May 2015 and his temporary replacement, Alfredo Hawit, was also indicted seven months later. Montagliani said CONCACAF competitions and the interests of teams were neglected in an era when the leadership was motivated by corruptly extorting money from the confederation and its commercial backers. "Can you imagine you are a country trying to find a sponsor and they say, 'I'm all for it, when's your next big game?' And it's three years from now," Montagliani said during an interview in London. "So we seriously need to look at our World Cup qualifying system that is a bit archaic. We need to be a bit more all-encompassing. We're looking at how we balance competitions with our commercial (priorities) without putting too much stress on already too busy calendars as well." But Montagliani is certain qualifying must change, although there could be a proliferation of games that draw smaller crowds and little broadcast revenue. Discussing a new configuration, Montagliani said: "Maybe it's like the Europeans or maybe it's like the South Americans with a league - or it's a hybrid of the two." In Europe, countries are split into nine groups, balanced according to their rankings, and play games from September 2016 to October 2017. The group winners qualify automatically and the eight best runners-up will contest playoffs for the remaining four UEFA spots in Russia. In South America, the ten CONMEBOL members are in a two-year league that started in October 2015. The top four have guaranteed World Cup places and the fifth-place team has to go through a playoff against a country from Oceania. —AP

## IWOBI, IHEANACHO SCORE AS NIGERIA TRIUMPH, CONGO WIN

**JOHANNESBURG:** Nigeria opened their 2018 World Cup group-phase qualifying campaign with a 2-1 victory in Zambia yesterday thanks to goals from English Premier League duo Alex Iwobi and Kelechi Iheanacho. The 20-year-old strikers scored in the opening half before a capacity 40,000 crowd at Levy Mwanawasa Stadium in central city Ndola that included President Edgar Lungu. Zambia dominated the second half and veteran striker Collins Mbesuma set up a tense finish by halving the deficit 19 minutes from time. But an equaliser eluded the Chipolopolo (Copper Bullets), who are seeking a first World Cup appearance while the Super Eagles have already been to the finals five times. The teams are in Group B-labelled the 'group of death' as it contains three 2014 World Cup qualifiers in Algeria, Cameroon and Nigeria. Algeria host record seven-time African qualifiers Cameroon later in Blida, a venue where the North African Desert Foxes are virtually invincible. Iwobi of Arsenal pounced on a weak headed clearance to slam the ball past goalkeeper Kennedy Mweene from close range on 32 minutes. Neat one-touch passing set Iheanacho of Manchester City free 10 minutes later and he rounded Mweene before calmly pushing the ball into the net. A blunder from Nigeria defender Kenneth Omeruo allowed Mbesuma to score by firing past impressive goalkeeper Carl Ikeme from inside the penalty area. Seven matches into the African group phase, Nigeria are the only country to win away after three home victories and three draws. Meanwhile, Dieumerci Mbokani scored twice as the Democratic Republic of Congo made an emphatic start to the group phase of Africa's World Cup qualifiers with a 4-0 thumping of Libya while both the Ivory Coast and Senegal also emerged victorious on Saturday. There were also potentially important away points collected by Morocco and South Africa on the opening weekend of games in the five groups, from which the winners go on to compete at the 2018 finals in Russia. Striker Mbokani, recently signed by Hull City, netted after just six minutes to set the tone in Kinshasa with Jonathan Bolingi and Ndombe Mubele adding goals in a one-sided performance that could have ended with a even more convincing winning margin had the hosts taken all their chances. Gervinho hammered home a left footed cracker for the Ivory Coast as they came from a goal down to beat Mali 3-1 in Bouake. Sambou Yatabare scored to give Mali an 18th minute lead in the Group C clash but it lasted only eight minutes before Jonathan Kodjia equalised with an effort from outside the penalty area. A horror own goal from Salif Coulibaly meant the African champions went 2-1 up just after the half hour mark before Gervinho's superb finish gave the Ivorians a two-goal advantage at half-time. There were no more goals in the second half of an entertaining derby clash. — Agencies



**NDOLA:** Zambia's Collins Mbesuma runs with the ball during the FIFA World Cup qualifier between Zambia and Nigeria at the Levy Mwanawasa Stadium in Ndola yesterday. — AFP



**AMSTERDAM:** France's national football team players take part in a training session at the Amsterdam Arena in Amsterdam yesterday, on the eve of the FIFA World Cup 2018 qualifying football match against Netherlands. — AFP

# BUOYANT GERMANY SET SIGHTS ON N IRELAND

**BERLIN:** Germany coach Joachim Loew has called 'same again' for tomorrow's next World Cup qualifier against Northern Ireland following his side's demolition of the Czech Republic. Thomas Mueller scored twice and Toni Kroos also netted as Germany dominated the Czech Republic with a 3-0 win on Saturday night. It was an impressive display from the hosts in Hamburg and the scoreline could have been much higher as Julian Draxler, Mario Goetze and Mueller all missed clear chances. Now Loew wants the same performance against Northern Ireland in Hanover to preserve their perfect record and stay top of Group C. "We need the same determination, the same amount of running and the same precision in our passes," said Loew. Germany's head coach says he expects the Irish, who beat minnows San Marino 4-0 in Belfast on Saturday in the same group, to be "even more cautious" than the Czechs. "They (the Czechs) tried to interfere with our game, at least early on, and so we have to put in exactly the same sort of display to be successful (against the Irish)," said Loew. "You could see after an hour that we had run our opponents ragged." The 56-year-old said he was pleased to see the likes of Mueller and Borussia Dortmund's Mario Goetze, who was playing up front with Mario Gomez injured, attacking deep in the box. Loew said he was happy with the constant pressure his side exerted on the Czech goal to combat the visitors' dogged defence.

He expects the Irish to defend just as deep in Hanover. Mueller has yet to score a goal in the Bundesliga for his club Bayern Munich this season after six German league matches. But having also netted twice in the 3-0 win over Norway at the start of September, he already has four goals in their two 2018 World Cup qualifiers. **'INNER VOICE'** The self-assured 27-year-old, the top scorer at the 2010 World Cup, was full of irony after some suggestions in the German media of a mini crisis given his lack of league goals for Bayern. "I was in a tragic situation before the game, so I was really glad I could get out of this mess," he said, tongue planted firmly in cheek, having now scored 36 goals in 80 internationals. "The football business is like that sometimes," he added having failed to score for Germany at both the finals of Euro 2016 and 2012. "I try to let myself be influenced as little as possible by the positive as well as the negative moments and just continue on my way. "I listen to my coaches and my inner voice, and if a good tip from a journalist is there, I will listen to it too." The win in Hamburg was an impressive team performance, especially from centre-backs Mats Hummels and Jerome Boateng, who repeatedly shut down the Czechs attack and put in a series of superb passes. After Germany suffered defeats away to Poland and the Republic of Ireland in their Euro 2016 qualifying campaign, 3-0 wins over both

Norway and now the Czechs have buoyed the team. "Jerome and I kept finding good solutions to problems at the back," said Hummels. "That was partly because our team-mates put in some good lines of running. "We didn't start our last qualifying campaign so well (after a 2-0 defeat to Poland early in the campaign) and we really want to do things differently this year. "At the moment, we are very focussed and things look good." — AFP

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<b>Faroe Islands v Portugal</b>		<b>21:45</b>
Abu Dhabi SPORTS 3 HD		
<b>Sweden v Bulgaria</b>		<b>21:45</b>
Abu Dhabi SPORTS 5 HD		
<b>Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina v Cyprus</b>		<b>21:45</b>
Abu Dhabi SPORTS 2 HD		
<b>Gibraltar v Belgium</b>		<b>21:45</b>
Abu Dhabi SPORTS 6 HD		

## POLAND SINK DENMARK

**WARSAW:** A hat-trick by deadly finisher Robert Lewandowski lifted Poland to a 3-2 victory over Denmark in a thrilling World Cup Group E qualifier on Saturday. A packed 56,000 crowd at the National Stadium in Warsaw saw the home team go in front in the 20th minute when Kamil Grosicki delivered a cross and Lewandowski scored from close range. Poland kept attacking, mainly down the wings, and Lewandowski made it 2-0 with a penalty nine minutes before half-time. Full back Jannik Vestergaard brought down Arek Milik six metres out and Lewandowski sent keeper Kasper Schmeichel the wrong way from the spot. The Bayern Munich marksman's third goal came at the start of the second half when he pounced on an error by Vestergaard and powered half the length of the field before slotting the ball beyond Schmeichel. Denmark pulled one back in the 49th minute as Poland's Kamil Glik turned the ball past his own keeper, Lukasz Fabianski. The visitors then suddenly started to dominate possession and it was no surprise when lively substitute Yussuf Poulsen netted in the 69th minute. However, with playmaker Christian Eriksen tightly marked by Poland's defenders, Denmark were unable to draw level. Poland are joint top of the group, alongside Montenegro and Romania, with four points from two matches. The Danes are fourth on three points. Lewandowski has now scored hat-tricks in three competitions this season, having also landed a treble in the Bundesliga and German Cup. He has netted in each of his last seven World Cup/European Championship qualifiers, bagging 11 goals in total in those matches. — Reuters

# COSTA RICA'S LATE SHOW SINKS RUSSIA

**MOSCOW:** Joel Campbell's injury-time spotkick lifted Costa Rica to a 4-3 win over Russia yesterday to end the 2018 World Cup hosts' unbeaten run under new coach Stanislav Cherchesov. Goals by midfielders Randall Azofeifa, Bryan Ruiz and Sporting Lisbon's Campbell and an own goal by Russia's skipper Vasily Berezutsky set Costa Rica on their way to success in the friendly at the newly-built Krasnodar Arena. Artem Dzyuba, who netted a double, and Alexander Samedov were on target for Russia. "It's an excellent result against an opponent like Russia," Costa Rica manager Oscar Ramirez said. "We played better in the first half while Russia performed really well in the first 15 minutes after the break. "The draw would have been the fairest result but we were awarded a penalty and scored the fourth goal at the death." Spurred on by a capacity 33,700 crowd Russia started brightly, Costa Rica's Real Madrid 'keeper Keylor Navas

forced into a diving save in the third minute by Samedov's close-range shot. In the 22nd minute Azofeifa beat Russian keeper Soslan Dzhananov with a powerful shot from the edge of the area. Skipper Ruiz made it 2-0 seven minutes later when he fired the ball into the far left post from 25 yards out. Samedov pulled one back with a header from the edge of the six-yard area in the 31st minute but in first half stoppage time Berezutsky sent the ball into his own net trying to clear a cross by Johnny Acosta. After the interval Dzyuba scored twice in the space of 13 minutes to pull Russia back level at 3-3. But second-half substitute Campbell scored the decisive goal from the spot in injury time after Berezutsky felled him in the area. "We still have plenty of work to do," Cherchesov, who took over in August, said. "I'm really pleased with the team's comeback but today my players made too many costly individual errors." —AFP



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Rosberg extends  
lead with dominant  
Japan win



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BEIJING: Andy Murray of Britain kisses his trophy after defeating Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria in the men's singles final match at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing, yesterday. (Inset) Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland poses with her trophy after beating Johanna Konta of Britain during the women's singles final of the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing yesterday. — AP /AFP

## MURRAY, RADWANSKA CLAIM TITLES AT CHINA OPEN

BEIJING: Andy Murray claimed the title at the China Open yesterday, taking a step toward unseating world number one Novak Djokovic, as Agnieszka Radwanska won her second Beijing crown. Both romped to victory in straight sets on a chilly night in the Chinese capital, neither of them having dropped a set in the tournament. Murray's 6-4, 7-6 (7/2) win over unseeded Grigor Dimitrov is his fifth title of the year and 40th of his career, while third-ranked Radwanska sealed her win 6-4, 6-2 over Briton Johanna Konta with an ace. The Scot's victory moves him 1,000 points closer to long-reigning world number one Djokovic, with the chance of taking the top spot by year-end and capping off a career-best season.

Murray broke Dimitrov's serve in the opening game of the match, putting the 15th-ranked Bulgarian on the defensive as he made 21 unforced errors in the opening set.

In the second, both held their serve through the first four games until Murray broke Dimitrov at 3-2. It looked like the Scot would serve for the championship but Dimitrov—who beat Rafael Nadal en route to the final—won the next 11

points, breaking Murray to love.

Pushed to a tiebreak, the three-time Grand Slam champion immediately seized back control, storming through the decider to claim his first title in the Chinese capital.

Dimitrov had received a free pass through the semi-finals after Canadian Milos Raonic pulled out with an ankle injury, but was left overwhelmed by the Scot.

"I just didn't feel that I had another gear," Dimitrov told reporters after the match. "Andy's fighting pretty much every single point. You know you're not going to get anything for free."

With his 40th win, Murray is the 16th player in the open era to win at least 40 titles and the fourth active player to accomplish the feat, joining Djokovic, Nadal and Roger Federer.

### THE MAGICIAN

Radwanska's victory was the 20th of her career but there was more on the line for Konta, 25, who was making a bid in the Chinese capital for what would have been her second

and biggest title. Despite the loss, by reaching the Beijing final Konta has amassed enough points to break into the top 10 — the first British woman to do so since Jo Durie in 1984. When the new leaderboards are released Monday it will be the first time since computerised rankings were introduced that a British man (Murray) and woman are ranked in the top 10 at the same time. Konta claimed two top 10 scalps en route to the final, sixth-ranked Karoline Pliskova and number eight Madison Keys, but Radwanska managed to unsettle her on Sunday.

The Briton, usually a solid baseliner, repeatedly pushed to the net as she tried to shift the match momentum in her favour, but it was a risky strategy that cost her 29 unforced errors.

"Against a player like Agnieszka, who is basically a human wall, you definitely do try to look to get the upper hand in any way possible," Konta told reporters after the match.

After dropping her serve twice in each set, Konta made a bid to even the scoreline in the second, pushing Radwanska to two break points in the sixth game.

But the Pole-nicknamed "The Magician" for her ability to conjure up shots-blasted a forehand down the line to save her service game. "Whenever I felt I could have got a little bit of a foothold in the match, she took it away from me," Konta said. The world number three served for the title, firing her only ace of the match straight down the line for her third Premier Mandatory title, one rung down from a Grand Slam.

"I think that was a perfect timing," Radwanska said of the ace. It was the second time the pair have met after Radwanska beat the Briton in a two-hour, three-set battle in Cincinnati in August. They may meet again in Singapore at the end of the month for the WTA Finals. Radwanska has already qualified for the eight-player season finale, which follows a round-robin format, while the Briton is still chasing points to guarantee her maiden appearance.

Konta is in eighth position but could be nudged out by Wuhan Open finalist Dominika Cibulkova, who is just 10 points behind her in the so-called Race to Singapore.

The Briton is playing in Hong Kong next week, hoping to rack up enough qualification points. — AFP

## KYRGIOS BEATS GOFFIN TO TAKE JAPAN OPEN

TOKYO: Australian power-hitter Nick Kyrgios fired an incredible 25 aces yesterday to win the Japan Open, pounding Belgium's David Goffin 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Kyrgios rocketed serves clocking in at more than 220 kilometres (136 miles) per hour in quick succession, giving Goffin little time to regain his rhythm. Goffin used his quick footwork and long rallies to put pressure on his opponent, but Kyrgios' fearsome serves in the end overwhelmed the world's number 14.

The Australian, ranked 15 in the world, also showed off some sharp ground strokes and saved 11 of 12 break points to lift the trophy in two hours. "I think my serves are what got me out of trouble," Kyrgios said. "David makes you feel like the court is small. It was a tough match." Goffin managed to take the upper hand early in the match by hitting deep, angled returns to make his opponent run while winning long rallies with some clever footwork.

But Kyrgios fired off superb serves from the start, escalating his big-serve offensives in the second set, landing 11 aces, followed by 10 more in the third. He also took risks to blast out sizzling shots even after faulting on first serves.

"His (Goffin's) strength was returning.

So I had to step up my serves a little bit especially in the second set," Kyrgios said, adding that he also managed to improve his returns as the match progressed. Goffin said he attempted to play rallies and wait for Kyrgios to make mistakes, but faced an unending shower of cannon-like serves. "In the first set, he was not serving like he did in the second and third. I was on the ball in the first set," Goffin said.

"I think, during the match, he had to serve well because I was doing rallies better," he said.

"He served 215 (kilometres per hour) on the line with a lot of precision.

Even if you choose the right side, it's tough to return," Goffin added. Kyrgios grabbed his third trophy of the season, after many of his big-name rivals pulled out of the Tokyo tournament due to injuries. Defending champion and US Open winner Stan Wawrinka withdrew from the event due to back trouble, while home favourite Kei Nishikori, winner in 2014 and 2012, was unable to finish his second-round match Wednesday because of muscle strain.

Injuries also forced Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro, Japan Open winner in 2013, to skip the tournament after receiving an invitation as a wildcard. — AFP



TOKYO: Australia's Nick Kyrgios returns a shot against Belgium's David Goffin during the men's singles final at the ATP Japan Open tennis tournament in Tokyo yesterday. — AFP







# GENFORWARD POLL: HALF OF BLACK YOUTH FACE JOB DISCRIMINATION

**WASHINGTON:** Qymana Botts saw white colleagues with the same amount of experience getting promoted to cashier ahead of her at the Indiana discount store where she worked. When she asked her supervisors why, they told her she didn't project the image that they wanted from their cashiers: straight hair - not her natural Afro - and more makeup. "When it came time for promotions and raises and things like that, I was told I need to fit into a more European kind of appearance," Botts said of her 2010 experience. "They wanted me to straighten my hair, but I wasn't willing to do that." Botts, 25, is not alone.

### Race and ethnicity

Almost half of young African-Americans say they've experienced racial discrimination while looking for a job and while on the job, and one-third of young women of all races and ethnicities say they've faced employment-related gender discrimination. This information comes from a GenForward survey of young adults conducted by the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago with The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. The first-of-its-kind poll pays special attention to the voices of young adults of color, highlighting how race and ethnicity shape the opinions of the country's most diverse generation.

The poll, taken in September, showed that 48 percent of blacks age 18-30 say they've experienced discrimination while looking for a job or at work, which was higher than all other races and ethnicities. About one-third of Asian-Americans and Latinos also said they experienced discrimination at work or while looking for a job. Just 10 percent of whites say they experienced employment-related racism.

Joy Holloway, 24, of Durham, North Carolina, said she clearly has seen racism during job interviews. Holloway, who is biracial and identifies as black, said she usually does well getting through the application phase and the phone interview phase. "I can get called in for an interview, and everything will be perfect but as soon as they see me, I can see it in their face: 'Oh, no, she isn't who I thought she was.' And then I never get a call back," Holloway said.

### Getting ahead

On top of facing discrimination, young blacks are more likely to think their race has made it more difficult to get ahead economically. Fifty-four percent say being black makes it harder, the highest among those polled. Thirty-nine percent of Asian-Americans and 34 percent of Latinos say their race or ethnicity has made life harder. Young whites are the only group more likely to say their race has made life easier at 31 percent. But more than half, or 53 percent, say their race has made no difference. Still, most



**MISSOURI:** Students Elizabeth (L) and Marni study outside the site of the second US Presidential debate on October 8, 2016, at Washington University in St. Louis. — AFP

young people across racial and ethnic lines say whites in general have at least some advantage getting ahead economically.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, black men's average hourly wages were 31 percent lower than white men in 2015, and black women's average hourly wages were 19 percent lower than white women that same year. In addition to racism, the GenForward poll also showed that 31 percent of young women say they've experienced gender discrimination in looking for a job and in the workplace itself. In 2015, women made about 80 cents for every dollar made by men, according to the Institute for Women's Policy Research.

Holly Berkey, 18, of Lincoln, Nebraska, said she experienced it firsthand while working in an ice cream shop. Her male co-workers would make sexist, disparaging remarks in her presence, she said - for example, that Berkey should be the one doing the washing and the cleaning instead of them because she's a woman. Berkey said when she complained to a manager, she was told, "it's just boys being

boys." The final straw, Berkey said, came when she complained about a male co-worker she had trained, who then began acting rudely toward her after a leave. "I was told to just tough it out," she said. So she quit. Berkey said she hears similar stories from her female friends. "I know a lot of boys who are like this," she said. "I wish it wasn't like that but it is."

### Survey demographics

The poll of 1,851 adults age 18-30 was conducted Sept. 1-14 using a sample drawn from the probability-based GenForward panel, which is designed to be representative of the US young adult population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.8 percentage points. The survey was paid for by the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago, using grants from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Ford Foundation. Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling methods and later interviewed online or by phone. — AP

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### Auh's Waha hires ex-BNP Paribas banker as COO

**ABU DHABI:** Abu Dhabi investment firm Waha Capital said yesterday that it had appointed a former BNP Paribas investment banker as its new chief operating officer. Alain Dib will lead Waha's investment businesses after a 20-year career with BNP Paribas, the company said in a statement. Dib's last position was head of equity capital markets for Europe, Middle East and Africa at the French bank. He also worked previously at Deutsche Bank as managing director in its European leverage finance group.

### Saudi's Almarai Q3 profit up 10 percent

**DUBAI:** Saudi Arabia's Almarai, the Gulf's largest dairy company, reported a 10 percent rise in third-quarter net profit yesterday, broadly meeting analysts' forecasts with the help of cost controls it said would remain a priority. Saudi retailers will in coming quarters have to weather the impact of austerity measures imposed to curb a huge state budget deficit, including reducing financial allowances for public sector workers. Almarai - the second Saudi retailer after Jarir Marketing to report third quarter earnings - said the changing economic environment and increasingly competitive conditions meant it would continue to focus on cost controls and preserving cash flow. Its profit in the three months to Sept. 30 was 654.6 million riyals (\$174.6 million), up from 595.1 million riyals in the year-earlier period, according to a bourse statement. That was broadly in line with the average of five analysts' forecasts polled by Reuters of 627.8 million riyals.

### Qatar's Katara Hospitality raising \$500 million loan

**DUBAI:** Katara Hospitality, a Qatari hotel developer, owner and operator, is raising \$500 million in debt through a syndicated loan, banking sources said. A company spokesperson said Katara does issue international loans for projects, but declined to comment further. HSBC is the lead bank in the transaction, the sources said, with one of them noting that the loan has a five-year maturity. The deal has not been completed yet, the sources said. Katara Hospitality, headquartered in Doha, has a portfolio of 34 properties in operation or under development, and plans to add 26 more by 2026, according to its website. Its properties are located in countries including Qatar, Egypt, Morocco, Britain, France, Germany, Singapore and Thailand.

## RUSSIA AND TURKEY RESUME GAS TALKS

**MOSCOW:** Moscow and Ankara have resumed talks on the price of Russian gas for Ankara, Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak said in an interview with Turkey's Hurriyet newspaper. A gas price dispute between Turkish pipeline operator Botas and Russia's state gas producer Gazprom led to Botas launching international arbitration proceedings against Gazprom in October 2015.

The row had led to talks on their joint Turkish Stream natural gas pipeline project to be suspended earlier that year. In November 2015, most contact between Russia and Turkey were halted after the downing of a Russian fighter jet by Turkish military, although since then Moscow and Ankara have made significant progress towards restoring relations.

"Talks about gas price have resumed, I hope the sides will come to a common position," Novak said, according to the text of the interview published on the Russian Energy Ministry's website yesterday. Botas says it was promised a discount on the price of gas in February 2015 but that Moscow never signed off on the deal. Novak said he expected the first hearing in the case to be held in 2017.

"It is possible that by then Russia's Gazprom Export and Turkey's Botas will be able to resolve their disagreements related to the price of gas," Novak said. Novak also told Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency that an intergovernmental agreement on Turkish Stream was almost complete and would be finalised before the meeting of the presidents of Turkey and Russia in Istanbul this week.

Novak is due to attend the World Energy Congress in Istanbul this week, and plans to meet representatives of key OPEC producers and OPEC secretary general for informal talks on oil output. — Reuters



**BEIJING:** An employee stands on a stepladder as she stocks boxes of mooncakes at a supermarket in Beijing, Wednesday, Sept 14, 2016. Four employees at Chinese internet giant Alibaba have lost their jobs after being accused of reprogramming an internal system to steal more than 100 boxes of mooncakes, a traditional delicacy shared during this week's Mid-Autumn Festival. — AP

## FACEBOOK PAYS MORE UK TAX AFTER OUTCRY

**LONDON:** Facebook paid £4.17 million (\$5.18 million, 4.63 million euros) in British corporation tax last year, up from just £4,327 in 2014, accounts showed yesterday. The sharp increase reflects how the US technology giant has changed the way it records

advertising revenues following public criticism. It began declaring sales from its top British clients in Britain rather than Ireland, where it has its European headquarters and where corporation tax is lower.

