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SECURITY AUTHORITIES ARREST 'MAJOR DRUGS SUPPLIER': MOI

SUSPECT CONCEALED 'SPICE' IN COSMETICS TO SEND TO EUROPE



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KUWAIT: Interior Ministry Undersecretary Lt Gen Suleiman Al-Fahd (right) and General Directorate for Drug Control officers inspect the drugs yesterday. (Right) The suspects are seen after their arrest. — MoI



By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: A citizen described by the Ministry of Interior as a "big drugs supplier" was arrested yesterday as he was preparing a "narcotic substance" in collaboration with an Iraqi man to distribute it. The General Directorate for Drug Control received information about a dealer bringing in drugs to distribute it in the country, the ministry's security media department said in a statement, noting that the supplier was immediately arrested after the information was confirmed.

The accused confessed that he had a place containing a laboratory to prepare the 'Spice' drug, the statement said, adding that a large amount of drugs was seized. The accused also admitted that he was preparing orders of narcotics to sell to a European country. He added that he used names of cosmetics on these orders to disguise the drugs.

Interior Ministry Undersecretary Lt Gen Suleiman Al-Fahd conveyed greetings of Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah to the directorate's staff for their prominent and outstanding efforts in arresting the suppliers of narcotics. He expressed his appreciation to the minister for his support of security men to help them launch preemptive strikes against criminals.

He stressed readiness of security men in performing their duties and maintaining the safety of citizens and residents. The aim of such campaigns is to arrest major suppliers of narcotics which affect the health of people, Fahd emphasized.



Patrick Eugene Stein Gavin Wright Curtis Allen

3 MEN ACCUSED OF PLOTTING TO BOMB MUSLIMS IN KANSAS

WICHITA, Kansas: Three members of a Kansas militia group are accused of plotting to bomb an apartment complex that's home to Somali immigrants in the western Kansas meatpacking town of Garden City, a thwarted attack prosecutors say was planned for the day after the November election. A complaint unsealed Friday charges Curtis Wayne Allen, 49; Patrick Eugene Stein, 47; and Gavin Wayne Wright, 49, with conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction. The men are members of a small militia group that calls itself "the Crusaders", and whose members espouse sovereign citizen, anti-government, anti-Muslim and anti-immigrant extremist beliefs, according to the complaint.

Prosecutors said the men don't yet have attorneys. Publicly listed phone numbers for the men couldn't immediately be found. Their first court appearance is tomorrow. The arrests were the culmination of an eight-month FBI investigation that took agents "deep into a hidden culture of hatred and violence," Acting US Attorney Tom Beall said. The complaint alleges group members chose the target

based on their hatred for Muslims, people of Somali descent and immigrants - and out of a desire to inspire other militia groups and "wake people up".

The FBI began a domestic terrorism investigation of the group in February, and a confidential source attended its meetings in southwestern Kansas. In a June meeting, Stein brought up the Orlando nightclub shooting and proposed carrying out a similar attack against Muslim refugees in Garden City, according to the complaint. They ultimately decided to target the apartment complex because of the number of Somalis who lived there and the fact that one of the apartments was used as a mosque. The complex houses about 120 Somali residents, Beall said.

The complaint said Stein discussed the explosives used in the 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City by Timothy McVeigh. The men, who were arrested in Liberal on Friday morning, performed surveillance of the apartment building and prepared a manifesto, Beall said.

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FRESH TALKS TRY TO REVIVE SYRIA TRUCE

TURKISH-BACKED FIGHTERS ADVANCING ON IS-HELD DABIQ

55 KILLED IN IRAQ ATTACKS

BAGHDAD: Around 55 people were killed in Iraq in attacks yesterday that targeted a Shiite gathering, a police checkpoint and the family of a Sunni paramilitary leader opposed to Islamic State, according to security and medical sources. The escalation comes as Iraqi forces are getting ready to launch an offensive to take back Mosul, the last Iraqi city still under control of Islamic State, in northern Iraq.

The heaviest toll was caused by a suicide bomber who detonated an explosive vest in the middle of a Shiite gathering in Baghdad, killing at least 41 people and wounding 33. The explosion went off inside a tent filled with people taking part in Shiite Ashoura rituals, which mourn the killing of Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) grandson Hussein in the 7th century. Islamic State claimed the attack in an online statement. Some people were also in the tent to mourn the death of a local resident, authorities said. The tent was set up in a crowded market in the city's northern Al-Shaab district.

A witness said the bomber entered the funeral tent and blew himself up as lunch was being served. "I saw with my eyes 20 martyrs on the ground," the witness said. Blood stained the ground at the scene of the attack, which was littered with the remains of plastic chairs mourners had been seated on.

Gunmen believed to belong to Islamic State earlier in the day staged two attacks north of Baghdad, one targeting a police checkpoint and the other the

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LAUSANNE: Pessimistic envoys from the United States, Russia and Syria's neighbors met yesterday in Switzerland as Secretary of State John Kerry tried to revive hopes of a ceasefire for the war-torn country. The talks marked Kerry's first encounter with his Russian opposite number Sergei Lavrov since a US and Russian-sponsored truce collapsed last month amid a ferocious Syrian offensive. But diplomats from all

sides warned against hopes for a rapid breakthrough in Lausanne, and Moscow showed no sign of softening its strong support for Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad.

Even as the diplomats gathered in a lakefront hotel, Moscow's flagship aircraft carrier set sail for the Mediterranean to support the Russian forces shoring up Assad's rule.

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LAUSANNE: (From left) Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, US Secretary of State John Kerry, Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir, Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Al-Thani, Iraqi Foreign Minister Ibrahim Al-Jaafari, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, UN Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura, Turkish Foreign Affairs Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu and Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh are seen during a meeting yesterday. — AFP



DOHA: Israeli (left) and Kuwaiti cyclists are seen before the start of the women's elite road race event as part of the 2016 UCI Road World Championships yesterday in the Qatari capital. — AFP

TRUMP CLAIMS ELECTION 'RIGGED', SLAMS 'SMEARS'

PORTSMOUTH: Donald Trump charged yesterday that "corrupt" media were seeking to rig November's presidential election in favor of his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton. His White House campaign in chaos over snowballing accusations of sexual assault, Trump has cast himself as the victim of a "smear campaign", and further escalated his attacks on his rival heading into the final weeks of the race. "Hillary is running for president in what looks like a rigged election," he told a fired-up rally in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. "The election is being rigged by corrupt media pushing completely false allegations and outright lies in an effort to elect her president."

Trump tweeted out a similar allegation earlier yesterday to his 12 million followers, charging: "Hillary Clinton should have been prosecuted and should be in jail. Instead she is running for president in what looks like a rigged election." As the Manhattan billionaire tanks in the polls, he has spent the last week claiming the media and a "global elite" is working against him, and that Clinton had plotted to destroy the sovereignty of the United States.

"Either we win this election or we lose this country," he told supporters in New Hampshire. "I really believe this is the last chance we have to win. I really believe it. Not going to happen again." The virulence of Trump's attacks on the Clinton camp have raised concerns about whether the real estate mogul would even acknowledge a defeat, and how his legions of fired-up supporters would react should he lose.

Trump earlier rejected claims of women accusing him of sexual misconduct, and portrayed himself as the victim of a "smear campaign" orchestrated by the media and established politicians. As Trump spoke at a rally, Summer Zervos - an ex-contestant on his reality TV show "The Apprentice" - came forward to accuse him of kissing, groping and thrusting his genitals at her during a meeting at a California hotel in 2007. The Trump campaign said in a statement that he "vaguely remembered" Zervos, but shot down her accusation.

It later released a statement from one John Barry, identified as Zervos's first cousin, claiming that Zervos had praised Trump for years. Barry implied that Zervos was upset because Trump

refused to visit her California restaurant during the primaries. Also Friday, a former aspiring model, Kristin Anderson, told the Washington Post that Trump had sidled up to her in a nightclub in the early 1990s, reached under her skirt and touched her vagina through her panties.

They were the latest in a stream of women accusing Trump of predatory sexual behavior, adding to the woes of his now free-falling presidential bid. Clinton on Friday called the election "incredibly painful." "I take absolutely no satisfaction in what is happening on the other side with my opponent," she told a crowd at a campaign field office in Seattle, Washington. "I am not at all happy about that. It hurts our democracy."

The torrent of allegations against Trump was unleashed by the Oct 7 release of audio from 2005 in which Trump bragged that he could get away with grabbing women's crotches because he's famous. "Lies, lies, lies," Trump thundered at a rally Friday in Greensboro, North Carolina, referring to sexual misconduct allegations reported by the New York Times and other media.

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KUWAIT: KFSD Director Major General Khalid Al-Mekrad (center) gives instructions to firefighters tackling the blaze.



FIRE IN THREE WAREHOUSES BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: No injuries were reported in a massive blaze that engulfed warehouses across a 4,000-square-meter area in Shuwaikh yesterday. Firefighters raced to protect an area of nearly 20,000 square meters containing warehouses and offices owned by major companies in Kuwait, thus managing to save lives as well as millions of dinars in property from the flames.

Teams from seven fire departments were able to bring under control the fire that engulfed three warehouses in Shuwaikh industrial zone, Kuwait Fire Service Directorate (KFSD) announced. The fire only caused material damage, KFSD Director Major General Khalid Al-Mekrad said, adding that firefighters were able to isolate the fire from spreading to nearby warehouses. Investigation has been opened to know the reasons behind the fire.

NURSING SOCIETY CONGRATULATES NEW DIRECTOR

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Chairman of Kuwait Nursing Society Bandar Nashmi Al-Enezi congratulated Dr Hanan Al-Negaidan on the occasion of her appointment as nursing services director at the Ministry of Health (MOH). Enezi also hailed the health minister's decisions on reshuffling and referring some ministry officials to retirement.

Award winners

Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS) said that the names of the winners of the Abdul Rahman Al-Sumait's Award for African Development for health affairs in 2015 and for food security in 2016 would be announced during the award's board of trustees' meeting on Oct 17, 2016. KFAS also said that winners would receive their awards at a special ceremony to be held on the sidelines of the 4th African-Arab Summit in Equatorial Guinea on Nov 22, 2016. KFAS Director Dr Adnan Shehabuddin said all winners had achieved the targeted development in health and food security throughout Africa.

Public schools

Municipal Council member and head of Hawally committee Nayef Al-Sour expressed dissatisfaction with the education process at public schools. He also criticized the conditions of various schools in terms of maintenance.

KNPC DISCUSSES FUNDING 2ND PHASE OF CLEAN FUEL PROJECT KUWAIT RANKED 10TH IN GLOBAL EMPATHY LIST

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) officials held several meetings with representatives of five international banks to negotiate the prices and interest rates of funding the second phase of the Clean Fuel Project. Informed sources stressed that negotiations have been almost concluded and that an agreement would probably be signed before the end of this year.

Profit tax

The assessment and tax claims manager at the finance ministry Aseel Al-Munaifi said that the ministry has referred the business profit tax law to the fatwa and legislation department for further study. Munaifi explained that the law suggests imposing a 10 percent tax on companies' profits starting from 2021. She added that the total income from this tax and the value added tax due to be passed by GCC would be around KD 800 million.

Scrap site

Kuwait Municipality's deputy director for organizational affairs Mohammed Al-Zobee invited a number of municipality officials to a special meeting to discuss relocating the municipality's vehicle impoundment and scrap site during the first half of 2017 to a new location to the south of Saad Al-Abdullah. In the meeting, Zobee distributed various

tasks to municipality officials and explained that the total cost of preparing the project would be KD 1 million.

Road development

The State Audit Bureau has notified the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) of its approval of two agreements made to supervise two tenders to develop Al-Ghouss Street from Sabah Al-Salem till the Seventh Ring Road and from the Fifth Ring Road to the Sixth Ring Road, said MPW's assistant undersecretary for maintenance engineering affairs Ahmed Al-Hessan. He added that the total cost of Wafra highway project, of which 10 percent is already complete, would be KD 82 million.

Empathy list

A new study by over 104 researchers from 63 different countries at Michigan, Chicago and Indiana universities showed that Kuwait ranked tenth worldwide and third in the Arab world in terms of empathizing with world issues and concerns, while Saudi Arabia stood first amongst Arabs and second worldwide after Ecuador. The study found Lithuania was ranked last in terms of empathizing with others. One of the researchers, William Chopik, said the study's results were surprising as they had expected the US to come first on the list instead of seventh. The top ten countries were Ecuador, Saudi Arabia, Peru, Denmark, UAE, South Korea, USA, Taiwan, Costa Rica and Kuwait.

Local spotlight

US ELECTION



By Muna Al-Fuzai

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The world today is in a state of alert and follows the US election for various reasons, so it is no surprise the Arab media is also following it. The question here is how does the US election affect us in the Middle East, which has been in turmoil for years. Why are we following the election? What's in it for us?

I am a keen observer of the US election. I find that the method and the electoral process, as well as the debates between the candidates and their deputies, have a democratic value that we need to emulate here in the Middle East. We all understand that the political game contains elements of excitement and a little drama. It is also an art and science, so it is natural that each party would try to do whatever they can to get more votes. It is a race to win, so some action won't hurt.

As for the impact of the outcome of the US election on us here in the Middle East, I do not think the result would be able to extinguish the fire, especially if the US continues to shake trust with its allies here in the region by issuing laws such as the JASTA law that serves no interest for US policy in the region. Maybe there are things we do not know about American politics, but the United States would be committing a mistake if it resorts to extremism in dealing with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

Since I am an observer of US policy in general for a long time, I am very biased towards the Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. I know I'm not a US citizen and have no right to vote, but I am entitled, in my opinion, as a woman to support her. To me, Clinton proved to be a courageous lady who worked hard to reach success and stand for the presidency of what is considered the most powerful nation in the world today.

Most statistics confirm that women are more in number than men. The problem here is that women in general in all societies of the world feel jealous towards successful women, and therefore they do not support successful women or those who are trying to reach the top! Some freak out when I say I support Hillary Clinton because she is a woman and has a right to stand to demand what she wants according to the law and constitution. Men being biased towards men is considered acceptable, but women being biased towards women is seen as unacceptable!

In my opinion, the statements of Republican candidate Donald Trump against Muslims, women and minorities are scary and shameful. The empire Trump built brought personal success for himself and his family. We won't die if we do not use his golf courses. The situation in the Middle East is very worrying and relationships do not seem consistent among most countries. We in the GCC are bound by a common future, the most powerful of the last links of history. We have to warn those who are trying to spread strife at home, either through currents of radical Islamism or from abroad, who may now be drumming for a candidate like Trump and calling for laws against the Gulf states, starting with Saudi Arabia.

The US election is a lesson for Arabs to learn how they should choose a candidate by exercising democracy, whether for the municipal council, National Assembly or the shura council. We have to realize that a tick mark draws the future and this is the value and beauty of democracy.



KUWAIT: In collaboration with Kuwait National Guard forces, the staff of Doha eastern power plant conducted a mock evacuation drill to test their readiness in cases of emergency.

DUO ARRESTED FOR RUNNING BREWERY

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Two Asian men were arrested for running a home liquor brewery in Rumaithiya. Security sources said a police patrol suspected two Asians carrying plastic bags, and on approaching them, they threw the bags and ran into a house. They were followed by policemen, who found other people inside the build-

ing, in addition to 186 bottles of liquor.

Theft

An Egyptian man reported that unidentified burglars broke into his house in Salmiya and stole cash in different currencies including £25,125, \$600, KD 30, SR 2,002, a mobile phone and a civil ID card. Investigations are ongoing.



INTERIOR MINISTRY CONCLUDES 'DIGITAL MEDIA' TRAINING SESSION

KUWAIT: Under the auspices and with the attendance of the Ministry of Interior's Undersecretary Lt Gen Suleiman Al-Fahd, a training course titled 'Security Media in the Age of Digital Media' concluded. The conclusion ceremony was also attended by Training Director Maj Gen Anwar Al-Barjas, KUNA Deputy Chairman Adnan Al-Rashed, Jadal

Training Center Manager Sohair Jaradatt and MoI's Relations and Security Media Director Brig Adel Al-Hashash. In other news, on the conclusion of a special security plan to secure husseiniyas and mosques during Muharram, Fahd sent a cable of congratulations to all MoI forces who took part.



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

AMIR CONDOLES WITH SISI OVER SINAI ATTACK VICTIMS

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable of condolence to Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi over the victims of the "terrorist" attack that targeted a security checkpoint in North Sinai Governorate.

His Highness the Amir expressed Kuwait's strongest condemnation to such heinous terror acts that attempt to create insecurity and instability in the region. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent cables of similar sentiment.

Yesterday, some fifteen militants and 12 military personnel were killed in clashes in Egypt's North Sinai

Governorate at a security checkpoint. Other six army personnel and a number of militants were also injured.

Earlier yesterday, Kuwait's Ministry of Foreign Affairs strongly condemned the deadly terrorist attack on a security checkpoint in North Sinai, Egypt, on Friday. The State of Kuwait reaffirms support to Egypt and backs all measures the Egyptian authorities might take to preserve the country's stability and security, an official at the Ministry said.

Kuwait maintains its principled stance against all forms and manifestations of terrorism whatever the justifications might be. The official expressed sincere condolences to the families of the victims and the people and government of Egypt. — KUNA

ALGHANIM INDUSTRIES PLATINUM SPONSOR OF ARABNET CONFERENCE

FREE EVENT TICKETS GIVEN TO 100 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN KUWAIT

KUWAIT: Alghanim Industries, one of the largest privately owned companies in the region, has recently announced its Platinum Sponsorship of 'ArabNet Conference - Kuwait'. This is the first time the company sponsors ArabNet, which aims to stimulate the growth of the Arab digital knowledge economy and support the creation of new businesses and job opportunities for aspiring youth. The two-day conference took place last Tuesday and Wednesday at the Courtyard Hotel's Arraya Ballroom.

The conference was comprised of multiple panels of industry experts discussing various topics on e-commerce, digital media, e-marketing, and investing in tech related businesses. The conference also included a Startup Demo Competition, which aims to support early-stage startups from across the region through funding, exposure, and strategic partnerships; "Ideathon Pitches", where each selected entrepreneur has two minutes in the spotlight to present their innovative idea and strong business potential; 1-on-1 Interviews with top private sector executives such as CEO of Agility, Tarek Sultan, and General Manager of IT and CIO at Gulf Bank, Peter Roberts, among others.

Alghanim Industries contribution included sponsoring 100 students from different universities in Kuwait to attend the conference, free of charge. The company is a firm believer in the importance of education both inside and outside the classroom.

Digital hub

Speaking about this sponsorship, Chief Executive Officer of Alghanim Industries, Omar Kutayba Alghanim said: "As a company, Alghanim Industries always strives to collaborate with local and regional startup experts, with the aim of turning Kuwait into the next digital entrepreneurial hub of creative ideas and solutions. I have immense faith in our youth, and their ability to continuously raise the bar on innovation. I believe we have a collective responsibility, in both the public and private sector, to support small businesses and entrepreneurship - to create economic opportunities for our population."

Commenting on the event, Chief Executive Officer of ArabNet, Omar Christidis said: "We were thrilled to collaborate with Alghanim Industries to bring more than 100 Kuwaiti youth and entrepreneurs to ArabNet Kuwait, and to help connect them with the investors and business leaders that can help them grow. We look forward to a long-term strategic partnership

with Alghanim Industries to help develop the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Kuwait, and look forward to the next edition of ArabNet Kuwait in 2017."

This initiative comes as part of Alghanim Industries' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, which is committed to empowering the underprivileged, supporting education and encouraging entrepreneurship. It is worth noting that the company is the Strategic Sponsor for the fifth annual Tmkeen Youth Symposium, an initiative that provides youth with valuable insights about entrepreneurship from industry leaders, academics and experts. The Tmkeen event will be held under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, on 25 and 26 October 2016.



Alghanim Industries CEO Omar Kutayba Alghanim



A scene from the conference.

KUWAITIS TRAINED AT BANKS FOR YEAR BEFORE EMPLOYMENT

KUWAIT: Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait and Chairman of the Institute of Banking Studies Dr Yousef Al-Hashel has declared start of enrolling the sixth batch of newly-graduated students seeking qualification to work in banking.

The planned course is part of a broad program to train and employ Kuwaiti citizens in the sector "and constitutes fruit of continuing cooperation between the Central Bank and the Kuwaiti banks," he said in a statement on Saturday, affirming that the sector "shoulders responsibilities in various realms related to serving the society by preparing national cadres capable of contributing to development in the State of Kuwait," he said.

The program aims at selecting "elite graduates, trailing them and sharpening their skills to serve in the banking sector, with theoretical and field activities at Kuwaiti and renowned international banks for a year," Hashel said, noting the approach to train "promising leaders in the profession." The program, managed by the institute, is co-executed by the CBK and Kuwaiti banks. — KUNA



Governor of the Central Bank of Kuwait Dr Yousef Al-Hashel

OOREDOO GOES PINK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

'FIGHT LIKE A GIRL' SPONSORED FOR SECOND YEAR

KUWAIT: Ooredoo, Kuwait's fastest network for 2016, continues to exert efforts to support government entities in raising awareness about breast cancer, one of the world's most pressing health issues. This comes in alignment with Ooredoo's commitment to the Global Goals project of the United Nations, which was adopted by Ooredoo in 2015, with a great focus on the third and fifth goal which focus on good health and gender equality.

Stemming from this commitment, and in alignment with the company's continuous efforts and belief in caring for its employees, Ooredoo is working both externally and externally to raise awareness about breast cancer early detection during October, the breast cancer awareness month.

diet and exercise, in addition to talks about Ayurveda and alternative medicine, wholesome and organic diet tips, and first aid. The program also includes live cooking shows and competitions, in addition to sports tournaments for its employees. Celebrating the breast cancer awareness month, Ooredoo building is now lit in purple to support this global initiative.

place on Tuesday the 18th of October, while medical staff will be present throughout the week to check blood pressure, glucose level and perform other routine tests. To distinguish each day, each theme will carry a different color: green for nutrition, red for blood drive, blue for diabetes, yellow for first aid, and pink for breast cancer. Ooredoo is committed to support national and global initiatives throughout its various activities, with its comprehensive social responsibility policy both internally and externally.

A color for each day

Ooredoo employees' blood drive will take

KFH SPONSORS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) announced its sponsorship and support to the National Breast Cancer Awareness campaign for the second consecutive year in collaboration with the Kuwait Cancer Control Center. This comes in line with the bank's commitment towards the community with respect to health care.

The campaign that coincides with the World Breast Cancer Awareness Month included a variety of awareness events and special discussion sessions to spread

awareness among women in the society. Moreover, KFH presented a number of awareness programs in social media platforms.

It is worth noting that KFH takes part in all relevant awareness campaigns such as diabetes and heart diseases. The bank inks agreement with respective bodies locally and globally in a bid to coordinate and bolster efforts that aim at preventing Kuwait society from the serious impact of these diseases.



NBK PROVIDES EARLY DETECTION TESTS FOR FEMALE CLIENTS

KUWAIT: In an exclusive offer made in collaboration with Royale Hayat Hospital, the National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) announced providing a special discount on mammogram tests for its female clients wishing to undergo breast cancer early detection tests. This campaign is held annually under the title of 'Be Aware' and coincides with the World Breast Cancer Awareness Month due until November 30, 2016. Speaking on the occasion, NBK's PR executive Manal Al-Mattar said that the initiative comes within the bank's annual campaign activities. She added that the campaign aims at boosting awareness among women regarding the significance of early detection in cancer treatment.



Manal Al-Mattar



Support and endorsement

Ooredoo is happy to endorse for the second consecutive year the nationwide initiative Fight Like a Girl, which will be held in Jumeirah Hotel on the 22nd of October. The event will be attended by a number of activists in the field of gender equality, women's rights, in addition to prominent doctors and health professionals, social dignitaries and diplomats. The event highlights the importance of regular screenings among women and early detection, since breast cancer is one of the most prevalent forms of cancer in Kuwait today.

Caring and connecting

Continuing its effort to support the health and wellbeing of its employees, Ooredoo is happily kicking off a series of seminars and activities for its employees at its head office starting today under the Health Week initiative. The program aims to raise awareness about nutrition, diabetes, general health in addition to a first-aid certification program and a blood drive.

Competitions and lectures

Additionally, the program includes a number of lectures and seminars by doctors and health professionals who will discuss breast cancer and early detection methods, managing diabetes through diet, achieving optimal health through



Ooredoo's head office building covered in pink in commemoration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



KUWAIT: Pictures taken from a press conference, which was organized in Al-Shaheed Park last Wednesday by The Blue Circle campaign to announce the details of a successful sporting challenge held for people with diabetes. The group went to Slovenia, Italy and Austria for hiking, cycling and other outdoor sport activities in order to demonstrate that patients with diabetes are able to live a normal life like others. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

International Monetary Fund

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“Course Administrator”

Vacancy Announcement

The mission of the IMF’s Middle East Center for Economics and Finance (CEF) in Kuwait is to build capacity through hands-on training for policy makers from the Arab League countries, as well as to lead conferences, symposia and seminars geared at strengthening the design and implementation of sound economic policies in the region.

The Center is seeking a “Course Administrator” to carry out administrative functions related to training activities at the CEF.

This is a full time position with an initial appointment term of two-years (renewable), and carries a competitive salary and benefits package commensurate with the successful candidate’s experience and qualifications.

Qualifications and skills:

- University or Diploma graduate, work experience is highly desired.
- Fluency in spoken and written English and Arabic is required.
- Strong IT skills (MS Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and SharePoint) are essential.
- Proficiency in typing Arabic and English is a must.
- Strong interpersonal and professional skills.
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment, work under pressure and meet challenging deadlines.

Closing date of the application is October 25, 2016. Interested candidates can submit their CVs to the following email: cefinfo@imf.org

VIVA SPONSORS NUKS CONFERENCE

KUWAIT: VIVA, Kuwait’s fastest-growing and most developed telecom operator, announced its platinum sponsorship of the annual conference of the National Union of Kuwaiti Students (NUKS) - United Kingdom and Ireland branch. The event will take place at the Westminster Park Plaza Hotel London (UK), from 28 until 30 October 2016. Event will include an economic, entrepreneurial, poetry, motivational, stand-up comedy, and a variety of other segments which will include a first of its kind social media interactive segment and various entertainment options, ensuring that the NUKS national conference will appeal to all different tastes.

On This Occasion, Abdulrazzaq Bader Al-Essa, Corporate Communications Director at VIVA said: “VIVA sponsors the national annual conference of the NUKS - UK and Ireland branch, for the fourth year in a row. This event gathers young Kuwaitis studying abroad in various British and Irish cities in a fun academic, cultural, and social atmosphere.” He added: “VIVA endeavors to support and sponsor various events and initiatives that interest students inside and outside Kuwait.”

The National Union of Kuwaiti Students is considered to be the lone representative for the Kuwaiti students studying in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, as it is well known to be the oldest branch of the Union, established in London 1950. The students union aims to serve its members by demanding of protecting their rights, ensuring the successful encouragement of students in getting their scientific procurement.

VIVA is keen to continue its ongoing socially responsible role in the community in education, health, sport, environment and entrepreneurship, by spreading the spirit of goodness amongst Kuwaiti society.

CONDOLENCES

Management and staff of GLOBAL GROUP OF COMPANIES

Express their heartfelt condolences to the family of JOSE R ERINJERI, MD GLOBAL GROUP OF COMPANIES on the sad demise of his mother Mrs. THRESIA RAPHEAL.



From GLOBAL GROUP OF COMPANIES KUWAIT, RAS AL KHAIMA, ABUDHABI, OMAN

May God Almighty rest her soul in peace

EDUCATION REFORM HELPS CITIZENS ACQUIRE MODERN SKILLS: MINISTER

WASHINGTON: Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Bader Al-Essa has stressed that the integrated education reform program seeks to enable citizens to acquire skills of modern age so as to play their role in achieving the country's sustainable development.

The program is carried out in collaboration with the World Bank (WB) that aims to achieve a quantitative change to be in line with sustainable development in Kuwait, Al-Essa said yesterday in a statement after meeting with WB officials. "The ministry entered the second phase of the program entitled "technical cooperation program to improve education at schools". It includes five parallel bases," he said.

The second phase is compatible with the plan to achieve goals of the program, he said, noting that steps of reform have begun in terms of new curricula, modern teaching methods and training courses provided for teachers at primary schools. He expected that the strategic partnership with WB would con-

tribute to developing curricula and providing training for teachers on how to acquire new effective skills.

The minister emphasized the importance of the program as it materializes the vision of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in evolving education and helping new generation acquire new skills and sciences in order to achieve the country's comprehensive development.

The ministry's efforts go in line with the government's policy under the directives of His Highness the Prime Minister, Essa pointed out. The program is carried out by Kuwaitis and WB partnership requires offering high level of professional training for Kuwaiti teachers, he said. Education systems in Kuwait, and all over the world, should be evolved and changed to be suitable for needs of the age, he noted. In addition, education faces some problems like increasing number of students at the same grade, little experiences of teachers, external influences on students and oth-

ers. He expressed his hope that the program would be a "brick for new restructuring" in making decision in terms of education and formulating new policies to deal with how to

achieve full localization and Kuwaitization of education at all grades.

The Ministry of Education and WB started cooperation in 2003. Kuwait benefited from

the bank's experiences pertaining to the first program of developing education in 2004, while the second one began in 2015 and will run until in 2019. —KUNA



WASHINGTON: Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Bader Al-Essa is seen during a meeting with the World Bank in Washington, DC.—KUNA

KUWAIT SHARES UN'S CONCERN OVER MODERN CHILD ABUSE

STATE CALLS UN TO SUPPORT AFRICA DEVELOPMENT

NEW YORK: The State of Kuwait said Friday it shared the UN's concern over the growing phenomena of child abuse; emerging from online social media. In a speech delivered at the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission to the UN Fahad Hajji stressed Kuwait's keenness to sustain children's rights and adhering to implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child so that children all over the world are protected.

Although 192 countries have signed the UN agreement, many children all over the world continue to live in poor social and economic conditions, and fall victims to armed conflicts, sexual exploitation, poverty, disease and AIDS.

In his speech, Hajji cited measures taken by the State of Kuwait in improving children's statuses. He said that Kuwait also included an item in its 2030 sustainable development agenda regarding children protection. According to Hajji, Kuwait have provided children with a number of educational, health and cultural services to promote their well-being, adding that Kuwait has also established a Supreme Committee for the Child and Family which was set up by the Council of Ministers and is made up of government and private sector. Kuwait is a signatory of the International Child Right Protection Agreement which was signed in 1991. The Kuwaiti government issued the Child Law No. 22/2015 as a step towards activating and approving more social, health and education rights for children in line with the child rights of the United Nations and to guarantee dignified lifestyle.

Supporting Africa

Separately, Kuwait called on the international community to move forward with backing the requirements of attaining the aspirations of African people in achieving development and reviving economies in their countries.

Supporting Africa is an essential part of the historic ties and cultural heritage that links the continent with the rest of the world, in addition to joint



Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission to the UN Fahad Hajji

interests, hopes, and destiny, Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi, said in his speech at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) 71st session while discussing the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

Since its establishment, Kuwait has always sought to work faithfully on extending bridges of cooperation with various African countries in

development and economic growth fields, the Kuwaiti diplomat said, adding that his country had never spared any effort in providing development aid to developing countries, particularly African nations, through its state and private institutions. Kuwait is also proud of its historic ties with a number of African countries, Otaibi said, pointing out Kuwait's current observer status at the African Union.

In November 2013, Kuwait hosted the third Arab-African Summit, held under the theme "Partners in Development and Investment," during which an initiative by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah was announced to grant \$1 billion easy loans to African countries, of which \$700 million have been cashed via the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), he noted.

Otaibi also added that his country is currently planning to invest \$1 billion, via the Public Investment Authority (PIA) in cooperation with the World Bank and its affiliated institutions, and the China-Africa Development Fund, in the infrastructure of the African continent.

Kuwait is also scheduled to hold an international donors conference to back up education in Somalia during the forthcoming month of November, which aims at increasing the education level and combating illiteracy in Somalia, he said, pointing out the conference's importance as a step toward renewing the Somali people's ambitions to receive an education opportunity, and be able to cope with modern-day changes. —KUNA

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Crime

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COP ACCUSED OF 'FLIRTING' WITH FEMALE DRIVERS

KUWAIT: A search is on for a policeman who appeared in a social media video flirting with two girls and asking one of them to provide him with her mobile phone number. According to the video, the policeman told the girl he would look for someone who had hit her vehicle in 2004 and throw him in prison. He also responded to her remark that she was married by saying: "What is the problem...we can be just friends".

Officer insulted

A police officer assigned to guard a husseiniya in Mansouriya filed a complaint against a citizen accusing him of insulting a public officer on duty. The officer said that the man refused being searched before entering the husseiniya and threatened and insulted him. Separately, an Asian man was arrested in Jabriya after he was stopped from entering a husseiniya while heavily drunk.

Gone missing

An Egyptian reported that his brother, who works in the media, disappeared on his way to work in the morning and that his mobile phone is switched off. A case was filed and further investigations are in progress. In a similar case, a newly-married woman reported that her husband left the family home in Jabriya last Saturday and hasn't returned. Separately, two female citizens who had been reported missing by their families were arrested on Gulf Road.

Suicide attempts

An Asian housemaid was rushed to Babtain Hospital with serious burns she sustained after setting herself ablaze, because her sponsor had not paid her salary for months. A case was filed for investigation. Another 44-year-old Asian housemaid was rushed to Mubarak Hospital where she underwent a gastric lavage after she swallowed a large number of pills to commit suicide. The housemaid said she had family problems and denied her sponsor had anything to do with it.

Contrabands possession

An Asian was arrested in Hawally with 17 homebrewed liquor bottles, said security sources, adding that the suspect's residency visa had also expired. Separately, an Asian was arrested on arrival at Kuwait International Airport with 3,000 illicit pills he had hidden in his luggage.

Physical assault

A Syrian reported that a compatriot and three unidentified persons assaulted him in Khaitan, after the man he knew ambushed him. Meanwhile, two citizens were arrested for fighting over a girl in a parking lot in Mishref. —Al-Rai and Al-Anbaa



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Al-Anbaa

FUTURE IN THE UAE

By Salah Al-Sayer

After the liberation of Kuwait in 1991, I went to the UAE and stayed in the Mankhoul district in Dubai. A huge building was being built nearby and it seemed another shopping mall was to be built after the Al-Ghurair mall built in Deira in the early 1980s, making economic and social breakthroughs. I pointed at the under-construction building and described it as a 'future market'. A friend replied that each future soon becomes PAST.

The Burjuman Mall was completed, and by time it became famous worldwide. Influenced by the development of Dubai, the mall owners expanded it to become a huge shopping city similar to other modern malls in the UAE and the rest of the world. The owners then renovated the old section I described as the 'future market' years ago.

A few days ago, I visited that section and started reminiscing about my friend's remarks about future becoming past. I remembered that

Future takes time to become past. Yet, this time is not accurately known as it varies from one place to another

renovation is the nature of this life, that achievement is a constant, nonstop process and that moving towards the future is an endless, restless journey!

Future takes time to become past. Yet, this time is not accurately known as it varies from one place to another. You can stay away from certain countries for long years and return to feel that they had been forgotten by time because everything there remains unchanged. This does not apply in the UAE, where everybody is preoccupied with the future even before it arrives. Ideas and dreams soon become tangible facts there because the future has the ability of turning into the present in UAE the minute one starts talking about it, as the strong will seems to have scrapped the word 'future' from dictionaries used there.

—Translated by Kuwait Times

Al-Anbaa

POPULAR EVALUATION

Al-Anbaa

By Nermain Al-Houti

It might be a rewarding idea for National Assembly members to discuss at the start of the new parliamentary term, to be approved and put into effect for the new Assembly and its new members. The idea came out of a question, which is: All state employees are evaluated by their superiors, so why are MPs not evaluated? This idea is built on one basic foundation, which is that Assembly members should be evaluated by the people, who have the right to evaluate their MPs through their parliamentary performance and the fulfillment of people's and constituents' requirements.

The idea is very simple, which is to have a computerized "popular evaluation" program, and should be as follows:

1- Name of the member of parliament, his constituency and the committees he serves on at the parliament along with his CV and the number of votes he received.

2- Detailing all what the MP had promised his voters when he was a candidate and all the issues that he mentioned during the campaign.

Then people should be allowed to evaluate the MP and his contributions to solve the people's problems every six months, so that an individual can read the achievements and the issues that were presented during his campaign and what he presented and achieved during his presence in parliament.

This is the idea that could be in the future an election requirement for candidates in their campaigns, as the popular

evaluation will be a true reflection of each candidate who deserves the vote to enter the parliament and serve the people. This will put a vigilant eye over all members and the Assembly, and the evaluation will be a sword that will cut the heads of those who join parliament to achieve their own private agendas. —Translated by Kuwait Times

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EQUATE SPONSORS GPCA SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE FOR 3RD CONSECUTIVE TIME

KUWAIT: EQUATE Petrochemical Company, Kuwait's first international joint-venture in this industry, sponsored the Third Sustainability Conference organized by the Gulf Petrochemical and Chemical Association (GPCA) to discuss the latest trends to develop the petrochemical industry's business models.

EQUATE Senior Executive for Corporate Communications and Government Affairs Abeer Al-Omar said, "At EQUATE we realize that we live in an ever-changing world that requires organizations to be proactive. Thus, meeting emerging expectations while maintaining top-notch performance and aligning with sustainability principles is a core corporate strategy for EQUATE."

Omar said, "Sponsoring GPCA Sustainability Conference 2016 is an important occasion to address the current chal-

lenges that petrochemical and other industries face. Such challenges include human capital development, resource efficiency, as well as linking sustainability with innovation."

As part of its participation in the conference, EQUATE sponsored a professor and students from the College of Engineering and Petroleum at Kuwait University to attend the event and interact with other delegates. EQUATE's sponsorship of the professor and the students for this event and other previous GPCA activities is part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the college during 2008 for overall partnership in industrial and academic fields. The Third GPCA Sustainability Conference 2016, is held in Dubai, UAE, with the participation of several government and private organizations from around the world.



Abeer Al-Omar

ABK SPONSORS KCCC OPEN DAY ON BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

KUWAIT: In line with Breast Cancer Awareness month, Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) recently announced the successful conclusion of its sponsorship of the Kuwait Cancer Control Center (KCCC) open day for cancer patients from the center. The event was held on 13 October 2016, at the Sheikh Badriya Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Center for Oncology and Stem Cell Transfusion.

ABK's sponsorship of this event stems from its strong belief in raising awareness of the disease, the available treatments and prevention methods, while celebrating the lives of those fighting and surviving the disease.

The event, which was attended by cancer patients and their families, focused on educating female cancer patients, those who are still struggling with breast cancer and those who have survived it, on how to ensure early detection and how to maintain their health after receiving successful treatment. The activities also included the distribution of symbolic gifts, healthy meals and recognition plaques to the doctors and medical team that presented the lecture. This is one of a series of initiatives that ABK will be participating in this month, in the hope of making a life changing difference in relation to this common life threatening disease.



KUWAIT AIRWAYS LENDS SUPPORT TO INITIATIVE FOR SICK CHILDREN LEARNING MATERIALS PROVIDED FOR YOUNG PATIENTS



KUWAIT: Kuwait Airways, the national carrier of the State of Kuwait, has announced that as part of its continuing commitment to supporting local community initiatives, the airline will be a key sponsor of the 'I Want to Learn' program - a partnership agreed with the organizers, the Patients Helping Fund Society. The aim of the "I Want to Learn" initiative is to help ensure that young patients who, unfortunately, need to spend long periods in hospital are able to access learning and study materials that they would normally receive, if able to attend school. The Patients Helping Fund Society (PHFS) is a voluntary group of consultant physicians, educators, Kuwait University faculty members, students of the University of Kuwait, and parents. All of whom have come together to establish the "I Want to Learn" association.

As a proud and long-term contributor to social programs that seek to benefit Kuwaitis and society as a whole, Kuwait Airways' involvement was wel-

comed by representatives of the PHFS at the official announcement on 30 September, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Kuwait. A representative of Marzouq Al-Ghanem, National Assembly Speaker, and a representative of Al-Sheikha Awrad Jaber Al-Ahmad-Al Sabah also attended the recent press conference and were accompanied by a selection of doctors and medical professors who had been flown into the country, courtesy of Kuwait Airways.

Speaking ahead of the announcement event, Fayeze El-Enezi Head of PR in Kuwait Airways said: "Kuwait Airways' contribution to this worthy cause is part of our proud history and ongoing commitment to social responsibility. We are much more than just an airline, Kuwait Airways is a national institution and, therefore, a flag-bearer of Kuwait's social, cultural and historic values. This is why the welfare of Kuwaitis and the society-at-large will forever be at the heart of what we do."

"In relation to the work done by the Patients

Helping Fund Society, we were humbled to note the work of the doctors and medical professionals who dedicate their time to come to Kuwait to treat and care for the brave children who, heartbreakingly, suffer from both incurable and serious chronic conditions," Enezi added.

Looking ahead, PHFS is seeking to establish an independent charitable and educational institution for children who are deprived of living normal lives because of their medical conditions. Kuwait Airways has also lent its support and contribution to PHFS for these efforts - one of many ongoing contributions Kuwait's national carrier has been providing to the local community.

According to Kuwait Airways, the sponsorship of the "I Want to Learn" initiative is one of many significant steps in a long and evolving journey of socially responsible commitments to Kuwait, its people, and worthy charitable organizations that are making a difference - towards a better future.



Hollande invokes unity at ceremony for Nice attack

THAIS FLOCK TO PALACE AFTER DEATH

**CLINTON: 'NO SATISFACTION' IN TRUMP'S ACTIONS
 'IT HURTS OUR COUNTRY, IT HURTS OUR DEMOCRACY'**

SEATTLE: With Donald Trump on the defensive, Hillary Clinton says she is taking "no satisfaction" in his actions and promising to repair the damage and project a message of unity during the campaign's final weeks. Hours after her Republican rival furiously defended himself against multiple allegations of sexual misconduct, Clinton spoke

Friday of the need for national healing in a Seattle fundraising speech that also saw her call upon Americans to help her govern if she's elected president.

"This election is incredibly painful. I take absolutely no satisfaction in what is happening on the other side with my opponent," Clinton said while visiting a Seattle cam-

paign field office. "I am not at all happy about that because it hurts our country, it hurts our democracy, it sends terrible messages to so many people here at home and around the world."

The Democratic presidential nominee said earlier at a Seattle fundraiser that while she understands many voters want to "turn away," her supporters need to help her win the election to "demonstrate the positive, optimistic, confident, unifying vision of America that I believe in and that I think, together, we can demonstrate America's best days are still ahead of us."

While President Barack Obama is ending his two terms with high approval ratings, Clinton's struggles with high unfavorability ratings and questions about her honesty could undermine any electoral mandate she might achieve in November. So as Trump has dealt with a firestorm that started last week with the release of an 11-year-old videotape of him bragging about kissing and groping women, Clinton is increasingly aiming her message not only at Democrats but at disaffected Republicans and independents turned off by the spectacle.

Tone of conciliation

At her fundraiser at the Paramount Theatre, where Trump backers gathered outside on a blustery day, one bearing a sign that read, "Hillary for Prison 2016," Clinton struck a tone of conciliation. She said she wanted people "to start looking after each other again," and that while she would aim to pass laws and seek "some real national commitments," people needed to support each other at the end of an acrimonious campaign season.

