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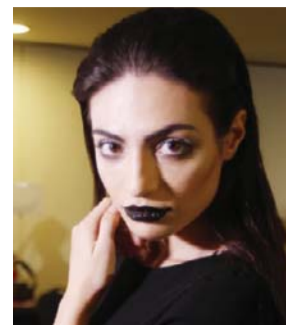
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DUBAI BEGINS BUILDING NEW TALLEST TOWER

DUBAI: Dubai began construction work yesterday on a tower that will stand higher than its Burj Khalifa, which is currently the world's tallest skyscraper. The Gulf emirate's ruler, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, marked the groundbreaking of The Tower at Dubai Creek Harbour as construction workers laid foundations for the skyscraper at a vast patch of sand. The structure "will be the world's tallest tower when completed in 2020", said a statement issued at the ceremony.

Dubai's developer giant Emaar Properties announced plans to build the viewing tower in April, saying it will be "a notch" higher than Burj Khalifa, which stands 828 m high. Emaar has not revealed the exact final height of the tower. It said in April that the structure will cost around \$1 billion. Designed by Spanish-Swiss architect Santiago Calatrava Valls, the tower will have observation decks providing 360-degree views of the coastal city.

Emaar Chairman Mohamed Alabbar said the tower will be completed before the Expo 2020 trade fair which Dubai is preparing to host. In April, Emaar said the tower will be slender, evoking the image of a minaret, and will be anchored to the ground with sturdy cables. Saudi Arabia's Kingdom Holding is building a tower in Jeddah that is planned to surpass the Burj Khalifa. — AFP



BANGKOK: Thailand's Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha (left) talks to HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah before the opening ceremony of the 2nd Asia Cooperation Dialogue summit at the foreign ministry yesterday. — AP

BANGKOK: Cooperation amongst members of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue Summit (ACD) was the main theme in the address given by HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to the second meeting of the regional organization. The Amir highlighted during the event the need for utilizing joint potentials and diverse capacities to realize the aspirations of the Asian countries and to achieve security and stability in the region.

The Kuwaiti leader called for a collective effort to combat poverty and environmental problems in Asia. He stressed the importance of developing healthcare and housing welfare for the people of the continent. HH the Amir also called on ACD members to respect international laws and norms stipulated by world organizations. Sheikh Sabah spoke about the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA), recently endorsed in the United States of America, saying that it constitutes "a breach of international treaties' rules and harms our interests".

"Our second summit is being held while the continent faces grave challenges and dangers where we have all suffered from annihilating wars that resulted in many victims and weakened economies of the regional countries and obstructed their capacities and efforts for achieving the required developments," Sheikh Sabah said.

"Our communities today suffer from mounting challenges such as annihilating wars, poverty, low level of healthcare, illiteracy, environmental problems and rapid population growth, although we are aware of the necessity of collective action to face these challenges. However, our Asian joint action has remained below the aspirations, despite the vast geographic size of the continent and the huge demographic status," he added.

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Main panel at the 'Sciences in Islamic Civilization' conference.



Photo shows the audience during the 'Sciences in Islamic Civilization' conference

'IMPACT OF SCIENCE IN ISLAMIC CULTURE'

MINISTER STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF UPGRADING MESSAGE OF ART, MEDIA

KUWAIT: The conference on "the impact of science in Islamic culture" kicked off yesterday, under the patronage of Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah. Sheikh Salman is also Chairman of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL). The 3-day event (from October 10 to 12) is organized by NCCAL with the participation of a number of scientists and researchers to celebrate Kuwait as a "Capital of Islamic Culture 2016".

The conference focuses on the role of Islamic sciences in achieving development for humanity in different fields, said NCCAL Secretary General Ali Al-Yoha in his opening speech. The head of the organizing committee Dr Abdullah Al-Jasmi said that the conference sheds light on the effect of science on different aspect of the Islamic culture. He added that discussion made in the event will be printed out and published in a book by Kuwait University.

"Islamic civilization has produced scientific breakthroughs that can be attributed to the

faith's humane image, Secretary General of the National Council for Culture, Art and Letters (NCCAL) Ali Al-Yoha said.

Al-Yoha said that a number of scientists of various faiths have helped build this edifice of scientific knowledge. Moreover, he noted that the conference constitutes a part of planned cultural and scientific activities that will showcase how significant science is "to our cultural lives."

Dr Majdi Abdulhafeth, one of many academicians who took part in the conference, said that the event "allows us to reflect on the indelible mark left by those who came before us." He also spoke of Arab and Muslim scientists' devotion to their works, which helped inspire intellectuals and philosophers all across the globe. Head of the conference's organizing committee Dr Abdullah Al-Jasmi said that Islamic contributions to the scientific world has often been overlooked, adding that all issues discussed in the conference will be incorporated into a book to be published soon. The two-day conference, which ends Wednesday, features a bevy of scientists and philosophers who will engage in discussions

that run the gamut from scientific ideologies to development and advancement.

Message of art, media

Meanwhile, Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah has underlined the importance of developing the message of art and media so as to promote collective thought, and establish citizenship and loyalty. This came in a press statement issued by the Ministry of Information yesterday after Sheikh Salman met with Chairman of the Kuwait Artists Syndicate Tareq Al-Ali and board of directors.

The minister stressed that developing collective thought and establishing citizenship are necessary to face challenges which pose risks to the region's culture and traditions as well as moderation and tolerance of Islam. He called for developing media and artistic works aiming to discard violence, extremism and terrorism, and promote love and cooperation.

Sheikh Salman indicated that the government adopted a cultural strategy with the



Secretary General of the National Council for Culture, Art and Letters (NCCAL) Ali Al-Yoha.

aim of developing artistic and cultural infrastructure and setting up artistic facilities in all governorates. He reiterated that this move aims to evolve the message of art to be delivered to all citizens. He affirmed support of the Ministry of Information and National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters for all initiatives seeking to show the real and bright image of Kuwait. Al-Ali lauded efforts exerted by Sheikh Salman in buttressing artistic move-

ment and developing media in Kuwait.

Qatar honors Kuwaiti

In another development, the Qatar Heritage and Identity Center (QHIC) has honored Kuwaiti historian Saif Marzouq Al-Shamlan for his role in documenting and preserving Arabian Gulf history and cultural heritage. This honoring reflects the Gulf state's great appreciation of those who spent much of their life documenting and promoting the Arabian Gulf heritage, Tareq Al-Shamlan, who represented his brother Saif in the ceremony said.

He pointed out that his brother, Saif, has dedicated his life to shed light on the great events and figures as well as the social, cultural, artistic, etc aspects of life in Kuwait's history. This honoring would have notable impact on the efforts to revive and preserve the rich heritage of the ancestors, he suggested. Director of the QHIC Khaled Al-Mulla said the ceremony is organized to show recognition of the great contributions of those pioneers in maintaining the Arabian Gulf identity in this globalization era and open world. — Agencies



BOHRA COMMUNITY URGED TO ADHERE TO ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES

KUWAIT: A condolence session was held yesterday morning in the Burhani Center for Bohras Islamic Community in Kuwait. The program was attended by thousands of Bohra people in Kuwait. The uncle of His Holiness Sultan Al-Bohra, His Eminence Ali Asgher Kalimuddin delivered a speech where he inaugurated the session by extending his thanks to Allah and praying upon his prophet (PBUH), the noblest messenger and his noble family.

He recited the virtues of the prophet, his fragrant biography, noble manners and his grace to all humans. Thereafter, he mentioned the great sacrifices of Imam Al-Hussein for the sake of upholding Islam -

stressing that he saved no efforts in keeping the Sharia of his grandfather, the last prophet (PBUH).

He advised Bohra the community to adhere to the Islamic Sharia, respect the laws of the country where they live and to be loyal to Kuwait. It is worth mentioning that His Holiness Dr Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, Sultan Al-Bohra held a condolence session in Dar es Salaam Tanzania. In conclusion, His Eminence extended his best regards and wishes to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister. He prayed for security, stability and prosperity in Kuwait.



INTERNATIONAL FINANCE, REAL ESTATE EXPO KICKS OFF

KUWAIT: Assistant Undersecretary of Ministry of Commerce and Industry for Technical Affairs and Trade Development Abdullah Al-Enezi yesterday opened the 2016 International Finance, Real Estate, and Investment

Expo. Held under the patronage of Minister of Commerce and Industry Dr Yousef Al-Ali, the two-day exhibition attracts 26 real estate companies, along with a number of banks and construction companies. Speaking to KUNA

on the exhibition, the organizing company's General Manager Essam Abdelshafy said that this year's exhibition includes offering a variety of real estate products, including houses, apartments and lands, in addition to

250 real estate projects. He added that most of the exhibits are put on display for the first time at the Kuwaiti market at reasonable prices that suit all investors. — KUNA



Assistant Undersecretary of Ministry of Commerce and Industry for Technical Affairs and Trade Development Abdullah Al-Enezi opens the 2016 International Finance, Real Estate, and Investment Expo. — KUNA photos



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in Brief

Kuwaitis urged not to visit troubled Ethiopia



Kuwait Ambassador Rashed Al-Hajri

KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti Embassy in Ethiopia has appealed to citizens not to travel to Addis Ababa now because of the developments of security situations there. Kuwaiti Ambassador Rashed Al-Hajri advised, in a statement a copy of which KUNA received, Kuwaitis to avoid visiting Ethiopia now "under any circumstances". He also urged Kuwaitis currently in Ethiopia either to leave the country immediately or to be vigilant and cautious for their safety.

The Ethiopian government declared a state of emergency on Sunday across the country for six months so as to restore stability. The country has been witnessing protests for several weeks, leading to the killing of scores of people.



Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Undersecretary Khaled Al-Shamali seen during a meeting with a member of visiting delegation from the Arab-Uruguayan chamber of integration for food security and climate change. — KUNA

Uruguay, Kuwait eager to boost economic ties

KUWAIT: A senior official at the Kuwaiti Ministry of Commerce and Industry yesterday said they are keen on enhancing trade cooperation with Uruguay. The Ministry's Undersecretary Khaled Al-Shamali made the statement after a meeting with a visiting delegation from the Arab-Uruguayan chamber of integration for food security and climate change. The delegation offered the Ministry a study on issues to secure food and water among nations to face climate change, Al-Shamali added, noting that it would be of great value for modifying and redirecting certain trade activities in Kuwait. The visit reiterates the distinguished ties between Kuwait and the South America Republic, he said. In 2010, the two countries signed a trade agreement, Al-Shamali said. The visit paves the way for a future meeting between the concerned bodies in both countries for further cooperation. He expressed hope that a meeting would be soon held to make the utmost benefit from the study and to discuss the investment opportunities between the private sectors in the two countries.



Kuwaiti Ambassador to Indonesia Abdulwahab Al-Sager pictured with Indonesian Industry Minister Airlangga Hartarto.

Indonesia Industry minister Hartarto lauds Kuwait ties

KUALA LUMPUR: Indonesian Industry Minister Airlangga Hartarto has extolled the depth of political relations with Kuwait, expressing his hope for developing these ties in all fields, mainly the investment and economic ones. This came following talks held between Kuwaiti Ambassador to Indonesia Abdulwahab Al-Sager and Hartarto on preparations for the joint supreme commission meetings due in Indonesia on November 2-3, the Kuwaiti Embassy said yesterday in a statement. Hartarto expressed his country's desire to carry out oil and gas investment in Kuwait, the statement said. Al-Sager, meanwhile, voiced his hope that the upcoming meetings would develop bilateral relations in all fields. He emphasized that all doors are open for investment in both the public and private sectors.

Al-Babtain foundation produces film on Islamic culture in Kuwait

KUWAIT: Abdulaziz Saud Al-Babtain's Foundation has produced a documentary titled, "roots and leaves," as part of the national activities marking Kuwait as the Islamic Cultural Capital 2016. The foundation said in a statement yesterday that the film would be screened at theatre of Al-Babtain poetry library, on Sunday, under auspices of the Minister of Information, Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah. A number of iconic national figures who have played a key role at the cultural level will be honored on the occasion. They are Sheikh Abdulaziz Al-Reshaid, Sheikh Yousef Bin Isaa Al-Ginaee, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Nouri, Sheikh Abdulrahman Al-Sumait and Sheikh Abdulmohsen Ibrahim Al-Babtain. The documentary chronicles history of the Islamic culture in Kuwait.

Kuwait keen on increasing investments in Kurdistan

IRBIL: Kuwait's Ambassador to Iraq Salem Ghassab Al-Zamanan expressed hope that Kuwaiti companies' various investments help to revive economy's infrastructure in Iraq's Kurdistan region. Kuwait is keen on increasing its investments in Iraqi Kurdistan, in addition to boosting ties with the region in all fields, the Kuwaiti diplomat said after his meeting with Prime Minister of Iraqi Kurdistan Nechervan Barzani.



Luncheon held by the Prime Minister of Thailand Prayut Chan-o-cha honoring His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and the other top leaders.

AL-JARALLAH PRAISES AMIR'S SPEECH AT ACD



BANGKOK: Kuwait Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Suleiman Al-Jarallah yesterday praised His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's speech at the 2nd Asia Cooperation Dialogue Summit (ACD), currently held in the Thai capital.

On sidelines of the summit, Al-Jarallah said in a statement to the Kuwaiti news

network that His Highness the Amir expressed Kuwait's keenness to support Asian Cooperation through this summit, which convened in Kuwait in 2012 upon a call by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad.

Asian nations consider of great significance such a continental gathering, its role in promoting economic cooperation



Kuwait Deputy Foreign Minister Al-Jarallah talks to the media after the Amir's speech at ACD. — KUNA photos

among them as well as developing the Asian continent and resolving its problems, such as overpopulation, illiteracy and poor health care. The summit also helps in achieving sustainable development in the continent of Asia, he added.

On the Asian Development Fund (ADF), Al-Jarallah said Kuwait had already suggested, during the first summit of this level,

hosted by the Gulf State, establishing a fund with a capital of USD two billion, where Kuwait announced a contribution of \$300 million. The invitation of His Highness the Amir to the member states at the summit to contribute to the proposed fund emphasizes the importance of this fund in support of the Asian economic cooperation, he added. — KUNA

MINISTRY APPROVES NEW OIL COMPANY

'KUWAIT INTEGRATED PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES COMPANY'

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) approved late last week a request from Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) to set up what would become the largest oil company in Kuwait with an estimated capital of KD 1.8 billion, of which around KD 450 million (25 percent) is paid. The new company will be known as the 'Kuwait Integrated Petrochemical Industries Company'. It would serve as KPC's subsidiary that runs refining and petrochemical projects, including running and executing the integration project between the refining and petrochemical complex in Az-Zour, which includes Az-Zour Refinery, a petrochemical complex and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) importing facility.

It is expected that KPC's next step would be to offer 50 percent of the new company's shares in an initial public offering, in order to present investment opportunities for citizens to participate in capitalist oil ventures, though this issue has not been confirmed yet. If this scenario goes through, the company would then be listed in Kuwait Stock Exchange, Al-Anbaa reported quoting unnamed sources. Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kuwait's Mina Al-Ahmadi Refinery Ahmed Al-Jeemaz had confirmed two weeks ago that the government and the Supreme Petroleum Council gave their approval to establish the company, saying that it was born giant and very significant "because of its importance in running Az-

Zour refinery and terminals to import liquefied natural gas and the presence of an attached petrochemical complex."

The company's production capacity will be up nearly at 615,000 barrels per day, becoming one of the largest refineries in the region, Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) quoted Jeemaz, adding that 40 percent of its production will be dedicated to the power stations of the low-sulfur fuel.

Meanwhile, Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Anas Al-Saleh said Sunday that Kuwait's reserves enable it to address challenges resulted from low oil prices. This financial surplus helped the government of Kuwait take "well calculated" decisions, Al-Saleh, also Acting Minister of Oil, said during

an interview with Sky News Arabia channels. Kuwait's "wise financial and economic policies it has been following for more than 60 years have always succeeded in creating surplus which is transferred to the next generations fund," said Al-Saleh.

He noted that revenues from investments are not included in the state general budget. Al-Saleh the government's budget was based on an oil barrel with \$66, but Kuwait's ability to address the low prices was limited. However, he added, the government sought to activate reforms to lower spending. Al-Saleh said the government borrowed around KD two billion from the local market, in addition to plans to borrow KD three from foreign markets. — Agencies

KUWAIT TAKING RESOLUTE ACTION AGAINST THREATS

KUWAIT: Kuwait is determined to take resolute action against all threats to the nation's security and stability, the Cabinet warned yesterday. These remarks were made during the Cabinet's weekly meeting at Seif Palace, presided over by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. The Cabinet underscored the need of cooperation with security forces and support of all efforts to exterminate terrorism.

At the onset of the meeting, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah gave the Cabinet an explanation of the apprehension of a so-called Islamic State (IS) sympathizer, subsequently foiling an attempted terror plot. Moreover, Sheikh Mohamad Al-Khaled noted that investigations are ongoing to uncover the details of the failed attack, and if the suspect has any accomplices. Meanwhile, the Cabinet looked over a report by a committee dealing with economic affairs over recent accomplishments and forthcoming projects.

Business environment

The report also contained a blueprint for a national agenda to ameliorate the business environment in the country, part of efforts to prop up the business sector. Furthermore, the report featured numerous suggestions germane to the "One stop shop" administration that deals with work related to commercial permits, direct investment and the National Fund for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). This administration is tasked with completing all investment transactions and will begin accepting business permits in November.

The report also contained updates on environmental projects completed in the April-June 2016 period, providing intricacies of expenses and timeframes, in addition to ways to expedite the projects. The Cabinet reminisced on the life and career of late Kuwaiti musician Ibrahim Al-Sola, a man who devoted his life to national arts. The Cabinet conveyed its deepest condolences to his family in this most difficult time. The meeting also featured discussions of the latest Arab and international political developments.

GCC chief meets US official

In another development, GCC Secretary-General Abdul-Latif Al-Zayani yesterday met with visiting US Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Rose E Gottemoeller on GCC-US military relations. During the meeting, they discussed ways of promoting and developing bilateral relations within the framework of strategic partnership, the GCC Secretariat General said in a statement. The meeting was attended by a number of senior officials. — Agencies



KUWAIT: Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Fawaz Khaled Al-Hamad AL-sabah yesterday received Fahaheel Cooperative's Board of Directors headed by the new chairman Khaled Al-Jraid at his office. Both sides discussed cooperation and partnership in various developmental projects in the governorate.

INDIA OFFICIAL LURES KUWAIT'S INVESTORS

KUWAIT: A senior Indian official from the Western state of Gujarat called on Kuwait's private sector yesterday to invest in his country's petrochemical industry, adding that India is eyeing enhanced commercial ties with Kuwait. In a statement to KUNA, Chief Secretary of the Government of Gujarat Dr Rajeev Kumar Gupta noted that India's economy had grown by seven percent last year, exceeding the expectations of international institutions. Moreover, he revealed that India will impose a new tax system that could help lure foreign investment in the world's second most populous nation.

The Indian official also spoke of his meetings with representatives of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, adding that Gujarat is the capital of India's petrochemical industry. Meanwhile, Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) official Tharar Al-Ghanim said that Kuwait values its economic ties with India and that KCCI will expand its efforts to strengthen relations between the two countries. Gupta is accompanied by a delegation comprising 16 officials from various industries across India. — KUNA



Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) official Tharar Al-Ghanim poses for a photo with Chief Secretary of the government of Gujarat Dr Rajeev Kumar Gupta. — KUNA



KUWAIT: National Guard deputy chief, General Hashim Al-Refa'e yesterday reviewed the biannual follow-up report of the National Guards strategic goals document - operational plan 2020 titled 'Security First' with the National Guard's Organization and Planning officers. Lt General also held talks with the Organization and Planning Commander Lt Colonel Sami Mutashar, Major Ahmed Nabil Saleh and Captain Mohammed Ibrahim Salem.

KUWAIT: SYRIANS SUFFERING FROM 'MOST HORRIFIC' WAR

ARAB LEAGUE DISAPPOINTED AT UNSC

KUWAIT: The Syrian people are suffering from the 'most horrific' conflict in the world today and thus Kuwait took on the responsibility to respond adequately to this crisis, said First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamaqd Al-Sabah. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled's statement came within the (Kuwait Responds) book published by the United Nation Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

"On behalf of millions of displaced people around the world who have benefited from Kuwait's generous humanitarian action, I am honored to dedicate this book to the people, Cabinet and leadership of Kuwait as a true testament of gratitude in a world where more than 60 million people are forcibly displaced by war or persecution, a reality not witnessed since World War II, effective international solidarity, like that offered by Kuwait, becomes increasingly essential," said Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled.

He added that under the wise guidance of the UN Humanitarian Leader His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Kuwait, its national organizations, and people were always at the forefront, offering a helping hand to victims of war and natural disaster, supporting the development and reconstruction of devastated nations through its institutions, leaving an everlasting positive impact.

Galvanizing support

"Today, if we visit refugee camps, we see refugee children in field, schools and refugees being admitted to medical centers; this would have never been possible without the support of the Kuwait's cabinet, its NGOs and development institutions."

Over the last four years, Kuwait has galvanized support from the international community by hosting three consecutive International Conferences for Syrian refugees, six consecutive top group meetings and co-organizing the supporting Syria and the Region Conference in London, said the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister.

Most vulnerable

Furthermore, during 2013-2015, Kuwait contributed over \$1.6 billion to Syria and supported UNHCR operations around the world, standing firmly among UNHCR's top 10 global donors. "These contributions have had a direct impact on millions of the most vulnerable people in the world including 3.5 million Syrian refugees and internally displaced persons. For that, I would like to take this opportunity to express to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait and to the people of Kuwait my sincere gratitude and profound appreciation," he said, adding that "I also greatly appreciate the pioneering role played by Kuwait in the humanitarian field. I look forward to continuing to strengthen the important strategic partnership that exists between office and Kuwait, wishing it peace, security and prosperity."

"Allow me at the outset to express my appreciation to His Excellency Filippo Grandi, the United Nations High Commissioner Refugees, and all those responsible for the publication." The book reflected some of Kuwait's efforts to relieve the plight and suffering of the Syrian people and all others affected humanitarian catastrophe, said Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled who also expressed sincere appreciation and gratitude to Antonio Guterres, the former United



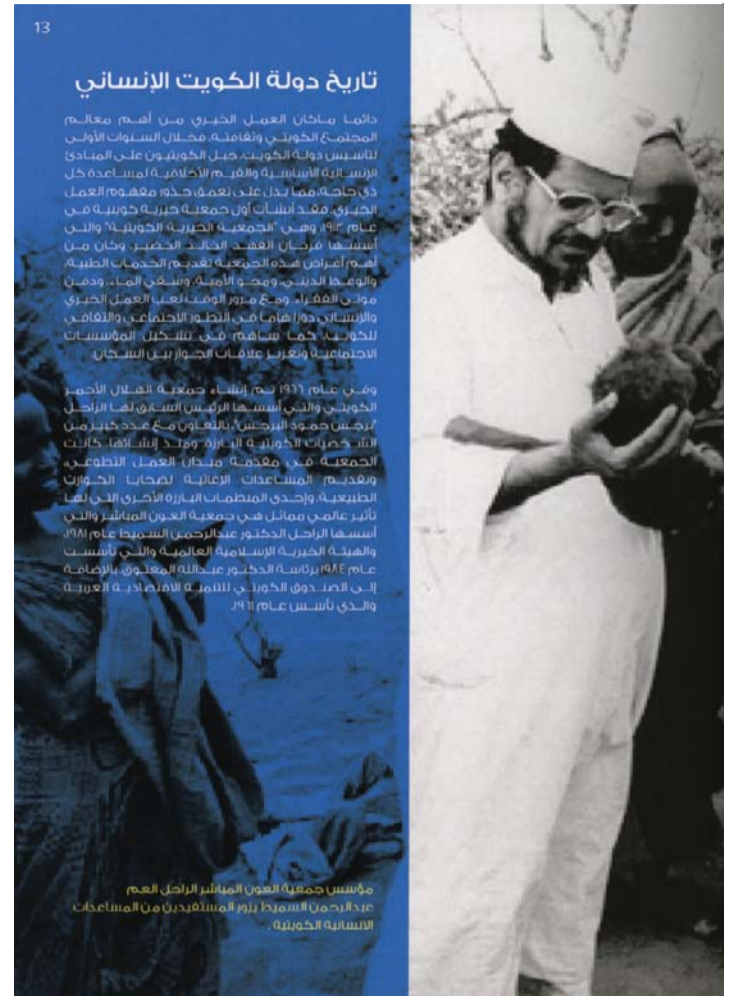
Nations High Commissioner, and UNHCR staff stationed in conflict zones around the world. This year the number of those in need of humanitarian assistance increased to 125 million persons, and over 60 million because of soaring of conflicts and disputes around the world, said Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled.

Under the guidance of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah, Kuwait held three consecutive International Pledging Conferences for Syria since 2013, raising more than \$7 billion in

pledges from the International community. The majority of this contribution, \$330 million was allocated to UNHCR due to its extensive programs and excellence in distributing and managing aid efficiently. Moreover, in February 2016, Kuwait co-hosted and organized the Supporting Syria and the Region conference in London contributing an additional \$300 million for the cause.

Arabs disappointed

Meanwhile, Arab League Secretary-General Ahmad Abul



Gheit expressed his disappointment at the UN Security Council (UNSC) for failing to reach a unified stand for a ceasefire agreement in Aleppo, Syria. The agreement allows entry of urgent humanitarian aid to Aleppo, in addition to evacuating the sick and wounded from the city, Abul Gheit's Spokesman Mahmoud Afifi said in a statement Sunday. The Secretary-General is hoping that UNSC's members rise above their differences and find ways to solve the ongoing crisis in Aleppo, Afifi added.

The Arab League Council has called upon UNSC in its recent meeting at the level of permanent delegates, held on October 4th, to bear its responsibilities toward the Syrian crisis and its dangerous consequences, said the statement. Meanwhile, Abu Gheit has welcomed the EU humanitarian initiative, issued in coordination with UN, to aid unarmed civilians in eastern Aleppo, stressing the importance of responding to such initiative by all parties involved in the ongoing conflict. —Agencies

GCC TOURISM AND CULTURE MINISTERS MEET IN RIYADH

RIYADH: A senior Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) official has emphasized the importance of the topics on the agenda of a ministerial meeting due in Riyadh today. The GCC Ministers of Tourism, and Culture will hold a coordination meeting at the bloc's Secretariat in the Saudi capital. The joint meeting will be held upon a sincere desire from Chairman of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage (SCTH) Prince Sultan Bin Salman, to bolster GCC ties and enhance cooperation in tourism and culture to fulfill the expectations of the GCC peoples. The GCC Assistant Secretary-General for Cultural and Information Affairs Khalid Al-Ghassani made the statement in a

press release yesterday. The ministers will address several issues on boosting cooperation among the tourist and cultural sectors in the member states, focusing on the topics addressed by Undersecretaries in Riyadh earlier in the year, which led to a joint view to promote joint action, Al-Ghassani said. In addition, the meeting will discuss how the two sectors could contribute to advancing the national economy, and enhance the GCC citizens' identity as well as developing human resources in tourist and culture. Aspects of GCC tourist and cultural coordination on the Arab and the international scenes will also feature high on the agenda, Al-Ghassani said. — KUNA



KUWAIT: US Educational Group (USEG) and AMIDEAST Officials inaugurate education fair on Sunday at Marina Hotel in Salmiya. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

US EDUCATIONAL GROUP HOLDS EDUCATION FAIR

By Faten Omar

KUWAIT: The US Educational Group (USEG) in cooperation with AMIDEAST held an education fair on Sunday at Marina Hotel in Salmiya. The one-day fair offered students information about education in the US, which was attended by representatives from a diverse selection of US colleges and universities. Samar Khalif, country director of AMIDEAST, told Kuwait Times that AMIDEAST helps students with most of the major tests required for study in the US, including TOEFL, GRE and SAT.

"We also offer training classes. AMIDEAST is able to quickly provide much-needed educational services to the country's students and professionals," said Khalif. "Kuwait is one among several stops. We give students the opportunity to speak face-to-face with representatives from these institutions and gather important information about degree options, the application process and possible scholarship opportunities."

Khalif noted that 27 universities are participating in the fair from all over the United States, adding that it is a great opportunity for students to know what suits them the best and what they need to do to get admission to the university they want. US Embassy cultural and consular officers were present to address students' questions about education in the US and the student visa process. "From the US Embassy's side, we have a coordinator and a representative from the consular section to talk about student visas and the papers they need for Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis. The student visa process is not complicated, but it takes time," Cultural Affairs Officer Zennia Paganini said.

Advisors and admission officers of participating universities addressed students' questions and explained issues like tuition costs, housing, admission tests (TOEFL, SAT, GRE, GMAT) and scholarship opportunities. The education road show was free of charge and open to the public. Representatives from USEG provided information about admission standards, financial aid opportu-

nities, summer programs and student life at different US universities.

The US universities at the event were: American University of Cairo, Arizona State University, Ball State University, Farleigh Dickinson University, Foothill College, George Mason University, Hofstra University, City University of New York - CUNY-John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Kent State University, Marquette University, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science, Montana State University, Purdue University, Saint Louis University, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, Southeast Missouri State University, St Ambrose University, St John's University, Syracuse University, Troy University, State University of New York- University at Buffalo, University of Cincinnati, University of Evansville, University of Miami, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), West Virginia University, Western Kentucky University, and Western Michigan University.



PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

By Meshal Al-Enezi and A Saleh

KUWAIT: Chairman of the Kuwait Association for Basic Elements of Human Rights Dr Yousef Al-Sager stressed that developments in protecting human rights have led to considerable changes in NGOs' working patterns. Speaking at a press conference, Sager said that in collaboration with the UN's Human Rights Commission in the Middle East, the association will hold a workshop on following up UN recommendations on human rights at 5:00 pm today at its headquarters.

PAEET meeting

Head of the PAEET academic staff syndicate Dr Mubarak Al-Tharwa announced that the syndicate received

PAEET Director Dr Ahmed Al-Athari and his deputies to discuss a number of academic and administrative issues.

Expropriation Department

Well-informed sources at the Expropriation Department denied any intentions to purchase land plots still owned by citizens in Salmiya and Jleeb for the time being.

10th of Muharram

MPs Abdullah Al-Tamimi and Saleh Ashour yesterday urged the government and various government and private establishments to excuse the absence of employees on Ashoura, the 10th of Muharram, (today) which commemorates the martyrdom of Imam Hussein.



KUWAIT: As part of its new initiative which is aimed at enhancing the bank's participation in various sports activities, the Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) recently sponsored a Sports Activity Day which was organized by the Capital Governorate under the title of 'Rejuvenate'. Speaking on the occasion, CBK's Assistant Manager for PR and Advertising Amani Al-Wer'a said that the activity came within the bank's keenness on supporting various sports activities and talented Kuwaiti youth.

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of the day



KUWAIT: Photo shows the front yard and (Al Liwan) of a traditional Kuwaiti house. The fundamental pillars of the old Kuwaiti house that are inspired by the Islamic style. — KUNA

COURT HANDS MP DASHTI SIX MORE YEARS IN JAIL

MORE SUPPORT FOR PETROL PRICE GRILLING

By B Izzak

KUWAIT: The criminal court yesterday sentenced Shiite MP Abdulhameed Dashti for six more years in jail for insulting Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, raising to 31 and a half years the total number of jail terms he has already got. The court tried him on charges of making statements deemed offensive to the two Gulf neighbors. The sentence was issued in absentia since Dashti has been living outside

Kuwait since the start of the year. During the past few months, Dashti was handed jail terms totaling 25 years and six months in several cases for insulting Saudi Arabia, undermining the authority of the Amir and endangering Kuwaiti diplomatic ties with neighboring countries. Dashti said the two new verdicts were null and void as they violated the constitution and Kuwaiti law.

The lawmaker however cannot appeal against the rulings until he returns to the

country in accordance with Kuwaiti law. Dashti still faces several other similar cases the verdicts of which are expected in the coming few months which are likely to increase his jail terms. Even while abroad, pro-Iran Dashti has continued his attacks against Saudi Arabia and Bahrain and he has been following on sectarian propaganda. MP Abdullah Maayouf said yesterday that he fully supports the grillings against Finance Minister Anas Al-Saleh over the government

decision to hike petrol prices. The lawmaker said that he is totally against the hike in petrol prices and accordingly he will back the grillings against the minister. Four lawmakers have so far said they will file at least two requests to grill the finance minister. There are reports that more requests will be filed before the national assembly opens its term on October 18.

A large number of MPs have rejected a government compromise offer made to the

national assembly last week to provide 75 liters of free petrol monthly for each Kuwaiti citizen with a driver's license. The government measure aims at compensating Kuwaiti citizens for the hike in petrol prices. But many MPs rejected the gesture and demanded that Kuwaitis must be spared from the hike. Observers have said that the political standoff could lead to dissolving the national assembly and calling for early election.



INTERIOR MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY RECEIVES DEAN, TOURS HUSSEINIYAS

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Interior Ministry Undersecretary Lt Gen Suleiman Al-Fahd yesterday received at his office the dean of the College of Social Sciences Prof Humoud Al-Qashaan, who was accompanied by Prof Ibtisam Al-Qooud. Discussing preparations for the 3rd annual forum on patriotism organized by the college, Fahd stressed that Mol will never stop supporting all positive and constructive activities designed to implant genuine val-

ues in Kuwaiti youth. Fahd added that Mol is also getting ready to hold Kuwait's first regional conference on protecting children from the dangers of social media. Fahd and top Mol officials also toured a number of husseiniyas to check security measures and traffic plans during the month of Muharram.