However, the tax paid is still only a fraction of

the £211 million revenues that Facebook reported in Britain last year. "We are proud that in 2015 we have continued to grow our business in the UK and created over 300 new high-skilled jobs," a company spokesman said. "We pay all the taxes that we are required to under

UK law." US multinationals Apple and Google, which also run large parts of their international operations via Ireland, have also faced intense scrutiny over their tax affairs. The corporate tax rate in Ireland is 12.5 percent, one of the lowest in the EU. In Britain it is 20 percent. — AFP

## EXCHANGE RATES

### AL-MUZAINI EXCHANGE CO.

#### ASIAN COUNTRIES

Japanese Yen	2.942
Indian Rupees	4.543
Pakistani Rupees	2.894
Srilankan Rupees	2.071
Nepali Rupees	2.849
Singapore Dollar	221.230
Hongkong Dollar	39.022
Bangladesh Taka	3.860
Philippine Peso	6.274
Thai Baht	8.706

#### GCC COUNTRIES

Saudi Riyal	80.776
Qatari Riyal	83.207
ani Riyal	786.772
Bahraini Dinar	804.440
UAE Dirham	82.471

#### ARAB COUNTRIES

Egyptian Pound - Cash	29.900
Egyptian Pound - Transfer	34.480
Yemen Riyal/for 1000	1.216
Tunisian Dinar	137.160
Jordanian Dinar	427.160
Lebanese Lira/for 1000	2.020
Syrian Lira	2.0159
Morocco Dirham	31.635

#### EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COUNTRIES

US Dollar Transfer	302.750
Euro	341.080
Sterling Pound	385.400
Canadian dollar	229.700

Turkish lira	99.920
Swiss Franc	311.790
Australian Dollar	231.450
US Dollar Buying	301.550

#### GOLD

20 Gram	254.460
10 Gram	130.150
5 Gram	65.920

### DOLLARCO EXCHANGE CO. LTD

Rate for Transfer	Selling Rate
US Dollar	303.000
Canadian Dollar	229.875
Sterling Pound	386.145
Euro	340.240
Swiss Frank	296.490
Bahrain Dinar	801.000
UAE Dirhams	82.725
Qatari Riyals	83.940
Saudi Riyals	81.520
Jordanian Dinar	426.955
Egyptian Pound	34.024
Sri Lankan Rupees	2.069
Indian Rupees	4.545
Pakistani Rupees	2.893
Bangladesh Taka	3.854
Philippines Peso	6.268
Cyprus pound	159.700
Japanese Yen	3.920
Syrian Pound	2.420
Nepalese Rupees	3.835
Malaysian Ringgit	74.125
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	45.780
Thai Baht	9.675
Turkish Lira	99.195

## IRAQ OIL MINISTER WANTS TO INCREASE OUTPUT IN 2017

**BAGHDAD:** Iraq's oil minister has urged oil and natural gas producers operating in the country to continue increasing output next year, the oil ministry said in a statement yesterday. Jabar Al-Luaibi's comments came as OPEC nations are trying to implement an agreement to curb oil output for the first time since the 2008 financial crisis, in order to push up crude prices.

The ministry's statement quoted remarks Luaibi made to a meeting of Iraq oil industry executives in the southern oil city of Basra to review the ministry's oilfields' development plans. It made no mention of the decision by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries on Sept. 28 to reduce output to a range of between 32.50 million barrels per day and 33.0 million bpd. OPEC's production stood at around 33.6 million bpd in September, according to a Reuters survey that put Iraq's output at 4.43 million bpd.

The minister "has affirmed the need to proceed forth with

increasing oil and gas production through enhancing the national effort and those of the licensed companies for the remainder of 2016 and also for 2017," the statement said.

Foreign companies' oil output targets "should be reached within the assigned periods," the ministry quoted Luaibi as saying. The ministry also aims to increase associated gas output by adding 350 to 450 million cubic feet a day to the nation's production in 2017, Luaibi said. Natural gas output levels in Iraq's southern region are tied to crude production levels as the two are produced from the same reservoirs.

### Shunning talks

The oil ministers of Iran and Iraq will not attend informal talks between OPEC and non-OPEC producers in Turkey this week, sources familiar with the matter said yesterday. OPEC sources and the Russian energy minister had said on Thursday that ministers from the two countries would be

among representatives of OPEC states at the meeting in Istanbul, which is hosting the World Energy Congress.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed on Sept. 28 a deal to limit crude production and is looking to secure the cooperation of non-OPEC members such as Russia to help support oil prices.

The meeting in Istanbul is expected to be more bilateral gatherings rather than one single meeting of both OPEC and non-OPEC states, one OPEC source said on Sunday, dismissing prospects of any decisions being taken in the Turkish city.

Energy ministers who will be present in Istanbul as it hosts the congress include those of the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Venezuela and Qatar, which holds the OPEC presidency. The agreement reached in Algiers is expected to be implemented this year and OPEC ministers will next meet in Vienna on Nov 30 to set the group's supply policy. — Reuters



# HONDA ALGHANIM UNVEILS THE ALL-NEW 2017 HONDA ACCORD

## AMAZING IN ITS LOOK AND POWER



ALGHANIM MOTORS, THE EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTOR OF HONDA PRODUCTS IN KUWAIT, INCLUDING CARS, BIKES, POWER PRODUCTS AND MARINE ENGINES, UNVEILED THE ALL-NEW 2017 HONDA ACCORD SEDAN IN A LAUNCH EVENT THAT TOOK PLACE AT THE GRAND AVENUE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH 2016, AMONGST THE WIDE PUBLIC, HONDA CUSTOMERS, AND THE PRESS, ELEGANTLY COMMEMORATING THE ARRIVAL OF THE VEHICLE IN KUWAIT IN STYLE. THE LAUNCH EVENT WAS HOSTED BY KUWAIT'S STYLE ICON, MUSAED AL-MUTRI, A WELL-KNOWN PERSONAL SHOPPER AND SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER. A SERIES OF GAMES AND ACTIVITIES WERE CONDUCTED TO ENGAGE THE AUDIENCE WHILE LETTING THEM EXPERIENCE THE 2017 ACCORD SEDAN FIRST HAND.

THE 2017 HONDA ACCORD SEDAN WAS UNVEILED BY A HONDA REPRESENTATIVE THAT TOOK THE STAGE AT ONCE SIDE AL-MUTRI TO EXPLAIN THE CAR'S AMAZING FEATURES AND SOPHISTICATED STYLE. THE AUDIENCE LEARNED THAT THE PRIMARY DESIGN OF THE VEHICLE IS TO REFLECT NOT JUST ONE'S OUTER APPEARANCE BUT ALSO HIS OR HER ATTITUDE. IN ADDITION, ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A CHOREOGRAPHED DRUM BAND THAT TOOK THE AUDIENCE ON A COLORFUL AND MAGICAL JOURNEY, WHICH IS EMBLEMATIC TO THE CAR'S STUNNING DESIGNS AND BOLD FEATURES.

AL-MUTRI HOSTED A SERIES OF GAMES TO ENCOURAGE THE CROWD TO INTERACT WITH THE NEW CAR, THROUGH A VR CHALLENGE, AND ENGAGING Q&A. THE VR

CHALLENGE TRANSPORTED PARTICIPANTS TO THE 3D HONDA SHOWROOM BY WHICH THEY WERE ASKED TO COUNT OR IDENTIFY CERTAIN OBJECTS. THOSE WHO HAVE ANSWERED CORRECTLY WALKED AWAY WITH VALUABLE GIFTS, THUS MAKING THEIR NIGHT EXTRAORDINARY AND SPECIAL. IN ADDITION, THREE LUCKY CUSTOMERS WHO HAD PRE-BOOKED THE NEW 2017 ACCORD WERE OFFERED A 1-YEAR FREE SERVICE CONTRACT.

FOR 3 YEARS STRAIGHT, THE ACCORD HAS BEEN THE MOST POPULAR CAR IN THE US, AND THE NEW 2017 HONDA ACCORD SEDAN WILL CARRY OUT THIS LEGACY, ALL WHILE INCORPORATING STYLE AND SOPHISTICATION THAT THE CUSTOMERS HAVE ALWAYS EXPECTED WHEN DRIVING AN ACCORD.

### EXTERIOR DESIGN

GRILLES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO SWAY ITS BOLD AND AGGRESSIVE LOOK AND FEEL. HEADLIGHTS AVAILABLE IN LED FEATURE HIGHLIGHTING THE ACCORD'S FORWARD-LOOKING DESIGN. THE EXTERIOR BODY INCORPORATES AN ATHLETIC EXPRESSION WHILE INTEGRATING SLEEK CURVES, FINE BODYLINES, AND AERODYNAMIC SHAPE AND STYLE. THE 2017 HONDA ACCORD SEDAN ALSO INTEGRATES ADVANCED COMPACTIBILITY ENGINEERING EXTERIOR STRUCTURE, QUALIFYING THE CAR TO RECEIVE HIGH CRASH SAFETY RATINGS FROM THE US GOVERNMENT, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, WHICH BESTOWED A 5-STAR OVERALL VEHICLE SCORE, IN ADDITION TO BEING NAME AS A TOP SAFETY PICK FROM THE INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR



HIGHWAY SAFETY.

### INTERIOR DESIGN

THE 2017 HONDA SEDAN INTERIOR WAS DESIGNED TO OFFER COMFORT, FUNCTIONALITY AND SOPHISTICATION IN THE DESIGN. THE MIDSIZE SEDAN SHOWCASES THE INTERIOR HIGHLIGHTS THE CAR'S SLEEKNESS AS THE SEATS, STEERING WHEEL, AND SHIFT KNOB ARE ENVELOPED WITH HIGH QUALITY LEATHER. THE STEERING WHEEL OFFERS THE DRIVER CONTROL FEATURES SUCH AS CONVENIENTLY ANSWERING CALLS AND TAKING CONTROL OVER MUSIC. ALSO INCLUDED AIR SMOKE SMALL DRIVER SEAT POSITIONS AND A 10 WAY ADJUSTABILITY, WITH 2 BUTTONS MEMORIZING THE DRIVER'S FAVORITE SEAT POSITION. ADDITIONALLY A DUAL ZONE AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEM AND A ONE TOUCH BUTTON MOON ROOF.

### COLOR AVAILABILITY:

HONDA OFFERS CUSTOMERS THE LUXURY TO CHOOSE FROM VARIOUS COLORS TO MEET THEIR UNIQUE STYLE AND TASTE. THE ALL-NEW 2017 HONDA ACCORD SEDAN ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BELOW EXTERIOR COLORS:



- CRYSTAL BLACK PEARL
- CORDIAN BLUE PEARL
- LUNAR SILVER METALLIC
- MODERN STEEL METALLIC
- SAN MARINO RED
- CHAMPAGNE MIST PEARL
- WHITE ORCHID PEARL

### HONDA SENSING:

THE NEW HONDA ACCORD INCORPORATES SEVERAL SAFETY FEATURES:

- COLLISION MITIGATION BRAKING SYSTEM: A RADAR SENSOR THAT WILL PUT THE VEHICLE IN COMPLETE HALT IF IT DETECTS A COLLISION MAY TAKE PLACE.
- LANE KEEP ASSIST SYSTEM: ASSISTS THE DRIVER TO KEEP AT THE CENTER OF THE LANE BY ADJUSTING THE STEERING WHEEL, IF THE SYSTEM DETECTS THAT THE VEHICLE IS STRAYING OFF FROM THE CENTER IF A SIGNAL SIGN HAS NOT BEEN INITIATED.
- ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL: ENABLING THE DRIVER TO KEEP A SET DISTANCE FROM THE VEHICLE IN FRONT.
- HEAD-UP DISPLAY: DETECTS IF THE DRIVER IS DRIFTING TOO CLOSE TO THE SIDE AND SIGNALS VIBRATIONS TO THE STEERING WHEEL ALERTING THE DRIVER.





# THE FOMC LEAVES RATES UNCHANGED

## FOMC Statement

The FOMC left interest rates unchanged at 0.50% this week a highly anticipated decision due to soft US data as of late. Fed Chair, Janet Yellen, pointed out that the US economy is still on the growth track, as the pace of economic activity had picked up from the modest growth seen in the first half of 2016.

She also noted that further tightening of monetary policy would be needed to keep the economy from overheating and fueling high inflation. According to the statement, the main factor that will determine a hike in December is the labor markets strength. In summary, fourteen out of seventeen Fed officials think there will be a rate hike by the end of the year, although three do not see one at all, showing that the Fed is becoming increasingly split.

The next decision is scheduled for the second of November; however, markets do not expect a rate hike during this meeting. In the contrary, odds of a rate hike remain around the 60% level for December meeting. Separately, in its summary of economic projections, the Fed policymakers

USD/JPY pair witnessed wild swings post the BOJ policy announcement, initially plunging to 101.08 levels in a knee-jerk reaction to the BOJ's rates on-hold decision. The currency pair quickly jumped back to reach the 102.60 level after the central bank noted that it will continue to expand monetary base until the inflation exceeds 2% price target and stays above the last in stable manner. The pair finally dropped again after FOMC meeting and managed to close the week at 101.00. The outperformance on the Yen continues to pressure Japanese equities as it takes its toll on exports.

On the commodities side, oil prices climbed after a private data in US showed a drop in inventories, while Japan reported higher oil imports. American Petroleum Institute (API) released overnight showed a 7.5 million barrel draw to 507.2 million barrels in US crude inventories, the third weekly inventory draw. Markets were expecting an increase of 3.4 million barrels. Also, gold futures climbed after the Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged. The yellow metal spiked immediately following the conclusion of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting.



slashed the US growth forecast to 1.8% for 2016, from 2.0% estimated earlier in June.

Back in Europe, UK foreign minister Boris Johnson noted that he expects the Brexit process to begin in early 2017. He said "Although we are leaving the EU treaties, we do want to have the closest possible trading relationship and it's very much in their interests to achieve that."

On the currency front, the US Dollar index initial move was a spike higher in the beginning of the week. As we advanced in the week, the Dollar reversed and remained under pressure after The Fed decided to keep rates unchanged, in line with market expectations. While the Fed statement in the run-up to the meeting pointed to some division amongst the FOMC members as to the timing of the next rate move, somewhat softer data over the past few weeks solidified expectations for 'no action' in September.

The Euro opened the week at 1.1160 against the US Dollar and managed to reach a short lived high at 1.1257. The pair slowly weakened as speculations heightened over further stimulus measures by the ECB. The currency closed the week at 1.1225. The Sterling Pound opened the week at 1.2993 and reached a low of 1.2943 against USD. However, the currency had a short lived recovery after the FOMC meeting and closed the week at 1.2979

In Asia, the Japanese Yen came under selling pressure as the currency regained some strength after the BOJ kept rates and ETF purchases unchanged at its policy review meeting. The

The FOMC decided to keep the federal funds rate at 0.5%. The Committee judged that the case for an increase in the federal funds rate has strengthened but decided, for the time being, to wait for further evidence of continued progress toward its objectives. The stance of monetary policy remains accommodative, thereby supporting further improvement in labor market conditions and a return to 2% inflation.

During the press conference, Fed Chair Janet Yellen said that the move "does not reflect a lack of confidence in the economy." Instead, Yellen told reporters, the Fed sees "scope for some further improvement in the labor market." Among recent data disappointments, the drop in manufacturing and non-manufacturing ISM surveys in August is perhaps the most concerning, pointing to a potential slowdown in US growth momentum in the coming months.

Moreover, a number of consumption related data points, including retail sales, have also been weak as of late, posing questions on the ability of consumers to continue driving growth going forward. Moreover, a decision whether to hike rates or not this year has now become a question of the Fed's credibility. Investors have been frustrated with the Fed's confusing communication as of late and seemingly little concern about potential financial stability implications related to keeping rates low for so long.

**Unemployment claims fell to 252K**  
In the week ending September 17, the

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advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 252,000, a decline of 8,000 from the prior week's unrevised level of 260,000. The 4-week moving average was 258,500, a decrease of 2,250 from the prior week's unrevised average of 260,750. This marks 81 consecutive weeks of initial claims below 300,000, the longest streak since 1970.

### Building permits fell by 5.8%

US residential building permits declined 5.8% to a 1.14 million annualized rate, from the prior month's revised 1.21 million pace. The figures represent a pause after a spell of strong gains, and permits show that single-family home construction in the South may bounce back. A solid job market and mortgage rates near historically low levels continue to support housing, with a measure of homebuilder sentiment rising to an 11-month high. The number of privately owned new houses decreased by 5.8% in August and single family news houses fell by 13.1% their lowest level since May 2015 as bad weather disrupted building activity in the South after two strong months of gains. On the other hand, permits for single family homes surged 3.7% to a 737,000 units, which is the largest segment of the market. This shows that the housing economy is still solid.

US existing home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, dropped 0.9% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.33 million in August from a downwardly revised 5.38 million in July. The reading came in below market expectations of a rate of 5.45 million in August.

### EUROPE & UK

#### EuroZone flash manufacturing PMI above expectations

The manufacturing sector PMI increased in September as businesses indicated that new orders and exports are strengthening. This comes on the back of initial weakness for Eurozone industry in the third quarter. While France manufacturing stagnated, German industry saw a marked improvement with notable increases in new orders from the US and Asian markets. This shows that more stable growth in the US and Asia could support weak Eurozone manufacturing production in the second half of the year. With many other trading partners still surrounded by an uncertain political and economic environment, it seems unlikely that a strong revival is in the making though. The drop in the service sector PMI was mainly because of a weakening outlook, while current order books remained stable in September. European Flash Services PMI came in at 52.1 below forecasts of 52.8 in September.

#### UK Public Sector net borrowing climbed less than expected

Britain's public sector borrowing increased less than expected in the last quarter, official figures revealed on Wednesday. According to the UK Office for National Statistics, UK Public Sector Net Borrowing climbed to 10.05 billion pounds on a seasonally adjusted basis, following the preceding quarter's 2.43 billion pound fall, which was revised down from the originally reported drop of 1.47 billion pounds. In the meantime, market analysts expected the country's public sector borrowing to rise to 10.30 billion pounds during the reported period. In a report, the Office for National Statistics stated that there were no clear signs of any impact of the British decision to leave the European Union on the public sector finances. Nevertheless, business growth slowed, according to the Bank of England's regular survey of business conditions released on the same day. Although the survey also showed that consumer spending and business sentiment rebounded slightly from the post-Brexit shock.

### UK financial policy committee

The Bank of England released its FPC statement on Thursday, and the bank's message appeared directed at the EU as much as at domestic lenders. The BoE warned that it would not relax bank capital rules in the aftermath of the Brexit vote. In a clear reference to Brexit, the statement noted that the UK "faces a challenging period of uncertainty and adjustment". This stern message is consistent with the significant monetary moves that the BoE adopted in August, when it lowered interest rates for the first time in nine years and expanded its asset-purchase program. The BoE has strongly hinted that it is leaning towards another rate cut in November, even though third quarter data has been better than expected.

### ASIA

#### Reserve Bank of Australia policy meeting minutes

The minutes of the September Reserve Bank of Australia meeting when interest rates were held unchanged at 1.5% have been released. Interest rates are likely to remain on hold in the foreseeable future, with the Reserve Bank of Australia flagging that growth remains in line with expectations, and the RBA remains unworried by the housing market. "Taking into account the recent data, and having eased monetary policy at its May and August meetings, the Board judged the current stance of monetary policy was consistent with sustainable growth in the Australian economy and achieving the inflation target over time," the Board said in its minutes. On the employment front, the RBA observes "The

unemployment rate had been little changed at around 5.75% over 2016 and employment growth had been steady at around 2% in year-ended terms. Strong growth in part-time employment had been apparent in most states, while full-time employment had fallen in the mining-exposed states."

#### Japanese exports fell due to weak global demand

Japanese exports dropped for an 11 straight month due to weak global demand and an appreciation of the Japanese yen. August exports fell tremendously year to year by 9.6% versus a forecast of -4.8%. Exports to China, which is Japans largest trading partner, fell by 8.9% in the year to August, marking the sixth straight month of annual declines. Japans trade balance deficit is currently at 18.7 billion yen versus a surplus forecast of 202.3 billion yen, the first trade deficit in three months.

#### Bank of Japan kept interest rates unchanged

The BoJ left the interest rate at -0.10% and provided a more flexible asset purchasing program by implementing a yield control curve, which is designed to keep 10 year bond yields at 0%. This means it can lend to the public sector at 0 cost, which will lead to a higher money supply in the market and potentially a higher inflation. The previous method of printing money at an annual pace of 80 trillion yen, was forcing The BoJ to take up bonds at an unsustainable pace even as it failed to accelerate inflation to a 2% target.

# SOLID HIRING, BETTER PAY DRAW MORE AMERICANS IN JOB HUNT

**WASHINGTON:** Drawn by steady hiring and slightly higher pay, more Americans began looking for work in September, a sign of renewed optimism about the US job market. The influx of job seekers sent the unemployment rate up slightly as more Americans were counted as unemployed. Taken as a whole, Friday's jobs report from the government painted a picture of a resilient economy that could keep the Federal Reserve on track to raise interest rates in December.

Employers added 156,000 jobs, fewer than the 167,000 in August and well below last year's average monthly gain of 230,000. Still, September's hiring pace, if sustained, would likely be more than enough to absorb new job seekers.

At the same time, the unemployment rate inched up to 5 percent from 4.9 percent as more than 400,000 people began looking for jobs and some didn't immediately find them. The rate has barely budged in the past year even though employers have added 2.4 million jobs. That's because many Americans have begun seeking work after having remained on the sidelines for much of the economic recovery. "The word has spread that there are jobs to be had, and more and more people are flocking to the job market," said Sung Won Sohn, an economist at California State University's Smith School of Business, said.

### Conflicting views

The economy's durability, despite its sluggish growth, contrasts sharply with the tumultuous ups and downs of the presidential race, which is nearing its end. The two major presidential nominees have sketched sharply conflicting views of the economy's health and the best ways to accelerate its growth. Donald Trump focuses on the loss of manufacturing jobs, for which he blames badly negotiated trade agreements. The Republican nominee also points to what he calls excess regulation for stifling businesses and depressing hiring. He pledges to renegotiate or withdraw from the trade pacts and reduce regulation.

Hillary Clinton notes that 15 million jobs have been created since the economy bottomed in 2010. Still, she supports additional infrastructure spending to try to accelerate growth and hiring. And she wants to make college more affordable and community college free.

Friday's jobs report isn't likely to affect the course of the election. But it reflected improvement in two key areas: job-hunting and pay. For much of the recovery, the proportion of Americans who either had a job or were looking for one had declined as an aging population increased the pace of retirements. Many unemployed people also grew discouraged and stopped looking. Others stayed in school or stayed at home caring for relatives.

All that helped keep the unemployment rate down. People who are out of work aren't counted as unemployed unless they're actively search-

ing for a job. Yet in the past year, the opposite has occurred: The jobless rate has remained mostly flat even as hiring has been solid. That's because the proportion of adults either working or looking for work has increased from a 40-year low of 62.4 percent in September 2015 to 62.9 percent last month.

That's still far below pre-recession levels. But the proportion has increased even while many people in the vast baby boom generation have been retiring. The workforce - people either with a job or looking for one - has grown 3 million in the past year, the biggest 12-month gain since 2000. Pay is also ticking up. In September, average hourly pay rose 6 cents to \$25.79 and is now 2.6 percent higher than it was a year ago. That's stronger than the pace for most of the seven-year economic recovery, when pay was rising at only about 2 percent a year. — AP



MIAMI: In this Feb 9, 2016 file photo, a restaurant posts a sign indicating they are hiring. — AP





**BEIJING:** In this Monday, Sept 5, 2016 file photo, a woman uses a purse to hide her face as she walks past a giant handbag on display at a shopping mall. The American and Chinese presidents are calling on major economies to defend free trade at a summit held as sluggish growth and disputes over steel and other imports fuel demands in the United States and Europe to protect local industry. —AP

## CHINA SAYS EU DUTIES ON CHINESE STEEL ARE UNFAIR

**BEIJING:** China's Commerce Ministry has expressed concern and regret after the European Union set provisional import duties on two types of Chinese steel coming into the bloc, calling its investigation methods "unfair". The duties announced on Friday are the latest in a line of trade defenses set up against Chinese steel imports over the past two years to counter what EU steel producers say is a flood of steel sold at a loss due to Chinese overcapacity.