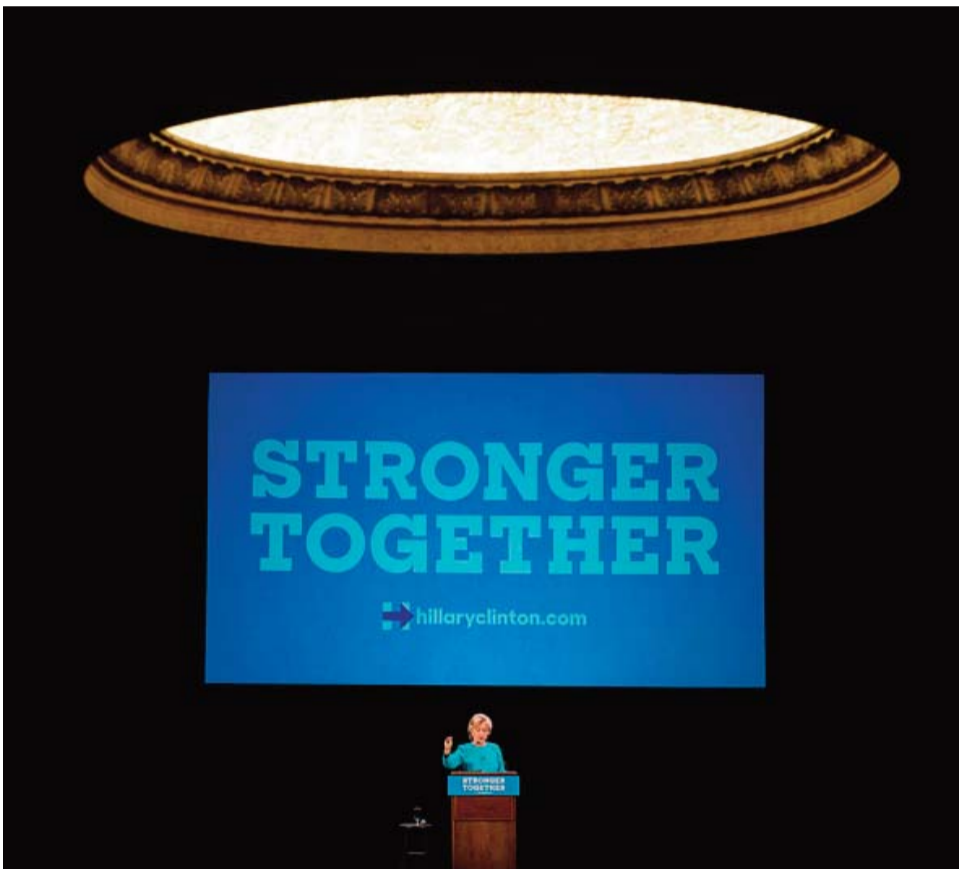
"I will be asking for your help. I need your help not just to win this election but to govern and to heal the divides that exist in our country right now," Clinton said. "I do believe

there isn't anything we can't do once we make up our minds to do it." The former secretary of state said those challenges extend across the globe, saying she had talked to many foreign leaders who complained about Trump's praise of Russian President Vladimir Putin or her opponent's calls for a temporary ban on foreign Muslims entering the country.

"So make no mistake, we do have to repair the damage which he has done, which we will do. But on both domestic and national security grounds, repudiating his candidacy sends exactly the right message," she said. Leading in many battleground state polls,

Clinton's team is assessing the possibility of expanding the map to compete in traditional Republican states like Utah, Georgia and Arizona. She is preparing for next week's final debate in Las Vegas and then an intense stretch of campaigning. While she continues to call Trump unqualified to be president, much of her message appears aimed beyond November - and into a possible first term.

"Bringing people together to solve problems is key to our democracy. There's no question about it," Clinton said. "And I want us to do that in a spirit of mutual respect, listening to one another, having each other's backs." —AP



SEATTLE: Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton speaks during a fundraiser at the Paramount Theater. —AFP

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ISRAELI RIGHTS GROUP URGES UN TO END PALESTINIAN OCCUPATION

UNITED NATIONS: An Israeli human rights group urged the UN Security Council to take decisive action now to end the country's occupation of Palestinian territory. Hagai El-Ad, executive director of B'Tselem, told an informal council meeting Friday on "Illegal Israeli Settlements: Obstacles to Peace and the Two-State Solution" that Israel has controlled Palestinian lives in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem for the past 49 years "and counting."

"Israel will not cease being an oppressor simply by waking up one day and realizing the brutality of its policies," he said. With the 50th anniversary approaching next year, El-Ad said "the rights of Palestinians must be realized, the occupation must end, and the U.N. Security Council must act, and the time is now." El-Ad stressed that the council "has more than just power: You have a

moral responsibility and a real opportunity to act with a sense of urgency before we reach the symbolic date of June 2017 and the second half of that first century begins."

Another Israeli rights group, Peace Now, was invited to speak but it was represented by its sister organization, Americans for Peace Now, which has also campaigned for an end to Israeli occupation. "The occupation is a threat to Israel's security and to Israel's very existence," said Lara Friedman, the group's director of policy and government relations. When Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed the Oslo peace accords 23 years ago, the settler population in the West Bank was 116,000, she said. At the end of 2015, it was almost 390,000.

"I urge you here today to finally take action in the Security Council to send a

clear message to Israel that the international community stands by the two-state solution and unambiguously rejects policies that undermine it - including Israeli settlement policies," Friedman said. Israel's UN Ambassador Danny Danon accused B'Tselem of joining "Palestinian attempts to wage diplomatic terror against Israel at the UN." He also accused the group of choosing "to slander and besmirch Israel's good name" and vowed that "we will continue to fight and tell the truth about Israel despite the attempts to spread lies about us."

'Positive exercise'

Riyad Mansour, the Palestinian UN Ambassador, called the informal meeting "a very positive exercise" that builds on his discussions about a new UN resolution that would demand an end to Israeli settlement building. The Palestinians

pushed for the Security Council to adopt a resolution against settlements in February 2011 but it was vetoed by the United States. The 14 other Security Council members voted in favor of the resolution, reflecting the wide support for the draft which had over 100 co-sponsors. What the United States might do about a new settlements resolution remains to be seen.

US deputy ambassador David Pressman told the meeting that "the United States remains firmly committed to advancing a two-state solution ... (and) we are deeply concerned about continued settlement activity." He recalled that last week the United States condemned new Israeli settlements and said that since July 1 over 2,400 settlement units have been advanced in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. This makes "a viable Palestinian state more remote," he said.

"In short, we need to start implementing the two-state solution on the ground right now," Pressman said. While a peace deal can only be achieved through Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, he said, "significant progress towards creating a two-state reality can be made now that will help restore hope and lay the groundwork for successful negotiations." "We continue to stress the urgency and importance of taking these steps now and refraining from actions that corrode the prospects for two states," Pressman said. Mansour called Pressman's use of the word "now" twice very interesting, saying his comments are in line with strong messages from Washington expressing "outrage against the intensification of settlement activities." He said it's too early to say whether this will translate into U.S. support for a new settlements resolution. — AP



SIRTE: Members of the forces loyal to Libya's UN-backed Government of National Accord (GNA) gather in the coastal city. — AFP

BLOW TO LIBYA GOV'T AS RIVAL SEIZES OFFICES

PROCLAIMS REINSTATEMENT OF FORMER ADMINISTRATION

TRIPOLI: Libya's UN-backed unity government has suffered a new setback after a political rival seized key offices in the capital and proclaimed the reinstatement of the former administration. The United Nations' Libya envoy condemned the latest challenge to the authority of the Government of National Accord (GNA), warning it would sow "further disorder and insecurity".

The GNA is the centerpiece of Western hopes to stem an upsurge of jihadism in the North African nation and halt people trafficking across the Mediterranean that has led to thousands of drownings. Led by prime minister designate Fayez Al-Sarraj, it was intended to replace two rival administrations, one in Tripoli and one in the country's far east. But late on Friday the head of the former Tripoli-based Government of National Salvation, Khalifa Ghweil, proclaimed its reinstatement from the offices of a key consultative body of the GNA.

His announcement added to the confusion surrounding the political situation in the oil-rich country, which is riven by power struggles and under the control of various militias who often switch allegiances. The capital appeared calm yesterday with no sign of any unusual military presence, including around the Council of State whose offices were stormed on Friday.

Ghweil has never accepted the legitimacy of

the UN-backed government which took control of the administration in Tripoli in April. But his position was severely weakened by the loss of support of militias in the capital after the UN deal. Ghweil is subject to international sanctions, renewed by the European Union just last month. In his statement, he declared all members of the GNA "suspended from their duties".

'Sole legitimate authority'

The UN-backed government riposted with a statement threatening to arrest "those politicians who... attempt to create parallel institutions and destabilize the capital". It condemned "efforts to sabotage the political agreement" brokered by the UN last December and denounced the seizure of the Council of State building by an "armed group". UN envoy Martin Kobler expressed his "strong support" yesterday for the unity government as "the sole legitimate authority" under a UN-brokered power-sharing deal struck in December by some lawmakers from both sides. A spokesperson for the European Union said: "The use of force to seize power in Libya can only lead to further disorder and a spiral of violence where the Libyan people would be the main victims." The persistent chaos has hobbled Western efforts to battle a growing jihadist presence in Libya, which has been the launchpad of deadly

attacks on holidaymakers in neighboring Tunisia.

The authorities based in eastern Libya also refuse to cede power, bolstered by the backing of the well-armed militia of controversial military strongman Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar. Libya has two rival parliaments, both elected since the NATO-backed overthrow of longtime dictator Moamer Kadhaifi in 2011. The first, elected in 2012, is dominated by Islamists and appointed the former Tripoli government.

The second, elected in 2014, appointed the administration in the east and has not formally endorsed the GNA. But in February a majority of its members issued a statement expressing support for the UN-backed government. Many of them said they had been coerced into not holding a formal vote of endorsement as stipulated under the UN plan. In a careful balancing act, the UN plan made the 2014 parliament the sole legislative body, but also turned most of the members of the 2012 parliament into a mandatory consultative body, the Council of State. The battle for power erupted into armed conflict last month when Haftar's forces seized all four of Libya's main eastern oil export ports. He exploited the absence of fighters loyal to the UN-backed government who were battling IS in the city of Sirte to the west with air support from the United States. — AFP

GREEKS FIND TURKISH OFFICERS IN MIGRANT SMUGGLER'S CAR

THESSALONIKI: Police in Greece have detained two Turkish military officers found in a smuggler's car that had several migrants on board, officials said yesterday. The arrest took place in the northern city of Xanthi on Thursday evening, local police told AFP. The two Turks were crammed inside a BMW with Bulgarian license plates, alongside two Iranians and three Syrians, the police said. It was not immediately clear how and when the two men came to Greece, and if they intended to file for asylum.

"We are not ruling out the possibility that they themselves were part of the smuggling operation," a police source in Athens said. Several Turkish nationals have fled to Greece following a failed army coup against Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in July. Among them are eight military officers who flew by helicopter to the northern city of Alexandroupoli shortly after the attempted government takeover in mid-July. The eight men have requested asylum in Greece, insisting their lives are in danger despite denying any role in the failed coup. But Greek authorities have turned down their initial requests for protection. Ankara has called on Athens to extradite them all, but that request will only be considered by Greek justice once the asylum issue is definitively decided, according to a Greek judicial source. The case threatens to strain ties between the uneasy NATO allies. — AFP

EXPERTS DISCOVER 'CAVITIES' IN EGYPT'S GREAT PYRAMID

CAIRO: Egypt's Great Pyramid of Giza could contain two previously unknown "cavities", scientists using radiography to scan the millennia-old monument said yesterday. On Thursday, the antiquities ministry cautiously announced finding "two anomalies" in the pyramid built 4,500 years ago under King Khufu, with further tests to determine their function, nature and size.

At 146 meters tall, Khufu pyramid, named after the son of pharaoh Snefru, is considered one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. It has three known chambers, and like other pyramids in Egypt was intended as a pharaoh's tomb. "We are now able to confirm the existence of a 'void' hidden behind the north face, that could have the form of at least one corridor going inside the Great Pyramid," scientists from Operation ScanPyramids said in a statement. Another "cavity" was discovered on the pyramid's northeast flank, said the researchers who are using radiography and 3D reconstruction for their study.

Operation ScanPyramids began in October last year to search for hidden rooms inside Khufu and its neighbour Khafre in Giza, as well as the Bent and Red pyramids in Dahshur, all south of Cairo. The project applies a mix of infrared thermography, muon radiography imaging and 3D reconstruction-all of which the researchers say are non-invasive and non-destructive techniques. Muons are "similar to X-rays which can penetrate the body and allow bone imaging" and "can go through hundreds of meters of stone before being absorbed," ScanPyramids explained in a statement.

"Judiciously placed detectors-for example inside a pyramid, below a potential, unknown chamber-can then record particle tracks and discern cavities from denser regions." In late 2015, Egypt started radar scans of Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings in southern Egypt, after a British archaeologist theorized that Nefertiti was buried in a secret chamber there. — AFP

TURK CHILD MARRIAGE FILM SHINES LIGHT ON ABUSES

LONDON: Child brides in Turkey are often raped, beaten and forced to undergo virginity tests, according to the director of a new documentary which aims to break the silence on the taboo issue. "Growing Up Married", which will premiere in London on Oct 30, examines the impact of child marriage on four women who were wed as teenagers in western Turkey. "When hearing some of their stories I thought to myself 'how are you still alive?'" filmmaker Eylem Atakav said in an interview with the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

Globally, one third of girls in developing countries, excluding China, are married before the age of 18 and one in nine before the age of 15, according to UN data. Child marriage robs girls of their childhood and education and increases the risk of domestic violence and sexual abuse, campaigners say. It also puts them in danger of death or serious injury if they have children before their bodies are ready. "There are lots of stories about child brides, but very few that look at what happens to them after," said Atakav, a lecturer in film and television studies at the University of East Anglia in Britain. The Turkish-born director said her filming trip to Izmir in July revealed survivors felt an urgent need to speak out. "I had spent the day interviewing two of my parents' neighbours about their experiences," she recalled. "Then there was a knock on the door - three women from the neighbourhood came to ask if I was making a film about child brides and said that they wanted to talk about their experiences too."

Traumatized

The women in the film, now in their 30s

to 50s, were married between the ages of 14 and 17. "They put a wedding gown on me one night and took me to some place I had never seen before - I (have) remained silent ever since," one of the women says in the film. Another describes how she used to dread night-time because her husband would drag her to the bedroom where he "took pleasure out of pulling my hair". "I used to collect all my hair from the floor and pillows every morning. Then I started cutting my hair so that he couldn't hurt me as much."

Atakav said the film also revealed more "insidious" forms of abuse. "Tradition in Turkey dictates that the bride should be a virgin, before she has sex with her husband on the night of the wedding," she explained. "Family members wait outside the bedroom to then note the blood on the white sheet in the morning." Atakav said that one of the women in the film who was married at 15 was accused of not being a virgin when her family couldn't see any blood. "Her husband shouted at the family 'you bought me a woman, not a girl!'" The woman said she was taken to another village for a virginity test and that "life after that was awful". Only one of the four women in the film is still married to her husband, said Atakav. Two are divorced and one has remarried but her former husband has banned her from seeing her daughter. "These women have somehow managed to go on with their lives but you can see the pain on their faces," Atakav said. Campaign group Girls Not Brides says Turkey has one of the highest rates of child marriage in Europe, with an estimated 15 percent of girls married before the age of 18. — Reuters

RUSSIAN, WESTERN MEDIA OFFER DIFFERENT IMAGES OF ALEPPO

MOSCOW: While Western media are filled with grim images of life in areas of Aleppo under siege by Russian-backed Syrian government forces, Russian news reports tell a very different story. News outlets such as CNN and the BBC prominently reported a United Nations special envoy's observation last week that rebel-held parts of the besieged city could be "completely destroyed in two months" by Russian and Syrian bombardment. On that same night, state-owned broadcasters in Russia glossed over the envoy's remarks. Instead, they aired stories about the mortars Syrian rebels fired at an expensive hotel where Russian journalists were staying.

As Russia's air campaign in Syria enters its second year, the portrayal of Aleppo has become a key weapon in the Kremlin's public information armory as it looks to retain domestic support for a military intervention that is generating widespread condemnation abroad. The Kremlin-controlled TV channels that are the primary source of news for most Russians barely mention the destruction inflicted by the jets their government is flying over rebel-held areas of the city. The less-extreme damage in areas controlled by President Bashar Assad and purported links between Western governments and Islamic extremists noticeably dominate the newscasts.

Geopolitical agenda

"Russian media is very selective in what they show," said Ulrich Schmid, a professor of Russian culture at the University of St Gallen in Switzerland. "The main message the Russian media is trying to get across to audiences is that Russia is the only nation fighting Islamic State effectively." From the start of Russia's bombing missions in Syria, Western and Russian media have reported the assault through different lenses. Russian reports say Moscow's air strikes are launched to wipe out extremists. Western coverage, by contrast, gives time and

space to claims Russia backs Assad to advance its own geopolitical agenda.

The differences have been particularly stark in recent weeks, as international criticism of Russia's actions in Syria has intensified to include allegations of war crimes. When the cease-fire brokered by the US and Russia was collapsing last month, Western media focused on a statement by the World Health Organization that just 35 doctors were left in rebel-controlled areas of Aleppo to care for 250,000 people.

Meanwhile, evening bulletins on Russia's main state-owned television networks showed almost identical reports about a mortar shell that, after failing to explode, became lodged in the roof of a school in government-held Aleppo. The almost exclusive media focus on attacks apparently being carried out by rebels on parts of Aleppo under Assad's control appears to be part of the Kremlin's media strategy. Unlike rebel-held Aleppo, these areas are less damaged. They have not been subject to months of intensive aerial bombardment, nor have they seen their civilian infrastructure, including hospitals, systematically destroyed.

But a top news executive at the sprawling state-owned Channel One network said Russian television crews were just reporting what they saw. "Rebels are besieging areas controlled by Assad and they have recently been on the attack," Channel One's director of news Kirill Kleymenov said in an interview. While reporting on the devastation in rebel-held parts of Aleppo, newspapers and television stations in the West have highlighted the work of the White Helmets, the volunteer civil defense force that digs the dead and injured out from collapsed buildings. But the White Helmets, which was short-listed for a Nobel Prize, receive much less coverage in Russian media, where they are portrayed as stooges for Western powers. — AP



MOSCOW: In this file photo dated Friday, Oct 7, 2016, Russian Deputy Defense Minister Anatoly Antonov speaks during a media briefing in the Defense Ministry. — AP

TRUMP HASN'T SUED A NEWSPAPER FOR LIBEL IN DECADES: RECORDS

NEW YORK: Donald Trump hasn't sued a newspaper for libel in three decades, despite the Republican presidential nominee repeatedly threatening to do so over the course of his business career, according to databases of state and federal court records. A lawyer for the New York real estate developer demanded on Wednesday The New York Times retract a story in which two women accused Trump of inappropriately touching them. If the newspaper did not comply, Trump, who says the allegations are fabricated, would "pursue all available actions and remedies," the lawyer, Marc Kasowitz, said in a letter. Trump said at a rally on Thursday he was preparing a lawsuit.

An attorney for the Times, David McCraw, said the story was of national importance and the paper would "welcome the opportunity" to defend it in court. Over the years, media outlets including the Wall Street Journal, the Village Voice, the New York Post and Fortune Magazine have reported receiving similar threats from Trump or his representatives in advance of unflattering articles. However, Trump rarely makes good on those threats, according to a Reuters review of court dockets in the database of online legal research service Westlaw, a unit of Thomson Reuters.

The last time he sued a news organization for libel was apparently in 1984. Trump filed the case after the Chicago Tribune's architecture critic called his proposed 150-story Manhattan skyscraper an "atrocious, ugly monstrosity." In 1985, a federal judge in Manhattan dismissed the suit, ruling the critic had a First Amendment right to express his opinion.

The skyscraper was never built. In the 32 years since Trump brought that suit, he has not taken similar action against another news organization, although he or his companies have sued at least three individuals and a book publisher. He was successful in one of those cases.

Book author and former New

York Times reporter Timothy O'Brien defeated a Trump libel lawsuit in 2011, after Trump underwent a grueling deposition by O'Brien's lawyers. Trump's suit against O'Brien, which also named O'Brien's publisher, Time Warner Book Group, alleged the author deliberately underestimated the businessman's net worth. A New Jersey state judge found in 2009 that Trump had not established O'Brien's actual malice.

"Opening up our libel laws"

Former Miss Universe contestant Sheena Monnin was hit with a \$5 million default judgment after she failed to appear for arbitration in a case in which Trump claimed she falsely denigrated the pageant as "rigged." The arbitration judgment was upheld by a federal judge in Manhattan in 2013. The court record indicates the judgment was paid in 2014.

The same year, a San Diego federal judge ruled Tarla Makaeff, who was lead plaintiff in a class action against Trump University, did not act with malice when she said in letters to her bank and the Better Business Bureau that Trump University engaged in fraudulent business practices. The judge, Gonzalo Curiel, dismissed Trump's defamation claim.

Trump's attorneys, as well as a spokeswoman for his campaign, did not respond to requests for comment on his libel litigation record, including requests for information on any suits the Reuters docket search may have missed. US courts have routinely deemed Trump a public figure in libel lawsuits.

That means he has to show not only that the story is false, but also that the media outlet knew that it was false or published it in "reckless disregard" for the truth. If Trump were a private person, he would have to show the paper was negligent in failing to learn the allegations were false, which is a lower standard of proof. The New York Times attorney, David McCraw, wrote that the paper carefully vetted the allegations in the story.

FOR CLINTON, DAILY DOSE OF FAITH ALONG WITH POLITICS

CLINTON'S FAITH IS OF A PERSONAL VARIETY

WASHINGTON: At about 5 am each day - maybe a little later on weekends - an email from the Rev. Bill Shillady arrives in Hillary Clinton's inbox. The contents? A reading from Scripture. A devotional commentary. And a prayer. They're sometimes inspired by the headlines - focusing recently, for example, on the role of women in the Bible. "I know she reads them, because she responds to me," says Shillady, executive director of the United Methodist City Society in New York. "We've had some interesting emails back and forth about some of the concepts."

It's no secret that Clinton is a lifelong Methodist. But Shillady - who officiated at Chelsea Clinton's wedding, led a memorial service for Clinton's mother, Dorothy Rodham, and gave the closing benediction at the Democratic National Convention - feels that many people don't really know how much her faith "is a daily thing." He says this is because Clinton's faith is of a personal variety, one she's not very comfortable with broadcasting.

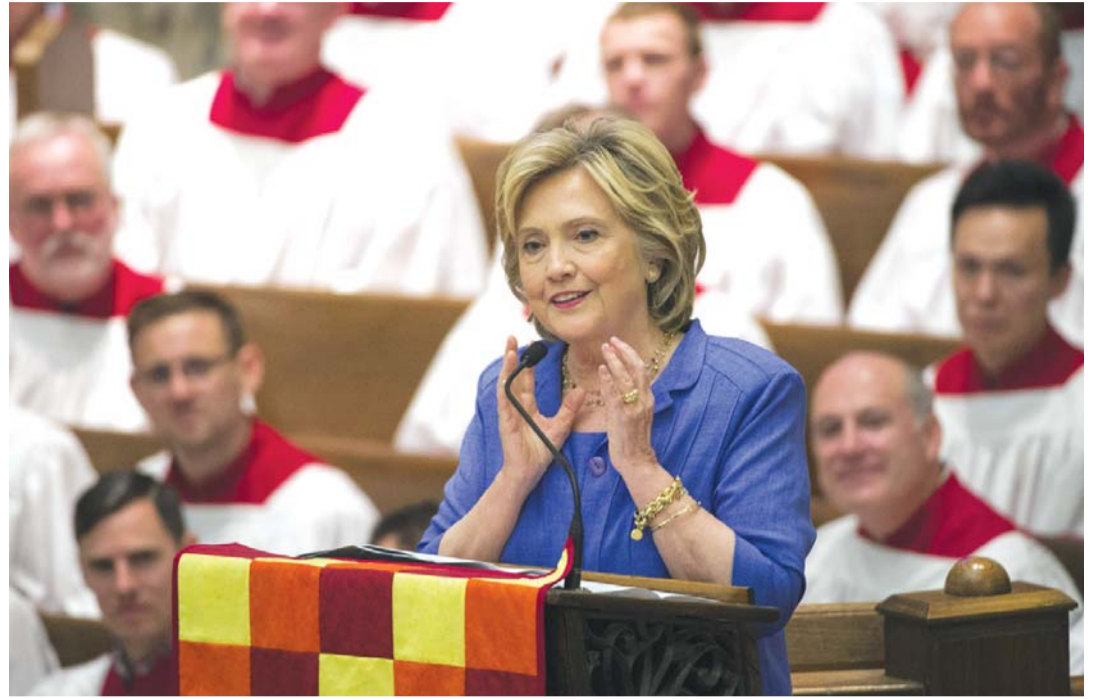
As Clinton said at a presidential forum in 2007: "I take my faith very seriously and very personally. And I come from a tradition that is perhaps a little too suspicious of people who wear their faith on their sleeves ... a lot of the talk about and advertising about faith doesn't come naturally to me." One reason Clinton might not speak more about her faith is that her commitment to it has been challenged over the years by political foes for various reasons. That's perhaps not surprising, given her decades as a polarizing political figure.

Donald Trump also has questioned her faith, with this claim in June: "We don't know anything about Hillary in terms of religion." Perplexed Clinton supporters noted plenty has been said and written, by Clinton and others, about her faith. Shillady has been sending Clinton the daily messages for some 19 months now. These days, he has a multi-faith team of clergy to help prepare them. Some younger female clergy have contributed recent writings about women, dovetailing with gender issues arising in the campaign.

'Inner peace'

Yesterday, his message included a quote from St Francis of Assisi about the need to have peace in one's heart. Telling Clinton that she was being pulled in many directions and was "in the midst of a bee hive of this world," the pastor reminded her about "the inner peace that needs to be the center of your being," according to a copy of the message that he passed on.

Often, Shillady says, Clinton will reply with comments. Sometimes she may incorporate the ideas into public remarks, but generally it's for her own inspiration and comfort. Have the messages changed at all during the extremely tense debate season? "Some of the recent writings have definitely been about standing firm in the faith and being bold and courageous and things of that sort," replies



WASHINGTON: In this Sunday, Sept 13, 2015 file photo, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks while attending the Foundry United Methodist Church for their Bicentennial Homecoming Celebration. — AP

Shillady, "I've been sending messages about loving your neighbor, and loving those that are most difficult to love."

Shillady, who met Clinton in 2002 and came to know the family when they attended his Manhattan church, says "the spiritual component of her faith is pretty private" - partly due to the nature of Methodism itself. "The Bible says to pray in your private closet, and do good at all times, and I think that's how she lives out her faith," he says.

Another key aspect of Methodism - social justice - comes into play when looking at Clinton's life as a public servant, says Stephen Gunter of the Duke Divinity School. "Good Methodism is always a combination of acts of piety and deeds of justice," says Gunter, the school's associate dean of Methodist Studies. Methodist founder John Wesley, Gunter says, "had a favorite expression: 'There is no holiness without a social holiness.'"

Gunter says Clinton's faith "is not something that she wears on her sleeve as a badge of superior identity or something. It simply is who she is." And, he adds, "her personal faith has played a significant role in her formation as a public servant." Clinton writes about Wesley and his teachings toward the beginning of her memoir, "Living History" and also about a formative moment in her teenage years in Park Ridge, Illinois: meeting the Rev. Don Jones, a Methodist youth minister with whom she remained close until his death in 2009.

'Faith in action'

"Rev Jones stressed that a Christian life was 'faith in action,'" she writes. "I had never met anyone like him." It was Jones who took young Hillary Rodham and other youth group members to hear Martin Luther King Jr speak in Chicago, which she describes as a moment of social awakening. Jones became "not only the most important teacher in young Hillary's life, but also a counselor over the decades whose ministrations would show her ways to cope with adversity," biographer Carl Bernstein writes in "A Woman in Charge: The Life of Hillary Rodham Clinton." He adds that besides family, her Methodism is probably the most important foundation of her character.

As first lady in Arkansas and then in the White House, Clinton relied on her faith at difficult moments. She met regularly with a Christian woman's prayer group starting early in her husband's first presidential term, and said in a 1999 magazine interview that she'd had survived the Monica Lewinsky and impeachment ordeals through "soul-searching, friends, religious faith and long, hard discussions."

"It's just part of who she is," says Lisa Caputo, Clinton's White House press secretary during husband Bill Clinton's first term. "She carries a passage or two from Scripture with her. She is a very spiritual person, and derives great strength and comfort from her faith." — AP



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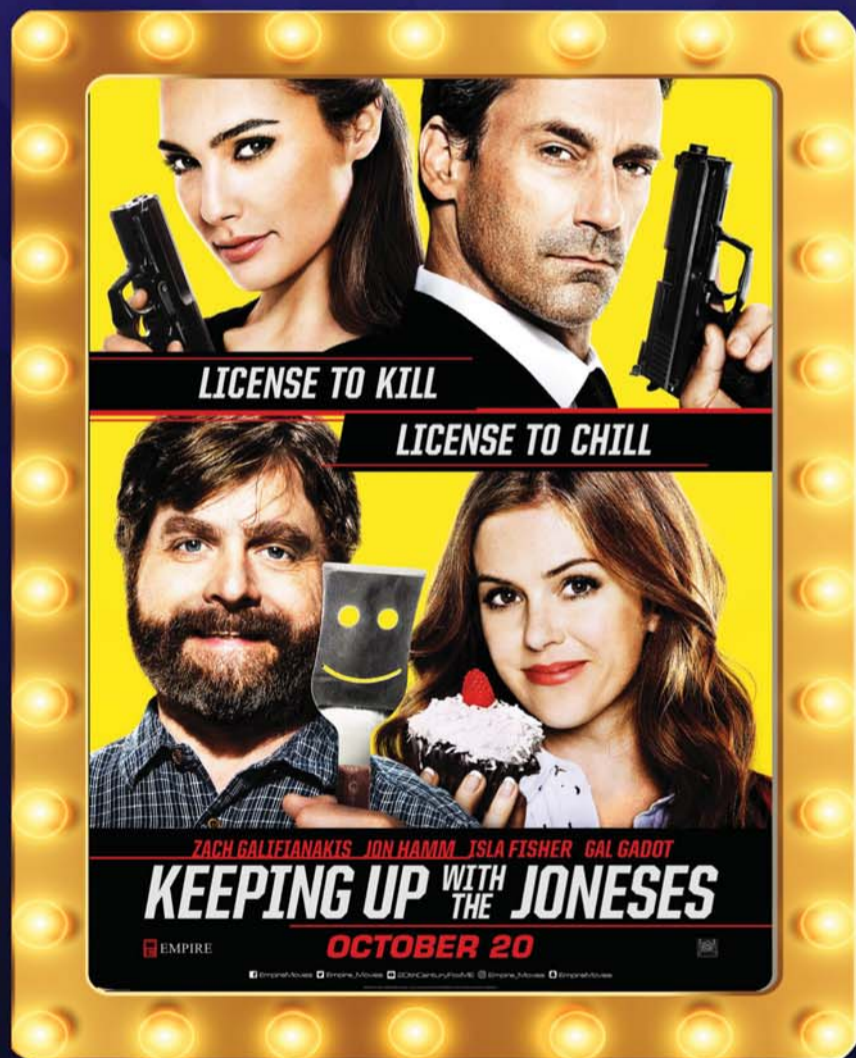
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SCOTTISH NATIONALIST LEADER IN CHARGE OF REFERENDUM

GLASGOW: "I'm with Nicola," is a popular slogan on Scottish National Party memorabilia at conferences and elections. And while SNP leader and Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon was unlikely to have had a total reprieve at this week's SNP conference in Glasgow because of Brexit uncertainty, there is a palpable trust among her supporters that she will find the best route to a possible Scottish independence. Some delegates at the SNP annual conference gave a cautious reaction to the possibility of a new independence referendum, brought on by the Brexit vote. The SNP's thirst to separate from the United Kingdom remains undimmed but they have gained a measure of pragmatism after Scotland voted No to independence in 2014 following a referendum called by former SNP leader Alex Salmond. On the conference stalls, T-shirts remain on sale emblazoned with the slogan "Yes" and the party's in-

house newspaper is still called the Scots Independent.

There are no tartan-and-shortbread Scottish stereotypes here however. The SNP is viewed as a modern outward looking party, increasingly more European than insular. Sturgeon meanwhile has become something of a style icon in Scottish political circles, with her high heels and dresses designed by Scottish fashion house Totty Rocks. "I don't think we can actually predict when the next referendum is going to be," Malcolm MacLean, a party member from Sutherland in the Scottish Highlands, told AFP in Glasgow. "I think it is in Nicola's hands and I am quite happy to wait until Nicola gives the green light-but I do think we have to keep the pressure up."

Brexit factor

Sturgeon opened the conference Thursday

with a promise to publish a draft bill for an independence referendum next week. She said it would be a fall-back plan in case the British government does not heed her demands for continued membership of Europe's single market and greater autonomy from London as Britain exits the EU.

"It's important to remember what we need to think about as a party in terms of independence, and how Brexit has affected that," said conference attendee Christina Hendry, who joined the SNP nine years ago aged 12.

Hendry said she wanted another referendum within two years. "I'm a student and I have spoken to a lot of students who voted 'No' last time, and since Brexit happened they've actually changed their minds," she said. "They have realised that if they want potential opportunities for the future either in Europe or in Scotland... then they need to

vote to stay in the EU, which essentially an independence vote can do." The polling does not appear to back her up however.

A survey published by BMG for Scotland's Herald newspaper this week showed support for independence at 45 percent and at 55 percent for the status quo—the same as the 2014 result. And a YouGov poll conducted in August showed support for independence at 46 percent.

Nationalists saw a glimmer of hope, tinged with a hint of sadness, in Britain's referendum result on exiting the European Union. A total 62 percent of Scots voted in June to remain in the EU only to be outvoted by the vastly more populous areas of England. Looking ahead to next week's referendum details, SNP Youth member Rob Rosie said he would be surprised if a vote date was mentioned. "But it's quite exciting what is happening," he added. — AFP

HOLLANDE INVOKES UNITY AT CEREMONY FOR NICE ATTACK

MANY FAMILIES ARE STILL STRUGGLING

NICE: President Francois Hollande invoked the spirit of national unity yesterday as he led tributes to 86 people killed in a jihadist truck attack in Nice on Bastille Day. Yesterday's ceremonies in the Riviera resort city had been postponed until a day after the three-month anniversary because of storms in the region.

"What was attacked on July 14 was national unity," Hollande told hundreds of victims' relatives and officials invited to the ceremony. "It is the monstrous aim of the terrorists, to attack some in order to terrify others, to unleash violence in order to sow division... Well, I tell you, no, this evil enterprise will fail," he said. "In some families, three generations were swept away," Hollande said, as he described "the entire nation's compassion and solidarity" for mourning relatives. The July 14 attack saw a 31-year-old Tunisian extremist ram a 19-ton truck into a crowd of 30,000 holiday revelers on the

Promenade des Anglais seafront before police shot him dead.

More than 400 people were injured, some grievously. The Islamic State (IS) group said the driver, Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel, was one of its followers. The massacre marked a peak of brutality in a string of jihadist attacks in France over the past two years that have ramped up security fears while stoking anti-immigrant sentiment ahead of presidential elections in 2017. Hollande's Socialist government came under fire for alleged security lapses ahead of the attack in Nice, a bastion of the rightwing opposition.

Several politicians from the right attended the ceremony including former president Nicolas Sarkozy and Alain Juppe, both candidates in the Republicans party's presidential primary next month, and far-right National Front (FN) leader Marine Le Pen. Many families are still struggling to deal with their grief. "Nice and all

of France weeps for the 86 victims. Our sadness is unending," said Cindy Pellegrini, a relative of the victims, who read a text in their memory at the start of the one-hour ceremony.

'I saw the driver smile'

And some survivors of the attack are still trying to put their lives back together. Vincent Delhommel Desmarest, who runs a restaurant on the Promenade des Anglais, is still haunted by the bloodbath and has yet to return to work. "You don't sleep at night. I saw the whole thing, the lorry bearing down, the mutilated, decapitated bodies, the guts," said Desmarest, leader of a victims' group. Another witness told investigators he was nearby when the attacker Bouhlel started up the lorry. "I saw the driver smile and accelerate," he said.

The rampage that followed lasted four minutes and 17 seconds up to Bouhlel's death. The Islamic State group later said Bouhlel had been one of its "soldiers" inspired by IS propaganda to attack Western targets. Nearly a third of those killed were Muslims and 15 of them were children and adolescents. The recriminations following the Nice atrocity posed a fresh challenge for the already deeply unpopular Hollande, who has yet to announce whether he will run for re-election next year.

Critics pointed to an insufficient police presence in Nice despite the state of emergency in place since the November 13 attacks last year that claimed 130 lives in Paris. Four days after the Nice attack, Prime Minister Manuel Valls was booed when he visited the city to honor the victims. The attack also exacerbated tensions in French society, felt particularly by the country's three- to four-million-strong Muslim community—the largest in Europe. Several councils went on to forbid the wearing of burkini swimwear, before the controversial ban was reversed by France's highest court. Hollande has tried to unite the country behind calls for a "France of fraternity" in the fight against extremism. But solidarity remains elusive. A boar's head was found outside a mosque in Nice on Tuesday, the second such anti-Muslim incident this year. — AFP



NICE: French President Francois Hollande stands next to white roses, each representing one of the 86 victims. —AFP

US REMOVES ALL LIMITS ON BRINGING CUBAN PRODUCTS

WASHINGTON: The Obama administration announced Friday that it is eliminating a \$100 limit on the value of Cuban rum and cigars that American travelers can bring back from the island. The administration is also lifting limits on cargo ship travel between the US and Cuba and easing US and Cuban researchers' ability to conduct joint medical research. The measures are contained in a new round of regulatory changes meant to ease US trade with Cuba.

The Obama administration has now made six sets of changes loosening the US trade embargo on Cuba in hopes that the normalization of relations with the island will not be reversed by a future administration. This round is expected to be the last before President Barack Obama leaves office.

Cuban rum and cigars will now be subject to the same duties as alcohol and tobacco from other countries, meaning most travelers will be able to bring back as many as 100 cigars and several bottles of rum. Because high-end Cuban cigars can sell for more than \$100 apiece outside Cuba, every US traveler can now legally bring back many thousands of dollars of Cuban products, potentially generating hundreds of millions of dollars in new annual revenue for the Cuban state.

The change does not mean that Cuban rum and cigars will be available for sale in the US - the change is aimed at tobacco and alcohol brought home for personal use. The previous

limit restricted travelers to a combined value of \$100 in rum and cigars, although enforcement of the limit notably declined after President Barack Obama declared detente with Cuba on Dec 17, 2014.

The head of US affairs at Cuba's Foreign Ministry, Josefina Vidal, said the measures are "a significant step," but she said they have "a very limited character" and leave in place restrictions on investment in most parts of the Cuban economy. She also complained that the rationale for the measures is that that they are meant to encourage "subversive" changes on the island. The administration has described its policy goal as aimed at helping the Cuban people improve their lives by winning greater economic and political freedom from the single-party state.

Mutual interests and values

"Challenges remain - and very real differences between our governments persist on issues of democracy and human rights - but I believe that engagement is the best way to address those differences and make progress on behalf of our interests and values," Obama said in a statement announcing the changes.

Rum and cigar production is entirely government-run under Cuba's centrally planned communist economy. While the first regulatory changes focused narrowly on helping Cuba's growing private sector, Friday's new rules are

almost entirely aimed at similarly state-run industries including shipping and medical products.

The new changes also allow cargo ships to visit US ports directly after docking in Cuba. They had been barred from US ports for 180 days after visiting Cuba. Cuba blamed that measure for harming its ability to import and export and dampening hopes that a new military-run port in the city of Mariel could serve as a major link in the regional cargo shipping system. A senior Obama administration official said the new regulations' focus on Cuban state enterprise should not be interpreted as a shift away from helping ordinary Cubans. "We have designed the policy very much to have the maximum benefit to the Cuban people, broadly, but in so doing we are not restricting engagement with the Cuban state. That has been clear since Dec 17, 2014," the official said in a conference call with reporters held on condition of anonymity. "The Cuban people continue to be at the center of everything we're doing." More than 160,000 American travelers visited Cuba last year and that figure is expected to double this year. Hundreds of thousands of Cuban-Americans visit family on the island each year and will also be able to take advantage of the new measure, which comes a month and a half before the restart of commercial flights to Havana after more than 50 years. — AP



HAVANA: This March 1, 2013 file photo shows a worker selecting cigars at the H Upmann cigar factory, where people can take tours as part of the 15th annual Cigar Festival. — AP



NEA KAVALA: In this Friday, Oct 14, 2016 photo, spectators watch a soccer match between refugee teams from Nea Kavala camp and Herso camp. — AP

STRANDED REFUGEES FEEL NORMAL FOR 90 MINUTES

NEA KAVALA, Greece: Refugees are having a field day. Soccer players and fans from Syria and Iraq got a break from life at migrant camps to play a match organized by Greece's state migration agency, launching a tournament that will include local amateur teams. The first game on Friday was slow-paced, with white lines on the pitch unfinished. Spectators were seated on grass or on the terrace of a half-built home to get a decent view. But players and organizers described it as a first small step toward a normal life for those who escaped war and were left stranded on their journey to Europe.

There was dancing and drums at half time, children on the sidelines shrieked at every turn of the game, and after 90 minutes, the game ended 1-1 for Hersos and Nea Kavala - teams that took their names from refugee camps near Greece's northern border. "This (helps us) forget the conditions inside the camp... In the camp you are under pressure.

The game helps us make a little bit (of) fun with our friends," Sherran Abdi, a refugee from Aleppo, Syria and goalkeeper for Nea Kavala team.

The 21-year-old pharmacology student's family home was destroyed in the civil war, and he traveled to Turkey and then Greece with his mother and 15-year-old brother. He hoped to make it to Switzerland and continue his studies. Instead he spends his days in a camp hastily set up by the Greek army and where authorities struggle to provide basic facilities.

60,000 people like him

There are 60,000 people in Greece like him, halted on the trip to Europe after countries closed borders in fear of being flooded with refugees. Most of the stranded

have seen little of their host country, since camps are generally located outside towns. Reluctance by European Union countries to meet relocation commitments, or ignore them entirely, means migrants are looking for ways to settle.

Fahed Al Haboun, 22 and also from Aleppo, turned up Friday to cheer for Hersos. His 5-month-old daughter was born here. "I'm glad to see this happening," he said, speaking in broken English, standing at the side of the pitch still strewn with weeds. "I don't have nothing to do (at the camp). I don't have to do anything, just waiting for my interview (for relocation) all the time." This week, the government launched a program to integrate refugee children into the state school system, starting with 1,500 kids bused out of camps to 19 schools. The program is set to expand to 20,000 children.