Financial claims

A Kuwaiti couple wanted for a KD 28,000 financial claim and another citizen wanted for a

five-year prison sentence for a KD 23,000 was arrested yesterday. Also, two Egyptians and three Syrians wanted for financial claims were arrested in Farwaniya. Separately, an Iranian wanted for a four-year prison sentence in a bribery case has been apprehended.

Fraud, forgery

A citizen wanted for fraud, forgery and financial claims was arrested.

Police inspections

Traffic police conducted various inspections that resulted in filing 32,879 tickets, impounding 666 vehicles, arresting seven people for major traffic violations and deporting six expats for driving without a license.

Fire drill at Maternity Hospital

The Capital fire department yesterday conducted a fire drill on evacuating the Maternity Hospital, simulating a mock gas leak that caused some injuries and a limited fire.

Spate of accidents

Eight citizens were injured in a spate of accidents in various areas of Kuwait, said security sources, noting that injuries varied between pain, dizziness, wounds and fractures.

Training courses

KFSD Director Lt Gen Khaled Al-Mekrad yesterday attended the conclusion of various training courses, where a special ceremony was held to honor all 94 graduates.

KUWAIT MOVING ON RIGHT PATH TOWARDS ECONOMY DIVERSIFICATION: IMF

WASHINGTON: Director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department at the International Monetary Fund Masood Ahmad has lauded Kuwait's financial reform document to diversify national economy away from energy sector. The Kuwaiti government is moving on the right path with its six-point financial reform document, Ahmad said on the sidelines of the joint annual World Bank and International Monetary Fund IMF meeting in Washington.

He, however, emphasized that Kuwait's economic still suffers from low growth rates, decline in the private businesses and non-oil projects compared with the previous year. Though the government has large buffers, it has to take necessary measures to get out of such a dilemma, he said. He suggested a three-point plan to avoid more negative impacts of the steep decline of oil prices on national economy.

The government has to gradually cut spending to reduce the budget deficit, rationalize energy consumption and diversify that national economy through encouraging the private sector to be the engine of growth, Ahmad added. The same applies for other Gulf Cooperation Council states, he said, indicating that the GCC countries need to adjust spending and try to increase

non-oil income resource. In this regard, he praised the Gulf states' ambitious plans to lower their reliance on oil revenues. The Gulf state can also increase their non-oil revenues through the introduction of different kinds of taxes, particularly added value tax.

Also, Executive Director and Dean of the Board of Directors of the World Bank Merza Hasan has urged Kuwait's executive and legislative powers to cooperate to hasten the execution of the state's financial and economic reform plans. "The state's reform plans should be executed now, otherwise the nation will pay price later," Hasan, a Kuwaiti national, cautioned in statements. He emphasized that all Gulf states are taking the same steps but at quicker pace, leaving Kuwait lagging behind.

There is a huge pressure on the state budget due to the sharp drop in the prices of oil, the country's economic lifeline, he clarified. Hasan commended the recent government's decision to cut fuel subsidy for local consumers. The fiscal savings of such a move could be used to upgrade infrastructure and educational and health services, he viewed. He stated that the World Bank is contributing to various programs to serve the Kuwaiti economy. — Agencies

SABAH AL-AHMED CARDIAC CENTER TO HOST PROFESSOR SIMON REDWOOD

KUWAIT: Within its plans to provide the best medical services and attracting the best cardiologists, Sabah Al-Ahmed Cardiac Center yesterday announced hosting the President of the British Cardiovascular Intervention Society, the head of Cardiovascular Intervention Department at St Thomas Hospital and consultant cardiologist at London Bridge Hospital Professor Simon Redwood for five days during which he is scheduled to conduct intricate and complicated cardiovascular operations.



Crime

Report

EX-WIFE ASSAULTS HER HUSBAND, GIRLFRIEND

KUWAIT: Policemen were dispatched to a cafe in Ardiya where a citizen's ex-wife assaulted him and his new girlfriend. Security sources said that as soon as policemen arrived, the couple fled the scene. The woman refused to press any charges although her ex-husband had smashed her mobile phone.

Neighbor accused of assault

An Egyptian filed a complaint against his neighbor in a Fintas building, accusing him of assault.

Reckless driving

A citizen was arrested for reckless driving, annoyance and endangering others' lives in Kabd. Security sources noted that the suspect drove a pickup truck without registration and hid it at a ranch owned by his father.

Mysterious call

The MoH hotline received a mysterious call from a female citizen demanding to meet Minister Dr Ali Al-Obaidi in person, otherwise she would immolate herself to death. Security sources said investigations are in progress to identify the caller.

Motorist wanted

A search is on for a motorist who was chased by police around Ahmadi streets before he pretended to stop, then threw a bag of marijuana at policemen and drove off, said security sources.

Unidentified passengers

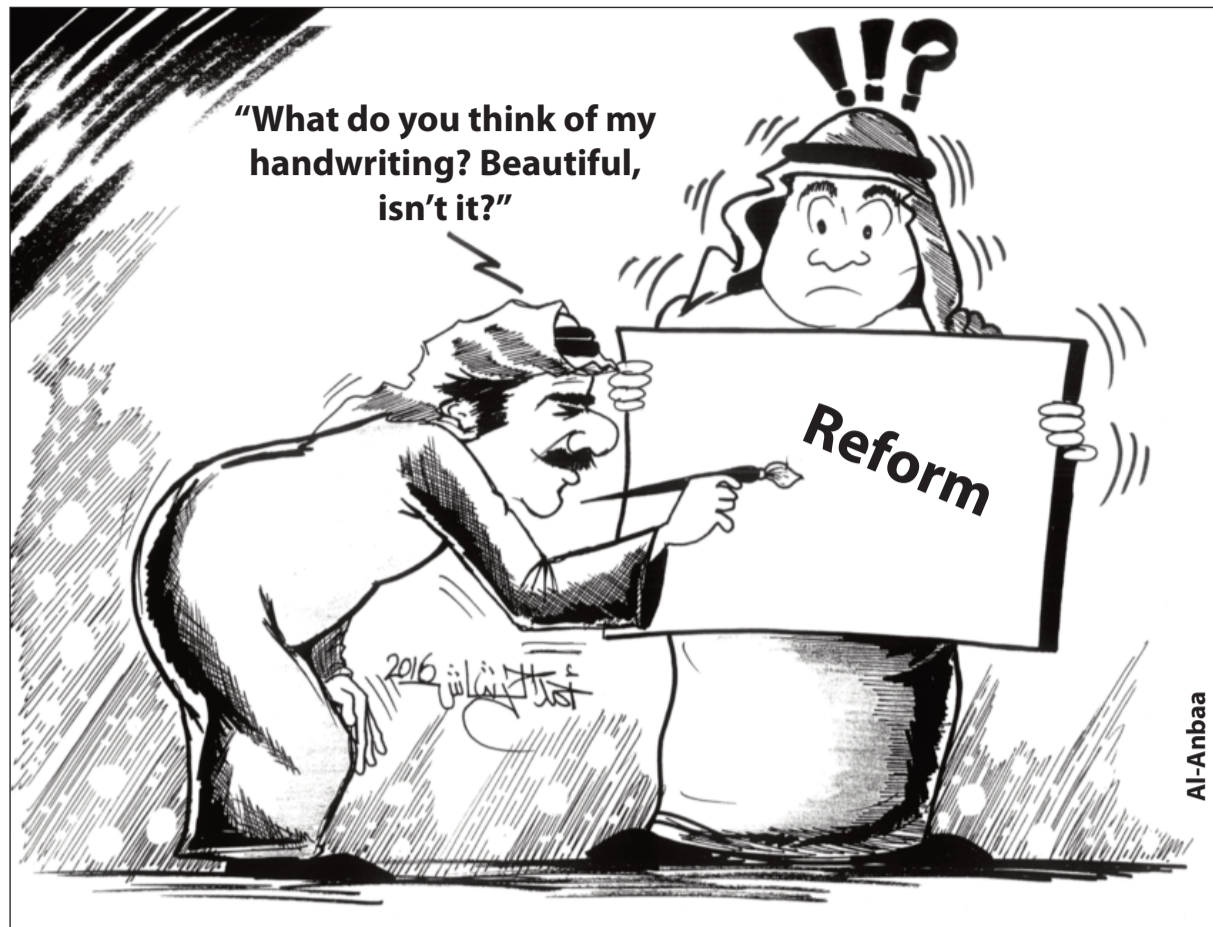
A Bangladeshi taxi driver reported that three unidentified passengers he picked up in Saad Al-Abdullah threatened him with a knife, tied him up and stole his money. The man added that one of the suspects deliberately drove his taxi into a tree. A case was filed.

270 illicit pills

A female Arab expat was arrested on arrival at Kuwait International Airport with 270 illicit pills she hid in her purse, claiming they were personal medicines.

Homebrewed liquor

Three Asians were arrested in Farwaniya with 15 homebrewed liquor bottles, said security sources. —Al-Rai and Al-Anbaa



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A SCOTS' WISDOM AND THE ZAAFARANI'S BOOK

By Thaar Al-Rasheedi

John claims to be 57 years old, though he looks much younger. He has been to over 90 countries since he started working in hotels over 32 years ago. He left Scotland without getting his school leaving certificate. He started working as a cleaner at a London hotel and within a few years, ascended to become a senior official working for a five-star hotel chain. With the hotel boom 25 years ago, he started moving from one hotel to another and from one country to another, until he realized that he had visited more than half of the countries on earth on five continents.

Asking him about his impressions about the countries he visited, the people there and the projects he worked on in each country, he smiled at me, saying: "You are from Kuwait...and there is the answer to your question." He told me that Kuwait has all potentials to become a significant tourist destination not only in the region, but also on the entire continent. He added that we were hospitable in nature but our stiff laws and endless bureaucracy and paperwork were the main reasons for delaying most projects foreign investors might think of starting in Kuwait.

"In addition, political corruption can hinder any project including those in progress. These are things I noticed first-hand during my stay in Kuwait," John added, noting that commissions paid to pass this or that project without any documentation were known to everybody and that although this particular problem is found worldwide, it is more evident in Kuwait and some Arab countries, and this scares investors away.

After taking about the bad side of his experience in Kuwait, he started talking about the bright side, by saying that three years ago, he went back to his town in Scotland where his friends asked about the Muslim and Arab countries he had been to and how he, as a Christian, managed to live amongst Muslims who considered him an infidel. He said that he did not answer them because they would not understand what he meant.

"Then I asked to go to the town's only bar to spend the evening, but they said they preferred spending the evening at a friend's house because streets would be full of drunkards and bullies after 10 pm," John said, adding that he then explained how he could stay out until after 2:00 am when he was in Dubai and that he had never felt unsafe or threatened there, or in Kuwait, Tehran, Kuala Lumpur, Cairo and Damascus, before the Arab Spring uprisings. He told them that he lived in Muslim countries for over 20 years, and that now, he could not feel safe after 10 pm in his own town.

This was a practical and logical proof that Muslims' problems lie in how the media portrays them to the West. Talking to me, John of Scotland sounded like the historian Al-Zaafarani mentioned in a play, acted by Abdul Hussein Abdul Redha, who said the following line: "The good thing about Al-Zaafarani is that he mentions both good and bad points!"

—Translated by Kuwait Times

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MIND AND MUSCLES

By Salah Al-Sayer

Without going into anthropology, psychology, biology and all such sophisticated talk, let me talk about some real-life examples and specimens of people. Getting right to the point, anyone wishing to see young Indians or Filipinos living in GCC states can go to open yards in the early mornings on weekends and vacations to find Indians playing cricket and Filipinos playing basketball, although they are not tall enough. On the other hand, if you wish to see Arab youth from all Arab countries, you can go to cafes at night to find them cramming around shishas and floating in smoke.

I am writing about a real life example, and not opinions or views that can be manipulated and disagreed with. Sport seems too far from Arabs' interest, and some of them might develop some passion for football only as a fan watching it on TV at home, diwanias or cafes. Whenever some of them decides taking up a sport, he would pick up

the most lazy and sedentary ones, like playing cards or backgammon. I remember when I used to sail out to Kuwaiti islands in the early morning of a weekend, I only found Europeans and Westerners there. Kuwaitis never arrived before the sun was high up in the middle of the sky.

Is it possible that sport is one of the elements distinguishing Indians and Filipinos with skills, discipline, serious performance and productivity? Scientists have stressed the use of sports and its positive impact on physical intensity and mind abilities. Taking this mind-muscle link into consideration, can we, then, relate the retardation of Arab societies to lack of sports and physical activities?

Researchers at Illinois University in the US found that lack of sports activities was very harmful to brain neurotic cells and damages them, while physical activities protect the brain from deterioration.

—Translated by Kuwait Times

45% OF KUWAIT RESPONDENTS EXPECT BUSINESS CONDITIONS TO IMPROVE

Bayt.com and YouGov Survey

KUWAIT: In a recent survey, the "Middle East Consumer Confidence Index", 43% of respondents in Kuwait believe that their country's economy is worse today compared to six months ago. The survey, conducted by Bayt.com, the Middle East's number one job site, and YouGov, a leading market research agency, shows that, despite this, almost a third of the respondents (32%) expect their country's economy to improve in the next six months.

Economic situation

Overall, only 18% of respondents in Kuwait believe that their country's economy has improved compared to 6 months earlier, while 33% claim that it has remained the same. 43% of the respondents believe their country's economy has receded. When asked about future expectations, 32% of respondents were optimistic about the economy improving, and a similar number believed the opposite to be true (27%). Nevertheless, 31% of the respondents don't expect any change in the economy.

In terms of business conditions, almost 1 in 4 Kuwait respondents (24%) believe that business conditions are presently good. Conversely, 40% believe that conditions are average, while 32% believe that they are bad. Regarding expectations for business conditions in a year's time, 45% of Kuwait respondents are optimistic. 22% expect the situation to remain unaltered, while 20% are not confident at all, stating that the business conditions have the potential to get worse.

When it comes to job availability, 32% state that there are few jobs available across few industries, while more than a quarter of respondents (30%) believe there are few jobs available across various industries. About 10% of Kuwait respondents claim that there are plenty of jobs available but across a few industries only, while a minor 18% state that there are plenty of jobs available across a wide variety of industries.

When it comes to future availability of jobs, a general negative outlook prevails amongst Kuwait consumers, where 36% of the respondents believe there will be a decrease of jobs available in their country over the next six months, and 25% state that the availability won't change. However, 25% are still positive about this, stating that job availability will increase.

Personal economic situation

More than 1 in 5 respondents (22%) believe that their current financial position is better now than it was six months ago, while 40% believe that it has remained the same. On a positive note, almost 4 in 10 (38%) Kuwait respondents expect their financial situation to improve in the next six months, while 24% say that it will remain the same.

Considering the opinions on the future cost of living, the majority of respondents (83%) expect the cost of living to increase in the next six months. On the other hand, only 3% of them expect it to decrease. When asked about the situation of their current savings compared to last year's, 20% of Kuwait respondents claim that their savings have increased, while 26% claim that savings have remained the same. 47%, however, believe that their savings have decreased in the same period.

Spending and investment

37% of Kuwait respondents are planning to buy a vehicle for personal use in the next 12 months. Conversely, 50% are not planning on buying a vehicle at all. Of those who are planning on purchasing a vehicle, 55% are planning to buy a new vehicle, while 32% claim to be looking for a used car. When it comes to investing in property in the next 12 months, 34% of Kuwait respondents say that they are planning to purchase property. 50% of respondents, however, are not. Of those who are planning on making a property investment, 50% will be looking to buy new property, while 8% will invest in pre-owned estate. Half of Kuwait respondents are looking to purchase an apartment (50%), while around a third will buy a villa/townhouse/bungalow (35%). 10% will invest in commercial property.

Current job perspective

In Kuwait, 27% of employed respondents feel that the number of employees in their companies has increased over the past six months, while 45% believe the opposite to be true. Over the course of the next six months, 34% of employed Kuwait respondents expect the number of employees in their organization to increase, while 29% expect this number to remain the same. Conversely, 26% say that the number of employees in their company will decrease.

With regards to satisfaction levels, 41% of employed Kuwait respondents are satisfied with their career growth opportunities, while 34% are dissatisfied. When it comes to compensation, almost a third of Kuwait respondents (33%) are satisfied, while almost half of them (41%) are dissatisfied with their current compensation levels. The majority of respondents (39%) are satisfied with the non-monetary benefits they receive, and 46% are satisfied with the level of job security in their current organization.

"Despite the negative feelings that have characterized the past few months, there are sparks of optimism among respondents that economic conditions in their countries will improve in the future," said Suhail Al-Masri, VP of Employer Solutions, Bayt.com. "In reality, respondents believe that there aren't sufficient jobs, and this reality proves that competition among jobseekers is fierce across the region. This is where Bayt.com comes in the picture. By offering job seekers the most effective tools that can enhance their CV exposure to local and regional employers, we give job seekers the option of receiving customized and one-on-one assistance throughout their job search. Our aim at Bayt.com is to ensure that we are empowering all of the region's job seekers and employers, which is why our role does not stop at the recruitment solutions. In fact, we regularly provide the region with the latest research and expert advice that are vital for career growth and success."

Elissavet Vraka, Research Manager, YouGov, said: "It is important for us to conduct thorough research into the regional consumer sentiments. Conducted twice a year with Bayt.com, the Middle East Consumer Confidence Index survey is a powerful tool that gives insight into the thoughts and opinions about personal, business, and economic conditions of those living in the MENA region."

Data for the "Middle East Consumer Confidence Index survey" was collected online from August 3 to 31 2016, with 2,893 respondents living in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria. Males and females aged 18 years old and above, of all nationalities, were included in the survey.

HORECA 2017 EXPO TO BE HELD JANUARY 16-18



Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah



Nabila Al-Anjeri

KUWAIT: Leaders Group for Consulting and Development (Leaders Group)'s General Manager Nabila Al-Anjeri said that the 6th HORECA Kuwait exhibition would be held under the Information Minister and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah next year (January 16-18, 2017) of the Mishref International Fair Ground (Hall Number 8). She added that the exhibition would be jointly organized with the Hospitality Services Company. The exhibition intends to keep the valuable trust it gained from leading hospitality, food industries and hotel equipment companies during previous exhibitions. "In view of the tensed political conditions in various regional countries and with the continuous drop in oil prices, it has become a must to give due care to tourism in order to diversify sources of national income," she reiterated, noting that the tourism sector would provide 90,000 job opportunities and attract annual investments of up to KD 700 million. Further, Al-Anjeri noted that with the new expansions in Kuwait, the number of hotel rooms are expected to rise to over 10,000 and that restaurants are expected to rise to over 5000 within three years.

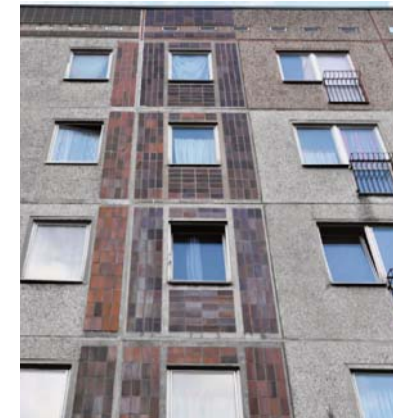


Taher receives award from KIB's Chairman and Manager of Corporate Communications Unit during the honoring ceremony.

KIB HONORS TAHER

KUWAIT: As part of the Bank's leading CSR program, and its continued efforts to support national talents, Kuwait International Bank (KIB) honored inventor Engineer Mubarak Taher, who received an international patent for his system "The Dynamic Network for Oil & Gas Production". Accomplishing a feat that the industry has not seen the likes of in almost 30 years, Taher became the first person from the Arab world to register an international patent in the oil and gas sector. His system is expected to save Kuwait's oil sector millions of dollars, in addition to providing engineering solutions for a number of issues and challenges that face oil production. Commenting about the event, KIB

Chairman, Sheikh Mohamed Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, praised Taher's achievement, calling his system a major milestone that reflects the leadership status of Kuwait within the oil & gas field. Al-Jarrah further added that KIB is committed to supporting and encouraging projects by young talents in Kuwait, as these initiatives play an important role in developing the different sectors in the country. On his part, Taher expressed his gratitude toward KIB for bestowing him with this honor, applauding the Bank's leading CSR program with its continuous efforts to support local young talents, and its dedication to encouraging development-focused projects and initiatives.



German police arrest IS bomb plot suspect

EX-PRESIDENT RAMOS CALLS DUTERTE GOVT A 'LETDOWN'



ST LOUIS: Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton (L) and Republican nominee Donald Trump arrive on stage during the second presidential debate at Washington University. —AFP

TRUMP BERATES, THREATENS IN VICIOUS DEBATE

POLITICAL DECORUM THROWN OUT THE WINDOW AS ELECTION DAY NEARS

ST LOUIS: Donald Trump threatened to jail rival Hillary Clinton and accused her husband of abusing women in a vicious presidential debate that appeared unlikely to improve his ratings after a damaging weekend, polls showed yesterday. Before tens of millions of viewers and a live audience including Bill Clinton and three women who accuse him of past abuse, the Republican nominee shattered the last vestiges of political decorum and issued incendiary allegations against the former president.

With his campaign in a tailspin, Trump apologized for "locker room talk" in which he bragged about groping women, but stated baldly that "Bill Clinton was abusive to women." "If you look at Bill Clinton, far worse," Trump insisted. "Mine are words, his was action," he said. Going a step further, the 70-year-old real estate mogul threatened his 2016 Democratic rival-whom he accused of having "hate in her heart"—with imprisonment if he wins the presidency. "If I win, I'm going to instruct the attorney general to get a special prosecutor to look into your situation because there's never been so many lies, so much deception," Trump said.

Hillary Clinton, facing a deeply wounded candidate with one month to go before Election Day, pushed back by saying Trump's lewd comments merely showed his true self. "This is who Donald Trump is, and the question for us, the question our country must answer is that this is not who we are." When Clinton said that it was "awfully good" that someone with Trump's temperament was not leading the nation, he shot back: "Because you'd be in jail." Two separate polls showed Clinton had prevailed in the second of three presidential debates. A CNN/ORC survey of debate watchers put her 57-34 up while a YouGov snap poll put her margin of victory closer at 47-42.

'Abuse of power'

President Barack Obama's former attorney general, Eric Holder, led the broad condemnation of Trump's threat, as critics painted him as a dictator in the making. "In the USA we do not threaten to jail political opponents. @realDonaldTrump said he would. He is promising to abuse the power of the office," Holder said in a tweet.

A number of fellow Republicans also

tarred Trump as undemocratic. "Winning candidates don't threaten to put opponents in jail," said former George W. Bush White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. The debate's opening minutes were tense, with Trump slinging mud even at the two moderators, whom he accused of bias—it was "one against three" he said-between a continuous series of interruptions. Clinton, 68, largely refused to take the bait, opting to adhere to advice from First Lady Michelle Obama: "When they go low, you go high." "This is not an ordinary time and this is not an ordinary election," she said, appealing directly to voters.

But, as in the first debate, she also laid a series of traps for Trump, prodding him toward admitting he had not paid federal income tax in around two decades. By accusing Russia of trying to tilt the 2016 presidential election in Trump's favor with a series of email hacks, Clinton forced her rival to contradict the intelligence community, which has also fingered Moscow. "She doesn't know if it's the Russians doing the hacking. Maybe there is no hacking," he said.

End game

Trump faces a make-or-break moment after his crude boasts, which he made in 2005 and which became public in a video Friday, as streams of Republicans have retracted their support for his campaign. With a campaign based on earning free television air time and little ground game, Trump is dependent on the Republican Party machinery to get out the vote. The party leadership had been deeply angered by Trump's misogynistic remarks, and his own running mate Mike Pence said they were indefensible.

But late Sunday Pence tweeted congratulations to Trump on his "big debate win" and said he was "proud" to stand with him. In an extraordinary step aimed at reversing the tide of public opinion, Trump had convened a press event just minutes before the debate that included several women who accuse Bill Clinton of sexual harassment and rape-later invited to attend the debate.

Introduced by Trump as "very courageous women," the speakers included Paula Jones, a former government employee in Arkansas who sued Bill Clinton for sexual harassment, and Juanita Broaddrick, also of Arkansas, who

claims that Clinton raped her in 1978.

But Trump needs a dramatic boost if he is to claw back ground against Clinton, who has surged in the polls since their first debate on September 26. Larry Sabato, who heads the Center for Politics at University of Virginia, tweeted that "Trump has done well enough to stop GOP bleeding." But Dante Scala, political science professor at the University of New Hampshire, said he doubts Trump can recover.

"I didn't see enough this evening to turn things around," Scala told AFP. "The news of the last 48 hours will continue to settle into voters' minds and I'm not sure this debate will be enough in itself to change the trajectory of the race." Steven Smith, a political science professor at Washington University, said this was Trump showing his awareness of a difficult juncture. "He was the old Donald Trump, he sounded like the Trump of the mid-winter and spring primaries, and I think this was an effort to consolidate the base, to rally the troops, to stem the bleeding and to prevent his candidacy from unraveling all together," Smith said. Clinton is "ahead in the polls and she probably did herself no damage tonight." —AFP

AID ARRIVES IN HAITI, DESPERATION GROWS

JEREMIE: Helicopters are ferrying in food and medicine to devastated southwestern Haiti, but almost a week after Hurricane Matthew's assault life here is still far from normal and desperation is growing in communities where aid has yet to arrive. Power is still out, water and food are scarce, and officials say that young men in villages along the road between the hard-hit cities of Les Cayes and Jeremie are putting up blockades of rocks and broken branches to halt convoys of vehicles bringing relief supplies. "They are seeing these convoys coming through with supplies and they aren't stopping. They are hungry and thirsty and some are getting angry," said Dony St. Germain, an official with El Shaddai Ministries International.

A convoy carrying food, water and medications was attacked by gunmen in a remote valley where there had been a bad mudslide, said Frednel Kedler, the coordinator for the Civil Protection Agency in Grand-Anse department. He said authorities will try to reach marooned and desperate communities west of Jeremie yesterday.

Throughout Haiti's southwestern peninsula, people were digging themselves out from the wreckage of the storm, which killed hundreds, destroyed tens of thousands of houses, left at least 350,000 people in need assistance and raised concerns of a surge in cholera cases.

Guillaume Silvera, a senior official with the Civil Protection Agency in storm-blasted Grand-Anse, which includes Jeremie, said at least 522 deaths were confirmed there alone - not including people in several remote communities still marooned by collapsed roads and bridges. The National Civil Protection headquarters in Port-au-Prince, meanwhile, said its official count for the whole country was 336, which included 191 deaths in Grand-Anse.

In the seaside community of Port Salut, teacher Joseph Jean Moren stood on his neighbor's porch

and gestured at a pile of mud-caked mattresses, clothes and books along with the remains of a concrete foundation. "That was my home" the 43-year-old said. The house had been about 200 yards (meters) from the ocean on the night of the storm. He and his wife and six children had gone to his neighbor's house, which had a higher foundation. The storm surge brought in massive waves of saltwater, wiping out their house as they watched over the course of about four hours. People in Port Salut and Les Cayes said little to no aid had reached them by Sunday. Besides food and water, they need clothing and especially shoes because many have cut their feet or stepped on old nails because so much debris is scattered about.

Few bright spots

"I lost everything. See what I have on? Somebody gave it to me," said Merlaine Chere in Port Salut. She showed off a wound from stepping on a nail and said she had been denied treatment at a local hospital because it demanded a \$150 payment she didn't have. The desperation comes as international relief efforts ramp up. In Jeremie, a city near the tip of Haiti's southwest peninsula, the sound of hammering could be heard on nearly every street as people patched their roofs as best as they could.

On one corner, Jameson Pierre was mixing cement and making them into blocks. The 22-year-old whose family was stuck in an emergency shelter, saw at least one bright side. "There will be lots and lots of jobs since so many homes were knocked down. I've been working for the last three days straight," he said. He said he was getting about a dollar a day. The first three of five cargo planes of humanitarian aid from the United States have arrived at Port-au-Prince's airport. They were carrying 480 metric tons of relief supplies, including

20,000 hygiene kits, 18,000 sets of kitchen utensils for cooking, 40,000 blankets and 500 rolls of plastic sheeting.

The airstrip in Jeremie is unable to accommodate large cargo planes, so relief was being ferried to the devastated city by helicopter. Three of nine US helicopters had arrived in Jeremie by Sunday, bringing rice and cooking oil, among other things. "I lost everything I own in this hurricane. I just came here to get some help," said subsistence farmer Markus Bagard, one of roughly 200 Haitians standing outside the airstrip watching the helicopters be unloaded.

Concern was growing over an increase in cholera cases following widespread flooding unleashed by Matthew. An ongoing cholera outbreak has already killed roughly 10,000 people and sickened more than 800,000 since 2010. Maria Sofia Sanon, a health worker overseeing the open-air cholera treatment center in a corner of Jeremie's main hospital, said they were ill-equipped to deal with patients. The area was strewn with broken tree branches, and a group of young mothers sat outside holding up the arms of their glassy-eyed children being rehydrated via IVs.

"They're not supposed to be in the sun, but we have no more beds," Sanon said. People in Les Cayes and Port Salut said little to no aid has reached them. Fisherman Dominique Pomper said the mayor came to distribute some rice but that was it. Among other things, he said people here need water. The ocean has intruded into their wells and made their own supplies undrinkable. Pomper said he tried to stay at home with his family during the storm but they eventually fled as the water rushed into their house. The 61-year-old said it was the worst night of his life but that he would never leave his seaside village. "We are fishermen here, our job is the water. We can't run away from the water," he said. —AP



HAITI: A woman washes her clothes in the middle of her home destroyed by Hurricane Matthew, in the small village of Casanette. —AFP



Boats sail during the 48th Barcelona regatta in the Gulf of Trieste yesterday. More than 1,700 boats are taking part in the regatta. — AFP

MISSILES FIRED FROM YEMEN FALL SHORT OF US WARSHIP

RIYADH: Two missiles fired from rebel-held territory in Yemen fell short of a US warship patrolling the Red Sea off the coast of the war-torn country, the US navy said yesterday. The USS Mason "detected two inbound missiles" within an hour of each other from around 7:00 pm (1600 GMT) on Sunday, said US Naval Forces Central Command spokeswoman Paula Dunn. The destroyer had been "conducting routine operations in international waters" at the time, she said in a statement. "Both missiles impacted the water before reaching the ship," said Dunn, adding that "there were no injuries to our sailors and no damage to the ship".

"We assess these missiles were launched from Houthi-controlled territory in Yemen," she said, referring to the Iran-backed rebels fighting Yemen's internationally recognized government. The Houthis described as "unfounded" reports they fired missiles at the US destroyer. Rebel forces "did not target any warships," said a spokesman quoted by the insurgents' sabanews.net website.

US ally Saudi Arabia later yesterday "forcefully condemned the attack" which it said was carried out by Houthis and their allies. Also yesterday, the Riyadh-led

coalition fighting the Houthis accused the rebels of firing a ballistic missile towards the southwestern Saudi city of Taif, hundreds of kilometers (miles) from the Yemeni border. The missile was one of two which the Saudi-led coalition intercepted on Sunday, the coalition said, adding the other was launched toward Marib, east of Yemen's rebel-held capital Sanaa.

The incidents come after the United Arab Emirates said last Wednesday that Yemeni rebels struck a "civilian" vessel in the strategic Bab al-Mandab waterway, wounding crewmen. That attack, which was carried out on October 1, was claimed by the rebels. The UAE is a key member of a Saudi-led coalition that has been fighting the Yemeni rebels since March last year. Coalition warships have imposed a naval blockade on rebel-held ports along Yemen's Red Sea coast allowing in only UN-approved aid shipments.

In its statement yesterday, the US navy said the United States remains "committed to ensuring freedom of navigation everywhere in the world." "We will continue to take all necessary steps to ensure the safety of our ships and our service members," its spokeswoman was quoted as saying. — AFP

ALLIES SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT IN RARE PUBLIC SPAT OVER SYRIA

CAIRO: Close allies and Arab powerhouses Egypt and Saudi Arabia are having their first public spat since Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah Al-Sisi took office two years ago, a quarrel over Syria that points to a wider, but mostly muted, divergence in the handling by Cairo and Riyadh of regional issues. The two countries have gone to great lengths to shield their differences from the public eye, often emphasizing their close ties and cooperation. But Egypt's vote in favor of separate Russian and French draft resolutions on Syria at the UN Security Council over the weekend has apparently angered the Saudis.

Egypt's UN Ambassador Amr Aboulatta, the Arab representative on the council, defended his support for both drafts, saying his country backed all efforts to stop the suffering of the Syrians. Russia vetoed the French resolution demanding an immediate halt of the bombing by Russia and the Syrian government of rebel-held areas in the northern city of Aleppo. The Russian draft called for the separation of "moderate" rebel factions from Islamic extremists, but made no mention of a halt to the bombing. It was rejected because it failed to get the minimum nine "yes" votes needed for approval by the 15-member council.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia's differences over Syria is rooted in Riyadh's conviction that Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad must be removed for that country's civil war to end, while Cairo advocates a political process that denies Islamic militants any role in Syria's future. Riyadh is also opposed to Russia's military intervention in Syria in support of Assad. Under Sisi, Cairo, wishing to see Syria's institutions and army emerge unscathed from the conflict, has not publicly spoken against the Assad government or the Russian intervention.