Some 5,000 jobs have been axed in the British steel industry in the past year as it struggles to compete with cheap Chinese imports and high energy costs. G20 governments recognized last month that steel overcapacity was a serious problem. China, the source of 50 percent of the world's steel and the largest steel consumer, has said the problem is a global one.

The substitute country investigation method used by the EU, a practice typically reserved for countries deemed non-market economies, are "unfair and unreasonable" and "seriously damage the interests of Chinese enterprises," the Commerce Ministry said in a statement posted to its website late on Saturday. "Reckless trade protectionism and mistaken methods that limit fair market competition are not the proper ways to develop the European Union steel industry," it said.

Chinese steel products represent less than 5 percent of the European market and do not present a serious threat to European industry, the ministry said. The root cause of Europe's steel problems was not trade but weak economic growth, it said. "China hopes the EU will strictly respect relevant World Trade Organization rules and fully guarantee Chinese companies' right to protest," the ministry said.

The EU's duties are set at between 13.2 and 22.6 percent for hot-rolled flat iron and steel products and at between 65.1 and 73.7 percent for heavy-plate steel. As provisional duties they are in place for up to six months until the European Commission completes its investigation. If upheld, they would typically be set for five years. The commission has committed to speed up its trade defense actions under pressure from EU producers.

The EU has also been debating whether to grant China "market economy status", given the Chinese government's hand in guiding industry and markets. China says the status is its right come December, which marks 15 years since it joined the WTO. Failure to do so could spark a trade war. The commission has said that China is not a market economy and that it would not recognize it as such, but would adopt a new method to set duties that would abide by WTO rules. —Reuters

## AUSTRALIAN-CHINESE BID FOR HUGE CATTLE ESTATE

**SYDNEY:** Australia's richest woman and a Chinese property developer joined forces yesterday to bid for one of the world's largest cattle estates, despite Canberra's rejection of previous foreign offers. Australia's biggest private landowner, cattle firm S Kidman and Co, has attracted keen interest from Chinese firms wanting to secure the sprawling pastoral empire. But the government has previously rejected two Chinese-led bids, citing the national interest.

Under the new offer announced late yesterday, mining magnate Gina Rinehart's Hancock Prospecting will acquire 67 percent of Kidman and Chinese property developer Shanghai CRED 33 percent for some Aus\$365 million (US\$277 million). Shanghai CRED was part of a Chinese consortium involved in the previous bids. The Chinese stake in the current bid would be significantly smaller than previously.

Kidman chairman John Crosby welcomed the "significant investment proposed in addition to the purchase price and (we) are confident that the Kidman business will be in good hands". The first bid was rejected last November since part of the holdings contained a weapons testing area. After that, the

Anna Creek station in South Australia next to a rocket testing range was separated out and is no longer included in the sale.

The new bid will be partly funded by the sale of Anna Creek and will be subject to approval by Canberra and Beijing. Apart from the continued Chinese interest, the offer also reflects a further push by Rinehart—who is worth more than Aus\$6 billion according to The Australian Financial Review—into agriculture.

Rinehart's Hancock Prospecting owns 70 percent of the massive Roy Hill iron ore mine in Western Australia, and has also bought cattle stations in that state and in the Northern Territory in recent years. Kidman, founded in 1899, holds around 1.3 percent of Australia's total land area, and 2.5 percent of the nation's agricultural land. It is currently 33.9 percent foreign-owned. Even without Anna Creek it represents two percent of agricultural land. It is a key source of beef for export to Japan, the United States and Southeast Asia. Canberra has become increasingly concerned about the purchase of Australian infrastructure and land by overseas interests, and in August blocked the sale of its largest electricity network to foreigners. —AFP

## GREEK AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ABANDON PLANNED STRIKES

**ATHENS:** Greek air traffic controllers have canceled a plan for successive 24-hour strikes next week after meeting with the country's transport minister. The air controllers' union said in a statement Saturday evening that Transport Minister Christos Spirtzis had promised to make changes to a draft bill that reorganizes Greece's civil aviation authorities.

The reforms are one of a handful of outstanding actions that Greece's left-

led government must do to receive a 2.8 billion-euro (\$3.1 billion) rescue loan installment from its European partners.

The first 24-hour strike was to begin at midnight Saturday. Further strikes had been scheduled for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The strikes would have led to the cancellation of hundreds of flights. A few airlines had already announced a reduced schedule for next week. —AP

**RANOMAFANA:** "Last time, I burnt a section about that big," says Mihareta Laivoa, pointing to a parcel of land about the size of a football field, as the farmer admitted to having destroyed forest to make way for his crops. "I don't own a piece of land in the valley, so I have no choice," explains the 41-year-old father in a remote corner of Madagascar. "Without this, I wouldn't be able to survive." But the impact of deforestation on this south-eastern region of the African island nation has been devastating.

In a countryside stripped bare by decades of burning, only a few untouched, green mountain crests bear witness to the forgotten splendor of the area. "Ten years ago, there were still forests on most mountainsides. Today, there are hardly any left," says Jean Doine Raifetra, mayor of the Ranomafana community, whose 22,000 residents live scattered across several villages. In Ranomafana, on the edge of a UNESCO World Heritage site and national park, residents survive almost exclusively on subsistence farming.

From a rutted patch of land, long plumes of white smoke can be seen curling into the sky as the forest is burnt to make way for arable land—a practice the locals call "tavy". But as forests are destroyed, vital water sources streaming down from the mountain dry up. In a cruel catch-22, farmers—unable to sufficiently irrigate their crops—burn even more land in search of fertile soil.

### 'Farm life will vanish'

From a hilltop overlooking his village, Jean Realy points to his parched rice paddy below. He could once expect to produce eight or nine sacks of rice a year from that field. This year, he's facing a dry season. "Because of deforestation, the (water) source has dried up. In the 1980s, by September we



**ANDASIBE:** This file photo taken on September 18, 2008 shows men loading sacks filled with charcoal onto a truck. —AFP

had water as high as your hip," he says. Standing in his paddy now, his feet are bone dry.

He's relying on the rains—already scarce in this region—to avoid going hungry. With an annual budget of just 100 ariary (about three US cents) per resident, Ranomafana does not have the capacity to defend the environment against 'tavy'. So a consortium of NGOs, in partnership with the French Development Agency (AFD), have established a pilot forest conservation project in the region. Launched in 2008, the 4.0-million-euro (\$4.5-million) plan has brought together about 20 villages to create a zone of hundreds of hectares where deforestation is strictly forbidden. "Without the forest, there are so many aspects of

farm life that will vanish," says Matthieu Baehrel of the non-governmental organization EtcTerra.

### 'Changing mentalities'

The message to farmers is that failing to protect the forests upstream means a drop in agricultural productivity downstream. "Once this concept catches on, it becomes easier to change things," says Helene Gobert, who heads up AFD's rural development and environment projects in Madagascar. The forests are also a target for villagers who use the wood to build and cook, so work is likewise focusing on showing how reforestation projects can be used to raise standards of living.

"Thanks to 'reforestation', we don't have to go looking in the for-

est for wood or building material," says resident Mamonjy as he hacks away with his machete at a grove of acacia and eucalyptus trees replanted in his village in 2012. Still, in a region the size of France where nine out of 10 people live below the poverty line, the challenges are enormous.

"The message has begun to sink in and we're starting to see the results... (but) we're talking about changing mentalities about things that have been practiced sometimes for millennia," says Baehrel. The thing about trees, adds Gobert, is that they take a long time to grow and the positive effects are not immediately visible. "We need projects that last if we're to have any hope of making a real difference," she says. —AFP



## BROTHERS BEHIND UBISOFT LOCKED IN A REAL-LIFE BATTLE FOR CONTROL

**PARIS:** Nothing in the farming background of the Guillemot brothers, who hail from the remote Brittany region, destined them to one day do battle with France's most feared corporate raider. But that was before they conquered the gaming world with titles like Just Dance and action game Assassin's Creed, attracting the voracious attention of fellow Breton businessman, Vincent Bolloré, head of the Vivendi media conglomerate.

The Guillemot brothers are already one-nil down against Bolloré. Vivendi succeeded earlier this year with a hostile public offer for shares in Gameloft, the developer of games for mobile devices including the Dungeon Hunter and Modern Combat series, that was founded by Michel Guillemot. And now Bolloré also wants Ubisoft, the prized jewel in the Guillemot crown. He has already taken nearly 23 percent in the company that is led by Yves Guillemot. That sounded the alarm among the tight-knit and discreet brothers, who own just 13 percent of Ubisoft's shares with 19 percent of the voting rights.

Moreover Bolloré will soon benefit from a new regulation in France that gives long-term shareholders double voting rights, to have 27.5 percent of votes. Vivendi's pledge in June that it would not launch a hostile public offer for Ubisoft for the next six months did little to calm their worries, as Bolloré has made no secret of his desire to unite Gameloft and Ubisoft.

Concerned that Vivendi's next step may be a push to get its representatives on Ubisoft's board of directors, the Guillemot brothers circled the wagons ahead of Ubisoft's general shareholders meeting at the end of September, causing Vivendi to back off. But Vivendi said in a statement later it "considers that it would be good corporate governance for it to be represented on the company's board of directors considering its level of equity interest".

"Vivendi's statement should feed the fear of management to a creeping takeover by the media group," said a client note from the Gilbert Dupont brokerage. Vivendi also blocked measures at the meeting which would have given the board the right to distribute free shares or offer share options to managers or employees, which would have allowed the Guillemot brothers to cheaply strengthen their control over Ubisoft.

Yves Guillemot said after the meeting they had "won an important battle for the company" but not the war. "The tension may re-emerge next year," he said, recognising the threat of a hostile offer for Ubisoft. Gilbert Dupont said it considered a public offer unlikely at this point, given the opposition voiced by employees at the shareholder meeting to the prospect of a Vivendi takeover. Another broker, who asked not to be named, noted that a public takeover would require an additional outlay of 3 billion euros (\$3.4 billion), and that given its debt levels, Vivendi may not want to fork out the cash.

### Commodities to computers

The company that was the top game publisher for consoles in the first half of 2016 in the key North American and European markets traces its origins to an unlikely place. The five Guillemot brothers—who also include Gerard, Claude and Christian — grew up in the tiny Brittany town of Carentoir.

Their business adventures began in 1984 when Claude and Michel turned their parents' business in trading agricultural commodities towards the burgeoning computing sector, in particular the distribution of video games. After creating two games for the Amstrad and Commodore 64 personal computers, they launched Ubisoft in 1986. Ubisoft scored a breakout success in 1995 with Rayman, featuring

the limbless humanoid known to throw his floating appendages at his enemies, on the first Sony Playstation console.

It quickly emerged as a major firm in the industry, generating 1.4 billion euros in annual sales and employing 11,000 people across 20 countries. The brothers, who all sit on the board of directors, hold equal shares in Ubisoft and the other family-held companies. They speak each week in sometimes stormy conference calls, and gather regularly for trips on the family yacht anchored in the Brittany port of Trinité-sur-Mer.

"The Guillemots are a clan of discreet visionaries," said Laurent Michaud, an expert at the Idate technology consultancy. "They take risks with small teams on projects off beaten paths." But their propensity to invest in numerous projects could end up being their undoing. To raise funds to invest the Guillemots listed Ubisoft on the stock exchange in 1996, and have gradually seen their stake diluted to where they are now no longer the top shareholder.

The brothers have, however, successfully defended Ubisoft against a hostile takeover attempt before, seeing off the giant US game developer Electronic Arts in 2004. But with Bolloré, they have an experienced corporate raider and in Vivendi a media company with interests in film and television that could gain additional value from Ubisoft's game franchises. Ubisoft has, in fact, been moving in this direction itself. Its movie unit, Ubisoft Motion Pictures, will be coming out with its first full-length feature film, Assassin's Creed, in December. Ubisoft teamed up with Fox for the film, but Vivendi has film unit StudioCanal. Ubisoft has also moved quickly to catch up in the mobile game segment, announcing last month it had acquired Ketchapp, a French start-up behind smartphone games 2048 and Stack. —AFP



## ETIHAD AIRWAYS SCORES WITH ABU DHABI SPORTS DEAL

**ABU DHABI:** Etihad Airways has teamed up with Abu Dhabi Sports Council (ADSC) to become a collective driving force behind attracting global sporting events to the emirate. The national airline of the UAE has entered a three year deal with ADSC to support sports activities and major sporting events in Abu Dhabi. The strategic initiative replaces an event-by-event approach and contributes to a longer term vision for sports in line with Abu Dhabi Vision 2030.

Hareb Almuhairey, Senior Vice President, Corporate and International Affairs, Etihad Airways, said: "This agreement cements our work together to promote Abu Dhabi as an outstanding destination for major international sporting events. These events bring considerable economic benefits, provide excellent opportunities for resident and visiting sports fans and encourage a healthy and active lifestyle."

At least 15 events will be covered under the new partnership, including headlines such as January's annual Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship and this month's professional cycling race, the Abu Dhabi Tour. It is expected that eventually, dozens of events will be jointly supported as new sports initiatives are attracted to the emirate.

"This deal represents a more structured and long-term approach to delivering on our vision of evolving Abu Dhabi into an international destination for sport, competitiveness and international events. Etihad Airways will bring to the table considerable marketing clout which will further build local, regional and global aware-

ness of our headline events," explained His Excellency Aref Al Awani, General Secretary, ADSC.

The new partnership will see Etihad Airways leverage all of its marketing channels to promote major sporting events in the emirate. The agreement also opens the way for special athlete appearances, guest experiences and community engagement activities. Etihad Cargo will provide support for sports equipment, contributing to what is effectively a bridge to bring the world's best athletes and action to Abu Dhabi.

An Oxford Business Group study, entitled The Report Abu Dhabi 2016, notes that while Abu Dhabi was largely unknown in the international sporting world just 10 years ago, it has since sprinted onto the global stage by hosting high profile sporting events, such as the Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Other events have included the ITU World Triathlon Series, the Volvo Ocean Race and the Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Open (Ladies European Tour).

"The positive impact of major sports events on tourism is well documented, with benefits such as airline passenger traffic, hotel stays and visitor spend," added Mr Almuhairey. "At the same time, we are always looking for ways to connect and inspire our guests. Sport provides a wonderful platform to do this." Among the other events covered under the new partnership are the FINA 10k Open Water World Championship, the FINA High-Dive World Cup, Emirates Football Forum and the FIBA Basketball 3 x 3 World Championship.



## BURGAN BANK SIGNS AN EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT WITH GRAND CINEMAS

**KUWAIT:** Burgan Bank announced yesterday an exclusive tie-up with Grand Cinemas, Kuwait's newest and most luxurious movie theater. By signing this agreement, Burgan Bank will be the only bank in Kuwait to offer its customers with value added benefits and first-of-its-kind promotions all year round at the Grand Cinemas. This step forward marks a new era for Burgan Bank and Grand Cinemas conjoint customer service, which falls in the strategies of both firms to keep pioneering the entertainment industry and upgrading their clientele's service to the highest of levels.

These benefits also include exclusive events such as special screenings of blockbuster movies and discounts when booking movie tickets at either Grand Cinemas theatre counters at Al Hamra Mall and The Gate Mall or directly through Grand



Cinemas website or mobile application. Customers are among the bank's main priorities and by partnering with Grand Cinemas, the bank continues to reinforce its position as a leading financial institution that meets its individual customer aspirations.

## BURGAN BANK ANNOUNCES NAMES OF WINNERS OF YAWMI ACCOUNT DRAW

**KUWAIT:** Burgan Bank announced yesterday the names of the lucky winners of its Yawmi account draw, each taking home a prize of KD 5,000. The lucky winners for the daily draws took home a cash-prize of KD 5,000 each, and they are:

1. MOHAMMAD ABDULLAH ALI
2. AWASHA FAISAL SAUD AL-ZEBEN
3. ILHAM TEGMOUSS
4. AHMAD ABDULLAH IBRAHEEM AL FAILAKAWI

In addition to the daily draw, Burgan Bank also offers a Quarterly Draw with more chances to win higher rewards, entitling one lucky customer to win KD 125,000 every three months. The Yawmi Account offers Daily and quarterly Draws, the Quarterly Draw requires customers to maintain a minimum amount of KD 500 in their account for 2 months prior to draw date. Additionally, every KD 10 in the

account, will entitle customers to one chance of winning. If the account balance is KD 500 and above, the account holder will be qualified for both the quarterly and daily draws. Burgan Bank encourages everyone to open a Yawmi account and/or increase their deposit to maximize their chances to becoming a winner. The more customers deposit, the higher the chances they receive of winning.

For more information on opening a Yawmi account or about the new quarterly draw, customers are urged to visit their nearest Burgan Bank branch and receive all the details, or simply call the bank's Call Center at 1804080 where customer service representatives will be delighted to assist with any questions on the Yawmi account or any of the bank's products and services. Customers can also log on to Burgan Bank's [www.burgan.com](http://www.burgan.com) for further information



## QX SPORT INSPIRATION: THE NEW DARING SUV VISION FROM INFINITI

**KUWAIT:** The INFINITI QX Sport Inspiration is an elegant and powerful expression of progressive SUV design. Laying down markers for future INFINITI QX models, the QX Sport Inspiration explores the brand's vision for a next-generation, premium mid-size SUV. The concept makes its European premiere at the 2016 Paris Motor Show (Mondial de l'Automobile), and includes several new design elements.

The QX Sport Inspiration stands out in its segment with its taut lines, muscular haunches, high visual center of gravity, long bonnet and raked, coupe-like silhouette. Immediately recognizable as an INFINITI, the QX Sport Inspiration is inspired by INFINITI's 'Powerful Elegance' form language and bears the brand's design hallmarks - including the signature double-arch grille, focused 'human eye' headlamps, 'crescent-cut' pillar and masculine, fluid body sculpting.

Flowing lines and advanced craftsmanship characterize the spacious and beautifully appointed interior, which follows INFINITI's 'driver-centric, passenger-minded' approach to cabin architecture. The interior's color palette - predominantly black and white with flashes of the hide's natural tan color, as well as new dark brown leather for the Paris Motor Show - is striking, yet harmoniously blended through careful use of line, form, and texture. "The QX Sport Inspiration is a statement of intent from INFINITI, showcasing a daring design philosophy and a demonstration of our capabilities in the mid-size SUV segment." Roland Krueger, President of INFINITI

The concept promises off-road versatility, aided by its raised, 230 mm (9.1 in) ground clearance, as well as the empowering, in-control on-road driving characteristics and cruising comfort that is expected of any INFINITI. The concept features a lean, purposeful form, with a short front overhang and wide stance - total width (excluding rear-view cameras) is approx. 1,900 mm (74.8 in), while length is 4,600 mm (181 in). INFINITI has launched a number of new models recently which adhere closely to the form and philosophy of concept models - notably the Q30, the QX30 and the Q60. All share a suite of signature design cues that help ensure each is immediately recognizable as an INFINITI.

The QX Sport Inspiration evolves these signature design elements, including a new interpretation of INFINITI's hallmark 'crescent-cut' D-pillar, where the leading edge of the crescent is raised - echoing that of the acclaimed Q80 Inspiration Concept. Bringing added emphasis to this feature, the curvature of the D-pillars is mirrored in the lines of the rear hatch window. In profile the bodywork tapers down from the concept's roof (1,650 mm - 64.9 in - maximum height) toward a rear hatch that has been angled to accentuate



the vehicle's 'lean-forward', coupe-like silhouette.

At the front, the line from the top of INFINITI's familiar double-arch grille extends through the sharp, high-performance, focused 'human-eye' headlamps, with new chrome detail for its Paris

appearance. The 'human-eye' element is another INFINITI signature design theme and, contoured around the edge of the hood, forms a character line that runs over the wide, flared front wheel arches and along the flanks to the tapered rear.

## KFH NAMES WINNERS OF BANKING CARDS CAMPAIGN'S 12TH DRAW

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Finance House (KFH) announced the 7 winners of the 12th draw of the new banking cards campaign themed "Use KFH Cards and You May Win up to 2 Mercedes-Benz SUV's and Cash Prizes up to \$200000" aiming at encouraging its customers to use KFH credit, prepaid and debit cards while making purchases in Kuwait and overseas. The winners are: Mohammad Mustafa, Farah Alshaye, Hessa Alkhedair, Dawood Alsabej, Nashmiya Alrashidi, Emad Boursely, and Breikan Alajmi.

For every KD 10 spent on their KFH cards, clients will gain a chance to enter a draw and win up to 2 Mercedes-Benz cars and a chance to win the value of their purchases up to \$2000 daily for 100 days ending October 11th 2016. It is worth noting that KFH Credit and Prepaid cards used in domestic and international purchases and KFH Debit cards used in international purchases are eligible for the daily draw.

Moreover, clients will gain the chance to enter 2 draws to win 2 Mercedes-Benz cars. The first draw will be for the first car Mercedes Benz GLE 400. This draw will be held after 50 days of the launch for purchasing transactions conducted from day 1 to day 50, while the second draw will be for the second car Mercedes Benz

GLE 450 Coupe, and will be held after 100 days of the launch for purchasing conducted from day 51 to day 100 of the campaign.

KFH strives to continuously offer its clients new promotions and offers that differentiate them among peers, whilst also bolstering the bank's pioneering position in the field of banking cards. KFH marketing campaigns play a significant role in underlining KFH's principles that include boosting sales, while benefiting clients and merchants. This new campaign is part of KFH's efforts to reward its clients and grant them additional value; thus achieving higher customer satisfaction. The campaign also aims at enhancing the bank's presence, especially that it dominates the largest market share in the field of banking cards in Kuwait.

KFH has won several awards in the field of banking cards which reinforces its success and efficiency in banking cards market. KFH enjoys high confidence and leadership in the market in addition to high quality products which have enabled it to achieve growth in cards market and increase the number of customers. KFH occupies the leading position as the issuer of banking cards and one of leading banks at the GCC level.

## AL DANAH'S KD 500,000 WINNER RECEIVES HIS PRIZE AT GULF BANK

**KUWAIT:** Gulf Bank recently had the opportunity to welcome and congratulate the KD 500,000 winner Dr Ghanim Hamad Al-Najjar and presented him with his winning cheque. Customers wishing to take part in the Al Danah draws are advised to open an account before 31 October to take part in the Al Danah Millionaire which will be held on 5 January 2017. To be part of the Al Danah draws, customers can visit one of Gulf Bank's 56 branches, transfer on line, or call the Customer Contact Center on 1805805 for assistance and guidance. Customers can also log on to [www.e-gulfbank.com/aladanahwinners](http://www.e-gulfbank.com/aladanahwinners), to find out more about Al Danah and who the winners are.

## AL TIJARI ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF AL NAJMA ACCOUNT DRAW

**KUWAIT:** The Commercial Bank of Kuwait held the Al Najma Account daily draw yesterday. The draw was held under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry represented by Mr. Abdulaziz Ashkanani. The winners of the Al Najma Daily Draw are :

- Qamar Al Islam Ashraf Ali KD 7000/-
- Yousef Omran Al Banwan KD 7000/-
- Ibrahim Mohammed Ahmad Hussain KD 7000/-
- Eid Hamad Al Essa KD 7000/-

Al Najma awards are now brighter and bigger than ever. With the revamped Al Najma account, all your dreams will be turned to reality. On top of offering the highest daily prize in Kuwait for KD 7,000, now our Mega prize draws got bigger to reach KD 250,000.



## CISCO MIDDLE EAST APPOINTS ZIAD SALAMEH MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR ITS WEST REGION



**Ziad Salameh, Managing Director - West Region, Cisco Middle East**

**DUBAI:** Cisco Middle East has announced the appointment of Ziad Salameh as Managing Director of its West Region. In his new position, Ziad is responsible for leading Cisco's business and operations in Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, the Levant and Iraq to capitalize on the opportunities created by digitization.

New role will focus on leading the way in digital transformation across multiple markets and driving business outcomes for customers and industries.

A Cisco veteran in the region, Ziad will extend efforts to secure engagements across various industry sectors, while working closely with channel partners to provide Cisco's customer centric solutions to the public and private sectors.

Possessing over 24 years of diversified industry experience and a wealth of industry knowledge, Ziad has an impressive track record of success in people development, innovation and business transformation. Since his appointment into Cisco

in 2009, he has leveraged his success in leading the Services business in Saudi Arabia to later drive operational efficiencies and innovation for Cisco Middle East's Services and achieve exceptional growth across multiple markets.