Greek parents at one school staged protests, voicing health concerns, while at another they gathered outside to applaud the refugees as they arrived. Giorgos Perperidis, the government coordinator at the refugee camps of Hersos and Nea Kavala, organized the game. He also helped set up the necessary donations that included the uniforms provided by topflight Greek soccer team PAOK: Light blue for Hersos, black-and-white stripes for Nea Kavala.

"People at the camps have to be given something to do, and they chose sport," he said. "There will be more games with local clubs in the area and we already have the next match lined up. It's not always easy to get things done, but we do what we can," Perperidis said. "There's no rivalry here. Everyone was really excited about today's game. It's great to watch. These are good moments." — AP

GAMBIA OPPOSITION TO FIELD ONE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

BANJUL: The Gambia's opposition parties announced Friday they would unite around a single candidate for December's presidential election, in an unusual show of unity as President Yahya Jammeh seeks a fifth term in power. At a meeting in Banjul, the groups agreed to pick a single contender at a convention on October 30, just weeks ahead of the election slated for December 1.

The signatories of the memorandum said they were "putting our differences aside, in pursuance of the supreme national interest", with the aim of ousting Jammeh from power. They included the United Democratic Party (UDP) — the country's principal opposition movement-along with several smaller groupings and the Gambia's first ever female presidential candidate, development expert and women's rights campaigner Isatou Touray. Jammeh came to power in a 1994 coup, and has ruled The Gambia with an iron fist ever since.

Before the nation's last presidential vote in 2011, the 15-nation Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) said Jammeh's control of the media and intimidation of voters meant the election could not be free

and fair. The strongman took 73 percent of the vote. The Gambia's newly appointed Independent Electoral Commission assured political parties last month the vote would not be rigged, despite fears that an opposition crackdown is already underway.

Commissioner Alieu Momar Njie told reporters in Banjul: "The stakes may be high, and temptation may be great to achieve victory through illegal or morally questionable means in some countries. I stand here today to pronounce to you that, as far as our concerted efforts are in play, this will never be the case in our dear country." UDP party leader Ousainou Darboe the runner-up in 2011 — is among several opposition figures serving three-year sentences for organizing a peaceful rally over two party members' deaths in custody.

The UN, France, the US and human rights watchdogs have all voiced concern over the deaths and called for an independent probe. Campaigning for the election begins on November 16. Since independence from Britain in 1965, the Gambia has had just one other leader: Dawda Jawara, who served until the current president toppled him in the 1994 coup. — AFP

STAMPEDE KILLS 24 AT RELIGIOUS GATHERING

LUCKNOW: A stampede at a religious gathering in northern India killed at least 24 people yesterday as thousands of devotees of a controversial guru tried to cross a bridge at once, police said. The followers of Jai Gurudev, a leader of a local religious sect, had gathered on the outskirts of Varanasi, a Hindu holy town on the banks of the river Ganges in Uttar Pradesh state, when the deadly stampede broke out. "A total of 19 people have died in the incident. Fourteen of the dead are women," Hari Ram Sharma, police inspector general, told reporters in the state capital Lucknow.

At least four others were seriously injured and were undergoing treatment at a nearby hospital. State police chief Javed Ahmed blamed overcrowding on the old iron bridge for the disaster. "They had sought permission for 5,000 persons but many more people reached and joined the procession," Ahmed told India's NDTV news network. "They were crossing a bridge when some rumor-mongering happened which led to the disaster."

A spokesman of the religious sect said the stampede occurred after a rumor spread that the narrow bridge had collapsed, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported. "The devotees were proceeding towards the camp (across the river) but police started sending them back. This led to rumors that the bridge has collapsed," Raj Bahadur told PTI. TV footage showed piles of colourful clothing and slippers lying in a heap with policemen trying to clear the debris.

Overwhelming crowds

"There was a lot of chaos, all of us were pushed and shoved. Many people have died including my mother," a witness told reporters as ambulances sped by. State Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav has ordered a high-level enquiry into the tragedy while announcing monetary compensation for the victims, his spokesman Rajendra Chaudhary said. Stampedes at India's religious festivals, where a mixture of police and volunteer stewards are often overwhelmed by the sheer size of the crowds, are not uncommon. In July last year, a stampede on the banks of a holy river killed 27 pilgrims in southern India.

Around 115 people were killed in October 2013 at a stampede near a temple in the central state of Madhya Pradesh, site of another deadly stampede there seven years earlier. Jai Gurudev, who died in 2012, is among several charismatic self-styled "godmen" who enjoy a cult-like following among thousands of followers. Typically clad in white robes and turban, Gurudev fiercely espoused vegetarianism and claimed "to liberate the soul from the rotation of birth and death" on his website.

In June, a breakaway sect of his followers were involved in a riot in Mathura city which killed 24 people. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was saddened by the loss of life in the latest incident. "I have spoken to officials & asked them to ensure all possible help to those affected due to the stampede in Varanasi," Modi tweeted. — AFP



GOA: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, right, talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, during exchange of agreements between the two countries in the beach resort state. — AP

MODI, PUTIN SIGN NEW ENERGY, DEFENCE DEALS AHEAD OF BRICS

REINVIGORATING TIES BETWEEN TRADITIONAL ALLIES

BEAULIM: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin signed multi-billion dollar energy and defense pacts yesterday following talks aimed at reinvigorating ties between the traditional allies. Modi hailed Putin as an "old friend" after their meeting in the Indian state of Goa, where leaders of the other BRICS emerging nations were also gathering for a summit.

"Your leadership has provided stability and substance to our strategic partnership," Modi said alongside Putin at a beachside resort, after officials signed up to 20 agreements between the two nations. Modi said the pacts on jointly producing light military helicopters, building frigates and other areas of cooperation "lay the foundations for deeper defense and economic ties for years ahead".

They also signed an initial agreement on India's purchase of Russia's state of the art defense system, capable of shooting down multiple incoming missiles, although there were no details on a timeframe for delivery. India, the world's top defense importer, is undergoing a \$100-billion upgrade of its Soviet-era military, as it looks to protect its borders from arch-rival Pakistan and an increasingly assertive China. But India has increasingly turned to the United States, and more recently France, rather than Russia, for its hardware, as

Modi cultivates closer ties with Washington.

Putin has been seeking to seal deals with India to help revive Russia's recession-hit economy, following sliding oil prices and Western sanctions over the Ukraine crisis. "I would like to stress that we intend to expand our bilateral cooperation not only in energy but also across a wide range of areas," Putin said. The announced energy deals include Russian oil giant Rosneft's decision to buy almost the entire stake in India's Essar Oil for almost \$13 billion.

Essar said the deal involving a group led by Rosneft was the largest single foreign direct investment in India. The leaders also signed an agreement to supply more units to a nuclear plant in Kudankulam in southern India to meet the fast-growing economy's thirst for electricity and to reduce its reliance on dirty coal. They discussed the threats posed by regional and "global terrorism" although it was not clear if this included India's hiked tensions with archrival Pakistan. Putin was seen as unlikely to weigh into the dispute between the rival neighbors, as Moscow also eyes closer defense ties with Islamabad. Russia and Pakistan carried out their first joint military exercise last month.

Replacing aging fleet

The deal for Russia's most modern air defense system has been in the pipeline for a

few years, along with the helicopters, and the building of four frigates in India. India will purchase about 200 of the choppers to replace its ageing fleet under a joint venture over several years, with some manufactured in India, as it reduces its reliance on military imports. "In the next few months, a place will be allocated (for manufacture) and there will be investments," Russian Trade and Industry Minister Denis Manturov told AFP.

India and Russia have traditionally held strong ties dating back to the 1950s after the death of Stalin. But trade has slipped beneath \$10 billion since 2014, as Modi cultivates closer diplomatic and economic ties with Washington, while Russia eyes Pakistan and also China. Modi will hold talks with China's President Xi Jinping late yesterday, also in the hope of boosting investment and trade. Relations however have been frustrated by Beijing's decision so far to block New Delhi's entry to a nuclear trade group, among other issues.

China and India, the world's two most populous nations, are jockeying for regional influence in Asia. Modi will host a dinner for the leaders of the BRICS club - which also includes South Africa and Brazil-ahead of talks today. BRICS was formed in 2011 with the aim of using its growing economic and political influence to challenge Western hegemony. — AFP



Hindu pilgrims hold religious flags and walk on a crowded bridge after a stampede on the same bridge on the outskirts of Varanasi. — AP

AFRICAN LEADERS TACKLE PIRACY, ILLEGAL FISHING AT LOME SUMMIT

LOME: Stemming the astronomical losses caused by crime in the oceans surrounding Africa is the focus of a major continental summit yesterday in the Togolese capital, Lome. "Over recent decades, the accumulated revenue losses resulting directly from illegal activities in the African maritime sector add up to hundreds of billions of US dollars, without counting the loss of human lives," the African Union (AU) said in an online statement about its Protect Our Oceans meeting.

Up to 30 African heads of state and government are expected to attend the gathering, whose full title is the AU Extraordinary Summit on Maritime Security and Safety and Development in Africa. The long-term aim, according to the AU, is to "make maritime space the key driver of Africa's economic and social development". While illegal fishing, smuggling, pollution and economic

development are up for discussion, there is one particular issue set to take centre stage.

"Piracy comes first," Togo's Foreign Minister Robert Dussey told AFP. "A few years ago, it was mostly shipping in the Gulf of Aden, off Somalia, that fell victim to pirates. Now it's in the Gulf of Guinea. "Between 2005 and the present, we have suffered more than 205 attacks. Pirates give priority to raids on oil tankers but they also target merchant shipping," he explained. Oil-rich Nigeria is at the heart of the problem, with many piracy attacks taking place off its coast or in the waters of neighbouring states. Perpetrators are often offshoots of armed insurgents from the Niger delta, home to the continent's largest oil reserves.

Poor cooperation

That the billions generated from these reserves has done little to

improve the lives of most Nigerians has been a key driver of violence in the delta and offshore. Piracy has proliferated partly because of a chronic lack of cooperation and information-sharing between African countries, although steps to remedy this disconnect have already been taken at maritime security meetings in Cameroon in 2013 and in the Seychelles last year.

Building on those two gatherings, the hope is that leaders in Lome will adopt a binding, continent-wide charter on maritime security that as well as piracy encompasses the other issues on the summit's agenda. "Most African countries that have a coastline are victims of one of these problems, which is why it's so important for African leaders to sit down and try to find solutions," said Dussey. Large-scale illegal fishing also helps drive piracy as it depletes stocks, reducing the legitimate economic activities of coastal communities. — AFP

PAKISTAN POLICE ARREST TEACHER, SUFI PREACHER FOR BLASPHEMY

ISLAMABAD: A teacher and a Sufi preacher have been arrested on blasphemy charges in two separate incidents in Pakistan, police said yesterday. The preacher was arrested in the village of Changa in Daska district of Punjab province for preaching things "contrary to Islam", local police station Chief Javed Hussain told AFP. "Saeen Aslam was arrested on Friday over blas-

phemy charges on the complaints of locals that he had been asking the villagers to stop offering prayers and just bow before him," Hussain said.

Islam forbids Muslims to bow before anyone except Allah and doing so also falls under country's blasphemy law. Hussain said Aslam had started preaching at a local shrine of Sufi saint Panj Shaheed some three months ago

and had been acting strangely. In a second incident in the Punjab town of Kamalia a college teacher was arrested on Friday for beating up a student from the minority Shiite sect who absented himself to attend the annual Ashura procession last week.

"Police have arrested a teacher Faraz Ahmed for thrashing his Shiite student Zainul Abideen because he missed his class to attend his religious rites," local police official Mohammad Farooq told AFP. Ahmed has been charged under the blasphemy law for assaulting the student because of his faith and detained, he added.

Both Ahmed and Aslam face up to 10 years jail time if convicted, police officials said. Blasphemy is a hugely sensitive issue in Pakistan. Anyone even accused of insulting Islam risks a violent and bloody death at the hands of vigilantes. Rights groups complain the controversial legislation is often abused to carry out personal vendettas. The cases emerged one day after Pakistan's Supreme Court delayed an appeal against the death sentence meted out to a Christian woman in 2010 for blasphemy. Asia Bibi was accused of insulting the Prophet Mohammed, punishable by death under the blasphemy law, in a notorious case that has seen rights groups and the Vatican call for her release. — AFP



CHENNAI: Indian school children piece together an image of former Indian president, APJ Kalam during a remembrance event on his 85th birth anniversary at a school. Former Indian president APJ Kalam, who played a lead role in the country's nuclear weapons tests, was the 11th Indian President from 2002. — AFP

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ONE DEAD AS PHILIPPINES FACES 'THE MOST DAMAGING TYPHOON'

MANILA: At least one person was killed and three were missing as the Philippines faces what could be "the most damaging" storm this year in the approaching Typhoon Sarika, officials said yesterday. A man was found dead on the seashore while three fishermen were reported missing in the eastern island of Catanduanes as Sarika, packing maximum winds of 180 kilometers per hour, passed nearby, the civil defense office said. Although the storm did not hit the island directly, its strong winds and heavy rains still knocked out all power and telephone lines for the more than 246,000 residents of Catanduanes, the office added.

While the typhoon is not the most powerful to hit the country this year, it could cause the most damage as it will cross heavily-populated areas just north of Manila, said government weather forecaster Benison Estareja. "We can see from the radar that the storm is very destructive. It can destroy wooden houses, it can topple trees. It can possibly rip off roofs," he told AFP. "This could so far, be the most damaging typhoon this year," Estareja said.

Sarika is forecast to hit the province of Aurora on the east coast of the main island of Luzon before dawn today, he said. It is expected to cross

central Luzon before heading out to sea by Sunday evening, he added. "This one will have an impact because most of the people are in (that part of) Luzon. Even Metropolitan Manila will be affected," he warned.

These areas will experience strong winds and heavy rains, with coastal areas at risk of storm surges of up to two meters (more than six feet), the forecaster said. Low-lying areas will be at risk of flooding while mountainous areas could suffer landslides. Although the storm did not hit the eastern region of Bicol, that area experienced heavy rains as it passed nearby on Saturday, said

civil defense spokeswoman Rachel Miranda. More than 400 people were evacuated from their homes and sea and air travel in these areas has been suspended as a safety precaution, officials said.

The Philippine islands are often the first major landmass to be hit by storms that generate over the Pacific Ocean. The Southeast Asian archipelago endures about 20 major storms each year, many of them deadly. Haiyan, the strongest typhoon ever recorded to hit land, smashed into the central Philippines on November 8, 2013, leaving 7,350 people dead or missing. — AFP



BANGKOK: Mourners wait in line to pay their respects to the late Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej outside of the Grand Palace. — AFP

THAIS FLOCK TO PALACE AFTER DEATH; CARETAKER IN PLACE

PEOPLE HOPE TO GET A GLIMPSE OF BELOVED MONARCH

BANGKOK: While Thailand waits for the crown prince to ascend the throne following the death of his father, King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the government said a regent would be the caretaker of the monarchy, as tens of thousands thronged yesterday to the palace complex where the king's body is being kept.

Dressed in somber black and white, people from all over the country converged at the complex in Bangkok's historic center, hoping to get a glimpse of their beloved monarch, who died Thursday after prolonged illnesses that had incapacitated many of his organs. He was 88. But confusion reigned outside the complex as police announced that it was closed for seven days. A while later, the complex gates were opened for people to visit one of the halls to sign a condolence book. The body, which is kept in another building, will not be revealed to the public for another 15 days, authorities said.

More time to grieve

The crowds lining outside since dawn were subdued and orderly despite the swelling numbers. People shared food and handed each other water and wet towels to cope with the tropical heat. While announcing the king's death, the prime minister had said that the heir apparent, Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn, would ascend the throne. But hours later he said that the prince did not want to be immediately named king because he wanted more time to grieve along with the rest of the nation.

Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu Krea-ngam appeared on television Friday evening to

explain that the head of the Privy Council, an advisory body to the king, is automatically the regent until a new monarch is crowned. There was no official statement that the council's head, 96-year-old Prem Tinsulanonda, had been named regent, creating uncertainty. But Wissanu said an announcement wasn't needed because the process is mandated by Thailand's constitution. Prem, a former prime minister, was one of Bhumibol's principal confidants and has ties to Bhumibol's popular daughter, Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.

For ordinary Thais, the overwhelming focus was on grieving for Bhumibol, not the succession. "I haven't even started to think about that; I'm still in mourning over the king," said Rakchadaporn Unnankad, a 24-year-old Bangkok office worker. "I left home at 6 am to come here. We were queuing for so long before they told us that we can't go inside the palace. There were people who have been here since 4 or 5 am." "My tears started flowing out of me without my realizing," she said, recalling the news of Bhumibol's death. "I didn't even want to hear the announcement." Buddhist funeral ceremonies began Friday night after a royal motorcade brought Bhumibol's body from nearby Siriraj Hospital to the Grand Palace complex.

Momentous event

Bhumibol's death after 70 years on the throne was a momentous event in Thailand, where the monarch has been glorified as an anchor for a fractious society that for decades

has been turned on its head by frequent coups. Over the past 10 years, Thailand has suffered particularly intense political turmoil pitting arch-royalists against those seeking a redistribution of economic and political power, allied with Thaksin Shinawatra, a populist prime minister ousted in a 2006 coup.

But in recent years, Bhumibol had suffered from a variety of illnesses and seemed far removed from the upheavals of Thai politics, including the 2014 coup that brought current Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, an army general, to power. "His death means that the Thai political system must find an alternative focal point around which to unite the country's factionalized population," said Tom Pepinsky, a Southeast Asia expert at Cornell University.

He said one challenge that royalists will face is the possibility that the monarchy's popularity will be undermined by the crowning of Vajiralongkorn, who does not command the same respect his father did. Another mourner, 48-year-old Suchart Warachawanich, said it was "appropriate" to not immediately accept the crown and let the nation grieve first. A one-year mourning period for the government has been declared together with a 30-day moratorium on state and official events. But no substantial demands have been made of the private sector. The government has only urged people to refrain from organizing entertainment events for a month, apparently mindful of the need to ensure that the sputtering economy, which relies heavily on tourism, does not suffer too much. — AP

POLICE DISPERSE MOB STIRRED BY KING INSULT

PHUKET: Police and soldiers on the Thai resort island of Phuket dispersed a mob of several hundred people seeking a confrontation with a man they believed insulted the country's king, who died this week. Video shot Friday evening shows the crowd blocking the road outside a soy milk shop and waving placards with slurs such as "buffalo," a local slang word for stupidity. Some shouted for the man to come out.

One man in the rowdy crowd yelled, "If you don't love the king, who else would you love in this land?" as others argued with officers blocking the entrance to the shop. King Bhumibol Adulyadej's death Thursday after 70 years on the throne has sparked a national outpouring of grief. Police and

a community leader wielding a megaphone dispersed the crowd by leading them to a local police station to lay a complaint.

Thai media reported that the crowd's anger stemmed from online comments that were made by the man long before the king's death. Thailand has draconian lese majeste laws that impose stiff prison sentences for actions or writings regarded as derogatory toward the monarch or his family. Phuket police commander Theerapol Thipcharoen said the public "came out to express their love for the king and weren't happy for anyone to disrespect him." "But they were not violent and they knew it would be inappropriate, especially in the circumstance," he said. — AFP

SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE ARREST 9 IN RIOTING NEAR UNIVERSITY

JOHANNESBURG: South African police arrested nine people during arson attacks and stone-throwing near a Johannesburg university where students have been protesting for free education, authorities said yesterday. Two vehicles were set on fire in the overnight unrest in Braamfontein, an urban area that was the scene of similar violence during clashes between students and police earlier in the week, the national police said on Twitter.

Of the nine people arrested, two are students at the University of the Witwatersrand, also known as Wits, two are from other universities and five are not students, said Shirona Patel, a university spokeswoman. The school, one of South Africa's leading universities, has imposed overnight restrictions on access and movement on campus because of security concerns. It rejected criticism from some protesters that additional security measures and a police presence on campus were provoking violence.

"The only reason these measures were implemented was because a group of students started four fires on our campuses on Thursday night, smashed windows, stoned buildings and flooded rooms," the university said in a statement yesterday. In other violence, two buildings were damaged by firebombs at the Howard College campus of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South African media reported Saturday.

Student protests, many of which have turned violent, have forced some South African universities to close. The unrest began last month when the government recommended that universities increase 2017 fees by no more than 8 percent, while saying it would cover fee hikes next year for poor university students. Protesters, however, say the plan is insufficient and demand the gradual implementation of free university education. Large student protests in 2015 forced the government to freeze fee increases this year. — AP



VANDERBIJLPARK: A woman looks on as she holds a gate at the dorms at the North West University Vaal Campus. — AFP

JAPAN WITHHOLDS DUES TO UNESCO

TOKYO: Japan has withheld its annual UNESCO dues, saying it wants to make sure the UN body properly functions to foster trust among member nations. Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, asked by a reporter, confirmed that Japan withheld dues of nearly 4 billion yen (\$40 million) for this year. He refused to say if that was to protest UNESCO's listing last year of Chinese Rape of Nanking documents as a memory of the world.

Kishida said the decision is based on "comprehensive" observations. Japan disputes China's historical views on the 1937 massacre and has criticized the UNESCO decision. A Foreign Ministry official later said that Japan is watching to see if UNESCO is living up to its founding purpose of promoting peace among member nations through education, and will consider the timing of its payment while examining whether the UN body is operating appropriately.

There is no deadline for a member nation to pay its annual contribution. Non-payment could lead to a member nation losing its voting right at the body's general meeting,

he said. Japan provides 9.7 percent of UNESCO budget, the body's second-largest donor after the US at 22 percent. Washington has suspended its dues since 2011 when Palestine began participating in UNESCO.

UNESCO would not comment Friday on Japan's decision. Kishida's comments came as Israel suspended cooperation with the agency over a draft resolution minimizing Jewish ties to Temple Mount and the Western Wall. In 2014, China submitted documents on the 1937 massacre of Chinese citizens by the Japanese military in what became known as the Rape of Nanking, which Japan has largely played down. The documents were registered on the heritage list last October.

China says up to 300,000 people were killed, while Japanese nationalists have largely played down or denied the incident. Japan and some scholars say the number was much smaller. Japan has criticized UNESCO's "unilateral" registration system, which it says failed to give Tokyo access to the documents for verification, adding the process lacked fairness and transparency. — AP

AS THAIS MOURN KING, BLACK CLOTHES BOOMS



BANGKOK: Mourners have food in a restaurant next to photos of the late Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej. — AFP

BANGKOK: Thailand's government has warned of a national shortage of black clothing, which is flying off shelves as a distraught nation mourns beloved late King Bhumibol Adulyadej. The commerce ministry also said it would work with manufacturers to ensure a stable supply of mourning wear while threatening stiff punishments for price-gouging by merchants. Thailand has been plunged into grief by the death on Thursday of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who reigned as a deeply revered god-like figure for 70 years.

A range of public activities have been cancelled and television programming and nightlife has been ordered to tone it down for the next month out of respect. The directives have raised some concern that the economy would suffer, but sales of black clothing, at least, are booming. The commerce ministry's director-general of internal trade Nuntawan Sakuntanaga has called on consumers to put off purchases of mourning wear until manufacturers can catch up with demand.

"The supply of black shirts may be low for a few days but garment manufacturers have insisted that there will not be a shortage, while they will quote prices as normal," she said, according to The Nation. Since the king's death, black clothing was being sold at double the normal price in some cases, Nuntawan said. Price-gougers could face fines of up to 140,000 baht (\$3,900) and seven years in jail, she added.

Bhumibol was the only king most Thais have ever known, a father figure with an image of moral rectitude whose loss has profoundly touched millions in the country. On Friday tens of thousands of his grieving subjects, many holding aloft portraits of the king, lined the route of a motorcade that bore his body to the royal palace in Bangkok from the hospital where he died at the age of 88. — AFP



KUWAIT: Camels stand at the starting line ahead of a camel race in Kabd yesterday. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

FRESH TALKS TRY TO REVIVE SYRIA TRUCE

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Fierce fighting was continuing in the multi-front conflict, with Turkish-backed opposition fighters closing in on Dabiq, a symbolic stronghold of the Islamic State group. And in Aleppo, Russian-backed government forces intensified their bombardment of the rebel-held east of the city, further damaging any prospect of a renewed ceasefire.

Kerry and Lavrov, once joint sponsors of international peace effort, met ahead of the broader talks, but US officials insisted that their "bilateral track" remains dead. Instead, with President Barack Obama adamant that US forces will not become caught up in the war, Kerry was hoping that talks with Russia and regional powers may yield new ideas. "We are not pursuing this directly with the Russians bilaterally anymore," a senior US official travelling with Kerry told reporters ahead of the meeting.

"But just because the format has evolved doesn't mean that the underlying objectives have changed," he insisted. Those objectives, he said, are a reduction in violence, more humanitarian access to besieged civilians and a political dialogue between the government and opposition. But both US and Russian officials played down hopes of a breakthrough yesterday, and Kerry was due to fly on to London today to brief European allies on the new effort.

Lavrov told reporters on Friday he had no "special expectations" of progress. Iran also voiced skepticism, with a foreign affairs ministry spokesman saying: "I don't think we can have a lot of a hope for the outcome of this meeting." The talks come as Moscow faces down growing criticism over its backing for Assad's assault in divided Aleppo. Air strikes hit rebel-held parts of Aleppo again yesterday, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a British-based watchdog with a network of sources on the ground.

Against this bloody backdrop, a leading opposition group slammed the talks, saying they would not stop the killing. Abdal Ahad Stefo, deputy head of the Istanbul-based National Coalition, told AFP the negotiations "will only lead to wasting more time ... and the shedding of more Syrian blood". Aleppo has been

engulfed by some of the worst violence of the conflict since the collapse of last month's truce deal. "I think we need to see what happens in the room to determine whether this is the beginning of a new process that continues in this format or not," said the senior US official.

On Friday, Lavrov had warned that Russia was not planning on presenting new initiatives on ways to resolve the conflict, which has claimed more than 300,000 lives since 2011. Instead he called for "concrete steps" to implement earlier UN resolutions and specifically for opposition fighters to separate from "terrorist" jihadist groups. Kerry and Lavrov were joined by UN Syria envoy Staffan de Mistura, as well as top diplomats from Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar - all nations that back Syrian opposition forces.

Iran, a key Assad supporter, was being represented by Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif. Egypt, Iraq and Jordan were also set to be part of the meeting, the US official said. The intensified bombardment has put increasing strain on rescue workers in besieged eastern Aleppo which is home to an estimated 250,000 residents. More than 370 people, including nearly 70 children, have been killed in regime and Russian bombardment of eastern Aleppo since Sept 22, according to the Observatory.

Meanwhile, Turkish-backed opposition fighters were advancing yesterday on the northern Syrian town of Dabiq with the aim of taking it from IS militants, Turkey's president said. "We are now advancing. Where? To Dabiq," President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said in televised comments in the Black Sea province of Rize. Turkey launched an unprecedented operation inside Syria on Aug 24, helping Syrian rebels to rid its frontier of IS militants and Syrian Kurdish militia.

In the operation's early weeks, Jarabulus and Al-Rai became the first two major settlements to be captured from the IS. The Syrian rebels, supported by Turkish planes and tanks, are two and a half kilometres from Dabiq, according to the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. "Two hours ago, the rebels started their attack to control Dabiq. The rebels came from Al-Rai," it said. — Agencies

TRUMP CLAIMS ELECTION 'RIGGED', SLAMS 'SMEARS'

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"I have no idea who these women are. The stories are total fiction."

At a later rally in Charlotte he claimed to be "the victim of one of the great political smear campaigns in the history

of our country. They are coming after me to try and destroy what is considered by even them the greatest movement in the history of our country." According to Trump, "the political establishment is trying to stop us because they know that we're a threat to their totally corrupt controls". — Agencies

3 MEN ACCUSED OF PLOTTING TO BOMB...

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In a profanity-laced conference call that law enforcement monitored, Stein said the only way "this country's ever going to get turned around is it will be a blood-bath", according to the complaint. If convicted, the men could be sentenced to up to life in federal prison without parole.

Heidi Beirich, director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project, called the details of the plot disturbing, saying it "should serve as a warning to those who traffic in the politics of fear and bigotry". Garden City is home to a Tyson Foods beef slaughterhouse that has drawn a diverse immigrant population to the area. Dr John Birky, who's helping to create a clinic and working with refugees on a language program, said some local residents fear the refugees, mistakenly associating them with militants in Somalia. "People do express more of a general sentiment of, 'Why are we letting these refugees in here? Why are we? They're taking

our jobs, plus they're Muslim," he said.

Garden City Mayor Chris Law said in a statement that he was shocked by the planned attack, and Birky called it "crazy". Birky said between 300 and 500 Somali refugees live in the area. The state Department for Children and Families said that of the 906 refugees who arrived in Kansas from Oct 2014 through Jan 2016, 68 were from Somalia, or 7.5 percent. Birky said most are fleeing militants in Somalia and want to assimilate once they reach Kansas. "They're trying to make a better life for their families here," he said. "They want to pursue the American dream."

The case is the latest involving militia groups in the state. Earlier this year, a planned armed protest outside a Wichita mosque prompted the Islamic Society of Wichita to cancel an appearance by a speaker whom protesters believed supported terrorism. The Justice Department's National Security Division created a new position a year ago to help coordinate investigations into violent homegrown extremism. — AP

55 KILLED IN IRAQ ATTACKS

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house of a Sunni militia chief who supports the government, police sources said. Eight policemen were killed and 11 others wounded in the first attack which took place Mutaibija, south of the city of Tikrit, while the militants had three dead in their ranks.

In the second, the wife and three children of Numan Al-Mujamaie, the leader of the Ishaqi Mobilization militia, were killed when gunmen stormed his house in the town

of Ishaq in his absence. The assailants fled, chased by security forces, and later killed themselves by detonating explosive belts, police said. Islamic State has intensified bomb attacks in government-held areas this year as it loses territory to US-backed Iraqi government forces and Iranian-backed Shiite militias.

The group claimed a truck bombing in July that killed at least 324 people in the Karrada shopping area of Baghdad - the deadliest single attack in Iraq since the US-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003. — Agencies

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WHY I SUPPORT
HILLARY CLINTON

By Dr James J Zogby

This past week, I traveled to Dearborn, Michigan where I addressed a Hillary for America campaign event. Held at the Arab American National Museum, the gathering provided me with the opportunity to explain why I was endorsing Hillary Clinton for President. I offered four key reasons. In the first instance, my endorsement was about her. She is, without a doubt, one of the smartest, toughest, and most experienced candidates to ever run for president. As important as these qualities are, I am also in awe of her self-control. As I watched the last presidential debate, I marveled at Hillary Clinton's ability to remain composed in the face of her opponent's hostility and vile provocation. Given what we know of Donald Trump's disgusting behavior and his demeaning attitude toward women, I would have found it difficult to even appear on stage with him. And yet she did so with great poise and dignity.

While these personal traits served her well in a debate setting - they are also essential for a president who will be tested by major challenges every minute of every day. When the 90 minute debate ended, I came away more convinced than ever that Hillary Clinton has, to borrow Richard Ben Cramer's phrase, the "right stuff" to lead our nation.

Another reason behind my wanting Hillary Clinton to win has to do with us - my community and our partners in the coalitions of concern with whom we work most closely. As some might know, I was deeply involved with the Bernie Sanders' campaign. I agreed with Bernie on most issues and as a Democratic Party super-delegate I voted for him at the convention. I also proudly served as one of his representatives to the party's platform drafting committee where we fought with the Clinton team to shape the party's political agenda. Bernie has correctly noted that the resultant document was the "most progressive in the party's history". We forged consensus on a range of issues like: abolishing the death penalty; raising the minimum wage; expanding Social Security; creating a public option health insurance; eliminating Super PACs; closing the loopholes in racial profiling and expanding the definition of "racial" to include religion and national origin; increasing support for Lebanon and Jordan; the need to work more closely with Arab allies; and increasing the number of refugees admitted to the US without discrimination based on religion or ethnicity.

Important Step

We did not get the platform language we fought for on Israel-Palestine, but for the first time in history the party calls for providing "Palestinians with independence, sovereignty, and dignity" noting that they "should be free to govern themselves in their own viable state in peace and dignity". Having scars to show from three decades of party platform battles, I can testify that this was an important step forward.

We won these battles working with allies - liberals and progressives; African Americans Latinos, and Native Americans; labor and environmental activists. We supported them and they supported us. That is the essence of working in coalition. We cannot abandon our allies because we didn't get everything we wanted. If we hope we can count on them to be with us, then they need to know that they can count on us to remain with them. When Hillary Clinton wins, we will all be better positioned to continue our combined effort to insist that the platform we endorsed becomes policy and to continue working together to press for even greater changes in policy. Finally, my endorsement of Hillary Clinton is about him. I not only oppose Donald Trump, I find him to be the most frightening figure to emerge on the political scene in my lifetime. On Oct 14, 2016, the Washington Post summed up the case against Trump in one sentence describing him as "bigoted, ignorant, deceitful, narcissistic, vengeful, petty, misogynistic, fiscally reckless, intellectually lazy, contemptuous of democracy, and enamored of America's enemies". They concluded by noting that "as president, he would pose a grave danger to the nation and the world".

Enemies

What Donald Trump has done in this campaign is prey off of the fear and anger of some Americans who feel adrift in today's changing economy. Instead of providing them with real solutions, he has given them enemies to blame - Mexicans, Muslims, Blacks, etc. He has made hate-speech acceptable and unleashed a torrent of anger that, I fear, will be difficult to rein in after this election is over. I, therefore, not only believe that it is imperative that he lose this election, he must lose by a margin so large that it serves as both as a repudiation of his hate and a mandate for Hillary Clinton to govern. That said, I reject the notion that this election can be reduced to choosing "the lesser of two evils". It is, in fact, about supporting the best candidate - the one who, despite whatever differences one might have with some of her positions, has demonstrated that she is tough, smart, experienced, and relentless in fighting to make America better. That's why I am proud to endorse Hillary Clinton.

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CLINTON DOSSIER HAS ONLY GROWN OVER TIME

By Nancy Benac

You wouldn't think there was much left to learn about Hillary Clinton after her nearly four decades in the public arena. But Clinton's time as secretary of state and as a private citizen after her failed 2008 presidential campaign have generated new issues revolving around the intersection of money, politics, privilege and privacy. Her use of a private email setup as secretary of state has stirred up a hornet's nest over her loose handling of classified material and fed the perception she tries to play by her own set of rules.

Her big haul of money from private speeches to Wall Street interests after she left the government stoked questions about whether she would really look out for ordinary Americans. Recent leaks about the content of those speeches have fed into talk about whether there are really two Clintons - one public, one private, as she pretty much acknowledged in communications that she intended to stay private.

And Clinton's links to her family's foundation while she was secretary of state have transported age-old questions about the influence of money into an all-new context. Never before have there been husband and wife presidencies, with all the swirling interests and potential conflicts that sort of power couple would bring. A look at some of what's been learned about Clinton over the course of the campaign:

Top-Dollar Speeches

Clinton's lucrative speeches to Wall Street interests behind closed doors in the run-up to her presidential campaign were a frequent topic of primary-season criticism by Democratic rival Bernie

Sanders, who depicted Clinton as part of a system rigged to benefit the rich. In the 18 months before announcing her second presidential campaign, Clinton addressed private equity investors in California, bankers in South Carolina and brokers in Florida. An AP analysis found that over a 15-year period, Clinton and her husband made at least \$35 million by giving 164 speeches to financial services, real estate and insurance companies after leaving the White House in 2001.

Secrets Revealed

Clinton's refusal to release the transcripts of those speeches was an ongoing issue during the campaign - until WikiLeaks took matters out of her hands and released hacked campaign emails containing excerpts of her speeches starting last week. The excerpts suggest she took a more accommodating tone toward Wall Street in private than she did in public.

While offering herself in public as a product of middle-class America, Clinton acknowledged in a private 2014 speech: "Obviously, I'm kind of far removed because the life I've lived and the economic, you know, fortunes that my husband and I now enjoy." In a speech transcript from 2013, she said that negotiating deals sometimes requires "a public and a private position" to get things done. That fed into suspicions Clinton is not always straight with voters about what she wants to accomplish.

Email Alarms

Revelations in 2015 that Clinton used a private email account and server when she was secretary of state set off a number of alarms: What was she hiding? Was classified material compromised? Was

she trying to avoid public records requirements? Word that Clinton had deleted tens of thousands of emails that she said were unrelated to official business only added to the intrigue. A review by the State Department's internal watchdog concluded the practice violated several policies for the safekeeping and preservation of federal records.

A separate yearlong FBI investigation found no evidence that Clinton or her aides intended to break laws governing the handling of classified information. But FBI Director James Comey concluded, "There is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information." The case was closed without any criminal charges.

The Foundation

From the beginning of Clinton's tenure as secretary of state, there were questions about how to ensure that all the money flowing into the Clinton Foundation, particularly contributions from foreigners, didn't influence her dealings in government. A number of guidelines were put in place to guard against conflicts of interest. Even so, an AP review of Clinton's calendars and daily schedules found that more than half the people with private interests outside of government whom she met with while secretary of state gave money - either personally or their companies or groups had given it - to the Clinton Foundation.

The AP's review did not include Clinton's many meetings with foreign diplomats or government employees, instead focusing on the discretionary meetings she agreed to have. The meetings did not appear to have violated conflict-of-interest guidelines and the Clinton campaign noted some were with high-profile people

who a secretary of state would likely always meet with. But the meetings fed into Republican accusations that access to Clinton was available to donors.

Donor Network

Clinton's political fortunes are inextricably tied to her husband's, and so are her finances. A Washington Post investigation in Nov 2015 toted up an unparalleled \$3 billion that the Clintons had raised over four decades for their various political campaigns and the charitable foundation started after Bill Clinton left office. Nearly \$2 billion of that total went to the foundation. The Clintons' cultivation of this vast and loyal donor network helped Hillary Clinton mount a formidable presidential campaign but also has served to undercut her image as a champion of the middle class un beholden to moneyed interests.

Old Business

There are plenty of Clinton issues from days of old that lurk in the background of this campaign. Among them: The impeachment of Bill Clinton for the Monica Lewinsky affair, Hillary Clinton's big profits from trading commodities as Arkansas first lady, and Whitewater, the name of the Clintons' failed land deal in which neither was ultimately found to have done wrong. Donald Trump has tried, in particular, to make a new issue of how Hillary Clinton handled the allegations of sexual improprieties leveled at her husband. Trump claims that Clinton bullied and shamed her husband's accusers. Hillary Clinton did work behind the scenes to discredit his accusers; there is no clear or independent evidence that she bullied them. —AP

TRUMP DOSSIER LOADED WITH UNKNOWN DETAIL

By Nancy Benac

There's nothing like a presidential campaign to shine a bright light into the nooks, crannies and back alleys of a candidate's life. And there's nothing like Donald Trump in the annals of US politics. Some of what's been revealed about Trump's predatory personal interactions, business dealings, legal tactics and management style would come as no surprise to those who've made a career out of following the billionaire's rise to prominence. But ordinary Americans who began the 2016 campaign with a passing impression of Trump as the outspoken mogul of "Apprentice" fame now have far more information to draw upon as Election Day nears.

Despite his curated image as the businessman with the golden touch, Trump's track record in business isn't as magical as he would have people think. Yes, he is rich. Yes, he has had his share of success. But he's also kept company with any number of questionable business associates, had quite a share of projects go bust, left a string of contractors in the lurch, exaggerated his wealth and bragged of using his star power to impose himself sexually on women.

Another thing people discovered about Trump this year is all the things they still don't know. He hasn't released his tax returns, records of charitable giving, detailed medical records, immigration files for his wife and more. That penchant for secrecy is coupled with an aggressive strategy to muzzle business and campaign employees by requiring them to sign nondisclosure agreements.

A look at some of what's been learned about Trump during the campaign:

Tax Turmoil

Trump is the first presidential nominee in four decades to refuse to release his tax returns. The secrecy has spawned speculation that Trump doesn't pay federal income taxes, isn't as wealthy as he claims or is hiding something else about his business entanglements. The intrigue deepened when The New York Times reported that Trump lost so much in one year that he could have avoided federal income taxes for as many as 18 years. Trump subsequently admitted that he had paid no federal income taxes for many years.

TV Turmoil

From the outside, NBC's "The Apprentice" was an instant hit that helped turn Trump into a household name, even if its ratings did slip over time. Insiders told AP that Trump repeatedly demeaned female crew and contestants over the years, rating women by the size of their breasts and talking about which ones he'd like to have sex with. None of that made it into the show, of course. But the revelations added to persistent questions about Trump's behavior toward women.

Beyond Banter

Days after "The Apprentice" revelations, The Washington Post

came out with a 2005 video in which Trump is captured bragging about kissing women at will, groping their genitals and trying to have sex with them. Trump dismissed the explosive video as nothing more than locker-room banter and said he'd never done the things he talked about in the video. But it caused a number of top GOP officials to call for Trump to step down from the ticket and prompted a number of women, outraged by his denials, to step forward to say they had been targets of his lechery.

Charitable Giving

Trump claims he's given millions to charity. But there's a big question mark about that. An AP investigation found that the overwhelming majority of recent gifts distributed by the Trump Foundation had been made with other people's money, not contributions from the candidate. And it turns out Trump has used his foundation's money to pay legal settlements for his for-profit businesses. The Washington Post reported. The New York attorney general's office this month ordered Trump's foundation to stop fundraising immediately in the state, saying it isn't registered to do so.

Shady Characters

For all Trump's talk about seeking out the best people, his business associates over the years have included a significant number of questionable characters. He partnered with the son of an Azerbaijani government minister suspected by US diplomats of laundering money for Iran's military. He named a Mafia-linked government informant as a senior adviser and supported a convicted cocaine dealer in a letter to a federal judge. He hired a convicted felon to be the superintendent of Trump Tower.

On two development deals, he partnered with convicted criminals, one convicted in a Mafia-linked stock fraud scheme. More recently, Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort resigned after AP reported that he had helped a pro-Russian Ukrainian political party secretly route at least \$2.2 million to two prominent Washington lobbying firms in 2012, doing so in a way that effectively obscured the party's efforts to influence U.S. policy.

Casino Woes

Trump's six corporate bankruptcies after his big gamble on three Atlantic City casinos were no secret when he began his campaign, but the circumstances have come into sharper focus over the past year. Trump continues to blame his casinos' troubles on an economic downturn that walloped the whole industry. But in fact, two of his casinos' bankruptcies occurred in years when overall Atlantic City gambling revenue was rising.

Unpaid Bills

Multiple reports over the past year have documented Trump's refusal to pay various contractors who worked for him. USA Today found at least 60 lawsuits, as well as hundreds of liens, judgments

and other government filings that document people who accused Trump and his businesses of failing to pay them. The Wall Street Journal, likewise, documented hardball tactics that shortchanged Trump's suppliers.

During the bankruptcy of the Taj Mahal Casino in the early 1990s, some contractors who'd helped Trump build the property went under because Trump's company didn't pay what it owed them - millions of dollars in some cases. Trump refused to pay in full 253 contractors who had helped build the Taj. Trump's bankers gave him a \$450,000 monthly allowance while his debts were renegotiated.

Head Start

Trump perpetuates a self-made-man persona, stressing that he started out with a "small" \$1 million loan from his father that he later repaid. He doesn't mention that he also received loan guarantees, bailouts and a drawdown from his future inheritance. Reporter Tim O'Brien noted in a 2005 book that Trump drew \$10 million from his future inheritance during hard times, and inherited a share of his father's real estate holdings, which were worth hundreds of millions when they were eventually sold off.