Rebuke

In a rare public rebuke to Egypt, Abdallah Al-Mouallimi, the Saudi UN ambassador, denounced Cairo's support for the Russian draft. "It was painful to see that the Senegal and Malaysia positions were closer to the Arab consensus on Syria (when) compared to that of an Arab representative." Like Egypt, Malaysia and Senegal are non-permanent Security Council members.

A senior Washington-based Saudi lobbyist, Salman Al-Ansari, went further than the ambassador, disparagingly playing on popular Arabic phrases extolling Egypt's high standing in the region and beyond. "Excuse me, Arab Republic of Egypt, but your vote in favor of the Russian draft in the Security Council made me doubt your motherhood of the Arabs and the world," he wrote on Twitter.

Their comments made the front page of two Cairo dailies yesterday. "The first official Saudi criticism of Cairo," declared the headline of the independent Al-Shorouq's story on the quarrel. "There is a crisis in relations, but it has long been suppressed," said prominent Egyptian analyst Abdullah El-Sennawy. "But I don't think either side wants to escalate this flare-up over the security Council vote. They realize they both need each other."

Saudi Arabia strongly supported the Egyptian military's ouster in 2013 of the Islamist Mohammed Morsi, Egypt's first freely elected but divisive president. It has poured billions of dollars into Egypt to keep its flailing economy afloat. Riyadh also seemingly expected that Egypt, which routinely talks about its unwavering commitment to the security of its Gulf Arab allies, would commit ground troops as part of a Saudi-led military coalition that intervened last year in Yemen's civil war against Iranian-backed rebels. But Egypt's commitment has so far been mostly restricted to a limited naval deployment near the southern Red Sea entrance and military advisers in Saudi Arabia.

Egypt has also resisted being drawn to the sectarian rhetoric that defines the rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran. Moreover, Cairo also maintains channels of communication with Tehran, notwithstanding its occasional and thinly veiled criticism of Iran's growing influence in the region. It also enjoys close relations with Iraq's government, another Saudi adversary. Popular opposition in Egypt to a decision by Sisi in April to relinquish control of two key Red Sea islands to Saudi Arabia has injected a sour note into relations. The move prompted the largest anti-government protests since Sisi took office in 2014 and the constitutionality of his decision on the islands is being contested in a high-profile court case. — AP

AMIR CALLS ON ASIAN NATIONS TO COOPERATE...

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Kuwait will be working with its Asian partners to achieve development in all possible spheres, said HH the Amir, who noted that his country announced in 2012 an initiative to form an Asian development fund with a capital of \$2 billion. The Kuwaiti leader called on all Asian nations to seek the 2030 development goals as one unit to achieve prosperity for the region.

Prime Minister of Thailand Prayut Chan-ocha echoed similar statements, urging Asian nations to seek means to boost cooperation in all possible fields, especially within the economic domain. Boosting ties within the political, commercial, and social spheres should also be amongst

the top priorities of the ACD, said Prayut, who said Thailand was willing to become a vital player in building bridges of mutual understanding and cooperation amongst Asian nations. The Thai premier thanked Kuwait for hosting the headquarters of the ACD secretariat and also commended the country for its efforts in promoting ties in the Asian continent.

In statements to KUNA at the ACD, Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Suleiman Al-Jarallah said that the summit helped in achieving sustainable development in Asia. The Kuwaiti initiative to launch an Asian fund, in which the state donated \$300 million, is an indication of Kuwait's utter commitment to development in Asia, said Jarallah. — KUNA

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WAWRINKA JOINS NADAL IN BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL

BRISBANE: Swiss world No.3 Stan Wawrinka will use the Brisbane International as his warm-up event to the Australian Open in January, tournament organisers said yesterday. The US Open champion will join 14-time Grand Slam winner Rafael Nadal and women's world No.1 Angelique Kerber at the year-opening tournament. Wawrinka heads to Brisbane after beating Novak Djokovic for his third Grand Slam title in New York and reaching his highest-ever ranking behind the Serb and Briton Andy Murray. "I'm excited to be heading to the Brisbane International for the first time in my career," Wawrinka said in a statement. "I've heard such great things about the event and it feels like the right time to change up the start of my season." Wawrinka will be chasing his second Australian Open crown after beating Nadal in the 2014 Melbourne final. Apart from Kerber, the Brisbane International, from January 1-8, will also feature French Open champion Garbine Muguruza of Spain in the women's draw. — AFP

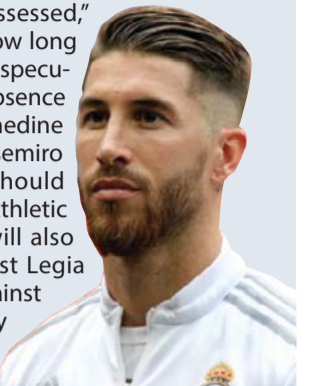


OLAZABAL TO RETURN AT BRITISH MASTERS

NEW YORK: Twice major champion Jose Maria Olazabal has confirmed he will play at the British Masters this week, his first appearance on the European Tour for 18 months. The Spaniard, who captained Europe to Ryder Cup glory at the "miracle of Medinah" in 2012, has been out of action due to the rheumatoid arthritis he has suffered from throughout his 31-year career. Olazabal's last competitive round was at the U.S. Masters in April 2015, and the 50-year-old said he would head for the Portugal Masters if all went well in his first appearance at The Grove since 2004. "I want to see how the body can cope with the regular competition, rhythm of practice and 18 holes," he told the European Tour website. (www.europeantour.com) "The two weeks at the British Masters and Portugal Masters will be a good test to see if I can stand up all day." Olazabal, US Masters winner in 1994 and 1999, described the difficulties he faced during his battle back to fitness. "The problem is due to an inflammation of the extremities of the tendons, and it's been a long process of recovery." — Reuters

RAMOS SIDELINED WITH KNEE SPRAIN

MADRID: Real Madrid's Spanish international defender Sergio Ramos suffered a left knee sprain in the weekend's 2-0 World Cup qualifying win in Albania, the La Liga side confirmed yesterday. Spain captain Ramos, 30, was hurt late in the game after falling awkwardly following an aerial duel before he was eventually replaced by Inigo Martinez. "He has been diagnosed with a grade two sprain of the medial collateral knee ligament in the left knee. His recovery will continue to be assessed," Real said in a statement. Real did not reveal how long he would be sidelined but Spanish press reports speculated he would be out for at least six weeks. His absence will be a further blow for Spain and Real with Zinedine Zidane's side already without injured Brazilian Casemiro and Croatian Luka Modric in midfield. Ramos should miss upcoming La Liga games against Real Betis, Athletic Bilbao and promoted Alaves and Leganes. He will also miss a Champions League double header against Legia Warsaw, and Spain's home World Cup qualifier against Macedonia, and friendly against England in early November. — AFP



'SNAP-PRAT' HAMILTON WILL FIGHT TO FINISH

SUZUKA: Lewis Hamilton will take the Formula One title race down to the wire, insisted Mercedes boss Toto Wolff after the Briton was floored by a rampant Nico Rosberg in Japan. Rosberg has opened a 33-point lead over his British foe with just four races left and will take some stopping in this form. But while Hamilton's hopes of retaining his crown were left hanging by a thread, Wolff predicted a backlash from the triple world champion. "It's not over," said the Austrian, who barely had time to savour a third successive constructors' title for Mercedes in Japan. "Lewis is going to come back strong, he needs the enemy sometimes. That's how he functions." Rosberg dominated all weekend at Suzuka as Hamilton appeared to lose the plot. The Briton hinted that sabotage may have been to blame for the engine blaze that cruelly robbed him of a certain victory in Malaysia a week earlier, much to the dismay of his Mercedes team. Hamilton's behaviour grew increasingly bizarre in Japan, where he battled back to take third after a horror start saw him fall back to eighth. He snubbed media after being widely criticised for fiddling with his mobile phone and uploading bunny-ear photos to Snapchat during an official FIA press conference. British tabloids duly let rip at Hamilton, one labelling him "Snap-Prat" and another "Berk in the Merc"-slang terms for "fool". Hamilton failed to see the funny side and walked out on journalists after threatening to reduce his future media activities. "The smiles on your faces will be no longer," he sneered,

before stomping off. **FORLORN FIGURE** A 100th podium was scant consolation for Hamilton, who cut a forlorn figure as Rosberg toasted a ninth victory of the year and his fourth in five races. However, Wolff backed Hamilton to rediscover his mojo and push Rosberg all the way. "Lewis functions best when he is under pressure and he has a target," he said. "I have no doubt this will be an intense fight. It's going to go down to the end." "Just after the race is not the right moment to put the finger where it hurts," he added, looking forward to the next race in Austin, Texas, in two weeks. "We need to calm down and find out what happened. Our main emphasis will be building Lewis up. We have 10 days before Austin, it's not a rush like last week." Far removed from the melodrama surrounding Hamilton, Rosberg looks almost unstoppable. But the German has suffered his share of heartbreak at the hands of Hamilton and rejected the notion he has one hand on his first Formula One crown. "I'm well aware of the 33 points but there are still many races to go so I'm just keeping my head down," said Rosberg, whose Finnish father Keke won the title in 1982. "Lewis is always going to be fighting, always going to be tough to beat," he added. "I haven't seen any self-destruction (from Hamilton) — anyways, it's about getting the best out of myself and not focusing on what Lewis's state of mind is." — AFP



Lewis Hamilton



CONCORD: Jimmie Johnson celebrates in Victory Lane after winning a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race, Sunday, at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, NC. — AP

JOHNSON OUT TO SALVAGE HENDRICK MOTORSPORTS' TOUGH SEASON

CONCORD: A career-long 24-race winless streak. Only two cars qualifying for the Chase for the Cup championship. Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s season-ending concussion. Yep, it has been a rough season for Hendrick Motorsports - but Jimmie Johnson is out to salvage it. Johnson gained some big-time momentum and a measure of breathing room on Sunday in his quest for a record-tying seventh Cup championship, winning at Charlotte to advance to the third round for the first time since the new playoff format was established in 2014. Johnson was knocked out in the second round two years ago. He bowed out in the first round last year. "We knew we would get back" in victory lane, Johnson said. "Yes, it was slower than we wanted it to be, but to be here today and have this victory is great." Hendrick said he was so excited to win that he took his first champagne bath ever after the race. "It feels good," Hendrick said with a satisfying smile. Johnson and Chase Elliott were the only Hendrick drivers to make the Chase after Earnhardt was forced to call it a season while dealing with concussion symptoms and Kasey

Kahne was unable to find victory lane. It looked like it might be another tough-luck day for owner Rick Hendrick when Elliott was knocked out of the race in a wreck after leading 103 laps. But Johnson took the baton in the second half of the race and led 155 laps. Johnson passed Matt Kenseth on the restart with 17 laps remaining and held on to win his third race of the season and his record eighth win at his home track. Together, Hendrick drivers combined to lead 258 of 334 laps, leaving Chase driver Kyle Busch to wonder if the powerhouse team is back. "They had some speed," Busch said. "Maybe they are bringing new cars and they have found something - and have been holding out on us. We will have to be start doing the same thing." Said Johnson: "We have hit on some things. But we can't celebrate too much. But this does buy us a couple of weeks of freedom" in the Chase. Hendrick said the last few months were difficult, saying "for a while we were struggling to get in the top 10." "I can't tell you how many races we were in a position to win," Hendrick said. "There would be a caution or something

and we would just fumble the ball." Hendrick said the team went back to the wind tunnel for testing and worked hard to find more speed. "Usually teams come apart when they are not finding speed," Hendrick said. "But the guys came together." Said Hendrick: "Charlotte is like home to us. It's been a drought." After the race, one of Johnson's children pulled a fake \$1 million bill out of Johnson's pocket that he been given a long time ago by Humpy Wheeler. That seemed to match Johnson's million-dollar smile on Sunday. "Really we just fell back on what we are made of at Hendrick Motorsports," he said. "There is a culture there and a belief. It was not fun to experience all that we have been through, but we have seen the cars get stronger, better and faster. We were able to execute all day long here." Among active drivers at Charlotte, Johnson came in ranking first in average running position (8.3), driver rating (109.6) and laps led (1,740). Johnson said his team might have benefited from Saturday night's race being postponed because of Hurricane Matthew. He likes running at Charlotte in the daytime. "We like the sun," Johnson said. — AP

VAN DER BREGGEN LOOKING TO ADD TO OLYMPIC GOLD

DOHA: Olympic road race champion Anna van der Breggen will line up as favourite to complete a unique double when the women's time-trial world championships begin in Qatar today. Just over two months ago, Van der Breggen won a thrilling gold medal at the Rio Games in the road race before adding time-trial bronze to boot. And with Olympic time-trial champion Kristin Armstrong of the US and reigning world title-holder Linda Villumsen of New Zealand both missing the event, in-form Van der Breggen looks the clear favourite. Last year the 26-year-old took silver behind Danish-born Villumsen while also coming second in the road race in Richmond, USA, but Van der Breggen will be looking to go one better this time around. And perhaps her main competition will

come from compatriot Ellen van Dijk, the European champion, on the flat yet technically demanding 28.9km course. Van Dijk has already picked up one gold medal at these championships as part of the successful Boels Dolemans side who won the team event on Sunday. It will be an emotional race for the Dutch as Annemiek van Vleuten, who suffered a horror crash in the road race at the Olympics that left her with concussion and three cracked vertebrae, will also race. Australia's Katrin Garfoot, the Oceania champion, and Germany's Lisa Brennauer, the 2014 world champion, are also expected to challenge. Cyclists will compete two laps off the course on the Pearl Qatar, an artificial island in Doha, estimated to have cost \$15 billion (13.5 billion euros) to build, and home to some 12,000 people. What could be of more concern to the riders though is the heat. The forecast is for temperatures to hit 38 degrees Celsius (100 degrees Fahrenheit) on Tuesday, though the race does take part in the afternoon when the mercury may have cooled slightly. Already this week, Anouska Koster from the Netherlands crashed heavily in the team time-trial apparently suffering from the heat. Riders have complained about the heat, with Evelyn Stevens, part of the victorious Boels Dolemans side with Van Dijk, calling Qatar an "unusual place to have a world championships." Prior to the championships beginning, organisers had announced they would consider shortening races because of the heat, though Sunday's team time-trial events went the full planned distance. — AFP



Van der Breggen

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KUWAIT: The 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' will be held on Saturday, 19 November 2016 starting in the morning. Registration is now open online at: www.gulfbank642marathon.com In order to appeal to all levels and age groups in Kuwait, this year's marathon will include four different categories of races to walk or run. The categories include: Family Fun Run for new beginners (5KM); the Souq Run for regular runners (10KM); the Half Marathon for more advanced runners (21KM); and the Full Marathon

(42KM). The route for the race will start and end at Souq Sharq and take place on Gulf Road, passing by Kuwait Towers, the Gulf Bank head office, and other landmarks. We will again be coordinating with relevant authorities to close the road to ensure the safety of the walkers and runners. Last year we achieved a record turnout for a sporting event and we hope to see you all again this year. The 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' remains only road race in Kuwait to have three of its longer distance race categories accredited by

the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS) and the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF Athletics), meaning that those races appeared in the international calendar of races. To find out more about the Gulf Bank 642 Marathon, visit the dedicated website at: www.gulfbank642marathon.com or its Instagram account GulfBank642. The number 642 represent the number of muscles in the human body.

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INQUEST OPENS INTO DEATH OF AUSTRALIAN CRICKETER HUGHES

SYDNEY: The captain of the team that was playing against Phillip Hughes when the Australian cricketer was fatally struck by a ball has described the lead up to the tragic delivery as normal.

Brad Haddin, who was captain of the New South Wales team, yesterday told an inquest into Hughes' death that there was nothing unusual about the domestic first-class match against South Australia in Sydney in November 2014, until Hughes was hit on the side of the head by a short-pitch ball.

The match ended abruptly when Hughes suddenly collapsed on the pitch. He was taken to a nearby hospital but died two days later from a brain hemorrhage caused by a torn vertebral artery. Counsel for the Hughes family said

the family had raised concerns about the number of bouncers - deliveries which typically land mid-pitch and rise quickly to head or shoulder height - bowled to Hughes in the match as well as some of the verbal abuse, commonly known in cricket as 'sledging'.

Asked about the period of play leading up to Hughes' injury, Haddin said "It was just a normal game of cricket." It was alleged that one of the New South Wales fast bowlers, Doug Bollinger, had told the South Australia batsman "I'm going to kill you" - a claim that three witnesses rejected on the first day of the inquest. "I don't recall saying that," Bollinger told the inquest. "I may have but I don't think so." Haddin told the inquest he didn't hear the alleged comments and dis-

missed complaints about the number of short-pitched balls that were bowled at Hughes, saying "the game was played in a good spirit."

The inquest, convened by New South Wales state coroner Michael Barnes, is expected to take five days. The coronial court viewed video of the incident which showed Hughes leaning forward with his hands on his knees after being struck on the left side of the neck before suddenly falling to the ground.

Hughes' family - his father Greg, mother Virginia, brother Jason and sister Megan - left the court before the footage was shown. Several players involved in the match asked not to be shown the footage.

Giving evidence, Haddin described

the moment Hughes was struck by the ball, bowled by Shaun Abbott.

"It was like something I've never, ever witnessed before in my life when he fell down," he said. "It was the noise that he let out, the groan, and the way that he fell straight down motionless, without trying to break his fall."

Barnes will examine the various circumstances surrounding Hughes' death, including whether the nature of play exacerbated the risk of injury, whether the response to his injury was appropriate and whether a different type of batting helmet would have reduced the likelihood of death.

Barnes said the purpose of the inquest was "not to lay blame." Hughes' "death was a terrible accident, but it

doesn't mean cricket can't be made safer." James Henderson, Hughes' former manager, said the inquest would be "very difficult" for the Hughes family. "They are hoping that perhaps there will be a positive outcome out of Phil's death as we go through this next five days inside the coroners' court," he said.

Hughes' death sent shockwaves around the cricket world, and resulting in increased safety precautions for players at all levels in Australia.

"We never want to see a tragedy like this happen on the cricket field," Cricket Australia chief executive James Sutherland said. "To that end, we have the utmost respect for the coronial inquest and the process we all need to go through this week." —AP

SOUTH AFRICA PICK UNCAPPED SPINNERS FOR AUSTRALIA SERIES

JOHANNESBURG: Tabraiz Shamsi was one of two uncapped spinners named yesterday in the South African squad for a Test series in Australia next month.

Shamsi, a left-arm wrist spinner, took three for 36 in South Africa's win in the fourth one-day international against Australia in Port Elizabeth on Sunday. The Australian batsmen, including captain Steve Smith, struggled to reach which way the ball was likely to turn.

Shamsi is one of two uncapped spinners in the squad. Orthodox left-arter Keshav Maharaj, who took 13 wickets in a franchise match for the KwaZulu-Natal Dolphins last weekend, is also named in the 16-man party. But there is no place for off-spinner Dane Piedt, who was South Africa's first-choice spinner last season.

"We are following a horses for courses policy as we feel that spinners who turn the ball away from the right-hander are going to be particularly useful under

Australian conditions and against the Test batsmen we are likely to face," said selection convener Linda Zondi.

Faf du Plessis, who captained the side in a series win against New Zealand in August, will again lead the side in the absence of the injured AB de Villiers.

Fast bowler Morne Morkel returns to the squad after missing the series against New Zealand because of injury but will have to prove his fitness in a four-day match for the Titans starting on Tuesday. South Africa will play three Tests in Australia, in Perth starting November 3, Hobart, November 12, and Adelaide, November 24.

South African Test squad: Faf du Plessis (captain), Kyle Abbott, Hashim Amla, Temba Bavuma, Stephen Cook, Quinton de Kock (wkt), JP Duminy, Dean Elgar, Keshav Maharaj, Morne Morkel, Vernon Philander, Kagiso Rabada, Rilee Rossouw, Tabraiz Shamsi, Dale Steyn, Dane Vilas (wkt). —AFP



INDORE: Indian bowler Ravichandran Ashwin celebrates the wicket of New Zealand's batsman James Neesham during the third day of the third test cricket match between India and New Zealand in Indore, India, yesterday.— AP

ASHWIN SIX-FOR PUTS INDIA IN FIRM CONTROL

BANGLADESH SKIPPER FINED OVER BUTTLER BUST-UP

DHAKA: Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Mortaza and batsman Sabbir Rahman were fined 20 percent of their match fees yesterday for an altercation with rival skipper Jos Buttler in their team's victory over England in the second ODI.

The International Cricket Council also gave Buttler an official warning for his reaction to Mortaza and Sabbir's celebrations following his dismissal after a TV review which proved to be pivotal in Sunday night's match in Dhaka. After England made a poor start in their reply to Bangladesh's total of 238-8, Buttler was threatening to turn the match on its head with a run-a-ball innings of 57 which was ended in controversial fashion. The on-field umpire had initially turned down Taskin Ahmed's lbw appeal against Buttler, but Bangladesh sought a television review which confirmed the ball hit him plumb in his back foot and left England 123-7.

The verdict triggered lively celebrations

in the Bangladesh camp, with several players exchanging words with the batsman as he made his way back to the pavilion, forcing the umpires to immediately intervene. "The Bangladesh players overstepped in their celebration of Jos Buttler's wicket, which prompted an inappropriate reaction from the dismissed batsman," match referee Javagal Srinath said in an ICC statement. "We all want to see high intensity on the field of play, but only as long as it is not provoking or antagonising or disrespecting the opponent." After the match, Buttler said he regretted his on-field reaction "Emotions were running high and obviously (they were) delighted to get the wicket. Maybe I should have just walked off," Buttler told reporters.

The ongoing three-match ODI series is currently locked at 1-1 after England won the first match by 21 runs and Bangladesh levelled with a 34-run win in the second match. — AFP



Mashrafe Mortaza

INDORE: Wily off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin backed himself yesterday to outfox any batsman in the world after his six wickets in the third and final Test against New Zealand put India in pole position to complete a whitewash.

Ashwin, who is the leading wicket-taker in the series with 20 dismissals, was again the standout performer as the hosts bowled out the tourists for 299 and secured a 258-run lead on day three of the match.

India, who did not enforce the follow-on, were 18 for no loss in their second innings at stumps, with Murali Vijay (11) and Cheteshwar Pujara (1) stretching the lead to 276.

Opener Gautam Gambhir retired hurt on six after aggravating a shoulder injury, which he first suffered while fielding, as he dived into his crease to avoid a run-out.

Earlier Ashwin ensured that India continued their domination of the series at their newest Test venue, Indore's Holkar Stadium, after recording his 20th five-wicket haul to destroy the New Zealand batting.

"It is pretty special (five-for). It is very important for me to get into a good rhythm... once I get into that good rhythm I think I can beat any batsman in the world: that's where I stand right now," he told reporters.

Opener Martin Guptill, who struck form with a gritty 72, and James Neesham (71) put up the main resistance against an inspired Indian attack. The Black Caps, who began the day on 28 without loss, had made a strong start in response to India's commanding first innings score of 557 for five declared, but then lost five wickets for just 30 runs.

After Tom Latham fell just before lunch for 53, caught and bowled by Ashwin, India turned the screws on the visitors by taking a further five wickets in the afternoon session.

Guptill counter-attacked with 10 fours and two sixes during his 144-ball stay but was unlucky to be run out by Ashwin while backing up. Ashwin's other victims included New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson, who was bowled for eight after dragging a turning delivery onto his stumps. It was the third time in a row that the Black Caps' star batsman had been dismissed by Ashwin.

WILLIAMSON BATTLEPLAN

"I came into the series with a plan, especially taking off from where Kane Williamson got out in Bangalore when they came here last time" in 2012, said Ashwin.

"He lunged forward and got out at slip. He just lunges outside off stump so that's one thing I thought I would repeat in good certainty in the series." Neesham and B.J. Watling put on 53 for the sixth wicket to raise hopes of a revival, but left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja broke the stand by bowling Watling for 23 after the wicketkeeper-batsman had struck four boundaries.

Neesham carried on the good work after tea to register his fourth Test fifty in 10 games but ran out of steam after being trapped lbw by Ashwin, who soon wiped out the tail.

"I think New Zealand has definitely batted well. They have been in the game more than any other team has been when they toured here," said Ashwin, praising the fighting quality of the

SCOREBOARD

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

India 1st innings: 557 for five declared (V. Kohli 211, A. Rahane 188, R. Sharma 51 not out)	140 (Taylor), 4-148 (Guptill), 5-148 (Ronchi), 6-201 (Watling), 7-253 (Santner), 8-276 (Neesham), 9-294 (Patel), 10-299 (Boult)
New Zealand 1st innings: overnight 28/0 (M. Guptill 17 not out, T. Latham six not out)	Bowling: Shami 13-1-40-0, Yadav 15-1-55-0, Ashwin 27.2-5-81-6, Jadeja 28-5-80-2, Vijay 7-0-27-0
M. Guptill run out (Ashwin) 72	
T. Latham c & b Ashwin 53	
K. Williamson b Ashwin 8	
R. Taylor c Rahane b Ashwin 0	
L. Ronchi c Rahane b Ashwin 0	
J. Neesham lbw b Ashwin 71	
B.J. Watling c Rahane b Jadeja 23	
M. Santner c Kohli b Jadeja 22	
J. Patel run out (Ashwin) 18	
M. Henry not out 15	
T. Boult c Pujara b Ashwin 0	
Extras (b6, lb5, w1, penalty 5) 17	
Total (all out; 90.2 overs) 299	
Fall of wickets: 1-118 (Latham), 2-134 (Williamson), 3-	
	India 2nd innings:
	M. Vijay not out 11
	G. Gambhir retired hurt 6
	C. Pujara not out 1
	Extras 0
	Total (0 wickets; 6 overs) 18
	Fall of wickets: 0-11* (Gambhir, retired not out, 2.5 overs)
	Bowling: Boult 3-0-9-0, Patel 2-0-8-0, Santner 1-0-1-0
	To bat: V. Kohli, A. Rahane, R. Sharma, R. Ashwin, W. Saha, R. Jadeja, M. Shami, U. Yadav.

opposition batsmen. Indian skipper Virat Kohli had played a vital role Sunday with a career-best 211, his second double-century in Tests.

Kohli's record 365-run fourth-wicket stand with Ajinkya Rahane (188) was the highlight of

India's first innings after the hosts elected to bat first. India, who took an unassailable 2-0 lead in Kolkata, are looking to complete their second successive home series whitewash against New Zealand. — AFP



INDORE: A physio attends to India's batsman Gautam Gambhir after he hurt his shoulder during the third day of the third Test cricket match between India and New Zealand at the Holkar Cricket Stadium in Indore yesterday. — AFP

Sports

62-year-old Jay Haas wins playoff in Newport Beach



Germany target 'perfect 12' on road to Russia



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DETROIT: Detroit Lions cornerback Nevin Lawson (24) breaks up a pass intended by Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Dorial Green-Beckham (18) during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, in Detroit. — AP

BRADY PASSES FOR 406 YARDS IN RETURN FOR PATRIOTS

CLEVELAND: Tom Brady, looking razor-sharp at times and relatively rust-free after serving his four-game "Deflategate" suspension, passed for 406 yards and three touchdowns to Martellus Bennett in his hyped return as the New England Patriots thumped the Cleveland Browns 33-13 on Sunday.

Brady was back following a ban for his role in the scandal in which an NFL investigation found the Patriots under-inflated footballs in the 2015 AFC championship game. Brady threw two short TD passes in the first half to Bennett before hooking up with his new teammate again on a 37-yarder to give the Patriots a 30-7 lead in the third quarter.

PACKERS 23, GIANTS 16

Aaron Rodgers threw two touchdown passes to lead the Packers to a 23-16 win over New York. Rodgers was 23 of 45 for 259 yards and also threw two interceptions. Jordy Nelson and Davante Adams each had highlight-reel touchdown catches to help the Packers (3-1) build an 11-point halftime lead. New York's Eli Manning was 18 of 35 for 199 yards and was sacked three times.

LIONS 24, EAGLES 23

Matt Prater kicked a 29-yard field goal with 1:28 left then Darius Slay made an over-the-shoulder interception on the next snap, helping the Lions hand Carson

Wentz his first loss with a victory over the Eagles.

Matthew Stafford set up the game-winning kick by converting a third-and-4 from the Eagles 39 with a perfectly placed pass to Golden Tate, who drew an unnecessary roughness penalty on Malcolm Jenkins.

REDSKINS 16, RAVENS 10

The Redskins used an 85-yard punt return by Jamison Crowder and an uncharacteristically strong performance by their defense to beat the Ravens. It was the third straight win for the Redskins (3-2), who came in with the league's 29th-ranked defense. Washington allowed a touchdown on the game's opening drive and smothered the Ravens (3-2) the rest of the way. The game wasn't decided until the final minute, when an apparent 23-yard touchdown catch by Baltimore's Breshad Perriman was overturned by replay. Perriman got his right foot down in the end zone, but his left foot was out of bounds.

COWBOYS 28, BENGALS 14

Ezekiel Elliott ran for 134 yards and two touchdowns while fellow rookie Dak Prescott threw for a score and ran for another TD as the Cowboys beat the Bengals. Prescott had his first turnover in five games starting in place of injured Tony Romo, a fumble when being sacked late in the third quarter. But Prescott extended his NFL rookie record to 155 passes without

an interception to start his career. He completed 18 of 24 passes for 227 yards.

FALCONS 23, BRONCOS 16

Matt Ryan and the Atlanta Falcons handed the Denver Broncos their first loss since Dec. 20 last year and left the Minnesota Vikings (5-0) as the NFL's last unbeaten team. The Falcons (4-1) didn't need another 300-yard performance from Julio Jones to decipher the Super Bowl champs' dazzling defense and wreck Paxton Lynch's first NFL start.

STEELERS 31, JETS 13

Ben Roethlisberger passed for 380 yards and four touchdowns as the Steelers pulled away in the second half for a win over the Jets.

Sammie Coates caught six passes for a career-high 139 yards and two scores, including a 72-yard catch-and-run for a score on Pittsburgh's opening drive as the Steelers moved the ball at will against a secondary missing injured star Darrelle Revis. Steelers running back Le'Veon Bell racked up 154 yards of total offense, including a career-high nine receptions, while Antonio Brown caught nine passes for 78 yards and a touchdown.

BILLS 30, RAMS 19

Nickell Robey-Coleman returned an interception 41 yards for a touchdown while LeSean McCoy rushed for 150 yards as the Bills won their third consecutive game by defeating the Rams. Robey-Coleman stepped in front of rookie receiver Pharoah Cooper and strolled down the sideline to put the Bills (3-2) ahead 23-16 with 3:54 left in the third quarter. The big play allowed the Bills to finish off the Rams (3-2) and end their three-game winning streak. Robey-Coleman added another interception in the final minutes.

RAIDERS 34, CHARGERS 31

Derek Carr threw a go-ahead 21-yard touchdown pass to Michael Crabtree on a fourth-and-2 gamble and added another TD pass to Amari Cooper to lead the Raiders to a victory over the mistake-prone Chargers. San Diego (1-4) committed four turnovers and then botched the hold on a potential tying field goal. Rookie Drew Kaser couldn't hold the snap on what would have been a 36-yard field goal attempt. The Raiders (4-1) took over with 2 minutes left and ran out most of the clock to get a third straight win for the first time in five years and hand San Diego its 10th straight division loss.

TITANS 30, DOLPHINS 17

Marcus Mariota threw for three touchdowns and ran for another score, helping the Titans overcome a handful of big plays by the Dolphins.

Mariota bounced back with a strong game after totaling three interceptions and no TD passes in losses the past two weeks. He went 20 for 29 for 163 yards with no interceptions, and ran seven times for 60 yards. DeMarco Murray added 121 yards rushing for the Titans, who totaled 235 on the ground. They improved to 2-3, and Miami fell to 1-4.

VIKINGS 31, TEXANS 13

Adam Thielen caught a touchdown pass to cap Minnesota's opening drive and finished with a career-high 127 yards as the Vikings defense flustered Brock Osweiler and the Texans. Marcus Sherels returned a punt 79 yards for a touchdown and Cordarelle Patterson scored on another sharp throw by Sam Bradford, who produced another turnover-free game and deftly guided the Vikings (5-0) into their bye week.