"At Cisco, we are playing a leading role in helping countries, industries and businesses develop and implement digital roadmaps and transformations that deliver tangible outcomes. This is a time of great change and growing opportunities and the appointment of Ziad to lead our West Region reflects our ambitions and strategic direction in these markets," said Mike Weston, Vice President for Cisco Middle East. "As a seasoned leader and technology executive, Ziad's proven ability to deliver customer success and depth of expertise in working closely with governments and enterprises will accelerate the momentum on digitization in the region."

Leading an experienced team in the West region, Ziad will develop stronger partner associ-

ations with strategic initiatives for skill set development and build on Cisco's public and private sector engagements to attain Cisco's strategic goals and elevate business performance.

"It is a truly exciting time to be a part of Cisco's vision where digitization is making dramatic changes in the way organizations approach their business operations. I am honoured to lead the way into new digital business transformation initiatives with Cisco's leading solutions portfolio to help our customers and partners reap the benefits of a digital ecosystem that delivers tangible and sustainable growth, and which helps them become more competitive," said Ziad Salameh, Managing Director - West Region, Cisco Middle East.

Ziad's past diversified experience in the ICT domain includes several key sales and leadership positions at technology companies that include Hewlett Packard and Compaq, and has led Corporate Banking Operations at Standard Chartered Bank.

SOPHOS TO FOCUS ON  
'SYNCHRONIZED SECURITY'  
STRATEGY AT GITEX 2016

**DUBAI:** Sophos will be participating in GITEX Technology Week 2016, which is being held in Dubai from October 16-20, 2016. The company will focus on its 'synchronized security' strategy, showcasing its extensive portfolio of next-gen endpoint, network and encryption security solutions at the region's premier ICT event.

"With the increase in sophisticated attacks across the region, companies are looking for smarter and simpler IT security solutions. As the region's largest ICT exhibition, GITEX is a perfect platform for Sophos to reach out to these companies and communicate our 'synchronized security' strategy. We're excited to be able to share our recently announced Sophos Intercept X, a next-generation endpoint security product that stops zero-day malware, unknown exploit variants and stealth attacks, and includes an advanced anti-ransomware feature that can detect previously unknown ransomware within seconds. We will also be highlighting our innovative Security Heartbeat(tm) technology, which is at the heart of synchronized security and for the first time allows the

endpoint and network security to actively and continuously share threat intelligence to effectively protect against sophisticated threats in a manageable way," said Harish Chib, Vice President - Middle East and Africa, Sophos.

"GITEX 2016 is also a great opportunity to meet existing and potential customers and partners and share our highly innovative and simple-to-use and manage security solutions with them. And we will strengthen our channel network further by meeting and appointing new results-oriented partners in countries where we would like to increase our market share and reach. Our security experts will hold presentations on the importance of implementing synchronized security and address security concerns customers and partners may have at the event," Mr. Chib added.

As part of its GITEX 2016 presence, Sophos will showcase its broad portfolio of security solutions including the newly launched SophosIntercept X, as well as Sophos Clean and SG UTM, and its recently launched synchronized encryption solution - SafeGuard Encryption8, which can automatically respond to threat incidents from connected endpoint protection. Since enterprise mobility management is now a growing priority, the company will also showcase Sophos Mobile Control 6.0, a container solution with Sophos Secure Email that enhances data protection.

Sophos will promote its newly launched partner program for the Middle East and Africa region, which has been designed to address the needs of different types of partner and their engagement levels with Sophos.

Senior global executives and security experts from the company will be available at the Sophos stand D1-10, Hall 1 to meet with customers and partners, address the challenges they face and share the latest security trends and global success stories with them.



**Harish Chib, Vice President, Middle East & Africa, Sophos**

TECH GIANTS RACE FOR EDGE  
IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Major technology firms are racing to infuse smartphones and other internet-linked devices with software smarts that help them think like people.

The effort is seen as an evolution in computing that allows users to interact with machines in natural conversation style, telling devices to tend to tasks such as ordering goods, checking traffic, making restaurant reservations or searching for information.

The artificial intelligence (AI) component in these programs aims to make create a world in which everyone can have a virtual aide that gets to know them better with each interaction. Here are some of the offerings available:

**Google**

Google is making a high-profile push into AI, with the internet titan's chief referring to it as a force for change as powerful as powerful as smartphones. Google Assistant software is being built into new Pixel handsets-aiming to outdo Apple's Siri-enabling users to organize and use information on the devices and in the cloud-to check emails, stay up to date on calendar appointments, news or ask for traffic and weather data.

Google also offers AI through its Allo messaging application which can be

installed on smartphones, and its Google Home hub, a standalone device similar to Amazon's Echo which responds to voice commands to manage tasks and fetch information where people live.

**Samsung**

The South Korean electronics giant moved to jumpstart its AI efforts by purchasing the US startup Viv Labs, launched by the creators of Apple's Siri.

Samsung says the acquisition announced this month is part of its effort to provide AI-based voice assistance services its customers can use across all Samsung devices and products, from smartphones to televisions to washing machines. Samsung is world's leading maker of smartphones powered by Google's free Android software, but also has its own Tizen mobile operating system, so how it may field its own virtual assistant technology remains to be seen.

**Apple**

Apple was the first to offer its personal assistant, introducing Siri for the iPhone in 2011, and has been working to improve it over the years. Recently, Siri was upgraded to interact with non-Apple applications, so users can book a ride with Lyft or make payments using Square Cash. — AFP



**MADAGASCAR:** In this July 27, 2016, file frame from video provided by Vayu, Inc., residents from Ranomafana, watch before a drone containing medical samples takes off on a test flight from their remote village, which can only be reached on foot. — AP

DRONES CARRYING MEDICINES,  
BLOOD FACE TOP CHALLENGE

## ANXIOUS VILLAGERS BUZZED WITH RUMORS

**JOHANNESBURG:** At first, the drone took some explaining. Anxious villagers buzzed with rumors of a new blood-sucking thing that would fly above their homes. Witchcraft, some said.

The truth was more practical: A United Nations project would explore whether a small unmanned aerial vehicle, or UAV, could deliver HIV test samples more efficiently than land transport in rural Malawi.

Once understanding dawned and work began, young students and their teachers would spill out of the nearby school, cheering, each time they heard the drone approaching. "It was very exciting," UNICEF official Judith Sherman said.

As drones quickly pick up momentum around the world in everything from military strikes to pizza delivery, Africa, the continent with some of the most entrenched humanitarian crises, hopes the technology will bring progress.

**Worst infrastructure**

This second-largest continent, with harsh landscapes of desert and rain forest and extremes of rainy seasons and drought, is burdened with what the World Bank has called "the worst infrastructure endowment of any developing region today." Rural highways, often unpaved, disintegrate. In many countries, access to electricity has actually declined. Taking to the air to soar over such challenges, much as Africa embraced mobile phones to bypass often dismal landline service, is a tempting goal.

Those trying out drones for humanitarian uses in Africa warn that the technology is no quick fix, but several new projects are exploring what can be achieved.

The highest-profile one yet begins this week in Rwanda, as the government and U.S. company Zipline launch a drone network to deliver blood supplies and medicines to remote hospitals and clinics. Even in one of Africa's smallest countries, such deliveries can take weeks by land. With drones, it will take hours.

The speed and limited space of drones have focused aid groups and businesses on how to deliver small, sensitive and potentially life-saving cargo. Earlier this year, a partnership was announced between Zipline and the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization.

Off Africa's eastern coast in Madagascar, another U.S. company, Vayu, has completed drone flights to deliver blood and stool samples from rural villages with support from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Africa has certain benefits for such projects, said Sid Rupani, who from his South Africa office studies how drones could be used effectively in supply chains. His U.S.-based employer, Llamasoft, has run a virtual pilot for Zipline in Tanzania. "It's not crowded airspace. Not many urban areas to deal with," Rupani said. Already, drones are being used in parts of the continent as visual aids in mapping and anti-poaching.

Drones also face multiple challenges. Some models are limited in range or need frequent

recharging. If they crash, retrieval in remote areas can be difficult. Some governments are wary of the technology as a possible invasion of their sovereignty, or they have no regulations in place. Even aid workers have reservations. In a survey of workers in 61 countries released last month by the Humanitarian UAV Network and other groups, the majority saw drones as positive, but 22 percent did not.

**Under attack?**

A top concern was that people on the ground would think they were under attack. "Whether we like it or not, UAVs are confused with weaponized drones," one Congo aid worker told the survey, pointing out the use of drones by the U.N. peacekeeping mission there.

Cost is another issue. The United Nations' test early this year in Malawi with the help of U.S. company Matternet found that using motorcycles was cheaper as they could carry other cargo, said Sherman, UNICEF's HIV and AIDS chief there. But she still sees drones as "a leapfrog technology that has great potential, some we might not have thought of yet."

Aid organizations are pushing for new breakthroughs. The Netherlands-based Wings for Aid is working on a drone prototype to carry more and go farther: Up to 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of cargo could be delivered to several points within 500 kilometers (310 miles), said Wesley Kreft, director of business development and innovation. — AP

SMARTPHONES DISTRACT US AND  
MAKE US LESS EFFICIENT AT WORK

**DUBAI:** While smartphones help us stay in touch with colleagues, keep on top of our inbox, and complete urgent tasks on the move, they actually make us less productive when we are working at our desks, according to a new psychological experiment by the Universities of Wurzburg and Nottingham Trent, commissioned by Kaspersky Lab.

The experiment unearthed a correlation between productivity levels and the distance between participants and their smartphone. When their smartphone was taken away, participant performance improved by 26 per cent. The experiment tested the behavior of 95 persons between 19 and 56 years of age in laboratories at the universities of Wurzburg and Nottingham-Trent. Care was taken to balance experimental conditions and gender across laboratory sites.

Researchers asked participants to perform a concentration test under four different circumstances: with their smartphone in their pocket, at their desk, locked in a drawer and removed from the room completely. The results are significant - test results were lowest when the smartphone was on the desk, but with every additional layer of distance between participants and their smartphones, test performance increased. Overall, test results were 26% higher when phones were removed from the room.

Contrary to expectations, the absence of the smartphone didn't make participants nervous. Anxiety levels were consistent across all experi-

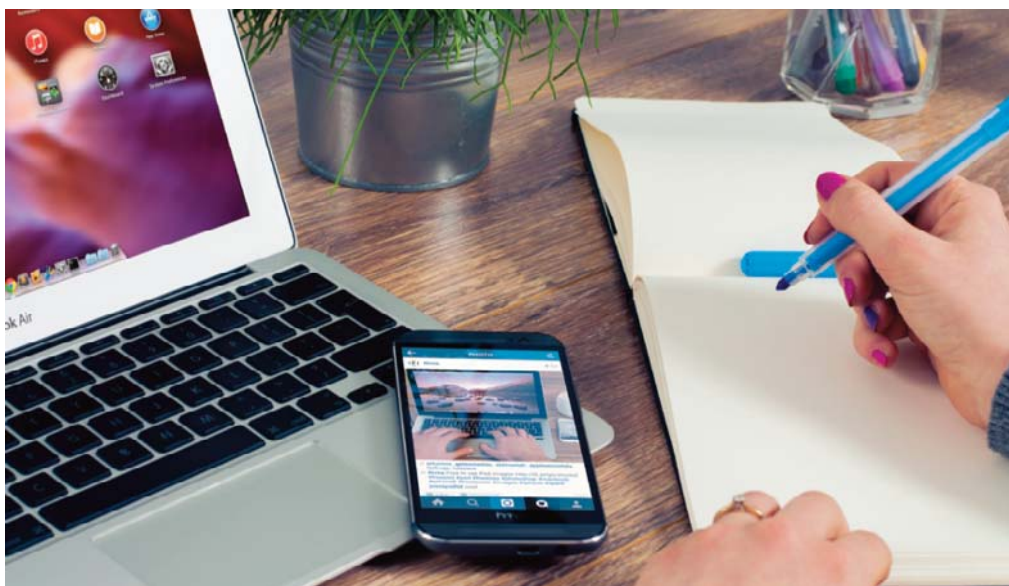
ments. However, in general, women were more anxious than their male counterparts, leading researchers to conclude that anxiety levels at work are not affected by smartphones (or the absence of smartphones), but can be impacted by gender.

"Previous studies have shown that on the one hand, separation from one's smartphone has negative emotional effects, such as increased anxiety, but, on the other hand, studies have

also demonstrated that one's smartphone may act as a distractor when present. In other words, both the absence and presence of a smartphone could impair concentration", says Jens Binder from the University of Nottingham Trent. "In summary, our findings from this study indicate that it is the absence, rather than the presence, of a smartphone that improves concentration," adds Astrid Carolus from the University of Wurzburg.



**WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** This file photo taken on September 16, 2016 shows a woman walking past Batu Adamis from Turkey, sleeping outside the Apple store to buy the new Apple iPhone 7. — AP







THESSALONIKI, Central Macedonia, Greece: People stand in front of an artwork illuminated in pink, “Umbrellas” by Greek sculptor George Zongolopoulos, part of a campaign to raise awareness and promote prevention and treatment of breast cancer, along the seaside of Thessaloniki yesterday. —AFP

# ‘NEW DAY’ IN LUNG CANCER AS MERCK DRUG SHINES

KEYTRUDA CUTS RISK OF DEATH 40% IN BIG LUNG CANCER STUDY

**COPENHAGEN:** Merck & Co scored a double hit yesterday with new clinical data showing its Keytruda immunotherapy offered big benefits in previously untreated lung cancer patients, either when given on its own or with chemotherapy. As a monotherapy, Keytruda halved the risk of disease progression and cut overall deaths by 40 percent compared to chemotherapy alone in pre-selected patients whose tumours had been tested using a biomarker.

And when given with two older chemotherapy drugs in non-selected patients, it was almost twice as likely to shrink tumours as chemotherapy alone. Another similar drug from Roche also demonstrated broad efficacy as a so-called second-line option in patients who had received prior treatment.

“Remember this day. It’s a new day for lung cancer treatment,” Stefan Zimmermann of Lausanne’s University Hospital told reporters at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) congress as the results were presented. An editorial in the New England Journal of Medicine, where the Merck monotherapy results were published, said Keytruda could become “a new standard of care”.

The various findings suggest that treating lung cancer - the biggest cancer killer globally - with powerful new immune system-boosting medicines is going to involve more permutations than some experts originally expected. Rival drugmaker Bristol-Myers Squibb had tried a catch-all approach with its Opdivo drug but it failed to help previously untreated patients when given on its own in a trial that included

people with low levels of a protein called PD-L1. Keytruda, as a sole agent, was targeted only at patients with high PD-L1, making them more receptive to immunotherapy.

Lead researcher Martin Reck of Germany’s Lung Clinic Grosshansdorf predicted that testing for the PD-L1 biomarker would now become standard “from today”. US regulators are expected to decide whether to approve Keytruda for first-line non-small cell lung cancer, the most common type, by Dec. 24. Merck had already said in June that Keytruda worked in the trial but the scale of the benefit was only disclosed at ESMO.

**COMBINATION THERAPY**

The second trial, mixing Keytruda with chemotherapy, was much smaller but was notable because it was the first time that a combination of immunotherapy and chemotherapy has been shown to work in a randomised Phase II study. Many experts have been skeptical about this approach and investors’ expectations, up until now, have been quite low. In the event, researchers reported that Merck’s combination cut the risk of disease progression or death by 47 percent compared to chemotherapy alone after 10.6 months, while 55 percent of patients saw their tumours shrink versus 29 percent.

Patients in this trial were not selected by PD-L1 expression but the study did find that those with higher PD-L1 had a higher response. Roger Perlmutter, Merck’s head of research, said both trials suggested Keytruda could offer a broad array of patients meaningful improvement over

standard platinum-based chemotherapy, which is now more than two decades old.

Drugs like Keytruda and Opdivo work by taking the brakes off the immune system and allowing the body’s natural killer cells to home in on tumors. They are expected to sell tens of billions of dollars in the years ahead, with lung cancer the largest market. Up until now, Bristol has dominated the field but investors have started to shift their bets, with forecasts for Opdivo declining while those for Keytruda have risen.

The current consensus forecast among analysts is for Keytruda sales to reach \$8 billion in 2021, with Opdivo selling \$10.5 billion, according to Thomson Reuters data. Results of Bristol’s failed Opdivo trial, which included patients with tumours testing only 5 percent or higher for PD-L1 against the 50 percent cut-off used by Merck, were also presented at ESMO.

These showed progression-free survival was 4.2 months with Opdivo and 5.9 months with chemotherapy, although the difference was not statistically significant. Overall survival was 14.4 months with Opdivo versus 13.2 months. The failure of Opdivo to work for “all comers” in lung cancer was first announced in August, without any details. It was a major setback for Bristol, wiping out around a quarter of the company’s market value, and it has caused investors to rethink prospects for immunotherapy treatments. Many now believe that combination therapy is the way ahead, with Bristol and AstraZeneca working primarily on using two immunotherapies together, while Roche and Merck look at adding chemotherapy. — Reuters



In this photo provided by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), walrus gather to rest on the shores of the Chukchi Sea near the coastal village of Point Lay, Alaska. Pacific walrus are beginning to come ashore near the remote community on Alaska’s northwest coast in what’s become a marine mammal phenomenon caused by a warming climate. — AP

# WALRUS BEGIN ARRIVING NEAR ALASKA VILLAGE IN ANNUAL EVENT

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska:** Pacific walrus are beginning to come ashore near a remote community on Alaska’s northwest coast in what’s become an annual marine mammal phenomenon caused by a warming climate. The massive animals have gathered by the thousands each fall on a barrier island near the Inupiat Eskimo village of Point Lay in recent years. Last year, 35,000 walrus hauled out on the rocky beach.

Villagers notified the US Fish and Wildlife Service Friday that the walrus have begun arriving and that about 1,000 are gathered on the island so far, said spokeswoman Andrea Medeiros.

Walrus prefer resting on sea ice to look out for predators such as polar bears. But in 2007, they began coming ashore on the northwest Alaska coast because of receding summer sea ice as Arctic temperatures have warmed. Walrus are considered a major subsistence food for Point Lay residents.

Many worry that disturbances at the hauling site, such as the presence of airplanes overhead or visitors, could panic the walrus into stampedes that kill the smallest animals, Medeiros said. “They’re caretakers of those animals,” she said. “They want to ensure that those animals are not disturbed while they’re on shore.” Medeiros

said the village is working with the agency on an outreach program to discourage people from visiting the animals’ gathering site.

In a statement, the village tribal council asked that people leave the walrus alone. The council wrote it is concerned about the animals because they are subject to stampedes that can kill the youngest walrus. It also said the village depends on the animals for food and wants to protect its traditions and culture. Only Alaska Natives who live in the state are allowed to hunt walrus. Point Lay is a community of about 270 people. It is 700 miles northwest of Anchorage and 300 miles southwest of Barrow. —AP

# AS ARABLE LAND DISAPPEARS, HERE COME VERTICAL FARMERS

**WAREGEM, Belgium:** As cities expand, eating up swathes of countryside in the process, agricultural pioneers are finding new ways to grow the fresh produce we need, in containers, empty buildings and any other spare space they can find to create new vertical farms.

“We are just trying to imitate nature. It’s not as futuristic as it might sound,” insists a smiling Maarten Vandecruys, the youthful founder of Urban Crops, a new Belgian company specialising in indoor growing systems with the help of LED (light emitting diodes) lamps. Behind him, in a spooky, futuristic purple halo of light, stand rows of shelves dedicated to horticulture. It is a closed environment with no natural light. The purple glow is the result of red and blue lamps and is believed to provide the optimal growing conditions. Vandecruys prides himself on the completely automated agro-system he has set up in Waregem, in eastern Belgium. At the Urban Crops lab, a conveyor belt circulates containers of germinated plants which are placed in a special substrate, using no earth to reduce the risks of disease linked to animal-life and other external factors.

The containers are introduced to a closed room, the walls of which are lined with shelves. Under the artificial light the plants develop in a controlled environment, fed through a hydroponic system-water laced with the ideal mix of mineral salts and essential nutrients. No pesticides are required in this much more sterile environment and, as the LED lamps don’t heat up, they can be placed close to the plants, allowing for tight layers of plants.

**Evolution not revolution**

According to Vandecruys the future of vertical farming is to expand to an industrial scale. “It’s just an evolution,” not an agro-industrial revolution, he says, a natural progression from fields to greenhouses, then from greenhouses to vertical farms.

With his system, a 50 square-metre space (540 square feet) can be transformed into 500 square metres of usable “land”. And the plants grow two to three times

faster than outdoors, further increasing yields. In the Urban Crops laboratory, up to 220 mature lettuce plants are produced each day in a 30-square-metre room using just five percent of the water required in traditional agriculture.

However for Samuel Colasse, a teacher and researcher at the Carah agronomic research centre in Hainaut, eastern Belgium, the concept of urban farming is “currently not very convincing” in countries like France and Belgium where the distances between the fields and the towns “aren’t enormous”.

But in a highly urban environment like New York “there are projects which work pretty well,” he says. And in hostile climatic conditions, or in some military or refugee camp situations such “somewhat futuristic” ideas could be envisioned, Colasse adds. His own laboratory has produced everything from bananas to rhododendrons.

**Endless uses**

For Urban Crops the uses of its vertical farming technology are virtually boundless. The company can foresee its products being used in pharmaceutical labs to produce plants with medicinal qualities, in supermarkets which could sell their own hyper-fresh produce-and at the same time cut out the transport costs-or in isolated communities in Scandinavia and elsewhere.

For now its clients have more modest ambitions. A top restaurant, for example, wants to experiment with the flavor, texture, size and color of its ingredients through subtle changes to the light, temperature and nutrients during the growing process. Urban Foods claims to have produced a type of salad rocket the taste of which “explodes” at the back of the throat.

And for the domestic goddesses, or gods, there are individual shelving and lighting set ups to grow-your-own herbs or cherry tomatoes. Swedish furniture giant IKEA has already jumped vertically onto the home-farming bandwagon, launching its own range of assemble-yourself vegetable kits. — AFP



Lettuce is grown within an automated internal agricultural system with violet LED lighting at Urban Crops in Waregem. —AFP

# S AFRICA BASKS IN CONTINENT’S FIRST SOLAR-POWERED AIRPORT

**GEORGE, South Africa:** At first glance there’s nothing out of the ordinary about the regional airport in George, a town of just 150,000 residents on South Africa’s south coast. In fact though, the small site is Africa’s first “green” airport to be powered by the sun. The control tower, escalators, check-in desks, baggage carousels, restaurants and ATMs-every service here depends on a small solar power station, located a few hundred metres away in a field of dandelions next to a runway.

Its 2,000 solar panels produce up to 750 kW every day, easily surpassing the 400 kW needed to run the airport. The excess is fed back into the municipal power grid, and a computer screen in the terminal informs passengers: “Within this month (September), 274 households were supplied through this system with green electricity.”

For environmentally-conscious travellers keen to reduce their carbon footprint, it’s a welcome development. “Planes have such a big carbon print,” said passenger Brent Petersen, 33, in George. “If we compensate, that’s cool.”

George Airport was originally built in apartheid-era South Africa in 1977 to make getting home easier for PW Botha, a government minister at the time and later president. It now serves as a transit hub for shipments of homegrown flowers and oysters, as well as golfers visiting one of the region’s many courses. Some 700,000 passengers pass through its doors each year. The solar plant, launched in September 2015, is the second solar-run airport in the world after Cochin airport in southern India. Nestled between the Indian Ocean on one side and the majestic Outeniqua Mountains on the other, George was a surprising location for the first attempt at a solar-powered airport in South Africa.

**Ambitious project**

The town’s weather is unpredictable: in the space of half an hour, the temperature can plummet by 10 degrees celsius, the blue skies quickly replaced by a steady drizzle. But so far, so good: even on overcast days, the plant still produces some power. At night or when necessary, the system automatically switches over to the traditional power grid.

“The thinking was if we put (the solar

system) in the worst unpredictable weather, it will absolutely work in any other airport in the country,” the airport’s maintenance director Marclen Stellenberg told AFP.

The environmental value of the ambitious project is already evident. Since solar became the airport’s main source of power, the hub has reduced its carbon dioxide emissions by 1,229 tonnes-the equivalent of 103,934 litres of fuel. The electricity bill has been cut by 40 percent in the space of a year, “which is a plus for me on the budget,” said airport manager Brenda Voster. Voster says it will take another five to 10 years to pay off the initial 16-million rand (\$1.2 million) cost. Meanwhile, regular power cuts, which in recent years have plagued Africa’s most developed economy, are a thing of the past, she adds.

Heavily dependent on coal, which is the source of 90 percent of the country’s electricity, South Africa is looking to diversify its options to avoid power cuts.