Branding

In recent years, Trump has known more for licensing use of his name than for building things. Not all those branding deals have been seamless. Condo buyers at failed Trump-named properties in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Tampa, Florida, and Baja, Mexico, have claimed in lawsuits that the billionaire misled them into believing he was more involved in the projects than just lending his name. Trump won the Fort Lauderdale case and settled those in Baja and Tampa.

Trump University

Trump faces class-action lawsuits in California and New York alleging that his Trump University, which offered real estate seminars and classes around the country, pressed students to pay up to \$35,000 for mentorships and failed at its promise to teach success in the business. While marketing materials said that Trump had "hand-picked" employees for the operation, in court testimony he acknowledged that he couldn't recall names of his employees. New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman sued Trump University in 2013 alleging it had committed fraud and fleeced 5,000 people out of millions of dollars.

Legal Tactics

Trump caused a firestorm when he complained in February that Gonzalo Curiel, the judge handling the California Trump University class-action lawsuit, couldn't be fair, citing the judge's Mexican heritage. Trump also tried to get a judge pulled off a New York case in 2011, and he called the judge on a 2009 case biased. —AP

CAHILL WONDER GOAL FOR CITY ON A-LEAGUE DEBUT

MELBOURNE: Veteran Socceroo Tim Cahill launched his homecoming to Australia's A-League with a spectacular long-range goal in Melbourne City's thumping 4-1 derby win over Melbourne Victory yesterday. The 36-year-old well-travelled international hit a sizzling 35-metre volley that sailed over goalkeeper Lawrence Thomas into the top right-hand corner to open the scoring. Cahill, who has scored a record 48 international goals for his country, was playing for the first time in the A-League after a stellar 18-year stint overseas. Uruguayan Bruno Fornaroli, Luke Brattan and Argentine Fernando Brandan rounded off the scoring for Melbourne City, who are owned by Abu Dhabi-based City Football Group and coached by Dutchman John van't Schip. Marco Rojas, who flew back after playing for New Zealand in the United States in mid-week, scored Victory's only goal. Melbourne City remain unbeaten along with Sydney FC after the opening two rounds of the A-League. —AFP

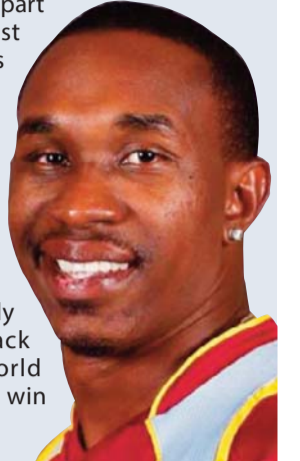


JORGE LORENZO CRASHES AHEAD OF JAPAN RACE

MOTEGI: Defending champion Jorge Lorenzo was sent to hospital yesterday after crashing during practice ahead of today's Japanese MotoGP Grand Prix, while Honda's Marc Marquez clocked the fastest lap of the day. The Yamaha rider was thrown into the air at Turn 2 of the dry and sunny Motegi circuit, where a number of other riders also crashed Friday, including Dani Pedrosa, who broke his collarbone. Lorenzo was launched off his bike while taking the right turn, flipping him onto gravel where he rolled hard with five minutes left in the 45-minute morning practice session. The Spaniard was not able to immediately stand but was able to sit on the back of an emergency scooter to go to the circuit's clinic. He was seen walking into the on-site medical centre before being sent to Dokkyo Medical University Hospital for a CT scan to see whether he suffered any head trauma, his team said. The heavy fall followed a nasty crash Friday by Honda's Pedrosa, while several riders struggled to test hard tyres and find the right bike settings. —AFP

BRAVO TO SHAKE A LEG IN INDIAN DANCE SHOW

NEW DELHI: West Indies' cricketing star Dwayne Bravo announced plans to take his talents to the dance floor by joining an Indian celebrity dance competition, months after making waves with his acclaimed hip hop anthem "Champion". "I am very excited to be a part of this show and to do something different. I just want to have fun and enjoy," Bravo, 33, told reporters Friday ahead of his first performance in Jhalak Dikha Ja, the Indian version of BBC's Strictly Come Dancing. "These days, cricket and entertainment go together... Dancing is definitely harder than cricket," said Bravo, who was a part of the West Indies squad that played against Pakistan in a Twenty20 series last month. The all-rounder might well take inspiration from former England bowler Darren Gough who won the third series of Strictly Come Dancing in 2005. Bravo launched the track "Champion" in Mumbai in March during the World Twenty20 competition which his side went on to win after beating England. —AFP



DOHA: The pack rides during in the women's elite road race event as part of the 2016 UCI Road World Championships yesterday, in the Qatari capital Doha. — AFP

DANE DIDERIKSEN WINS WOMEN'S WORLD ROAD RACE

DOHA: Denmark's Amalie Dideriksen was the shock winner of the women's road race event at the world championships in Qatar yesterday. The 20-year-old stunned one of the pre-race favourites, Kirsten Wild, on the finishing line timing her sprint to perfection to take the coveted rainbow jersey. Finland's Lotta Lepisto took third, with defending champion Lizzie Deignan of Britain finishing fourth. "I think it is a surprise for everybody," said Dideriksen immediately afterwards. "I know I am OK in the sprint, but taking the world championship is unbelievable." She added: "Of course, I go into every

race expecting the best result but to be able to take gold, it's a dream come true, but I didn't expect it." The tight finish looked set to deliver gold for Wild after sterling work by her Dutch teammates set her up for a potential title-winning finish 300m from the line. The strong Dutch team had dominated the later stages of the race and it seemed like the eventual winner would come from their ranks before Dideriksen's last minute intervention. The Dane, a former double junior world road race champion, finished the 134-kilometre course in a time of 3hr 10min 27sec. Wild, a four-time winner of

the Ladies Tour of Qatar, admitted she was unhappy to have come second on a flat course with such a strong team ride. "It feels like a losing gold," she said of her silver medal. "It's a bit disappointing. We had a really good strong ride with the team so I can't blame anything but myself." "This course was like Holland, only the fields in Holland are green here they are yellow and the cows are camels." Wild had a minor crash in the earlier stages of the race but admitted that had no impact on her final position. Before the sprint finish it looked as if America's Amber Neben was on course for a rare

double. She had already taken gold in the individual time trial earlier this week and the 41-year-old made an almost decisive breakaway carving out a lead of almost a minute in the closing stages. But the peloton reeled her in on the final lap of seven at the Pearl Qatar where the race finished to ensure a sprint finish. Prior to that Japan's Eri Yonamine had set the early pace. The world championships draw to a close on Sunday when the men compete in the road race with Britain's Mark Cavendish a favourite to take his second world title following his first success in Copenhagen in 2011. —AFP



DOHA: Denmark's gold medalist Amalie Dideriksen celebrates on the podium at the end of the women's elite road race event as part of the 2016 UCI Road World Championships yesterday in Doha. — AFP

KUWAITI WINS FIRST PLACE IN UAE'S CYCLING TOURNEY

KUWAIT: Kuwait Motor Sports Club's player Fahd al-Musallem has won the first place in the UAE desert cycling tourney, which concluded on Friday in Dubai. The win was the fruit of intensive preparations and exercises conducted this season to get ready for local and international championships, he told KUNA in a telephone call yesterday. He promised to do his best in

the upcoming rounds so as to honor the dear homeland in this big event. He expressed his gratitude to Chairman of the Kuwait Motor Sports Club Sheikh Ahmad Al-Dawood Al-Sabah for supporting him in all contests. Al-Musallem ranked first after crossing 280 km in a three-hour competition. This is the first round of the tourney which includes three others left. —KUNA

ROSSI TAKES POLE FOR JAPAN GRAND PRIX

MOTEGI: Nine-time world champion Valentino Rossi stormed to pole position for today's Grand Prix of Japan after clocking the fastest time in qualifying, resuming his campaign to overtake championship leader Marc Marquez. The Yamaha man timed 1min 43.954sec at the Twin Ring Motegi circuit Saturday to grab his third pole of the season, as he attempts to close a 52-point gap against Honda's Marquez, who will start from second on the grid after finishing 0.180sec behind the Italian, his closest championship rival. Defending world champion Jorge Lorenzo overcame a spectacular crash earlier in the day and earned the third fastest lap in qualifying to claim a spot on the front row, clocking 0.267sec after his Yamaha teammate. The second row will be occupied by Ducati's Andrea Dovizioso, LCR Honda's Cal Crutchlow and Suzuki's Aleix Espargaro. Rossi said his team had struggled to find the right balance for their machine, while he himself felt weak. "Before (the Saturday afternoon practice) we did a great job as a team, we found a good balance. It will be important to start from pole," he said. "I am not at 100 percent. I am quite sick and have difficulty breathing," Rossi said. "Race here is always very long and very demanding." His Yamaha teammate Lorenzo was also content with his performance after being launched from his bike in the morning. He was airlifted to a hospital to check for head trauma but was quickly declared fit for the race. He was not able to stand up immediately after the crash, with his left leg in particular pain. After the incident, helped by painkillers and adrenaline, Lorenzo said his bike started to feel better and his lap times began to improve. "Honestly, I was scared," Lorenzo said of the crash. "All of my body was hurting." "I am happy with the front row. We have a good potential to fight for a victory tomorrow," Lorenzo said. His crash came a day after a nasty fall during Friday's practice by Dani Pedrosa, who broke his collarbone and flew back to Spain

for an operation. Marquez said he was gathering momentum on the circuit where he has never won in the premier race category. The two-time world champion noted Yamaha have traditionally done well on the Honda cir-

cuit, known for its stop-and-go layout with a lot of hard braking and acceleration points. "We are there. We are very close. We are very consistent with our lap time," Marquez said. "We are in the front row. That was our main target." —AFP



MOTEGI: Movistar Yamaha MotoGP's Italian rider Valentino Rossi gestures at the parc ferme after getting the pole position during the qualifying session at the Japanese Grand Prix in the Twin Ring Motegi circuit in Motegi yesterday. — AFP

CAVENDISH, SAGAN READY FOR ROAD RACE BATTLE

DOHA: Britain's Mark Cavendish will be eyeing a possible second world road race title in Doha today but should face a stern challenge from reigning champion Peter Sagan. For the first time since 2011 the World Championship course is best suited to sprinters, giving in-form Cavendish plenty to be excited about. The 31-year-old Briton won that race in 2011 in Copenhagen when he was the height of his powers. After seemingly being eclipsed by German Marcel Kittel as the world's best sprinter since, Cavendish was back in form this season, winning four stages during July's Tour de France before claiming Olympic silver on the track in Rio in August in the omnium. He's been ill since then but is coming showed in finishing sixth at Paris-Tours earlier this month that his speed is still there. Qatar also holds good memories for Cavendish, who won the Tour of Qatar in February for the second time after also succeeding in 2013. Sunday's race could set up a fascinating encounter with one of the star's of the year. Peter Sagan won't be giving up the rain-

bow jersey he won last year easily and has proved that even in flat sprints he can match the pure sprinters. Last year he saw off the challenge of Australia's Michael Matthews to win gold and he has continued his good form throughout 2016. The Slovakian won the points classification at the Tour de France for the fifth consecutive year and won the European road race championships last month. Other riders in contention include omnium gold medalist in Rio, Italy's Elia Viviani and France's fiery sprinter Nacer Bouhanni, a former winner of the French national road championships and known for his blistering finishes. Compatriot Arnaud Demare could also be in with a shout of the title. The German's have plumped for Andre Greipel as their team leader but Kittel provides a formidable plan B, even if he's been far from his 2013 and 2014 form this season. Sunday's event will be raced over a 257-kilometre long course stretching from Doha's Aspire Zone, a vast sporting complex in the west of Doha used in the past for training by international sporting sides such as Bayern Munich, Paris Saint-Germain and the Welsh rugby team. —AFP

RAMS MAKE THEIR LAST BIG MOVE IN TRIP TO DETROIT, LONDON

THOUSAND OAKS: In a year of constant motion, the Los Angeles Rams are making their last big move. The Rams (3-2) headed out on a 10-day, two-game road trip to Detroit and London on Friday, filling a couple of jets with several tons of equipment, several dozen players, coaches and support personnel.

After their cross-country franchise relocation last winter and a peripatetic summer spent in several spots around the Los Angeles area, the Rams still have to get through a Midwest road trip and a subsequent week in England.

And then this team can really unpack. "We're moving the whole franchise again, for a week," coach Jeff Fisher said. "But everything is in place right now. We'll be fine."

The Rams' 2016 odyssey began in St. Louis, where the team announced plans to return home to Los Angeles in January. After relocation was approved by the NFL, they held their offseason training activities in Oxnard, California, starting in April, before moving two hours south to Irvine for training camp in late July. On Labor Day weekend, they settled into their brand-new training complex in Thousand Oaks, Oh, and they also moved into the Coliseum, their home on Sundays for at least the next three years while their billion-dollar stadium rises in Inglewood. Everything has gone remarkably smoothly thanks to advance planning, and the Rams expect their European trip to be just as good. "The operations side and the administra-

tive side, they've done a tremendous job of planning in advance, taking care of the players and the coaches," Fisher said. "When you have to do all these things that we've been doing, that's first and foremost."

After the Rams finished practice Friday, the players had blue crates in front of their lockers with their names and a Union Jack on the side. Certain pairs of cleats and playing gear are being sent ahead for the London leg of this journey, along with a personal bag for everybody on the trip.

"In our business, uncertainty can become a distraction," Fisher said. "You want to deal with things ahead of time, so we've done that. It's like, 'OK, have your bag here between this time and

that time. It'll be there in London when you get there. But now, let's focus on Detroit.' We have all the passports locked up in the safety deposit box right now."

The Rams' trip to Detroit (2-3) would be challenging even without that whole England trip afterward. This is the Rams' first experience as a West Coast team traveling east for a game starting at 10 a.m. Pacific time.

Those early-starting games are statistically difficult for West Coast teams, but the Rams adjusted their meeting times this week. They'll adjust even more to combat the effect of jetlag when they arrive in London on Monday morning - which will feel like the middle of Sunday night to the players.

"We have a plan in place," Fisher said.

"We'll land, and we'll move them around." This trip is slightly different than the NFL's previous jaunts across the pond. Instead of Wembley, the Rams will face the New York Giants in southwest London at sold-out Twickenham Stadium, England's 107-year-old ancestral home of rugby.

The Rams' hotel is far outside urban London as well, which will make it more difficult to enjoy the city - something that's just fine with Fisher and the coaches required to keep the Rams focused on winning. "They've been emphasizing it's a business trip," defensive lineman Michael Brockers said.

"We'll play anywhere. They've got the same grass there as we have here. We've done it before." —AP

INDIANS DOWN BLUE JAYS IN SERIES OPENER

LOS ANGELES: Francisco Lindor belted a two-run home run on Friday to power the Cleveland Indians to a 2-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays in game one of their American League Championship Series. The home win in Cleveland gives the Indians the upper hand in the best-of-seven series that will send the winner to Major League Baseball's World Series.

Starting pitcher Corey Kluber threw 6 1/3 innings for the Indians and combined with two relievers on the seven-hit shut-out. Toronto's Marco Estrada pitched a complete game surrendering six hits with five strikeouts and one walk.

The walk put Jason Kipnis on base in the sixth. Estrada then delivered a 78 mph, 0-2 changeup to Lindor that the Indians' All-Star shortstop belted over the wall in center field.

"Oh, man, it was unreal," Lindor said, adding that he was expecting Toronto center fielder Kevin Pillar was going to make the catch. "As soon as it went out I put my hands out and said, 'Thank God,'" Lindor said. "And I looked at the dugout and everybody was going insane."

Kluber threw 100 pitches, 71 of them strikes. He struck out six and walked two before departing with one out in the seventh.

STRESSFUL INNINGS

By then he'd had to work his way out of trouble several times. The Blue Jays put runners on base in each of the first three innings, only for Kluber to hold them to 0-for-5 with runners in scoring position through four frames.

"I think their whole lineup is dangerous," Kluber said of the Blue Jays. "I made some mistakes early on, and they were able to take advantage of them for base hits. But it's really just trying to stick with that same approach. Get ahead of them and put them in defensive counts."

"So, yeah, there were some stressful innings early on, but it wasn't like the wheels were spinning kind of thing. I was doing a good job of getting ahead in the count, I just didn't make good pitches once I was there, so it was just trying to fix that issue."

Kluber departed to chants of appreciation from the crowd, Andrew Miller taking over with one out in the seventh. Closing pitcher Cody Allen pitched the ninth to record the save.

Game two is on Saturday in Cleveland, when the Indians send Josh Tomlin to the mound and the Blue Jays give the ball to J.A. Happ.

The winner of the series will duel in the World Series against either the Chicago Cubs or Los Angeles Dodgers, who open the National League Championship Series on Saturday.

The Cubs, the best team in baseball in the regular season, are vying to end a World Series drought that stretches back to 1908.

But they're not the only club out to end a significant dry spell. Cleveland haven't won the World Series since 1948, the Dodgers since 1988. Of the four teams still standing, Toronto won it all most recently, taking back-to-back World Series titles in 1992 and 1993. —AFP



NASHVILLE: Artem Anisimov #15 of the Chicago Blackhawks tries to deflect the puck past Ryan Ellis #4 of the Nashville Predators as Pekka Rinne #35 of the Nashville Predators looks on at Bridgestone Arena on Friday in Nashville, Tennessee. — AFP

PREDATORS HANG ON TO BEAT INEXPERIENCED BLACKHAWKS

NASHVILLE: Mike Fisher redirected Roman Josi's shot late in the second period for the go-ahead power-play goal, and Nashville beat Chicago 3-2 on Friday night in its season opener. Fisher's goal was Nashville's third with the man advantage. P.K. Subban, Nashville's big offseason addition, scored the first goal of the season, Josi had a power-play goal, and Ryan Johansen had three assists. Marcus Kruger and Niklas Hjalmarsson scored for Chicago, which has lost its first two games this season playing with six rookies in the lineup. The Blackhawks have allowed six power-play goals in their first two games. Predators goaltender Pekka Rinne stopped a flurry of shots with Chicago on the man advantage over the final 1:46 to preserve the win. Nashville improved to 4-1-1 over its last six season openers.

OILERS 5, FLAMES 3

Connor McDavid had a goal and two assists for his second straight three-point game to lead Edmonton. Leon Draisaitl had two goals and Jordan Eberle and Mark Letestu also scored to help the Oilers complete a sweep of the teams' season-opening home-and-home series. Cam Talbot finished with 32 saves. Sean Monahan and Michael Frolik scored for the Flames, who fell to 0-5-1 in their last six home openers. Brian Elliott stopped 24 shots. After scoring his third goal of the season in the first period, McDavid helped set up Eberle's tying goal in the second and Draisaitl's go-ahead score early in the third.

NHL results/standings

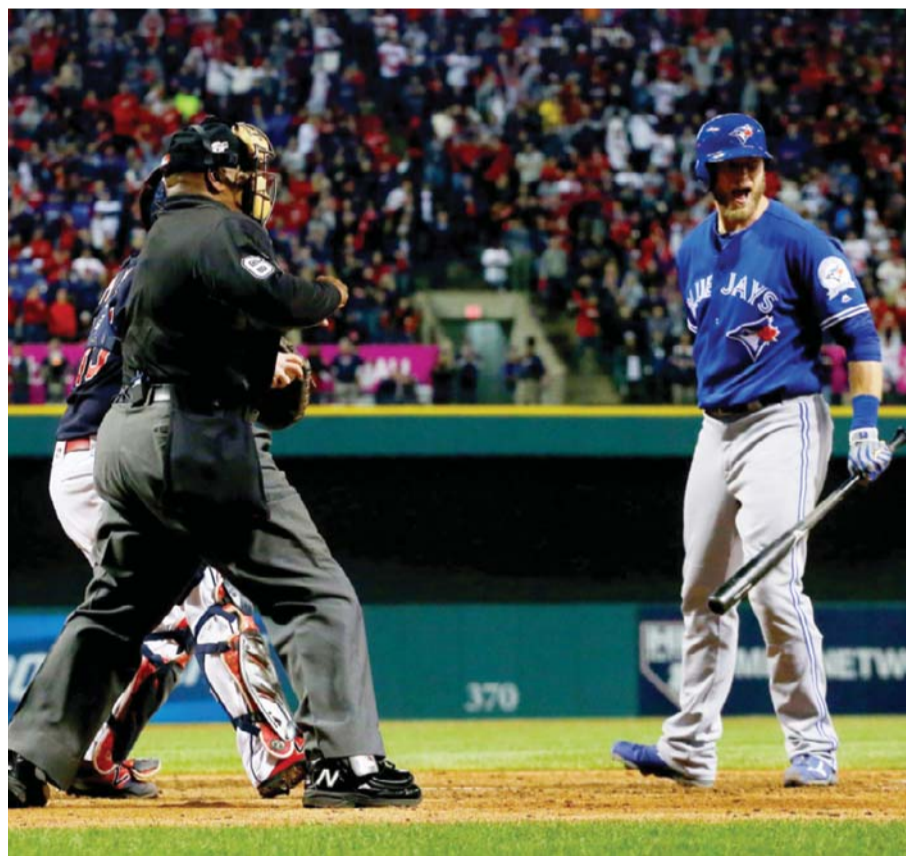
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Western Conference						Eastern Conference							
Central Division						Atlantic Division							
W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS								
St. Louis	2	0	0	8	4	4	Boston	1	0	0	6	3	2
Dallas	1	0	0	4	2	2	Montreal	1	0	0	4	1	2
Nashville	1	0	0	3	2	2	Tampa Bay	1	0	0	6	4	2
Winnipeg	1	0	0	5	4	2	Florida	1	0	0	2	1	2
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ottawa	1	0	0	5	4	2
Minnesota	0	1	0	2	3	0	Toronto	0	0	1	4	5	1
Chicago	0	2	0	4	8	0	Detroit	0	1	0	4	6	0
							Buffalo	0	1	0	1	4	0
Pacific Division						Metropolitan Division							
Edmonton	2	0	0	12	7	4	NY Rangers	1	0	0	5	3	2
San Jose	1	0	0	2	1	2	Philadelphia	1	0	0	4	2	2
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	0	Pittsburgh	1	0	0	3	2	2
Vancouver	0	0	0	0	0	0	Carolina	0	0	1	4	5	1
Anaheim	0	1	0	2	4	0	New Jersey	0	0	1	1	2	1
Los Angeles	0	2	0	3	6	0	Washington	0	0	1	2	3	1
Calgary	0	2	0	7	12	0	NY Islanders	0	1	0	3	5	0
							Columbus	0	1	0	3	6	0

FLYERS 4, KINGS 2

Boyd Gordon and Sean Couturier scored 48 seconds apart to kick off Philadelphia's four-goal second period. Couturier got two goals, Mark Streit also scored and Michal Neuvirth made 23 saves as the Flyers took a 4-0 lead while winning their season opener for the first time since 2011.

Drew Doughty and Brayden McNabb scored in the home opener for the Kings, whose 50th anniversary season is off to an 0-2 start. Jeff Zatkoff made his home debut with 26 saves in his first game as the Kings' presumptive starter in the absence of Jonathan Quick. The Vezina Trophy finalist is out for several weeks with a groin injury. —AP



CLEVELAND: Michael Saunders #21 of the Toronto Blue Jays reacts after striking out in the ninth inning against Cody Allen #37 of the Cleveland Indians during game one of the American League Championship Series at Progressive Field on Friday in Cleveland, Ohio. —AFP

IBAKA LEADS MAGIC OVER PACERS AS VOGEL FACES FORMER TEAM

NEW YORK: Serge Ibaka had 19 points and 17 rebounds to lead Orlando to a 114-106 preseason victory over Indiana on Friday night in Magic coach Frank Vogel's first appearance against his former team. Myles Turner led all five Pacers starters in double figures with 17 points. Jeff Teague and Paul George scored 16 apiece, Thaddeus Young added 15 and Monta Ellis had 14. Ellis had a team-high six assists, and Young had eight rebounds, four assists and four steals. Ibaka was 7 of 9 from the field and made all three of his 3-pointers in his second preseason game and the Magic's first exhibition win. Jeff Green scored 16 points, and Aaron Gordon added 15. Bismack Biyombo had nine rebounds. Vogel spent the past five-plus seasons as coach of the Pacers after four years as an assistant. Indiana made the playoffs in five of his six years. C.J. Watson had 10 assists for Orlando.

RAPTORS 122, SAN LORENZO DE ALMAGRO 105

Fred VanVleet had 31 points, five rebounds and five assists to lead the Raptors against the Argentine club San Lorenzo de Almagro. With Toronto playing the second game of a back-to-

back, most of the regulars sat. The list included Kyle Lowry, DeMar DeRozan, Jonas Valanciunas, DeMarre Carroll, Cory Joseph, Patrick Patterson, Terrence Ross and Jared Sullinger. DeRozan (rest), Ross (right knee) and Sullinger (left foot) also missed Thursday's win at Cleveland.

RAPTORS: Norman Powell and Drew Crawford scored 17 apiece. ... Powell, VanVleet, Lucas Nogueira, Pascal Siakam and Crawford started for Toronto. ... Siakam scored 16 points on 8-of-10 shooting, while fellow rookie Jakob Poeltl had 12 points and six rebounds. ... Raptors coach Dwane Casey was disappointed that his defense failed to hold San Lorenzo below 100 points, a total he had set as a pregame goal.

SAN LORENZO: Jerome Meyinsse, the lone American on the roster and a former Virginia player, scored 22 points. Marcos Mata had 18 points and six rebounds, and Gustavo Aguirre had 17 points and 11 assists. ... The reigning champion of Argentina is the first from that country to face an NBA opponent. ... San Lorenzo made 15 of 29 from 3-point range.

UP NEXT: Toronto (3-2) visits Detroit on Wednesday. This was San Lorenzo's only game against an NBA opponent. —AP



ORLANDO: Indiana Pacers' Monta Ellis, center, goes after a loose ball against Orlando Magic's C.J. Watson, left, and Bismack Biyombo (11) during the second half of an NBA preseason basketball game, Friday, in Orlando, Fla. — AP

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB EYE MAINLAND CHINA FOR NEW BLOOD

NEWMARKET: The Chinese government may not be interested in developing horse racing but the Hong Kong Jockey Club is keen to cultivate more owners from mainland China, their Senior International Racing Consultant told AFP.

Nick Columb, who was chairman of the Australian Thoroughbred Breeders Association for 20 years, added while it may not happen in his lifetime-he is 70—if there were to be racing in mainland China then the HKJC would be the logical choice to run it.

However, from small acorns do grow oaks and to start with the HKJC have focussed their efforts on setting their sights on educating mainland Chinese citizens in understanding the highly complex world of horse racing. "China has to become part of what we (the

HKJC) are trying to do in looking outwards," Columb told AFP in his first interview since he took up the role three years ago. "We have set up the Beijing clubhouse which is a luxury hotel facility with fine dining with 1000 members.

"They are being slowly educated to the ways of racing, what horses, trainers and jockeys do. What are weights and barriers. "As the people learn they become more and more involved in the Hong Kong racing scene."

Columb, who was speaking at the Tattersalls Bloodstock Yearling Sales at Newmarket, said Hong Kong was a unique racing model. "Hong Kong is significantly different from other models because you must be a member to race a horse," he said. "Once you are a member you can apply for a permit to buy a

horse that comes through a lottery-the ballot - every June and once you get a permit you can go and buy a horse.

"For a Beijing member first they they have to learn a bit about racing, develop an interest and come down to Hong Kong to race a little bit with us, become a member of the HKJC and if they have enough of an interest they can apply for a permit to buy a horse and race."

That tactic has already borne fruit as the most expensive horse sold at the HKJC auction this year (when they are three-year-olds having been bought as yearlings abroad and then kept in England and New Zealand till they reach three) Jing Jing Win is owned by a mainland Chinese owner and won in impressive fashion on its only start.

Columb, born in Romania but who

arrived in Australia aged four after his family paid for his father to be released from Soviet captivity in their homeland and they escaped in a hidden compartment in a train, said the HKJC were prepared should China embrace racing.

"Expansion in the future will be into China," he said. "Should that happen we are building the training centre (Conghua in Guangdong in mainland China) be ready to launch from. "As a government China really per se is not interested in developing racing. "The HKJC is really the instrument, the only instrument, to run racing in China so it would follow on logically the HKJC, maybe not in my lifetime, would be the betting and racing arm in mainland China should that develop but I don't think that will happen in the next few

years." Columb, who either owned or bred 17 Group One winners while he was involved in Australian racing, said for him it is 'utopia' to be involved in Hong Kong racing.

"I would say the Hong Kong racing model is the best in the world, a jewel in the middle of Asia, and I've raced everywhere," he said. "It is a race club that is enveloped in the middle of a community and then turns itself inside out to benefit that community significantly in the taxes paid from betting and in contributions to charities, schools, parks and all other parts of life (HKJC community arm paid out HK\$3bn last year).

"The fact we pay a lot of tax to the Hong Kong government (HK\$20billion last year) means people from Hong Kong are paying 15% less tax." — AFP

JOHNSON HEADS TO KANSAS WITH WEIGHT OFF HIS SHOULDERS

KANSAS CITY: Jimmie Johnson could feel the pressure mounting all season as he continued to turn into the garage area rather than Victory Lane after failing to win Sprint Cup races. Sweet relief came last weekend at Charlotte. And it's made this weekend at Kansas feel a whole lot better, too. The six-time champion made a big move in his pursuit of a record-tying seventh when Johnson won the opening race in the round of 12 of the Chase. It locked him into the round of eight, taking the pressure off not only at Kansas Speedway on Sunday but unpredictable Talladega next week.

Four drivers will be eliminated following the third race of the round. "A victory is a huge boost, there's no way around that for myself, my crew members, everyone at Hendrick Motorsports," Johnson said. "But this Chase, some felt like it got off to a calm start and last weekend, with half the Chase guys having issues, it just shows that anything can happen." Indeed, the pressure is now ramped up on the 11 other drivers trying to advance to the next round, and especially the five that finished out of the top 30 at Charlotte.

Engine trouble, wrecks and all kinds of misfortune conspired to doom Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, Joey Logano, Chase Elliott and Austin Dillon. For them, with a big points gap to make up on the rest of the Chase drivers, there is even more desperation to win at Kansas. Eight points separates Hamlin in eighth place from Harvick in 12th.

"The only one not worried about Talladega right now is Jimmie Johnson," said Chase con-

tender Martin Truex Jr. "You just never know. You could finish 40th there, anyone could. We're doing to do the best job we can this weekend and hopefully have a shot at winning, but there's no guarantees."

Johnson is certainly aware of that pressure. "You worry about yourself," he said, "but if others have trouble, when they have trouble - it's chaos. When the first round starts, sure, you worry about points, but as each race goes by, one mistakes, it's just tough. And there's no clear-cut path to the final four at Homestead."

The closest thing to a clear path is winning. Johnson also knows that quite well. It was only a year ago that his Chase ended in the first round. He blew a tire at Chicago and had to salvage a decent finish there, then blew another tire at New Hampshire before ending up sixth. Everything came to an end at Dover, where a broken drove line knocked him from title contention.

"We were disappointed, especially the way it happened," Johnson acknowledged on a gloomy Friday at Kansas, where mist forced drivers to spend the morning on the track. "It was unfortunate we didn't have a chance at the championship. I heard the term 'second-class citizen' used."

Johnson still intends to race for wins the next two weeks, he just knows that there's a little bit more margin for error. If anything, it makes him even more dangerous at Kansas, where he won the spring race a year ago and where Hendrick Motorsports has had plenty of success.—AP



SHANGHAI: Andy Murray of Great Britain hits a return against Gilles Simon of France during their men's singles semifinals match at the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament in Shanghai yesterday. — AFP

MURRAY INTO SHANGHAI FINAL, DJOKOVIC CRASHES

SHANGHAI: Andy Murray blasted into the Shanghai Masters final yesterday but title holder Novak Djokovic angrily smashed his racquet and ripped his shirt as he crashed out to Roberto Bautista. Murray was made to work in a roller-coaster first set against Gilles Simon featuring seven breaks of serve, 37-shot rallies and bursts of irritable chatter from the Scot.

But he came through 6-4, 6-3 to set up a final against Spain's Bautista, who extended Djokovic's miserable run of form with a thrilling win against the Serb.

"It was a tough match today. Probably the hardest one I had this week, because it felt unbelievably humid on the court," said Murray. "It was tough, lots of long rallies... It was a good one to get through in two sets."

Earlier, top-ranked Djokovic was broken four times and raged at the chair umpire as he went down 6-4, 6-4, much to the dismay of his army of Chinese fans. The 12-time Grand Slam-winner has been in a spin since he won his first French Open title in June, losing early at Wimbledon and the Olympics and struggling for motivation.

And the defending champion, a three-time winner in Shanghai, lost both title and his cool in a stormy appearance at the Qi Zhong Tennis Centre as his slump in form continued.

Djokovic later admitted he "didn't feel good" mentally and it showed as he resumed his tirade against Brazilian chair umpire Carlos Bernardes.

"I just don't understand, you know, the decisions that he has made," Djokovic grumbled. "When you go to change your racquet, I went to change my (ripped) shirt and then he gives me a warning. Well, he was the star of the show. That's what he wanted to be today."

'ARE YOU SEEING ANYTHING?'

Nineteenth-ranked Bautista put away two brilliant forehands as he fought off break points in the ninth game, and he then pounced as Djokovic was serving to stay in the first set.

A sublime disguised lob set up break point and when Djokovic fired wide to hand over the set, he snapped and repeatedly slammed his racquet into the deck. Djokovic grabbed a towel and cleaned up his racquet splinters as the second set got underway, but tempers frayed again at 1-1 over a serve he felt was long.

"Are you seeing anything today? Are you seeing anything?" fumed the Serb, gesticulating at Bernardes. Then Djokovic, angry at failing to secure a break point in game five, petulantly tore his shirt at the neck and went to change it mid-game, receiving a time violation warning.

They exchanged breaks before Djokovic was broken again to be left staring at defeat-only to save three match points before getting it back on serve in a tense game nine.

But a forehand into the net brought up a fourth match point on his own serve, and this time Bautista grabbed the opportunity as he arched a pass down the line. Later, Murray was broken in the very first game in a warning that he wouldn't have it all his own way against Simon, despite his 14-2 record against the Frenchman. Murray became irritated with line-calls and spectators moving in the stands before he broke for the set by sending a Simon lob straight back over the Frenchman's head.

Victory was nigh when Murray went two breaks up in the second set, and he served it out after 103 minutes to set up an attempt at a third Shanghai title in today's final. — AFP



KANSAS CITY: Jimmie Johnson drives the #48 Lowe's Chevrolet through the garage area during practice for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas Speedway yesterday in Kansas City, Kansas. — AFP

WOZNIACKI REACHES HK OPEN FINALS

HONG KONG: Former world number one Caroline Wozniacki fought her way to the Hong Kong Open finals yesterday after beating defending champion Jelena Jankovic.

The currently 22nd-ranked Wozniacki will face France's Kristina Mladenovic, ranked 54, today. "I'm looking forward to it, it's a new day tomorrow and I'm going to do my best," Wozniacki, 26, told reporters.

"She played really well today so I was really pleased with the way I managed to still win this match in two sets," she said of Jankovic. Serbian Jankovic, ranked 37, had a strong start but Wozniacki quickly took the lead in the middle of the first set and won the match 6-3, 6-4. Jankovic, also a former world number one, fought hard after falling four games behind in the second set, with the crowds cheering her on. Many in the stadium gave a standing ova-

tion when Jankovic walked off the court.

In another hard fought match, Australian player Daria Gavrilova, ranked 38 in the world, lost to France's Mladenovic 7-5, 6-3. Gavrilova was visibly upset, and threw her racket onto the ground in frustration during contested games in the second set, which was played in the heat of the afternoon sun.

"I think it was a big fight out there," Mladenovic, 23, told reporters after the match. Many were shocked on Friday when Gavrilova eliminated top ranked Angelique Kerber of Germany.

Kerber, who is leading the way to the WTA finals in Singapore, said after her Friday defeat that the game was not her best and that she was looking forward to some rest. "I've been playing a lot of matches this year, and I think I need a few days off to get ready for Singapore," she said. — AFP



HONG KONG: Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark returns a shot to Jelena Jankovic of Serbia during the semi-final match at the Hong Kong Open tennis tournament in Hong Kong, yesterday. — AP

ALISON LEE TAKES LPGA TOUR LEAD IN S KOREA

INCHEON: Alison Lee took a three-stroke lead yesterday in the LPGA KEB HanaBank Championship, putting the 21-year-old UCLA student in position for her first victory.

Lee shot a 4-under 68 in calm and firm conditions at Sky 72, saving par on 17 and birdieing 18 to stretch her margin over US Women's Open champion Brittany Lang - her US Solheim Cup teammate.

"The past few days, all week, I've been giving the ball really well," Lee said. "I've been giving myself a lot of birdie chances. Even though I shot 4 under today, I still left a lot of birdie putts other there."

Playing her second season on the tour while remaining in college, Lee had a 13-under 203 total on the Jack Nicklaus-designed Ocean Course. "Everyone back home is cheering me on," Lee said. "Even my roommates and some of the girls in the sorority. They know nothing about golf, but they've been tuning in to the Golf Channel."

Lang had a 72. South Korea's In-Kyung Kim, the winner two weeks ago in China in the first of six straight events in Asia, was third at 9 under after a 69. She also won an event in Germany last month. Lee was asked about sleeping on the third-round lead.

"I have to go back and do some reading for class, so that'll keep my mind off it for sure," Lee said "I have reading for every class. I'm behind in every class." She also has some time for fun, starting at the Delta Gamma House. "We have a lot of sorority stuff when I get back home, too," Lee said. "We have big/little reveal on Thursday where I get my little sis." And there's rooting for the Bruins' football team. "I haven't missed any home games yet and I don't think I will," Lee said. Lee rebounded from a bogey on the par-4 14th to birdie the 15th. A day after chipping in for eagle on the short par 4, she hit a full

approach that tracked across the green to 4 feet. After missing a 7-foot birdie putt on the par-4 16th, she got an 8-foot comebacker to fall for par on the par-3 17th. She made a 4-footer on the par-5 18th, seeing the line when Cristie Kerr - the third member of the all-Solheim Cup (and all-PXG equipment) group - hit a bunker shot inches behind Lee's marker and holed her birdie putt.

Lee also rebounded well from her first bogey, following a dropped shot on the par-3 third with four straight birdies. She then made six pars before missing a 5-footer on 14. "On No. 3, I missed like a 3-footer for par," Lee said. "I three-putted and that kind of spooked me. ... I think the bogey almost helped because it kind of snapped me back into the game and got me more focused."

Spain's Carlota Ciganda had a 69 to reach 8 under, and Kerr's 72 left her at 7 under with Taiwan's Candie Kung (69) and South Korea's Min-Sun Kim. Sung Hyun Park, tied for the lead early in the round, had consecutive double bogeys on the back nine in a 73 to fall to 6 under. The Korean LPGA member tied for second behind Lexi Thompson last year.

Thompson also was 5 under a 72, making five birdies, three bogeys and a double bogey. She and Lang are the only US winners this year. In Gee Chun, the top-ranked South Korean player at No. 3, was 3 under after a 69. Top-ranked Lydia Ko was 1 over after a 73. She has four victories this year, one behind second-ranked Ariya Jutanugarn for the tour lead. Jutanugarn had a 69 to get to 1 under.

Fourth-ranked Brooke Henderson had her worst round of the season, shooting a 78 alongside Ko to drop to 5 over. The Canadian teen plans to play all six weeks in Asia. Australia's Su Oh had a hole-in-one with an 8-iron on the 144-yard 17th. She was 1 under after a 67. — AP



INCHEON: Alison Lee of the United States watches her shot on the third hole during the third round of the LPGA KEB Hana Bank Championship at Sky72 Golf Club in Incheon, South Korea, yesterday. — AP

AZHAR'S JOURNEY FROM SUB TO TRIPLE CENTURION

DUBAI: Fourteen years ago Azhar Ali came on as a substitute fielder to see Inzamam-ul-Haq score an epic triple hundred in Lahore and wished he could emulate the legendary Pakistan batsman in future.

On Friday Ali notched his own with an unbeaten 302 against West Indies in the second ever day-night Test in Dubai to join a select league of batsmen.

But what distinguishes the 31-year-old from the rest of the triple centurions is that he became the first batsman in day-night Test cricket to achieve the landmark.

"I still remember I was sent to the ground as a substitute fielder on the day when Inzamam scored that epic triple century," said Ali of Inzamam's 329 against New Zealand in Lahore in May 2002. "Now I have my own and it's a great achievement for which I am proud and can't explain my feelings. It is something which I will remember my whole life," said Ali whose innings guided Pakistan to an imperious 579-3 declared.

His was the fourth triple hundred by a Pakistani batsman. Apart from him and Inzamam, late Hanif Mohammad knocked 337 against West Indies at

Bridgetown in 1958 and Younis Khan made 313 against Sri Lanka in Karachi in 2009. Ali said he had also watched Younis's triple and missed the senior batsman who had to withdraw from Dubai Test as he was still recovering from dengue fever.

"Of course, I missed Younis in this match," said Ali. "He has always been my role model and I was sitting on his seat in the dressing room so I had to keep the honour of that seat as well.

"I am proud that I have matched him because whenever he scores a hundred he takes it to double or big scores," said

Ali of Younis who is Pakistan's highest Test run-getter with 9456 in 108 matches. Since his arrival on the international scene, Ali has impressed with his resolute batting and is likely to anchor Pakistan's batting once Younis and skipper Misbah-ul-Haq leave the stage.

He has already replaced Misbah as captain of the one-day team. Ali dedicated his triple hundred to his parents and also to the people of his nation.

"First, I want to dedicate my achievement to my parents who have always guided me in my life and next to the people of my country who must keep

their minds clear and not let them affect when we don't do well."

Ali believed the pink ball-used in the day-night Test instead of the traditional red-did not cause any difficulties.

"The pink ball did not cause any problems, we sighted it well and that's why scored runs so I am okay with it," said Ali.

Manufacturers of the pink ball modified its seam from green and white after players had complained sighting problems in the first-ever day-night Test between Australia and New Zealand in Adelaide last year. —AFP

English Premier League results/standings

Arsenal 3, Swansea City 2; Bournemouth 6, Hull City 1; Chelsea 3, Leicester City 0; Manchester City 1, Everton 1; Stoke City 2, Sunderland 0; West Bromwich Albion 1, Tottenham Hotspur 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	8	6	1	1	19	8	19
Arsenal	8	6	1	1	19	9	19
Tottenham	8	5	3	0	13	4	18
Liverpool	7	5	1	1	18	10	16
Chelsea	8	5	1	2	15	9	16
Everton	8	4	3	1	12	6	15
MUnited	7	4	1	2	13	8	13
Crystal	7	3	2	2	11	8	11
Bournemouth	8	3	2	3	12	12	11
W Bromwich	8	2	4	2	9	8	10
Southampton	7	2	3	2	7	6	9
Watford	7	2	2	3	12	13	8
Leicester	8	2	2	4	8	14	8
Burnley	7	2	1	4	5	9	7
Hull City	8	2	1	5	8	20	7
M'brough	7	1	3	3	7	10	6
Stoke City	8	1	3	4	7	16	6
Swansea	8	1	1	6	8	15	4
West Ham	7	1	1	5	8	17	4
Sunderland	8	0	2	6	6	15	2

IN-FORM DEMBELE SEALS 2-0 WIN FOR CELTIC

GLASGOW: Moussa Dembele's hot-streak continued as his late penalty sealed a 2-0 win for Celtic over Motherwell in the Premiership yesterday the perfect boost for their Champions League clash with Borussia Monchengladbach.