COLTS 29, BEARS 23

Andrew Luck threw a 35-yard TD pass to T.Y. Hilton with 3:43 left to lead the Colts (2-3) past the Bears. Brian Hoyer was solid in his third straight start throwing for 397 yards and two touchdowns for Chicago (1-4). — AP

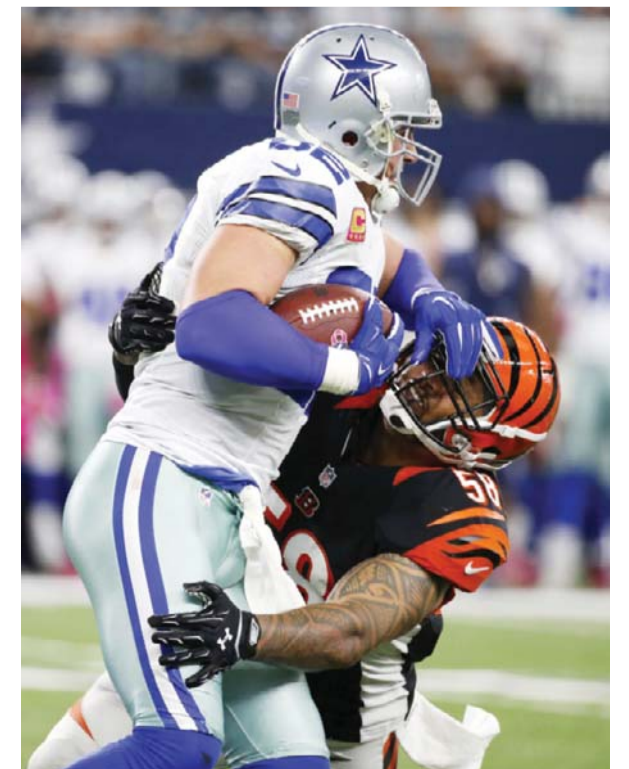
NFL results/standings

Tennessee 30, Miami 17; Pittsburgh 31, N.Y. Jets 13; Minnesota 31, Houston 13; Detroit 24, Philadelphia 23; Indianapolis 29, Chicago 23; Washington 16, Baltimore 10; New England 33, Cleveland 13; Atlanta 23, Denver 16; Dallas 28, Cincinnati 14; Buffalo 30, Los Angeles 19; Oakland 34, San Diego 31; Green Bay 23, N.Y. Giants 16.

American Football Conference

National Football Conference

	AFC East						NFC East							
	W	L	T	OTL	PF	PA	PCT							
New England	4	1	0		.800	114	74	Dallas	4	1	0	.800	129	91
Buffalo	3	2	0		.600	117	87	Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	115	51
N.Y. Jets	1	4	0		.200	92		Washington	3	2	0	.600	115	122
Miami	1	4	0		.200	88	119	N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	.400	89	108
	North							North						
Pittsburgh	4	1	0		.800	139	92	Minnesota	5	0	0	1.000	119	62
Baltimore	3	2	0		.600	94	88	Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	98	83
Cincinnati	2	3	0		.400	92		Detroit	2	3	0	.400	119	125
Cleveland	0	5	0		.000	87	148	Chicago	1	4	0	.200	85	126
	South							South						
Houston	3	2	0		.600	81	104	Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	175	
Tennessee	2	3	0		.400	92	101	Tampa Bay	1	3	0	.250	77	128
Indianapolis	2	3	0		.400	137	148	Carolina	1	3	0	.250	109	118
Jacksonville	1	3	0		.250	84	111	New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	114	130
	West							West						
Oakland	4	1	0		.800	142	137	Seattle	3	1	0	.750	79	54
Denver	4	1	0		.800	127	87	L.A. Rams	3	2	0	.600	82	106
Kansas City	2	2	0		.500	82	92	Arizona	2	3	0	.400	125	101
San Diego	1	4	0		.200	152	142	San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	111	140



ARLINGTON: Dallas Cowboys tight end Jason Witten (82) fights to break a tackle by Cincinnati Bengals middle line-backer Rey Mauluga (58) in the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, in Arlington, Texas. — AP



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"för deras bidrag till kontraktsteorin"
"for their contributions to contract theory"

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STOCKHOLM: Winners of the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences British-American economist Oliver Hart (left) and Bengt Holmstrom of Finland are displayed on a screen during a press conference to announce the winner of the 2016 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm yesterday. — AFP

HART, HOLMSTROM SHARE ECONOMICS NOBEL

CONTRACT THEORY EARNS HARVARD AND MIT PROFESSORS THE LAUREL

STOCKHOLM: Two US-based professors won the Nobel prize in economics yesterday for studying how to best design contracts, work that sheds light on when it makes sense to give a CEO a bonus or privatize public services like schools, hospitals and prisons. British-born Oliver Hart of Harvard University and Finnish economist Bengt Holmstrom of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Finland will share the 8 million kronor (\$930,000) award for their contributions to contract theory.

That's a field of research that deals with incentives and risks involved in contracts drawn up between companies and employees, banks and lenders or insurance agents and their customers.

In research in the 1970s, '80s and '90s, Hart and Holmstrom created "new theoretical tools" that shed light on how contracts help people and companies deal with conflicting interests and the "potential pitfalls" that occur when contracts are poorly designed, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

"These kinds of insights into how we should design contracts are very important because we don't want to give the wrong incentives to people," said Nobel committee member Tomas Sjöström.

"We don't want to reward them for things that they were not responsible for. We want to reward the right thing."

Hart, 68, is a London-born US citizen who has taught at Harvard since 1993. Holmstrom, 67, is an academic from Finland who used to serve on the board of the country's mobile phone company Nokia. Speaking to reporters in Stockholm by telephone, Holmstrom said he felt very lucky and grateful.

"I certainly did not expect it, at least at this time, so I was very surprised and very happy, of course," he said. In the 1970s Holmstrom showed how a principal, for example a company's shareholders, should design an optimal contract for an agent, like the CEO. His "informativeness principle" showed how the contract should link the agent's pay to information

relevant to his or her performance, carefully weighing risks against incentives, the academy said. Pay packages, for example, should avoid holding CEOs responsible - or rewarding them - for events beyond their control. "You don't want to reward the CEO because the S&P 500 (stock index) has gone up 20 percent," said Patrick Bolton of Columbia University's School of Business, who studied under Hart and has written a textbook on the economics of contracts. "You want to reward the CEO when his company outperforms the S&P."

Bolton described Hart as a rigorous but open-minded thinker who challenges his students' ideas: "He's very determined to think for himself. He will not let go until he is persuaded, but he can be persuaded."

Holmstrom said his incentive to study contract theory came before he was an academic, when he was working for a company in the 1970s that tried to use computers to figure how to make strategic plans.

"That's when I realized that the issue wasn't

really about the difficulty of coming up with the best plans," he said. "The bigger issue was also to create incentives for people to give the right information that is needed for these plans and incentivize them in general."

Hart made fundamental contributions to a new branch of contract theory in the mid-1980s. His findings on "incomplete contracts" shed new light on the ownership and control of businesses, the academy said.

"His research provides us with theoretical tools for studying questions such as which kinds of companies should merge, the proper mix of debt and equity financing, and which institutions such as schools or prisons ought to be privately or publicly owned," the academy said. It cited a 1997 article co-authored by Hart which highlighted how private contractors have stronger incentives for investing in both quality and cost reduction. The authors argued that the incentives for cost reduction sometimes is too strong, and expressed particular concern about privately-run prisons, the

academy said. The U.S. Department of Justice recently decided to stop using private prisons after a report showed the conditions are worse than in government-run prisons. Pennsylvania State University economist Ran Shorrer, who taught contract theory as a graduate student at Harvard, said Hart and Holmstrom have had a huge influence on the way corporations decide to pay executives.

"Any modern compensation scheme is informed by their work," he said. The economics prize is not an original Nobel Prize. Formally called the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, it was added to the others in 1968 by Sweden's central bank. The Nobel Prizes in medicine, physics, chemistry and the Nobel Peace Prize were announced last week. This year's Nobel announcements will finish Thursday with the literature award.

Each award is worth 8 million kronor, or about \$930,000. The laureates will collect them on Dec. 10, the anniversary of prize founder Alfred Nobel's death in 1896. — AP

PUTIN: RUSSIA READY TO JOIN OPEC OUTPUT CURBS

ISTANBUL: President Vladimir Putin yesterday said non-OPEC member Russia was ready to work with the cartel in imposing measures to limit oil production, in comments that propelled the price of crude to its highest levels in a year. Eyes have turned to Russia, the world's top oil producer alongside Saudi Arabia, to see if it will join in a concerted effort alongside cartel members to prop up prices after OPEC last month agreed a surprise output cut in the hope of lifting rock-bottom prices.

Putin said at the World Energy Congress in Istanbul that such coordinated output curbs were the only way to balance the market after a pro-

longed period of low prices. In response, Brent North Sea crude rose \$1.53 to \$53.45 a barrel, the highest level reached since October 2015.

"In the current situation, we believe a freeze or a cutting of the production of oil is the only way to preserve the stability of the energy sector and accelerate a rebalancing of the market," Putin said. "Russia is prepared to join joint measures limiting production and calls on other exporting countries to do the same," he added.

'Positive signal'

He expressed hope this would lead to a concrete agreement at a November OPEC meeting

and that this idea would be a "positive signal to the market and investors", Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak is expected to attend an informal meeting of OPEC energy ministers in Istanbul tomorrow in a sign of increasingly tight cooperation with the cartel. The period of low oil prices has been hugely damaging to economies like Russia which has failed over the last years to reduce its dependence on hydrocarbon exports for revenues.

Putin raised alarm that if the current trend of low prices continued, it could lead to a "chronic" lack of financing in the sector which could in turn lead to unpredictable flare-ups in prices. "Russia as prominent energy power will always make its contribution to stable development," he said, insisting that even in the current difficult times Russia was still investing in oil extraction. Putin is making his first trip to Turkey following a crisis sparked by the shooting down of a Russian war plane over the Syrian border last November. He will later hold talks with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

\$60 oil not unthinkable'

The energy minister of OPEC kingpin Saudi Arabia, whose assent allowed the output cut to go ahead, meanwhile expressed cautious optimism the price of crude could rise to \$60 a barrel by the end of the year. "We are seeing the convergence of supply and demand," said Khalid Al-Falih. "It is not unthinkable we could see \$60 (a barrel) by the year end." Oil has for months pressured by concerns of slack demand amid a global economic slowdown at a time of a glut in supply in particular in the United States. But this minister warned OPEC against the temptation of drastic output cuts to push up prices. — AFP

BANKS LEAD SAUDI REBOUND, GULF BOURSES REMAIN FIRM

MIDEAST STOCK MARKETS

DUBAI: Saudi Arabia's stock market rebounded on the back of banking shares yesterday while other major Gulf bourses were firm, with builder Drake & Scull leaping in Dubai after it replaced its chief executive. The Saudi stock index, which had tumbled 2.2 percent on Sunday as banks dropped because of concern about the impact of government austerity policies on their balance sheets, closed yesterday 1.2 percent higher in moderate trading volume.

The banking index, which had plunged 4.5 percent on the previous day, bounced back 1.9 percent. Qassim Cement dropped 1.5 percent after reporting a 29 percent year-on-year drop in third-quarter net profit, citing lower demand for cement as well as cost increases due to cuts in state subsidies for electricity and fuel. But Saudi Arabia Fertilizers Co rose 1.2 percent after it and Saudi Basic Industries said they had hired investment banks to advise on the potential sale of a stake in the Ibn Al-Baytar fertilizer company, a 50-50 joint venture between them. SABIC fell 0.3 percent.

Dubai's index rose 0.3 percent as Drake & Scull, the most heavily traded stock, surged 7.0 percent after saying it had appointed chief operating officer Wael Allan as its new chief executive, replacing Khalidoun Tabari, a major shareholder. Drake & Scull's chief

financial officer, Kailash Sadangi, told Reuters in August that the company had asked advisers for proposals to review its business and find strategic investors. The change at the top of the company could clear the way for new investment and fresh action to stem its losses.

Abu Dhabi's index gained 0.6 percent as First Gulf Bank rose 2.2 percent, while strength in Industries Qatar and telecommunications firm Ooredoo helped Qatar's index climb 0.5 percent. Egypt, which had risen strongly for four straight days on signs the country is nearing the completion of its \$12 billion loan deal with the International Monetary Fund, fell back 0.9 percent.

In a sign that Saudi Arabia may be becoming less willing to support Egypt financially as its own finances are weakened by low oil prices, an Egyptian official told Reuters that the Saudis had informed the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation, Egypt's state oil company, in early October that it would halt the supply of refined oil products to Egypt.

Investment firm Qalaa Holdings, which had plunged 8.3 percent on Sunday after reporting a sharply wider quarterly net loss, was the most heavily traded stock yesterday and lost a further 7.6 percent. Global Telecom pulled back 4.1 percent. — Reuters

SAUDI TO MEET INVESTORS AHEAD OF DEBUT BOND

LONDON: Saudi Arabia will meet fixed income investors starting Oct. 12 as it prepares to sell its long-anticipated debut international sovereign bond, arranging banks said yesterday. The transaction, which will help the kingdom partly meet the shortfall in its state budget brought on by the slump in oil prices, is expected to be one of the largest ever debt sales by an emerging markets nation, with commentators forecasting a trade worth upwards of \$10 billion.

The world's largest oil exporter will sell a dollar-denominated bond with tranches maturing after five, ten and 30 years following the roadshow program, subject to market conditions. Citigroup, HSBC and JP Morgan have been selected as global coordinators, and sev-

en more banks have been made joint book-runners for the trade which is structured to be sold to investors including those in the United States, an announcement said. Roadshows will be held in London tomorrow and Thursday, before three days of meetings in the United States which will conclude on Oct. 18 in New York, according to a separate statement from arranging banks.

Among the Saudi officials who will participate in the investor meetings are Minister of State Mohammed Al-Sheikh, the head of treasury at state oil giant Saudi Aramco and staff members of the Ministry of Finance and the Saudi central bank, the separate statement added. — Reuters

2017 INFINITI Q50 SPORTS SEDAN

NEW ENGINES AND CHASSIS TECHNOLOGIES DELIVER EMPOWERING PERFORMANCE



KUWAIT: INFINITI Middle East yesterday unveiled the new 2017 INFINITI Q50 sports sedan with a number of performance and dynamic upgrades that deliver a more empowering and rewarding drive experience. The comprehensive updates include next-generation ride and handling technologies while two new powertrains are introduced to the range, featuring two advanced turbocharged V6 engines.

"The Q50 Red Sport 400 is the first vehicle launched in the region encompassing our new 'Empower The Drive' brand positioning," said Juergen Schmitz, Managing Director, Infiniti Middle East. "Offering a premium driving experience with two all-new powertrains (300hp and 400hp) as well as a number of technological advancements in driver aids safety; the new Q50 definitely empowers drivers and is poised to further build on its regional successes, as it continues to be a key model for INFINITI in the Middle East."

Leading the way is the new Q50 Red Sport 400, the performance-orientated version of the refreshed sports sedan. Its 3.0-liter V6 twin-turbo gasoline engine with direct injection delivers 400hp and is the focal point of the power plant.

Continuing the list of powertrain options, the number of Q50 trim levels is extended to four for the sports sedan. An additional tur-



bocharged V6 powertrain is also available for the Q50 with a 300hp output, included in the Q50 Sport. A 2.0-liter four-cylinder turbocharged unit that produces 208hp is packaged in the standard Q50. Customers seeking a performance hybrid model will also be able to opt for the Q50 Blue Sport which combines

a 3.5-liter 24-valve DOHC aluminium-alloy V6 and a compact laminated lithium-ion battery with an innovative one-motor, two-clutch control. The hybrid system net power is 350 hp with a combined torque of 536 Nm, providing strong acceleration and lean fuel economy.

The new Q50 features INFINITI's Dynamic

Digital Suspension (DDS) for the first time, which gives the new sports sedan an optimal blend of ride comfort and class-leading response and agility. For those drivers looking for a blend of dynamic settings tailored to their own particular requirements and tastes, the Q50's Drive Mode Selector (DMS) can be augmented with 'Personal' mode (as before), which permits a bespoke mix of engine, suspension and steering characteristics.

As standard, Q50 models equipped with the new 3.0-liter V6 twin-turbo engine (300 hp) feature INFINITI's new Rack Electronic Power Steering.

When making steering inputs, traditional steering systems can create an unnatural feeling through imprecise control of the power assistance, reducing the feeling of linearity. To counter this, INFINITI's Rack Electronic Power Steering precisely increases the steering effort required as the vehicle's yaw rate changes, before adjusting to provide more assistance when the wheel returns towards on-center. This all-new system provides a linear and in-control driving experience that can be tuned through the Drive Mode Selector.

The new Q50 also receives an upgrade with the company's second-generation Direct Adaptive Steering, comprehensively modified from the daring and ground-breaking first-generation system. INFINITI has enhanced the

Direct Adaptive Steering after gathering customer feedback from around the world and completing 625,000 miles of real-world testing. The standard steering mode now offers advanced levels of steering feel and feedback - more akin to that of a conventional steering system.

The new version of Direct Adaptive Steering works with Active Lane Control (Speeds over 70km/h) to maintain lane positioning against crosswinds and uneven road surfaces. This semi-autonomous capability is a precursor to future steering systems that will form a key building block on the way to achieving fully-autonomous driving.

The new INFINITI Q50 delivers in spades on safety and security technologies, ensuring that drivers are empowered with a plethora of assistance and safety aids.

Key technological enhancements include: Blind-Spot Warning with Intervention, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Departure Prevention with Active Lane Control, Back-up Collision Intervention with Cross Traffic Alert, Predictive Forward Collision Warning and Around View Monitor with Moving Object Detection.

The INFINITI Q50 Red Sport 3.0t 400 is available across the Middle East from AED 210,000, while the entry level Q50 2.0t is available from AED 136,500.

News

in brief

Egyptian inflation eases, still at 14.1%

CAIRO: Egypt's annual urban consumer price inflation eased to 14.1 percent in September, from an eight-year high of 15.5 percent in August, the official statistics agency CAPMAS said yesterday. Headline inflation jumped in August, raising expectations that the central bank would hike interest rates on Sept. 22, but the central bank held rates citing transitory factors that pushed up costs. September's fall is the first in the urban measure since March. Inflation has been rising steadily since April and economists expect it to keep rising as Egypt implements an overhaul that includes subsidy cuts and devaluing its pound. Egypt's President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi is under increasing pressure to revive the economy and curb inflation to avoid a public backlash.

Tunisia in talks with unions over public sector wages

TUNIS: Tunisia's government sought in talks with the powerful UGTT labor union yesterday to reach agreement on a public sector wage freeze to reduce the deficit. Prime Minister Youssef Chahed has made controlling public wage increases part of a broad package of reforms, subsidy cuts and new taxes he hopes will control spending and spur growth, but unions are resisting any salary freeze. The UGTT last week said it would oppose any proposal to suspend public sector wage increases next year, one of the measures Chahed has said he wants to introduce. Public sector wages make up 13.5 percent of Tunisia's gross domestic product, one of the largest ratios in the world. Chahed has promised to push the economic reforms Tunisia's needs to support its democratic progress since the 2011 uprising toppled autocrat Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali.

OPEC oil price up to \$48.58 pb

VIENNA: The OPEC daily basket price stood at \$48.58 a barrel Friday, compared with \$47.84 the previous day, the organization said yesterday. The monthly average of the OPEC basket price for September hit \$42.89 pb for August, it added. The new OPEC Reference Basket of Crudes (ORB) is made up of the following: Saharan Blend (Algeria), Girassol (Angola), Oriente (Ecuador), Iran Heavy (Islamic Republic of Iran), Basra Light (Iraq), Kuwait Export (Kuwait), Es Sider (Libya), Bonny Light (Nigeria), Qatar Marine (Qatar), Arab Light (Saudi Arabia), Murban (UAE) and Meruy (Venezuela).

BRITISH ECONOMY LOSING STEAM AS INVESTMENT WILTS: SURVEYS

LONDON: Britain's economy appears to be losing steam, with major business surveys showing a marked slowdown in the services sector and boardrooms beset by doubt about the future following the country's vote to leave the European Union.

The surveys released yesterday will heighten concerns about the longer-term prospects of the economy which has so far fared better than most economists expected since June's Brexit vote. That initial resilience has been driven mostly by consumers who largely took the referendum result in their stride, but the signs of weak investment intentions in the surveys suggest companies are much more nervous. Business investment and turnover confidence hit four-year lows, the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) said in a quarterly survey of 7,000 businesses, the largest of its kind.

Separately, chief financial officers in major British firms reported only a partial rebound in business morale after a post-Brexit vote nosedive, accountants Deloitte reported. Both surveys were conducted before the government alarmed employers and financial markets last week by outlining plans to force businesses to list the proportion of foreign staff and "flush out"

firms not doing enough to hire British workers. After fierce criticism from business groups, the government denied it wanted to "name and shame" companies. The confusion compounded worries among investors about the degree of access British exporters will have to the EU. Fears about a so-called "hard Brexit" without free access helped pushed sterling to a fresh 31-year low against the dollar last week.

The BCC survey suggested the weak pound has boosted exports for manufacturers. But it also pointed to a slowdown among services firms that form the backbone of Britain's economy. "The slowdown in services is concerning because it obviously is the dominant sector in the UK economy," Adam Marshall, the BCC's acting director general, told Reuters.

INVESTMENT FADING

Investors have become increasingly doubtful that the Bank of England will cut interest rates again this year, given robust consumer spending and sterling's renewed plunge. But policymakers will regard the BCC and Deloitte surveys as consistent with their view that the economy will slow markedly.

The BCC said its latest survey, conducted between Aug 22 and Sept 12, supported its forecast that the economy will grow by just 1 percent next year, half its recent average. Manufacturers' plans for spending on plant and machinery and service sector investment in staff training fell to their lowest levels since 2012 when the economy was close to recession.

"It makes it all the more important that the Autumn Statement delivers positive steps to 'crowd in' business investment and build business confidence," Marshall said. — Reuters



AUB PARTICIPATES IN 'INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE FINANCE EXHIBITION'

KUWAIT: Ahli United Bank (AUB), announced its participation in the 'International Real Estate Finance Exhibition, which started yesterday at the Regency Hotel, Kuwait under the patronage of the Minister of Trade and Commerce. The Bank's participation comes as part of its keen interest to provide a host of diversified banking & financing needs to the exhibition's visitors.

AUB is offering a variety of its finance services that are sharia-compliant throughout the duration of the exhibition. Individuals interested in receiving finance, will also enjoy a wide array of benefits that will support in acquiring the real estate property they desire, whether it is a building, house, apartment or even a piece of land.

This is also in addition to a broad

range of other exclusive benefits. AUB's customer service team will be available along with the personal finance team at the Bank's booth during the exhibition to provide the necessary information that are in line with customers' varied needs, and are also sharia-compliant. The Bank's ultimate objective is to help customers achieve their dream real estate property.



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EUROPEAN EQUITIES RISE, ASIA IN TURMOIL OVER SAMSUNG

LONDON: European stock markets held firm yesterday as traders digested last week's volatile performance and eyed rising eurozone investor sentiment, dealers said.

Asian investors also trod warily in holiday-thinned trade and the dollar climbed after last week's drop on below-par US jobs data, while Samsung Electronics was hit by a renewed crisis over its recalled Galaxy Note 7 smartphone.

been a slow start to the trading week, as a lack of news flow in Europe and Asia, combined with bank holidays in Japan, Canada and the US, hit trading volumes and switch attentions to big events later in the week," said Oanda analyst Craig Erlam.

"As for today, focus will likely remain on some of the big moves that we saw last week-including the flash crash and sharp depreciation in the pound, dollar gains, the corresponding drop in gold and the four-month highs in oil.

due to the Columbus Day government holiday. The pound was lodged close to 31-year dollar lows after a so-called flash crash in Asia on Friday saw it collapse, with investors on edge over Britain's plans to leave the European Union.

Britain's finance minister Philip Hammond downplayed the pound's flash crash, blaming technical factors, but Bank of England Governor Mark Carney asked the Bank for International Settlements to investigate.

Analysts said the figures were unlikely to prevent the Federal Reserve raising interest rates by year's end.

Samsung in fresh turmoil
Asian investors trod warily in holiday-thinned trade yesterday and the dollar climbed after last week's drop on below-par US jobs data, while Samsung Electronics was hit by a renewed crisis over its troubled Galaxy Note 7.

Seoul ended up 0.2 percent but Samsung Electronics was battered by reports that it had suspended production of its flagship Galaxy Note 7 handset after distributors stopped offering replacements because of continued safety concerns.

However, analysts said the figures were unlikely to prevent the Federal Reserve raising interest rates by year's end. In afternoon

trade yesterday, the dollar was at 103.10 yen from 102.93 yen in New York but well down from the 103.87 yen earlier Friday in Asia.

The pound was stuck at 31-year lows against the dollar after a flash crash in Asia Friday saw it plunge, with investors on edge over Britain's plans to leave the European Union.

Analysts said it was unclear if sterling's sudden plunge was down to a computer-generated sell-off or other reasons but Brexit was at the root of it.

The currency has been declining for months in the face of a stronger dollar, slowing growth at home and capital outflows.

Trump in crisis
In share trading, Shanghai, which was closed last week for a national holiday, ended up 1.5 percent, while Sydney closed 0.2 percent higher.

There are fears his demise could lead to economic instability, especially as there is no official discussion on how the country will handle his passing.



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Summary table with columns: Index, Change, Closing, Last Closing, High, Low. Includes Price Index, Weighted Index, KXS 15.

Table of Trades with columns: Security, High, Low, Volume, Value (KD), Trades, Last, Change. Includes MARIN, IKARUS, IPG, NAPESCO, ENERGYH, GPI, ABAR, Oil & Gas.

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Source: National Bank of Kuwait

ENTRIES STILL OPEN FOR LEXUS DESIGN AWARD 2017

LAST DATE TO SUBMIT ENTRIES FOR DESIGN COMPETITION IS OCTOBER 16

KUWAIT: Lexus International reinforced the significant opportunity for talented designers from across the world to change their future and get global recognition through the Lexus Design Award, with the last date for submission of entries fast approaching on October 16, 2016. Twelve finalists will be chosen and announced in early 2017.

Lexus is celebrating the fifth anniversary of this international design competition supporting up-and-coming designers and creators worldwide. The creative theme for the Lexus Design Award 2017 is 'Yet'. Applicants are invited to submit innovative designs and original interpretations that demonstrate insight into the essence of the 'Yet' theme. At Lexus, the 'Yet' philosophy gives the courage to combine elements that at first seem incompatible - superior ride comfort 'Yet' exhilarating driving dynamics - for example. 'Yet' is the catalyst that triggers breakthroughs, the spark that ignites an explosion of creative potential.

According to Takayuki Yoshitsugu, Chief Representative, Middle East and North Africa Representative Office, Toyota Motor Corporation, "At Lexus, we believe in the power of creativity to change the world and build a better future. Through Lexus Design Award, we want to foster the growth of ideas that contribute to society by supporting designers whose work can have a positive impact on our lives. These individuals will benefit from global recognition along with the invaluable experience of working with renowned designers as mentors. We appreciate the support of our customers who have backed the Awards over the years."

Lexus Design Award 2017 will intro-



duce twelve finalists and their works to the design community and beyond at Milan Design Week 2017. Four of these 12 finalists will prototype their designs, mentored by globally recognized designers. The maximum production budget per prototype is JPY 3 million, equivalent to AED 107,000. Finalists will present their designs in the Lexus experiential space at Milan Design Week. Judges will then assess the four prototypes to choose the Grand Prix winner who may receive the opportunity to bring his prototype to production.

Previous Lexus Design Award winners are displaying their talent on the world stage. Emanuela Corti and Ivan Parati's Sense-Wear, the Grand Prix winner in 2015, gained further exposure at design events in Tokyo and Moscow. The Grand Prix winner of 2016, design team AMAM's "AGAR PLASTICITY ? A POTEN-

TIAL USEFULNESS OF AGAR FOR PACKAGING AND MORE" has attracted wide interest and invitations to participate in other international exhibits. In this way, Lexus Design Award winners benefit from globe-spanning publicity and the potential for collaborative projects in the public and private sectors.

Call for Entries to the Lexus Design Award 2017 Competition:

Title: Lexus Design Award 2017
Application Period: August 10 - October 16, 2016

Theme: Yet
Judging Criteria True to the essence of "Yet" with uniqueness in its interpretation
* Consistent with the ideas of Lexus "DESIGN"
Judges Paola Antonelli
* Aric Chen
* Toyo Ito



* Birgit Lohmann
* Alice Rawsthorn
* Yoshihiro Sawa (Lexus International)
Mentors
Neri & Hu
* Max Lamb
* Elena Manferdini
* Snarkitecture
Award Categories
Lexus Design Award 2017 - Twelve finalists
* One Grand Prix winner (selected)

from the four prototype winners)
* Four prototype winners (selected from the twelve finalists)
* Eight panel finalists
Prizes/Benefits Twelve finalists will be invited to Milan Design Week 2017.
* Four winners among the twelve finalists will receive up to 3 million yen (around AED 107,000) each to cover prototype production costs. The four winners will create prototypes between January and March 2017, through ses-



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sions with their assigned mentors.
* The four prototypes and eight panels will be exhibited at a Lexus exhibition space during Milan Design Week 2017.
* Each of the twelve finalists will be asked to give a presentation at Milan Design Week 2017, after which a single Grand Prix winner will be named from among the four prototypes through final review by the judges.
* Only one person per entry will be invited, regardless of whether the winning works are submitted by an individual or a group.



INVESTORS WARM TO FISCAL MOVES BY CBS

KFIC REPORT FOR GLOBAL AND GCC MARKETS FOR SEPTEMBER

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance and Investment Company (KFIC) clarified in its financial report for September; Global equity markets ended in positive territory during the quarter as the MSCI world index rose by +4.4 percent.

Investors reacted positively towards the prospects that global central banks would keep borrowing costs at historically low levels, with the Federal Reserve indicating that there is no urgency to raise interest rates until December 2016 at the very least. US equities, led by the S&P 500 index, gained +3.3 percent during the quarter and the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose +2.1 percent.

US economic growth was weak in the first half of the year, but there is more evidence during the recent quarter that the economy is expanding as per the latest GDP and consumer confidence figures. In Europe, markets rose significantly led by Germany's DAX index by +8.6 percent, followed by UK's FTSE 100 by +6.1 percent and France's CAC 40 gained +4.9 percent. The ECB has continued to add more stimulus and quantitative easing (QE) measures as the economic recovery process steepens. There are further indications that Brexit is affecting profitability of UK producers, as the Bank of England has responded by lowering interest rates and restarting QE.

MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) index increased +8.3 percent led by Brazil's Ibovespa which gained +13.3 percent after Brazil's stocks and currency surged amid optimism that president Michel Temer can trim a budget deficit and restore confidence in a struggling economy. China's Shanghai market increased by +2.6 percent QTD as the National Bureau of Statistics reported that industrial firms profits soared +19.5 percent compared the year-earlier data, while the Chinese PMI remained at 50.4, which maintains its expansionary status. Japan's Nikkei rose +5.6 percent as the Financial sector reacted positively towards the Bank of Japan decision to introduce new policies regarding an inflation target of +2 percent or above and targeting a zero 10-year JGB (Japanese Government Bond) yield. Oil prices ended the quarter in negative territory as WTI fell by -3.8 percent to close at \$48.2/bbl and Brent dropped -1.7 percent to close at \$50.2/bbl.

OPEC ramped up output levels with excess supply coming from Nigeria and Iraq, after both countries had previously faced disruptions, and Saudi Arabia has kept production levels close to record highs. However, there is more optimism for oil prices following OPEC's preliminary agreement to cut production as the final details will be disclosed in an official formal meeting in November.

Saudi budget deficit

Saudi Arabia's budget deficit is expected to narrow to approximately 10 percent of GDP in 2017 amid fiscal adjustments underway, according to the IMF. In another recent decision taken

this month, Saudi Arabia canceled bonus payments for state employees and cut ministers' salaries by -20 percent. In Kuwait, there have been calls to review the public sector wage bill, as stated by Khalifa Hamada, undersecretary to the finance minister and to implement a fiscal reform policy which can help Kuwait's economy adjust to low oil prices.

In UAE, solid non-oil private sector growth was witnessed in August, as per the latest Emirates NBD UAE PMI data. The health of the sector was reflected by further growth of employment and purchasing activity, with the latter picking up to a nine-month high. Qatar's economy has been able to weather low oil prices due to strong macroeconomic fundamentals including a low fiscal break-even price, significant accumulation of savings, and low levels of public debt, QNB has said in its 'Qatar Economic Insight' report. Oman's economy is showing signs of slowing as consumer confidence has weakened, government projects have been cut, and market conditions remaining bearish, according to an Gulf News. Bahrain has launched major reforms to diversify its economy with large budget deficits expected in 2016 and pressure from rating agencies that have deemed Bahrain in junk category.

GCC equities ended negative during the quarter as the MSCI GCC IMI index fell by -5.9 percent. Qatar's QE index was the top performing regional index, followed by Dubai's DFM index and Bahrain's BB All Share Index. Saudi Arabia's Tadawul Index fell -13.5 percent with negative contribution across sectors. Lagging sectors included Hotels -25.9 percent, Telecom -19.5 percent, Transport -19.8 percent, and Banking -12.0 percent.

Qatar's All Share Index was the top regional performing market as it increased by +5.6 percent on a quarterly basis, with positive attribution witnessed in Insurance +13.6 percent, Banks +7.8 percent and Telecom +7.5 percent. In UAE, positive earnings surprise and stronger investment sentiment contributed to a modest quarterly gain of +4.9 percent. Dubai's DFM index advanced +4.9 percent with positive contribution reported across most sectors. The top performing sectors included: Real Estate +7.3 percent, Transport +7.2 percent, and the worst performing sector was the Services industry which dropped -15.1 percent. Abu Dhabi's ADSM index fell -0.5 percent with negative performance coming from Consumer Staples -15.1 percent, and Industrial -6.7 percent. Positive performance in ADSM index was seen in Telecom +5.5 percent, and Real Estate +0.2 percent. Bahrain's BB All Share Index rose +2.8 percent with positive attribution from Banks +2.7 percent and Industries +6.2 percent. Kuwait's weighted index jumped +1.0 percent which is directly linked to good performance in Financial Services +6.7 percent, Real Estate +0.7 percent, and Banks +0.6 percent. Oman's MSM 30 fell -0.9 percent as Services fell by -3.9 percent.