Robyn Spence, who works at Dollar car hire company at the airport, said they “had to replace quite a few computers” fried by electricity surges caused by power cuts last year-no longer an issue with the solar system.

**Untapped potential**

But not all the retailers at the airport are feeling the benefits yet.

Lelona Madlingozi, a kitchen manager at Illy restaurant in the main terminal, said they had two power cuts lasting about three hours each just a month earlier. “We could not sell anything in the shop,” she said. Restaurants, said the airport, are not one of the essential services prioritised during power cuts.

Expanding the use of renewable energy is a key focus for management firm, Airports Company South Africa, said its president Skhumbuzo Macozoma. The company’s goal is to achieve “carbon neutrality”, or net zero carbon emissions, by 2030. In a country with an estimated average of 8.5 hours of sunshine a day throughout the year, solar’s untapped potential looks huge.

After the success in George, the airports in Kimberley-South Africa’s diamond capital-and Upington near the Namibian border have also gone green, with three other regional airports next in line. — AFP





FRANKFURT: A crow flies with a walnut in its beak in Frankfurt am Main, western Germany, yesterday. —AFP

## INDIA UNDER PRESSURE ON HFCs AS WORLD SEEKS CLIMATE ACCORD

**OSLO/WASHINGTON:** India will face pressure to speed up its plans for cutting greenhouse gases used in refrigerators, air conditioning and aerosols when governments meet this week to hammer out what would be a third key deal to limit climate change in a month.

About 150 nations meet in Rwanda, from Oct. 10-14 to try to agree a phase down of factory-made hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) gases. US Secretary of State John Kerry will be among those attending.

A quick phase-down of HFCs could be a big contribution to slow climate change, avoiding perhaps 0.5 degree Celsius (0.9 Fahrenheit) of a projected rise in average temperatures by 2100, scientists say. But India wants a peak in poor nations' rising emissions only in 2031, to give industries time to adapt. More than 100 other nations including the United States, the European Union and African states, favour a peak in 2021.

"It really does matter how early the agreement kicks in," said Jake Schmidt, of the U.S. Natural Resources Defense Council, which reckons India's proposal would add the equivalent of almost a year of global carbon emissions to the atmosphere. "We must get enough time before the phasing out period starts. We are very clear," Indian Environment Minister Anil Madhav Dave said on Oct. 1, according to the Times of India.

Use of HFCs, which can be 10,000 times more powerful than carbon dioxide as greenhouse gases, is already declining in many rich nations. An HFC accord would be the third big step this month to curb global warming after the 2015 Paris Agreement for a global shift from fossil fuels gained enough backing to enter into force and

governments agreed a deal to limit emissions from aviation.

President Barack Obama, hailing the Paris Agreement at the White House last week, said HFCs and aviation would also help "build a world that is safer and more prosperous and more secure".

The U.S. president has been keen to secure global climate agreements, meant to limit rising sea levels, droughts, floods and heatwaves, as part of his legacy. Last month, 16 governments including the United States, Japan and Germany and private donors such as Microsoft founder Bill Gates agreed an \$80 million fund to help an early phase down of HFCs, hoping to persuade developing nations to sign up.

Many industries are already moving. "Unlikely as it may seem, a global HFC phase-down is backed both by leading environmental groups and the industry that makes and uses these chemicals," said Frank Maisano, of the US Air-conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute which represents companies such as Carrier Corp or Honeywell.

"We and many others in the industry have started to phase out HFCs. But the process is not completed," said Daniel Frykholm, spokesman for Sweden's Electrolux which wants to halve its greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 from 2005 levels.

The HFC talks are part of the 1987 Montreal Protocol, which succeeded in cutting the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) to help protect the ozone layer, which shields the planet from ultraviolet rays that can cause skin cancer. But the HFCs that have often replaced them, while better for the ozone layer, are powerful greenhouse gases. — Reuters

# WASHINGTON VOTERS TO DECIDE ON NATION'S FIRST CARBON TAX

### CALL FOR SLAPPING DIRECT CARBON TAX ON BURNING FOSSIL FUELS

**SEATTLE:** Washington lawmakers have tried and failed in recent years to make polluters pay for their carbon emissions to fight climate change. Now, voters will get to decide. An initiative on the November ballot asks voters whether the state should impose the nation's first direct carbon tax on the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and gasoline.

Sponsors say residents have a moral responsibility to curb greenhouse gas emissions, and a carbon tax is the best way to do it. The tax encourages businesses to conserve or switch to clean energy by making fossil fuels more expensive, and it makes the tax system fairer by using the revenues to reduce other taxes, they say. Businesses say the tax will drive up fuel and energy costs and put Washington companies at a competitive disadvantage.

And in a move that has bewildered some, major environmental and other groups - including those that backed Gov. Jay Inslee's proposal last year to cap emissions and make carbon polluters pay - oppose the initiative. They say it takes the wrong approach.

Yoram Bauman, an economist who founded Carbon Washington, the grassroots group that gathered more than 350,000 signatures to qualify Initiative 732, defended it as great climate and tax policy. "It does almost everything right for Washington," he said.

Audubon Washington supports it. "Our members came down on the side of urgency. We don't have time to wait," said Gail Gatton, the group's executive director. "Climate change is happening, and this is our best available option right now to protect birds."

#### Carbon-pricing

But the Sierra Club, Washington Environmental Council and the advocacy group Front and Centered say the initiative is the wrong carbon-pricing approach and will hurt the state's revenues. Whereas Inslee's pollution fee would have raised money for education, transportation, clean energy and programs to help disadvantaged communities affected by climate change, Initiative 732 provides no such investments, critics say. "It's not a path that makes sense for our communities," said Rich Stolz, executive director of OneAmerica, which works on social justice issues. Stolz said the initiative ignores climate justice and lacks input from communities of color.

Stolz's group is part of a coalition that worked on an alternative carbon-pricing measure. Last-minute talks between that coalition and I-732 supporters to collaborate on one ballot measure fizzled last year. The initiative is designed to be revenue neutral, meaning the tax revenue increase from fossil fuels would be mostly offset by decreases in other taxes. In this case, revenues would be returned to people and businesses by cutting the state sales tax by one point, virtually eliminating business taxes for manufacturers and providing rebates for working families, sponsors say.

A state analysis, however, estimates the measure could cost the state about \$800 million in lost revenues over the first six fiscal years. Initiative sponsors dispute the state's analysis, saying it double-counted the rebates in the first year. The carbon tax is modeled after one in the nearby Canadian province of British Columbia. California has a cap-and-trade program, which limits emissions and allows carbon polluters to buy and trade pollution credits. If approved, Washington's carbon tax starts at \$15 a ton of carbon emissions in July, goes up to \$25 the next year and incrementally increases afterward.

The Washington State Tree Fruit Association, which represents growers, packers and marketers, is among those opposed. It takes a lot of fuel to grow and transport produce, and the tax will be paid by those in the state, not competitors outside it, said Jon Devaney, the group's president.



WASHINGTON: A Tesoro Corp refinery, including a gas flare flame that is part of normal plant operations, is shown in Anacortes, Washington after a fatal overnight fire and explosion. — AP



WASHINGTON: Carbon Washington campaign organizer Ben Silesky, left, leads a group of supporters and organization members into the Elections Office for the Washington Secretary of State in Olympia, Washington to deliver signatures in support of putting Initiative 732 on the ballot. — AP

"Raising food prices in Washington state will make us less competitive compared to others," he said.

Initiative sponsors say a \$25 carbon tax would raise the price of gasoline by about 25 cents per gallon and the price of coal-fired electricity by about 2.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. They say power plants and fuel suppliers likely will pass those costs on to consumers, but that consumers will see price reductions in other things

they buy because the sales tax is cut. The tax wouldn't apply to electricity from renewables like hydro, wind or solar power.

The campaign has raised \$1.2 million from nearly 1,200 unique donors; more than half of those total contributions are under \$200. The No on 732 campaign sponsored by the Association of Washington Business has raised \$300,000 to oppose the tax. —AP

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## IWG BEGINS ACTIVITIES FOR NEW CULTURAL SEASON

By Faten Omar

As part of the cultural activities of the International Women's Group (IWG), a traditional and entertaining event was held yesterday at Crowne Plaza Hotel and was attended by IWG members. The event begins International Women's Group's (IWG) activities for their 2016-2017 cultural season which is chaired this year by the Russian ambassador's wife Elena. The event was part of the regular events and activities held by IWG members. "These activities include different celebrations and events like visiting traditional places," Narjis Al Shatti, IWG member told the Kuwait Times. "Other cultural activities include those presented by the diplomats' spouses from their home countries' cultures," Shatti added that there will be many future activities for the IWG members. "IWG will visit Oman this year. We also plan to host cooking workshops that will start this month; the first one will be hosted by Ruby Tuesday."

She said that representatives from South

African embassy will teach the members how to cook traditional African cuisine. Shatti noted that there will also be monthly painting workshops held by the spouses of the Egyptian and Hungarian Ambassadors. The workshops will be in collaboration with the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters in Abdulaziz Hussein Cultural Center in Mishref. The IWG will also organize in winter sports activities for its members at public parks.

For his part, Ambassador of South Africa to Kuwait M P Bon said that the South Africa embassy is happy to share the beauty of humanity in Africa with members of the IWG. "It is my pleasure to be invited to such an event in which we can share our traditions and culture. I hope you enjoy our cultural event that will show you what South Africa has to offer," he said. The event included a performance, where the band presented a traditional drum show. This event aims to strengthen the relations with other members, where the wives of new ambassadors meet with other members to exchange information about their countries, tradition, food and culture.



## ACK SECURES ISO 9001:2008 CERTIFICATION

As part of its commitment to providing quality education and training, the Australian College of Kuwait (ACK) is proud to announce that it has been awarded ISO 9001:2008 Certification, the most widely accepted international standard for quality management systems, as per its Quality Manual scope of "Provision of Higher Education and Corporate Training".

ACK is now the first and only private higher education provider in Kuwait that has received the ISO 9001:2008 certification, under its quality policy of adopting a continual improvement approach to ensure quality service to its students, trainees, and stakeholder while delivering service

through effective management of its resources and operations.

The main benefit to staff members, students and future graduates of ACK in securing ISO certification means the College aims to be a customer-focused organization, ensuring students and trainees' satisfaction by delivering services and support to meet their needs and expectations while maintaining regulatory requirements.

Mr Sager Abdullah Al-Sharhan, Acting Chief Operations Officer said: "We are delighted with this achievement as we aimed to acquire the ISO certificate to fulfill the requirements of all stakeholders. By receiving ISO certification, ACK ensures continual improvement, as well as better results & learning outcomes."

"We are very proud of ACK team members for achieving ISO 9001:2008 certification," said Director of Quality Management at ACK Mrs Amal Al Shihabi. "ACK has always been known for its high level of quality and proven academic performance by our students at the professional, academic and post-graduate level. Achieving this certification, ACK is also ensuring its processes are at par with international Quality Management Systems and will ensure ACK is achieving its educational objectives for excellence."



### BIRTHDAY WISHES

I cannot find the exact words to tell you that we are so proud of what you have become through the years! Happy greetings to you on your birthday, my darling son! Baba, Amma, Aanish and Alezy.

### VISIT OF VIBRANT GUJARAT GLOBAL SUMMIT DELEGATION TO KUWAIT

A 16-member business delegation from Gujarat led by Dr Rajiv Kumar Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government of Gujarat and Managing Director, Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. (GNFC) is visiting Kuwait from 9-10 October 2016. The delegation comprises senior officials from the Government of Gujarat and number of prestigious representatives.

The visit of Gujarat Delegation aims to promote the "Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2017", to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from 10-13 January 2017, and seek active participation from Kuwait at the Summit. The delegation members will explore trade and investment opportunities in Kuwait, including collaborations and tie-ups with businesses and enterprises of Kuwait.

During the visit, the Gujarat Delegation would, inter alia, meet the Undersecretary in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Kuwait; CEOs of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, KOC, KNPC, PIC, KPI; and Director General, Kuwait Ports Authority. KPMG, Kuwait would organize a networking event for the Gujarat delegation with the participation of the members of Indian Business and Professional Council (IBPC), Kuwait.





## JUMEIRAH MESSILAH BEACH HOTEL & SPA CONGRATULATES OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

**J**umeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa proudly welcomed the Kuwaiti athletes Fehaid Al-Deehani and Abdullah Al-Rashidi following their historic win at the 2016 Rio De Janeiro Summer Olympic Games. The Hotel management team warmly greeted the athletes and lauded their out-

standing achievements. On his part, General Manager Hakan Petek said, "It is with great honor that we welcome the Kuwaiti athletes to Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa. They have become an inspiration to future athletes in their aspirations to win Olympic medals. We recognize their extreme hard

work, talent and dedication to positively represent the State of Kuwait on the international playing field".

The luxurious landmark is honored to offer both world-class athletes with its renowned Stay Different TM experience. Gold medalist Fehaid Al-Deehani, who won

men's double trap, was offered a regal stay in the sumptuously decorated Royal Suite with spectacular views over the Arabian Gulf and Abdullah Al-Rashidi, who scooped a bronze in the men's shooting skeet, was offered a stay in the luxurious Duplex Residence with its beautiful views onto the

well-maintained hotel gardens and sparkling swimming pool. Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa stays committed to delivering memorable experiences to support and encourage the Kuwaiti community in its accomplishments and national successes.



## MERCEDES KUWAIT WELCOMES QALAM EXCELLENCE EDUCATION COMPANY

**A**R Al Bisher and Z Al Kazemi Company, the Authorized General Distributor of Mercedes Benz in Kuwait welcomed a group of young Kuwaiti adults from the Qalam Excellence Education Company to their premises in Shuwaikh. A charitable company, the Qalam Excellence Education Company specializes in delivering a range of educational serv-

ices, including a number of courses for people with disabilities. Organised as part of an employability program funded by Manpower Government Restructuring Program (MGRP), a key element of the program enables students with disabilities to visit organizations and employers to develop their skills and gain experience in different workplaces. Students

had the opportunity to visit AR Al Bisher and Z Al Kazemi Company's Passenger Car Sales Department, where they were able to see the wide range of new, used and AMG cars available in the showroom. They also received valuable insights into potential employment in the Automotive field from Senior Manager, Mr Kay Schleef and Sales Supervisors.

The group also visited the Kuwait Automotive Academy, an initiative of Daimler AG and the Kuwait Investment Authority, where they were welcomed by Mr Werner Eberlein, Academy Manager, who provided an overview of the courses available for Kuwaiti students. Also in attendance, Michael Ruehle, Chief Executive Officer of AR Al Bisher and Z

Alkazemi Company, said: "We are delighted to welcome this group of young individuals to the Company and to give them a short insight into life in the automotive sector in Kuwait. Qalam Excellence Education Company is an important institution and we are fortunate to be able to participate in their beneficial education program."

## MARINA HOTEL APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF SALES

**M**arina Hotel Kuwait has appointed Wissam Injibar as Director of Sales to spearhead its team in affirming the property's posi-



tion as a leading five-star luxury hotel in Kuwait. Wissam comes with over 15 years of valuable experience in the hospitality industry. Wissam joins the hotel after holding noteworthy management positions across various hotels in Lebanon and the region bringing with him an extensive knowledge of sales and marketing in the Middle East.

At Marina Hotel, Wissam will work closely with the team to administer the overall sales of the hotel while also being responsible for setting and driving business growth in order to boost the hotel's leadership position in the market. He will be in charge of consistently strengthening business

ties with existing clients and stakeholders, as well as generating leads for new business.

Mr Nabil Hammoud, General Manager, Marina Hotel Kuwait, said, "We are happy to welcome Wissam to our dynamic team. With his expertise, market knowledge and awareness of the hospitality sector, I am confident that Wissam is ready to take on the new challenge and bring in the desired results."

Speaking about his new role, Wissam commented, "It's a privilege to be part of the team at Marina Hotel. Taking the role of Director of Sales, I am tremendously excited about the market opportunities ahead and look forward to extending my experience into building relationships with existing and new clients to build on the hotel's existing success. Wissam holds a bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management from Art Science and Technology University in Lebanon and a bachelors training degree in Hotel Management from C&E College. Marina Hotel Kuwait takes pride in its professional and efficient management team and hotel staff, and confirms its positive stature in the hospitality sector with its international standards, matched by top notch business and leisure services for clients.

## FORD'S WARRIORS IN PINK DEDICATED TO THE SPIRIT OF BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS

**R**adiating with positivity, breast cancer survivors selected by Ford Middle East and North Africa for this year's edition of Warriors in Pink have come together to reflect on their battles with the disease and to share their heart-felt stories.

By continuously asking, "What more can we do?" Ford's long-standing program Warriors in Pink continues to support, inspire and empower patients, survivors and co-survivors of the disease year after year. The objective is to drive conversation on breast cancer awareness as a leading health concern, to spread a message of hope to current patients and to encourage women and men to get regular check-ups.

Following the remarkable success of previous years' activities, Ford recently organized several photo sessions for survivors - "Models of Courage" - across the Middle East and North Africa region, in the hope that these courageous ladies' actions can inspire current and future patients in their own battles. The 2016 collection of the "Warriors in Pink" clothing and accessories line, which includes a wide range of items from scarves to shirts, was also introduced during these photo sessions.

### United Arab Emirates

"Staying positive will get you through the darkest hours and into the light," says Model of Courage Dikrayat Saleh in her message to breast cancer patients. "Cancer is not a death sentence unless you allow it to be". "On some level, this is a battle that everyone has to fight. We are fighting for our own lives", explains Model of Courage Umaima Tinwala, acknowledging the "ignored heroes" - family and friends that stand by cancer patients through the many lows. "I really believe these heroes need to be recognized. All cancer patients have at least one such person and they should be part of our story as well", says Umaima.

The 2016 edition of Warriors in Pink was an adrenalin-fuelled event held in a boxing ring at the Fit Republik fitness centre in Sports City, Dubai. Five breast cancer survivors from the UAE - Dikrayat Saleh, Umaima Tinwala, Deena Ajith, Jenny Holiday, and Hanifa Meslem - modeled the new apparel and accessories collection, and shared their powerful message of hope.

Jenny expressed her excitement in taking part in this inspiring campaign, saying: "Ford makes breast cancer awareness a fun experience. In many ways, I believe this disease turned into a blessing." Dikrayat stressed the importance of a strong sup-

port system to overcome the difficult times. She explained: "The positive attitudes of my doctors and the time given to explain things to me in gentle ways helped me get through this stage in my life." Deena chooses to live one day at a time and to remain positive throughout the treatment.

Sue Nigoghossian, general manager, Communications, Ford Middle East and North Africa, said: "We are thrilled to welcome these courageous and inspiring women to the Models of Courage programme, and we are proud to have them represent Warriors in Pink in the region. This campaign has flourished into a long-standing programme in the Middle East and North Africa, and we continue to be committed to raising greater awareness of breast cancer and the importance of early detection as it can help save lives." "Through the Warriors in Pink campaign, we aim to further raise awareness in the UAE and across the MENA region, to encourage, inspire and empower breast cancer patients, as well as their families."

Issuing a call to action for early detection, Ford Middle East and North Africa has again partnered with the Zulekha hospital offering free mammograms and consultations during the month of October to

encourage both men and women to get screened. The Zulekha hospital hosted a conference on Monday October 3rd to launch this initiative where the Ford Warriors in Pink Models of courage were invited to share their experiences and message of hope. This year, women in the UAE can register again for free mammograms at the Zulekha Hospitals in Dubai and Sharja, from October 3rd until December 31st.

Originally created to bring the breast cancer community together and support those who embody courage, commitment and hope in the fight, Ford Warriors in Pink has become an active support system for anyone touched by the disease. The Warriors in Pink apparel collection features bold symbols that signify hope and strength, and that embody the warrior spirit of taking charge, harnessing power and standing together. This year, the collection featured new items including a hoodie, a tunic and a T-shirt, as well as best-selling accessories such as the annual women's scarf and an updated versatile tote. Warriors in Pink now has its own coloring book designed to create a relaxing way for breast cancer survivors to pass time, giving them a few moments of peace and mindfulness.





04:25 Living With Man Eaters  
06:02 Man-Eating Super Croc  
06:49 Mermaids: The New Evidence  
07:36 The Wild Life Of Tim Faulkner  
08:00 The Wild Life Of Tim Faulkner  
08:25 Groomer Has It  
09:15 Rugged Justice  
10:10 Deadliest Place On Earth  
11:05 Tanked  
12:00 Groomer Has It  
12:55 Bondi Vet  
13:50 Rugged Justice  
14:45 Gator Boys  
15:40 Deadliest Place On Earth  
16:35 Tanked  
17:30 Wildest Africa  
18:25 Big Fish Man  
19:20 My Cat From Hell  
20:15 Tanked  
21:10 Wildest Africa  
22:05 My Cat From Hell  
23:00 Attack Of The Killer Dragons  
23:55 Gator Boys  
00:50 Big Fish Man  
01:45 Attack Of The Killer Dragons  
02:40 My Cat From Hell  
03:35 Tanked



04:00 Orphan Black  
04:45 Doctors  
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18:30 Stella  
19:15 Casually  
20:05 New Tricks  
21:00 The Kettering Incident  
22:00 Thirteen  
22:55 Silent Witness  
00:00 Orphan Black  
00:45 Casually  
01:45 The Kettering Incident  
02:35 Thirteen  
03:30 Silent Witness



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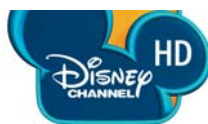
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11:35 Wheeler Dealers  
12:25 Misfit Garage  
13:15 Deals, Wheels And Steals  
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14:05 How It's Made: Dream Cars  
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16:10 Alaskan Bush People  
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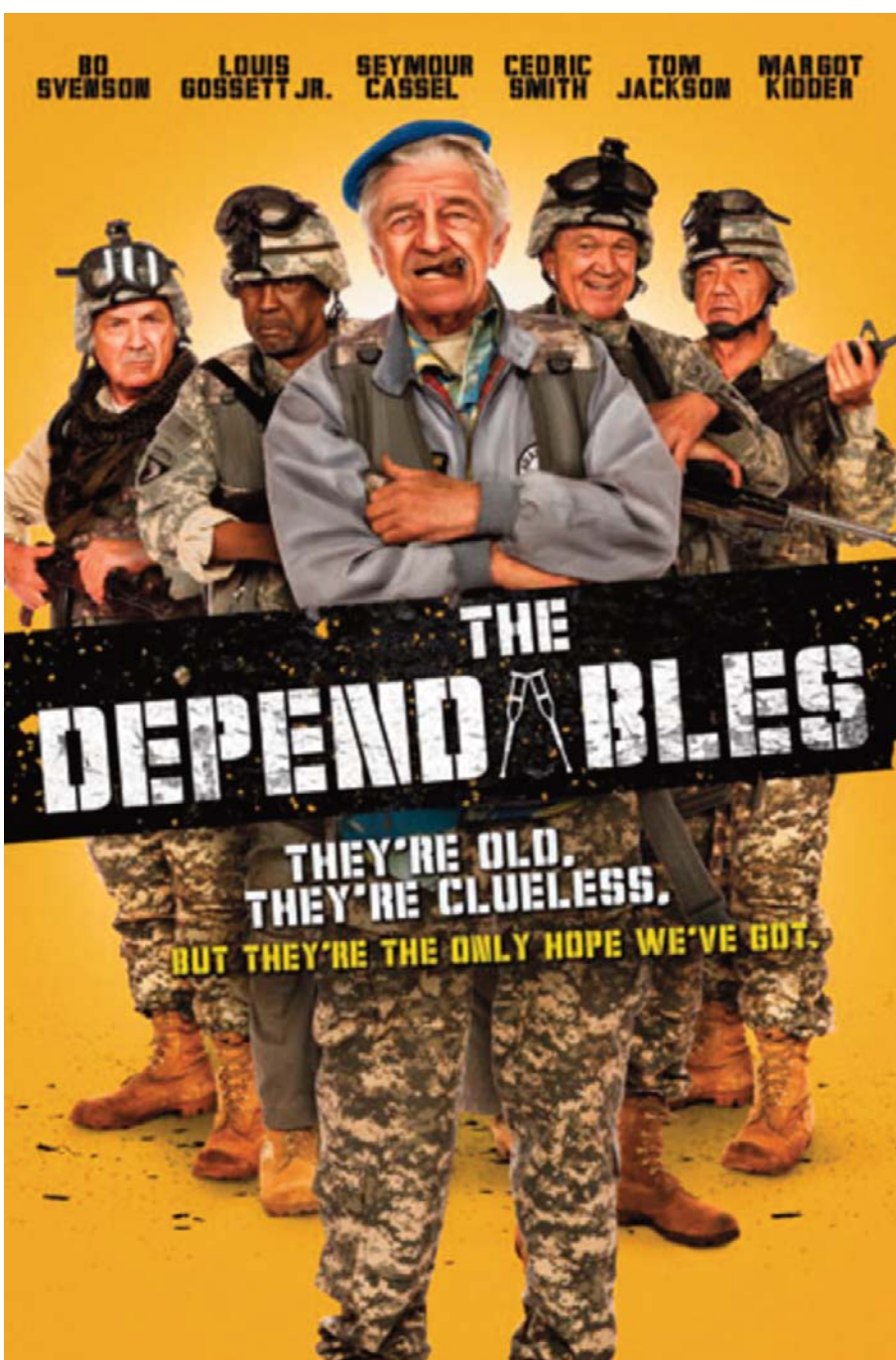
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08:25 Dick 'n' Dom Go Wild  
08:50 Must Love Cats  
09:40 How It's Made  
10:05 How It's Made  
10:30 What Could Possibly Go Wrong?  
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03:10 Baby Animals  
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04:00 Strip The Cosmos  
04:48 Strip The Cosmos  
05:30 Close Encounters  
06:00 Close Encounters  
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06:48 Close Encounters  
07:12 Close Encounters  
08:00 How Do They Do It?  
08:26 Prototype This  
09:14 Close Encounters  
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10:02 USA Memory Championships  
10:50 How Do They Do It?  
11:14 Food Factory  
11:38 Bigger, Better, Faster, Stronger  
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20:05 Close Encounters  
20:30 NASA's Unexplained Files  
21:20 How Do They Do It?  
21:45 Food Factory  
22:10 Through The Wormhole With Morgan Freeman  
23:00 NASA's Unexplained Files  
23:50 Close Encounters  
00:15 Close Encounters  
00:40 Prototype This  
01:30 How Do They Do It?  
01:55 Food Factory  
02:20 NASA's Unexplained Files  
03:10 Close Encounters  
03:35 Close Encounters