Dembele-who scored a double for the France Under-21 side in the international break-and another goal by the equally prolific Scott Sinclair ensured Celtic maintained their four point lead at the top of the table. Sinclair opened the scoring in the 19th minute as he produced a fine finish to slam home James Forrest's cross.

Motherwell had conceded 12 in their last two visits to Celtic Park and the visitors had Craig Samson to thank for keeping the scoreline down as he made a string of saves to deny Celtic.

However, he was at fault for fouling Dembele to concede an 88th minute penalty which he converted for his 13th goal of the season. It extends Celtic's unbeaten run to six since their 7-0 mauling by Barcelona ahead of a week where they host Monchengladbach before facing Old Firm rivals Rangers, who moved up to fourth following their 1-0 away to Inverness on Friday, for a place in the League Cup final today. "I thought some of our intricate play was good and some of the quality of our football was outstanding and we created chances but we could have created more," Celtic manager Brendan Rodgers said. His Motherwell counterpart Mark

McGhee felt his side had matched up better to Celtic than on previous visits.

"Tactically we tried to come up with something different and it worked to an extent as it made us hard to beat," said McGhee. A sustained period of pressure saw Dembele test Samson before the 'keeper tipped over a header from Erik Sviatchenko as Celtic probed for an opener. It came through Sinclair. The Motherwell defence backed away from the advancing James Forrest whose square pass along the edge of the box was missed by Dembele before Sinclair buried the ball past Samson with a fine first time finish. Dembele came close to adding a second for Celtic before the break. Scott Brown made a surging run forward from his own half and found Dembele lurking just inside the box, but his curling effort came crashing off the base of the upright before the danger was cleared. Celtic began the second half as they ended the first and only a superb double save from Samson kept them at bay when the 'keeper got down low to deny Brown's low strike before getting back on his feet to smother the follow-up effort from Dembele.

The keeper blotted his copy book late on when he brought down Dembele in the box with the French striker sending the 'keeper the wrong way with his spot kick.

Aberdeen maintained their grip on second place with a 4-0 win over Ross County while Hearts remain third following their 2-0 win over Dundee. —AFP



LONDON: Chelsea's Diego Costa, centre, vies for the ball with Leicester City's Wes Morgan, right, during the English Premier League soccer match between Chelsea and Leicester City, at Stamford Bridge stadium in London, yesterday. —AP

CHELSEA GIVE CONTE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE



LONDON: Chelsea gave Antonio Conte a well-timed vote of confidence as Diego Costa and Eden Hazard inspired a 3-0 win against spluttering champions Leicester yesterday.

Conte had to endure speculation he was in danger of being sacked just three months into his Chelsea reign after bookmakers suspended betting on his dismissal on Thursday.

While Conte laughed off the story, the Italian-under fire after disappointing defeats against Liverpool and Arsenal-is well aware of Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich's ruthless nature when it comes to firing managers. If there was any doubt in Abramovich's mind about Conte, this confident performance, which gave Chelsea a second successive Premier League victory, gave a glimpse of the potential force the former Italy coach is trying to build. Costa's seventh league goal of the campaign put Chelsea ahead and Hazard added the second before Victor Moses sealed the rout. The last time Leicester walked out onto the Stamford Bridge pitch, they were given a guard of honour by Chelsea's players to mark the culmination of their astonishing title triumph.

But Claudio Ranieri's side still seem to be suffering a hangover from those celebrations. They have made a dismal defence of the title so far and are the first reigning English champions to lose their opening four away games since Blackburn in 1995-96.

Having vowed to rotate his team more often to cope with their hectic schedule, Ranieri left Riyad Mahrez, Islam Slimani and Danny Simpson on the bench ahead of Tuesday's Champions League clash against Copenhagen. Yet the changes did little to put a spring in Leicester's step and they were on the back foot when Moses smashed over a low cross that almost crept in at the near post.

Kasper Schmeichel had repelled that effort at the expense of a corner, but the Leicester goalkeeper was powerless to prevent Costa putting Chelsea ahead from the seventh minute set-piece.

For the fifth time this season, poor defending from a corner was Leicester's downfall as Nemanja Matic was given space to backheel the cross and, with Foxes captain Wes Morgan reacting too slowly, Costa was left unmarked to finish clinically at the far post.

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David Luiz came within a whisker of doubling Chelsea's lead midway through the half with a 25-yard free-kick that rebounded off the woodwork. Watching the influential N'Golo Kante at work in Chelsea's midfield

underlined how much the France international's presence has been missed by Leicester since he moved to the Blues in the close-season. Lacking the relentless tempo that carried them to the title, Leicester were bereft of any menace and it was no surprise when Chelsea punished them with a second goal in the 33rd minute.

Once again, Chelsea took advantage of woeful defending as Matic's pass drew panicked and mistimed attempts to clear from Robert Huth and Luis Hernandez. Pedro, lying on the turf after slipping, poked a pass to Hazard, who scampered clear as the ball bounced fortuitously off his shoulder before rounding Schmeichel and slotting into the unguarded net for his first Chelsea goal since August. Although Conte was using Luiz as one

of three central defenders, Leicester were so poor that the Brazilian was able to contribute most often in attack and Schmeichel had to push away another of his powerful free-kicks. Schmeichel was called into action again soon after the interval, plunging to his right to claw away a Moses strike from Kante's pass. A rare incisive Leicester move ended with Luiz turning Marc Albrighton's cross against his own post as he tried to clear.

But Leicester remained second best all over the pitch and Moses capped Chelsea's stylish show with a fine goal in the 80th minute.

Exchanging passes with substitute Nathaniel Chalobah, Nigeria winger Moses ran clear into the penalty area and planted a low shot past Schmeichel before celebrating with an extravagant back-flip. — AFP

BRUCE STARTS VILLA REIGN WITH DRAW

LONDON: Steve Bruce began life as Aston Villa boss with a fortunate 1-1 draw at home to Wolves in their Championship clash yesterday.

Bruce, who is Villa's fourth full-time manager since Paul Lambert was shown the door in January 2015, at least saw his side climb out of the relegation places but Wolves will be kicking themselves for not taking a hatful of chances.

Villa have won just once in 12 Championship matches since being relegated, but the hosts made a great start as Ivory Coast international Jonathan Kodjia stroked home a penalty on the quarter-hour mark. However, Wolves, Chinese-owned like Villa, levelled before the break through a penalty of their own, Helder Costa converting it. Villa owner Tony Xia, though, will hope Bruce can work his magic at this level having been promoted in his last four seasons managing in the Championship.

Former England manager Steve McClaren got off to a winning start on his return to the Derby County dugout, eking out a nervy 1-0 victory over Leeds United.

Johnny Russell got the only goal in a game where Leeds struck the woodwork twice but County held on for just their third win of the campaign. "I think you could see the nervousness of the players but they showed fight and the attitude was great," said McClaren.

NORWICH, NEWCASTLE ROLL ON

"I saw certain aspects I like and potential in the team but there is a lot of work and a long way to go," added the 55-year-old.

Both Bruce and McClaren, though, have a whole load of ground to make up on the leaders.

Norwich went top by a point over fellow relegated Premier League side Newcastle and Huddersfield-who play Sheffield Wednesday yesterday-with a 3-1 win over bottom side Rotherham.

Goals from Republic of Ireland international Wes Hoolahan, Cameron Jerome and veteran Scotland international Steven Naismith sealed a comfortable victory. "I think we are where we deserve to be (at the top of the table) because you don't get there by chance," said Canaries boss Alex Neil. "The lads have done really well so far and it was good to get another win with both Robbie Brady and Jonny Howson on the sidelines. "But as I keep saying there is a long way to go yet." Newcastle manager Rafael Benitez, who like Neil stayed put despite relegation, was delighted with his side's impressive 3-1 win over Brentford played out in front of a staggering crowd of 51,185. Goals by former Villa defender Ciaran Clark and a double by the in-form Dwight Gayle-taking his total to nine in 10 appearances for Newcastle-saw them comfortably home.

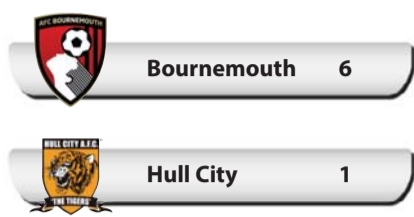
"I'm pleased because after the international break it's not easy," said Benitez, whose side have won eight of their last 10 league games. "We did everything we wanted to do-we controlled the game and had good chances.

"I'm not watching the table because it's too soon. I said the other day I was convinced we could improve; I'm pleased but we can still improve." — AFP



GUIGAMP: Guingamp's Brazilian defender Fernando Marcal de Oliveira (R) vies with Lille's Malian defender Youssouf Kone during the French L1 football match between EA Guingamp and Lille (LOSC) yesterday at the Roudourou stadium in Guingamp, western France. — AFP

STANISLAS DOUBLE INFLECTS MISERY ON PHELAN'S HULL



BOURNEMOUTH: A double by Junior Stanislas inspired Bournemouth to a 6-1 Premier League thrashing of Hull yesterday and make it a miserable start for Mike Phelan in his first match as permanent manager.

Stanislas' brace plus goals by Charlie Daniels, Callum Wilson, Steve Cook and Dan Gosling-Ryan Mason getting his first for Hull-extended the Cherries unbeaten run to six matches.

Defeat for Hull deepened the crisis enveloping the club as after a bright start to the season with Phelan as caretaker manager-after Steve Bruce walked out-they have not won in their last six Premier League games.

The hosts had the perfect start as Daniels was on hand to knock in on the rebound after Stanislas's shot had come back off a post. Bournemouth ran affairs with former Liverpool player Jordon Ibe controlling the game.

He set up Callum Wilson but his effort was saved by Gordon Marshall and it was

the 20-year-old Ibe who teed up the same player minutes later only for the latter's effort to beat the keeper but come back off the post.

Both Ibe and Stanislas then had decent efforts but no reward, the former's shot going over the bar and the latter's was goalbound but then took a deflection for a corner. However, totally against the run of play Hull drew level, their signing from Spurs Mason scored a big deflection helping to outfox Artur Boruc-after Bournemouth had given the ball away deep in their half.

Cook made superb amends for having been responsible for giving the ball away for the Hull goal as he headed home, from Stanislas's freekick, to restore Bournemouth's lead four minutes from half-time. The hosts went into the break in far better cheer as the impressive Stanislas added a third from the penalty spot.

Stanislas wrapped up the points early in the second-half tapping home after being set up by Adam Smith. Stanislas' wonderful all round display saw him turn provider for the Cherries fifth as he turned Scotland international Robert Snodgrass inside out passed to Joshua King whose cross was nodded home by Wilson. Hull were out on their feet and Bournemouth added a sixth, Gosling getting his name on the goalsheet with sweetly-struck effort from the edge of the area. —AFP

ALLEN SCORES TWICE AS STOKE BEAT SUNDERLAND



STROKE CITY: Joe Allen proved Stoke City's hero with a first-half double setting the Potters on the way to a 2-0 victory over Sunderland in the dogfight between the Premier League's two bottom clubs.

The Welsh midfielder Allen is in the form

of his life, taking his tally of goals to four in his last three games and also having also netted for Wales in the 2-2 draw against Austria.

His heroics enabled Stoke to leap four points clear of their visitors, who lie rooted at the foot of the table on just two points as the pressure mounts on their manager David Moyes.

The diminutive Allen, signed in the close season from Liverpool, equalled his best-ever season's tally of goals, heading home Marko Arnautovic's cross in the eighth minute and shooting past the busy Jordan Pickford just before halftime. — Reuters

DELE ALLI SPARES SPURS BLUSHES IN BAGGIES DRAW



WEST BROMWICH: Dele Alli rescued a point for Tottenham Hotspur in a 1-1 draw away to West Bromwich Albion yesterday after it looked as if the Premier League high-flyers might suffer an agonising defeat. The visitors dominated possession only for Nacer Chadli, a player Spurs sold to West Brom in pre-season, to put the hosts in front eight minutes from time against the run of play. But Alli poked a low shot home in the 89th minute after a shot by Christian Eriksen had been blocked, with the draw seeing Spurs drop to third in the table after arch north London rivals Arsenal beat Swansea 3-2.

Ben Foster, the West Brom and former England goalkeeper, repeatedly defied Spurs, who had 77 percent of first-half possession, with a series of saves.

The result meant an end to a run of five successive victories in all competitions for Tottenham, but means that they remain the Premier League's only unbeaten team.

Tottenham began the match pressing high up the pitch as usual yet the home side still tried to play the ball out. But before long they were reduced to long passes that were easily defended by the visitors. Spurs had no such problems keeping possession and might have created a presentable opening in the seventh minute if Vincent Janssen had passed left to Erik Lamela instead of right to Moussa Sissoko, who was outpaced by Allan Nyom.

Lamela did get a chance minutes later but dragged his shot wide of the far post. Spurs, though, were hitting their stride. Ben Davies hit a shot that was deflected just over the crossbar with Foster wrong-footed, and a similar effort from Eriksen was deflected wide.

Janssen, without looking like a replacement for Harry Kane in goal-scoring terms, held the ball up well and made life tough for Gareth McAuley and Jonny Evans.

West Brom conceded possession easily, even when Spurs did not press them.

That meant that they were regularly backpedalling towards their own goal. As a result, Eriksen and Alli had a surprising amount of space and Tottenham looked increasingly dangerous as they saw more and more of the ball.

DEFIANT FOSTER

Alli had a shot blocked by Foster blocked and then sent an acrobatic overhead effort wide of goal. Foster then produced a hat-trick of superb saves within seven minutes. First Davies hit the ball low through a crowd of players but Foster sprawled to his left.

Then Janssen's touch sent Alli clear but again Foster blocked his shot. Finally Eriksen collected the ball 20 yards out and

shot low to the goalkeeper's right only to see the ball palmed around the post at the last second.

Tottenham almost fell to a sucker punch late in the first half when Hugo Lloris failed to handle James McClean's angled shot, but none of the home side were able to convert the rebound. Early in the second half Tottenham were forced to replace Belgium defender Toby Alderweireld, who stayed down after a challenge and left on a stretcher, but they continued to make chances and Sissoko, Eriksen and Alli all went close before Albion shocked the whole of The Hawthorns by taking the lead.

This time it was Lloris who produced a superb save, touching McClean's low shot onto the foot of a post, but he could not stop Chadli thumping the rebound into the roof of the net. Now Spurs' character was tested. But they responded. Substitute Son Heung-Min crossed from the left, yet another shot by Eriksen was charged down, and Alli swept the loose ball in from close range. — AFP

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de Bilbao V Real Sociedad	17:15	beIN SPORTS 3 HD
Sporting Gijon V Valencia	19:30	beIN SPORTS 3 HD
Villarreal V Celta de Vigo	21:45	beIN SPORTS 3 HD
ITALIAN CALCIO LEAGUE		
Fiorentina V Atalanta	13:30	beIN SPORTS 4 HD
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Inter Milano V Cagliari	16:00	beIN SPORTS 4 HD
SS Lazio V Bologna FC	16:00	beIN SPORTS 1 HD
Sassuolo Calcio V Crotone	16:00	beIN SPORTS 10 HD
Chievo Verona V AC Milan	21:45	beIN SPORTS 4 HD
GERMAN BUNDESLIGA		
FSV Mainz 05 V Darmstadt 98	16:30	beIN SPORTS 5 HD
VfL Wolfsburg V RB Leipzig	18:30	beIN SPORTS 5 HD
FRENCH LEAGUE		
Stade Rennes V Girondins	16:00	beIN SPORTS 6 HD
Saint Etienne V Dijon	18:00	beIN SPORTS 6 HD
Olympique Marseille V Metz	21:45	beIN SPORTS 6 HD



BARCELONA: FC Barcelona's Paco Alcacer, second left, duels for the ball against Deportivo Coruna's German Lux during the Spanish La Liga soccer match between FC Barcelona and Deportivo Coruna at the Camp Nou in Barcelona, Spain, yesterday. — AP

MESSI SCORES ON RETURN IN BARCA ROUT, SEVILLA TOP

MADRID: Lionel Messi took just three minutes to score on his return from injury as Barcelona enjoyed the perfect preparation for the visit of Manchester City in midweek with a 4-0 thrashing of Deportivo la Coruna yesterday.

The Spanish champions were already 3-0 up thanks to Luis Suarez and a double from Rafinha when Messi was introduced after nearly a month out with a groin problem just before the hour mark and wasted no time in scoring his ninth goal of the season.

Barca trail league leaders Sevilla by a point after the Andalusians won away from home in La Liga for the first time in 23 games, triumphing 3-2 at Leganes. Atletico Madrid and Real Madrid can move back to the top of the table when they face Granada and Real Betis respectively later on Saturday.

"It was a complete performance," said Barca boss Luis Enrique. "We have Leo back and it took him no time to be back in top form." Barca have traditionally struggled on weekends following international breaks and fell to a shock 2-1 defeat at home to Alaves on their return to

action in September.

Deportivo had also drawn 2-2 on their last two visits to the Camp Nou, but never threatened another upset as Barca got back to winning ways after losing 4-3 to Celta Vigo two weeks ago.

Neymar smashed a volley against the bar and Suarez somehow headed the rebound over early on. However, Barca had to wait just 21 minutes to open the scoring when Rafinha exchanged a one-two with Suarez before drilling a low shot that had too much power for German Lux.

Rafinha bundled home a second 15 minutes later after Lux had saved Gerard Pique's initial effort. Suarez moved level with Antoine Griezmann as La Liga's top scorer with six this season when he brilliantly turned away from the Deportivo defence when receiving Neymar's through ball before slotting home the third.

The Uruguayan then smacked the post himself on the volley before he was replaced by Paco Alcacer at half-time to keep him fresh for the visit of City on Wednesday.

Messi was next to be introduced from the

bench and took just three touches to find the net when he flicked another Neymar assist over the helpless Lux.

Deportivo were reduced to 10 men 25 minutes from time when Laure's frustration boiled over as he saw red for elbowing Neymar in the face. Alcacer missed three golden opportunities to register his first Barca goal. And Lux produced a brilliant flying stop to prevent Messi rounding off his return with a fifth.

Sevilla moved to the top by ending a 17-month wait for an away league win at Leganes. Franco Vazquez's opener and a second from the impressive Samir Nasri just before the hour mark put Jorge Sampaoli's men well on course to end that barren run. However, their defensive frailties looked set to cost them victory once more as Leganes fought back with two goals in three minutes through David Timor and Alexander Szymanowski. Pablo Sarabia proved the match winner off the bench, though, when he curled home from outside the area his third goal in just seven La Liga games since joining from Getafe. — AFP

BAYERN HELD AGAIN IN BUNDESLIGA

BERLIN: Bayern Munich's early-season euphoria has been quashed after being held to a 2-2 draw by 10-man Eintracht Frankfurt in the Bundesliga yesterday, in its third consecutive game without a win. Rising star Joshua Kimmich looked to have dug Bayern out of a hole again, scoring to put the league leaders 2-1 ahead, minutes before the visitors' position was made even more comfortable with Szabolcs Huszti's sending off.

Huszti, who had cancelled out Arjen Robben's early goal for Bayern, was shown his second yellow card for making a motion with his head toward Renato Sanches' forehead.

But Frankfurt - which hadn't scored in the league against Bayern since April 2011 - grabbed an unlikely equalizer when Timothy Chandler crossed for Marco Fabian to score with his chest from close range with 12 minutes remaining.

"You can see what happens when you give everything," said Frankfurt coach Niko Kovac on his 45th birthday. Bayern, which had won its first five league games, has now drawn against Cologne and Frankfurt, while it also lost 1-0 at Atletico Madrid in the Champions League.

"I think 2-2 is a fair result," said Carlo Ancelotti, the first Bayern coach to have won his first eight matches in charge.

Cologne, one of four unbeaten sides remaining, took advantage of Bayern's slip by beating Ingolstadt 2-1 at home to go second, two points behind Ancelotti's side. Werder Bremen hosts Bayer Leverkusen in the late game.

COLOGNE 2, INGOLSTADT 1

Anthony Modeste fired Cologne ahead midway through the first half with his sixth goal of the season, stopping Yuya Osako's pass acrobatically with his first touch and then smashing it past Ingolstadt 'keeper Orjan Nyland with his next. The French striker made it 2-0 with a penalty before the break, awarded after Tobias Levels brought down Osako, to become the league's top scorer.

Lukas Hinterseer scored the visitors' consolation from the penalty spot in the final minute. "Excitement, emotions and toughness. Everything that could be in a football game was in it," said Cologne coach Peter Stoeger. Ingolstadt slipped bottom after failing to win any of its opening seven games.

BORUSSIA MOENCHENGLADBACH 0, HAMBURGER SV 0

Gladbach dominated the game but missed two penalties.

Hamburg, like Ingolstadt waiting for its first win, looked to be in trouble when last defender Cleber was sent off in the 26th minute for bringing down Lars Stindl in the penalty area.

But Rene Adler saved the penalty from Andre Hahn, while Stindl struck the crossbar with another penalty around the hour-mark. TV replays showed Ibrahim Traore fell easily under Douglas Santos' challenge.

AUGSBURG 1, SCHALKE 1

Schalke coach Markus Weinzierl was hoping for more from his visit to the side he coached for four successful seasons, after claiming just one win and five defeats from his first six games with his new side. Nabil Bentaleb fired the visitors ahead with a brilliant strike from distance - in off the crossbar - in the 65th. The ball came out again but there was no doubt it crossed the line.

But Daniel Baier equalized against the run of play for Augsburg with another fine shot to the top right corner.

Schalke striker Breel Embolo, who had earlier struck the post, was stretchered off with a broken left ankle after a clumsy challenge from Konstantinos Stafylidis. The club said the Swiss striker would be out for the rest of the year.

HOFFENHEIM 2, FREIBURG 1

Andrej Kramaric was the hero for unbeaten Hoffenheim with a late winner from the penalty spot, just minutes after Florian Niederlechner had cancelled out Sandro Wagner's first half goal. — AP



FRANKFURT: Frankfurt's Marco Fabian, left, and Bayern's David Alaba challenge for the ball during a German first division Bundesliga match between Eintracht Frankfurt and Bayern Munich in Frankfurt, Germany, yesterday. —AP

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Dane Dideriksen
wins women's
world road race



Murray into
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MANCHESTER: Everton's Spanish midfielder Gerard Deulofeu (R) vies with Manchester City's Argentinian defender Nicolas Otamendi during the English Premier League football match between Manchester City and Everton at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, north west England, yesterday. — AFP

NOLITO EASES CITY'S PENALTY PAIN

Man City 1

Everton 1

MANCHESTER: Nolito's header saved a point for a dominant Manchester City side as the Premier League leaders had two penalties saved in a 1-1 draw at home to Everton yesterday.

Everton's Romelu Lukaku scored on the break 19 minutes into the second half after Ronald Koeman's visitors had absorbed sustained pressure Everton goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg, who had saved a first-half penalty from Kevin De Bruyne, then blocked another from Sergio Aguero.

But the goalkeeper was finally beaten as Nolito, on as a substitute for only a minute, headed in David Silva's cross in the 72nd minute. The match promised to be a fascinating contest between Koeman and City manager

Pep Guardiola, who were room-mates and close friends when they played together in Barcelona's 1992 European Cup-winning side.

However, it was a frustrating first half for most of those inside the stadium, and quite a few outside it too. Several hundred home supporters were still streaming into the ground more than 20 minutes after kick-off, as a result of increased security checks at the turnstiles by Showsec, the company which manages City's matchday security. Those who got to their seats late missed little, as the home side failed to make a significantly larger share of possession count.

Leroy Sane, playing as a right-wing-back, made a couple of impressive early runs that stretched Everton, forcing Stekelenburg to beat away a shot at the near post, and seeing a penalty appeal rejected after he tumbled over Bryan Oviedo's trailing leg.

Guardiola's decision to field three centre-halves and two wing-backs seemed designed to give his team added width, but they found it difficult to break down the visitors.

The opening period saw Everton right-back Seamus

Coleman somehow escaping a yellow card when he clattered into Raheem Sterling, getting some of the ball and a lot of his opponent's ankle.

JAGIELKA FOUL

The second significant moment arrived two minutes before half-time, when Silva's quick feet tricked Phil Jagielka into a foul, and the concession of a penalty.

With leading scorer Aguero on the bench, De Bruyne took the kick, but Stekelenburg dived to his left to beat the ball away.

Having reached the interval without conceding, Everton posed a greater threat in the second half.

Gerard Deulofeu, receiving the ball after a break by Yannick Bolasie, cut in from the left past Nicolas Otamendi and forced goalkeeper Claudio Bravo to tip over a rising shot.

However, City were soon in the ascendancy once more, and Stekelenburg reacted well with his foot to keep out Kelechi Iheanacho's near-post drag-back from Sane's cross.

Guardiola, seeking additional attacking impetus, sent

on Aguero for Iheanacho, while Koeman responded by replacing the skilful yet lightweight Deulofeu with James McCarthy.

Within minutes, Everton led. Lukaku, a quiet figure up to that point, laid a pass back for Ashley Williams to hit long, then collected Bolasie's touch on to run at Gael Clichy from the left, beating the defender before finishing with a clinical low shot inside the far post.

City responded, and quickly won a second penalty as Jagielka brought down Aguero.

But the striker, who missed from the spot for Argentina against Paraguay in a World Cup qualifying defeat earlier this week, failed again as Stekelenburg dived to his left to push the ball out.

It was only a temporary reprieve for the visitors, however, as Nolito, just on as a substitute, rose to head in Silva's cross, with what may well have been his first touch.

Stekelenburg was still to shine again as City chased a winner. The former Fulham and Southampton goalkeeper leapt athletically to his left to tip a first-time De Bruyne shot on to the post. — AFP

ARSENAL HANG ON TO BEAT SWANSEA

Arsenal 3

Swansea 2

LONDON: Theo Walcott scored two first-half goals and Mesut Ozil a fine third as Arsenal beat Swansea City 3-2 at the Emirates Stadium yesterday to go level on points with Premier League leaders Manchester City.

But the Gunners had to survive a nervy finale after Granit Xhaka was dismissed 20 minutes from the end in what was former United States manager Bob Bradley's first game in charge of Swansea.

England forward Walcott had been derided after disappointing appearances for his country in recent World Cup qualifiers against Malta and Slovenia but his Arsenal form remains solid and this match took his tally to six goals in five club appearances.

The 27-year-old scored twice in six first-half minutes courtesy of disappoint-

ing Swansea defending but Bradley's side were handed a lifeline courtesy of Gylfi Sigurdsson's effort.

Ozil then appeared to end their hopes early in the second half before Arsenal were left to unexpectedly hold on after Borja Baston scored a second Swansea goal Xhaka was then harshly red-carded for a foul on Modou Barrow.

Bradley, the first American manager in the Premier League, suffered a difficult afternoon as his new side ended the day in the relegation zone.

Arsenal looked a threat from the off and were disappointed not to take the lead early as defender Shkodran Mustafi headed onto the bar from Ozil's corner.

Arsene Wenger's side enjoyed most of the possession but Swansea occasionally threatened on the break, Leroy Fer shooting just over from the edge of the area following Kyle Naughton's cross.

Bradley is known for the organisation of his sides, so he will have been bitterly disappointed with Swansea's defending in north London.

First it was Jordi Amat who made a poor attempt of a clearance from Hector Bellerin's 27th-minute headed cross that



LONDON: Swansea's Neil Taylor, left, clears the ball from Arsenal's Theo Walcott during the English Premier League soccer match between Arsenal and Swansea City at The Emirates Stadium in London, yesterday. — AP

allowed Walcott nipped in to beat Lukasz Fabianski, the former Arsenal goalkeeper.

Wenger's side came close to a second with Alexis Sanchez's lob just clearing the bar before the impressive Bellerin's shot was saved after a free-flowing move involving Walcott and Ozil.

Again though, Swansea were architects of their own downfall, Leroy Fer, Sigurdsson and Jack Cork all missing opportunities to clear Santi Cazorla's corner with the ball falling at Walcott's feet for a tap-in.

Swansea though were given a lifeline as the hosts caught the poor defending bug, Xhaka inexplicably robbed in possession before Sigurdsson fired home from the edge of the area in the 38th minute.

Walcott was denied a hat-trick by Fabianski but Arsenal were soon celebrating a third goal of their own. Sanchez picked out Ozil in expert fashion in the 57th minute and the German celebrated his 28th birthday with a powerful volley from close range. — AFP

HAMMERS ON THE UP WITH PALACE COUP

West Ham 1

Crystal Palace 0

LONDON: West Ham United climbed out of the relegation zone with just their second Premier League win of the season after Manuel Lanzini's goal secured a 1-0 victory away to London rivals Crystal Palace yesterday.

The Hammers hung on to all three points despite playing the final 15 minutes a man down after Aaron Cresswell was sent off to record their first win since August. Lanzini put the Hammers ahead in the 19th minute at a rainswept Selhurst Park when he turned in Cresswell's hard, low cross with a first-time touch.

Palace, managed by former West Ham boss Alan Pardew, should have equalised on the stroke of half-time when they were awarded a penalty following Angelo Ogbonna's challenge on Christian Benteke.

The Belgium striker took the spot-kick himself but, trying to place the ball rather than power it into the net, he side-footed a shot wide of the right post.

There was still time in the half for Benteke to go rather closer to making it 1-1 when he rose above the Hammers defence and beat goalkeeper Adrian with a header that hit the post.

In the second half, the Hammers had a chance to double their lead. Lanzini burst through on goal but he was forced wide by a combination of a poor touch and onrushing Palace goalkeeper Steve Mandanda.

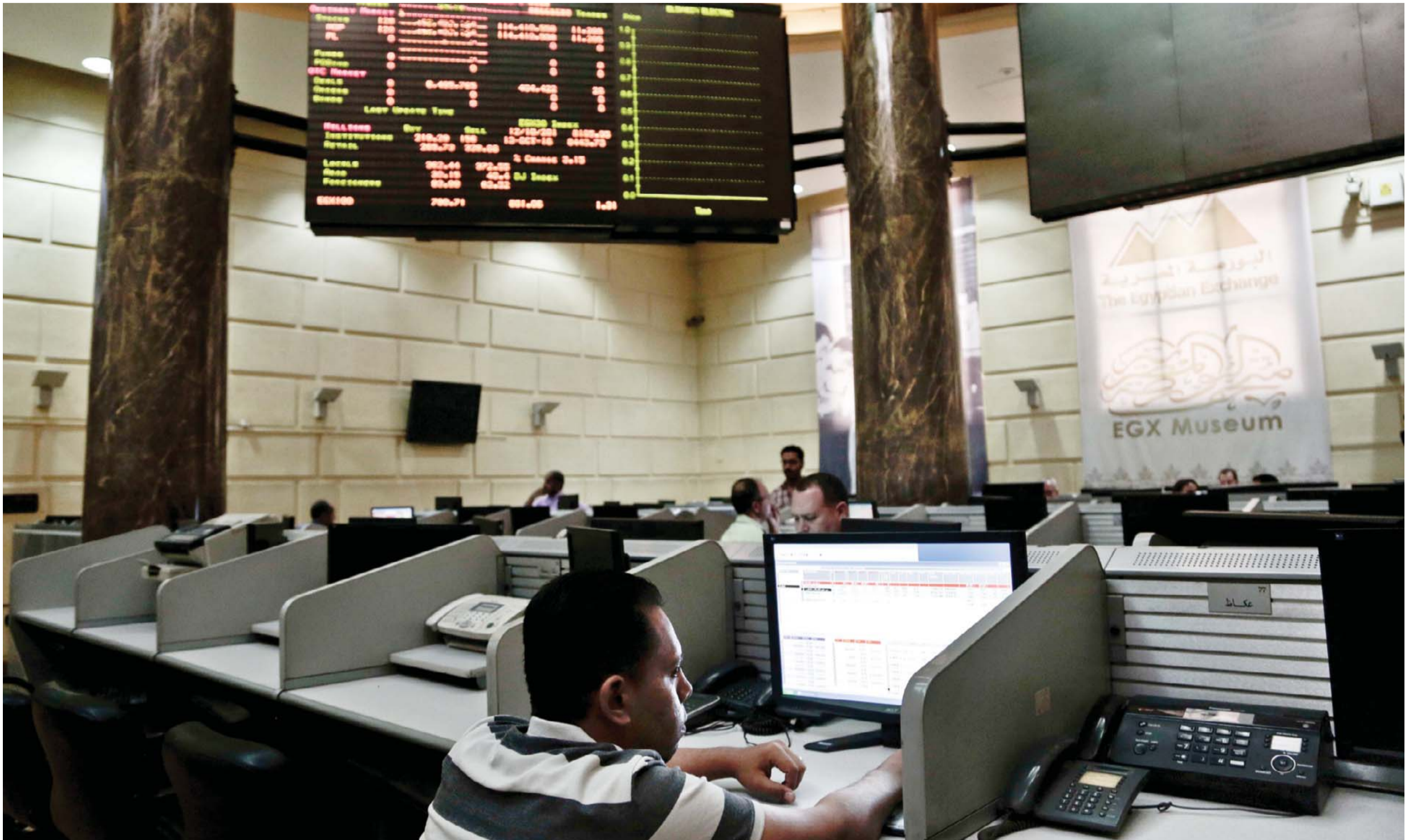
The ball fell to Dimitri Payet, whose well-struck shot was saved by France international Mandanda.

It took Palace nearly an hour to produce their first shot on goal, with England midfielder Andros Townsend firing straight at Adrian. The Eagles were given a boost, however, 15 minutes from time when Cresswell was sent off after collecting two yellow cards in quick succession. — AFP



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KUWAIT'S CREDIT GROWTH REMAINS STEADY AT 8.2%



CAIRO: An Egyptian trader works on the floor of the stock market in Cairo. Egypt is inching toward meeting conditions for a bailout package from the International Monetary Fund, as hard currency and some products become increasingly scarce while an escalating spat with key backer Saudi Arabia overshadows. — AP

EGYPT INCHES TOWARD IMF BAILOUT

SISI DEFENDS REFORMS AMID SHORTAGES, SOARING PRICES

CAIRO: For two weeks now, the shelf once piled with bags of sugar - for better or worse Egypt's most loved commodity - has stood empty at this grocery store in bustling downtown Cairo.

"This is nothing - they're missing even more things in my village," said Mahmoud Sulayman, a former army conscript from the Nile Delta now working as a store clerk. "People are not upset, they are angry!" Economic pressures are bearing down on Egypt, with several key steps to be taken in the days ahead to secure a bailout by the International Monetary Fund at a time when goods shortages and ever-rising prices are prompting public outrage at the leadership of President Abdel-Fatah Al-Sisi.

An escalating spat with main backer Saudi Arabia will likely be of less immediate importance for the economy, after Egypt announced the kingdom had already contributed much-needed funding to help meet preconditions for the loan.

Unavoidable

Meanwhile, Sisi has defended what he described as "tough but unavoidable" reforms ahead of a \$12-billion International Monetary Fund loan to revive his country's ailing economy.

"The reforms are tough but they're unavoidable to save the economic situation," Sisi said in an interview published yesterday by state newspapers. In exchange for the IMF loan, Egypt is expected to adopt drastic reforms to increase public revenues and reduce state subsidies, which make up 7.9 percent of government spending.

Sisi described a "program for real reforms that aims to provide subsidies to those who deserve them and no one else", promising "protection for those with low incomes". The former army chief, who became president in 2014 less than a year after toppling Islamist president Mohamed Morsi, also defended the army's participation in large scale projects touted as part of the country's recovery plan. "The army is playing an important role in development but this role will diminish in the coming years when it will have finished its plan for the reconstruction of state infrastructures," he said.

But the Arab world's most populous country still needs some additional \$2 billion in foreign reserves to reach a position of strength it agreed to with the IMF before it starts to gradually float its currency against the dollar and cut fuel subsidies, the other two main parts of the reform package the US-based lender of last resort is poised to support.

With the central bank holding back its reserves for the big push, a shortage of the currency has reached epic proportions, with a single dollar costing upward of 15 pounds compared to 14 last week and an official rate of 8.9. The collapse has made an array of common imported products more expensive, and some - including spare parts, medicines, industrial goods and food-stuff - are not entering the country at all. "It's like a sick patient in need of medicine, and the longer you delay the worse the condition gets," said Angus Blair of Cairo-based Pharos bank, who hopes Cairo can raise the final funds from international donors next week so the IMF can decide to release the loan.

Tourism dwindles

Egypt's economy has been battered in the five years since an uprising toppled longtime ruler Hosni Mubarak, ushering in turbulent rule first by the army, then an Islamist government, and now Al-Sisi, the former general who overthrew his elected but divisive Islamist predecessor.

Foreign currency reserves are being built up with help from abroad after they dwindled when tourism dried up over fears of terrorism, remittances dropped because of low oil prices, and Suez Canal revenues shrunk because of a decline in global trade. Inflation and unemployment rates are in the double digits. Hopes are that by managing the currency's flotation and putting dollars into circulation gradually at rates closer to the pound's real value, the black market will ease and eventually disappear once the official value is determined by supply and demand and economic fundamentals.

Another idea would be set the official rate to the same as the black market rate, or even overshoot it, in order to spark a flood of investment. As part of the IMF-endorsed reform package, Egypt is expected to gradually lift state subsidies on fuel, basic services and food items, while aiming to support the poor with direct, often army-run welfare to offset the ensuing surge in inflation.

Some of the pain expected to increase in the near term for Egypt's 91 million people, nearly half of whom are at or near the poverty line, has already appeared.

Stores, especially state-governed cooperatives, have begun to limit purchases of certain goods like sugar, oil and rice, with sugar in particularly short supply this week. Many stores in the capital were completely out of stock, while others posted signs explaining the rationing. Popular anger usually has little opportunity to express itself in Al-Sisi's Egypt, where he has stamped out opposition and stifled dissent by jailing thousands since he led the army's ouster of the Muslim Brotherhood's Mohammed Morsi in 2013.

False promises

But a video that emerged this week of an angry tuk tuk driver criticizing the government and relentless poverty in a working class neighborhood has gone viral, gaining nearly 100,000 social media likes from an audience of millions since it was initially broadcast then pulled by a private television station.

Sisi, who promised to fix the economy when he came to power, has been preaching the virtues of austerity for weeks, urging Egyptians to prepare for belt-tightening and even donate money to the state. Some have said this shows he's out of touch with most average Egyptians, many of who feel they have not directly benefited from his vast purchases of military hardware, or grandiose plans to build cities in the desert.

Lurking in the background is the dispute with Saudi Arabia, whose ambassador has been recalled for consultations after Egypt angered Riyadh by voting for a UN Syria resolution sponsored by its Russian rivals in that battlefield. The resolution did not pass, but the kingdom's UN envoy publicly berated Egypt over it. — AP

BOUBYAN BANK POSTS KD 29.7M IN NET PROFITS UNTIL SEPT 2016

KUWAIT: Boubyan Bank has recorded a profit growth until September 2016, at a growth rate of 18 percent. The bank's net profits amount to KD 29.7 million compared with KD 25.2 million for the comparative period of 2015, while the earning per share amounts to 13.68 fils compared with 11.62 fils for the comparative period of 2015.

Adel Abdul Wahab Al-Majed, the Bank's Vice Chairman and CEO, said: "First, we would like to thank all our customers and shareholders for the great faith in us throughout the past period which was one of the success factors in addition to the efforts made by our human resources whom we consider to be the secret behind our success."

He added that this level of noticeable growth in all the bank's indicators, especially the profitability and growth, was achieved despite the challenging operational environment and the high competition in the Kuwaiti market which brings more challenges to maintain our achieved success levels.

Al-Majed also noted that the announcement of these profits coincided Moody's recent announcement of the revised credit rating for the Bank which upgraded Boubyan Bank's outlook from stable to positive while affirming other ratings for the Bank.

Al-Majed added: "The Bank's key indicators show a considerable growth until the end of Q3 2016 where the total assets increased to KD 3.5 billion with a growth rate of 17 percent while the operational revenues increased to hit KD 76.3 million with a growth rate of 14 percent in addition to the increase in customers' deposits by 22 percent, amounting to KD 2.9 billion. He further added that the total equity of the bank increased to KD 337 million compared with KD 307 million last year and that there was a notable increase in the financing portfolio up to KD 2.4 billion with a growth rate of 16 percent in addition to the continuous growth of the bank's customer base.

Al-Majed also stated that the market share, in financing, increased generally to approximately 7 percent in the meantime, while Boubyan Bank's share of the retail finance increased specifically to approximately 10 percent.

Expansion of Branches & Technology Services

On the other hand, Al-Majed stressed the continuity of the Bank's plans to expand in the local market by opening new branches which have now reached 36 branches compared with 15 branches only 5 years ago.

He went on to add: "In line with our domestic geographical expansion to be closer to our clients, we are continuing our investment in services and e-banking products which placed us ahead of other local banks. We are doing that in order to cater for the needs of our clients."

Al-Majed also stated that the Bank received the Best Islamic Bank in Kuwait Award from Global Finance in the field of digital banking services for the second year in a



Adel Abdul Wahab Al-Majed.

row. He also said that winning this award was a continuity to receiving many other awards such as the Best Islamic Bank in Kuwait Award from Global Finance in light of the Bank's achievements in 2015 such as the increase in profitability and market share.

"Receiving this award for the second time reiterates our success in achieving our targets, and stresses the way our Islamic Bank stands out as a distinctive bank providing Islamic services and products that keep pace with society's developments, especially technology developments," Al-Majed added.

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

He further stated: "This kind of awards once more reiterates our bank's superb competitive abilities, and its ability to provide its customers with the highest levels of services and the best products customers may seek, whether they are existing customers or potential customers targeted in the Kuwaiti market."

"Customer service has always been our recipe for success, as we have always taken into account that all our customers are special and that they deserve the best because meeting their aspirations and ambitions should be up to the level of their expectations when they choose us. In other words, by choosing us, customers should be rewarded with special care and attention," Al-Majed concluded.

Bayt.com weekly report

HOW TO KNOW IF A JOB OFFER IS FAKE

How ideal would it be to receive an email with a lucrative job offer without having to go through the trouble of searching, applying, interviewing, and negotiating? This is sadly not realistic and if you receive such email then it is most likely going to be a scam.

Internet scams are becoming more and more creative every day. Many scammers today impersonate recruiters or HR managers and send you phishing emails in the form of job offers; they will contact you offering a job opportunity in order to acquire your personal information and bank account details. Some scammers will even illegally utilize legitimate job boards and sites to find their victims.

Here is how to identify and avoid a fake job offer, according to the experts at Bayt.com, the Middle East's #1 job site:

1. Did the job offer come out of the blue?

Did you receive a job offer even though you don't remember ever applying? Or did you receive a phone call promising you a huge salary to work part-time from home? Did they say they found your CV on a job site that you've never posted your information on before? These are all red flags to watch out for. Reputable companies will always have a process for hiring.