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KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) was recognized as the Best Foreign Exchange Provider in Kuwait and the Middle East in 2016 in an exclusive survey compiled by the world renowned financial magazine Global Finance. The rankings, compiled by the international finance magazine, Global Finance, are based on input from industry analysts, corporate executives and technology experts. Criteria for choosing the winners included transaction volume, market share, scope of global coverage, customer service, competitive pricing and innovative technologies.

NBK is the only Arab bank enlisted among the World's Best Foreign Exchange Providers along with major international financial institutions such as Citi, Deutsche Bank, Merrill Lynch, Societe Generale, Nordea, DBS, ANZ and Standard Bank.

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CHINA UNVEILS PLAN TO CUT CORPORATE DEBT

BEIJING: Chinese authorities unveiled plans yesterday to let companies use debt-for-equity swaps to cut soaring debt levels that economists warn might hamper the country's already slowing growth.

Companies that show "good prospects" will be allowed to negotiate swaps with lenders in a market-based system, the chairman of the Cabinet planning agency, the National Development and Reform Commission, said at a news conference. The official, Lian Weiliang, warned that participants who lose money will not be bailed out.

China's total debt is unusually high for a developing country, at the equivalent of about 250 percent of annual economic output. It has risen sharply since the 2008 global crisis as Beijing used infusions of credit to prop up economic growth. That has prompted warnings that economic growth might suffer if high interest payments mean companies have no money to invest and has raised concern about the impact of potential defaults on the state-owned banking system.

Chinese planners are in the midst of a marathon effort to make the state-dominated economy and financial system more efficient and productive by giving market forces a bigger role. Beijing has promised repeatedly to clear away debt, shut down "zombie companies" that are kept afloat by loans and keep the growth rate of debt at manageable levels.

Regulators have begun trying to enforce financial discipline by allowing a handful of insolvent companies to default on bonds, but reform advocates complain they are moving too slowly. Only "high-quality enterprises" with "temporary difficulties" and those in growth-oriented emerging industries will be allowed to negotiate debt swaps, said Lian. He said "zombie companies" and enterprises deemed to have no likelihood of survival would be barred.

"Market-oriented debt conversion is by no means a free lunch," said Lian. "The relevant market players will make their own decisions, take their own risks and enjoy the benefits. The government takes no responsibility for bailing out losses." —AP



BEIJING: Vehicles drive past high rise buildings in the Central Business District of Beijing. Chinese authorities unveiled plans yesterday to let companies use debt-for-equity swaps to cut soaring debt levels that economists warn might hamper the country's already slowing growth. — AP

AS CHINA'S ECONOMY SLOWS, MIGRANT WORKERS HEAD HOME

BEIJING: Every summer in Bianqiang village in northwestern China, locals gather for three nights of Chinese opera. There are children's rides, popcorn and spit-roasted chickens. Grandparents watch over their grandchildren. This summer's event was different though because more young parents were present. In previous years they had left their children in the care of grandparents while they found work in nearby cities and towns. But as China's economy slows, jobs for migrant workers are drying up and they are heading back home.

China's official unemployment rate has been around 4 percent for years, despite the rapid slowdown in the economy from double-digit growth to quarter-century lows last year of less than 7 percent. But the real level of unemployment or underemployment is masked by the fact that the official data does not include China's 277 million migrant workers, such as Zhang Sihui and his wife from Bianqiang in Yulin, a region rich in

coal, oil and natural gas in northwestern Shaanxi province. At the height of China's real estate boom in Yulin a few years ago, they made 10,000 yuan a month, running a canteen for construction workers. That was double the average migrant wage, but the boom is now over. "It became too difficult to turn a profit last year, so I closed the canteen and went to find work as a cook," said Zhang, who left Bianqiang village 14 years ago. "But it was difficult finding work, no one was hiring, and when I did find a job, I was let go after a few months. Business wasn't good so the boss is now running the restaurant himself."

Zhang and his wife have now returned to their home village and are back on the family farm with their children and parents, raising 200 head of cattle. "It's a big problem because migrant workers can't find jobs in the city, but if they stay in their hometowns, their income is very low," a government official at Yulin's bureau of commerce said. — Reuters

ALL-NEW FORD EDGE CUV DELIVERS PREMIUM COMFORT

MIDEAST CUSTOMERS GET CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGIES, ADVANCED DRIVING DYNAMICS

KUWAIT: The all-new Ford Edge upscale crossover utility vehicle delivers premium levels of comfort, sophisticated driver assistance features and class-leading driving dynamics as it joins Ford's SUV lineup across dealerships in the Middle East.

Ford's refined and boldly styled new flagship CUV offers technologies including:

- * Active Noise Control, which works like noise-cancelling headphones to counteract unwanted noises in the cabin
- * Pre-Collision Assist with Pedestrian Detection, which can apply the brakes to avoid collisions with other vehicles or even pedestrians
- * Ford Adaptive Steering, which automatically adjusts the steering ratio according to speed to optimise manoeuvrability and precision

The all-new Ford Edge sets new standards in its class for interior space; features high quality materials throughout the finely crafted interior; and offers comfort and convenience features including heated and cooled front seats and a panoramic roof.

Ford has developed the Edge to take the stress out of driving in the cities with sophisticated parking technologies that can locate and steer into or out of spaces hands-free; Front Wide-View Camera technology that can see around corners even when drivers cannot - reducing stress and potentially helping avert collisions; and standard Intelligent All Wheel Drive technology for optimised traction in slippery conditions.

"The spacious and high-tech Ford Edge responds to our customers' demands for a more premium Ford CUV," said Kalyana Sivagnanam, Vice President, Marketing, Sales and Service, Ford Middle East and Africa. "Offering cutting-edge style with commanding presence and high specifications including EcoBoost engine technology and the first-ever application of Ford's adaptive steering, Edge makes advanced technologies and premium quality more accessible to our growing number of CUV customers."

Ford sold more than 1.5 million SUVs globally last year and plans to introduce four all-new SUVs in the next five years. Currently in the Middle East and Africa, SUVs account for 16% of the industry share and forecast suggest a rise to 31% by 2025.

Material-led design

Harmonious, high-quality materials and cutting-edge design mean the Ford Edge interior conveys a premium impression from the moment the doors are opened. Functional components such as door handles, steering wheel

controls, air-vents and cup holders are framed with a satin metal-finish, with a stylish piano black finish for the centre console. Soft, tactile materials are used for components occupants routinely handle. High quality leather covers the arm rests, steering wheel, and gear knob.

The instrument panel and centre console feature a one-piece design that flows seamlessly from beneath the windshield, through a floating centre stack with enough stowage space behind it for a foldaway umbrella, and into the front seat divide. The instrument panel design and materials merge into the front doors to create a streamlined, wrap-around effect. Customers can adjust between seven ambient LED



lighting colours for the front and rear foot wells and storage areas.

Seats and interior detailing have a distinct look in each of the three different specification levels, Trend, Titanium and Sport.

Sport model seats can be specified in a combination of leather and Miko(r)-Dinamica, an ecological suede made from recycled polyester that accentuates the side bolsters to give a slim, sporty look. The same design and materials are used front and rear to deliver consistent quality for all occupants. The Edge logo is illuminated in the front scuff plates on Titanium and Sport.

Comfort and convenience

Luxurious seating options include cooled front seats that offer relief to occupants on hot days by directing cold air from the climate system through perforations in the seat leather.

To help prevent occupants from



being dazzled, the Edge features sliding sun visors that, when turned sideways to block light from the door windows, can be extended to offer greater coverage.

Customers who welcome the sunshine into their cars will enjoy Edge's expansive panoramic glass roof, with two large glass panels that add to the spacious, open and airy feel of the interior. The front panel slides rearward to create an opening three-times the size of a conventional sunroof. Quiet and water-tight even when opened to the vent position, the roof's design prevents water leaking into the vehicle even if ajar during heavy downpours. A power-operated sunshade can be used to conceal the panoramic glass roof when not required, or to keep the interior cool when parked in strong sunlight.

Every inch of the Edge interior has been utilized to make the most of the available space. Rear seat passenger comfort is enhanced with class-leading

second-row head room of 1023 mm and shoulder room of 1536 mm. Front row passenger space is also among the best in class.

An electronic parking brake button in place of a conventional parking brake lever helps maximize space in the centre console, which houses adjustable cup holders and a deep storage box with enough space for books, toys and tablets. An even larger swing-bin glovebox sits under the dashboard, and further stowage is available in the instrument panel top.

Luggage capacity of 1,847 litres with the rear seats folded is among the largest in the segment, and additional stowage areas are located around the wheel arches. Even the space around the spare wheel has been utilised; a removable, lightweight polystyrene storage tray slots neatly in place to make use of space that would otherwise be wasted.

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second-row head room of 1023 mm and shoulder room of 1536 mm. Front row passenger space is also among the best in class.

An electronic parking brake button in place of a conventional parking brake lever helps maximize space in the centre console, which houses adjustable cup holders and a deep storage box with enough space for books, toys and tablets. An even larger swing-bin glovebox sits under the dashboard, and further stowage is available in the instrument panel top.

Luggage capacity of 1,847 litres with the rear seats folded is among the largest in the segment, and additional stowage areas are located around the wheel arches. Even the space around the spare wheel has been utilised; a removable, lightweight polystyrene storage tray slots neatly in place to make use of space that would otherwise be wasted.

Every inch of the Edge interior has been utilized to make the most of the available space. Rear seat passenger comfort is enhanced with class-leading

ZAIN GROUP LEGAL TEAM IN LEGAL 500 GENERAL COUNSEL POWERLIST

KUWAIT: Zain Group, the leading mobile telecom innovator across the Middle East and Africa announces that its in-house legal team has been included in The Legal 500's GC Powerlist: Middle East Teams, joining some of the best General Counsels (GC) and in-house legal teams in the world who have already been recognized for their expertise and successes to date.

The recognition was bestowed on Zain Group and other leading Middle East in-house legal teams at a gala reception held at the Dubai International Financial Center, UAE, on Wednesday 5th October. Zain Group's Head of Legal, Adlai Shalabi, was joined by other distinguished regional GCs from blue chip organizations including Al Jazeera Media Network, Barclays, Citigroup, GE, Honeywell, Nestle Nutrition, OSN, PepsiCo, Google, Samsung C&T, Siemens amongst others. These legal teams from across the region networked with their peers, exchanging ideas and best practice initiatives, while discussing the future role of GCs in the Middle East at the event.

Scott Gegenheimer, CEO of Zain Group said, "The successful track record of achievements and current work that our in-house legal counsel does is of central importance to the successful operation of our business, and I am very proud of them being recognized as being among the best in the industry by an agency as well respected as the Legal500. In a complex environment that includes technical, regulatory, and commercial oversight and more, it is essential to have an internal legal team that is capable, insightful, practical, and innovative, and we are fortunate to have exactly this type of resource to call upon within Zain." Recognizing in-house innovation, quality and excellence for 29 years, The Legal 500 has been analyzing the capabilities of law firms across the world. In a

new series, The Legal 500 has expanded its area of consideration to the in-house function, recognizing those corporate counsels that are driving the legal practice forward.

In order to be selected for inclusion in the in-house legal team Powerlist for the Middle East, The Legal 500 runs a process of nominations, interviews with industry GCs and external lawyers, and background research. Using decades of experience, Legal 500 is able to select the most influential in-house legal teams by choosing those that have had a demonstrable impact on their company, either through market-leading legal work, innovative approaches to supporting the business or mastery of business transformation issues.

Over the past decade, the Zain Group legal team has played a key role in the company's expansion across the Middle East and Africa. This has extended to rendering support to the Zain KSA, Zain Bahrain and Zain Iraq IPOs and listings on their respective stock markets, and providing assistance to the various departments of Zain Group and its affiliates regarding legal and compliance matters.

In its 2016 'GC Powerlist - Middle East Teams' publication, the Legal 500 noted, "Given [Zain's] expansive business strategy, Zain's legal department is especially important both for due diligence on these deals and for their input into strategic decision making. Adlai Shalabi, group head of legal since 2015, leads the function and provides input based on his vast experience of the legal profession. These run the full gamut from corporate structuring and strategy to human resources, though perhaps the most significant impact has been through advising the company on its major transactions. During Shalabi's tenure, the legal team has had a major role in transactions valued at over \$10bn."



KUWAIT: Officials during the signing of the memorandum of understanding.

KAMCO SIGNS MOU WITH THE BUSINESS YEAR

KUWAIT: KAMCO Investment Company, a leading investment company with one of the largest AUMs in the region, has penned an MoU with The Business Year (TBY), an international publishing firm of annual economic reviews on over 25 emerging markets, to collaborate on The Business Year: Kuwait 2017. The MoU was signed in Kuwait City by Faisal Sarkhou, CEO of KAMCO, and TBY's Country Manager for Kuwait, Cristina Villegas.

In the agreement, KAMCO's Investment Research Division will support TBY in identifying the economic trends in key sectors in order to compile the most comprehensive English-language publication on the Kuwaiti economy. The Business Year: Kuwait 2017 will not only feature a special chapter on the country's large-scale infrastructure projects under the five-year development plan (2015-2020), but will also focus on real estate developers in Kuwait's burgeoning retail segment. KAMCO will hence assist TBY in this endeavor

through a collaboration in market research, analysis of industry trends, and opportunities for the international investment community.

Commenting on the signing of the MoU, Faisal Sarkhou, CEO of KAMCO, said: "KAMCO's solid track record and years of market experience have played a key role in strengthening our thought leadership position in the investment arena. Our collaborative efforts with the TBY team will assist us in further demonstrating our extensive research and market analysis on the local economy. Our research team will contribute and highlight key aspects of the economy, specifically focusing on the banking sector and the overall capital market. We look forward to working more closely with TBY in the future with informative projects that not only benefit the private sector, but the Kuwaiti economy as a whole."

At the same time, Paul Loomis, TBY's Regional Director for GCC & Asia, highlighted KAMCO's pioneering investment research: "KAMCO is not only

one of the most established investment firms in the country, but its research division has from time to time highlighted key trends in the Kuwaiti and the regional economies. It aligns with TBY's mission to provide a well-rounded insight into the country's investment climate through objective analysis. We are proud to partner up with KAMCO and to present the fruits of our collaboration in our upcoming second edition on the Kuwaiti economy."

The Business Year will conduct interviews with more than 150 business and political leaders to discuss major developments in all the key segments of the Kuwaiti economy, including infrastructure and construction, retail and real estate, finance, energy, ICT, agriculture, transport, industry, health and education, and tourism. While the publication is primarily comprised of interviews, The Business Year: Kuwait 2017 will additionally feature focus articles, highlighting specific developments, major projects, and challenges in each sector.

RENAULT-NISSAN ALLIANCE HITS MILESTONE OF 350,000 ELECTRIC VEHICLES SOLD

DUBAI: The Renault-Nissan Alliance, the world's leader in zero-emissions mobility, has sold its 350,000th electric vehicle since December 2010, when the Nissan LEAF went on sale.

The Alliance achieved the historic milestone in August, while also setting an industry record of 100,000 EVs sold in a single year. The Alliance today accounts for half of the EVs sold worldwide. The Nissan LEAF remains the industry's best-selling EV ever, with more than 230,000 units sold globally. Renault is the best-performing EV brand in Europe.

"This historic milestone confirms our customers' recognition of the benefits of Renault and Nissan electric vehicles," Alliance Chairman and CEO Carlos Ghosn said. "Our commitment to contribute toward a zero-emissions world by bringing to the market a full range of affordable EVs makes Renault-Nissan the indisputable leader in EV technology."

Historic milestones for Nissan and Renault

The Renault-Nissan Alliance is the only global car group with a wide range of zero-emission vehicles for personal and business use. In addition to the LEAF, Nissan also sells the e-NV200, a light commercial vehicle sold mainly in Europe and Japan since 2014. Along with the ZOE,

in Europe: One of four electric vehicles on European roads are Renault.



Renault also sells the Renault Kangoo Z.E van, the SM3 Z.E. sedan and the Twizy, a two-seat, urban commuter vehicle.

To date, Nissan has sold more than 250,000 EVs in 48 markets globally. The Nissan LEAF has driven more than 2.7 billion kilometers (1.7 billion miles), helping prevent an estimated 455,249,190 tons of CO2 from entering the atmosphere. The United States, Japan and Europe accounted for 90 percent of LEAF sales, with the US leading the way with about 97,000 sales, followed by Japan (68,000) and Europe (61,000). Renault reached the 100,000 EV milestone worldwide since its first model, the Kangoo Z.E., went on sale in October 2011. The milestone was marked with a ceremony in Norway, where a customer took delivery of a Renault ZOE. ZOE is the best-selling EV in Europe, and, with sales increasing 32 percent during this first six months of this year, Renault is the best-performing EV brand

Driving range increase and technology innovations

The Alliance keeps improving the range and features of its EV fleet, pushing the boundaries of what is possible with zero-emissions technology to meet customer expectations and needs. Nissan launched the updated Nissan LEAF with 250 kilometers of range in the United States and Japan in late 2015, and in Europe earlier this year.

Renault last year improved the ZOE's range by 30 kilometers with 10 percent faster charging times. Renault's engineers improved the motor's efficiency by optimizing its electronic management system.

The Alliance continues to innovate by combining its EV expertise with the research and development of other advanced technologies. In January, the Alliance announced plans to launch more than 10 vehicles with autonomous drive technology by 2020. The technology will be installed on mainstream, mass-market cars at affordable prices, confirming the Alliance's commitment to achieve its twin goals of zero-emissions and zero-fatalities.



SAMSUNG HALTS NOTE 7 PRODUCTION AFTER NEW SCARE

SAMSUNG RECALLED 2.5 MILLION NOTE 7S DUE TO FAULTY BATTERY

SEOUL: Samsung Electronics Co Ltd has suspended production of its flagship Galaxy Note 7 smartphones, a source said yesterday, after reports of fires in replacement devices added to the tech giant's worst ever recall crisis. Top US and Australian carriers also suspended sales or exchanges of Note 7s, while major airlines reiterated bans on passengers using the phones, after smoke from a replacement device forced the evacuation of a passenger plane in the United States last week.

Fires in phones that were meant to replace devices that had been recalled because of their propensity to explode would be a disaster for the world's largest smartphone maker, suggesting it had failed to fix a problem that has already hurt its brand and threatens to derail a recovery in its mobile business.

"If the Note 7 is allowed to continue it could lead to the single greatest act of brand self-destruction in the history of modern technology," said Eric Schiffer, brand strategy expert and chairman of Reputation Management Consultants. "Samsung needs to take a giant write-down and cast the Note 7 to the engineering hall of shame next to the Ford Pinto."

In a regulatory filing, Samsung said it was "adjusting" shipments of Note 7s to allow for inspections and stronger quality control due to some devices catching fire. It did not comment on the production halt or the cause of the fires, while the source - who declined to be identified because they were not authorized to speak to the media - did not explain whether specific problems had been identified or when production was halted.

A Samsung official told Reuters earlier yesterday it was investigating reports of

"heat damage issues" and would take immediate action to fix any problems in line with measures approved by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission.

On Sept 2, Samsung announced a global recall of 2.5 million Note 7s due to faulty batteries which caused some of the phones to catch fire. It ordered new batteries from another supplier and started shipping replacements to customers just two weeks later. But similar problems arose with a replacement Note 7 on Oct. 5, which began smoking inside a Southwest Airline flight in the United States.

Samsung shares, which have rebounded after an initial sell-off on the recall, closed down 1.5 percent, compared with a 0.2 percent rise for the broader market.

"I think the cleanest thing to do is to give up on the Note 7," said HDC Asset Management fund manager Park Jung-hoon, whose fund owns Samsung shares. "What's scary is that this is causing people to repeatedly doubt Samsung's fundamental capabilities, so it's important for Samsung to get past this issue quickly."

Samsung's recall crisis has coincided with pressure from one of the world's most aggressive hedge funds, Elliott Management, to split the company and pay out \$27 billion in a special dividend.

AIRPLANE BAN

Major airlines, air regulators and airport authorities reiterated bans on passengers using the phones, saying Note 7s should not be powered up or charged on board. A South Korean government agency said it was monitoring reports of the fires and warned that the recalled Note 7 devices should not be used or

charged inside airplanes.

Mobile carriers also took action. Verizon Communications Inc, the No 1 US wireless carrier, said yesterday it would suspend the exchange of replacement Note 7s, and would allow customers to exchange the replacement for another smartphone.

AT&T Inc, the No 2 US wireless carrier, said earlier that it would stop issuing

replacement Note 7s and would let customers with a recalled Note 7 exchange that device for another Samsung smartphone or other smartphone of their choice. No 3 wireless carrier T-Mobile US Inc also said it was temporarily halting sales of new Note 7s as well as exchanges while Samsung investigated "multiple reports of issues" with its flagship device. T-Mobile offered customers

who brought in their Note 7s a \$25 credit on their phone bill. Australia's largest carrier, Telstra Corp, said Samsung had paused supply of new Note 7s, while fellow Australian carriers Optus and Vodafone said they had stopped issuing new Note 7s. South Korea's two largest mobile carriers, SK Telecom and KT Corp, said they were monitoring the situation. —Reuters



SEOUL: A file photo taken on September 2, 2016 shows visitors testing Samsung Galaxy Note7 smartphones at a Samsung showroom in Seoul. —AFP



MANILA: Chairman of e-commerce giant Alibaba, Jack Ma speaking during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEO summit in Manila. —AFP

CHINA'S ALIBABA BUYS STAKE IN SPIELBERG FIRM

BEIJING: Chinese internet billionaire Jack Ma has bought a stake in cinema legend Steven Spielberg's company, they said, the latest tie-up between China and Hollywood as they seek to make movies for audiences in the Middle Kingdom and beyond. Alibaba Pictures, a unit of Ma's sprawling e-commerce conglomerate, has taken a minority shareholding in Spielberg's Amblin Partners, a film creation company that includes DreamWorks studios.

The deal will see the companies co-finance and co-produce movies for Chinese and international audiences, Alibaba said on its corporate website. The agreement marks "an important milestone" in the Chinese firm's strategy to reach domestic and global audiences, its chairman Shao Xiaofeng said in a statement. Alibaba Pictures will also have a seat on the board of Amblin. Financial details of the deal were not disclosed.

At a press conference in Beijing on Sunday, Spielberg—who shot his 1987 movie "Empire of the Sun" in Shanghai—said the partnership will allow him to "bring more China to America and bring more America to China", according to the Alibaba statement. Alibaba chief Jack Ma said that while the US and China "may have cultural differences", the partners will focus on human stories and serve as a bridge between the two countries.

Beijing has ambitions to increase China's "soft power" and the deal is the latest in a wave of Chinese money flowing to Hollywood, with real estate developer turned media conglomerate Wanda buying Jurassic World creator Legendary Entertainment for \$3.5 billion earlier this year.

Last month Wanda—which snapped up US movie theatre chain AMC in 2012 for \$2.6 billion—announced it would invest in movies produced by Sony Pictures, its first deal with one of Hollywood's so-called "Big Six" studios. Wanda's Hollywood ambitions have raised eyebrows in the US, where 16 lawmakers last month wrote to the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) suggesting that company chairman Wang Jianlin—who has close ties to the Chinese government—may be seeking to "censor topics and exert propaganda controls on American media".

The letter called for the GAO to review Chinese purchases of media and other companies that may "pose a strategic threat" to US interests, and urged it to con-

sider broadening the official definition of national security to address concerns about "propaganda and control of the media" by foreign firms.

Earlier this year Alibaba completed the purchase of Hong Kong's South China Morning Post newspaper, an acquisition which has raised concerns in the semi-autonomous former colony about increased mainland influence in its media.

Hot money

Asked about the US concerns in an interview posted on the company website, Alibaba Pictures president Zhang Wei said that studios depend on revenue from international audiences and thus make movies that focus on universal themes and values.

"You don't see us coming to buy up Hollywood," she said. She added the tie-up was "not just a financial investment" and that her company chose Amblin over other Hollywood partners because their early conversations did not focus only on funding.

"There's a lot of hot money from China floating around Hollywood right now, and we've had quite a few people approaching us wanting a partnership," she said. "Oftentimes people see us as a source of capital and as a way into China." The deal will give Spielberg's company access to Alibaba's online ecosystem and films will be distributed through streaming platforms such as the group's YouTube-like Youku Tudou.

Foreign film companies are heavily restricted from entering China's booming market, with an opaque review process and government caps limiting the number of non-Chinese movies that can be shown.

Censors enforce a broad and shifting set of prohibitions that cover sex and violence as well as political or historical content the ruling Communist Party deems unacceptable. To get around restrictions, Hollywood studios looking to capitalise on China's burgeoning market have sought partnerships with local companies.

The potential rewards are substantial, as China's movie market has exploded and PricewaterhouseCoopers projects its box office will rise from \$4.3 billion in 2014 to \$8.9 billion in 2019, outstripping the US. But box office fraud is a widespread problem and films have been exposed pumping up ticket sales to generate marketing buzz. —AFP

GIGAMON TO PUT SPOTLIGHT ON ITS INNOVATIVE VISIBILITY FABRIC

GITEX TECHNOLOGY WEEK 2016

DUBAI: Gigamon, the leader in traffic visibility solutions, announced its participation at GITEX Technology Week 2016, being held at Dubai World Trade Centre from October 16 - 20, 2016. The company will put the spotlight on Gigamon's innovative Visibility Fabric and the industry's first security delivery platform - GigaSECURE at the largest ICT event in the Middle East. Senior global executives and experts will meet with customers and partners and hold demonstrations on the features and benefits of its security solutions.

"Today, organizations around the world are fighting a growing enemy - and losing. Cybercriminals have breached almost every major corporation and government department and it's time to turn the tables on cybercrime. With data dispersed across the infrastructure, IT organizations struggle to manage, analyze, and secure their networks. A Visibility Fabric can provide pervasive visibility across the network. Gigamon understands the importance of critical data and we have solutions available today—from standalone visibility-in-a-box to distributed offerings extending visibility to remote locations. We are looking forward to highlighting the importance of visibility in the security strategy of regional Enterprises and showcase GigaSECURE, an innovation that makes the world's most effective security tools even stronger," said Trevor Dearing, EMEA Marketing Director at Gigamon.

Gigamon will place the spotlight on GigaSECURE, the industry's first Security Delivery Platform that provides pervasive visibility of net-

work traffic, users, applications and suspicious activity, and delivers it to multiple security devices simultaneously without impacting net-



Trevor Dearing, EMEA marketing director, Gigamon.

work availability. The direct result is that third party security appliances are more effective at protection and remediation, and the cost and complexity of security infrastructure is reduced.

"GITEX 2016 will be a great opportunity for us to meet with key decision makers and to educate the market on the importance of visibility and security solutions to organizations in the Middle East. We will have technology experts at the stand to hold product demonstrations and share our global successes with visitors attending the event," Mr. Dearing added.

Gigamon is exhibiting along with its distributor, Redington in Hall 3 Stand C3 - 1. Senior executives from the company will be available to meet customers and partners.

Gigamon provides an intelligent Visibility Fabric(tm) architecture for enterprises, data centers and service providers around the globe. Gigamon's technology empowers infrastructure architects, managers and operators with pervasive and dynamic intelligent visibility of traffic across both physical and virtual environments without affecting the performance or stability of the production network. Through patented technologies and centralized management, the Gigamon GigaVUE portfolio of high availability and high-density products intelligently delivers the appropriate network traffic to management, analysis, compliance and security tools. Gigamon has been designing and building traffic visibility products since 2004 and its solutions are deployed globally across vertical markets including over half of the Fortune 100 and many government and federal agencies.

WHAT IS HARD ABOUT STREAMING TV ONLINE

NEW YORK: As more people watch TV over the internet, the entertainment industry has "to get on board with it," said Roger Lynch, the CEO of Sling TV. Sling, which is owned by satellite TV company Dish Network, was one of the first services to offer packages of popular cable channels over the internet, threatening cable's dominance. Prices start at \$20 a month for a core group of channels including ESPN and AMC; packages with other channels cost extra. By comparison, the average cable bill is \$100, according to research from Leichtman Research Group.

Even as fewer households pay for traditional TV services, new internet-TV options could help major TV networks add back some lost subscribers. DirecTV is expected to launch a service this year and Hulu has one coming in 2017.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Lynch talks about how streaming TV is going mainstream and why he couldn't do "a la carte" TV - paying only for the channels you actually watch. Questions and responses have been edited for clarity and length.

Q: How has the market changed since Sling launched in February 2015?

A: There are about 21 million homes without pay TV. Of those, 16 million are cord-nevers (people who have never signed up) and 5 million are cord-cutters. We were focused on those markets. What we've seen since then is a dramatic shift. Consumers are leaving traditional pay TV at much higher rates. We see that shift as a large opportunity for us.

Q: Are TV channel companies like NBCUniversal, Disney and Fox looking at you differently?

A: When we first started talking to programmers, there was skepticism. There was concern

about whether it would cause cord-cutting. What's happened since then, they've accepted it's really the future of pay TV. Consumer behavior is changing.

Q: Why can't you let viewers choose just the channels they want - an "a la carte" model - rather than creating a system of mini-bundles and add-ons?

A: That would be ideal. But that doesn't work for programmers. That undermines their business model. Truly a la carte wouldn't be enough revenue for programmers. It is a bit of a compromise.

Q: Can you do more to let people pick their own channels?

A: I don't think there's a whole lot more. We've created extremely flexible options within the bounds of what I know is achievable, given the structure of the industry. Gee, wouldn't it be nice if I can just sell individual channels? I know the economics won't work so there's no point in trying to push for that.

Q: Do you face increasing competition from channels like HBO and CBS coming out with their own services?

A: Our objective has never been to be the entire video service. We want to be a piece of that puzzle. They might take us with an antenna or Netflix. That's fine.

Q: Do consumers watch on TV or outside the house?

A: Over 40 percent of our customers watch on mobile phones. Previously we know that most of that was being watched on Wi-Fi networks.

Q: Is that changing with more phone companies promoting unlimited-data plans?

A: I expect what we'll see is an increase in mobile viewing overall. —AP



VERIZON CUTS JOBS IN STORES AS WIRELESS GROWTH SLOWS

NEW YORK: Verizon has cut jobs in stores across the country as it deals with increasing competition in the wireless industry. Verizon spokeswoman Kim Ancin said Friday that stores will have fewer employees, but she refused to specify the size of Thursday's layoff.

A union representative, Tim Dubnau, estimates that Verizon has cut hundreds or even thousands of jobs across the nation given that nine of 55 employees were laid off in six Brooklyn stores in New York. Dubnau is an organizing coordinator for the Communications Workers of America union, which represents workers in seven Verizon stores in New York and Massachusetts. Most Verizon stores are not unionized. Ancin said estimates of thousands of cuts are "an exaggeration." People who lost their jobs can apply for new positions at Verizon. Verizon has 162,000 US employees. Ancin could not immediately say how many of those were retail store workers. The layoffs result from Verizon combining the roles of two store positions - inventory stockers and customer-service specialists who answer questions about gadgets and bills. Revenue growth across the wireless industry has slowed. Most adults already have smartphones, and carriers offer discounts. In the first half of the year, Verizon's wireless revenue fell nearly 3 percent to \$44 billion; additions of the type of wireless subscribers who are more lucrative to the company fell 26 percent. —AP

DOCTORS GRAPPLE WITH BEST USE OF POTENT NEW CANCER DRUGS

RACE IS ON FOR IMMUNOTHERAPY COMBINATIONS IN LUNG CANCER

COPENHAGEN: Evelyn O'Flynn still has lung cancer. But after going straight on to a new immune system-boosting drug more than a year ago, rather than traditional hard-to-tolerate chemotherapy, she is feeling great. "It's like a miracle," said the 72-year-old ex-smoker, who is about to become a great-grandmother. As a patient being treated with Merck & Co's immunotherapy drug Keytruda, O'Flynn is one of the lucky ones. Data presented at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) congress suggest her early treatment with immunotherapy, as part of a clinical trial in Britain, will become standard for a growing number of patients.

But there is a catch: it doesn't work for all. Giving immunotherapy on its own only seems to work better than chemotherapy in previously untreated lung cancer patients who have high levels of a protein called PD-L1, which makes them more receptive to immunotherapy. From now on, oncologists in Copenhagen have been told, lung cancer patients should be routinely tested for this biomarker. However, only a quarter to a third of non-small cell lung cancer patients have tumours with at least 50 percent of cells producing PD-L1, leaving the majority unserved and around 70 percent of the market still up for grabs. The inability to treat everyone with monotherapy using one single drug is a blow for Bristol, which tried to make treatment with its Opdivo drug work across the board, only to fail comprehensively in a major clinical trial.