04:15 The Hive  
04:20 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch  
04:45 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch  
05:10 Hank Zipzer  
05:35 Binny And The Ghost  
06:00 Violetta  
06:45 The Hive  
06:50 Mouk  
07:00 Jessie  
07:25 Jessie  
07:50 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug  
08:00 Cat Noir  
08:15 Tsum Tsum Shorts  
08:20 Liv And Maddie  
08:45 Bunk'd  
09:10 Austin & Ally  
09:35 Shake It Up  
10:00 A.N.T. Farm  
10:25 A.N.T. Farm  
10:50 That's So Raven  
11:15 That's So Raven  
11:40 Good Luck Charlie  
12:05 Good Luck Charlie  
12:30 Jessie  
12:55 Disney Mickey Mouse  
13:00 The 7D



## THE DEPENDABLES ON OSN MOVIES HD ACTION

05:00 Art Attack  
05:25 Henry Hugglemonster  
05:35 Calimero  
05:50 Zou  
06:00 Loopdidoo  
06:15 Art Attack  
06:35 Henry Hugglemonster  
06:50 Calimero  
07:00 Zou  
07:20 Loopdidoo  
07:35 Art Attack  
08:00 The Hive  
08:10 Zou  
08:25 Loopdidoo  
08:40 Sheriff Callie's Wild West  
09:05 Sofia The First  
09:30 PJ Masks  
09:40 Goldie & Bear  
09:55 Doc McStuffins  
10:10 Jake And The Neverland Pirates  
10:20 PJ Masks  
10:35 Miles From Tomorrow

08:00 Star vs The Forces Of Evil  
08:25 K.C. Undercover  
08:50 The 7D  
09:00 Phineas And Ferb  
09:15 Danger Mouse  
09:40 Counterfeit Cat  
10:05 Star Wars The Resistance Rises  
10:10 Gravity Falls  
10:35 Lab Rats  
11:00 Supa Strikas  
11:50 Danger Mouse  
12:20 Annedroids  
12:45 Annedroids  
13:10 Counterfeit Cat  
13:35 K.C. Undercover  
14:00 K.C. Undercover  
14:30 Gravity Falls  
14:55 Lab Rats  
15:20 Lab Rats  
15:45 Phineas And Ferb  
16:10 Disney Mickey Mouse  
16:15 Supa Strikas  
16:40 Supa Strikas  
17:05 Lab Rats  
17:30 Danger Mouse  
17:55 Kirby Buckets  
18:25 K.C. Undercover  
18:50 Annedroids  
19:15 Gamer's Guide To Pretty Much Everything  
19:40 K.C. Undercover  
20:05 Counterfeit Cat  
20:10 Gravity Falls  
20:35 Counterfeit Cat  
21:00 Lab Rats  
21:25 Supa Strikas  
21:55 K.C. Undercover  
22:20 Gamer's Guide To Pretty Much Everything  
22:45 Guardians Of The Galaxy  
23:10 Marvel Avengers Assemble  
23:40 Disney Mickey Mouse



04:40 Botched  
05:35 Botched  
06:30 Celebrity Style Story  
07:00 LA Clippers Dance Squad  
07:55 El News  
08:25 LA Clippers Dance Squad  
09:20 LA Clippers Dance Squad  
10:15 LA Clippers Dance Squad  
11:10 El News  
11:40 Fashion Bloggers  
12:10 LA Clippers Dance Squad  
13:10 LA Clippers Dance Squad  
14:10 WAGs  
15:05 WAGs  
16:00 El News  
16:30 Fashion Bloggers  
17:00 WAGs  
18:00 WAGs  
19:00 WAGs  
20:00 WAGs  
21:00 WAGs  
22:00 WAGs Miami  
23:00 Catching Kelce  
00:30 El News  
00:45 WAGs  
01:35 El News  
01:50 WAGs Miami  
02:50 Dash Dolls  
03:50 Dash Dolls



04:40 Counting Cars  
05:05 Counting Cars  
05:30 Pawn Stars  
06:00 Mankind The Story Of All Of Us  
07:00 Shipping Wars  
07:25 Shipping Wars  
07:50 American Pickers  
08:40 Ax Men  
09:30 American Restoration  
09:55 Counting Cars  
10:20 Counting Cars  
10:45 Fifth Gear  
11:35 American Restoration  
12:25 Mankind The Story Of All Of Us  
13:15 Mountain Men  
14:05 The Curse Of Oak Island  
14:55 Pawn Stars  
15:20 Pawn Stars  
15:45 Pawn Stars South Africa  
16:10 Pawn Stars South Africa  
16:35 Shipping Wars  
17:00 Ax Men  
17:50 Storage Wars Miami  
18:15 Storage Wars Texas  
18:40 The Curse Of Oak Island  
19:30 Mankind The Story Of All Of Us  
20:20 American Pickers  
21:10 Pawn Stars  
21:35 Pawn Stars  
22:00 Ozzy & Jack's World Detour

02:30 Coronation Street  
03:00 Coronation Street  
03:30 The Chase



04:05 Valentine Warner Eats Scandinavia  
04:30 A Marriage Of Flavours  
04:55 David Rocco's Dolce India  
05:20 Charlie Luxton's Homes By The Med  
06:10 The Food Files  
06:35 Poh & Co  
07:00 Poh & Co  
07:25 Food Lover's Guide To The Planet  
07:50 Glamour Puds  
08:15 Croatia's Finest  
08:40 Croatia's Finest  
09:05 Eat Street  
09:30 Valentine Warner Eats Scandinavia  
09:55 Valentine Warner Eats Scandinavia  
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13:15 Food Lover's Guide To The Planet  
13:40 Glamour Puds  
14:05 Croatia's Finest  
15:00 Eat Street  
15:30 Bangkok Airport  
16:25 Lyndey Milan - Taste Of Australia  
17:20 Charlie Luxton's Homes By The Med  
18:15 The Food Files  
18:40 Poh & Co  
19:10 Poh & Co  
19:35 Food Lover's Guide To The Planet  
20:05 Street Food Around The World  
20:30 Lyndey Milan - Taste Of Australia  
21:25 Charlie Luxton's Homes By The Med  
22:15 The Food Files  
22:40 Poh & Co  
23:05 Poh & Co  
23:30 Food Lover's Guide To The Planet  
23:55 Glamour Puds  
00:20 Croatia's Finest  
01:10 Eat Street  
01:35 Top Tables, Top Cities  
02:00 David Rocco's Dolce Vita  
02:25 David Rocco's Dolce Vita  
02:50 Rustic Adventure Argentina  
03:15 Eat Street  
03:40 Andy And Ben Eat The World



04:45 Animal Storm Squad  
05:40 Building Penguin Paradise  
06:35 World's Deadliest Animals  
07:30 Caught In The Act  
08:25 Animal Storm Squad  
09:20 Building Penguin Paradise  
10:15 World's Weirdest Animal Faces  
11:10 Built For The Kill  
12:05 Secret Life Of Predators  
13:00 Humpbacks: Cracking The Code  
13:55 World's Deadliest Animals  
14:50 Caught In The Act  
15:45 Animal Storm Squad  
16:40 The Lady With 700 Cats  
17:35 World's Weirdest Animal Faces  
18:30 Bearhood  
19:25 Secret Life Of Predators  
20:20 Animal Storm Squad  
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01:20 World's Deadliest Animals  
02:10 Caught In The Act



04:50 No Man Left Behind  
05:45 Dead End Express  
06:40 Perilous Journeys  
07:35 Wild Swamplands  
08:30 World's Weirdest  
09:25 Man Hunt  
10:20 Dead End Express  
11:15 Airport Security: Colombia  
12:10 Yukon Gold

13:05 The Yard  
14:00 Nazi Megastructures  
15:00 Megastructures  
16:00 Mega Factories  
17:00 Airport Security: Colombia  
18:00 Yukon Gold  
19:00 The Yard  
20:00 Mega Factories  
21:00 Airport Security: Colombia  
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00:20 Perilous Journeys  
01:10 Airport Security: Colombia  
02:00 Yukon Gold  
03:00 The Yard  
03:55 Mega Factories



04:00 Bates Motel  
05:00 Marvel's Agent Carter  
06:00 Good Morning America - Weekend  
07:00 Containment  
08:00 DC's Legends Of Tomorrow  
09:00 Rosewood  
10:00 Marvel's Agent Carter  
11:00 Containment  
12:00 DC's Legends Of Tomorrow  
13:00 Rosewood  
14:00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
15:00 Live Good Morning America  
16:00 This Is Us  
17:00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
18:00 Rosewood  
19:00 Royal Pains  
20:00 The Fosters  
21:00 Quantico  
22:00 Roadies  
00:00 Bates Motel  
01:00 Prison Break  
02:00 Quantico  
03:00 Roadies



05:00 The Dependables  
07:00 Armored  
09:00 The Machine  
10:45 Surrogates  
12:30 Hidalgo  
15:00 Armored  
16:45 The Fugitive  
19:00 Surrogates  
21:00 One In The Chamber  
22:45 Constantine  
01:00 Kingsman: The Secret Service  
03:15 Shark Lake



05:00 Ghostbusters  
07:00 Blue Streak  
09:00 The Single Moms Club  
11:00 Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star  
13:00 Ghostbusters  
15:00 Serial (Bad) Weddings  
17:00 The Single Moms Club  
19:00 Easy A  
21:00 What We Do In The Shadows  
23:00 Pixels  
01:00 Role Models  
03:00 A Merry Christmas Miracle



04:15 Foxcatcher  
06:30 Beyond The Edge  
08:00 The Apostle  
10:30 Breath In  
12:15 Parkland  
14:00 Foxcatcher  
16:15 Late Bloomers  
18:00 Breathe In  
20:00 The Dark Half  
22:00 Go For Sisters  
00:30 Gone Girl  
03:15 Blood



04:15 Hello Carter  
06:00 To Write Love On Her Arms  
08:00 Big Game  
10:00 Inside Out  
11:45 Tomorrowland  
14:00 Believe  
15:45 Love, Rosie  
17:30 Insurgent  
19:45 Mad Max: Fury Road  
22:00 Digging For Fire  
23:45 Magic Mike XXL  
01:45 Bravetown  
03:45 Insurgent



## MAD MAX: FURY ROAD ON OSN MOVIES HD

09:05 Ridiculousness  
09:30 Ridiculousness  
09:55 Impractical Jokers  
10:20 Impractical Jokers  
10:45 Workaholics  
11:10 Workaholics  
11:35 Ridiculousness  
12:00 Catch A Contractor  
12:25 Tattoo Disasters  
12:50 Tattoo Disasters  
13:15 Nathan For You  
13:40 Nathan For You  
14:05 Impractical Jokers  
14:30 Impractical Jokers  
14:55 Ridiculousness  
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16:10 Tattoo Disasters  
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17:00 Tosh.0  
17:30 Workaholics  
17:55 Workaholics  
18:25 Workaholics  
18:50 Hungry Investors  
19:39 Ridiculousness  
20:03 Ridiculousness  
20:27 Impractical Jokers  
20:50 Impractical Jokers  
21:13 Catch A Contractor  
22:00 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah  
22:30 Idiotstiter  
22:54 Chappelle's Show  
23:18 Broad City  
23:42 Tosh.0  
00:05 Tosh.0  
00:30 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah  
01:00 Lip Sync Battle  
01:25 Idiotstiter  
01:50 Chappelle's Show  
02:15 Tosh.0  
02:40 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah  
03:05 John Oliver's New York Stand Up Show



04:00 Discovery ID  
10:00 Discovery ID  
16:00 Discovery ID  
22:00 Discovery ID  
Discovery ID Xtra  
04:00 Betrayed  
04:48 Deadly Affairs  
05:36 Deadly Affairs  
06:24 Deadly Affairs  
07:12 Deadly Affairs  
08:00 Nightmare Next Door  
08:50 I Almost Got Away With It  
09:40 On The Case With Paula Zahn  
10:30 Deadly Affairs  
11:20 I'd Kill For You  
12:10 California Investigator  
12:35 California Investigator  
13:00 Nightmare Next Door  
13:50 I Almost Got Away With It  
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20:30 Deadly Affairs  
21:20 I'd Kill For You  
22:10 I Almost Got Away With It  
22:10 Deadline: Crime With Tamron Hall  
23:50 Jonbenet: An American Murder Mystery  
00:40 Murder Book  
01:30 Surviving Evil  
02:20 Deadline: Crime With Tamron Hall  
03:10 Jonbenet: An American Murder Mystery

13:15 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug  
And Cat Noir  
13:40 Hank Zipzer  
14:05 Star Darlings  
14:10 Austin & Ally  
15:00 Liv And Maddie  
15:50 Dog With A Blog  
16:15 Jessie  
16:40 Bunk'd  
17:05 Star Darlings  
17:10 Gravity Falls  
17:35 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug  
And Cat Noir  
18:00 Backstage  
18:25 Descendants Wicked World  
18:30 Alex & Co.  
18:50 Disney Mickey Mouse  
19:00 Girl Meets World  
19:25 Star Darlings  
19:30 Dog With A Blog  
19:55 Descendants Wicked World  
20:00 Best Friends Whenever  
20:25 Tsum Tsum Shorts  
20:30 Jessie  
20:55 Liv And Maddie  
21:20 Austin & Ally  
21:45 Backstage  
22:10 H2O: Just Add Water  
23:00 Binny And The Ghost  
23:25 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch  
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## KNCC PROGRAMME FROM THURSDAY TO WEDNESDAY (06/10/2016 TO 12/10/2016)

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Original B.Com Certificate dated 1 April 1980, Enrol.No. DAV-173/76, Roll No.38713 issued by Delhi University, in the Name of Jacob Mathews, Passport No. H3125384 (Civil ID No.259010601064) has been lost in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Shuwaikh, Kuwait on 10/9/2016. Finder please contact on

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10-10-2016

### CHANGE OF NAME

I Zahra holding Indian Passport No. Z3218479 issued at Kuwait on 29/11/2015, would like change my name to Albertina Fernandes. (C 5219) 8-10-2016

### PRAYER TIMINGS

<b>Fajr:</b>	<b>04:28</b>
<b>Shorook</b>	<b>05:47</b>
<b>Duhr:</b>	<b>11:35</b>
<b>Asr:</b>	<b>14:54</b>
<b>Maghrib:</b>	<b>17:23</b>
<b>Isha:</b>	<b>18:39</b>



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THY	772	Istanbul	00:10	BBC	044	Dhaka	00:10
JZR	267	Beirut	00:30	JAI	573	Mumbai	00:10
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FDB	069	Dubai	00:55	FDB	072	Dubai	00:30
DLH	635	Doha	01:00	PIA	206	Lahore	00:40
FDK	803	Damascus	01:00	MSC	416	Sohag	01:05
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ACROSS

1. A coenzyme derived from the B vitamin nicotinic acid.  
14. Glittering with gold or silver.  
12. A change in the electrical properties of the skin in response to stress or anxiety.  
15. American prizefighter who won the world heavyweight championship three times (born in 1942).  
16. A gene that causes normal cells to change into cancerous tumor cells.  
17. South American wood sorrel cultivated for its edible tubers.  
18. A unit of astronomical length based on the distance from Earth at which stellar parallax is 1 second of arc.  
19. Sudden expulsion of air from the lungs that clears the air passages.  
20. A flexible container with a single opening.  
21. A constellation in the southern hemisphere near Telescopium and Norma.  
22. Neither warm or very cold.  
24. A fine usually white clay formed by the weathering of aluminous minerals (as feldspar).  
26. Occurring or appearing or singled out by chance.  
28. A cruel wicked and inhuman person.  
29. A heavy precious metallic element.  
31. An organization of countries formed in 1961 to agree on a common policy for the sale of petroleum.  
32. Garments that must be repaired.  
36. Support resembling the rib of an animal.  
38. The sacred city of Lamaism.  
41. Someone who leaves.  
42. Any plant of the genus Erica.  
45. One-thousandth of an equivalent.  
46. A kind of literary or artistic work.  
47. A group of 3 goddesses of destiny.  
48. Type genus of the Rutaceae.  
51. One of the most common of the five major classes of immunoglobulins.  
52. Small arboreal tropical American insectivorous lizards with the ability to change skin color.  
55. Rich Middle Eastern cake made of thin layers of flaky pastry filled with nuts and honey.  
57. All the plant and animal life of a particular region.  
58. A chronic inflammatory collagen disease affecting connective tissue (skin or joints).  
59. Used of a single unit or thing.  
60. A trivalent metallic element of the rare earth group.  
61. A public promotion of some product or service.  
63. A metallic element having four allotropic forms.  
65. (in writing) See below.  
72. The 19th letter of the Greek alphabet.  
76. Aircraft landing in bad weather in which the pilot is talked down by ground control using precision approach radar.  
77. The elementary stages of any subject (usually plural).  
78. A port in eastern Georgia near the mouth of the Savannah river.  
79. A barrier constructed to contain the flow or water or to keep out the sea.  
80. The cry made by sheep.  
81. A laminate made of thin layers of wood.  
82. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.

DOWN

1. Plant with an elongated head of broad stalked leaves resembling celery.  
2. (botany) Of or relating to the axil.  
3. English theoretical physicist who applied relativity theory to quantum mechanics and predicted the existence of antimatter and the positron (1902-1984).  
4. Leather covering the toe of a boot or shoe and reinforcing or decorating it.  
5. (trademark) An nickel-base alloy with chromium and iron.  
6. A state in southeastern United States.  
7. A plain plinth that supports a wall.  
8. An inflated feeling of pride in your superiority to others.  
9. Eye disease consisting of an opaque white spot on the cornea.  
10. Carry out or participate in an activity.  
11. Prevent the growth of horns.  
12. A desert in central Asia.  
13. The act of scanning.  
14. A feeling of intense anger.  
23. English scholastic philosopher and assumed author of Occam's Razor (1285-1349).  
25. A projecting ridge on a mountain or submerged under water.  
27. A trivalent metallic element of the rare earth group.  
30. The capital and largest city of Albania in the center of the country.  
33. Region of western Asia Minor colonized by Ancient Greeks.  
34. (Akkadian) God ruling with his consort Ereshkigal the world of the dead.  
35. A thick fatty oil (especially one used to lubricate machinery).  
37. A Russian dish made with patties of ground meat (mixed with onions and bread and milk) and served with a sauce of sour cream.  
39. (used especially of vegetation) Having lost all moisture.  
40. Short and fat.  
43. The lowermost portion of a structure partly or wholly below ground level.  
44. An association of nations dedicated to economic and political cooperation in southeastern Asia.  
49. Type genus of the family Tridacnidae.  
50. Any of the forms of Chinese spoken in Fukien province.  
53. An intensely radioactive metallic element that occurs in minute amounts in uranium ores.  
54. Any of numerous local fertility and nature deities worshipped by ancient Semitic peoples.  
56. Relating to the veins of plants.  
62. (Irish) Chief god of the Tuatha De Danann.  
64. A small cake leavened with yeast.  
66. An organization of military naval forces.  
67. Loose or flaccid body fat.  
68. A city in western Nevada at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.  
69. King of Saudi Arabia since 1982 (born in 1922).  
70. Someone who works (or provides workers) during a strike.  
71. God of love and erotic desire.  
73. Fiddler crabs.  
74. Of southern Europe.  
75. Any of various dark heavy viscid substances obtained as a residue.

STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

There is an emotional seriousness to becoming focused now. You will want to dig deep for information, references or confirmations. It seems that time is not slow enough for all that needs accomplishing. You could be too strict with yourself, to insist that whatever does not contribute to security and other long-term goals is trivial. Your ambition is intensified. Study and research could enter into your work more often now-perhaps you feel that statistics will help back your actions, or your word. Real estate or home and family planning take on a greater importance for you now. You may feel that it is time to build your support group and have roots. This is a very nice day, perhaps filled with some renewed appreciation for those you love.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You place a high value on your dreams and do not consider them other-worldly or impossible. You experience the unity around you-that which joins things together. There is a love of the sea and of whatever solves that which separates us. Some of your collections could be pulled out into the open and enjoyed. You might consider some ideas you had for a seashell collection. You could enjoy making a wind chime or a mobile hanging with shells to watch them move in the breeze. This or some other collection is where your energies are today. You possess a waking experience of that part of us that is mystical and dreamlike. You find new ways to bring people together, to unify situations. This is a happy day, one that could be spent with friends.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You have a greater than usual interest in relationships, social connections and the arts-on a more intellectual level than in the past, most likely. A dreamy manner or appearance, plus the ability to enchant others, makes this a time when mysticism and idealism seem to really be living in you. Harmonious ties to others are what you yearn for; refinement and elegance are what you seek. Getting dressed up to attend a banquet or some other social obligation makes the day much more than obligation . . . Let's say animated. The ideal partnership, the perfect balance are some of the things that quicken your pulse. Close relationships offer a lot of potential for growth and good fortune. A marriage or other partnership can raise high hopes and give your spirits a boost.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Breakthroughs regarding relationships and the social life are obtainable. Possibly there will be unconventional but acceptable approaches and techniques to partnerships and lovers. You may find yourself pursuing very eccentric or different methods of communicating and enjoying every moment. You can give as much support to others as you would want them to give back to you. There is a little boost or enthusiasm for your ideas. You may discover insights into day-to-day problems that will be valuable later. Activities today may not be on the mild side but will certainly be thrilling-snowboarding, ice skating, learning to play a didgeridoo-oh my. Fun discussions around the dinner table tonight lead to good relationships.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

This is a great day to decorate for the season ahead. All that is psychic, mysterious and spiritual comes to the forefront today. This can be inspiring or it can be confusing, depending on how you are able to integrate it into your overall experience. Artistic talent and appreciation are heightened beyond words. To use all the information coming into you today would be to enjoy art, music and creating beauty. While shopping, you may have some insight into who made or designed some of the things you see and enjoy at this time. You think you might do a better job of designing purses for women . . . Give it a try. Ideas are flowing and could come with ease. Be careful that you do not overspend or indulge too much just now. Enjoy.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You will be pleased at the progress you have made today-just take a look! This is a rewarding day. There is faith, optimism and a yearning to explore all kinds of new horizons. Religious, philosophical and cultural matters are likely to have special appeal for you now. You may even decide that more education would be fun . . . Not the ordinary education, however. There are opportunities to go out of the country in order to study language, dance, art, etc. Family, home and the other roots in your life give you a sense of mission. The exchange of ideas becomes important-you may find yourself at a coffee or tea shop chatting with the locals about options.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

Today is a time when philosophical ideas-religious, intellectual and such- really take a hold on you. Gurus and ideologies of one kind or another may seem to have all the answers. After your research yoga and meditation styles you perhaps integrate these into a daily stretch and meditate routine-you are pleased with the outcome. There is nothing wrong with temporarily having your head in the clouds for you will find deep relaxation. It is a good thing that you know living in the clouds for too long is not good-you enjoy becoming energized. You are enthusiastic and look forward to your day and the opportunity you know it will bring to visit and be with friends. Your imagination is on, tuned in and ready to celebrate.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Opinions are a keynote of the new phase you have begun-the power of ideas and the power they exert over people. Religious, cultural or philosophical controversies and crusades have a way of stirring your blood. There may be great mental activity and heightened communication with others. You and a sibling may be chatting this afternoon about sports or taking in a camping trip before it gets too cold. Planning the trip can give you loads of things to do and there is a list to fill out for supplies since your last trip. A lot of joking and daring each other is just part of the fun. One of you is a serious stargazer and the telescope will make a fine addition to the trip. Adventure is a compelling temptation as you dare to test your abilities and see new horizons.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

You rip through appearances in an effort to get beneath, behind and at the heart or essence of an issue today. You may find the occult, psychology, initiation and mysticism of great interest. Intense personal change and inner growth are life-long habits. Positive results can happen if you are looking for a loan today. You work hard to make your dreams and ideals a reality. You work hard at community or group work. You spare no effort here. Humanitarian goals are central to your life's work. This is a time to absorb and take in new impressions and information. In summary, here is a breaking point in life, a time to let go of what has been occupying you for the last years and assume a new attitude. You could be most persuasive with others this evening.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

You may have insights or breakthroughs about improvements on your home or living surroundings-perhaps you have just met a knowledgeable repair person or attended a great wallpapering course. Now is the time to gather your tools for whatever you feel you need to accomplish and move forward with your ideas and plans. With that wit of yours, you will be able to pull in the interest of others and gain the help you may need for a project. Later today, you may enjoy relaxing with your friends and celebrating your accomplishments or just celebrating your friendships. This could be as simple as a pizza party. Movies, books and all forms of escape could prove very enjoyable. When asked, you are happy to give your advice tonight.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

A trip to an outdoor market is fun this morning and you may also decide that this is a great time to start a diet. There is enough food to invite a friend for dinner and so you go about your day looking forward to an evening with a friend. Change and inner growth tend to come through your relationships with both friends and lovers. Marriage or some other similar union will be very intense, positive and not at all superficial. You get to the heart of a relationship. You are painstaking and deliberate when it comes to sorting through ideas and values for what is lasting and solid. Friends, group projects and community concerns could play a key role that affects your career direction. Altruism and humanitarian works can affect your work and life path.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Until your thoughts are interrupted by a young person today, you may feel very dreamy and imaginative. You could be involved in a good book or plan to see a new movie. A young person needs your advice and you are able to magically come up with some workable solution that will help. You seem to have a natural sense of how to help others. You usually have clear insight into the person and the problem, and the best solution is to stay with the facts and to teach that to others. Emotions are built into us so that we have an early warning system but we must realize that emotions are not the true indicator of answers. You could be most persuasive with others and eloquent in speech and communication. Any political issue will gain a positive response.