Hiring is not instantaneous, or random, no matter how impressive your CV is. Most importantly, legitimate companies will always absorb the costs of hiring and will never ask you to pay hiring fees.

2. Does the company really exist?

Do your research when you receive a job offer. Check if the company has a website and

contact details. If there is no website or, at the very least, a social media page, be very cautious. If you do, in fact, find a website, then compare the contact details displayed to the ones they provided you with in the offer letter. You can also do a quick web search to see if the company has been reported by other job seekers.

3. Did the job offer come from a personal email address?

Reputable organizations and businesses will have corporate email addresses. If the email comes from a free domain such as Yahoo or Hotmail, make sure you do additional research before proceeding. Sometimes, a scam email may appear to have a company domain but on a second look, you will find some minor differences. For example, you might see an email coming from "...@srz-

design.org" instead of "...@srzdesign.org". If you sense that the address may be fake, you can always contact the company by phone and verify.

4. Is the email soliciting confidential or bank information?

Some scammers may ask for personal and bank account details in order to set up a direct deposit. Stay away from anything of that sort. Always avoid entering personal information online and definitely don't give access to your bank information. Direct deposit information is usually one of the last steps of hiring and occurs after you have met with at least one person from the company. You can check how secure the company website is by checking the address bar. Always make sure it is "https://" not "http://", when entering sensitive material.

5. Is it a professional email?

Is the email well written? Are there any grammar and spelling mistakes? Is there a company signature at the bottom of the email? Is the job description clear and professional? Does it state what experience or skills it requires? Ensure that all the usual requirements are present in the job description, whether you received it in an email or found it on a job site or through social media.

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KUWAIT'S CREDIT GROWTH REMAINS STEADY AT 8.2%

NBK ECONOMIC REPORT

KUWAIT: July saw a drop in credit, though growth maintained an improved pace of 8.2 percent year-on-year (y/y) during the month. Total credit declined by KD 116 million, largely on a decrease in lending for the purchase of securities and the real estate sector. Meanwhile, private deposits saw a large decrease during the month, some of which was offset by gains in government deposits. Domestic interest rates eased slightly in July.

Growth in household lending remained relatively subdued in July, adding KD 55 million. Growth moderated to 9.8 percent y/y, its slowest pace since December 2011. Installment loans continued to largely support the expansion in credit, albeit at a reduced pace, with growth edging lower to 11.7 percent y/y. Shorter-tenor consumer loans registered another small monthly decline and were down by 2.3 percent y/y. Nonbank financial companies saw a net decline in credit, but maintained positive growth compared to a year before. Sector debt shrank by KD 62 million in July, though growth picked up to 3.9 percent y/y thanks to net gains in lending during recent months and an apparent end to a period of deleveraging in the sector since the financial crisis.

Private deposits fall

All remaining credit declined by KD 109 million, though growth held up at 7.6 percent y/y thanks to basis effects. A large part of the July decline was from lending for the purchase of securities, which fell by KD 273 million; another KD 71 million drop came from lending to the real estate sector. Most other sectors did relatively well, including oil & gas, construction, and trade, adding a combined KD 241 million. Indeed, credit growth excluding lending for the purchase of securities and real estate picked up to 13.2 percent y/y.

Private deposits saw a large drop in July. Their decline by KD 652 million pushed growth in broad M2 money supply down to 0.9 percent y/y; growth in narrower M1 money supply recorded a 2.2 percent y/y decline (Chart 3). The

Table 2: Consolidated bank balance sheets

	Jul-16		1-month change		3-month change		12-month change	
	KD mn	%	KD mn	%	KD mn	%	KD mn	%
Total bank assets	59,266	-0.8	-290	-1.4	-7	0.0	2,390	4.2
Core liquid assets	5,745	-2.9	-4.8	-388	-6.3	-141	-2.4	
Cash and CBK deposits	1,025	-2.4	-20.5	-371	-26.6	27	2.7	
CBK bonds	1,800	-2.5	-1.4	-25	-1.4	-125	-6.5	
Time deposits with CBK	2,920	-1.0	0.0	8	0.3	-43	-1.4	
Public debt instruments	1,806	7.8	4.5	227	14.4	230	14.6	
Interbank deposits	1,594	-5.4	-25.4	174	12.2	-456	-22.2	
Credit facilities	34,202	-1.6	0.3	669	2.0	2,586	8.2	
Foreign assets	12,292	1.6	0.9	-671	-5.2	103	0.8	
Other assets	3,626	-5.9	-1.6	-18	-0.5	68	1.9	
Total bank liabilities	51,244	-3.4	-1.6	-152	-0.3	2,002	4.1	
Total deposits	40,682	-4.6	-1.1	-335	-0.8	1,899	4.9	
Private sector deposits	34,007	-6.5	-1.9	-583	-1.7	293	0.9	
Government deposits	6,675	1.8	2.8	248	3.9	1,606	31.7	
Interbank deposits	1,528	-5.1	-25.2	193	14.5	-500	-24.7	
Foreign liabilities	3,622	1.0	2.8	-417	-10.3	-373	-9.3	
Other liabilities	5,412	5.0	0.9	407	8.1	975	22.0	
Shareholder equity	8,021	1.1	0.1	144	1.8	388	5.1	

Source: Central Bank of Kuwait

largest decline came from KD sight deposits, down KD 451 million, though savings and foreign currency deposits were also lower. Meanwhile, KD time deposits managed to increase by KD 68 million, recording the strongest growth of 9.2 percent y/y.

An increase in government deposits helped offset some of the decline in private deposits. The KD 184 million increase helped push growth in government deposits to 32 percent y/y. Their rise over the last twelve months totaled KD 1.6 billion.

Banking liquidity

Banking system liquidity decreased in July,

but maintained a healthy level. Bank reserves (i.e. cash, deposits with the CBK and CBK bonds) contracted by KD 290 million to KD 5.7 billion, or 9.7 percent of total bank assets. The decrease was predominantly in CBK deposits and coincided with a KD 896 million drawdown in CBK foreign reserves, which decreased to KD 8.1 billion.

Interest rates held relatively steady in July. The 3-month Kuwait interbank offered rate (Kibor) dropped 1 basis point (bp) to 1.51 percent in July. Rates have since been relatively steady (Chart 5), with the 3-month Kibor at 1.56 percent in early October. Customer deposit rates also appeared to ease, seeing drops of 1-2 bps across some of the various maturities.

Chart 4: Bank reserves (% of bank assets)

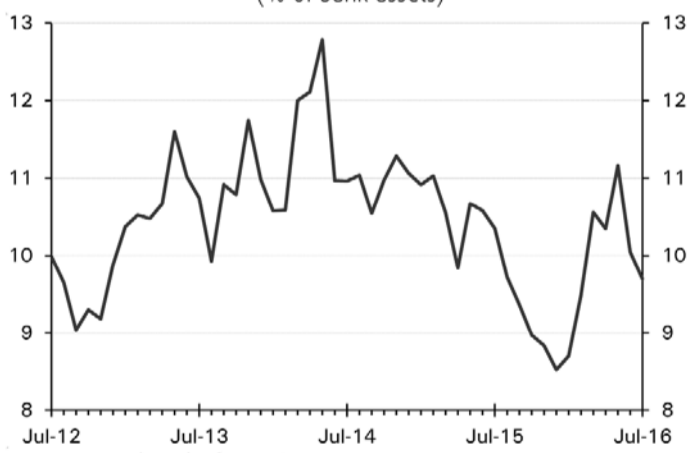
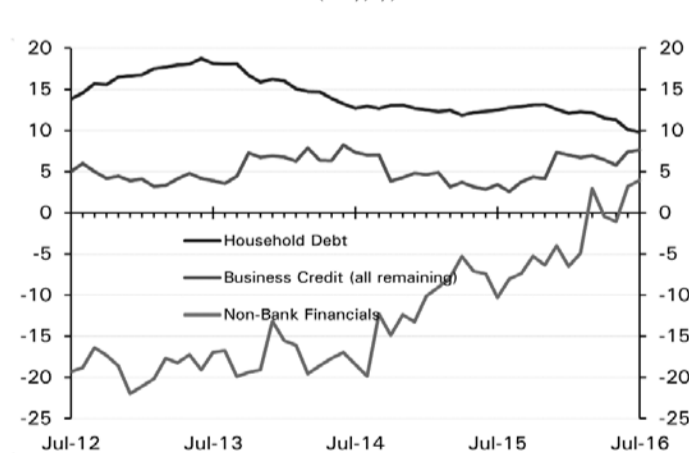


Chart 2: Credit growth by component (% y/y)



EXCHANGE RATES

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ASIAN COUNTRIES

Japanese Yen	2.914
Indian Rupees	4.556
Pakistani Rupees	2.902
Sri Lankan Rupees	2.073
Nepali Rupees	2.849
Singapore Dollar	219.440
Hongkong Dollar	39.129
Bangladesh Taka	3.871
Philippine Peso	6.285
Thai Baht	8.631

GCC COUNTRIES

Saudi Riyal	80.003
Qatari Riyal	83.441
ani Riyal	788.981
Bahraini Dinar	806.700
UAE Dirham	82.702

ARAB COUNTRIES

Egyptian Pound - Cash	26.300
Egyptian Pound - Transfer	34.577
Yemen Riyal/for 1000	1.219
Tunisian Dinar	136.760
Jordanian Dinar	428.360
Lebanese Lira/for 1000	2.024
Syrian Lira	2.0165
Morocco Dirham	31.396

EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COUNTRIES

US Dollar Transfer	303.600
Euro	335.480
Sterling Pound	372.210
Canadian dollar	232.470
Turkish lira	99.050

Swiss Franc	309.160
Australian Dollar	233.770
US Dollar Buying	302.400

GOLD

20 Gram	253.940
10 Gram	129.890
5 Gram	65.790

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Rate for Transfer Selling Rate

US Dollar	303.650
Canadian Dollar	229.850
Sterling Pound	373.960
Euro	336.130
Swiss Franc	299.445
Bahraini Dinar	802.725
UAE Dirhams	82.900
Qatari Riyals	84.115
Saudi Riyals	81.695
Jordanian Dinar	427.870
Egyptian Pound	34.098
Sri Lankan Rupees	2.069
Indian Rupees	4.548
Pakistani Rupees	2.898
Bangladesh Taka	3.862
Philippines Peso	6.240
Cyprus pound	160.040
Japanese Yen	3.920
Syrian Pound	2.421
Nepalese Rupees	3.842
Malaysian Ringgit	73.928
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	45.540
Thai Bhat	9.605
Turkish Lira	99.731

AGCO EYES COMEBACK IN SOUTH AMERICA AFTER POLITICAL SHIFTS

FOZ DO IGUAQU, Brazil: AGCO Corporation, a leading agricultural machinery maker, believes political changes in Brazil and Argentina could spur renewed farm investment in South America's two largest countries and revive the region's status as a growth area.

After seeing sales dive in the two grain-producing nations plagued by deep recessions, AGCO is betting the arrival of more business friendly governments will prompt a revival in investment in the agricultural powerhouses, its chief executive told Reuters in an interview. The company even expects to see its first sales increase since 2013 as early as next year, chief executive Martin Riehenhagen said on the sidelines of a four-day meeting with South American dealers in Foz do Iguacu, a Brazilian city bordering Argentina and Paraguay.

In Brazil, the world's biggest exporter of coffee, sugar and soy, centrist Michel Temer formally took over the presidency in August when left-leaning Dilma Rousseff was dismissed from office by the Senate on charges of breaking budget rules, in the midst

of the worst economic downturn in decades. In Argentina, also a major exporter of soy and corn, President Mauricio Macri has steered the country to the center-right since taking office in December. "Yes, we are pleased with the political changes," Riehenhagen said. "When Brazil comes back, it does so big time. So, we need to make sure we have the ability to react quickly."

The head of the Duluth, Georgia-based company also pointed to promising signs in Argentina after Macri scrapped most taxes on food exports and introduced new financing measures for farmers. The German-born executive had branded the export taxes, introduced by the previous government of left-leaning Cristina Fernandez, a "stupidity." He has also criticized the way Brazil's former left-leaning government had stalled on granting farmers' requests for financing, saying Brasilia was slowing down the process to reduce spending.

AGCO sales in South America have been falling since 2013. Its production in the region went from 38,785 units in 2013 to 23,560 in 2015, and should fall by about 5 percent this

year. But the company expects to see the first sales increase in 2017, by an estimated 12 percent. That should help compensate for smaller sales in the United States as lower grain prices cut investments by American farmers.

Despite recent setbacks, Riehenhagen said that AGCO's investors were aware of Latin America's importance in a cyclical business environment. "Around 80 percent of our business is done outside the US, which gives us a balanced portfolio so when things don't go well in a region they can be compensated in another," he said.

AGCO has seven plants in Brazil and one in Argentina. The company believes demand for agricultural machinery from the region will remain strong if financing is adequate. Farming data showed there was ample scope for increased investment, he said. While there are 12 hectares of farm land per tractor in Germany and 36 per tractor in the United States, there are 113 per machine in Brazil and 165 in Argentina.

"So, yes, there are a lot of opportunities here," he said. —Reuters



This photograph taken by Taiwan agency CNA Photo shows local residents posing as they join hands to celebrate their victory rejecting a proposal to allow casino development in Penghu island yesterday. —AFP

TAIWAN'S PENGHU REJECTS DIVISIVE CASINO BID

TAIPEI: Residents on Taiwan's pristine Penghu islands overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to allow casino development yesterday, an issue that has divided communities and politicians.

Supporters were hoping for the green light as Taiwan's economy stagnates, promising a casino would boost jobs and tourism. Opponents argued gambling resorts would ruin the natural landscapes of the remote outlying island chain, which has a population of 100,000 and is popular with visitors for its beaches and turtle sanctuaries.

Apart from state-run lotteries, gambling is banned in most of Taiwan and there are currently no legal casinos—although there is a thriving underground gambling network. However, Taiwan's outlying islands have been given permission to develop casinos, with a number of caveats, including that local residents agree. The "no camp" won 81.1 percent of the vote in yesterday's referendum.

"We are pleased that people came out at the last minute to vote on this critical issue," said Penghu-born Sheng I-che, head of the pro-environment Tree Party, although he voiced disappointment at the 40 percent turnout. "It is not how we want to see Penghu develop," he told AFP.

It is the second time the western archipelago has voted against casino development, having gone to the polls in 2009, when 56.4 percent opposed. Supporters of the "yes" camp said without casinos Penghu would struggle to develop a more robust local economy.

"As we are unable to get foreign investments, Penghu may never become self-reliant," said Chuang Kuang-hui of the Penghu Internationalization Promotion Alliance, which initiated the vote.

Taiwan's Matsu Islands held a similar vote in 2012 and came out in support of a casino being built. However, none has ever been developed there because a parliamentary act laying out gaming licensing and regulations, the final stamp for any casino to go ahead, has stalled in parliament. The ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) has taken a staunch anti-gambling stance, and there have also been reservations among some politicians from the opposition Kuomintang (KMT).

The DPP said yesterday it respected the results and the government would help Penghu upgrade its tourism industry and infrastructure. "The overall development should be oriented to ecological, sustainable and cultural demands," the DPP said in a statement. —AFP

BELGIUM AGREES ON BUDGET AFTER TALKS ON SPENDING CUTS

BRUSSELS: Belgium's coalition government has agreed the basics of its budget, finding savings of some three billion euros (\$3.4 billion) to help balance the books. "Agreement," said Prime Minister Charles Michel in a tweeted message late Friday after lengthy talks finally produced an accord.

Negotiations appeared blocked earlier in the week, with Michel promising to work "relentlessly" to get a deal by yesterday, when European Union member states using the euro currency are supposed to submit their 2017 budgets for scrutiny by Brussels.

Spending cuts, especially in health, were a key sticking point along with plans to introduce a controversial capital gains tax broadly opposed by business. Belgium, unlike most other countries, does not have a capital gains tax and the proposal exposed sharp differences within the coalition government Michel has led since 2014. Flemish Christian Democrat party head and Deputy Premier Kris Peeters who submitted the plan, said the new tax would not affect small- and medium-sized companies nor start-ups. —AFP

ASDA'A BURSON-MARSTELLER ARAB YOUTH SURVEY

TWO-THIRDS OF YOUNG GULF ARABS STILL LOOK TO GOVT FOR JOBS

DUBAI: More than two-thirds of young national Arabs in the Gulf states still hope to land jobs with government, despite initiatives to encourage them to seek out careers in the private sector.

This new finding from the eighth annual ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller Arab Youth Survey was unveiled by Sunil John, the CEO of ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller, at a presentation to the third Global Islamic Economy Summit, being held in Dubai on the 11th and 12th of October.

Across the whole Arab world, half (50 per cent) of young people said they would prefer a government job to private sector work. However, this preference rises to 70 per cent across the Gulf states of Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait and Oman.

When asked what would entice them to work in the private sector, more than half of all young Arabs surveyed cited higher wages (51 per cent), followed by better healthcare and other benefits (35 per cent), more paid holidays (29 per cent) and shorter working hours (27 per cent).

In the GCC, where governments have traditionally employed the majority of the national workforce, only 15 per cent of young people said they would prefer to work in the private sector, while another 14 per cent had no preference and 1 per cent didn't know.

Sustainable economy

"Persuading young people to take on roles in the private sector is essential to creating a strong, sustainable economy," said Sunil John. "These findings show that despite ongoing efforts to make the private sector more appealing to young Gulf Arabs, the message isn't getting through as fast as governments - or the private sector - would like.

"New initiatives and policies, such as Saudi's Vision 2030, the removal of subsidies on fuel and introduction of VAT across the Gulf, show that governments are serious



DUBAI: Sunil John unveiling the survey.

about new economic realities," he added. However, it seems balancing expectations about public sector work with the realities of private sector employment for those young nationals entering the workforce will require more effort.

Elsewhere in the Arab World, views towards public sector employment differ markedly. In the Levant, young people are almost evenly split between preference for the public and private sectors (28 per cent and 30 per cent respectively), while 37 per cent had no preference and 4 per cent didn't know. In North Africa, 47 per cent of young nationals would opt for the public sector, 26 per cent for private, 20 per cent had no preference and 8 per cent didn't know.

In another Survey finding unveiled at his presentation, John revealed that the majority

of young Arabs - 58 per cent - want to further their education, be it university, vocational training or post-graduate degree. In North Africa, 73 per cent intend to further their education, against 61 per cent in the GCC and just 41 per cent in the Levant.

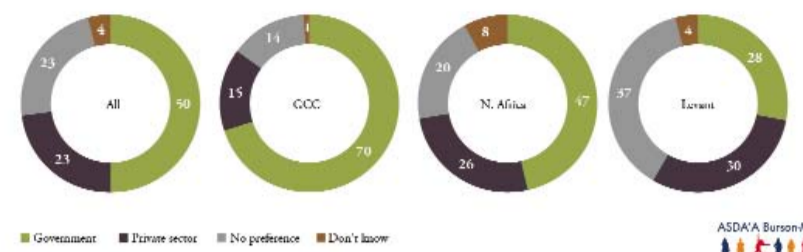
Education

Of those who aren't seeking further education, 40 per cent of young people in the Levant say they are put off by the high cost of further education; in North Africa 19 per cent are concerned by teaching standards; while 62 per cent of young Gulf Arabs are keen to get on with their careers.

Now in its eighth year, the ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller Arab Youth Survey has established itself as a key referral source for businesses and policymakers in the region and across the

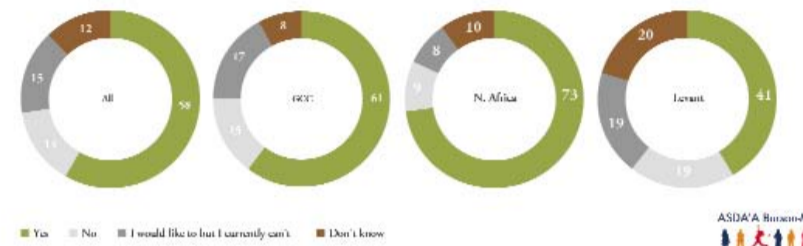
YOUNG GULF ARABS OVERWHELMINGLY WANT TO WORK IN PUBLIC SECTOR

Would you prefer to work in government or for the private sector?



MOST YOUNG ARABS WANT TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION

Do you plan on furthering your education, i.e. studying for a bachelor degree, Master's, PhD, or vocational diploma?



world. For this year's survey, international polling firm Penn Schoen Berland (PSB) conducted 3,500 face-to-face interviews with exclusively Arab national men and women aged 18-24 in the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries of the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain; Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Palestine, Tunisia,

Morocco, Algeria and Yemen. The interviews were conducted from January 11 to February 22, 2016.

In-depth results from the 8th Annual ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller Arab Youth Survey, including survey highlights and a white paper in Arabic and English, are available on www.arabyouthsurvey.com



LISBON: Portuguese Finance Minister Mario Centeno (R) arrives for the presentation of the Portugal's State Budget 2017 at the Portuguese Finance Ministry in Lisbon on Friday. — AFP

PORTUGAL TO INTRODUCE TAX ON REAL ESTATE FORTUNES

LISBON: Portugal will introduce a tax on real estate fortunes above 600,000 euros (\$661,000) in 2017 to help pay for pensions, the government has said. The tax, fiercely opposed by the real estate sector which fears it will put the breaks on foreign investment, was included in Socialist Prime Minister Antonio Costa's draft budget for 2017. "The taxation of large real estate fortunes will enhance the sustainability of our social security system and contribute to fiscal justice," he told parliament Friday.

If the value of all real estate owned by a taxpayer surpasses 600,000 euros (\$661,000), a levy of 0.3 percent will be applied to the amount above this threshold, according to the draft budget.

The government expects the measure will raise 160 million euros (\$176 million) each year. "The taxation of real estate fortunes will make it possible to raise pensions," said Catarina Martins, a lawmaker with the far-left Left Block party which backs the minority Socialist government.

The threshold of 600,000 euros will spare most beneficiaries of the country's so-called "golden visa" scheme, which has helped fuel demand for real estate among wealthy foreigners from outside the European Union. Cash-strapped Portugal in October 2012 started offering "golden" visas to non-EU citizens willing to invest 500,000 euros in property, make a capital transfer of one million euros or create 10 jobs. The Portuguese visas allow foreigners to travel within Europe's 26-country Schengen free trade zone without restriction. Portugal has issued nearly 4,000 "golden" visas that have generated investments

of 2.37 billion euros since the scheme was launched at the end of 2012, most of them to Chinese, Brazilians and Russians.

'Unprecedented fiscal attack'

The Association of Lisbon Homeowners (ALP) criticized the new tax, calling it an "unprecedented fiscal attack against the real estate sector". The measure will also affect foreign buyers who have flocked to Portugal to take advantage of tax exemptions granted to European retirees who move for the first time to the country. French nationals account for 27 percent of all foreign real estate buyers, followed by Britons who account for 18 percent.

"With this measure, the government has shot itself in the foot. Portugal can't constantly change the rules of the game," added Henrique Moser, a lawyer with the Telles law firm which specializes in real estate. The government also decided to raise its tax on home rentals for tourists, which have up until now been lower than those applied to long-term rentals. The measure comes as home rental websites such as Airbnb have seen their business soar in Lisbon and other Portuguese cities.

The number of people who have stayed in accommodation in the Portuguese capital has doubled to 433,000 in 2015 from 213,000 the previous year. Costa came to power in November 2015 after his party teamed up with the Communists and Left Block to oust a centre-right administration.

The tiny leftist parties did not formally join the new government, but Costa relies on them for a majority in parliament to pass legislation. — AFP

KIB ACHIEVES KD 13.5M NET PROFIT DURING Q316

PROFITS RISE 15%; BANK'S TOTAL ASSETS GROW 5% TO KD 1.8BN

KUWAIT: Kuwait International Bank (KIB) has announced that it has achieved a net profit of KD 13.5 million at the end of the third quarter of 2016, realizing a growth of 15 percent compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, where profits had reached KD 11.8 million.

In this context, Sheikh Mohammed Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah Al-Jarrah, Chairman of KIB, said that Bank's positive performance up until the end of the third quarter of this year has reflected positively on a number of key performance indicators, which has resulted in a significant growth in revenues. The Bank's financial results have revealed a growth in financing revenues by 21 percent, an increase of KD 9 million to reach KD 52 million, compared to KD 43 million recorded at the end of the third quarter of 2015.

The results have also shown growth in KIB's total assets by KD 94 million at a rate of 5 percent, to reach a total of KD 1.83 billion, compared to KD 1.74 billion by end of the same period last year. This increase comes as a result of a growth in the overall financing portfolio by about KD 113 million, amounting to KD 1.25 billion in total and comparable to KD 1.14 billion at the end of third quarter in 2015, marking 10 percent growth. In addition, the increase in investment securities portfolio compared with the same period last year by KD 8 million at a rate of 12 percent amounting to KD 70 million in total and comparable to KD 62 million. Customer deposits have also



increased by 8 percent to reach a total of about KD 1.12 billion, comparable to KD 1.03 billion for the same period of 2015.

With regard to asset quality, KIB's outstanding performance during the third quarter of 2016 reflected positively on NPLs which remarkably decreased by 68 percent to reach 1.39 percent compared to 4.39 percent for the same period last year. On the other hand, the total provision coverage ratio has also increased to 237 percent compared to 75 percent for the same period last year. Moreover, total provisions and collaterals coverage ratio increased to 359 percent compared to 188 percent for the same period last year.

Additionally, KIB recorded a strong performance in terms of maintaining high levels of capital adequacy ratio, in accordance with the Central Bank of Kuwait's regulations concerning Basel III, whereby capital adequacy ratio



Sheikh Mohammed Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah Al-Jarrah.

reached 20.02 percent, while the financial leverage ratio reached 10.25 percent.

The annualized profit rate of Arzaq KD deposits reached 2.35 percent in the third quarter 2016.

Al-Jarrah further added: "The strategy that KIB has put in place, and which was implemented towards the end of last year, aims to bring about a comprehensive transformation in terms of the Bank's performance, profits, products and services. The strategy adopts a future outlook which focuses on propelling the Bank forward to become the "Islamic Bank of Choice in Kuwait". The impres-

sive performance that we have seen in the first three quarters of 2016 is proof that KIB is successfully achieving the objectives that had been outlined for the second stage of its transformation plan, which extends throughout 2016 and focuses on developing and enhancing the products and services offered to customers to best suit their needs and meet the demands of the market.

This comes in preparation for the launch of the third stage in our strategic plan during 2017, which focuses on boosting KIB's competitive edge within the banking sector."

AGGRESSIVE STEPS NEEDED TO REBUILD ECONOMY: YELLEN

BOSTON: The Federal Reserve may need to run a "high-pressure economy" to reverse damage from the 2008-2009 crisis that depressed output, sidelined workers, and risks becoming a permanent scar, Fed Chair Janet Yellen said on Friday in a broad review of where the recovery may still fall short.

Though not addressing interest rates or immediate policy concerns directly, Yellen laid out the deepening concern at the Fed that US economic potential is slipping and aggressive steps may be needed to rebuild it. Yellen, in a lunch address to a conference of policymakers and top academics in Boston, said the question was whether that damage can be undone "by temporarily running a 'high-pressure economy', with robust aggregate demand and a tight labor market." "One can certainly identify plausible ways in which this might occur," she said. Looking for policies that would lower unemployment further and boost consumption, even at the risk of higher inflation, could convince businesses to invest, improve confidence, and bring even more workers into the economy.

Yellen's comments, while posed as questions that need more research, still add an important voice to an intensifying debate within the Fed over whether economic growth is close enough

to normal to need steady interest rate increases, or whether it remains subpar and scarred, a theory pressed by Harvard economist and former US Treasury Secretary, Lawrence Summers, among others. Her remarks jarred the US bond market on Friday afternoon, where they were interpreted as perhaps a willingness to allow inflation to run beyond the Fed's 2.0 percent target. Prices on longer dated US Treasuries, which are most sensitive to inflation expectations, fell sharply and their yields shot higher. The yields on both 30-year bonds and 10-year notes ended the day at their highest levels since early June, and their spread over shorter-dated 2-year note yields widened by the most in seven months.

Jeffrey Gundlach, chief executive of DoubleLine Capital, said he read Yellen as saying "You don't have to tighten policy just because inflation goes to over 2 percent." "Inflation can go to 3 percent, if the Fed thinks this is temporary," said Gundlach, who agreed Yellen was striking a chord similar to Summers' "secular stagnation" thesis. "Yellen is thinking independently and willing to act on what she thinks."

While investors by and large think the Fed is likely to raise interest rates in December this year, in a nod to the country's 5.0 percent unemployment rate and expectations that inflation will

rise, they do not see the Fed moving aggressively thereafter. "This is a clear rebuttal of the hawkish arguments," to raise rates soon, a line of argument pitched by some of the Fed's regional bank presidents, said Christopher Low, chief economist at FTN Financial.

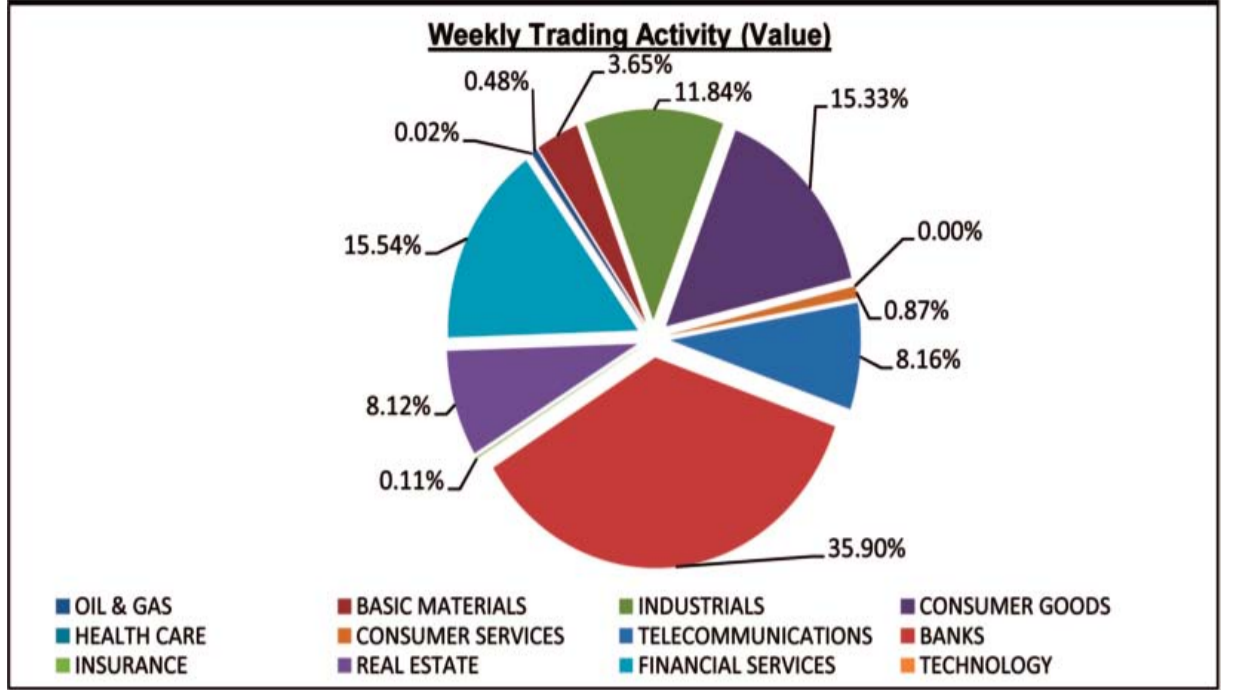
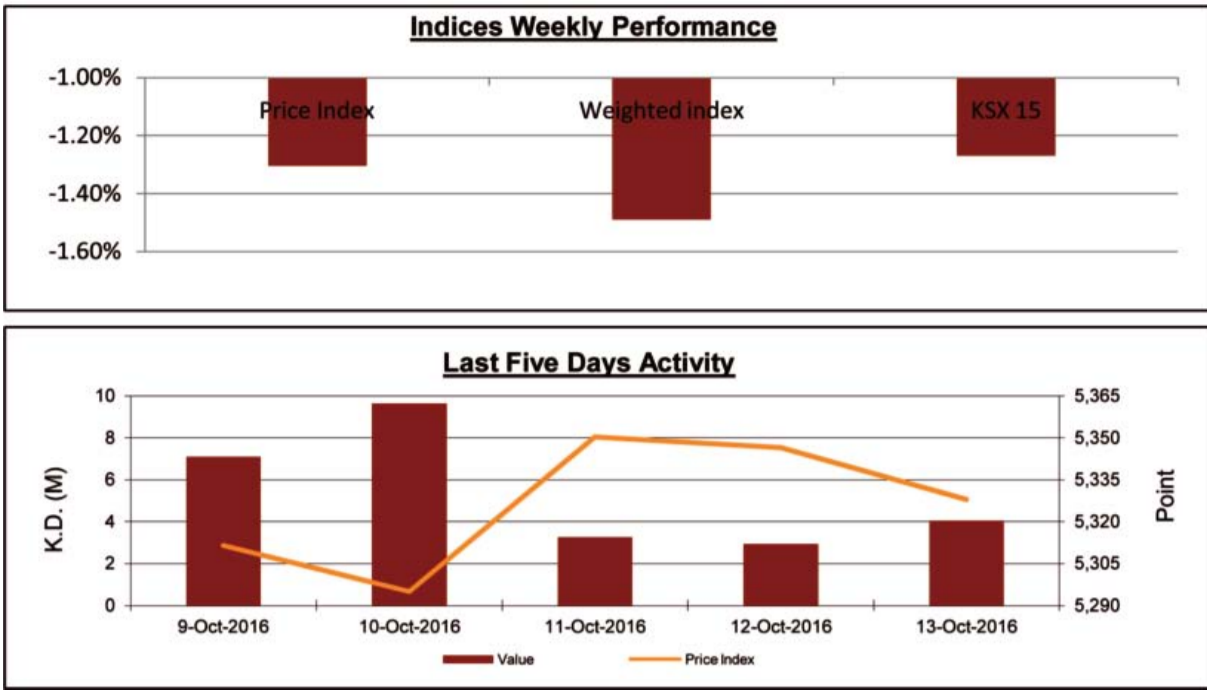
Boston Federal Reserve Bank president Eric Rosengren, who is hosting the conference at which Yellen spoke, was one of three policymakers who dissented at the Fed's September policy meeting and argued for an immediate increase in interest rates. He feels a slight increase now will keep job growth on track and prevent a faster round of rate increases later. But in a speech earlier on Friday Rosengren also referred to the economy as "nonconformist" because of its slow growth, and the general mood at the conference was that the sluggishness is largely the result of forces like aging and demographics that are unlikely to change. "We may have to accept the reality of low growth," said John Fernald, a senior research at the San Francisco Fed. "Potential is really low." That sort of assessment could figure importantly in coming debates over rate policy, and over whether support is building at the Fed to risk letting inflation move above its 2.0 percent target in order to employ more workers and perhaps encourage more investment. — Reuters

US AGAIN CLEARS CHINA OF CURRENCY MANIPULATION

WASHINGTON: The US Treasury on Friday cleared China of keeping the yuan cheap for trade advantages, amid accusations by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump that it manipulates the currency. In a semi-annual review mandated by Congress over fears US trade rivals manipulate their currencies to boost exports, the Treasury said that although the yuan had fallen in the past year, this decline was driven by market pressures.

Indeed, it said the yuan, also called the renminbi (RMB), could have fallen more had Beijing not acted to avoid that. "China's intervention in foreign exchange

markets has sought to prevent a rapid RMB depreciation that would have had negative consequences for the Chinese and global economies," the Treasury said in a report. But it added that China needs to continue loosening its exchange rate policies and be more transparent about the market. "It is important for China to continue market-oriented exchange rate reform, allowing for two-way flexibility of the RMB," it said. In his fight against Hillary Clinton for the White House, Trump has repeatedly accused China of keeping the yuan undervalued so as to promote its exports and make imports from the US more costly. — AFP



KSE EQUITIES DROP UNDER SELLING PRESSURE

BAYAN WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

KUWAIT: Kuwait Stock Exchange (KSE) ended last week in the red zone. The Price Index closed at 5,328.0 points, down by 1.30 percent from the week before closing, the Weighted Index decreased by 1.49 percent after closing at 346.63 points, whereas the KSX-15 Index closed at 803.78 points down by 1.27 percent. Furthermore, last week's average daily turnover decreased by 55.19 percent, compared to the preceding week, reaching KD 5.39 million, whereas trading volume average was 36.65 million shares, recording a decrease of 53.29 percent.

The three stock market indices continued recording losses for the second consecutive week amid very weak performance, especially on the trading levels, which declined steeply during the last week's trading, where the total volume recorded 183.26 million stock during the last week, down by 41.61 percent compared to the earlier week's trading, while the total value decreased by the end of the week to reach KD 26.95 million against KD 48.11 million in the week before, down by 43.98 percent. Such performance comes in light of the refrain of many dealers from trading in the market, waiting for the listed companies to disclose its financial results for the 9 months of 2016, which is expected to be disclosed in the following few days.

As per the daily trading activity, the stock market initiated its first sessions of last week with a drop that included all its indices, especially the Weighted and KSX-15, the most losing indices after recording 0.30 percent losses for each, amid the selling pressures on few leading stocks especially in the Banks and Telecommunication sectors.

However, the speculative operations witnessed by the small-cap stocks continued in putting pressure on the Price Index which declined for the second consecutive session. Also, the stock market moved on with its negative performance on the second session and its three indices continued recording losses and closing in the red zone, amid selling pressures that included some leading and small-cap stocks, which was reflected on the Price Index in particular to break the 5,300 point record down.

On the mid-week session, and despite the declined trading liquidity levels and its decrease by 66 percent compared to the previous session, reaching its lowest level since around one and one half month; the three stock market indices were able to realize grouped increase supported by the strong and active trading that targeted the small-cap stocks, especially that being traded below 100 fils level per stock, in addition to the random collection operations executed on some idle stocks that are not frequently purchased. In addition, the market returned on Wednesday and Thursday's sessions to drop once again, amid a noticeable activity of the quick profit collection operations that included some leading and small-cap stocks.

By the end of the last week, the market capitalization for the listed companies in the official market declined by 0.45 percent compared to its level in a week earlier, where it reached then KD 23.39 billion. On the annual level, the contraction in the market cap for the listed companies in the official market increased to reach 7.84 percent from its value at end of 2015, where it

reached then KD 25.27 billion. As far as KSE annual performance, the price index ended last week recording 5.11 percent annual loss compared to its closing in 2015, while the weighted index decreased by 9.19 percent, and the KSX-15 recorded 10.73 percent loss.

Sectors' Indices

Nine of KSE's sectors ended last week in the red zone, while the other three recorded increases. The Insurance sector headed the losers list as its index declined by 4.02 percent to end the week's activity at 935.94 points. The Financial Services sector was second on the losers' list, which index declined by 3.64 percent, closing at 542.12 points, followed by the Basic Materials sector, as its index closed at 901.01 points at a loss of 2.74 percent. The Oil & Gas sector was the least declining as its index closed at 748.15 points with a 1.16 percent decrease.

On the other hand, last week's highest gainer was the Industrial sector, achieving 1 percent growth rate as its index closed at 1,166.14 points. Whereas, in the second place, the Technology sector's index closed at 974.28 points recording 0.64 percent increase. The Consumer Services sector came in third as its index achieved 0.54 percent growth, ending the week at 909.12 points.

Sectors' Activity

The Financial Services sector dominated a total trade volume of around 63 million shares changing hands during last week, representing 34.38 percent of the total

market trading volume. The Real Estate sector was second in terms of trading volume as the sector's traded shares were 24.12 percent of last week's total trading volume, with a total of around 44.20 million shares.

On the other hand, the Banks sector's stocks were the highest traded in terms of value; with a turnover of around KD 9.67

million or 35.90 percent of last week's total market trading value. The Financial Services sector took the second place as the sector's last week turnover was approx. KD 4.19 million representing 15.54 percent of the total market trading value. —Prepared by the Studies & Research Department, Bayan Investment Co.

KSE INDICES				
		Price Index	Weighted Index	KSX 15
Weekly	Last week	5,328.00	346.63	803.78
	Previous week	5,398.39	351.87	814.10
	Change (Point)	-70.39	-5.24	-10.32
	Change (%)	-1.30%	-1.49%	-1.27%
Annual	Last year	5,615.12	381.70	900.43
	Change (Point)	-287.12	-35.07	-96.65
	Change (%)	-5.11%	-9.19%	-10.73%

MARKET ACTIVITY			
	Last Week	Previous Week	Ch. %
Volume	183,263,294	313,862,561	-41.61%
Value (K.D)	26,946,468	48,105,255	-43.98%
Deals	5,997	7,903	-24.12%

MARKET CAPITALISATION (K.D.)			
Last Week	Previous Week	Weekly Ch. %	Annual Ch. %
23,285,513,471	23,391,504,072	-0.45%	-7.84%

TOP GAINERS OF THE WEEK				
Company	Last Week Closing	Previous Week Closing	Ch. (fils)	Ch. %
UFIG	170.00	130.00	40.0	30.77%
NCCI	50.00	40.00	10.0	25.00%
IPG	345.00	320.00	25.0	7.81%
ALAQARIA	22.00	20.50	1.5	7.32%
AAYANRE	64.00	60.00	4.0	6.67%

TOP LOSERS OF THE WEEK				
Company	Last Week Closing	Previous Week Closing	Ch. (fils)	Ch. %
IKARUS	28.00	32.00	-4.0	-12.50%
AWJ	50.00	57.00	-7.0	-12.28%
FTI	37.00	42.00	-5.0	-11.90%
KAMCO	114.00	128.00	-14.0	-10.94%
AGHC	48.50	54.00	-5.5	-10.19%

SECTORS' WEEKLY TRADING ACTIVITY					SECTORS INDICES PERFORMANCE				
Sector	Volume	To Market %	Value	To Market %	Sector	Last Week Closing	Previous Week Closing	Weekly Ch. %	Annual Ch. %
OIL & GAS	3,657,441	2.00%	129,169	0.48%	OIL & GAS	748.15	756.96	-1.16%	-8.62%
BASIC MATERIALS	2,473,915	1.35%	982,294	3.65%	BASIC MATERIALS	901.01	926.40	-2.74%	-8.65%
INDUSTRIALS	23,095,072	12.60%	3,190,651	11.84%	INDUSTRIALS	1,166.14	1,154.56	1.00%	11.80%
CONSUMER GOODS	2,346,291	1.28%	4,130,601	15.33%	CONSUMER GOODS	1,114.74	1,132.32	-1.55%	1.81%
HEALTH CARE	100	0.00%	20	0.00%	HEALTH CARE	1,051.00	1,069.57	-1.74%	13.58%
CONSUMER SERVICES	1,981,104	1.08%	233,513	0.87%	CONSUMER SERVICES	909.12	904.26	0.54%	-9.87%
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	18,204,764	9.93%	2,198,052	8.16%	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	567.17	580.92	-2.37%	-5.26%
BANKS	24,037,863	13.12%	9,673,297	35.90%	BANKS	780.18	794.59	-1.81%	-13.99%
INSURANCE	161,823	0.09%	28,693	0.11%	INSURANCE	935.94	975.19	-4.02%	-16.95%
REAL ESTATE	44,200,656	24.12%	2,188,949	8.12%	REAL ESTATE	805.38	818.57	-1.61%	-14.39%
FINANCIAL SERVICES	62,998,853	34.38%	4,187,055	15.54%	FINANCIAL SERVICES	542.12	562.59	-3.64%	-8.95%
TECHNOLOGY	105,412	0.06%	4,174	0.02%	TECHNOLOGY	974.28	968.08	0.64%	18.79%

US STOCKS MIXED AS BANKS RISE AND DRUG-MAKERS FALL

NEW YORK: US stocks gave up large gains and finished barely higher Friday. Banks and technology companies traded higher, while stocks that pay large dividends fell thanks to a jump in bond yields.