But it has opened up the field to rivals like Merck, Roche and AstraZeneca, which own what could be among the biggest-selling drugs of all time, and all companies are now racing to find smart ways to combine treatments. Oncologists poring over immunotherapy trial results at Europe's biggest cancer meeting have learnt one thing: finding optimal treatments for different patient groups will take more research. "I think the future of immunotherapy will be defined over the next 10 or 15 years," said lung cancer specialist Solange Peters from Lausanne University Hospital, one of the organisers of the Copenhagen meeting. Despite immunotherapy

successes and the prospect of a potential market worth up to \$40 billion in sales, veteran cancer experts urge caution. "In oncology, we see these kind of waves from cosmic pessimism to over-optimism, so we have to be cautious," ESMO President Fortunato Ciardiello said. Investors, though, were quick to position themselves as shares in Bristol fell 10 percent in early trade yesterday, while Merck hit its highest level since 2001.

Fighting back

By taking the brakes off the immune system and allowing the body's natural killer cells to home in on tumours, immunotherapy offers a different approach to toxic chemotherapy treatment, which causes collateral damage to healthy tissue. It is not without side effects but it is a kinder option, which also promises much longer-lasting efficacy. Bristol, Merck and Roche have US approval for immunotherapies, while Bristol and Merck also sell their drugs in Europe. China, however, has yet to license them. Lung cancer, the world's biggest cancer killer with an annual death toll of 1.6 million, will account for by far the largest portion of future prescriptions, although immunotherapy is used additionally in melanoma, Hodgkin lymphoma and cancers of the bladder, kidney, head and neck.

With Merck set to sweep the board in lung cancer monotherapy, doctors are looking to the next phase of the story and there is a growing consensus that combination treatments are the future for remaining patients with lower PD-L1 levels. "Clearly, the race is on," said Jean-Charles Soria, a professor of medicine at France's Institut Gustave Roussy, of the looming battle for dominance in the combination market.

In theory, researchers believe, it should be possible to get more people to respond by adding other drugs to the mix in order to coax the immune system to fight back against cancer cells. Most attention so far has been on combining two immunotherapies, although this raises questions over cost, with each medicine typically priced at \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year. The strategy creates an opportunity for AstraZeneca,

which has lagged rivals so far but hopes to jump ahead with a drug cocktail that should report clinical results early next year. Bristol is chasing the same idea, although its double-immunotherapy trial is not expected to have results until 2018.

But the ESMO meeting has also raised the prospect of another approach-successfully combining immunotherapy and chemotherapy. A lot of scientists have been skeptical of this idea in the past, and there are still questions over whether patients will have a long-lasting response, but positive data from a mid-stage study at ESMO suggests the concept has real promise. Roche and Merck are both enthusiastic. Steering a path through all these permutations is going to be a challenge and ESMO's Ciardiello says the cancer community must await more clinical trial results over the next few years. "I think we live in great times for rendering cancer a curable disease but it will take time because the more we learn, the more we understand that it is hugely complex," he told Reuters.

\$30-40 billion sales

While nobody yet knows what the "gold standard" treatment regimen is going to be, it is already clear this new generation of drugs is going to be big. "Every time we come back to the immunotherapy market we are amazed at just how large the opportunity is," said Leerink analyst Seamus Fernandez, who sees combined annual sales of \$30 billion to \$40 billion for drugs like Keytruda and Opdivo, as well as rivals from Roche, AstraZeneca and Pfizer. How the market will ultimately divide between companies is still unclear but Merck certainly emerges from the past weekend in Copenhagen as the main winner. That underscores a shift in expectations that has been evident since August, when Bristol first revealed its monotherapy trial had failed. British patient O'Flynn, whose tumours shrank dramatically, is just glad she has a chance to try something new. "My brother had cancer and he had chemotherapy, which was very grueling. But I haven't experienced any real side effects, apart from a bit of tiredness."—Reuters



HAITI: Victims of cholera receive treatment at the state hospital after Hurricane Matthew, in Jeremie, Haiti on Sunday. —AP

'LIKE A NUCLEAR BOMB,' CHOLERA AND DESTRUCTION AFTER HURRICANE IN HAITI

PORT-A-PIMENT, Haiti: Patients arrived every 10 or 15 minutes, brought on motorcycles by relatives with vomit-covered shoulders and hoisted up the stairs into southwest Haiti's Port-a-Piment hospital, where they could rest their weak, cholera-sapped limbs. Less than a week since Hurricane Matthew slammed into Haiti, killing at least 1,000 people according to a tally of numbers from local officials, devastated corners of the country are facing a public health crisis as cholera gallops through rural communities lacking clean water, food and shelter.

Reuters visited the Port-a-Piment hospital early on Sunday morning, the first day southwestern Haiti's main coastal road had become semi-navigable by car. At that time, there were 39 cases of cholera, according to Missele Antoine, the hospital's medical director. By the early afternoon, there were nearly 60, and four people had died of the waterborne illness. "That number is going to rise," said Antoine, as she rushed between patients laid out on the hospital floor. Although there were 13 cases of cholera before Matthew hit, Antoine said the cases had risen drastically since the hurricane cut off the desperately poor region. The hospital lacks an ambulance, or even a car, and Antoine said many new patients were coming from miles away, carried by family members on camp beds.

Inside the hospital, grim-faced parents cradled young children whose eyes had sunk back and were unable to prop up their own heads. "I believe in the doctors, and also in God," said 37-year-old Roosevelt Dume, holding the head of his son, Roodly, as he tried to remain upbeat.

Rubble

Out on the streets, the scene was also shocking. For miles on end, almost all the houses were reduced to little more than rubble and twisted metal. Colorful clothes were littered among the chaos. The region's banana crop was destroyed with vast fields of plantain flattened into a leafy mush.

With neither government or foreign aid arriving quickly, people relied on felled coconuts for food and water. The stench of death, be it human or animal, was everywhere.

In the village of Labei, near Port-a-Piment, locals said the river had washed down cadavers from villages upstream. With nobody coming to move the corpses, residents used planks of driftwood to push them down the river and into the sea.

Down by the shore, the corpse of one man lay blistering in the sun. A few hundred meters to his left in a roadside gully, three dead goats stewed in the toxic slime. "It seems to me like a nuclear bomb went off," said Paul Edouarzin, a United Nations Environmental Program employee based near Port-a-Piment. "In terms of destruction - environmental and agricultural - I can tell you 2016 is worse than 2010," he added, referring to the devastating 2010 earthquake from which Haiti has yet to recover.

Diarrhea-stricken residents in the village of Chevalier were well aware of the nearby cholera outbreak, but had little option except to drink the brackish water from the local well that they believed was already contaminated by dead livestock.

"We have been abandoned by a government that never thinks of us," said Marie-Ange Henry, as she surveyed her smashed home. She said Chevalier had yet to receive any aid and many, like her, were coming down with fever. Cholera, she feared, was on its way.

Pierre Moise Mongerard, a pastor, was banking on divine assistance to rescue his roofless church in the village of Torbeck. In his Sunday best - a sports coat, chinos and brown leather shoes - he joined a small choir in songs that echoed out into the surrounding rice fields. "We hope that God gives us the possibility to rebuild the Church and help the victims here in this area," he said, before the music seized him, and he slowly joined in the chant, closing his eyes and turning his palms up toward the sky.—Reuters



BAGENKOP, Denmark: Photo shows Mads Hansen and his father Ulrik Koelle Hansen work with the trawl on their fishing boat in the western part of the Baltic Sea.



BAGENKOP, Denmark: Photo shows Ulrik Koelle Hansen looks out from the fishing boat in the western part of the Baltic Sea.

DANISH FISHERMEN FEAR FURTHER SLASHING OF EU'S COD QUOTAS

BAGENKOP, Denmark: A stiff wind buffets Ulrik Koelle Hansen's trawler as he heads out of this tiny fishing village in search of an early morning catch, but it's nothing to the battering he predicts if the European Union slashes the fishing quota for cod in the western Baltic, as it is expected to do this week. According to scientists and environmentalists, the region's cod stock is on the verge of collapse. While scientists are pushing for the quota to be cut by about 90 percent, conservation groups want to shut it down temporarily.

"If we do not do something in time to allow the cod to recover, it may mean that we lose the (cod) fishery altogether in the near future," said Inger Melander, a spokeswoman for the Swedish branch of the World Wildlife Fund. But as Koelle Hansen sees it, cutting the quota would mean the end for the few fishermen still working out of Bagenkop, a sleepy fishing village of less than 500 people on the southern tip of the Langeland island. "It's a total disaster if they cut the quota. That means that the five boats that are left, will disappear for good," said Koelle Hansen, a 46-year-old Dane who started fishing at age 14. "I bought this tiny trawler a few years ago because we were told that we would only be allowed to fish with them. Now we may have to sell it and relocate," he said. "These trawlers cannot damage the stock. This isn't an industrial vessel that shovels up everything." For decades, Danish, Swedish, Polish and German fishermen have worked the sea south of Denmark and north of Germany. Roughly one-third of Denmark's total cod catches come from the western Baltic. Last year, cod brought to land totaled 22,818 tons - out of which 6,807 tons came from the region.

In 2014, 1,112 tons of western cod was landed in Bagenkop, once a bustling fishing harbor with some 70 trawlers and a dozen smaller vessels. But successive quota reductions have sent Bagenkop downhill. Once a couple of hundred people were employed by the fish industry. Today there are 20-30 and fewer than 10 boats - both trawlers and other fishing vessels - left, said Steffen Rasmussen, chairman of a local fishery history society.

"I am damn nervous," said Koelle Hansen, who fishes for a few hours several times a week from his trawler Cecilie, a 13.5-meter (44.6-foot) wooden ship. "It would mean I'd have to sell this vessel and go catching (Norwegian) lobster

in the North Sea instead" - aboard a larger industrial vessel.

Less drastic reduction

The EU has agreed to revamp its fishing policies to protect dozens of species from commercial extinction, and by 2020 all fish must be sustainably caught. Member states, however, have refused to accept scientific advice and have sought the best deal possible for the industry, not for the survival of the fish. EU ministers must make a decision at their two-day meeting in Luxembourg which started yesterday.

Denmark's minister in charge of fisheries, Esben Lunde Larsen, vowed to "fight for a less drastic reduction." "Our sole ally here is Germany. Virtually all other countries, including Sweden, will reduce the quota for cod in the western area along what the Commission proposes," he said in a statement to The Associated Press. Germany's Agriculture Ministry refused to comment, saying that it needed to remain neutral ahead of the meeting talks.

During the 1965-1985 period, the western Baltic cod stock yielded catches between 40,000 tons and 50,000 tons per year. But landings have since steadily decreased. Now, the Copenhagen-based International Council for the Exploration of the Sea suggests reducing the Total Allowable Catch for the region's cod from 12,720 tons to 917 tons in 2017. Henriette Semmler, a spokeswoman for the ocean conservation group Oceana, said a temporary total stop "will have severe impact on the small scale fishermen. But continued overfishing means the stock will collapse."

The cod season is over for now, so Koelle Hansen and other fishermen catch flatfish. He says he has not seen a reduction of fish generally in the region. After catching nearly 500 kilograms of flatfish (1,100 pounds), he shouted: "See ... there are plenty of fish out here." "The scientific advice must be wrong," he said. "(Nature) tells me whether there are cods or not. If the wind blows in a specific direction, I know where to fish."—AP



BAGENKOP, Denmark: Photo shows fishing boats are docked in Bagenkop, Denmark.

UNCHARTED WATERS: MEGA-CRUISE SHIPS SAIL THE ARCTIC

SVALBARD, Norway: A surge in Arctic tourism is bringing ever bigger cruise ships to the formerly isolated, ice-bound region, prompting calls for a clamp-down to prevent Titanic-style accidents and the pollution of fragile eco-systems. Arctic nations should consider limiting the size of vessels and ban the use of heavy fuel oil in the region, industry players said, after a first luxury cruise ship sailed safely through Canada's Northwest Passage this summer. The route, which connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans via the Arctic, was once clogged with icebergs but is now ice-free in summer due to global warming.

With a minimum ticket price of \$19,755, the 1,700 passengers and crew on board the Crystal Serenity followed - in reverse - the route first navigated more than a century ago by Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen. They left Anchorage in Alaska on Aug. 15 and docked in New York on Sep. 16. The ship's operator, Crystal Cruises, says on its website it will repeat the voyage in 2017. It declined a request for comment when contacted by Reuters. Two shipping executives expressed concern that the one-off trip could become a trend, citing worries over safety, risks to the environment and the impact on small communities, in an area where there is no port between Anchorage and Nuuk, in Greenland.

"The Northwest Passage is thousands and thousands of nautical miles with absolutely nothing ... There is a need to discuss possible regulation," said Tero Vauraste, the CEO of Arcticia, a Finnish shipping firm specializing in icebreakers. Were a ship to be in trouble in the Northwest Passage, there would be little authorities could do given the lack of infrastructure, he said. "So we must do everything we can do to prevent this," said Vauraste, who is also vice-chair of the Arctic Economic Council, a regional forum for business cooperation between Arctic nations. Navigation in icy waters is made more difficult by poor satellite imagery. "An ice field might move at a speed of 4-5 knots, but a ship will receive a satellite picture of it that is 10-20 hours old," said Vauraste. "We need better quality imagery."

Heavy oil

Another concern is environmental.

"Potentially, an accident involving a mega-ship could represent an environmental disaster," said Daniel Skjeldam, CEO of Hurlgruten, a cruise ship operator in the Arctic and the Antarctic, whose biggest ships can accommodate 646 passengers. Cruise ships usually use heavy oil, a type of fuel that takes longer to break down in the event of a spill. The Crystal Serenity did not use heavy oil during its trip, its operator has said. "Heavy oil in cold conditions is sticky and takes much longer time to break down so it has a prolonged effect on the environment," said Marco Lambertini, director-general of World Wildlife Fund International. "If something happens at the beginning of winter, no cleanup can be done. Oil can get trapped under the ice and travel for a hundred kilometers," he told Reuters. A UN polar code will come into effect in 2017 which toughens demands on ship safety and pollution. It bans heavy fuel oil in the Antarctic, for instance, but merely encourages ships not to use it in the Arctic.

"What I call for is stronger regulations coordinated between the Arctic nations," Hurlgruten's Skjeldam told Reuters. He suggested the size of ships should be limited, without specifying by which criteria, that the use of heavy oil be banned and shipping companies should aim to reduce their emissions by, for instance, using hybrid engines. Vauraste said an update of the Polar Code, addressing some of these issues, could be on the agenda for the Arctic Economic Council. The impact of the 'mega-ships' on small arctic communities is also becoming a concern. Svalbard - an archipelago midway between Europe's northernmost point and the North Pole - is experiencing a tourism boom, with the number of overnight stays by visitors rising 14 percent in July year-on-year to 18,000. "I stay home when the cruise ship tourists come. Too many people at the same time. It is really stressful," said Fredric Froberg, 37, a Swedish guide who runs excursions on snow scooters and boats from Longyearbyen, Svalbard's main settlement, with around 2,160 inhabitants. "This place should not become too big. Otherwise it will become overexploited, like so many other places around the world. What is fantastic here is the nature."—Reuters



MADRID: Two monk parakeets (Myiopsitta monachus) also known as the quaker parrot resting on a tree branch in Atena park Madrid.



MADRID: This file photo shows a monk parakeet (Myiopsitta monachus) also known as the quaker parrot flying in Atena park, Madrid.—AFP photos



MADRID: Monk parakeets (Myiopsitta monachus) also known as the quaker parrot flying past a pigeon in Atena park.

PETS OR PESTS? QUAKER PARROTS INVADE MADRID

MADRID: They may be cute, colorful and chatty, but South American quaker parrots have taken up residence in Madrid and other Spanish cities, irritating residents with their shrill squawks and destabilizing the ecosystem. The small, bright green and grey-breasted birds—also known as monk parakeets—first arrived in Spain in cages as entertaining pets, but some either escaped or were let loose, getting their first taste of freedom in the green, leafy Spanish capital—and then proliferating. Maria Moreno, who lives in the Los Carnenes district in southwestern Madrid, said she first noticed them several years ago.

A pair of parrots chose the area as their home, and enjoyed it so much that there are now a dozen parakeets who fight among themselves and compete for food with pigeons, sparrows and magpies. “The noise and mess

they make is awful,” she says, adding “and they urinate on cars,” as she watches the parrots fly to and from trees along her road.

‘Very adaptable’

Some districts of Madrid, as well as parks such as Casa de Campo or the Retiro, are full of the birds which originate from Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Bolivia. They build communal nests that weigh up to 50 kilos (110 pounds), mostly in trees—they favor cedars—but also in electric pylons. In order to do so, the parrots tear thousands of branches off trees, at times leaving them nearly bare. “It causes a significant deterioration in the health of the tree, and some dry up,” says Blas Molina, an expert at the Spanish Ornithological Society (SEO/Birdlife).

According to research by the society, there

were around 20,000 quaker parrots—called so for their bobbing and shaking — in Spain last year, many of them in Madrid, Barcelona and Malaga on the southeast coast. Other European countries such as Britain have also seen an influx of monk parakeets.

Paris, Rome and London meanwhile have large colonies of ring-necked parakeets, which come from Asia and Africa and are also deemed aggressive towards other birds. Jose Luis Postigo, a researcher at the University of Malaga and an expert on quaker parrots, about which he is writing a thesis, says the species is “very adaptable.” It can live in a warm country like Spain, as well as in the colder climes of Brussels or Chicago, adapting by building thicker nest walls. Classified as an invasive species, Spanish authorities are allowed to take measures to cull them, and in 2011 sales of the bird were

banned in the country. Molina says that in order to counter the large number of parrots, authorities have in the past cut branches and destroyed nests where they found colonies. But he adds that they ignored the parrots themselves, “which means that what they actually did was move them to other zones.”

Drastic measures?

Salvador Florido, head of environmental health surveillance at Malaga’s city hall, said that with the arrival of quaker parrots, there were now “fewer varieties (of birds) due to competition for food.” In Madrid, where more than 5,000 monk parakeets live, authorities are working with SEO/Birdlife to find out where the colonies are. Exactly what they will do, though, remains a mystery. The SEO won’t explicitly recommend culling the birds—a drastic move that

does not sit well with animal rights groups, even if it is legal given quaker parrots have been classified as an invasive species.

Madrid city hall is also staying mum on what it plans to do. But it at least has information from the experience of other towns, such as Zaragoza in northeastern Spain. There, authorities managed to bring down the number of adult birds from more than 1,400 to just around a dozen.

Luis Manso, head of environmental conservation in Zaragoza, said one of the methods used was piercing eggs with a very fine needle and leaving them in the nests. The aim was “to deceive the adults into thinking they were viable, when really they didn’t come to fruition.” That didn’t work so well though. So in the past two years, they have taken a more drastic measure—shooting them down.—AFP

ZIKA LIKELY TO SPREAD THROUGH ASIA-PACIFIC

MANILA: The Zika virus is set to spread through Asia, the World Health Organization warned yesterday, with hundreds of cases reported in Singapore and two Thai babies diagnosed with Zika-linked microcephaly. The mosquito-borne virus has been detected in 70 countries worldwide including at least 19 countries in the Asia Pacific region, said WHO director for health security and emergencies Li Ailan. A WHO report released at the annual regional meeting in Manila said the virus was “highly likely to further spread in the region” which includes China, Japan, Australia, most Southeast Asian nations and the Pacific islands.

“It is highly likely that the region will continue to report new cases and possibly new outbreaks of Zika,” the report added. WHO director Margaret Chan said leaders in the region had expressed concerns over the outbreak, adding that experts were still grappling with ways to tackle the scourge. “Unfortunately, scientists do not yet have answers to many critical questions,” she said. There have been more than 400 Zika cases detected in Singapore, while Vietnam, the Philippines and Malaysia have reported fewer than 20 each, said Chan.

Zika causes only mild symptoms in most, including fever, sore eyes and a rash. But pregnant women with the mosquito-borne virus risk giving birth to babies with microcephaly—a deformation that leads to abnormally small brains and heads. Li said Zika has been in the region since 1947 but said it was difficult to pinpoint if individuals had been infected overseas, with the region’s tropical weather, large mosquito populations and international travel hubs potential factors.—AFP



GERMANY: In this file photo CEO of Bayer AG Werner Baumann watches the media at the annual press conference in Leverkusen, Germany.—AP

BAYER WON’T USE MONSANTO BUY TO FORCE GM SEEDS ON EUROPEANS

BERLIN: The CEO of Germany’s Bayer AG is promising it won’t use its planned acquisition of Monsanto Co to force genetically modified crops on skeptical Europeans. Monsanto in September accepted an offer from Bayer to pay \$57 billion to its shareholders and assume \$9 billion in debt. The combination would create a global agricultural and chemical giant — and bring Bayer together with a leading producer of geneti-

cally modified seeds that are engineered to resist drought, among other things, but viewed with deep suspicion in Europe.

Bayer CEO Werner Baumann was quoted yesterday as telling German daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung: “We don’t want to take over Monsanto in order to establish genetically modified plants in Europe.” He added that Bayer accepts European resistance “even if we are of a different opinion.”—AP

SURROUNDED BY ALLIGATORS, MATTHEW CLEANUP GOES ON IN FLORIDA

ST AUGUSTINE, Florida: Sure, lots of people in St Augustine are picking up branches and leaves after Hurricane Matthew blew through town. But only a few are doing it surrounded by alligators. That’s what Jim Darlington and Amie Mercado were doing on Sunday, raking up debris in an alligator pit with the enormous reptiles just a couple of feet away, including one who opened its mouth wide as Mercado approached. That was part of the unusual cleanup at the St Augustine Alligator Farm, where trees and limbs fell into alligator lagoons and crocodile pools, and enormous African storks were taken out of the bathrooms where they rode out the hurricane.

All in all, the zoo — one of Florida’s oldest tourist attractions and the only place in the world that displays every species of crocodilian — fared well during the storm. However, fears of what could have been were certainly on people’s minds. “We were all hunkered down listening to the news, and of course everybody is on social media, and sure enough a rumor started that there are alligators out — hundreds of alligators were out,” Darlington said, who said the 123-year-old zoo was inspected by state wildlife officials immediately after the storm passed and before employees were allowed back in. “The walls were still standing. There weren’t alligators running around.”

To prepare for the storm, cobras and other venomous snakes put in drawstring bags, placed in secure containers and

then those containers were placed in other containers. Storks were rounded up and placed in bathrooms. Parrots and other birds were caged and alligator hatchlings were crated and placed in a secure building.

“We had to get very creative with where we put animals to make sure they were in the best housing condition for 48 hours that we could possibly give them,” said Gen Anderson, the zoo’s bird and mammal curator. Storks were put in the bathrooms, where sinks were left dripping. “Each stork was in a separate bathroom, the floors are really easy to clean and they had a water source. They seemed comfortable,” Anderson said.

Crocodiles and alligators weren’t moved — but the water levels in lagoons and pools were lowered by half to make sure flooding didn’t get too high. Darlington said the surge ended up a bit higher than he expected, but no animals escaped. “They just stay hunkered down,” Darlington said. “The animals just stay in the pools. In bad weather, they’re not out running around freaking out like a bunch of ostriches or something, they just want to stay in the water.”

The biggest hit to the zoo was its zip line, which visitors take to zoom over the alligators and crocodiles, dipping down to within about 30 feet of the creatures. Several limbs where the lines run came down. While the zoo hopes to open Tuesday, the zip line will take longer to repair.—AP

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GAC CELEBRATES 60 YEARS IN KUWAIT WITH BIG PARTY



Filip Bjorklund, GAC Kuwait's current Managing Director, recently hosted a 60th anniversary celebration at the Radisson Blu Ballroom which gathered together GAC's Chairman Lars Safverstrom, old GAC pioneers, key customers, service providers and representatives of the Kuwait port and government authorities. In 1956, Kuwait was in the grip of its early development phase. Everything was being built: ports, roads, hospitals, schools, power stations.

The list was long. Cement was a high-demand import and vessels were lined up offshore waiting to bring their cargoes to land in lighters, barges, anything that could float. Into this frenzied world stepped a polite man from Sweden. Bertil Ahlm was GAC's first manager. His first challenge was to act as a ship agent to get those thousands of bags of cement into the hands of the construction teams onshore. He was also aiming to set up a travel agency but in the end, the travel agency went nowhere and the ship agency took off.

60 years later, in 2016, GAC Kuwait's Managing Director, Filip Bjorklund, is in

charge of a full-service company, covering ship agency, in which GAC remains a market leader, and all elements of the supply chain: air freight, sea freight, transport, warehousing, offshore support, husbandry. Again, the list is long. "Since those early days, GAC has expanded and is now a global company with 300 offices in more than 50 countries, but it all started in Kuwait, and to my knowledge no other company has expanded from Kuwait to cover every corner of the world" says Bjorklund.

"We have a network of teams around the world that can respond to customer needs anywhere, anytime." "We still have our Swedish roots and our Scandinavian approach to business and our emphasis is on integrating our services so that our customers can choose the service mix that best suits their needs." "We put up photos from our archives showing how things looked in the 1950s and they made such a vivid contrast with what Kuwait is today," he says. "It was a fantastic to see the journey we've taken to get here and even more exciting to see where the journey will take us next."



FROM INDIAN EMBASSY

The Embassy will be closed on the occasion of Dussehra (Vijay Dashmi) today. However, emergency consular services will be rendered to all in the Embassy.

RUNQ8 CHARITY EVENT RETURNS ON NOV 12TH

Fawzia Sultan Rehabilitation Institute (FSRI) announces that its annual RunQ8 charity event will be held this year on Saturday November 12th at Marina Crescent. The event aims to support children with disabilities, raising awareness and funds to support FSRI's non-profit Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center (CERC), enabling it to continue providing specialized and multi-disciplinary treatment and care for children with disabilities across the community in Kuwait.

This year, RunQ8 is offering two chipped distances - 5km or 10km - and is open to people of all ages and fitness levels. For those unable to run a marathon, they can walk, jog or just stroll. Registration is now open, and participants can sign up via the official website (runq8.org). You can also call FSRI (at 25720338 or 25721757) for more information. This year the race enjoys the support of a number of local companies and organizations, but the door is still open for anyone looking to support this non-profit community initiative.

GUST AWARDED 5TH PRESTIGIOUS ACCREDITATION

Gulf University for Science and Technology announced this week that it has just received its fifth international accreditation, this time for its Mass Communication and Media (MCM) Department from the American Communications Association (ACA). The accreditation comes in the form of a conditional accreditation, before a follow-up review next year confirms it as a full five-year accreditation.

The ACA is US-based non-profit professional association, committed to enabling the effective use of new and evolving technologies to facilitate communication instruction, research, criticism, and offer a technologically supportive venue for all who study how humans communicate. The GUST MCM Department is the first communication and media department in Kuwait, and one of only seven worldwide to receive an international accreditation of this kind.

Professor Donald Bates, GUST President, said, "As a university, our ambition to establish a strong reputation is clear. In 15 short years we have

earned four full accreditations, and a ranking that places us as the 73rd university out of 971 in the Arab region, which translates into GUST being the number one private university in Kuwait. Our mission is to go from strength to strength, and continue to provide our students with the best educational experience possible."

This conditional accreditation is a demonstration of the international standards at which the department operates. As a testament to the department's efforts, it has grown from approximately 380 students in 2013 to over 500 today, and faculty numbers have increased correspondingly.

During this time, GUST students have broken a world record for charitable donation collections, volunteered in international aid work trips throughout Asia, won second place worldwide in an anti-extremism campaign judged by Facebook Inc and the US State Department, conducted three national-level student-faculty collaborative conferences, the most recent of which raised over

\$60,000 for local children's charities, and have attended numerous national and international events to hone their skills and demonstrate their talents.

Dr Fahed Al Sumait, Head of the GUST MCM Department, said, "We are very excited to have earned this accolade. Our faculty and students have been working extremely hard to ensure that we create an atmosphere that fosters learning and creativity while also having fun and contributing to the broader community and society. The accreditation process has helped us enhance our quality standards even further as we strive to be a leading center for media and communication education in Kuwait and the region."

In addition to the new ACA accreditation, GUST also holds accreditations from the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA) for its English Foundation Program, the College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA) for its Student Success Center, the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) for its Computer Science Program, and the AACSB-International accreditation for its College of Business Administration.



AOU TRAINING CENTER FOR PMP APPROVED

Arab Open University Training Centre has been approved by Project Management Institute (PMI) in the USA as a registered education provider, offering training programs for Project Management Professional (PMP), in which trainees could obtain a PMP certificate, which has an international value both at the personal and institutional level.

Dr Sami Khalifa, Manager of the Centre, expressed his gratitude and appreciation to AOU President for her continuous support to the center, and those who involved in this achievement.

He said that the center had been registered as education provider number 4933 (RED), by this it had been listed as one of the approved centers on the website of (PMI) www.pmi.org. That reflected the huge role played by the University in the field of project management training, and the commitment of its management in offering training in pursuant to international standards, he added.

He pointed out that that achievement was

undoubtedly a step forward to attract the interested and the specialists in the latest management sciences, adding that it was also a step in the general policy of the center in attaining new approvals from international accredited institutions in other fields, such as Accounting, Finance, Language Studies and so on. Dr Sami also thanked the efforts of both Engineer Ehab Shaban, Project Manager of Student Information System, and Jumana Sharwai, Coordinator of Center Training Programs, for that achievement.



KIB CELEBRATES 'BACK TO SCHOOL' WITH ATIKA BINT ZAID STUDENTS

To celebrate students' return to their classes, and as part of the Bank's ongoing "Back to School" initiatives, a team from the Corporate Communications Unit at Kuwait International Bank (KIB) paid a visit to the students at the Atika Bint Zaid Elementary School for Girls. The visit came as part of KIB's leading social responsibility program, and the Bank's dedication to spearheading important social initiatives that contribute to the development of Kuwait and its people.

During the visit, the KIB team gave the students a presentation on some of the basic principles of saving, as part of the Bank's pioneering efforts to promote financial literacy amongst the children and youth of Kuwait. At the end of the visit, the KIB team distributed gifts to the students, amidst a joyful and celebratory atmosphere full of wishes for a happy and fruitful new academic year.

"The KIB family wanted to congratulate our beloved students on the arrival of a new academic year, and to share in their joy and happiness. We also wanted to do our part to encourage students in their academic pursuits, as we strongly believe that education continues to be the best guarantee to help us develop and create a brighter future for Kuwait," said Nawaf Najia, Manager of the Corporate Communications Unit at KIB.

"We wish our students all across Kuwait an academic year full of success and accomplishments, and may it be the beginning of a bright and prosperous future." The Back to School initiatives come under the umbrella of the social responsibility strategy KIB had put in place, and which it has continued to develop over the past few years - which focuses on cementing KIB's status as a Kuwait institution committed to supporting the causes and issues that are important to the local community.

TSC HOLDS 'NEW TASTE FOR FUN' EVENT AT SOUQ SHARQ

For a healthy back to school season and in order to educate children on how to achieve a healthy lifestyle to help them grow fit, The Sultan Center (TSC) hosted on Saturday October 1st in its Souq Sharq store a "New Taste for Fun" event for kids and parents in collaboration with Flex group. The event targeted both parents and kids to guide them through a dieting system in order to encourage children to try different types of healthy foods represented in a very unique display.

The event featured different activities all designed to help kids to have a better understanding of the importance of being healthy to maintain their bodies and mind's good health. A certified nutritionist from Flex gave out free consultation and tips to kids to help them stick to integrated diet system. Also, children enjoyed the "test and try" session in which they were thrilled to have different selections of fruits and vegetables cut in fun and attractive shapes; they proudly wore a sticker that says "I Tried it!" to show off their experience.

During the event TSC had on display different

kinds of nutritional cereals that were sampled in a very appealing concept to help parents choose the perfect integrated morning cereal for their children. And to further encourage children to stick to their decision towards a healthy lifestyle, they participated to draw and write an oath to themselves on paper plates that were created and displayed by TSC's exit gates.

Commenting on TSC's event, Lisa Al Gharib, Marketing Manager at TSC said: "TSC is committed to raise awareness about the importance of healthy dieting system to youngsters and parents; therefore, we wanted to demonstrate that healthy food can be fun and appealing by using very simple fun and attractive representation tips for our children". TSC have always been at the forefront in promoting social education on the accurate way to pursue a healthy lifestyle; it's well known as the perfect shopping destination for topnotch organic and healthy products imported from all around the world which makes it the best provider for parents needs who look forward to rising a healthy family.



TALABAT PROVIDES DIGITAL INSIGHT AT ARABNET KUWAIT

Talabat, Kuwait's leading food ordering service and sponsor of ArabNet Kuwait 2016, took part in an insightful panel discussion on 5th October at the Arraya Ballroom, Courtyard by Marriot Hotel in Kuwait City. Talabat's Chief Marketing Officer, Dikdyuti Sen, was joined by representatives from Google and OMD to discuss the importance of understanding and utilizing data in advertising and exploring how marketers can harness the power of data to better reach customers and tailor their services. "The potential of data is in the relationships it can reveal; measuring, analyzing and understanding the interactions that users have across multiple touch points in their day-to-day behavior."

"Today's discussion explored the challenges we face in harnessing data and making it relevant to our organizations and customers." Said Talabat's Chief Marketing Officer, Dikdyuti Sen. With ArabNet estimating that the size of data generated online hit 667 exabytes (10¹⁸) in 2014 alone, the panel, which was moderated by FawziRahal, Founder and Managing Partner of Gamutt, also discussed the rapid surge in big data technologies allowing for real-time optimisation, granular audience tar-

geting, and improved reach and efficiency. Talabat sponsored ArabNet Kuwait, the first event of its kind where over 500 attendees from across the world were able to connect, network and learn, and hear from various industry experts in 35 panels and

talks geared towards the region's digital future. ArabNet Kuwait also served as a platform for budding entrepreneurs wishing to present their ideas and startups through ArabNet's competitions: Ideathon and StartUp Demo.