Wordsearch Puzzle

Les Misérables

Find and circle all of the names and items from the novel Les Misérables. The remaining 47 letters spell a secret message.

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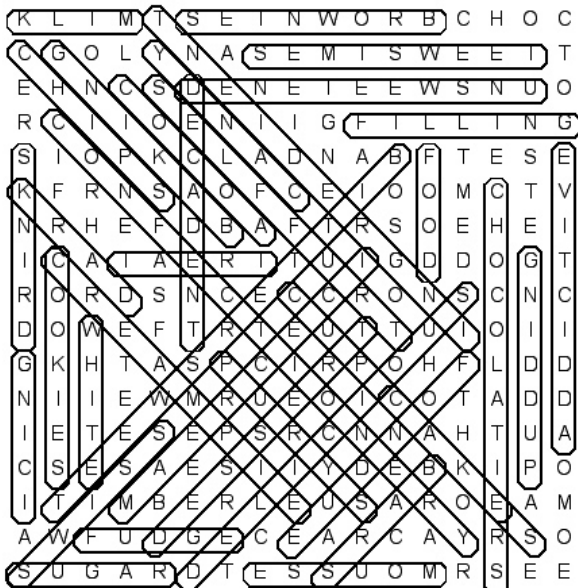
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JEAN VALJEAN  
JUNE REBELLION

MARIUS  
MAYOR  
MERCY  
MONTFERMEIL  
NOVEL  
PARIS  
PATRON-MINETTE  
PRISON  
RECONCILIATION  
REDEMPTION

REVOLUTION  
RUE PLUMET  
SEWERS  
SOLDIERS  
STUDENTS  
SUICIDE  
THE SEINE  
THENARDIER  
VICTOR HUGO  
WEDDING

Yesterday's Solution

Chocolate



ADDICTIVE  
BAKING  
BARS  
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BROWNIES  
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CANDY  
CHIPS  
CHOCOLATIERS  
COCOA

CONFECTIONERY  
COOKIES  
CREAM PIE  
CUPCAKE  
DARK  
DECADENT  
DELICIOUS  
DESSERT  
DRINKS

FILLING  
FONDUE  
FOOD  
FUDGE  
ICE CREAM  
ICING  
INGREDIENT  
MILK  
MOUSSE

PUDDING  
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Daily SuDoku

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Yesterday's Solution

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Yesterday's Solution

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Expected Weather for the Next 24 Hours  
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Max Temperature 40 °C

By Day : Hot with light variable wind, with speed of 06 - 20 km/h  
By Night : Fair with light variable wind changing to light to moderate north westerly wind, with speed of 08 - 26 km/h

Four-Day Forecast

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Expected Weather	hot	hot	hot	hot
Min Temp °C	20	19	20	20
Max Temp °C	41	39	40	40
Wind Direction	variable wind changing to light to moderate north westerly	north westerly	north westerly	north westerly to light variable
Wind Speed km/h	10 - 30	10 - 32	10 - 32	08 - 30

All times are local time (GMT+3) unless otherwise stated

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no warnings or weather watches

Kuwait Forecast

Station	MIN °C	REC °C	Max °C
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KUWAIT AIRPORT	19		40
ABDULY	22		40
BUBYAN	21		30
JAHRA	23		40
FAILAKA ISLAND	22		33
SALMIYAH	27		32
AHMADI	27		32
JAL ALIYAH	22		40
QAROH ISLAND	28		34
UMM AL-MARADEM	28		34
NUWAISIB	21		35
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MANAGISH	21		40
SALMY	20		40
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Recorded Yesterday at Kuwait Airport

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Sunrise 05:46

Sunset 17:24

Prayer Times

Fajr	04:27
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Zuhr	11:35
Asr	14:55
Sunset	17:24
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Director Quentin Tarantino, center top, attends the opening ceremony of the 8th Lumiere Festival.

## Quentin Tarantino

# ‘The problem with any revolution is now the revolutionaries have to govern’

**G**reeted with a standing applause by the 5,000- strong audience at Lyon's Lumiere Festival, Quentin Tarantino took to the stage Saturday night to talk about 1970, an idea which he's been kicking around for four years. No, it's not a movie project. It could be a book one day, or a symposium, Tarantino said. Right now, however, it's the title of a film program of 15 Hollywood movies selected by Tarantino, all made in or around 1970, which screen this week at France's Lumiere Festival. Tarantino provided the climax to a 90-minute festival opening gala show hosted by Lumiere Fest head Thierry Fremaux, mounting the stage for a 15-minute introduction to the first film in the retro, George Roy Hill's "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford, which opened the Lumiere Festival Saturday night.

And Tarantino did so with his customary emphatic lapidary style, while using the occasion to place "Butch Cassidy" in a larger context. What makes the year 1970 so special for Tarantino? Two things maybe. "The problem with any revolution is now the revolutionaries have to govern," Quentin Tarantino said on stage. "From 1967, there was the struggle between old Hollywood and what became known as New Hollywood. If you look at '67, with "The Graduate," and "Bonny and Clyde" being nominated for an Academy Award, you had a situation where new Hollywood had won, but they didn't know it," Tarantino explained. He went on: "But by 1970, New Hollywood was THE Hollywood, and anything that even smacked of old Hollywood was dead on arrival."

### Butch Cassidy

So 1970, which boasted a rich annual output, was when New Hollywood "learned to exist. If 1970 hadn't worked, there would be no 'Godfather,' there would be no 'Exorcist,' there would be no 'Chinatown,'" Tarantino said. Tarantino's selection includes intriguing double bills: Arthur Hiller's "Love Story" and Jerzy Skolimowski's "Deep End" - in a lineup which demonstrates the breadth of Tarantino's tastes and influences. Other titles take



Director Quentin Tarantino poses for photographers with model and singer Daniella Pick as he arrives at the opening ceremony of the 8th Lumiere Festival, in Lyon, central France, Saturday. — AP photos

in Russ Meyer's "Hollywood Vixens," Bob Rafelson's "Five Easy Pieces," Billy Wilder's "The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes," and Michelangelo Antonioni's "Zabriske Point."

There's a more personal reason, however, for Tarantino's choice of "Butch Cassidy" to kick off the season. As a kid, aged six, visiting Hollywood for the first time, it was the first film Tarantino ever saw in Hollywood, at Grauman's Chinese Theatre. "So the first time I ever saw Hollywood I ended up seeing Butch Cassidy that night," Tarantino told the Lumiere Fest gala audience. About four years ago, in Paris, and having not seen "Butch Cassidy" a lot since, he learnt that the cinema in the Latin Quarter that he always goes to was having a whole week-long engagement of "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

### French cinema

"I saw the film and was just completely taken with it all over again, in an experience not to dissimilar to when I was six years old." He went to a little bar across the street from the cinema and "sat for two hours writing," Tarantino said. He went on: "And I thought: 'I loved George Roy Hill's films

when I was younger; why haven't I taken him as seriously since I've become a filmmaker?" It is this mix of the personal confession and fan buff reflection - caught in the Lumiere Festival's multiple presentations of classic films by stars, star directors and star writers - which is one reason which makes the festival, in the eyes of its many fans, so great. Walter Hill, the subject of a Lumiere tribute, Monica Bellucci, Christopher Lambert, Agnes Varda, Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Jerry Schatzberg were among the audience listening to Tarantino.

French director Bertrand Tavernier, who will unveil his documentary on French cinema, "My Journey through French Cinema" at the Festival, delivered tell anecdotes about Marcel Carne and George Roy Hill, whom he praised for his "valor." The Festival world premiered at its opening gala "Two Snails Go Out For a Walk," co-directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet, a three-minute animated feature set to a poem by Jacques Prevert, made as a homage to Marcel Carne. The gala also showcased Agnes Varda's "Les fiances du pont Mac Donald," a three-minute mock silent movie, co-starring Anna Karina and Jean-Luc Godard, and part of Varda's "Cleo de 5 a 7." — Reuters

## Lumiere Festival: Thierry Fremaux on the Festival as a 'Feast,' Cinema influencing life



Louis Lumiere Institute's director Thierry Fremaux delivers a speech to declare open the 8th edition of Lumiere film festival during the opening ceremony of the event in Lyon central eastern France. — AFP

**C**ould Lyon's Lumiere Festival - an event dedicated near entirely to classic movies - be shaping up, outside animation, as France's second biggest film festival? Last year, it ratcheted up 150,000 admissions. In 2016, it has a guest list most festivals would die for: Quentin Tarantino, Nicolas Winding Refn, Park Chan-wook, Gaspar Noe, Walter Hill, Jerry Schatzberg and the French film greats led by Catherine Deneuve, Costa Gavras and Jean-Paul Jeunet and, in industry terms, Nicolas and Jerome Seydoux, heads of Gaumont and Pathe respectively. Not forgetting the Institute Lumiere's Bertrand Tavernier and Thierry Fremaux which run and host the affair. "Host" may be an appropriate word. Fremaux insists the festival should be a 'feast,' a festa.

The Lumiere Festival unspools as several hundred live shows, where directors, actors, critics and quite often Bertrand Tavernier - who sometimes seems to remember more about films than the people who made them - talk about films they feel passionate about, often not their own. Here, on the eve of the 8th Lumiere Festival, Fremaux explains the dynamics and attraction of that system, also talks with passion about his guests and his cornerstone belief in film as a communal experience - the Lumieres' essential invention - and how cinema can influence lives:

### Great retrospective

Film festivals editions are like vintages. What could or is special about 2016's Lumiere Festival? Thierry Fremaux: What's special? It's a woman's edition this year, not only because of Catherine Deneuve's Lumiere Award, but also the Dorothy Arzner tribute and the great retrospective called Hollywood, the City of Women, using the Fellini title. It's really about all these actresses of the 1930s, '40, and '50s. Because, apart from Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich, Katherine Hepburn or Marilyn Monroe, many of these women are not so well-known now, so we wanted to go back to them. It's a wonderful retrospective with a lot of great movies.

Then we have many restored prints. We have lots of good new things, the new print of Jerry Schatzberg's "The Panic in Needle Park," the new print of "Manhattan" in digital. And we're delighted to have Park Chan-wook. Asian cinema is more and more part of the cinephilia for young movie buffs today, which was not the case 30 years ago except for Japanese cinema. Now you have Chinese and Korean cinema, Taiwan cinema.

It's very important. But I'd say the festival is special in itself because of the disaster of the world. It is more and more important to have these kinds of cultural events. We want this event to be a very popular and happy one, giving memory of the past and relaying it to the future. And being all together: Artists, journalists, people, and art and film. Maybe what is special in a way is that more and more we want to make the festival like a feast, something which is packed by emotion, tenderness, respect and admiration.

### Actors and actresses

Over the last three months, lots of people told us that the festival had become

more important to them. Of course, we are in Lyon. There are hundreds and thousands of festivals in the world. Everywhere they are very important. I am struck by the number of stars, actors, directors who are coming to present films or give master classes. Are they presenting more films than usual? Yes and no. More and more after seven years, artists come to Lyon, present films like normal people. But they are not normal, they are artists. That's why their words about art and film are so important. Of course a lot of movie directors, like Martin Scorsese last year, are movie buffs. Jean-Pierre Jeunet, example, has a large admiration for Marcel Carne. There are also actors and actresses, though not known for it, but who are movie buffs: Vincent Lindon, as you say, is a great movie buff. It's such a gift to have someone introducing the film which is directed or performed by someone else.

It is a good sign of how devoted people of cinema are to cinema. This festival is not about the past, it's about how the past is important for the present and future. The last thing is the audience. We will have 150,000 people in one week, paying tickets, going back to being in a theater together. What the Lumieres invented 121 years, going to see a movie in a cinema theater, is still going strong. Watching a film on a big screen in front of 5,000 people on the Festival's opening night: That is still an unforgettable experience. Your attendance hit 150,000 last year, right?

Yes, it's a sign of people still loving cinema, that they are still intelligent and full of culture and curiosity. The master classes are for the general public as well? Yes, all are for the public. It's a privileged moment to spend an hour or two with a movie star. Also to listen. I want to know what Walter Hill has to say. It will be very interesting. Or Catherine Deneuve, for example. She is not at all out of it. She's very grounded, involved in daily life, she talks about flowers, antique furniture. After seven years, you also have repeat collaborations and presences. Quentin Tarantino is programming a section which is typically eclectic where you have "Hollywood Vixens" and "Love Story."

### Increasingly divided

Yes. You look at his list and you want to know why he picked this film or that. And you have another highlight, Nicolas Winding Refn, presenting his second, "lost" film, "Bleeder," which I think was only distributed in parts of Scandinavia, and one other country. It's a way to have him back. It will be good he was in competition again in Cannes. But he'll come to Lyon not as the guy who was in competition but as the young guy who directed this very early film. You also have another filmmaker who obviously has a long part of his career ahead of him who is Gaspar Noe.

Yes, we are not a festival of history, we are about cinema. Gaspar is a cult director but, as Jean-Luc Godard used to say about his own movies, his films are not seen by a lot of people. Gaston is a cult director for a lot of other directors. His films are not very commercially successful, but more and more time is proving him right. We are going to talk about that with him. Gaspar works like a painter. — Reuters

## Spielberg's Amblin Partners inks strategic pact with Alibaba pictures

**A**libaba Pictures Group, the movies arm of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba, is to acquire an unspecified minority stake in Steven Spielberg's Amblin Partners. The move was announced as part of a strategic partnership to co-produce and finance films for global and Chinese audiences. The two will also collaborate on the marketing, distribution and merchandising of Amblin Partners films in China. Alibaba Pictures will have the option to co-finance Amblin Partners films worldwide. "We are proud and excited that such a valued company as Alibaba Pictures is joining with our other highly-respected partners, Reliance Entertainment, Participant Media and Entertainment One, in build-

ing our growth and strengthening our company even further," said Spielberg in a statement. "This partnership is the first of its kind for both Amblin Partners and Alibaba Pictures and marks an important milestone in our globalization strategy to reach Chinese and global audiences alike. We will also leverage Alibaba Group's ecosystem as a channel for Amblin Partners' films to reach hundreds of millions of Chinese consumers," said Shao Xiaofeng, chairman of Alibaba Pictures. "We have great respect



for Mr Spielberg as one of the world's most influential filmmakers and entrepreneurs. Among Chinese consumers, there is an increasing demand for premium global content," said Alibaba group's executive chairman Jack Ma. "This collaboration can serve as a cultural bridge and have a positive impact on the next generation of Chinese consumers." Alibaba Pictures sees itself as a technology-driven, diversified film group that ranges from production investment through to distribution and ticketing. — Reuters

## Ban on 'immoral' Nigerian star highlights north/south split

**I**t was just for a split second that a male singer cuddled northern Nigerian actress Rahama Sadau in a video, but for the local film industry it was a second too much. "Rahama has been banned for life from acting," said Salisu Mohammed, the head of northern Kano's Motion Picture Practitioner's Association of Nigeria (MOPPAN) — better known as "Kannywood" after Hollywood. The 24-year-old is one of Kannywood's biggest stars, but MOPPAN said "her display of immorality in the music video is the latest of several indecent conducts for which she was severally warned and sanctioned." Nigeria as a whole, combining north and south, today claims the second largest film industry in the world, generally known as "Nollywood".

It mirrors the stark contrast in the country's religious makeup, with a Christian population in the south at odds with the Muslim north. In the south, Nollywood depicts wealthy women in their 50s courting friends of their teenage sons, while students in skimpy dress seduce their teachers. Nothing, it seems, is taboo. The opposite is true in the north. Films produced in Kannywood, named after the major city of Kano, have the same themes of love, revenge and betrayal, but the plots must adhere to strict Islamic rules. Rule number one? Men and woman do not touch.



A customer searches for local Hausa films, known as Kannywood, popular among the residents of northern Nigeria's city of Kano. — AFP

### Champagne showers

For actors and actresses from the north who are seeking to break into a wider market, this rule poses a dilemma. "Being invited to Nollywood is a mark of distinction," says Carmen McCain, a researcher on northern Nigerian cinema.

"There's a desire to make the Kano industry well-known globally, but they always need to keep the balance, to not forget they have a very conservative society," she said. "The question is: are Kannywood actors allowed to work in Nollywood in order to become bigger stars?" In the music video "I love you", Sadau plays the role of a fruit and vegetable vendor who catches the singer's eye as he strolls through the market.

The clip shows none of the sexy moves seen in videos by southern Nigerian stars, where woman "twerk" in bikinis or take champagne showers.

In contrast, "I love you" sees singer Classiq ever so briefly touching Sadau's shoulder and gently touching fingers as they walk side by side on train tracks. For MOPPAN, this was too much. It was time to make an example of Sadau. And the move to ban the actress was welcomed in Kano. "We are happy that the filmmakers have

realized the truth of what we have been insisting they do, to sanitize the film business which promotes immoral values among our youth," said Salisu Idris, a Muslim cleric in Kano.

"We hope this is the beginning of a new page in the film industry and we hope the sanction on this actress will be a deterrent to others." In August, the powerful lobby of Muslim clerics stopped a plan to build a \$10 million film village outside Kano, saying it would promote immorality and undermine Islamic values.

Sadau on Wednesday posted a long letter of apology to her 53,000 Twitter followers, but said "innocuous touching with other people in my line of work is inevitable". The controversy has come just days before Sadau is set to appear in a Nollywood-produced TV series "Sons of the Caliphate", a drama "set in a sovereign state of northern Nigeria" depicting the lives of three rich men. Promising royal intrigue, political conspiracy, corruption, betrayal and passion, the series aims to depict the immoral side of the north.

For all their bans, the clerics won't be able to stop Sadau from appearing in this show made in Nigeria's south. — AFP





Paul McCartney, left, is joined by Neil Young during his performance on day 2 of the 2016 Desert Trip music festival at Empire Polo Field in Indio, Calif. —AP photos



Paul McCartney, right, performs alongside guitarist Rusty Anderson during his performance on day 2 of the 2016 Desert Trip music festival.

# Neil Young rocks for 2 hours to open day 2 of Desert Trip

Neil Young performed for nearly two hours to open the second night of the Desert Trip music festival, matching the energy of band members half his age. Wearing his trademark black hat, Young started his set alone behind the piano, opening with "After the Gold Rush," accompanying himself on harmonica. He then strapped on an acoustic guitar to play "Heart of Gold" and "Comes a Time" before his band, Promise of the Real, joined Young onstage.

There were subtle and overt political overtones to the performance. Women dressed as farmers, in plaid shirts and overalls, pretended to throw seeds and tend small plants onstage before Young came out. Later, men in hazmat suits acted as though they were spraying the grounds. Young wore a T-shirt that read "Water is life." The band's nonstop set included "Harvest Moon," "Powderfinger," and "Welfare Mothers," which Young joked was "Donald Trump's new campaign song." A highlight was "Down By the River," which became an extended 10-minute jam, with Young shredding his well-worn Les Paul. "Tomorrow night come back," Young told the crowd. "Roger (Waters) is going to build a wall and we'll

make Mexico great again!" Paul McCartney topped Saturday's bill.

### 'Beatles fanatic'

Despite a bill of septuagenarians (Bob Dylan and the Rolling Stones played Friday), Desert Trip is not just for baby boomers. The performers' average age is 72, and there may be a lot of gray hair in the audience, but millennials are in the mix as well. Nineteen-year-old McKenna Haner said she was "raised on the Beatles" so she came to the festival to see McCartney. "I'm a Beatles fanatic," she said. Haner and her friend Seven Pappanastos, 17, said they were acutely aware they were among the youngest in the crowd. They didn't mind, but said the older concertgoers are "very aggressive."

"They act like, 'We're older. We deserve this,'" she said. Pappanastos said attending the show came with a cost - beyond the \$199 single-day ticket price. "I got invited to three parties this weekend," he said. "All their parents are out of town here." The Desert Trip festival is being held at Empire Polo Club in Indio, California, home to the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival each spring. But where Coachella is



Paul McCartney, center left, is joined at the microphone by Neil Young during McCartney's performance on day 2.

aimed at millennials, Desert Trip targets more affluent baby boomers who grew up with the festival's featured rockers. "You guys are going

to have a rocking, wild weekend in Palm Springs," Mick Jagger said, adding coyly, "We're looking forward to seeing the dinosaur park."

(There actually is a dinosaur exhibit in nearby Cabazon, California.) The Stones brought literal and figurative fireworks to the stage for their two-hour set. Jagger was his inimitably energetic self, skipping and shuffling across the stage and chatting warmly with the crowd.

The hit-packed performance included "Wild Horses," "Miss You," "Gimme Shelter," "Midnight Rambler" and "Sympathy for the Devil." They even covered the Beatles' "Come Together." When the band closed with "Satisfaction," pyrotechnics lit up the desert sky. Bob Dylan kicked off the festival just after sundown with an 80-minute performance. Wearing a black suit with a white hat, the 75-year-old rocker took the stage without fanfare and sat behind the piano. He did not address the audience or say anything between songs.

Backed by a five-piece band, he performed selections from throughout his catalog, including "Tangled Up in Blue," "Ballad of a Thin Man" and "Make You Feel My Love." Dylan occasionally crept out from behind the piano to sing at a microphone center stage, pulling a harmonica from his pocket to play. He closed with "Masters of War" and silently left the stage. The festival repeats next weekend. — AP

## Nancy O'Dell calls Trump's crass remarks sad, unwarranted



In this file photo, Nancy O'Dell arrives at the 68th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. — AP

Nancy O'Dell of "Entertainment Tonight" is calling Donald Trump's 2005 taped lewd remarks about her sad and disappointing. In a statement released by the show Saturday, O'Dell said no one should be the subject of such crass comments and that everyone deserves respect, whether or not cameras are rolling. "As a woman who has worked very hard to establish her career, and as a mom, I feel I must speak out with the hope that as a society we will always strive to be better," O'Dell said.