Stocks were on track for large gains early in the day as reports showed consumers in both the US and China appeared to be spending more. Banks rose after JPMorgan Chase and Citigroup disclosed solid quarterly results. But the gains faded as the day wore on. Drug company stocks continued to fall and energy companies slipped.

"The retail sales numbers on the surface looked pretty good but when you dig into them they were not that great," said Mike Baele, managing director at US Bank's Private Client Reserve. "It seems like every good report we get, we get an offsetting weaker report."

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had jumped as much as 162 points in the morning, finished up 39.44 points, or 0.2 percent, at 18,138.38. The Standard & Poor's 500 inched up 0.43 points to 2,132.98. The Nasdaq composite gained 0.83 points to 5,214.16.

Goldman Sachs was responsible for most of the Dow's gains. It rose \$3.10, or 1.9 percent, to \$170.52 after Britain's High Court threw out a \$1 billion lawsuit against the company. Libya's sovereign wealth fund had accused Goldman Sachs of duping the fund into making risky deals.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.80 percent from 1.75 percent. Higher bond yields also help banks because they lead to higher interest rates on loans, and that allows banks to make bigger profits from lending. JPMorgan Chase and Citigroup reported results were better than investors expected. The reports may have raised investor hopes for companies that will report their results next week, like Morgan Stanley, Charles Schwab, and BlackRock.

"It was a good kickoff to earnings season" for banks, said Baele. "It was actually some decent revenue as well with both investment banking and trading." Rising bond yields attracted investors' attention, and they sold

utilities, real estate investment trusts, and other stocks that pay large dividends as a result. Those payments are more appealing to investors seeking income when bond yields are low. PG&E Corp. fell 57 cents to \$59.80 and Duke Energy slid 73 cents to \$77.21.

The Commerce Department said retail sales bounced back in September as spending on

restaurants, cars and gas improved. The agency also said business stockpiles and sales grew in August, which is a sign that economic growth could get stronger. Reports suggested consumers in China are starting to spend more, which helped technology companies recover some of Thursday's losses. Microsoft climbed 50 cents to \$57.42 while Intel rose 48

cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$37.45 and Apple picked up 68 cents to \$117.66.

Retail spending

While retail spending rose, the Commerce Department's report also showed that spending at department stores decreased in September as consumers continued to do

more of their shopping online. Kohl's lost \$1.44, or 3.2 percent, to \$43.68 and Macy's fell \$1.23, or 3.3 percent, to \$35.57.

Computer and printer maker HP said it will cut between 3,000 and 4,000 jobs over the next three years as demand for those products continues to fall. HP stock lost 67 cents, or 4.4 percent, to \$14.48.

Twitter fell 91 cents, or 5.1 percent, to \$16.88 after Salesforce.com told the Financial Times it isn't interested in buying the company. Twitter has lost 32 percent of its value since October 5th on reports that potential buyers were not going to make offers. Salesforce investors were not enthusiastic about the potential offer, and its stock jumped \$3.64, or 5.2 percent, to \$74.27.

U.S. crude oil gave up 9 cents to \$50.35 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, the international standard, fell 8 cents to \$51.95 a barrel in London. That sent energy companies lower.

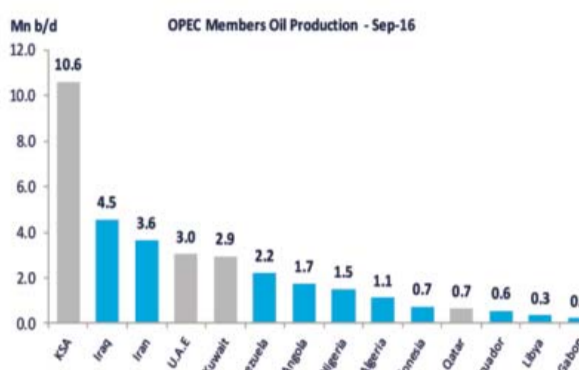
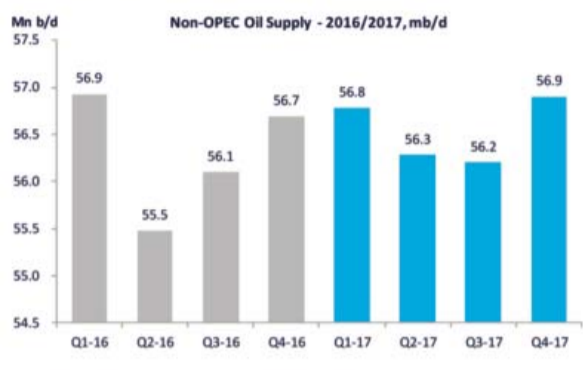
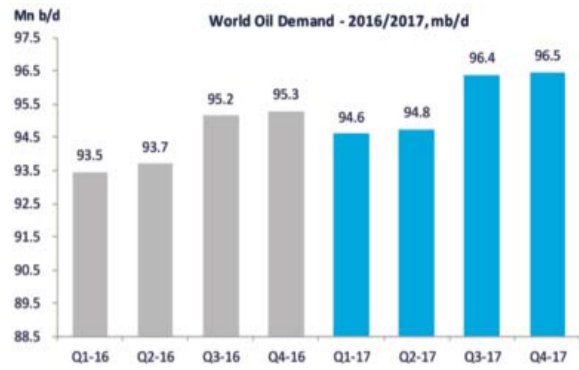
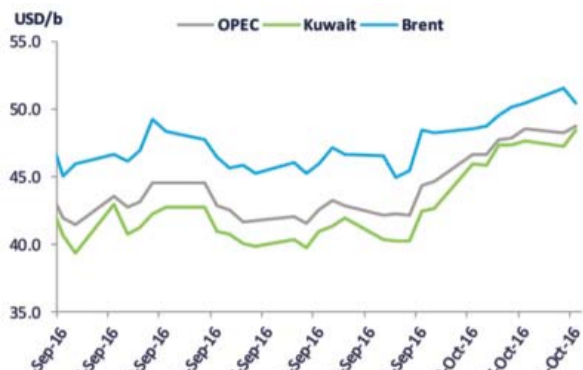
Health care stocks, which are by far the worst-performing industry on the S&P 500 this year, continued to slip. EpiPen maker Mylan lost \$1.39, or 3.7 percent, and closed at a three-year low of \$36.49. Cancer drug maker Celgene sank \$2.13, or 2.1 percent, to \$98.50.

In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline added 1 cent to \$1.49 a gallon. Heating oil lost 1 cent to \$1.57 a gallon. Natural gas slumped 6 cents, or 1.7 percent, to \$3.29 per 1,000 cubic feet.

The price of gold fell \$2.10 to \$1,255.50 an ounce. Silver lost 2 cents to \$17.44 an ounce. Copper slipped 1 cent to \$2.11 a pound. The dollar rose to 104.18 yen from 103.60 yen. The euro rose to \$1.0983 from \$1.1053. France's CAC 40 jumped 1.5 percent and Germany's DAX rose 1.6 percent. In Britain the FTSE 100 advanced 0.5 percent. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index added 0.5 percent and South Korea's Kospi advanced 0.4 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 0.9 percent. Thailand's SET index climbed 4.7 percent in the second day of trading after the death of Thailand's king. The SET fell 4 percent in September as investors worried about the monarch's health and even with the rally Friday the index fell 1.8 percent this week.—AP



NEW YORK: American flags fly in front of the New York Stock Exchange. —AP



	Aug-16	Sep-16	Change	YTD-2015	YTD-2016
OPEC Reference Basket	43.1	42.9	(0.2)	52.8	38.5
Arab Light	43.5	42.7	(0.8)	53.2	38.7
Basrah Light	42.0	41.9	(0.1)	51.2	37.3
Bonny Light	46.4	47.8	1.4	56.0	42.1
Es Sider	44.9	45.7	0.8	54.3	40.9
Girassol	46.1	46.7	0.6	56.1	41.8
Iran Heavy	42.2	41.4	(0.8)	52.3	37.1
Kuwait Export	41.9	41.2	(0.7)	51.6	36.9
Marine	43.4	43.5	0.1	54.1	39.2
Meruy	36.5	37.4	0.9	44.7	31.2
Minas	41.3	40.3	(1.0)	52.7	39.8
Murban	46.3	46.4	0.2	56.9	42.8
Oriente	40.8	41.2	0.4	47.9	36.2
Rabi Light	44.9	45.5	0.6	56.1	40.9
Saharan Blend	46.4	47.1	0.7	55.6	42.6
Other Crudes					
Brent	45.9	46.7	0.8	55.4	41.9
Dubai	43.6	43.7	0.1	54.4	39.1
Isthmus	44.2	44.6	0.3	54.0	40.0
LLS	46.3	46.8	0.5	55.3	43.1
Mars	41.7	42.3	0.6	51.3	38.1
Urals	44.1	44.5	0.4	55.1	40.2
WTI	44.8	45.2	0.4	51.0	41.4
Differentials					
Brent/WTI	1.1	1.5	0.4	4.4	0.6
Brent/LLS	(0.5)	(0.1)	0.4	0.0	(1.2)
Brent/Dubai	2.3	3.0	0.8	1.0	2.8

COORDINATED INTERVENTION TO BOOST OIL PRICES

KAMCO OIL MARKET MONTHLY REPORT

After months of speculations and a number of failed attempts, OPEC members finally agreed on a production cut, albeit marginally, in Algeria in an informal meeting. In fact, the efforts appear much aggressive this time as OPEC members had a follow-up meeting with some non-OPEC producers, most notably Russia, in Istanbul on Wednesday to work out a strategy to rebalance the oil market. The outcome of this meeting was also significant and the OPEC Secretary General said the meeting was constructive and they have firm commitments from Russia that it is willing to participate in a coordinated effort to limit oil output. In addition, more meetings are expected in the coming weeks as the participation of non-OPEC producers would be crucial for the strategy to work.

Oil price reacted strongly to the aforementioned developments, although the individual output targets for each country is expected to be decided in the next official OPEC Committee Meeting in late November-16. OPEC crude reached a 15-month high level of

Average price this month witnessed strong growth of 11.5 percent to reach \$47.8/b.

Oil Prices
Oil producers are expecting to see a significant impact on oil prices after the preliminary accord to cut oil output achieved last month in Algeria was rigorously followed-up at another meeting of a smaller group on Wednesday in Istanbul. The initial proposed production cut was marginal at 0.7 mb/d for the OPEC; however, the fact that other non-OPEC producers could join the production was a key milestone of the present talks. With Russia joining the coordinated effort, the quantum of cuts would determine the future course of the oil market. It is also believed that Nigeria, Libya, and Iran would initially be exempt from the accord. There are worries that the impact of the accord would not be as planned if the three exempt country scale up their output significantly over a short period of time. In addition, there were lack of consensus within the OPEC concerning the exact output by Venezuela and Iraq, with

10 tb/d month-on-month to 1.24 mb/d reflecting upward revisions in OECD Europe, Asia Pacific and Other Asia that more than offset downward revisions in OECD Americas, Latin America and the Middle East. Total demand during the year is now expected to reach 94.4 mb/d. The latest monthly data from US highlighted a decline for the first time after months of a rising trend. Nevertheless, the country saw an increase in demand by about 0.2 mb/d during the first nine months of the year. The road transportation sector continues to be the main factor for the increase in demand with future economic growth supporting this factor, while fuel substitution and vehicle efficiencies are key downside risks. Oil demand in Latin America continued to remain in the negative territory but the decline was smaller due to the Rio Olympic Games. Demand trends in OECD Europe was also weak with a majority of the countries in the region witnessing slowdown in July-16 followed by stagnant demand during August-16. Nevertheless, for YTD-16, the region recorded 0.2 mb/d increase in demand.

	2015	Q1-16	Q2-16	Q3-16	Q4-16	2016	Y-o-Y Growth	% Chg.
Americas	24.46	24.46	24.56	24.97	24.74	24.68	0.22	0.92
of which US	19.70	19.79	19.86	20.12	19.91	19.92	0.22	1.11
Europe	13.73	13.62	13.89	14.16	13.70	13.84	0.11	0.84
Asia Pacific	8.03	8.57	7.63	7.59	8.09	7.97	(0.06)	(0.71)
Total OECD	46.21	46.65	46.08	46.72	46.53	46.50	0.28	0.61
Other Asia	12.04	12.42	12.63	12.45	12.73	12.56	0.52	4.28
of which India	4.05	4.51	4.25	4.17	4.44	4.34	0.29	7.23
Latin America	6.56	6.19	6.49	6.79	6.47	6.49	(0.07)	(1.11)
Middle East	8.11	8.06	7.94	8.65	8.06	8.18	0.06	0.77
Africa	3.99	4.12	4.09	4.03	4.17	4.10	0.11	2.78
Total Developing Countries (DCs)	30.71	30.80	31.15	31.92	31.42	31.33	0.62	2.01
Former Soviet Union (FSU)	4.62	4.49	4.37	4.73	5.04	4.66	0.04	0.81
Other Europe	0.67	0.68	0.64	0.68	0.77	0.70	0.02	3.57
China	10.95	10.83	11.45	11.09	11.53	11.23	0.28	2.52
Total "Other Regions"	16.25	16.01	16.47	16.50	17.34	16.58	0.34	2.08
Total World	93.17	93.46	93.70	95.15	95.29	94.40	1.24	1.33

Source: OPEC Monthly Oil Market Report - October 2016

\$48.81/b on 11-Oct-16, whereas Brent broke the \$50/b ceiling. Nevertheless, in order to calm the enthusiasm in the market, the oil minister of Saudi Arabia, while expressing optimism in the expected agreement in November, asserted that the group should not cut the production too tightly so as to shock the market. He added that oil prices could rise 20 percent this year to reach \$60/b by year.

Surprisingly, there was no word on shale producers' reaction to the expected rise in oil prices after the production cuts are finalized. In addition, the IEA said that oil demand has fallen to four year low during Q3-16 on the back of a decline in global growth, particularly OECD countries as well as in China. The agency did not change its demand expectations for 2016 and 2017 but said that the market would move faster towards balancing if OPEC sticks to its target. The agency also said that colder weather conditions during the final quarter of 2016 could see some rebound in growth.

Monthly crude output rate by OPEC members continued to rise during September-16. According to Bloomberg, the group produced at the rate of 33.8 mb/d during the month, an increase of 170 tb/d as compared to the previous month. The increase was primarily on the back of higher production in Nigeria and Libya as both the countries emerged from months of disruption in crude production. Iraq also continued to pump at the rate of 4.5 mb/d (+60 tb/d) but the increase was offset by decline in production by Saudi Arabia (-60 tb/d).

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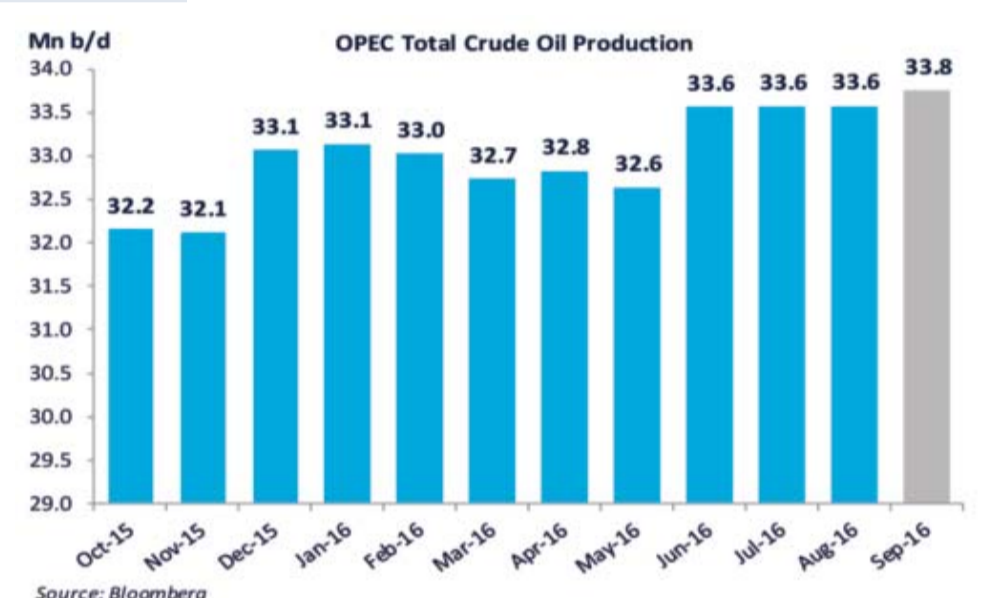
the difference currently pegged at around 0.5 mb/d. Also, all eyes are on Saudi Arabia on how much the country would be willing to take as its share of cuts. It is also not clear that whether the production cuts would be made simultaneously with non-OPEC players or who would be the first to undertake these actions. Another worry was the recent export figures from China with a reported decline of 10 percent during September indicating a deeper slowdown in the country that could affect future oil demand numbers, although the country's crude imports reached record levels during September-16 after a new storage facility became operational. Moreover, as the probability of US increasing interest rates has seen a steady increase, its impact on oil demand is expected to be more on the downside. On the positive side, although IEA warned of a demand slowdown, the agency reported that global oil stockpiles declined for the first time in 7 months during September-16, primarily in OECD countries on the back of higher-than-expected seasonal declines in the US and Japan.

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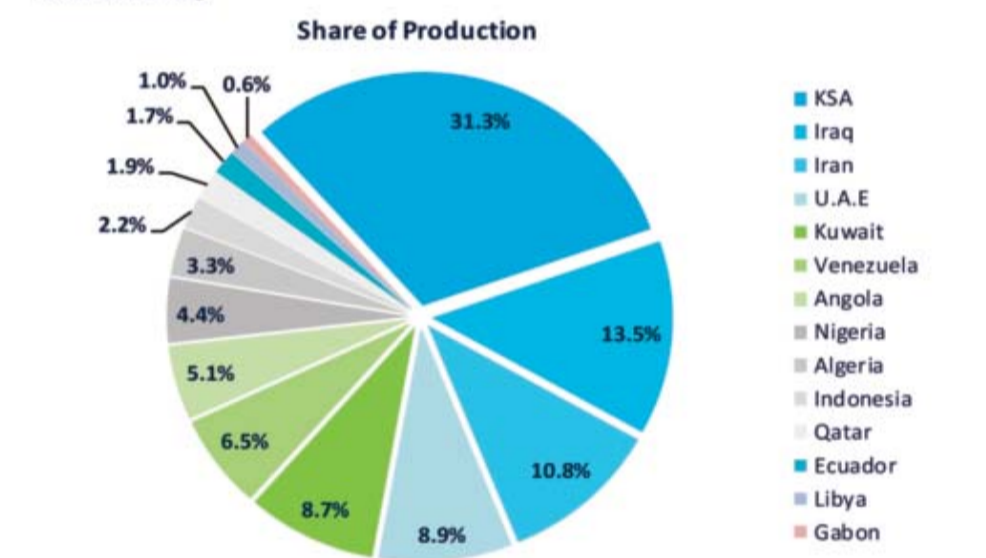
World oil demand
Total world oil demand growth for 2016 was increased marginally once again this month by

Surprisingly, gasoline demand for this region was flat year-on-year this year in addition to LPG, but the rest of the products saw higher year on year demand. In the OECD Asia Pacific region, Japan recorded decline in demand during August-16 as against historical norms primarily due to fuel substitution effect. In Other Asia, India recorded a 4 percent year-on-year or 0.41 mb/d growth in oil demand during August-16 as the country continues to see strong gasoline demand that can also be gauged from the 17 percent increase in vehicle sales during August-16. In the Middle East, after four consecutive months of decline, Saudi Arabia witnessed positive oil demand growth of 2.2 percent in August-16 as a result of transportation fuel demand, especially in the aviation sector, due to the summer holidays. World oil demand growth for 2017 was kept relatively unchanged from last month at 1.15 mb/d and is expected to reach 95.56 mb/d. Oil price levels are the determining factor for oil usage in the road transportation sector that would drive oil demand, especially in the US. Moreover, the underlying economic growth across the globe would also push oil demand higher especially in low growth non-OPEC countries.

World Oil Supply
Non-OPEC supply forecast for 2016 was lowered by 70tb/d and is expected to see a decline of 0.68 mb/d to reach year end supply expectation of 56.3 mb/d. The decline primarily reflected downward adjustment of 135 tb/d in Q2-16 due to lower-than-expected oil production from the US, Canada, UK, Argentina, Turkmenistan, Russia, and Congo during the quarter. The revision also reflected an upward revision of 60 tb/d to the 2015 baseline, mainly



Source: Bloomberg



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for the US. Numbers for 4Q-16 expectations were also adjusted that reflected in the full year forecast, including a 121 tb/d upward adjustment for Russia highlighting the country's upgraded production forecast.

According to the preliminary data, supply during 3Q-16 declined by 0.71 mb/d. During September-16, world liquid supply increased by 1.46 mb/d and averaged at 96.4 mb/d as some of the supply outages of the second quarter came back online. In addition, according to the latest data from Baker Hughes, worldwide rig count was up by 37 during September-16 as compared to the previous month. The entire increase was led by 40 new additions in North America (28 in the US and 12 in Canada), 7 rigs in the Middle East and 2 in Latin America that was partially offset by a decline of 3 rigs for the rest of the world. Supply growth expectations for 2017 was revised upward by 40 tb/d to 0.24 mb/d and the supply for the year is now expected to reach 56.54 mb/d. The downward adjustments made for 2016 and the upgraded supply forecast for Russia were the main factors for the upward revision for 2017.

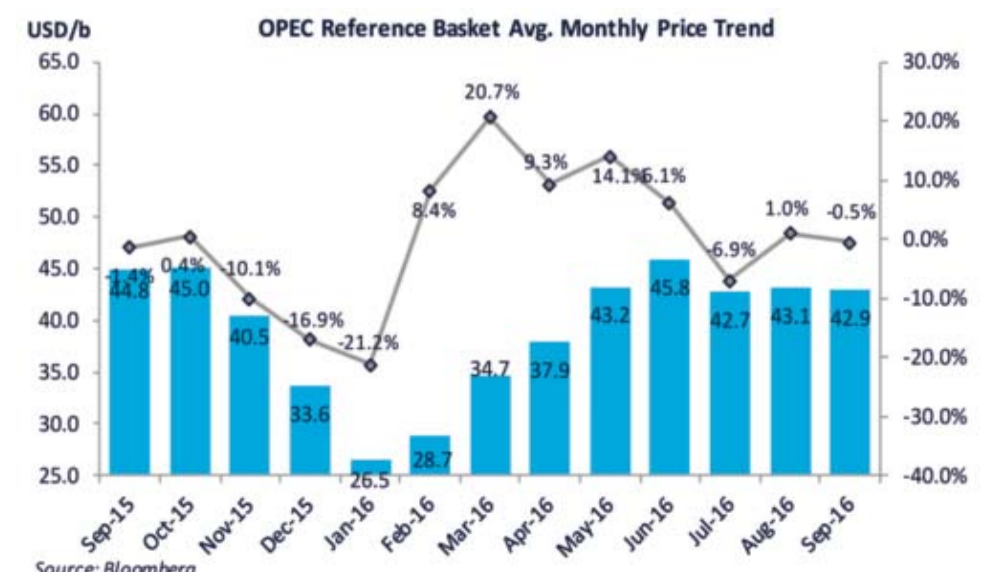
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reached an agreement in September after which the country's ports resumed shipment of oil. The country also resumed oil production at some of the sites that had stopped production due to political issues. According to Bloomberg, the average monthly production during September was at 340 tb/b, an increase of 80 tb/d from the previous month. The Chairman of NOC said that the country is currently producing at 0.54 mb/d and has plans to scale up the production to 0.9 mb/d by the end of the year, the highest production since June-13. A further 0.24 mb/d is expected to be added next year. On the other hand, Nigeria added 110 tb/d during September-16 as the force majeure on its Bonnie Light crude was lifted early last month. Moreover, the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) has estimated an additional 0.2 mb/d increase in the country's oil output by Q1-18 after commissioning of an offshore project. Meanwhile, Iraq also added 60 tb/d during the month as the country has been ramping up oil production recently. Iraq's production is set to increase further in the next few weeks as it is set to add additional wells in Kurdistan. According to a report, the output from the Tawke field is expected to rise to 0.135 mb/d from a 3Q-16 average of 0.109 mb/d.

On the positive side, we believe that the pace at which Iran added production in recent months would slowdown as seen in Sep-16 (10 tb/d) that would provide some relief from further shocks. With the above countries expected to add additional output in the near term, we believe that the cuts that is estimated to be agreed in November would have to be much larger than currently speculated. This is possible if non-OPEC producers join the accord which will be a difficult negotiation.

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Americas	24.68	24.67	24.72	25.22	24.91	24.88	0.20	0.80
of which US	19.92	19.93	19.96	20.34	20.06	20.07	0.15	0.75
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Asia Pacific	7.97	8.49	7.54	7.55	8.01	7.89	(0.08)	(0.97)
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Source: OPEC Monthly Oil Market Report - October 2016



Source: Bloomberg

KFH LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO FINANCE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) has launched a new campaign to finance house construction from architectural designs to delivery in collaboration with a number of renowned constructions and work materials companies in Kuwait which are Al-Raya Al-Islamiah for gem. B. Cont. Co, Bader Duwaisan and partners, Almodhaf & Meqled Company, and Arsan for Painting and general constructions.

The campaign offers clients unique privileges. It contributes to bolstering sales, revitalizing the market, boosting the construction industry in Kuwait, and supporting the suppliers.

The campaign grants clients streamlined financing facilities that include up to KD 70,000 financing, a 15-year credit period, and a 12-month maturity period for the first installment, not to mention marginal profit rate.

Moreover, the campaign comes as part of KFH's efforts to underline KFH's significant role in serving clients and meeting their needs, in addition to the role it plays in retaining and attracting clients. It contributes in achieving KFH's financing goals, increasing its market share and boosting the economy through bank's robust position in the market and strategic relationships with high-profile suppliers and companies.

KFH, thanks to its deep-rooted relationship with suppliers and its leading position in the mar-

ket, plays a significant role in energizing the market and addressing clients' requirements in installment financing to buy all finishing works supplies, construction materials, boats and marine equipment, furniture, electronics in addition to the educational and medical financing. This reassures the bank's endeavors towards meeting its customers' ambitions.

KFH was established in Kuwait in 1977 and is enlisted in the Kuwait Stock Exchange. KFH Group is a global pioneer in the field of Islamic banking services, where it offers a wide array of Islamic products and services, not to mention a high standard of innovation and client service.

KFH manages its operations in the GCC, Asia, and Europe through over 446 branches, including KFH-Turkey, in order to offer services for the bank's clients in Turkey, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Germany, Jordan, and Dubai.

KFH's mission is to achieve highest levels of excellence and innovation in the field of client service, while developing common interest for all those concerned with the financial institution. KFH's vision is to spearhead the global development in Islamic financial services, and to upgrade the bank into the level of becoming the most sustainable profitable Islamic bank in the world.

KFH's values include cementing leadership



through all its businesses, including leadership in the Islamic banking services worldwide, through innovation and in client service and the develop-

ment of its employees. In addition, KFH is committed to all its procedures, and to setting up long-life partnerships with the concerned authorities.



ZAIN GROUP HOSTS ONE-DAY DECISION-MAKING WORKSHOP

RENOWNED PROF ENRICO DIECIDUE LEADS KUWAIT

KUWAIT: Zain Group, a leading mobile telecom innovator in eight markets across the Middle East and Africa, announces the successful hosting of a one-day Decision Making workshop, which was held in Kuwait under the patronage of Zain Group Vice-Chairman Bader Nasser Al-Kharafi and Group CEO Scott Gegenheimer, and attended by CEOs and executive management and directors from Zain Group and its eight operations.

The invited guest lecturer who directed the workshop is world-renowned Professor of Decision Sciences, Enrico Diecidue, who is a resident faculty member at INSEAD and who has also served at Wharton University. His main research interests are in individual decision making under uncertainty, health decisions, and experimental economics.

The main objective of Professor Diecidue's seminar was to help the decision processes of senior executives at Zain Group, focusing on providing a common background in judgment, risk management and uncertainty, and decision making and processes, to support how they

reach high-level decisions. The workshop shed light on typical traps in judgment, and exposed executives to effective ways to manage, mitigate, or avoid such incidents.

Commenting on the successful completion of the workshop, Al-Kharafi said, "Our passion for knowledge encompasses every area of our business at all levels of management. More than ever we must aim to be ahead of the curve across the various activities in our operations. In these modern times it is agility and speed that best contribute to sustainable growth, the root of which is determined by our ability to make fast, effective decisions."

Critical thinking

The decision-making and processes workshop undertaken by Zain's senior management extended to topics including developing critical thinking; improving decision processes; and learning more efficiently. Ultimately, the decision-making process within Zain Group's senior management is set to be boosted through their participation in the workshop,

especially given the turbulent, complex, and fast changing environment that characterizes the modern telco sector.

Zain Group CEO, Scott Gegenheimer commented, "Zain Group is a leading mobile telecom innovator in the region because we employ some of the best people in the business. Better informed managers are able to make better decisions, which have a positive impact on the organization and all its stakeholders - so we continue to support such activities. It is also important from a personal development perspective for managers, as people, to be aware of the triggers, motivations, and dynamics to situations around them and to better understand their reactions to such stimulus."

Professor Enrico Diecidue teaches Uncertainty, Data & Judgment (MBA, EMBA), Management Decision Making (MBA), Risk Management (MBA), Executive modules on decision-making and risk management (EDP), and Decision Sciences (Ph.D.). He has won teaching awards at INSEAD and Wharton.



INFINITI CAMPAIGN: ULTIMATE TEST DRIVE IN A REAL F1 CAR

DUBAI: Infiniti has launched the 'Ultimate Test Drive' campaign providing one lucky motorist from the Middle East the opportunity to get behind the wheel of a real Formula One car with instruction from Infiniti Red Bull Racing driver Daniil Kvyat.

Customers who visit any Middle East Infiniti centre and complete an Infiniti Q50 test drive will be entered into a prize draw. From there, 25 finalists will be selected to go head to head at Dubai Autodrome where they will be assessed on all aspects of their driving ability and car control by a panel of judges with the aim to identify one lucky winner from the region. The judging panel will include Infiniti Red Bull Racing Test & Reserve driver Sebastien Buemi.

Commenting on the event, Juergen Schmitz, Managing Director, Infiniti Middle East said: "Here in the Middle East, we consistently strive to leverage on our Formula One partnership to really offer our customers an experience like no-other."

One Middle East winner will be selected to join winners from Russia and the UK for the ultimate prize. Starting with driver training on the Infiniti Red Bull Racing simulator at the team's factory in Milton Keynes, they will then be flown to Dubai to test drive a real, fully race specification Formula One car with personal guidance from Infiniti Red Bull Racing driver Daniil Kvyat. After the driving experience of a lifetime, they will travel to Abu Dhabi to experience a VIP hos-

pitality weekend for two at the Grand Prix from the 27th - 29th November, courtesy of Infiniti.

Schmitz added: "Driving a Formula One car represents the pinnacle for anyone interested in motorsport. The Ultimate Test Drive is in every sense a dream opportunity for our potential and existing customers. Our partnership with Infiniti Red Bull Racing allows us to really emphasize the performance part of our DNA and offering this experience to the winner is also a testament to our own 'Inspired Performance.' The 'Ultimate Drive' campaign is currently operating from all Middle East Infiniti centres and will close on 10th October. For more information, go to <http://www.infinitibeats.me>

AUB ANNOUNCES AL-HASAD GRAND PRIZE DRAW WINNER OF KD 250,000

KUWAIT: Ahli United Bank conducted its quarterly prize draw on the 28 September, which is provided through the bank's Al-Hasad Islamic Savings Account. The lucky winner was Ibtisam Mohammad who won KD 250,000.

The winner expressed her commitment and loyalty to AUB's Al-Hasad's account, and is keen on increasing her deposits. She is proud of her association with the Bank, which provides integrated and comprehensive Islamic banking solutions as well as exceptional customer service.

AUB would like to congratulate all of its customers on their continued trust and confidence in the Bank's capabilities, believing the Bank will continue to provide more innovative banking products and services to citizens as well as residents of Kuwait. The aim is for people to leverage and benefit from a wide range of exclusive benefits such as the Al-Hasad Islamic Savings Account, which provides higher benefits and prizes that amount to KD 3.4 million per annum as well as providing 26 weekly prizes - providing the largest number of winners on a weekly basis.

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tinued support and trust in the Bank's capabilities, which is reflected in the consistency in providing innovative banking products and services.

The Bank is reaching out to citizens and residents of Kuwait to avail the benefits associated with Al-Hasad account while also leveraging the opportunity to win the quarterly prize draw by increasing their accounts to double their chances of winning with the Al-Hasad Islamic savings program. The program provides the highest prize value, reaching KD 3.4 million per annum, along with offering 26 weekly prizes - generating the largest number of winners.

Individuals interested in winning and achieving more profits in line with Sharia law, may open their Al-Hasad Islamic savings account with a minimum of KD 100. Opening the account does not require a salary transfer, and minors are also able to open their accounts through their parents or legal guardians.

For more information on the Al-Hasad Islamic Savings Account, customers are required to visit any of Ahli United Bank branches or call the Bank's dedicated tele-banking service "Hayakom" on 1812000.



KFH ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF BANKING CARDS 13TH DRAW

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) announced the 7 winners of the 13th draw of the new banking cards campaign themed "Use KFH Cards and You May Win up to 2 Mercedes-Benz SUV's and Cash Prizes up to \$200,000" aiming at encouraging its customers to use KFH credit, prepaid and debit cards while making purchases in Kuwait and overseas.

The winners are: Bader Alotaibi, Waleed Altarrad, Zahra Falah, Meteb Almetairi, Abdulhadi Alabdulhadi, Amna Bu Taiban and Majed Almutairi.

For every KD 10 spent on their KFH cards, clients will gain a chance to enter a draw and win up to 2 Mercedes-Benz cars and a chance to win the value of their purchases up to \$2000 daily. It is worth noting that KFH Credit and Prepaid cards used in domestic and international purchases and KFH Debit cards used in international purchases are eligible for the daily draw.

Moreover, clients will gain the chance to enter 2 draws to win 2 Mercedes-Benz cars. The first draw will be for the first car Mercedes Benz GLE 400. This draw will be held after 50 days of the launch for purchasing transactions conducted from day 1 to day 50, while the second draw will be for the second car Mercedes Benz GLE

450 Coupe, and will be held after 100 days of the launch for purchasing conducted from day 51 to day 100 of the campaign.

KFH strives to continuously offer its clients new promotions and offers that differentiate them among peers, whilst also bolstering the bank's pioneering position in the field of banking cards.

KFH marketing campaigns play a significant role in underlining KFH's principles that include boosting sales, while benefiting clients and merchants. This new campaign is part of KFH's efforts to reward its clients and grant them additional value; thus achieving higher customer satisfaction. The campaign also aims at enhancing the bank's presence, especially that it dominates the largest market share in the field of banking cards in Kuwait.

KFH has won several awards in the field of banking cards which reinforces its success and efficiency in banking cards market. KFH enjoys high confidence and leadership in the market in addition to high quality products which have enabled it to achieve growth in cards market and increase the number of customers. KFH occupies the leading position as the issuer of banking cards and one of leading banks at the GCC level.



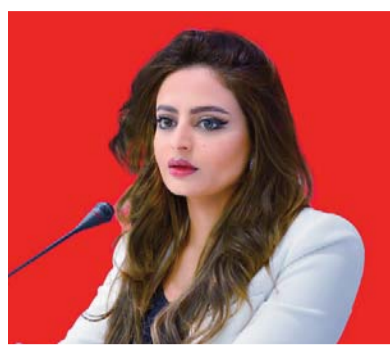
OOREDOO PARTICIPATES IN HUMANITARIAN CONNECTIVITY CHARTER

GSMA ORGANIZES EVENT IN AMMAN

KUWAIT: Ooredoo, Kuwait's fastest network for 2016, participated in the Humanity Connectivity Charter organized by the GSMA in Amman, Jordan last week. The industry-wide initiative is geared at demonstrating the commitment of the mobile industry to supporting customers and responders before and during humanitarian emergencies. Through the Charter, mobile network operators (MNOs) will commit to a common set of principles and work towards the adoption of initiatives focused on humanitarian connectivity. The aim of this initiative is to create a more coordinated and predictable response to disasters.

Ooredoo Kuwait has won nationwide recognition in recent years for adopting a policy that reflects the Ooredoo Group values of caring, connecting and challenging, where it won an award in 2015 by the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs for being the only private sector company supporting volunteerism in Kuwait.

Ooredoo Kuwait was represented by the CSR and Sponsorship manager Sarah Al-



AMMAN: Sarah Al-Qabandi speaks at the charter.

Qabandi, who discussed the achievements of Ooredoo Kuwait and its experience in working with non-profit private and government entities. Al-Qabandi showcased the different projects Ooredoo committed itself to, in terms of empowering women, youth and entrepreneurs.

Ooredoo launched its volunteer pro-

gram in 2015, giving volunteers the opportunity to receive extensive training in all fields related to volunteer work, in association with Spread the Passion non-government organization. Earlier this year, Ooredoo distributed more than 17,000 iftar meals during the Holy Month of Ramadan through a distribution center outside its head office and in its iftar tent. The tent was fully operated by the volunteers. In addition to the iftar distribution drive, Ooredoo is conducting several charitable events, such as visits to nursing homes, orphanages and patients at different hospitals across Kuwait.

Ooredoo's operations in Kuwait date back to December 1999 when it launched wireless services as the second operator. The company today provides mobile, broadband internet and corporate managed services tailored to the needs of customers and businesses. Ooredoo is guided by its vision of enriching people's lives and its belief that it can stimulate human growth by leveraging communications to help people achieve their full potential.



SEOUL: Samsung Electronics Galaxy Note 7 smartphone is displayed at a mobile phone shop in Seoul, South Korea. —AP

US BANS SAMSUNG GALAXY NOTE 7 PHONES ON PLANES

WASHINGTON: Passengers and flight crews will be banned from bringing Samsung Galaxy Note 7 smartphones on airline flights under an emergency order issued Friday by the Department of Transportation in response to reports of the phones catching fire.

The order, which goes into effect on Saturday at noon EDT, says the phones may not be carried on board or packed in checked bags on flights to and from the United States or within the country. The phones also can't be shipped as air cargo.

The department initially said that passengers attempting to board planes with the phones might face fines, but later clarified that such passengers will simply not be allowed on planes. Passengers who try to evade the ban by packing the phone in their checked luggage may be subject to criminal prosecution in addition to fines. Packing the phones in checked luggage increases the risk of a "catastrophic incident," the department said.

Passengers who are currently traveling with Samsung Galaxy Note7 phones should contact Samsung or their wireless carrier immediately to obtain information about how to return their phones and arrange for a refund or a replacement phone, the department said.

Samsung has recalled more than 2.5 million of the smartphones, citing a battery manufacturing error. The South Korean company discontinued the product earlier this week, less than two months after its August release. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says there have been nearly 100 reports of batteries in Note 7 phones overheating in the US one fire erupted on a Southwest Airlines flight earlier this month. In another case, a family in St. Petersburg, Florida, reported a Galaxy Note 7 phone left charging in their Jeep caught fire, destroying the vehicle.

Warning

The Federal Aviation Administration had previously warned passengers not to pack the phones in their checked bags and to power them off and not charge them while on board

planes. "We recognize that banning these phones from airlines will inconvenience some passengers, but the safety of all those aboard an aircraft must take priority," said Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "We are taking this additional step because even one fire incident inflight poses a high risk of severe personal injury and puts many lives at risk."

Samsung said in a statement that it is working with the department to make customers aware of the ban. The company also urged Note 7 customers to get a refund or exchange their phones by visiting their wireless carrier or retail store. Samsung has a website at <http://www.samsung.com/us/note7recall/> and a phone number, 1-844-365-6197, for customers with questions. The Note 7 isn't the only gadget to catch fire thanks to lithium-battery problems, which have afflicted everything from laptops to Tesla cars to Boeing's 787 jetliner. At least three U.S. airlines are adding new fire-suppression equipment to fleets in case a cell-phone or laptop battery overheats, catches on fire and can't be extinguished.

Rechargeable lithium batteries are more susceptible to overheating than other types of batteries if they are exposed to high temperatures, are damaged or have manufacturing flaws. Once overheating starts, it can lead to "thermal runaway" in which temperatures continue escalating to very high levels. Water can extinguish the flames, but doesn't always halt the thermal runaway. Flames will often reappear after initially being quenched.

Lithium batteries are ubiquitous in consumer electronic devices. Manufacturers like them because they weigh less and pack considerably more energy into the same space than other types of batteries.

Earlier this year, the International Civil Aviation Organization, a UN agency that sets global aviation safety standards, banned bulk shipments of rechargeable lithium-ion batteries as cargo on passenger planes until better packaging can be developed to prevent a fire from spreading and potentially destroying the plane. —AP

SOME SAMSUNG FANS WANT TO KEEP NOTE 7

SAN FRANCISCO/SEOUL: San Francisco Bay Area risk consultant Gil Oliva is willing to risk that his Samsung Galaxy Note 7 smartphone might catch fire, shrugging off a global recall that has damaged the South Korean manufacturer's reputation and raised questions about its future. The stylish Note 7, which boasts a curved screen, an iris scanner and a pen accessory, was well-regarded until some began catching fire. Oliva likened it to Ferrari sports cars, which also were recalled over fire issues in 2010. "I've got the Ferrari. And yes, Ferraris catch on fire sometimes," said Oliva, 32, of Oakland, California. The 5.7-inch Note 7 had been expected to accelerate Samsung Electronics Co's mobile-sales momentum. Then, Samsung announced a global recall of 2.5 million Note 7s in early September. The company said this week it would permanently stop production and sales. It urged users to power down and offered to exchange devices for other models globally.

As the company works to contain damage and stop the recall from tainting the entire brand, some fans say they are not worried. The large-screen, \$882 phone employs a similar design to Samsung's flagship Galaxy S7, the best-selling Android phone in the first half of 2016. Samsung

had hoped the Note 7 would enjoy a similar appeal. Wall Street expects iPhone maker Apple Inc to benefit from Samsung's recall, along with makers of other phones running Android. Still, Verizon Communications Inc spokeswoman Kelly Crumney said many Note 7 customers are exchanging the recalled devices for other Samsung phones.

Josh Dickey, entertainment editor at technology news site Mashable, said in an op-ed on Wednesday he would keep his phone, calculating a human was twice as likely to be struck by lightning as a Note 7 was to catch fire. Fewer than 100 burning phones have been reported. Many other customers around the world had the same reaction. "The problem is there is no other phone that I like," said Jo Hyang-won, a 32-year-old office worker in South Korea.