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18:40	For The Love Of Cars
19:30	How It's Made: Dream Cars
19:55	How Do They Do It?
20:20	Gold Divers
21:10	Storage Hunters
21:35	Garage Gold
22:00	Survive That!
22:50	The Island With Bear Grylls: USA
23:40	Driving Wild
00:30	Fast N' Loud
01:20	For The Love Of Cars
02:10	Survive That!
03:00	The Island With Bear Grylls: USA

04:48	Prototype This
05:36	NASA's Unexplained Files
06:24	Close Encounters
06:48	Close Encounters
07:12	How Do They Do It?
07:36	Food Factory
08:00	How Do They Do It?
08:26	Prototype This
09:14	Close Encounters
09:38	Close Encounters
10:02	Through The Wormhole With Morgan Freeman
10:50	How Do They Do It?
11:14	Food Factory
11:38	NASA's Unexplained Files
12:26	Prototype This
13:14	Close Encounters
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14:02	How Do They Do It?
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14:50	Through The Wormhole With Morgan Freeman
15:38	NASA's Unexplained Files
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18:02	Through The Wormhole With Morgan Freeman
18:50	Prototype This
19:40	Close Encounters
20:30	Space Voyages
21:20	How Do They Do It?
21:45	Food Factory
22:10	Redesign My Brain
23:00	Space Voyages
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	Space Voyages
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03:35	Close Encounters



04:00	Nat Geo AD HD
10:00	Nat Geo AD HD
16:00	Nat Geo AD HD
22:00	Nat Geo AD HD
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04:05	Raw Travel
04:30	Raw Travel
04:55	Delinquent Gourmet
05:20	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
06:10	Great Escapes
06:35	Great Escapes
07:00	Carnival Eats
07:25	The Food Files
07:50	David Rocco's Dolce Vita
08:15	David Rocco's Dolce Vita
08:40	Rustic Adventure Argentina
09:05	Eat Street
09:30	Andy And Ben Eat The World
09:55	Raw Travel
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13:40	David Rocco's Dolce Vita
14:05	David Rocco's Dolce Vita
14:30	Top Tables, Top Cities
15:00	Eat Street
15:30	Meat v Veg
15:55	Raw Travel
16:25	Raw Travel
16:50	The Shelbourne
17:20	The Shelbourne
17:45	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
18:40	Great Escapes
19:10	Carnival Eats
19:35	Carnival Eats
20:00	Raw Travel
20:30	Raw Travel
21:00	The Shelbourne
21:25	The Shelbourne
21:50	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces

17:00	Monster Fish
18:00	Wicked Tuna: North vs. South
19:00	9/11: The Plane That Hit The Pentagon
20:00	World's Most Extreme
21:00	Monster Fish
21:50	Wicked Tuna: North vs. South



05:00	Good Morning America
07:00	Royal Pains
08:00	DC's Legends Of Tomorrow
09:00	Rosewood
11:00	Royal Pains
12:00	DC's Legends Of Tomorrow
13:00	Rosewood
14:00	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
15:00	Live Good Morning America
17:00	The Fosters
18:00	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
19:00	Rosewood
20:00	The Voice
22:00	Pitch
23:00	Supergirl
00:00	Bates Motel
01:00	Prison Break



05:00	Hidalgo
07:15	Mutant World
09:00	The Fugitive
11:15	Close Range
13:00	Dragon Blade
15:00	Mutant World
17:00	Ladder 49
19:00	Close Range
21:00	X-Men: The Last Stand
23:00	Montana
01:00	No Tell Motel
03:00	Hansel & Gretel



05:00	Serial (Bad) Weddings
07:00	The Single Moms Club
09:00	Coneheads
11:00	Serial (Bad) Weddings
13:00	Pixels
15:00	Easy A
17:00	Coneheads
19:00	Take Care
21:00	Playing It Cool
23:00	The Interview
01:00	Good Luck Chuck
03:00	Take Care



05:00	The Dark Half
07:00	Late Bloomers
08:30	Breathe In
10:30	Philonela
12:15	Late Bloomers
14:00	Listen To Me Marlon
16:00	Tracks
18:00	Philonela
20:00	Begin Again
22:00	Carlos
01:00	Five Easy Pieces
02:45	Tracks



06:00	Believe
08:00	Love, Rosie
10:00	Insurgent
12:15	Still Alice
14:00	The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
16:15	Barely Lethal
18:00	Zootropolis
20:00	The 5th Wave
22:00	The Gallows
23:45	Focus
01:45	Whiplash
03:45	Still Alice



05:15	Minuscule: Valley Of The Lost Ants
07:00	Egon And Donci
08:45	The Olsen Gang In Deep Trouble
10:15	The Boxcar Children
12:00	True Story Of Puss'n Boots
13:45	Daddy I'm A Zombie
15:30	Snow Queen
17:15	Tom And Jerry: Spy Quest
19:00	The Boxcar Children
21:00	Dixie And The Zombie Rebellion



04:30	Orphan Black
05:15	Casualty
06:10	Stella
07:00	Eastenders
07:30	Casualty
08:25	Casualty
09:25	New Tricks
10:25	Doctor Who
11:15	Stella
12:00	Casualty
13:00	New Tricks
13:55	Doctor Who
14:45	Stella
15:35	Casualty
16:25	New Tricks
17:20	Doctor Who
18:10	Stella
19:00	Doctors
19:30	Doctors
20:05	New Tricks
21:05	DCI Banks
22:00	DCI Banks
23:00	Silent Witness
23:55	Orphan Black
00:40	Doctors
01:10	Doctors
01:45	DCI Banks
02:35	DCI Banks
03:25	Silent Witness



04:00	What Happened Next?
04:25	What Happened Next?
04:50	Ultimate Survival
05:40	How It's Made
06:05	How It's Made
06:30	Storm Chasers
07:20	Mythbusters
08:00	Kenny The Shark
08:25	Dick 'n' Dom Go Wild
08:50	Too Cute! Pint-Sized
09:40	How It's Made
10:05	How It's Made
10:30	What Could Possibly Go Wrong?
11:20	Mythbusters
12:10	K9 Cops
13:00	Too Cute! Pint-Sized
13:50	Ultimate Survival
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18:00	Risking It All
18:50	Guinness World Records
19:15	Smashed New Zealand
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00:30	Smashed New Zealand
01:20	Tosh.0
02:10	Tosh.0
03:00	Catch A Contractor
03:45	Ridiculousness



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 And 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
13:15	Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
13:40	Hank Zipzer
09:55	Doc McStuffins
10:10	Jake And The Neverland Pirates
10:20	PJ Masks
10:35	Miles From Tomorrow

DRAGON BLADE 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
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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	Counterfeit Cat
13:35	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
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
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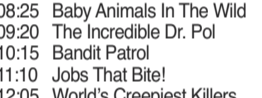
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23:40	Barbarians Rising
00:40	Alone
01:30	Ax Men
02:20	Alaska Off-Road Warriors
03:10	Swamp People



04:25	Paul O'grady's Animal Orphans
05:20	Tonight At The London Palladium
06:15	Murdoch Mysteries
07:10	Who's Doing The Dishes?
08:05	The Chase
09:00	Paul O'grady's Animal Orphans
10:00	Tonight At The London Palladium
11:00	Murdoch Mysteries
11:55	Who's Doing The Dishes?
12:50	The Chase
13:45	Emmerdale
14:15	Coronation Street
14:45	Coronation Street
15:15	Who's Doing The Dishes?
16:10	The Chase
17:00	Victoria
17:55	Royal Stories
18:20	Catchphrase
18:50	Murdoch Mysteries
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01:10	Who's Doing The Dishes?
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02:30	Coronation Street
03:00	Coronation Street
03:30	The Chase



04:45	Baby Animals In The Wild
05:40	The Incredible Dr. Pol
06:35	World's Deadliest
07:30	Wild 24
08:25	Baby Animals In The Wild
09:20	The Incredible Dr. Pol
10:15	Bandit Patrol
11:10	Jobs That Bite!
12:05	World's Creepiest Killers
13:00	Kingdom Of The Oceans
13:55	World's Deadliest
14:50	Wild 24
15:45	Baby Animals In The Wild
16:40	The Incredible Dr. Pol
17:35	Bandit Patrol
18:30	Jobs That Bite!
19:25	Cuba's Secret Reef
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00:30	Kingdom Of The Oceans
01:20	World's Deadliest
02:10	Wild 24
03:00	The Great Serengeti
03:50	Animal Mega Moves



04:50	Airport Security: Colombia
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KNCC PROGRAMME FROM THURSDAY TO WEDNESDAY (06/10/2016 TO 12/10/2016)

SHARQIA-1	Time	SHARQIA-2	Time	SHARQIA-3	Time	MUHALAB-1	Time	MUHALAB-2	Time	MUHALAB-3	Time	FANAR-1	Time	FANAR-2	Time	DEEPWATER HORIZON	Time	FANAR-3	Time	TANK 432	Time	MARINA-1	Time	MARINA-2	Time	MARINA-3	Time	AVENUES-1	Time	AVENUES-2	Time	AVENUES-3	Time	DEEPWATER HORIZON	Time	AL-KOUT.1	Time	AL-KOUT.2	Time	AL-KOUT.3	Time										
DEEPWATER HORIZON	12:30 PM	LAF WA DAWARAN	11:30 AM	USS INDIANAPOLIS: MEN OF COURAGE	11:30 AM	LAF WA DAWARAN	11:30 AM	DEEPWATER HORIZON	11:30 AM	LAF WA DAWARAN	12:45 PM	LAF WA DAWARAN	12:15 PM	DEEPWATER HORIZON	11:45 AM	DEEPWATER HORIZON	11:45 AM	DEEPWATER HORIZON	2:00 PM	TANK 432	11:30 AM	USS INDIANAPOLIS: MEN OF COURAGE	1:15 PM	LAF WA DAWARAN	12:45 PM	DEEPWATER HORIZON	11:45 AM	THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN	1:30 PM	MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN	12:00 PM	MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN	2:45 PM	LAF WA DAWARAN	11:30 AM	LAF WA DAWARAN	12:30 PM	LAF WA DAWARAN	11:30 AM	LAF WA DAWARAN	11:45 AM	LAF WA DAWARAN	11:30 AM	LAF WA DAWARAN	8:30 PM	LAF WA DAWARAN	10:45 PM	LAF WA DAWARAN	1:00 AM	LAF WA DAWARAN	1:00 AM

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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

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PRAYER TIMINGS

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Asr: 14:54
Maghrib: 17:23
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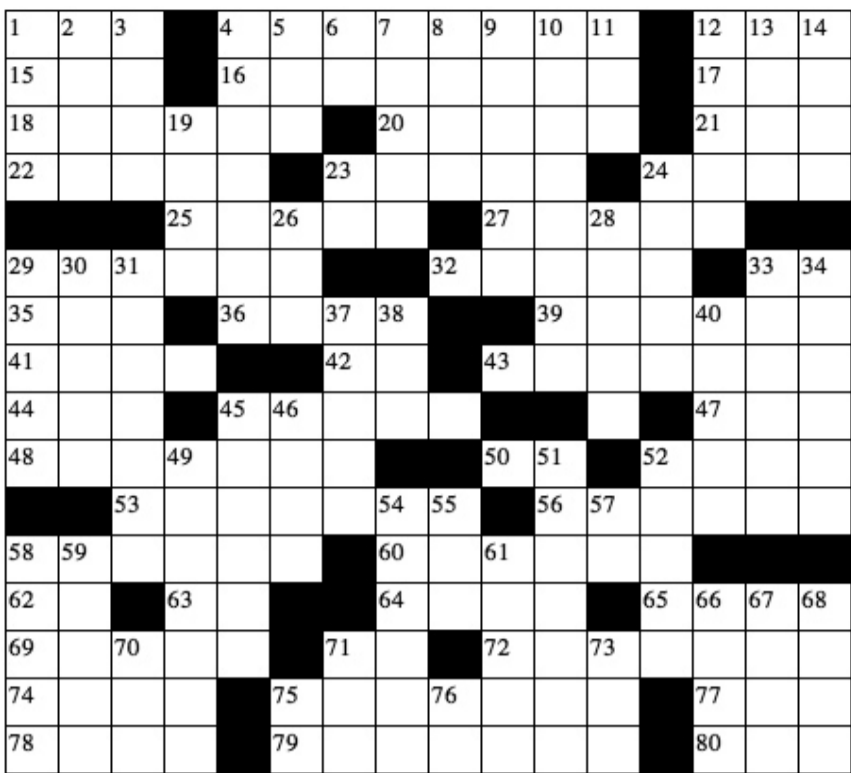
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DIAL161 FOR AIRPORT INFORMATION

Airlines	Fit	Route	Time	RJD	135	Abu Dhabi	15:30	MSC	416	Sohag	01:05	PAL	669	Dubai/Manila	14:45			
ETD	9919	Bahrain	00:10	ABY	127	Sharjah	15:35	THY	773	Istanbul	01:40	AXB	394	Kozhikode	14:45			
MSC	415	Sohag	00:10	FDB	051	Dubai	15:45	DLH	635	Frankfurt	02:00	KAC	773	Riyadh	15:00			
THY	772	Istanbul	00:10	NIA	251	Alexandria	15:50	ETD	920	Abu Dhabi	02:10	FDB	058	Dubai	15:05			
JZR	239	Amman	00:20	RJA	640	Amman	16:00	MSC	404	Asyut	02:30	GFA	222	Bahrain	15:05			
JZR	267	Beirut	00:30	QTR	1072	Doha	16:15	PGT	859	Istanbul	02:40	KAC	673	Dubai	15:05			
FDB	069	Dubai	00:55	JZR	325	Al Najaf	16:15	THY	765	Istanbul	02:45	QTR	1079	Doha	15:15			
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KAC	620	Doha	13:10	THY	764	Istanbul	22:55	GFA	214	Bahrain	11:35	UAE	860	Dubai	22:25			
THY	766	Istanbul	13:10	JAI	574	Mumbai	23:05	MEA	405	Beirut	12:00	KLM	415	Dammam/Amsterdam	22:25			
KAC	514	Tehran	13:45	MSC	403	Asyut	23:10	KAC	541	Cairo	12:05	KAC	381	Delhi	22:25			
AXB	393	Kozhikode	13:55	JZR	239	Amman	23:20	UAE	874	Dubai	12:10	KAC	301	Mumbai	22:30			
QTR	1078	Doha	14:05	MSR	614	Cairo	23:30	RBG	554	Alexandria	12:10	KAC	345	Ahmedabad	22:55			
KAC	672	Dubai	14:05	FDB	071	Dubai	23:35	JZR	776	Jeddah	12:15	GFA	220	Bahrain	23:00			
KAC	178	Vienna	14:15	JAD	301	Amman	23:45	KAC	324	Al Najaf	12:50	KAC	205	Islamabad	23:00			
GFA	221	Bahrain	14:20	Departure Flights on Tuesday 11/10/2016														
FDB	057	Dubai	14:20	Airlines	Fit	Route	Time	FDB	076	Dubai	13:10	KAC	155	Istanbul	23:10			
SVA	500	Jeddah	14:30	AIC	976	Goa/Chennai	00:05	JZR	176	Dubai	13:10	QTR	1083	Doha	23:20			
KAC	788	Jeddah	15:00	BBC	144	Chittagong/Dhaka	00:10	MSC	402	Alexandria	13:30	KAC	411	Bangkok/Manila	23:25			
KNE	529	Jeddah	15:05	JAI	573	Mumbai	00:10	FEK	934	Sohag	13:55	CLX	713	Hong Kong	23:35			
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CROSSWORD 1396



ACROSS

- 1. A numbered compartment in a post office where mail is put to be called for.
4. (British) System of signalling by hand signs used by bookmakers at racetracks.
12. A port in southwestern Scotland.
15. A constellation in the southern hemisphere near Telescopium and Norma.
16. (trademark) An antacid.
17. Liquid excretory product.
18. The opening into the stomach and that part of the stomach connected to the esophagus.
20. Indicated by necessary connotation though not expressed directly.
21. A plant hormone promoting elongation of stems and roots.
22. An oily colorless liquid obtained by the condensation of two molecules of acetaldehyde.
25. Rice cooked in well-seasoned broth with onions or celery and usually poultry or game or shellfish and sometimes tomatoes.
27. Large dark brown North American arboreal carnivorous mammal.
29. The dialect of Malay used as the national language of the Republic of Indonesia or of Malaysia.
32. The fur of an otter.
35. A period marked by distinctive character or reckoned from a fixed point or event.
36. A monocotyledonous genus of the family Iridaceae.
39. A port city in southwestern Iran.
41. Anything that provides inspiration for later work.
42. A complete metric system of units of measurement for scientists.
43. Bridge consisting of a series of arches supported by piers used to carry a road (or railroad) over a valley.
44. A transuranic element that has not been found in nature.
47. A logarithmic unit of sound intensity equal to 10 decibels.
48. Evergreen shrubs and small trees of North and Central America and Asia.
50. A white metallic element that burns with a brilliant light.
53. The lean flesh of a fish caught off the Pacific coast of the United States.
56. Small genus of tropical African perennial bulbous herbs with deciduous twinning stems.
58. An island in the Indian Ocean off the southeastern coast of India.
60. West Indian tree having racemes of fragrant white flowers and yielding a durable timber and resinous juice.
62. A state in northwestern United States on the Pacific.
63. A silvery malleable metallic element that resists corrosion.
64. At a specific prior time.
65. Wild or seedling sweet cherry used as stock for grafting.
69. A genus of temperate and arctic evergreen trees (see spruce).
72. (psychology) An urge to accept or approach a situation or an object.
74. A dull persistent (usually moderately intense) pain.
77. The United Nations agency concerned with international maritime activities.
78. Set down according to a plan.

DOWN

- 1. Large burrowing rodent of South and Central America.
2. Using speech rather than writing.
3. A lyric poet.
4. The capital and largest city of Georgia on the Kura river.
5. A self-funded retirement plan that allows you to contribute a limited yearly sum toward your retirement.
6. Being one more than one hundred.
7. A former Chinese custom of touching the ground with the forehead as a sign of respect or submission.
8. A male monarch or emperor (especially of Russia prior to 1917).
9. Consider or hold as true.
10. Mongolian wild ass.
11. A case for containing a set of articles.
12. Relating to or having the characteristics of bees.
13. Not only so, but.
14. Having been read.
19. Amino acid that is formed in the liver and converted into dopamine in the brain.
23. A silvery soft waxy metallic element of the alkali metal group.
24. The capacitance of a capacitor that has an equal and opposite charge of 1 coulomb on each plate and a voltage difference of 1 volt between the plates.
26. Lacking in rigor or strictness.
28. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.
30. A particular environment or walk of life.
31. In a harsh or unkind manner.
33. Usually elongate cluster of flowers along the main stem in which the flowers at the base open first.
34. A faint constellation in the southern hemisphere near Hydra and Vela.
37. (Old Testament) The second patriarch.
38. Relating to or characteristic of or occurring in the air.
40. Port city in the United Arab Emirates on the Persian Gulf.
45. Type genus of the Annonaceae.
46. Used of the language of the deaf.
49. Any of several seeds that yield oil.
51. The trait of lacking restraint or control.
52. Form metals with a swage.
54. The size of a book whose pages are made by folding a sheet of paper three times to form eight leaves.
55. The longer of the two telegraphic signals used in Morse code.
57. A Russian river.
59. Any plant of the genus Erica.
61. Property that is leased or rented out or let.
66. A town in north central Oklahoma.
67. The highest level or degree attainable.
68. A colorless odorless gaseous element that give a red glow in a vacuum tube.
70. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet.
71. A lipoprotein that transports cholesterol in the blood.
73. A strong emotion.
75. A very poisonous metallic element that has three allotropic forms.
76. Being one more than three.

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.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You have an excellent drive to accomplish your work goals, as well as your personal goals all the way through the end of this month. It is time for a little pat on the back but it is not time for you to relax a little but there is more to be done.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

This may be a challenging day in which you will need to put in a little extra effort into doing what is asked of you. One of the problems could be a teammate or co-worker is absent and you have the information needed to adjust the work schedule to help the work day go smoothly.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

There are many more rewarding days this month than challenging. You will be reaping the rewards of your hard work, even though it may only be the good feeling that comes when you do your best.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

This could be a challenging day. There is an open door to success and you will find it. Quick answers, great wit and a surplus of insights and solutions are available to you.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

A round-table discussion this morning may spur your own thinking toward improving your surroundings or life situations. The business for which you work may be planning to make some updates in office space or perhaps placement of offices.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

This Monday may find you surrounded with agendas and meetings, and trying to make yourself understood or helping someone else make a point. You could set the pace-so, as grandma used to say, "get your thinking cap on and figure it out."



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

A short trip or a vacation may be enjoyed this Monday. If working, you may find some unfinished business needs your attention. A puzzle has an easy answer if you step back to look at the whole picture.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Things are happening and your career or path, depending upon your own ambition and drive, is strong at this time. You are able to use good common sense and can feel the trends and make the right moves.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

If you are looking for some professional advice this Monday, you will find an interested person tuned to your frequency. Help or advice is available for the asking. You appreciate others who have been successful and may surround yourself with those in power-be they politicians, officials or what have you.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

You may be thinking of dieting today, but you might look through some of the recommended diets for your particular life style. Make your nutrition as balanced as possible-start on your new diet today!



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You are driven when it comes to fulfilling your ambitions and carving out a career. Your enthusiasm is high and you are motivated to be successful. You set the example for others to follow and if you are in retail you may find that your customers come to you just to gain a little insight into their lives as well as to purchase an item or two.

Wordsearch Puzzle

Basketball

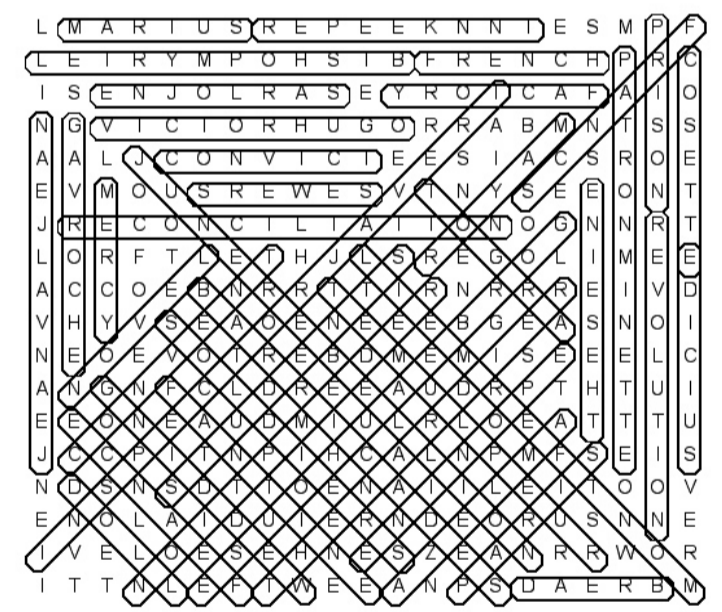
Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 39 letters spell a piece of Basketball trivia.



- ASSIST, BACKBOARD, BALL, BASKET, BENCH, BLOCK, CENTER, CLOCK, COACH, COURT, DRIBBLING, FOUL, FREE THROW, GAME, HALF-TIME, HOOP, JERSEY, LAY-UP, NET, OUT OF BOUNDS, OVERTIME, PASSING, PLAYER, POINT GUARD, POINTS, POWER FORWARD, QUARTER, REBOUND, REFEREE, RIM, SCOREBOARD, SHOOTING GUARD, SHOT, SLAM DUNK, SMALL FORWARD, SNEAKERS, SUBSTITUTIONS, TEAM, THREE POINTER, TIME-OUT, TRAVELING

Yesterday's Solution

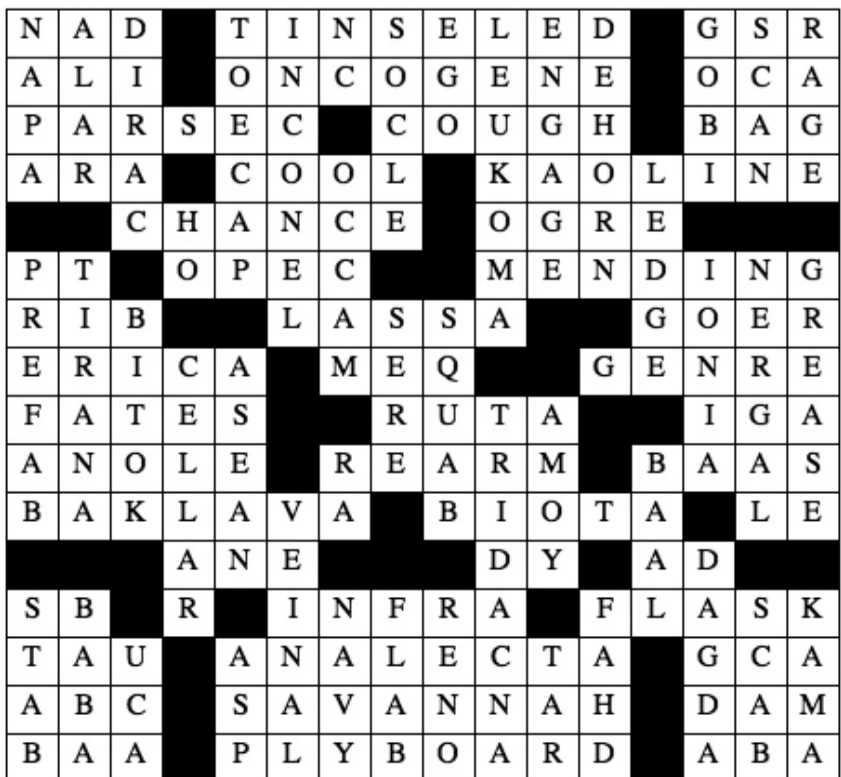
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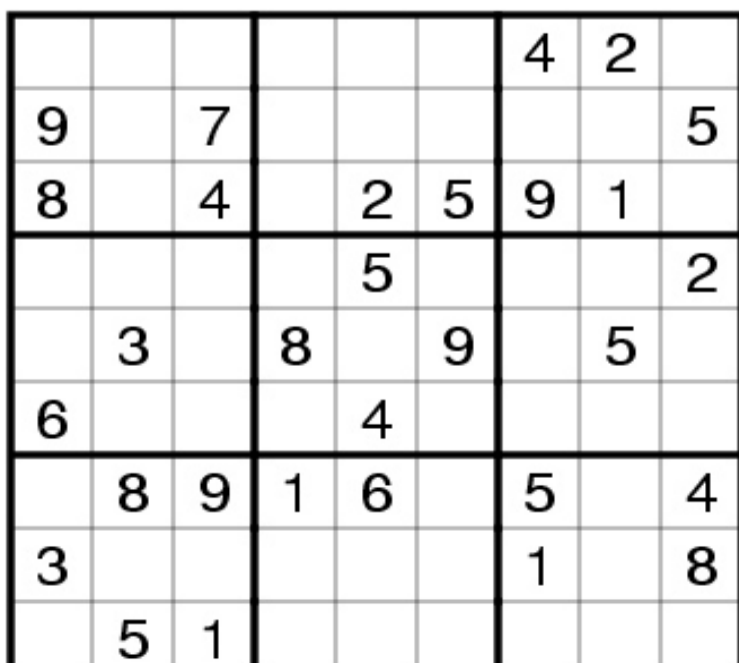
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The hidden message is: LES MISÉRABLES IS ONE OF THE LONGEST NOVELS EVER WRITTEN

Yesterday's Solution



Daily SuDoku



Yesterday's Solution



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Hospitals

Sabah Hospital	24812000
Amiri Hospital	22450005
Maternity Hospital	24843100
Mubarak Al-Kabir Hospital	25312700
Chest Hospital	24849400
Farwaniya Hospital	24892010
Adan Hospital	23940620
Ibn Sina Hospital	24840300
Al-Razi Hospital	24846000
Physiotherapy Hospital	24874330/9

Clinics

Kaizen center	25716707
Rawda	22517733
Adaliya	22517144
Khalidiya	24848075
Kaifan	24849807
Shamiya	24848913
Shuwaikh	24814507
Abdullah Salem	22549134
Nuzha	22526804
Industrial Shuwaikh	24814764
Qadisiya	22515088
Dasmah	22532265
Bneid Al-Gar	22531908
Shaab	22518752
Qibla	22459381
Ayoun Al-Qibla	22451082
Mirqab	22456536
Sharq	22465401
Salmiya	25746401
Jabriya	25316254
Maidan Hawally	25623444
Bayan	25388462
Mishref	25381200
W Hawally	22630786
Sabah	24810221
Jahra	24770319
New Jahra	24575755
West Jahra	24772608
South Jahra	24775066
North Jahra	24775992
North Jleeb	24311795
Ardhiya	24884079
Firdous	24892674
Omariya	24719048
N Khaitan	24710044
Fintas	23900322



PHARMACIES ON 24 HRS DUTY

GOVERNORATE	PHARMACY	ADDRESS	PHONE
Ahmadi	Sama Safwan Abu Halaifa Danat Al-Sultan	Fahaeel Makka St Abu Halaifa-Coastal Rd Mahboula Block 1, Coastal Rd	23915883 23715414 23726558
Jahra	Modern Jahra Madina Munawara	Jahra-Block 3 Lot 1 Jahra-Block 92	24575518 24566622
Capital	Ahlam Khalidiya Coop	Fahad Al-Salem St Khalidiya Coop	22436184 24833967
Farwaniya	New Shifa Ferdous Coop Modern Safwan	Farwaniya Block 40 Ferdous Coop Old Kheitan Block 11	24734000 24881201 24726638
Hawally	Tariq Hana Ikhlal Hawally & Rawdha Ghadeer Kindy Ibn Al-Nafis Mishrif Coop Salwa Coop	Salmiya-Hamad Mubarak St Salmiya-Amman St Hawally-Beirut St Hawally & Rawdha Coop Jabriya-Block 1A Jabriya-Block 3B Salmiya-Hamad Mubarak St Mishrif Coop Salwa Coop	25726265 25647075 22625999 22564549 25340559 25326554 25721264 25380581 25628241

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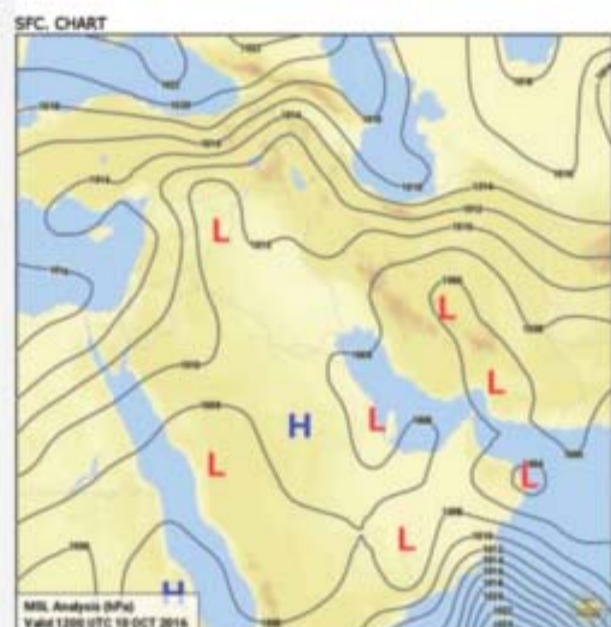
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Expected Weather for the Next 24 Hours

Issued 10/10/2016-19:00 LT UTC +3hr

MIN Temperature 19 °C

By Night: Fair with light variable wind changing to light to moderate westerly wind, with speed of 08 - 28 km/h
By Day: Hot with light to moderate westerly changing to north westerly wind, with speed of 08 - 26 km/h



Four-Day Forecast

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Expected Weather	hot	hot + scattered clouds	hot	hot
Min Temp °C	19	19	20	19
Max Temp °C	39	39	38	38
Wind Direction	westerly changing to north westerly	north westerly to light variable	north westerly	north westerly to light variable
Wind Speed km/h	08 - 26	06 - 26	10 - 32	08 - 28

All times are local time (GMT+3) unless otherwise stated

Warnings & Weather Watches

no warnings or weather watches

Kuwait Forecast

Station	MIN °C EXP	Max °C REC
KUWAIT CITY	26	39
KUWAIT AIRPORT	19	40
ABDAILY	22	40
BUBYAN	20	38
JAHRRA	22	41
FAILAKA ISLAND	23	38
SALMIYAH	27	35
AHMADI	28	36
JAL ALIYAH	22	40
QAROH ISLAND	27	35
UMM AL-MARADIM	28	34
NUWAISIB	20	39
WAFRA	19	40
MANAGISH	21	40
SALMY	20	40
MUTRIBA	20	42

Recorded Yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max Temp (°C)	39
Min Temp (°C)	19
Max Rel Hum (%)	86
Min Rel Hum (%)	09
Max Wind Speed (km/h) and Direction	21 S
TOTAL RAINFALL IN 24 HR	0 mm