During a visit to a soap opera set a decade ago, Trump's crude sexual banter with then-"Access Hollywood" anchor Billy Bush was caught on video. It was released Friday by The Washington Post. At one point, Trump referred to "Nancy," using an expletive to say he had tried and failed to sleep with her and mentioning that she was married.

"Politics aside," O'Dell said, "I'm saddened that these comments still exist in our society at all." In an "Access Hollywood" report Friday about the tape, host Natalie Morales identified O'Dell as the person Trump was discussing. A publicist for O'Dell did not immediately respond to a request by The Associated Press to independently identify O'Dell as the "Nancy" referred to in the video. Trump has apologized for his remarks. — AP

## Reeves stars in action-packed 'John Wick: Chapter 2' trailer

Keanu Reeves has no time for leisure in the new trailer for "John Wick: Chapter 2," released on Saturday at New York Comic Con. "Welcome to Rome," a man greets Wick in the beginning of the trailer. "Is this a formal event, or a social affair?" Related "John Wick Chronicles" Virtual Reality Game Unveiled "Social," Wick responds. "How many buttons?" "Two." "And what style?" "Tactical."

With that, the trailer launches into a serious of action-packed sequences. In the upcoming film, Wick is forced out of retire-



Keanu Reeves

ment in order to travel to Rome and face off against some of the world's deadliest killers.

"John Wick: Chapter 2" is the sequel to 2014's "John Wick." Chad Stahelski directs the follow-up which is written by Derek Kolstad. Common, Bridget Moynahan, Ian McShane, Laurence Fishburne and John Leguizamo also star in the film. In addition to the film Lionsgate and Starbreeze teamed up to create a VR game based on the franchise. "John Wick: Chapter 2" is set to hit theaters Feb 10, 2017. — Reuters

## Busan veteran Ghosh returns with 'Mi Amor' and 'The India Project'

Indian film maker Suman Ghosh is no stranger to the Busan Film Festival. His "Nobel Thief," "Uncle Shyamal Turns off the Lights" and "Peace Haven" received world premieres in 2011, 2012 and 2015 respectively. He is back for the 2016 edition with the debut screening of "Mi Amor," which screens as part of the 'A Window on Asian Cinema' strand. "I love the way it is organized and the selection of films. Of course there is the best of world cinema, but given my fondness for Asian cinema - Korea, Iran, Philippines, China and of course Japan- where else can we see such a range of Asian films? Having been to Busan a few times before I have a personal connection with the festival too," says Ghosh.

The film maker describes the US-set "Mi Amor" as "an examination of identity in relationships in the modern techno world." It stars Parambrata Chatterjee and Raima Sen, who are hugely popular in India's Bengali-language film industry.

The film is a co-production between Bongflix, Ghoshal Media and Kolkata 24\*7 from the US, and Macneill Media from India, with the University of Miami also a

partner in the project.

Ghosh is also at the festival's Asian Project Market with "The India Project," a working title for a social satire about an indigent farmer's predicaments after he receives an Aadhaar Card, India's equivalent of a social security number. The project will begin its life at the market with Ghosh aiming to attach a principal producer and secure financing. Besides making films, Ghosh who holds a Ph.D in Economics from Cornell University, is an associate professor at Florida Atlantic University with his main fields of research being personnel economics and development economics. "I don't consciously balance the two worlds. They have become a part of my existence and I enjoy this apparent duality. It gives a wider perspective," says Ghosh. — Reuters

Director Suman Ghosh of Bangladesh walks on the red carpet of the opening ceremony of the 21st Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) in Busan. — AFP



(From left) Actors Lucas Jade Zumann, Billy Crudup, Annette Bening, director Mike Mills, and actress Elle Fanning attend the premiere of '20th Century Women' at the 54th New York Film Festival in New York City. — AFP



## Shinkai seeks global success for film that conquered Japan

Makoto Shinkai's animated hit "Your Name" has conquered Japan. Now the director hopes the world will fall for its charms. "It is a unique film and has been a unique sensation," said Shinkai, speaking before his film screened at the 21st Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) in South Korea, the premier event of its kind in Asia. "It's hard for us to believe that it's been viewed by more than 10 million people in Japan-mostly the young generation and hopefully we can see the same result around the world."

"Your Name" is a touching fantasy-romance set around the lives of two high school students who swap bodies when they dream, and who try to alter history. It has topped the box office charts in Japan for the past six weeks, with a total take coming into the weekend of \$126 million, according to industry figures. That's moved the film past "Godzilla Resurgence" as the number one box office hit in Japan this year. Shinkai believes the film has tapped into emotions still raw in Japan following the earthquake and tsunami disasters of 2011 that claimed an estimated 16,000 lives.

"They took away the lives of so many people and they changed everyone in Japan," said Shinkai. "The wish afterwards was that we could all live longer, and so this film's biggest motivation was to reflect these dreams of the Japanese nation. Life means so much more to us now." Shinkai's film has now passed the \$119 million made by "The Wind Rises" (2013), the last full-length production directed by the now-retired animation master Hayao Miyazaki. Miyazaki was responsible for the Oscar-winning "Spirited Away" (2001), the film that remains Japan's all-time biggest earner with around \$290 million in global box office takings.

Since the 75-year-old left his director's chair in 2013, fans across the globe have been waiting for a successor to emerge. The 43-year-old Shinkai certainly fits the bill, having found previous acclaim-although on a far smaller scale-with the likes of the romantic fantasy "Children Who Chase Lost Voices" (2011). "I am always being compared to Mr Miyazaki but at this stage of my career I am still learning about how I can connect with the audience, especially the young audience-and I think I have a long way to go," said Shinkai. "Your Name" is the first non-Miyazaki animation to top the \$100 million barrier in Japan and its distribution rights have been sold to more than 80 countries, including the United States.

Festivals such as BIFF are testing the international waters for Shinkai's production before its general global release, expected to begin in January. Tickets to the three screenings of "Your Name" in Busan sold out in minutes, according to festival organizers. "Your Name" has been a cultural sensation in Japan. The story was lifted from the pages of a successful manga novel of the same name written by Shinkai and fans flocked to take selfies at the sites which were re-imaged in the film in the director's small home town of Koumi in Nagano prefecture. Other scenes were shot in Gifu prefecture and the capital Tokyo. BIFF will screen around 300 films during its 10-day run and continues until Saturday. — AFP





In this Oct 1, 1961 file photo, President John F. Kennedy and first lady Jacqueline Kennedy, accompanied by Charles Bartlett and his wife, leave St Mary's Church in Newport, RI, after Mass. — AP



In this Sept 12, 1953 file photo, Senator John F. Kennedy, D-Mass, leaves St Mary's Church with his bride, the former Jacqueline Bouvier, after their wedding in Newport, RI.

# Church restoration a throwback to days of Kennedy wedding



Scaffolding used to help disassemble the organ stands in the sanctuary of St Mary's Church in Newport, RI.

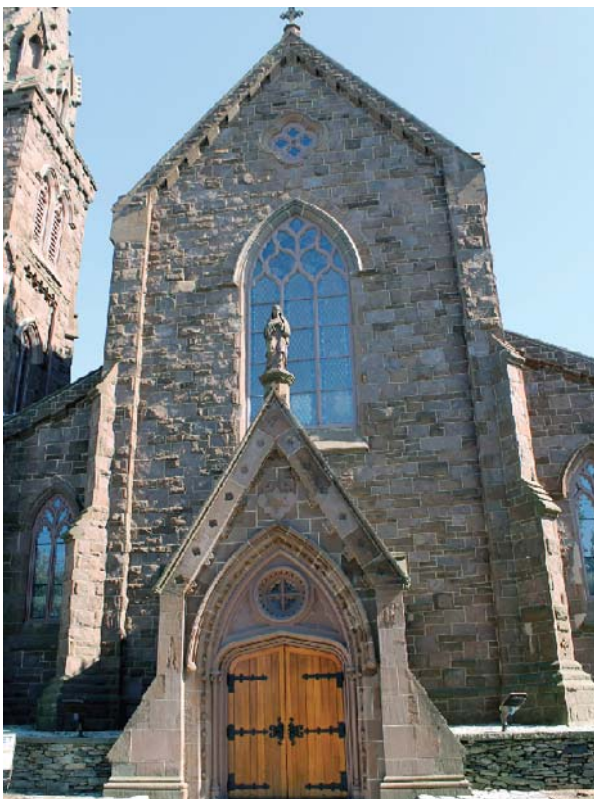


Photo shows the front of St Mary's Church in Newport, RI.



Photo shows the pew where John and Jacqueline Kennedy sat during worship is marked with a plaque in St Mary's Church.



Photo shows music director Cody Mead points to where organ pipes have been removed from in front of the stained glass windows in the choir loft of St Mary's Church.

The church where John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Bouvier got married is being restored to the appearance it had when they wed in 1953. St. Mary's Church in Newport, Rhode Island, was the site of the wedding on Sept 12, 1953, when Kennedy was a senator from Massachusetts. The couple often spent weekends and summers in Newport, where her family owned property. During those visits, including during his presidency, the couple worshipped at St. Mary's. They always sat in pew 10.

Five years after the wedding, in 1958, the Roman Catholic church installed a new organ, made by famed organ makers Casavant Frères of Quebec, Canada. The organ was so large its pipes and casework filled much of the choir loft, covering two stained glass windows and other architectural features. "In 1958, we did

not know that (Kennedy) was going to become president," the Rev Kris von Maluski said on Wednesday.

That organ broke in 2014, and the church is now restoring it and replacing the casework and pipes with parts that fit into the space and match the Gothic style of the church. Church officials are using a blueprint they found from 1937 so that the result will match "what we think it may have looked like" when the Kennedys married, von Maluski said.

"They would have walked down the aisle seeing, hopefully, what we put up again," he said. St. Mary's was built between 1848 and 1852, and is a national historic shrine. When the US Naval Academy was temporarily moved to Newport from Annapolis, Maryland, during the Civil War, St. Mary's served as its chapel. Among the problems with the existing organ is



Photo shows the plaque marking where John and Jacqueline Kennedy sat during worship is affixed to a pew in St Mary's Church.

that it obstructs archways in the choir loft, so the 40 choir members have to duck and crowd together. The new design will solve that, said Cody Mead, the church's music director.

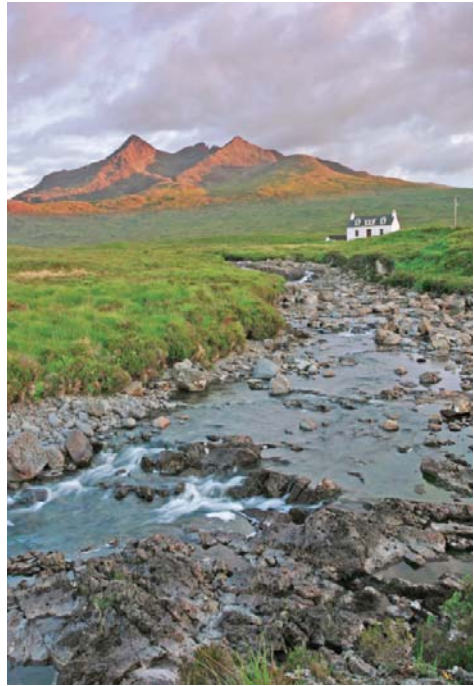
"We look at this as a musical project as well as an architectural project," he said. The church is launching a fundraising campaign to help pay for the work, which includes the \$600,000 cost of refurbishing the organ and \$200,000 to reconstruct the choir loft, as well as additional money to maintain the instrument and provide musical scholarships and programs. Von Maluski says the church attracts many tourists interested in the Kennedys. In the summers, it holds a special program called "Return to Camelot," which includes live organ music from the wedding and a video presentation about the Kennedys' time at St. Mary's and in Newport. — AP

# Why visitors love Scotland's Misty Isle of Skye

Bonny Prince Charlie saw Scotland's Isle of Skye on the run. He was fleeing government troops after his Highland rebellion ended disastrously at the 18th century Battle of Culloden. My visit was hurried, too, although due to nothing more exciting than a tight schedule-no redcoats on my tail. Luckily, even a short stay is long enough to glimpse why the Misty Isle of Skye is one of Scotland's most popular tourist attractions. Here are a few reasons.

## Dream scenes

Rain or shine, most likely both in the same day, Skye is a stunner, from the stark grandeur of the Black Cuillin, the jagged mountain



This undated photo provided by Visit Scotland/Scottish Viewpoint, shows Allt Dearg cottage, a unique old shepherd's cottage which is in an isolated position under the Black Cuillin ridge on the Isle of Skye off the west coast of Scotland.



A woman walks past a cairn commemorating the Highlanders who died at the Battle of Culloden in 1746 on Isle of Skye off the west coast of Scotland. — AP photos

range looming over the island, to the cheerfully pastel houses of Portree harbor. You can take in the views by driving Skye's winding roads, get out for a shoreline amble or, if you've got the skills, go mountaineering. Guides can be hired for more challenging itineraries.

Recommended spots include the Trotternish ridge, known for rock formations like the Old Man of Storr and the Quiraing pinnacles. Also a must-see, the Fairy Pools, a series of crystal clear and flowing pools on the River Brittle.

## Highland history

Are you a fan of the Starz TV series "Outlander"? You should already be familiar with the beauty of the Highlands, the setting for that time-traveling drama. The series hasn't gotten into Prince Charles' flight yet; Season 2 ended just as the Battle of Culloden started. The show's been renewed for two more seasons, but we don't know a lot of details on

what's coming. In real life, the prince, Charles Edward Stuart, who was the grandson of the deposed James II and was trying to win back the British throne for the Stuarts, escaped government troops aided by several Highlanders including the brave Flora MacDonald who got him to Skye dressed as her maid.

If you are headed into the Highlands by way of Inverness, you're close to the Culloden Battlefield and Visitor Center, which does a good job of explaining the rise and fall of the doomed campaign. You can't go far in Scotland without finding a castle, and Skye's Dunvegan Castle is billed as the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland, home to the chiefs of Clan MacLeod for eight centuries. Open daily 10 am-5:30 pm. March 25-October 15, admission to castle and gardens about \$16. For more island history visit the Skye Museum of Island Life in Kilmuir, which features a recreation of a Highland village. Open daily Easter-late September. 9:30 am-5 pm Admission about \$3.25.



Photo shows the rocky southern coastline of the Isle of Skye off the west coast of Scotland where Bonnie Prince Charlie is said to have found shelter in a cave during his flight from government troops in 1746.

## Dining & drams

Think Scottish cuisine begins and ends with broth and haggis? You're in for a surprise (not that there's anything wrong with broth and haggis).

Skye boasts a variety of dining choices including the Michelin-starred Kinloch Lodge and The Three Chimneys, which lost its Michelin star after a change in chefs in 2015 but continues to put out excellent food. If you're there for lunch, look for the Crispy Croft Egg starter, a perfect mix of rich, dense egg and crisp crust.

On the drinks side, Skye has one drink distillery, Talisker in Carbost. And it's the home of another Scots libation, Drambuie, now made in Glasgow but first developed and served at Skye's Broadford Hotel in the 1870s. The liqueur, a blend of aged scotch, spices, heather honey and herbs, is said to be based on a recipe of the bonny prince himself, who gave islanders the secret to his private elixir in gratitude for their help.

## If you go...

Getting there and getting around: A bridge connects Skye to the mainland, so the easiest way to get to, and around, Skye is by car, either your own or on booked tours. Some island roads are single-track with places where you can pull over to let others pass.

Lodging: B&B's, hotels and self-catering cottages. Rooms fill up quickly at high season (spring and summer) so book ahead.

Portree and boat trips: Skye's largest town, Portree, has a supermarket and other shops. It also has a visitor center (Bayfield House, Bayfield Road) with information on walks, attractions and boat trips. You can even arrange a boat tour to the coastline of Elgol, on the southern end of the island, home to a cave where the prince is said to have hidden. No telling whether you'll feel the presence of Highlanders gone. But keep an eye out for men in red coats. — AP



# Saudi designers

## steal show at Dubai fashion week



Saudi Arabia's Suzan Farhoud (left) and Leen Al-Shishakly walk on stage at the end of a fashion show.



From a mother and daughter duo hooked on denim to an art-inspired fashionista, female designers from ultra-conservative Saudi Arabia stole the limelight at Arab Fashion Week 2016 in Dubai. Models strutted the catwalk late Saturday in mini-dresses, cropped jackets, skin-tight jeans and flamboyantly embroidered transparent blouses. They were the work of Suzan Farhoud and her daughter Leen Al-Shishakly, who set up their "Jeans Couture" brand just a year ago, hoping to share their passion for denim.

Farhoud designs the clothes, while Shishakly creates bags and manages the business. "We wanted the Saudis... not to look at denim in a casual way," Shishakly said, but also to "wear it for a formal event." "We wanted to get the denim into the Saudi market as well as the Middle East," said the US-educated 26-year-old, who wore her dark hair in a short bob. Their collection, named "Out of the Garden," mixes the fabric with almost everything. They have created denim tops, trousers, jackets, and dresses—many covered with colorful light flowing capes or skirts.

"I always loved jeans," said Farhoud, who wore a long dress that mixed a denim top with a light flowery skirt and sleeves. "I always thought of garments with jeans that I wouldn't find anywhere," Farhoud said having a German mother had influenced her designs. "Since I am half Arab and half Western I wanted to mix modern and elegant," she said. They say their creations have been well-received in Saudi Arabia, where women are forced to cover up from head-to-toe in public. Asked if breaking social barriers is among her aims, Shishakly said: "totally." "I want the people to wear our clothes, to be very independent women that have freedom of expression," she said in English. "That's very important to me."

### Elegance and art

Their casual designs contrasted with those of another Saudi designer, Arwa Al-Ammari, whose style mixes luxury with elegance and art. Her models drew everyone's gaze as they walked down the catwalk in dresses, coats, skirts and tops of structured, layered fabric. Elegant enough for an English tea party, her designs were decorated with leaves, flowers, and even big birds. "I loved arts, so I started a fashion line inspired by



art," she told AFP of her ArAm brand, which launched in 2013. "This collection was inspired by tropical nature—the colors and figures such as the birds and flowers (and) even iguanas," said the British-educated designer.

She wore a sumptuous pink and purple skirt and a white structured top, her bright blue eyeliner matching her nail polish. A colorful fish-shaped brooch with feathers completed the look. Ammari said she used various fabrics including lace, the complex weaves of jacquard and super-fine tulle. Ammari, who covers her hair with an elegant turban, designs on conservative lines, combining long skirts with full-length sleeves.

"When I create a design I keep in mind that I should be international

while at the same time do something suitable for the region," she said. "I am conservative in my clothing... Even in private events I prefer long sleeves as I feel they are more elegant." Caroline Rush, chief executive of the British Fashion Council, said she believes conservative designs are gaining traction in the West. "I think that modest fashion is certainly something that is growing in the Western world," she told AFP.

She described the Saudi designers' collections as "very different in terms of style but very open." "The soft power around the creative industry and particularly fashion does have a very powerful message in terms of showing how cultures are changing," she said. "Fashion is a fantastic way to be able to show that." — AFP



Saudi Arabia's Suzan Farhoud (left) and Leen Al-Shishakly pose during a fashion show presenting their creations during the Arab Fashion Week in Dubai. — AFP photos



Models present creations by Saudi Arabia's Suzan Farhoud and Leen Al-Shishakly.







An urban artist sprays graffiti during the International Festival of Graffiti at downtown of Mexico City. — AFP

## Michelin gives DC a prestigious vote of culinary confidence



Chef Aaron Silverman, owner of Rose's Luxury and Pineapple and Pearls restaurants, poses inside Pineapple And Pearls' kitchen in Washington, DC.



A kitchen staffer prepares appetizers in the kitchen of the Pineapple and Pearls restaurant. — AFP photos



An eggplant tart is on display at the Pineapple and Pearls restaurant.

It's a Wednesday night and Rose's Luxury won't open for nearly another hour, but a line is already snaking out from under the brightly colored awning of one of Washington's buzziest restaurants. The flock of eager diners is a testament to the capital city's newfound foodie street cred, which grabbed the attention of international culinary tastemakers who are set to publish their first Michelin guide to the city October 13.

"Every time I come here there is something new and exciting," said Sandy Diamond, a perky retiree who with her daughter made a pilgrimage to the storied restaurant from her rural Vermont home. "Everything is always a new experience for your taste buds." The white door trimmed in forest green finally opens and the patient epicures stream in to the spacious dining room with walls of weathered brick, which looks into the open kitchen.

### A culinary kingdom

Rose's Luxury opened in late 2013 to grand fanfare, becoming an instant sensation on the city's foodscape. The restaurant opened with just 20 employees, a payroll that quickly jumped to 65. "We had to grow very quickly," said owner Aaron Silverman, 34, who worked in New York and the southern city Charleston before returning home to open his first restaurant. A no-reservations eatery featuring reasonably priced contemporary American cuisine with an international spin, Rose's is known for its 13-dollar plate of spaghetti bathed in a spicy tomato sauce that is tempered by a sweet dose of strawberries.

In feats of endurance many diners wait for hours to snag a seat at one of the honey-stained wood tables-but one hometown celebrity managed to skip the long line. President Barack Obama celebrated his 54th birthday last year at the small-plates restaurant, though the restaurant kept mum on what the commander-in-chief ordered.

Buoyed by the success of his first gastronomic venture, Silverman has begun building a small kingdom of DC restaurants. Next door to Rose's sits its higher-end spinoff Pineapple and Pearls.

Rumor has it the sibling restaurant that opened in April is in the running for a two-star rating from Michelin's arbiters of haute cuisine. The \$250-dollar menu that features more than a dozen courses includes a yogurt-filled bon-bon sitting atop a slotted absinthe spoon-balanced over a glass of fennel juice, celery, green apple and absinthe-and a tart featuring the delicate "fairy tale" variety of eggplants.

### 'Capitol Hill game changer'

Bon Appetit, one of America's leading food magazines, recently dubbed Rose's Luxury a "Capitol Hill game changer"-two years after naming the spot America's top new restaurant, a major boost for Washington's gastronomic notoriety. Long considered a culinary wasteland of power lunches and bland steakhouses, the US capital city has seen its popularity among foodies skyrocket in recent years. "The DC scene is just growing so much," Silverman said, sporting a chef's smock over his tattooed arms. "It's so exciting-everybody is excited about it."

He attributes Washington's evolution of taste to an influx of young people, which is noticeable in the newly bustling Capitol Hill neighborhood, where he opened his restaurants. Thanks to the city's epicurean ambition it will now become the fourth US city-joining New York, Chicago and San Francisco-to currently wear the Michelin badge of honor. "Washington chefs who have left and cooked around the world have come back to Washington," said Michael Ellis, Michelin's international director. "They have been incorporating new types of products, new types of seasonings, new types of cooking techniques." "[They] have really made the Washington din-

ing scene one of the most exciting in the United States today."

### Gastronomic fearlessness

Washington's circle of elite eaters welcomed the news that Michelin's team of anonymous inspectors had descended on the city. Among them is Tom Sietsema, The Washington Post newspaper's food critic. "It's great that this revered guide is coming," Sietsema said. "There is this fearlessness in Washington-that one can't have in, say, San

Francisco or New York-where the stakes are so high." He also credits the city's slightly lower rents-in neighborhoods previously considered to be dangerous-as helping to usher in the city's nascent restaurant scene.

"It's not inexpensive to open a restaurant, but it's certainly easier," Sietsema said. Washington culinary veteran Ashok Bajaj opened his first restaurant in 1988, as the city was gearing up to inaugurate President George HW Bush. Since then he has hosted the Clintons, Madeleine Albright and Nelson Mandela at his half-a-dozen

dining establishments. One of Bajaj's restaurants Rasika is among the frontrunners vying for a Michelin star. When he landed in DC, the seasoned restaurateur said that dining establishments in the then-quiet capital were concentrated in the area immediately surrounding the White House. "Now, people are breaking boundaries, they're going to unknown places in the city to open restaurants," he said. "For the Michelin guide to endorse us, to review our restaurants in the city-it means a lot." "We have come a long way." — AFP



Pink umbrellas decorate the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health in the capital Beirut as part of a national campaign for the public awareness of breast cancer. — AFP