Sunrise	05:47
Sunset	17:23

Prayer Times

Fajr	04:28
Sunrise	05:47
Zuhr	11:35
Asr	14:54
Sunset	17:23
Isha	18:39

INTERNATIONAL CALLS



Afghanistan	0093	Lithuania	00370
Albania	00355	Luxembourg	00352
Algeria	00213	Macau	00853
Andorra	00376	Macedonia	00389
Angola	00244	Madagascar	00261
Anguilla	001264	Majorca	0034
Antigua	001268	Malawi	00265
Argentina	0054	Malaysia	0060
Armenia	00374	Maldives	00960
Australia	0061	Mali	00223
Austria	0043	Malta	00356
Azerbaijan	00994	Marshall Islands	00692
Bahamas	001242	Martinique	00596
Bahrain	00973	Mauritania	00222
Bangladesh	00880	Mauritius	00230
Barbados	001246	Mayotte	00269
Belarus	00375	Mexico	0052
Belgium	0032	Micronesia	00691
Belize	00501	Moldova	00373
Benin	00229	Monaco	00377
Bermuda	001441	Mongolia	00976
Bhutan	00975	Montserrat	001664
Bolivia	00591	Morocco	00212
Bosnia	00387	Mozambique	00258
Botswana	00267	Myanmar (Burma)	0095
Brazil	0055	Namibia	00264
Brunei	00673	Nepal	00977
Bulgaria	00359	Netherlands	0031
Burkina	00226	Netherlands Antilles	00599
Burundi	00257	New Caledonia	00687
Cambodia	00855	New Zealand	0064
Cameroon	00237	Nicaragua	00505
Canada	001	Niger	00227
Cape Verde	00238	Nigeria	00234
Cayman Islands	001345	Niue	00683
Central African	00236	Norfolk Island	00672
Chad	00235	N. Ireland (UK)	0044
Chile	0056	North Korea	00850
China	0086	Norway	0047
Colombia	0057	Oman	00968
Comoros	00269	Pakistan	0092
Congo	00242	Palau	00680
Cook Islands	00682	Panama	00507
Costa Rica	00506	Papua New Guinea	00675
Croatia	00385	Paraguay	00595
Cuba	0053	Peru	0051
Cyprus	00357	Philippines	0063
Cyprus (Northern)	0090392	Poland	0048
Czech Republic	00420	Portugal	00351
Denmark	0045	Puerto Rico	001787
Diego Garcia	00246	Qatar	00974
Djibouti	00253	Romania	0040
Dominica	001767	Russian Federation	007
Dominican Republic	001809	Rwanda	00250
Ecuador	00593	Saint Helena	00290
Egypt	0020	Saint Kitts	001869
El Salvador	00503	Saint Lucia	001758
England (UK)	0044	Saint Pierre	00508
Equatorial Guinea	00240	Saint Vincent	001784
Eritrea	00291	Samoa US	00684
Estonia	00372	Samoa West	00685
Ethiopia	00251	San Marino	00378
Falkland Islands	00500	Sao Tome	00239
Faroe Islands	00298	Saudi Arabia	00966
Fiji	00679	Scotland (UK)	0044
Finland	00358	Senegal	00221
France	0033	Seychelles	00284
French Guiana	00594	Sierra Leone	00232
French Polynesia	00689	Singapore	0065
Gabon	00241	Slovakia	00421
Gambia	00220	Slovenia	00386
Georgia	00995	Solomon Islands	00677
Germany	0049	Somalia	00252
Ghana	00233	South Africa	0027
Gibraltar	00350	South Korea	0082
Greece	0030	Spain	0034
Greenland	00299	Sri Lanka	0094
Grenada	001473	Sudan	00249
Guadeloupe	00590	Suriname	00597
Guam	001671	Swaziland	00268
Guatemala	00502	Sweden	0046
Guinea	00224	Switzerland	0041
Guyana	00592	Syria	00963
Haiti	00509	Serbia	00381
Holland (Netherlands)	0031	Taiwan	00886
Honduras	00504	Tanzania	00255
Hong Kong	00852	Thailand	0066
Hungary	0036	Togo	00228
Ibiza (Spain)	0034	Tonga	00676
Iceland	00354	Tokelau	00690
India	0091	Trinidad	001868
Indian Ocean	00873	Tunisia	00216
Indonesia	0062	Turkey	0090
Iran	0098	Tuvalu	00688
Iraq	00964	Uganda	00256
Ireland	00353	Ukraine	00380
Italy	0039	United Arab Emirates	00976
Ivory Coast	00225	United Kingdom	0044
Jamaica	001876	Uruguay	00598
Japan	0081	USA	001
Jordan	00962	Uzbekistan	00998
Kazakhstan	007	Vanuatu	00678
Kenya	00254	Venezuela	00582
Kiribati	00686	Vietnam	0084
Kuwait	00965	Virgin Islands UK	001284
Kyrgyzstan	00996	Virgin Islands US	001340
Laos	00856	Wales (UK)	0044
Latvia	00371	Yemen	00967
Lebanon	00961	Yugoslavia	00381
Liberia	00231	Zambia	00260
Libya	00218	Zimbabwe	00263
Lesotho	00266		



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Dr. Masoma Habeeb 25321171	Dr. Abdel Quttainah 25625030/60	Dr. Zahra Qabazard 25710444	Dr. Kamal Al-Shomr 25329924
Dr. Mubarak Al-Ajmy 25739999	Family Doctor	Dr. Sohail Qamar 22621099	Physiotherapists & VD
Dr. Mohsen Abel 25757700	Dr. Divya Damodar 23729596/23729581	Dr. Snaa Maarooof 25713514	Dr. Deyaa Shehab 25722291
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Dr. Abdallah Al-Baghly 25732223	Dr. Esam Al-Ansari 22635047	Dr. Zacharias Mathew 24334282	Rheumatologists:
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How to make the perfect business call

By Hassan Al-Mosawi

Communication is 60 percent body language, 30 percent tone of voice and approximately 10 percent is what you actually say. Generally this gives us a great advantage as we needn't put too much emphasis on what to say but how to deliver the message.

However, how can we communicate effectively over the phone? Where 60 percent of our communication power cannot be exercised. Here is a list of notes to take on board to ensure your phone calls deliver the best possible results!

Emotions can be felt - get in state!

Ever spoken to someone and as soon as they pick up the phone you ask "What's wrong??" Or similarly called someone who lifted your mood for one reason or another.

Which of the two would you rather speak to on a daily

basis ... or better yet be in business with? Our voice is much more expressive than we think! The dynamics of one's tone include the speed at which they speak, the pitch and volume.

In order to have effective phone calls, you need those you speak to, enjoy every conversation. Put a big smile on your face, make sure you are enthusiastic about the call and witness a change in how people interact with you and how contagious your energy is.

Improve your posture

Ever noticed the automatic reaction, when the phone call is important we stand up! That's because we want to make sure our voice is clear and powerful. So don't slouch when taking or making calls, instead sit upright and make way for the power to come through.

Use positive language

Since you need to emphasize more excitement with

less communication. Use words that excite people. Passionate . . . excited . . . looking forward etc. Words that seem to be going instinct are usually the ones with most impact.

People are always attracted to a positive mindset. With this language it will seem that nothing is impossible. On the same token, do avoid the use of negative language that may trigger in others more than you bargained for.

Listen listen listen

There is nothing more satisfying than for a person to hear their own voice. To feel they are understood and valued. Be sure never to overwhelm or make any communication solely about your needs. Care for others and you will see instant rewards as they do their best to co-operate with you.



Road tripping Senegal: Experience Africa's west coast by car



Photo shows goats on Ile de Goree, or Goree Island, off the coast of Dakar, Senegal. — AP photos



Photo shows a side street on the Ile de Goree, or Goree Island, off the coast of Dakar, Senegal.

From dizzying Dakar to vibrant Saint-Louis, Senegal pulsates with rich culture, history and charm. If you want to experience it all—from bustling cities to sleepy, seaside villages—hop in a rental car, charge up your favorite navigation device or app, brush up on your conversational French, and start your road trip across Africa's colorful western coast.



Dakar for the music, art lover

Senegal's largest city perched on the tip of the Cap-Vert peninsula is an ideal starting place for your journey. Spend the afternoons filling your suitcases with trinkets and T-shirts from the capital's many frenetic street markets. For a more serene shopping experience, head to La Galerie Antenna. This African art mecca boasts an impressive collection of sculptures, paintings, masks and jewelry from across the continent.

Rest up and head out after midnight to experience Dakar's thriving music scene at a local bar or club. After your late night, regroup by the beach at one of Dakar's luxury hotels: Terrou-Bi, or Radisson Blu Hotel.

While most of Senegal is surprisingly drivable, Dakar traffic is not for the faint of heart. Be prepared for a general disregard of road signs and discombobulating roundabouts. Some rental car packages include drivers or one can be arranged through your hotel. Or hop in taxis for short trips. They're abundant and inexpensive. Be sure to check rates with a local before hailing a ride and negotiate the fare with your driver in advance.

Goree Island for the history buff

An afternoon (at least) spent exploring the history and architecture of Ile de Goree is a must when visiting Dakar. The UNESCO World Heritage site was a shipping point for African slaves during the 16th through 19th centuries. The island's most famous and sobering attraction, Maison des Esclaves (Slave House), has had many high-profile visitors, including President Obama in 2013. It is now a museum and memorial site serving as symbol for the larger slave trade throughout Africa.

You can easily book a tour guide when you arrive, but the small, tranquil island is quite walkable on your own. Take in the scenic ocean views, colorful, crumbling architecture, shops and street vendors before dining on fresh fish at the hilltop restaurant, Dolce Vita. Ferries leave regularly from Dakar's main port and cost \$9 roundtrip.

Saint-Louis for day trippers

Craving a quick trip outside the city? Head 200 miles (320 kilometers) north to the French colonial settlement Saint-Louis. This lively fishing community connects to the historic city center, a small island in the Senegal river brimming with colonial charm. Reminiscent of New Orleans, Saint-Louis boasts boutique hotels, trendy restaurants, galleries and an annual jazz festival. Don't miss Senegalese designer Rama Diaw's boutique, which features colorful and wearable clothing and accessories for women.

If you have the time, head farther north to the lush wetlands of the Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary, another UNESCO World Heritage site. On your way back to Dakar stop by Lake Retba, Senegal's "pink lake," about an hour outside of the capital. The water may appear more murky than rosy depending on the season and time of your visit.

Glamping and wildlife

Fathala Wildlife Reserve, offers glamping, with three-course meals and luxury air-conditioned tents, near the Gambia border, about 160 miles (258 kilometers) from Dakar, depending on your route. Excursions range from jeep safaris to mangrove boat tours. The attraction started as a conservation project for an antelope, the Giant Derby eland, but animals from other parts of Africa can be seen here too such as zebras and giraffes. The lone rhinoceros is known for his nightly pilgrimage to the smartly-placed watering hole in front of the dining area. It's dinner with a show. — AP



Photo shows coastline as taken near the arrival dock at Ile de Goree, or Goree Island, off the coast of Dakar, Senegal.



Photo shows a fruit stand in Saint-Louis, Senegal.



Fans take a selfie with newly unveiled wax figure of Canadian pop singer Justin Bieber at Madame Tussauds, in London, Sunday. — AP photos

Bieber wax figure goes on display in London

A wax figure of pop star Justin Bieber goes on display in London this month, giving fans a replica figure and installation inspired by the Canadian singer's current world music tour.

London's Madame Tussauds on Sunday unveiled the figure - which features Bieber shirtless with sweat apparently glistening on his tattooed torso - with dancers performing his chart-topping hit "Sorry". Tussauds said the "wet look" figure - which is from its sister Las Vegas museum - recreated a moment from the singer's Purpose world tour that arrives in London this week. — Reuters



Dancers pose next to a newly unveiled wax figure of Canadian pop singer Justin Bieber.

MUSIC & MOVIES



Roger Waters is joined onstage by children as he performs his song 'Another Brick in the Wall' during his closing performance on day 3 of the 2016 Desert Trip music festival.



Pete Townshend (right) and Roger Daltrey perform with their band The Who.



An inflatable pig flies above the crowd during Roger Waters' closing performance. — AP/AFP photos

'Donald Trump is a Pig': Roger Waters on attack at mega-fest

Rocker Roger Waters savaged Donald Trump with a pig balloon caricature as he vowed to make the most of his platform Sunday at a first-of-a-kind festival of rock elders. The former Pink Floyd songwriter, who also renewed his longstanding criticism of Israel, closed out the first three-day weekend of Desert Trip which earlier brought the Rolling Stones and Paul McCartney to the vast stage in the Southern California desert. As Waters played "Pigs (Three Different Ones)," Pink Floyd's 1977 assault on power mongers, an over-size swine-like balloon floated into the crowd with a sketch on it of the Republican presidential candidate.

"Ignorant, lying, racist, sexist," ran the words on the balloon's side, as overhead screens flashed inflammatory quotes by Trump including his boasts of groping women that were recently aired in an explosive video. Unflattering drawings of Trump-in one he is naked with a miniscule member and in another he androgynously has developed breasts-also appeared on screens before the message in bold letters: "Donald Trump is a Pig." Waters drove home the point with a notch more subtlety as he performed Pink Floyd's classic "Another Brick in the Wall," bringing to stage a troupe of singing teenagers, mostly ethnic minorities, who wore T-shirts that read "Derriba El Muro"-Spanish for "tear down the wall." Trump, who is running against Democrat Hillary Clinton in the November 8 election, launched his campaign on promises to build a wall on the Mexican border as he alleged that undocumented immigrants were rapists.

Using his platform

"The Wall," Pink Floyd's rock opera, takes the barrier as a symbol of personal isolation but it has since frequently become a political metaphor, with Waters proudly an activist. Speaking to the 75,000-strong crowd, Waters hailed California students at the forefront of the so-called Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign that aims to exert economic and cultural pressure on Israel. "It's rare that somebody like me gets a platform like this, so I'm going to use this platform," said the 73-year-old British rocker.



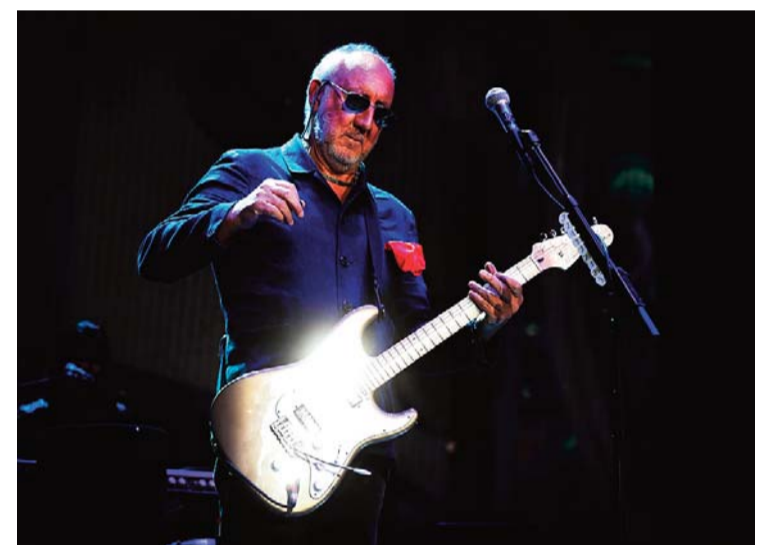
Roger Daltrey and The Who perform during the third day of the Desert Trip music festival.

"I'm going to send out all my most heartfelt love and support to all those young people on the campuses of the universities of California who are standing up for their brothers and sisters in Palestine," Waters said, hoping the boycott movement would "encourage the government of Israel to end the occupation." Israel and a number of US Jewish groups strongly oppose the movement and recently won a victory when California barred companies that do business with the state from shunning individual countries. While Waters' anti-Trump stance elicited cheers, albeit not universally, his statement on Israel drew a more muted response with some fans clapping but others booing and at least one proudly waving an Israeli flag as a counter-protest. Waters is well-known for his criticism of Israeli policy and in 2013 came under fire from Israel supporters for putting a Star of David on the inflatable pig.

'My generation'

Politics aside, Waters crafted the festival's most intricate presentation with the stage transformed into a "dark side of the Moon" and echoing voices reinforcing the music's sense of dislocation. Desert Trip, which will take place again next weekend with an identical lineup, is forecast to be the most lucrative festival ever with aging baby-boomers paying premium prices for the so-called "Oldchella." Other performers were Bob Dylan, Neil Young and, on Sunday, The Who, the other pioneers alongside Pink Floyd of the rock opera.

The Who offered an ultra-abridged tour through the baby-boomers' world with news clips showing events from the Vietnam War to last year's Paris attacks as the group played a blistering "The Rock" from its "Quadrophenia" opera. Singer Roger Daltrey still managed his intense, gritty screams and



Pete Townshend performs with The Who.

Pete Townshend his 360-degree arm-swings of his guitar-but the septuagenarians showed no reserve in joking about their age.

Introducing "I Can See For Miles" as their first hit in the United States, Townshend quipped: "We were sort of 1967's version of Adele or Lady Gaga or Rihanna or Justin Bieber." And Townshend remembered that the weekend would have been the birthday of bassist John Entwistle-found dead by a Las Vegas stripper after a cocaine overdose in 2002. Wherever he is, Townshend said, "Have a line for me, John." — AFP

Solange earns first number one with surprise album



Solange

Solange, the funk singer who has long endured comparisons with superstar sister Beyonce, on Sunday earned her first number-one album with an innovative and introspective work she surprise-released. "A Seat at the Table," in which Solange examines both the role of African American women and her own despair, debuted at number one on the US Billboard album chart for the week through Thursday, tracking service Nielsen Music said. "A Seat at the Table" is Solange's first full-length album since 2008, and she said she spent years working on it, starting with extended sessions in which she would experiment to bases of sound effects.

The 30-year-old singer is believed to have a warm relationship with her older sister but has resented the constant comparisons, saying she is pursuing her own path. Solange has infused her

music with electronica, psychedelica and dark New Wave and has been a frequent performer at alternative rock-dominated festivals. "A Seat at the Table" is interspersed with spoken word, including a snippet in which her father Matthew Knowles recalls his anger at being roughed up by police and the Ku Klux Klan as a child. Solange segues into "Mad," a track featuring rapper Lil Wayne that reflects on African Americans' struggles when faced with accusations that they are too angry.

Solange explores her self-doubts on "Cranes in the Sky," in which she explains how she turned to drinking, shopping and other vices in her quest to heal inner wounds. The singer found a unique way to announce "A Seat at the Table"-she mailed a hardcover book with the lyrics to 86 fans picked off her website, releasing the album four days later on September 30. Beyonce is also a master of surprise

releases, with her latest blockbuster album "Lemonade" paired with a made-for-television movie.

"A Seat at the Table" sold 72,000 copies or the equivalent in downloads and streaming during the week, Nielsen Music said. It edged out by just 1,000 copies a more anticipated release-Bon Iver's "22, A Million." Best known for sorrowful folk rock, Bon Iver went in a more oblique and complicated direction with its latest album, which is filled with synthesized loops and symbolic messaging that reflects on the nature of the universe. Bon Iver previewed the album-whose titles all cryptically involve numbers-in July at the Eaux Claires festival run by front-man Justin Vernon in his native Wisconsin. — AFP

Busan: Who is behind the Lee Yong-kwan sticker campaign?

Lee Yong-kwan, deposed earlier this year as head of the Busan Film Festival, may not even be in town this week. But there are still several people showing their quiet support in the form of stickers. The circular red or white stickers with hashtags "#Support BIFF #Support Mr Lee" were made by some members of the so called 'Korean Film Groups' Emergency Committee for Defending BIFF's Independence.

They were mailed to film industry professionals in September, and veteran filmmaker Jung Ji-young walked the red carpet with the sticker on his chest on Oct. 6. There were more people wearing them at opening night receptions and other events. The 'Emergency Committee' had organized a boycott of the festival, but the boycott was only partially observed after an early August vote split it down the middle. Some industry members have stayed away from the festival completely this year. Others have decided to voice their continued dissatisfaction with the outcome through the sticker campaign.

"The reason we made these stickers is to say that even if the BIFF is happening this year, it doesn't mean everything has been normalized," said director-producer Kim Jho Gwang-soo, who is also a member of the emergency committee. "We wanted to the mayor, the film industry and also the current BIFF organizers understand that having Lee back is very important." However, others think that a sticker campaign does not go far enough. "Even if I understand that there are different ways of supporting Lee, I cannot support the campaign 100%," said a filmmaker who spoke to Variety on the condition of anonymity. "What we demanded when boycotting the BIFF was an action taken to help Lee regain his damaged reputation. What is the point of spreading such message at a festival that is happening without Lee himself?"

Earlier, renowned producer Lee Joon-dong posted on social media that he would not attend the BIFF without Lee. "A festival is a party, after all. I cannot with any grace enjoy the party and simply ignore Lee, who is suffering political retaliation all alone," he wrote on Aug 30. At Lee's recent trial on charges of embezzlement, on Sep 28, prosecutors sought one year of imprisonment. The final sentence is to be passed on Oct 26.—Reuters

Oscar-winning Polish film director Wajda dies aged 90

Film director Andrzej Wajda, best known for chronicling Poland's struggle for democracy during half a century of communist rule, has died at the age of 90. Wajda won international acclaim for "Man of Iron" (1981), which tells the story of the anti-Communist Solidarity movement, and the film's subversive predecessor "Man of Marble" (1977). Fans, film-makers and political leaders rushed online to pay tribute after his death was announced late on Sunday. "We all stem from Wajda. We looked at Poland and at ourselves through him. And we understood better. Now it will be more difficult," Poland's former prime minister and the current head of the European Council, Donald Tusk, said on social media.

Communist authorities censored the "Man of Marble," angered by its portrayal of political corruption in the early 1950s Stalinist period, shown through the fall from grace of a Stakanovite bricklayer. "Man of Iron," which portrays the 1980 strikes that led to the cre-

ation of the Solidarity union and the fall of communism, was awarded the Palme d'Or at the Cannes festival. In 2000, Wajda received an Academy Honorary Award in 2000, in recognition of five decades of work, the first eastern European director to win the lifetime achievement Oscar. Wajda's films also won a Silver Bear at the Berlin International Film Festival and four nominations for Academy Awards, among other prizes.

"One of the greatest"

"He was one of the greatest Polish artists, one of the best known in the world. Poland was his passion," film director and head of the Polish Filmmakers' Association Jacek Bromski told TVN24 broadcaster. "For us, for the community he was a pillar of strength, everybody gathered around him. He was always present in the life of the film-making community, he was a mentor, a paragon." Wajda's last film, "Afterimage", a biopic about avant-garde painter W adys aw Strzemi ski, tells a story of

an artist struggling to overcome the pressures of Stalinist dogma on art shortly after World War Two.

Wajda, who has spent decades using subtle cinematic language and hidden meanings to avoid overt clashes with the communist authorities, has drawn parallels between Strzemi ski's efforts and the current conservative government's policy of promoting "national culture." "We are facing a moment when the authorities are trying to influence art," Wajda, who has criticized the Law and Justice (PIS) government on several occasions, told the local PAP news agency in September. "National art" is being discussed, what is art and what isn't. I made a film about the past which says that influencing art is not the role of a government. Artists should do art, not the authorities." "Afterimage" has been submitted as Poland's candidate for best Foreign Language Oscar. — Reuters



This file photo taken on March 26, 2000 shows Polish filmmaker Andrzej Wajda poses with his Honorary Oscar at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. — AFP



Lebanese designer Aiisha Ramadan (center) walks down the catwalk with Emirati model Rafeea Al-Hajsi (center right) and other models wearing her designs at the end of her show during the Arab Fashion Week in the United Arab Emirate of Dubai. — AFP photos

Emirati model breaks taboos to follow catwalk dream

In a flowing scarlet dress, Rafeea Al-Hajsi fulfilled a dream by becoming the first Emirati model to strut the Arab Fashion Week catwalk after years battling social constraints. "It's amazing to be on the catwalk... a lovely feeling," she said. "I enjoy it with all my heart." As she prepared to model two dresses by Lebanese designer Aiisha Ramadan on Sunday, the model said excitement, fear and happiness all come together when she faces the audience.

Nakad at Paris Fashion Week. She appeared at Thursday's opening of the third Arab Fashion Week, which takes place twice yearly. On Sunday she took to the catwalk to model a long red one-sleeved dress and another off-shoulder black gown—both from Aiisha Ramadan's Spring-Summer 2017 collection. The designer, also Lebanese, said her varied and colorful dresses were inspired by trips to amusement parks with her two-year-old daughter.

She said Hajsi's fuller figure made her stand out from super-thin fashion models, meaning women could relate to her. Hajsi "has a waist," she said. "To me, this is my client. Rafeea represents the beautiful Arab girl." "We made her wear something very simple to show that the Arab girl knows how to dress in something simple and how it suits her." She agreed that Arab models often face barriers keeping them out of the fashion world. "For the model to become international, she needs to reveal a lot of her body and this can be unacceptable in (Arab) culture," the designer said.

Hajsi admitted that she keeps society in mind when considering modeling offers, saying she has turned many down because of the revealing designs. "There are limits that I always consider," she said. "It's painful. Sometimes there is a dress I really like and which the designer wants me to wear, but I can't because the design is not suitable for our society." "I sacrifice international fashion shows that are great opportunities for me, just to be considerate towards our society and my family," she said.

But she added that Arab Fashion Week showed Emirati society was becoming more open towards fashion. "I fought many things in my life as a model," she said. "As you can see, I've reached a level where I am satisfied." She flashed a big smile and headed off to pose for a nearby photographer. — AFP



Emirati model Rafeea Al-Hajsi looks at dresses by Lebanese designer Aiisha Ramadan prior to the walking down the catwalk.

"When I see the lights on my face, life lights up with the feeling that international fame is ahead," she said. A curvy brunette with long hair, a square jaw and light brown eyes, her passion for being on camera was obvious, even backstage. Surrounded by make-up artists and overwhelmingly Western models, she posed for the cameras in a black mini-dress, casting sultry looks. Her phone never left her hand as she took selfies, uploaded clips, and streamed live video. "Even if I keep working 24 hours, I have no problem at all with modeling," she said.

She said she faced many obstacles in a conservative Muslim society where most local women cover themselves from head to toe in black abaya robes. "I consider myself a very courageous girl to be in this field," she said. "It was very difficult for me to become a model, especially as an Emirati." Hajsi started off modeling traditional local costumes. She declined to give her age, but said she had to wait years for society to "open up a little". "It took around eight years for you to see me standing here in front of you," she said. After five years of modeling local clothes, she started presenting radio and television shows, which opened up opportunities to move ahead in the world of fashion.

'Sacrifice'

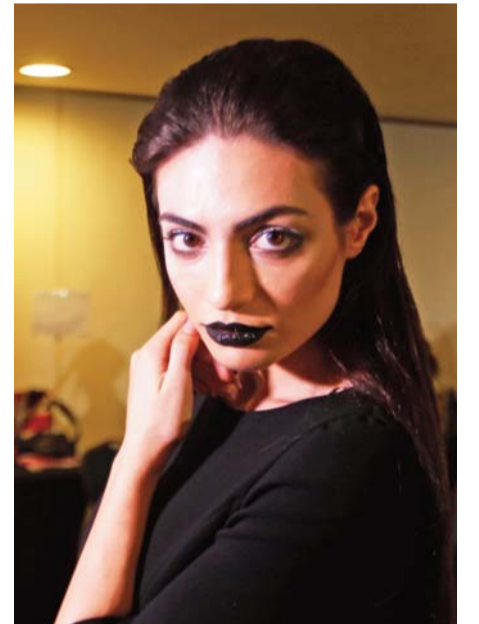
Hajsi's first appearance at a fashion show was earlier this year in France, when she modeled for Lebanese designer Ziad



A make-up artist applies make-up to Emirati model Rafeea Al-Hajsi before the start of a fashion show.



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Emirati model Rafeea Al-Hajsi poses for a photo before the start of a fashion show.





Models present creations by Lebanese designer Aisha Ramadan during the Arab Fashion Week.



Emirati model Rafeea Al-Hajsi poses for a photo before the start of a fashion show.

Lakme fashion show event



Models present creations by Indian fashion designer Neeta Lulla at Lakme fashion show event in Colombo. — AFP photos



Models present creations by Indian fashion designer Dimuthu Sahabandu.

Models present creations by Indian fashion designer Babita Malkani.

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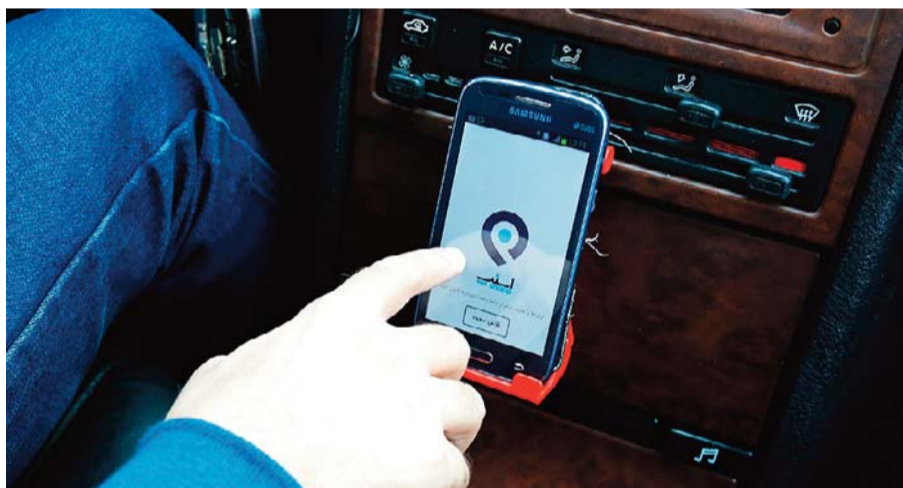
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Afghan children walk to school on the outskirts of Herat yesterday. — AFP



A driver from the start-up company Snapp, which offers a taxi service app, checks the app on his mobile in Tehran. — AFP photos



An Iranian woman talks to the driver of a private car serving as an unofficial taxi in Tehran's northwestern Punak neighborhood.

Hard times fuel Tehran taxi glut

Mansour Faridfar did well on the black market until the law caught up and left him jobless, forcing him to join the thousands of "shakhsi" unofficial taxi drivers clogging Tehran's streets. "I used to be very well off and I thought my fate was in my hands, but I gradually learned that was not true," said the 60-year-old father of two, driving a route through the north of the Iranian capital. Faridfar once made good money on Iran's vast black market, even if smuggling in Western clothes such as ties and women's coats earned him a few months in jail during the unforgiving period just after the 1979 Islamic revolution.

His luck ran out in the 1990s when a \$50,000 shipment was seized by customs, bankrupting him. Later, he narrowly avoided another stint in prison for selling poor-quality rice to the education ministry. "So four years ago, I bought this Pride and started working as a driver," he said, gesturing around his battered car, the cheapest model in Iran. Now, he makes around 800,000 rials (\$23) a day working as a shakhsi (which means "personal" in Farsi). More than half is lost on expenses.

Such fly-by-night careers are common in Iran thanks to decades of economic mismanagement and international isolation. The jobless rate currently stands at 11 percent. Tehran's mayor Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf this week bemoaned the growing number of shakhsis caused, he said, by the "bad economic situation". "I've personally witnessed them dare to go to taxi ranks and take work

away from (official) taxi drivers," he told a transport conference.

Tehran already has 78,000 official taxis—more than five times the number in New York—and another 35,000 agency cabs. Travelling one kilometer (just over half a mile) up Valyars Street—the main north-south artery—can take more than an hour once rush-hour kicks in at around 4:00 pm. "I'm not really satisfied working like this—none of us are. My expertise is the fashion business," said Faridfar.

Iranian Uber

All these taxis mean you only need to stand on a Tehran curb for a few seconds before someone slows down and beeps their horn, offering a lift. The range of options is vast. There are the yellow taxis of the municipality, the green taxis of the official private network, and neighborhood agencies. There are also cabs that ply fixed routes through the city and pick people up along the way, like a bus. Passengers can share with strangers or pay extra for "darbast" ("closed door") to have the car to themselves.

With all this choice, there hardly seems room for the sort of ride-hailing apps that have transformed the industry in other countries. Uber founder Travis Kalanick was famously inspired to start the company when he couldn't find a taxi one night in tightly-regulated Paris—a problem he would never have encountered in Tehran. Nonetheless, a couple of start-up companies have emerged in the city.

Snapp was first on the scene a couple of years ago, designed by university graduates and offering a service very similar to Uber.

The company's CEO, Shahram Shahkar, says it is "helping tens of thousands of customers connect to tens of thousands of drivers" and has ambitious plans to expand the service nationwide. "Our vision is to provide a reliable and convenient software and service solution for the transportation sector in all cities of Iran," he told AFP. Snapp is protected against competition from Uber by continuing US sanctions on Iran, which Washington has maintained despite a nuclear deal with world powers that came into force in January.

But Snapp must still contend with Tehran's hellish traffic. On a recent trip to the famed Friday bazaar, two expats stood in the blazing midday heat, waiting for their Snapp car to inch its way through traffic. Determined to use up their pre-paid credit, they waved on dozens of traditional taxis that stopped to offer a ride while the Snapp car remained stuck in a bottleneck up the road. "I think I'm going to cry," said one sweating expat. — AFP



A general view shows traffic in the northwestern Punak neighborhood of Tehran.



An Iranian woman gets into a private car serving as an unofficial taxi.



A general view shows Iranians at the Vanak Taxi Station in Tehran.