Samsung expects the Note 7 failure to dent profits by about \$5.3 billion. It blamed faulty batteries for the original problem but has not guessed at what caused replacement phones to overheat. Sidrah Ahmad in Singapore said safety considerations mean eventually giving up the Note 7. "I am trying to ignore the voices in my head saying I should stop. But I think I'll have to stop soon." —Reuters

CANON SIMPLIFIES JOURNEY FOR IMAGING ENTHUSIASTS

SHARJAH'S XPOSURE FESTIVAL

KUWAIT: Canon Middle East, the leader in imaging products and solutions, showcased its complete workflow of input to output, covering everything right from the process of taking photographs to printing them on different materials at XPOSURE, Sharjah's International Photography Festival from the 12th until the 15th of October.

A key highlight at the Canon stand was the 'Projection Experience Zone' where one of the engagements to attract visitors, was by using convergence of two projectors in order to harmonize single animation content. To add the illusion of the content a transparent 'Mesh screen' was used aptly for rear projection. Customers visiting this zone, were treated to a 'Green Room' photo shoot against iconic landmarks of Sharjah as a backdrop giving a feel of reality in a virtual world. The visitors also had an opportunity to 'spin the wheel' and win exciting goodies. This experience using Canon interactive projectors was a big hit with the visitors because of the gesture based interactions, standing almost a meter away.

The event follows the signing earlier this year of an agreement with Sharjah Media Centre to host XPOSURE, Sharjah's International Photography Festival. The agreement was inked with Sheikh Sultan bin Ahmed Al Qasimi and Anurag Agrawal, Managing Director of Canon Middle East. Through the partnership, the parties developed a unified global platform for upcoming photographers and photojournalists from around the world to meet and share their experiences.

Cultural hub

"Sharjah is the cultural hub of the UAE and an event like this complements the heritage and traditions while also promoting an environment of creativity. Canon has always believed in the philosophy of doing and promoting good for the society. With our participation, we wanted to give every photography enthusiast a platform to experience the latest revolutions in camera and printing technology while also help them learn and evolve in the art," said Hendrik Verbrugge, Marketing Director, Canon Middle East and Canon Central and North Africa.

Tariq Saeed Allay, Director of Sharjah Media Centre who are the organizers of the festival said: "XPOSURE offers many exciting prospects to learn new skills and network with leading professionals and enthusiasts, along with the opportunity to see, handle and try the latest photographic products. We are excited to partner with Canon and pioneer this new concept to promote and develop the art."

At the Canon booth, visitors for the first time, got to be up, close and personal with the most sought-after 5D Mark IV and experience features such as In-Built Face grab, Dual Pixel AF function in video from the 5D legacy. While Canon showcased the strength of the EOS 5DS and EOS 5DSR in the fashion photography with live-photo shoots, the fastest DSLR in the world, EOS 1Dx MKII was highlighted in the Studio Lighting photography workflow.

Canon also showcased 16 best photos by top photographers in the region in the field of street photography, portraiture, wildlife and fashion. These images were auctioned to the public and the proceeds of which will go to charity.

Flexible media

From a printing perspective, visitors also experienced the input to output journey of taking photos and getting it printed on different materials such as wood, metal aluminum using different printers starting from Water based with the new PRO series, the new UV ink Arizona Flatbed, and the Toner based



Image Press series. Some of the printers showcased included imagePROGRAF PRO-1000, PRO-2000 and PRO-4000S which is designed for art schools, graphic artists, designers and professional photographers, giving the very best photographic print quality in reliable time. Along with the world's fastest wide format color printer Océ ColorWave 910, Canon also demonstrated its highly comprehensive range of Wide Format Printers which includes the Arizona 460GT UV-Flatbed that produces near-photographic image quality for printing on rigid or flexible media, Océ ColorWave 700 and the powerful imagePROGRAF range that includes iPF6400s, iPF6450, iPF8400, iPF8400SE and iPF9400s.

Canon also went a step ahead and teamed with ace Sharjah-based photographer Abdullah Al Qaish to create an exclusive Sharjah City Guide, replete with Sharjah's beautiful but unexplored locations and first-hand photography tips. "In every city, there is a place that sets its heartbeat and defines the pulse of the city, reflecting its history, echoing its ethos and mirroring its spirit. Canon aims to find such places across Sharjah and we are bringing them out in the public space in the form of a 'Sharjah City Guide,'" said Abdullah Al Qaish.

Verbrugge further added: "Today, a new generation of photographers share their work through print, social media, streaming video, mobile devices, PCs and TV. As photographers everywhere become more comfortable, creative and adept with this rapidly evolving form of Hybrid Photography, and Canon cameras lead the way in terms of in-camera creativity tools and 4K Ultra HD Video capture with simple workflow to help everyone shoot and share amazing photos and videos."

Canon Middle East, a subsidiary of Canon Europe, is the operational headquarters for Canon in the Middle East and North Africa and is based in Dubai, UAE.

Founded in 1937 with the specific goal of making the best quality camera available to customers, Canon's tireless passion for the Power of Image has since extended its technology into many other markets and has established it as a world leader in both consumer and business imaging solutions. Its solutions comprise products, ranging from digital compact and SLR cameras, through broadcast lenses and portable X-ray machines, to multi-function and production printers, all supported by a range of value added services.

COMPUTER GLITCH DELAYS UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHTS

PARIS: Thousands of passengers were delayed worldwide after a computer glitch temporarily halted departures at United Airlines, the latest in a series of outages to affect rival companies in the industry. United said on Twitter that an issue with its weight reporting system delayed flights starting Thursday, and it resolved the problem by 3 AM EDT (07 GMT) on Friday. The No 3 US airline by passenger traffic is working to determine the cause, its spokesman said Friday.

Weight and balance systems calculate a plane's centre of gravity and if it is carrying no more than it can handle to fly. On Friday, delays often lasted 10 to 20 minutes due to United's crew having to handle some tasks manually, the spokesman said. But some passengers reported they had to wait aboard planes or inside terminals for several hours.

"On the plane for more than an hour, away from the gate and no communication. What's happening?," one passenger tweeted. In Paris, passengers complained as check-in lines grew for a flight to New York, a Reuters reporter said on Friday morning.

As of 5 PM EDT (21:00 GMT), United had cancelled 11 flights and delayed 216, or 9 percent of its operation, according to flight tracking website FlightAware.com. The large size of global airlines and their need to automate systems to be reliable mean recovering from glitches will almost always take some time, despite investment and redundancies, said Bob Edwards, United's former chief information officer until 2014.

This is the third computer glitch recently to hit United's owner United Continental Holdings Inc and the latest in a series of prob-

lems that have tested airlines' reliance on aging technology.

This has prompted some experts to question whether the airline industry has invested enough in technology infrastructure, given new profits from baggage and cancellation fees. On June 2, 2015 software needed to dispatch United's flight plan briefly lost functionality. In July 2015, the same airline's flights were disrupted after a computer problem blocked access to reservations records.

This August, Delta Air Lines Inc cancelled thousands of flights and delayed many others after a power outage hit its computer systems. And in September, a system-wide computer problem at British Airways caused significant delays. After the previous incidents, United said it had invested in backup plans. —Reuters

POT FOR KIDS? OFFICIAL WARNS OF LOOPHOLE IN REFERENDUM

PORTLAND: Supporters of a referendum to legalize marijuana for recreational use have touted the proposal as applying only to adults 21 and older, but it could actually legalize marijuana for everyone - even children, Maine Attorney General Janet Mills warned. The interpretation by the state's top prosecutor, a Democrat, provided a late gift to marijuana opponents and put referendum supporters on the defensive. Scott Gagnon, who directs anti-legalization group Smart Approach to Marijuana, said the organization will have new TV and radio ads next week playing up Mills' concerns about kids and pot.

"There would be nothing in Maine to prevent a young person from having

marijuana. We're asking, was it purposeful, or was it just gross negligence?" he said. "If it's gross negligence, I'm not sure I want those people writing drug policy." Pro-marijuana forces hope Maine and Massachusetts will become the first two states in New England - and the East Coast - to legalize pot for more than medical use when voters cast ballots on Nov. 8.

In Maine, referendum supporters say the language in the proposal clearly states that it would legalize marijuana only for those 21 and older, but Mills said the referendum removes existing legal language that makes possession of small amounts of marijuana a civil infraction for both adults and children.

That means there would be no penalties for children who consume or smoke marijuana, she said.

Pot snacks

Scott Anderson, an attorney who represents the pro-legalization Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, disagrees with the attorney general's interpretation and is encouraging voters to read the text of the proposal ahead of the vote. The referendum language says approval would allow "a person 21 years of age or older to use, possess or transport marijuana accessories and up to 2 1/2 ounces of prepared marijuana." Anderson questioned why Mills didn't raise her concerns sooner. "This is a very last-minute change that we were neither

expecting nor can explain," Anderson said. "We're encouraging folks to read the voter guide."

Maine Gov Paul LePage, who previously admitted trying marijuana when he was younger, took to social media with a statement denouncing the referendum. LePage warned that passage of the proposal could lead to more highway fatalities, and he said the active ingredient in pot could harm children and pets. "Pot snacks, like cookies, candy, gummy bears and soda, children can't tell" if there's marijuana in them, he said. A recent poll commissioned for the Portland Press Herald indicated 53 percent of respondents supported the referendum, while 38 percent opposed it. It's unclear whether Mills' comments will

sway referendum supporters or voters who're undecided. A spokesman for Mills said the attorney general was not available for comment Friday. Timothy Feeley said Mills is concerned that nothing in the bill makes it unlawful for a child to possess marijuana, and that there are no penalties for those younger than 21.

Lori Libbey, a registered nurse who works with a group that provides pediatric cannabis for kids with seizure disorders, said she doubts Mills' opinion would sway voters who're waffling. But she said it'll solidify the thinking of those who oppose the proposal. "This is the kind of information that allows them to say, 'See, I knew this was a bad idea,' she said. —AP

GLOBAL DEAL REACHED TO LIMIT POWERFUL GREENHOUSE GASES

'IT'S A VERY HISTORIC MOMENT'

KIGALI: Nearly 200 nations have reached a deal, announced yesterday morning after all-night negotiations, to limit the use of greenhouse gases far more powerful than carbon dioxide in a major effort to fight climate change. The talks on hydrofluorocarbons, or HFCs, were called the first test of global will since the historic Paris Agreement to cut carbon emissions was reached last year. HFCs are described as the world's fastest-growing climate pollutant and are used in air conditioners and refrigerators. Experts say cutting them is the fastest way to reduce global

Pakistan and some Gulf states pushed for and secured a later start in 2028, saying their economies need more time to grow. That's three years earlier than India, the world's third-worst polluter, had first proposed. "It's a very historic moment, and we are all very delighted that we have come to this point where we can reach a consensus and agree to most of the issues that were on the table," said India's chief delegate, Ajay Narayan Jha.

Environmental groups had hoped that the deal could reduce global warming by a half-

statement. Experts say they hope that market forces will help speed up the limits agreed to in the deal. HFCs were introduced in the 1980s as a substitute for ozone-depleting gases. But their danger has grown as air conditioner and refrigerator sales have soared in emerging economies like China and India. HFCs are also found in inhalers and insulating foams.

'Good for all nations'

Major economies have debated how quickly to phase out HFCs. The United States, whose delegation was led by Secretary of State John Kerry, and Western countries want quick action. Nations such as India want to give their industries more time to adjust. "Thank God we got to this agreement that is good for all nations, that takes into consideration all regional and national issues," said Taha Mohamed Zatar, the head of Saudi Arabia's negotiating team.

Small island states and many African countries had pushed for early timeframes, saying they face the biggest threat from climate change. "It may not be entirely what the islands wanted, but it is a good deal," Mattlan Zackhras, the minister-in-assistance to the president of the Marshall Islands, said in a statement. "We all know we must go further, and we will go further." The UN says the next meeting in 2017 will determine how much of the billions of dollars needed to finance the reduction of HFCs will be provided by countries.

HFCs are less plentiful than carbon dioxide, but Kerry said last month that they currently emit as much pollution as 300 coal-fired power plants each year. That amount will rise significantly over the coming decades as air conditioning units and refrigerators reach hundreds of millions of new people. HFCs don't harm the ozone layer like chlorofluorocarbons and similar gases that were eliminated under the 1987 Montreal Protocol. The entire world ratified that agreement, helping to repair holes in the ozone that helps shield the planet from the harmful rays of the sun. The aim of this meeting was to attach an amendment to that treaty dealing specifically with HFCs.

"This is about much more than the ozone layer and HFCs. It is a clear statement by all world leaders that the green transformation started in Paris is irreversible and unstoppable," Erik Solheim, executive director of the UN Environment Program, said in a statement. Environmental groups were already turning attention yesterday to other greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide. "Acting on HFCs does not exempt us from acting on CO2 or other important greenhouse gases like methane. We emit considerably more carbon, and it lingers in the atmosphere for more than 500 years," Carol Werner, executive director of the Environmental and Energy Study Institute, said in a statement. —AP



KIGALI: Secretary of State John Kerry, center-left at podium, delivers a speech to the 28th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. —AP

warming. President Barack Obama, in a statement yesterday, called the new deal "an ambitious and far-reaching solution to this looming crisis." The agreement, unlike the broader Paris one, is legally binding. It caps and reduces the use of HFCs in a gradual process beginning by 2019 with action by developed countries including the United States, the world's second-worst polluter. More than 100 developing countries, including China, the world's top carbon emitter, will start taking action by 2024, when HFC consumption levels should peak.

Issues on the table

A small group of countries including India,

degree Celsius by the end of this century. This agreement gets about 90 percent of the way there, said Durwood Zaelke, president of the Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development. Zaelke's group said this is the "largest temperature reduction ever achieved by a single agreement." The new agreement is "equal to stopping the entire world's fossil-fuel CO2 emissions for more than two years," David Doniger, climate and clean air program director with the Natural Resources Defense Council, said in a statement.

It is estimated that the agreement will cut the global levels of HFCs by 80 to 85 percent by 2047, the World Resources Institute said in a

mental groups said a deal had taken shape, but it took hours for countries to haggle every piece into place. The new agreement caps and reduces the use of HFCs in a gradual process. It begins by 2019 with action by developed countries including the United States. More than 100 developing countries, including China, will start taking action by 2024, when their HFC consumption levels should peak and start heading down. A small group of countries including India, Pakistan and some Gulf states secured a later start in 2028. —AP

BIG PICTURE: WHAT THE GLOBAL CLIMATE AGREEMENT MEANS

JOHANNESBURG: Experts say cutting hydrofluorocarbons, or HFCs, is the fastest way to reduce global warming. The United States, the world's second-worst polluter, is among the countries that want to quickly phase out the use of HFCs, and now it is bound to take the earliest action, starting by 2019. Here's a look at what it all means.

HOW WE GOT HERE: THE OZONE LAYER

In 1987, countries alarmed by the discovery of a huge hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica signed a treaty known as the Montreal Protocol to eventually end the use of chlorofluorocarbons, which at the time were used in refrigerators and aerosols such as hair spray. HFCs were introduced to replace them, and scientists realized only later that while they don't harm the ozone layer, they have a strong effect on global warming. Their ability to trap the heat radiating off the Earth is hundreds or thousands of times more potent than that of carbon dioxide. HFCs, which are used in air conditioners, refrigerators and insulating foams, have become the latest target as the world tries to reduce global warming. They have been called the world's fastest-growing climate pollutants, though less plentiful than carbon dioxide, as more people in developing countries buy appliances.

WHO WANTED WHAT, AND WHEN

The UN Environment Program has said that reducing HFCs under an extension of the Montreal Protocol could reduce global warming by a half-degree Celsius by the end of this century. Environmental groups came into the global meeting in Kigali, Rwanda, saying the step was essential to meeting the goals of the Paris

Agreement on climate change, which was reached last year. The US, with Secretary of State John Kerry leading the delegation, was among the countries pushing for action within the next five years. China, the world's top polluter, was among the countries aiming at the middle of the next decade. India, the world's third-worst polluter, preferred as late as 2031, saying it needed time for its economy to grow.

A SLEEPLESS NIGHT AND A DEAL

Not long after midnight Saturday, environ-



BAGHDAD: In this Thursday, July 30, 2015 file photo, air conditioners and power generators are displayed on a street. —AP



WASHINGTON: A sign supporting Medicare is seen on Capitol Hill. — AP

MEDICARE UNVEILS DRASTIC OVERHAUL OF DOCTORS' PAY

WASHINGTON: Changing the way it does business, Medicare on Friday unveiled a far-reaching overhaul of how it pays doctors and other clinicians. The goal is to reward quality, penalize poor performance, and avoid paying piecemeal for services. Whether it succeeds or fails, it's one of the biggest changes in Medicare's 50-year history. The complex regulation is nearly 2,400 pages long and will take years to fully implement. It's meant to carry out bipartisan legislation passed by Congress and signed by President Barack Obama last year.

The concept of paying for quality has broad support, but the details have been a concern for some clinicians, who worry that the new system will force small practices and old-fashioned solo doctors to join big groups. Patients may soon start hearing about the changes from their physicians, but it's still too early to discern the impacts. The Obama administration sought to calm concerns Friday. "Transforming something of this size is something we have focused on with great care," said Andy Slavitt, head of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

More pathways

Officials said they considered more than 4,000 formal comments and held meetings around the country attended by more than 100,000 people before issuing the final rule. It eases some timelines the administration initially proposed, and gives doctors more pathways for complying. The American Medical Association said its first look suggests that the administration "has been responsive" to many concerns that doctors raised.

In Congress, staffers were poring over the details. Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga., who worries that Medicare's new direction could damage the doctor-patient relationship, said he's going to give the regulation "careful scrutiny." Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of a panel that oversees Medicare, called it an "important step forward," but said the administration needs to keep listening to concerns.

MACRA, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act, creates two new payment systems, or tracks, for clinicians. It affects more than 600,000 doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and therapists, a majority of clinicians billing Medicare. Medical practices must decide next year what track they will take.

Starting in 2019, clinicians can earn higher reimbursements if they learn new ways of doing business, joining a leading-edge track that's called Alternative Payment Models. That involves being will-

ing to accept financial risk and reward for performance, reporting quality measures to the government, and using electronic medical records. Medicare said some 70,000 to 120,000 clinicians are initially expected to take that more challenging path. Officials are hoping the number will quickly grow.

Second track

Most clinical practitioners - an estimated 590,000 to 640,000 - will be in a second track called the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System. It features more modest financial risks and rewards, and accountability for quality, efficiency, use of electronic medical records, and self-improvement. Finally, about 380,000 clinicians are expected to be exempt from the new systems because they don't see enough Medicare patients, or their billings do not reach a given threshold. "Half of the physician practices under 10 (doctors) will not be reporting at all," said Slavitt. Initially more doctors would have been covered.

Advocates say the new system will improve quality and help check costs. But critics say complicated requirements could prove overwhelming. The administration says some doctors will be pleasantly surprised to find out that reporting requirements have been streamlined to make them easier to meet. With 57 million elderly and disabled beneficiaries, Medicare is the government's premier health insurance program. The Obama administration has also been working to overhaul payment for hospitals and private insurance plans that serve Medicare beneficiaries. The unifying theme is rewarding quality over volume.

While some quality improvements have already been noted, it's likely to take years to see if the new approaches can lead to major savings that help keep Medicare sustainable. John Feore of the consulting firm Avalare Health said it appears many doctors are still unaware of the magnitude of the changes ahead. "MACRA is a huge change in how physicians are paid, and there is a wide spectrum on whether they are ready," said Feore. "By providing some options and a transition over a year or two, (the administration's) intent is to allow them to get comfortable."

Medicare also launched a new website with interactive features aimed at educating doctors about the changes. Medicare's previous congressionally mandated system for paying doctors proved unworkable. It called for automatic cuts when spending surpassed certain levels, and lawmakers routinely waived those reductions. MACRA was intended by lawmakers as a new beginning. —AP

CONTAMINATED MACHINES LINKED TO HEART SURGERY INFECTIONS

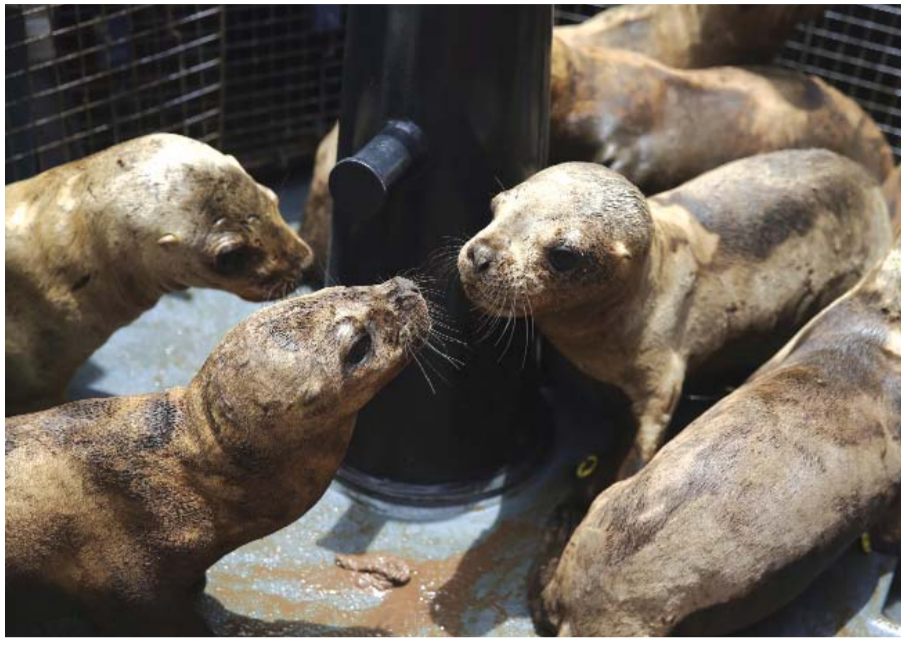
NEW YORK: Health officials are warning that small outbreaks of infections spread by contaminated operating room machinery during open-heart surgery could be more widespread than first thought. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention alerted doctors and hospitals on Thursday.

The contamination has been tied to 28 cases in the US, including at least four who died - though it's not certain that the bacterial infection caused those deaths. But officials think hundreds or thousands of other patients could also have been infected. The outbreaks have been tracked to certain heater-cooler devices, which are used to keep patients' hearts cold and bodies warm during some heart operations. The manufacturer of the devices identified the contamination in its factory in Germany in 2014 and reportedly cleaned it up. But bacteria traced to the machines were linked to clusters of illnesses in Switzerland,

Pennsylvania, Iowa and Michigan. Officials think the Stockert 3T machines, made by London-based LivaNova, are used in roughly half of the 250,000 cardiopulmonary bypass operations performed in the US each year.

They don't think infection occurred in everyone who had a surgery in which that machine was used. The CDC estimates that in hospitals where at least one infection has been identified, the risk of a patient getting an infection from the bacteria was somewhere between 1 in 100 and 1 in 1,000. There seems to be a higher risk for patients who had valves or other products implanted, health officials said.

Twenty-one Pennsylvania cases were reported by three hospitals - Wellspan York Hospital, Penn State Hershey Hospital and Penn Presbyterian in Philadelphia. Five cases were reported in Iowa, by the University of Iowa and Mercy Medical Center. —AP



A group of young sea lions are let out of pet carriers before release into their natural habitat, in the coastal waters of the Palomino Islands. — AP

ENVIRONMENTALISTS FREE NINE ORPHANED SEA LIONS

OFF THE COAST OF CALLAO, Peru: Nine orphaned sea lions have a new home in Peru. A Peruvian environmental organization nursed the nine to health and returned them to the sea on Friday at the Palomino Islands, a few miles off the coast of Callao, the country's main port. The sea lions slid out of their dog-type pet carriers and dove over the side of the boat near a small island

crowded with others of their species. Carlos Yaipen heads the Organization for Research and Conservation of Aquatic Animals that cared for the nine for several months and freed them. He says the animals lost their mothers off the coast. He says the sea lions' environment is being harmed by overfishing, making the animals more vulnerable. — AP

DID A COSMIC CRASH HEAT UP EARTH 56 MILLION YEARS AGO?

WASHINGTON: Researchers have found evidence that a comet or space rock smashed into Earth 56 million years ago, perhaps setting off a massive warming that began around that time. It's a suggestion that is causing much debate among scientists, many of whom question the link. Researchers study the mysterious ancient warming to better understand current man-made climate change and Earth's future.

About 56 million years ago Earth warmed by about 9 to 14 degrees (5 to 8 degrees Celsius) and then returned to normal, all in about 100,000 years. This helped lead to some extinctions and the rise of mammals. Theories about the cause have pointed to increased carbon in the atmosphere from many erupting volcanoes; a Greenland volcano that cooked a huge coal deposit; and sudden methane releases from underwater. But a new study in the journal *Science* suggests a link to a cosmic crash.

At the same time Earth started getting hotter, it seems to have been hit by a space object that sent debris flying around North America and maybe around the world, according to an examination of soil cores in New Jersey and Florida. The scientists didn't find the space rock or comet or a crater; instead, they found what they said were nearby rocks super-heated by the crash. Study lead author Morgan Schaller, an Earth sciences professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, isn't quite saying the crash caused the massive carbon jump and the warming, but it's awfully suspicious timing, he said. "We're saying this is really a remarkable coincidence," Schaller said. "We need to look into this much more closely."

'Ground zero'

However, study co-author Dennis Kent, a professor of geological sciences at Rutgers University and Columbia University, wrote in an email that there could be, somewhere, an impact crater that he called the "ground zero" of the warming event. Schaller's team was looking at sediment

cores from two spots in New Jersey and one off Florida from 56 million years ago, looking for a certain small fossils, when they kept seeing tiny glass and crystal objects. They are about .004 inches long (100 microns), sometimes in spheres and sometimes in teardrops. They all showed signs of having the unique chemical signature of quartz that was shocked by a super-hot event.

It's the tell-tale signature of debris from a comet or asteroid vaporizing just as hits Earth, Schaller said. And they come from the exact same time period as sediment cores of the massive warming - known as the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum or PETM. Schaller said so far his team hasn't found where the crater would be, or even how big an object it was or what kind of crater it would have caused.

Somehow the cosmic collision was strong enough to throw lots of carbon in the atmosphere, Schaller said. And scientists know that carbon dioxide and methane act as heat-trapping blankets, said Mark Boslough, a physicist at Sandia National Lab who studies both asteroid collisions and climate change but wasn't part of the study. Several scientists said the study is off base, while quite a few others praised it.

Bruce Simonson at Oberlin University called study "new and exciting" with Schaller making a strong case that the spheres and teardrops are from an impact that hadn't been known before. But four other experts said there was no way that a crash like this could be responsible for the carbon in the air and the heating that followed. They said other work contradicts Schaller's findings. Carbon could not have gotten in the air as rapidly as needed under the Schaller scenario and the amount of carbon released into the air from a crash is "not even a small fraction" of the huge amount needed to trigger warming, said James Zachos at University of California, Santa Cruz. — AP

IN DROUGHT, LA GRAPPLES WITH WATER-GUZZLING RICH

LOS ANGELES: Their California mansions, lush with green lawns and vegetation, guzzle as much water as 90 homes-but the astronomical bills are a drop in the bucket for them. After years of searing drought in the state, authorities and activists are scrambling to find ways to get the ultra-rich to turn off their sprinklers and get on board with conservation efforts. Some, like the news site Reveal, go for the sledgehammer: expose the identity of the residential "mega-users" and how much water they are using—"drought-shaming"—to push them, and people like them, to act.

A year ago, Reveal reported that 100 residential water customers in the luxury neighborhoods of Los Angeles, like Bel Air and Beverly Hills, were consuming millions of gallons of water a year. One of the exclusive properties, according to the Center for Investigative Reporting site, used 11.8 million gallons (45 million liters) of water in one year, "enough for 90 households." Reveal dubbed that household the "Wet Prince of Bel Air." Authorities have refused to identify the big water-wasters, so Reveal turned its sights on satellite images and other clues to unmask them.

Last month Reveal identified what it said were seven "likely culprits," presumably including the "Wet Prince of Bel Air." Among them were a former television network chief, an investment banker, a film producer and an heir of a retail giant's fortune. The authorities have their own "shaming" site—www.savewater.ca.gov—that encourages individuals to report when they see water being wasted, whether its watering on the wrong day or at the wrong time, such as under a hot sun or washing down sidewalks. Social media's fingerprinting hashtag, #droughtshaming, has been aimed at celebrities like reality television stars Kylie Jenner and Kim Kardashian, singers Kanye West and Barbra Streisand, comedian Amy Poehler and actor Tom Selleck.

Shame or diplomacy?

Marty Adams, a top executive at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) said that water shaming draws attention "but there's no proof it works better than anything else." "Shaming is not really the most direct way to reduce water use," said Stephanie Pincetl, professor of environmental policy at the University of California, Los Angeles. She prefers higher bills, fines and shutting off the water.

While there are no limits on how much water can be used as long as an individual pays for it, California Governor Jerry Brown, who declared a state of emergency in 2014 due to the drought, has ordered urban water consumption to be reduced by 25 percent.

The state has publicly rated municipalities on their compliance with the conservation program. The sprawling city of Los Angeles has

banned a number of actions, including running water into the street and washing a car with a garden hose. For around two years, a "water police" has been patrolling Los Angeles but its handful of agents hand out relatively symbolic fines of around \$100. The DWP recently beefed up its arsenal against big water-guzzlers, which is expected to take effect this month, Adams told AFP.

Bills 'so small'

Despite the drought, water remains fairly cheap. But a fourth category of billing has just been created for the big consumers. Those water customers will have to be audited and could face fines starting at \$1,000. For repeated violations over a long period of time, the fines could reach \$40,000. Adams said the ultra-rich usually do not waste water knowingly.

"For a lot of them, water bills are

so small compared to gas or power or phone bills... they have no sense they are using too much," he said. The DWP has taken a diplomatic approach, and sent letters to the top guzzlers. The mega-users, once contacted, generally have been receptive. According to Reveal, the former head of Warner Bros, Robert Daly, says he has cut water on his estate by 35 percent since 2014 and replaced lawns with artificial turf and pebbles.

Adams said that rich, poor and everyone in between needs to make an effort. Angelenos overall have cut back water usage by about 20 percent since 2013, he said. The stubborn pockets of drought remain a critical problem in the huge state of California. The southern region is growing increasingly dependent on buying water, especially from the Colorado River, whose lower levels are blamed in part on climate change. — AFP



BIRMINGHAM: Lake Purdy, which has receded several feet due to drought, leaves dry, cracked ground where lake water used to be. — AP

GALAXY COUNT MAY NOW TOP 2 TRILLION ACROSS UNIVERSE



This image made available by NASA, ESA/Hubble on Thursday, Oct 13, 2016 shows a portion of the southern field of the Great Observatories Origins Deep Survey to recalculate the total number of galaxies in the observable universe. — AP

CAPE CANAVERAL: Thought the universe was crowded with 100 billion to 200 billion galaxies? Try 1 trillion or even 2 trillion galaxies and more. That's the latest census, reported Thursday. An astrophysics professor at the University of Nottingham in England led the international team that came up with the mind-boggling estimate of 2 trillion galaxies in the universe. Professor Christopher Conselice said that represents a minimum tenfold increase. In a phone interview, Conselice said he was surprised by the results. He anticipated two or three times more galaxies, perhaps, but "10 is quite high" and it could prove to be even greater.

The scientists based their galaxy head count on deep-space surveys already conducted by the Hubble Space Telescope and ground observatories. They turned the images into 3-D and used new mathematical models for the update. "It boggles the mind that over 90 percent of the galaxies in the universe have yet to be studied," Conselice said in a statement. "Who knows what interesting properties we will find when we discover these galaxies with future generations of telescopes?" Even scientists have trouble wrapping their minds around such huge numbers. According to Conselice, 2 trillion is roughly equivalent to the number of seconds in 1,000 average lifetimes. The findings are being reported in *Astrophysical Journal*. — AP

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AL-QATTAN EXHIBITION FOR CHILDREN ARTS UNDERWAY

President of Lolwa Publishing House Sheikha Intisar Salem al-Ali Al-Sabah recently inaugurated the 10th Khalifa Al-Qattan Exhibition for children

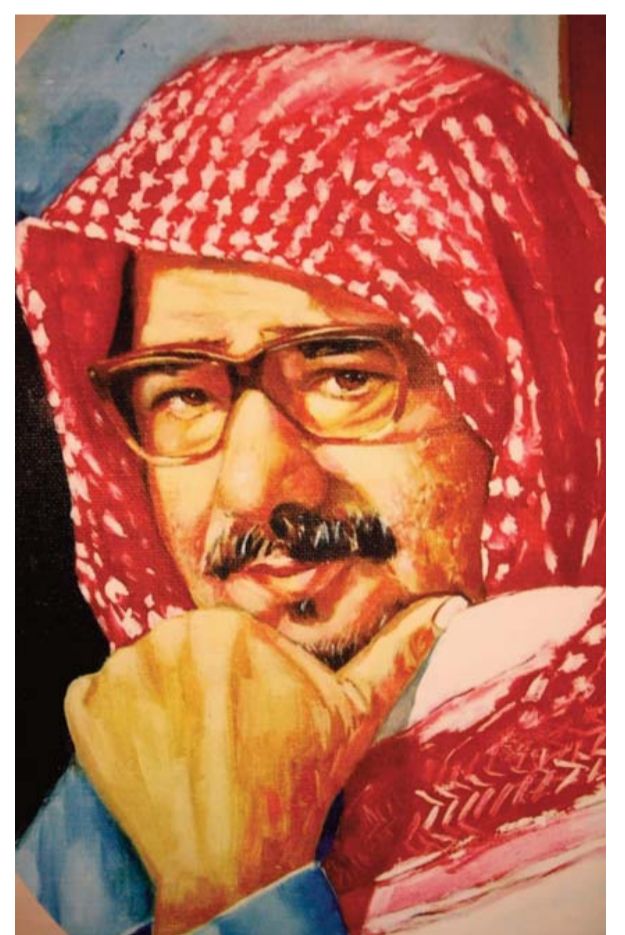
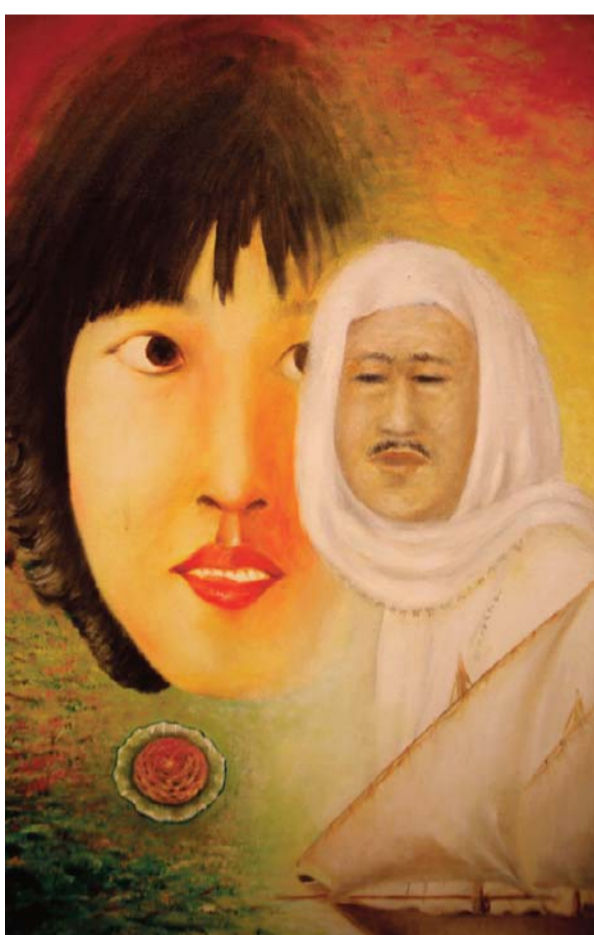
formative arts, at the formative arts gallery in Abdullah Al-Salem. Commenting on the exhibition, Sheikha Intisar said that art is a combination of

gift, talent and creativity, and that artists use this combination to express inner feelings and conflicts. "Some scientists stressed that art is a necessity for human

beings as much as water and food," she said, noting that art was the best ambassador among various cultures, adding that it could go beyond languages and

stereotypical patterns to enhance intercultural understanding.

—Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



BURGAN BANK INVITES PREMIER CUSTOMERS TO ATTEND 'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' FIRST SCREENING FOR FREE AT GRAND CINEMAS

Burgan Bank, in collaboration with Grand Cinemas, announced that Premier Banking customers will be offered the chance to watch the first screening of "Keeping up with the Joneses" movie for free at the most luxurious VIP movie theatre - Grand Class VIP in Al Hamra Tower, on October 20th, 2016. Each Premier customer can reserve two free seats, which will also include access to a light mini cuisine from the buffet dedicated to Premier customers at the "Grand Class VIP" lounge.

Accordingly, Burgan Bank allocated a special number to receive calls from Premier customers to reserve their free VIP seats for any of the three shows that will be available that day. To book for the free seats, Premier Banking customers can call 22988405 (from 9:00am to 5:00 pm).

Burgan Bank is committed to reward its premier customers with exclusive offers and a wide range of benefits. These matchless benefits include the full attention of a highly professional Personal Banking Executive (PBE) who is assigned as a financial advisor for each premier banking customer. Other benefits include free access to more than 70 international airport lounges across the world, a variety of concierge services such as courier service, airport transfers, limousines for occasions, efficient car registration, and the payment of their children's school installments.

Additional benefits include a free travel insurance policy, which is provided upon completing a purchase transaction of airline tickets using any of Burgan Bank's Platinum (debit/credit cards) for customers and their immediate family members, in addition to free valet parking service at select venues and shopping malls across Kuwait and merchant discounts at selected retail outlets throughout the country.



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KALA (ART) KUWAIT TO HOLD PAINTING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN

Kala(Art) Kuwait, a leading Progressive Art and Socio Cultural Organization among the Indian Community in Kuwait has scheduled to conduct their prestigious program titled as "NIRAM-2016" Painting Competition, on the occasion of Children's Day celebration by marking the birth day of the First Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, on Friday, 11th November 2016 at Indian Community School, Khaitan, at 2 pm.

The program is titled as "NIRAM-2016" consists of Painting Competition for the Indian School Students and a "Marathon Open Canvas Painting" for the other attendees including parents, visitors and Guests. The Painting Competition will be conducted in four different age groups.

- Group 'A' from LKG to 1st Standard.
- Group 'B' from 2nd to 4th Standard.
- Group 'C' from 5th to 8th Standard.
- Group 'D' from 9th to 12th Standard.

The media for Group 'A' and 'B' will be Crayons while Group C and D are water colors. Crayons and water colors shall be brought by the participants. Stamped drawing papers will be supplied by the organizers. Clay modeling competition also will be conducted for 7th to 11th standard students. Clay will be provided by the organizers. The marathon open canvas painting is conducting in a view to display everyone's views and talents through their vivid creations.

Besides the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and merit prizes, Ten percent of the participants will be awarded with consolation prizes. The winners are liable to prove their age group with relevant documents in case the Organizers requested so. Parents also have the opportunity to win prizes for Open Canvas Painting. Students can register their names through websites www.kalakuwait.net.



US EDUCATIONAL GROUP ORGANIZES 'MIDDLE EAST FALL 2016'

US Educational Group in cooperation with the Amideast and the US Embassy in Kuwait proudly organ-

ized recently 'Middle East Fall 2016', an exhibition of US universities, in Kuwait City. The event was held at Marina Hotel, and

attended mostly by senior high school students from various schools in Kuwait. Admission officers showcased schools' pro-

grams and requirements needed for university admission. US Embassy personnel and Amideast officers were also present to

answer queries about visas and best place to consider whilst in the United States. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



KFC KUWAIT ACHIEVES HIGHEST RECORDS FOR GLOBAL FOOD QUALITY STANDARDS IN MIDDLE EAST

KFC, the world-famous name in chicken has had its high standards of food quality and cleanliness certified in Kuwait, through a series of strict and on-going auditing processes. In 2015, KFC passed a total of 980 QA Audits in Kuwait and for 2016 running up to September it has passed 781, received from both the internal KFC audit team and a number of authorized external auditing companies.

KFC takes great care to adopt quality measures across all of its processes, particularly as it pinpoints all practices, ranging from storage products and methods of operation handled and prepared in the cooking process, for both in-store serving within any Kuwait branches and home deliveries. The company takes into account the highest food quality standards when it comes to cleanliness and precision, in order to make the highest quality products within the required timeframe.

The company launched a Restaurant Operation Compliance Check (ROCC) in June 2016, which was adopted in audits for the development of approved QSR measurement tools, to focus on food safety and standards for the product and the local market.

The inspection and internal audit processes employed use a number of measuring instruments, most notably the CER tool for the review of excellence, which is based on the follow-up, monitoring and measurement of five major attributes, namely: cleanliness, hospitality, accuracy, maintenance, and finally the product's quality and speed of service when dealing with customers. Company sources confirm that last year, 2015, saw 217 CER Evaluations for the company's branches in Kuwait and 60 CER evaluations in Q1 2016.

Parent company Yum has carried out these audits in the internal market through FSSC globally who have been accredited to carry out checks and controls on food safety, taking into account the healthy serving of food to customers.

Kuwait has scored the best results in the Middle East, amounting to 95% of global standards in performance, which saw 118 YUM FSSC audits carried out in KFC Kuwait. In 2016 the fast food chain received 119 audits by TUV Company, operating on behalf of YUM, achieving 95% of global standards in performance until September.

KFC has taken a great number of steps to conduct a series of training workshops for quality. In January 2016, the company carried out four training workshops in Kuwait, attended by more than 85 branch managers and the area's trainer, in order to ensure food safety skills are as up-to-date and to create a positive culture of food safety in restaurants.

The company also uses another method for checking on the quality of their products through LABCO laboratories, applied through the criteria used on KFC products, drawing samples of raw materials from the food, and samples from cooking processes that reach the consumer. Water and ice cubes are also carefully checked through a quality audit team and are certified as clean and fresh upon presentation to customers.



SHERATON HOTELS AND RESORTS ANNOUNCES OPENING OF SHERATON OMAN FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS

Sheraton Hotels and Resorts announced the reopening of Sheraton Oman following a transformative renovation of its guestrooms, public spaces and food and beverage offerings. Owned by Al-Hashar Hotels LLC, under the umbrella of Al-Hashar Group, and in association with Twenty14 Holdings, the 230-room hotel has been a landmark in Muscat for over three decades ensuring guests can experience more in the heart of the city.

Speaking on the occasion, Sheikh Al-Muhammad Al-Hashar said, "Sheraton Oman, the tallest building in the country, has played a key role in shaping the hospitality sector in Oman since it first started business in 1985. The hotel interior has been completely redesigned, leaving the exterior shell as it is. With this magnificent transformation, the hotel is well positioned not only to be a leader in the sector but also to support the efforts of the Ministry of Tourism in promoting the country's tourism potential at the international level. Significantly, with the Sultanate all poised for a long-term, major growth in the MICE segment, Sheraton Oman's enhanced conferencing facilities are sure to add great value to the future of tourism."

M A Yusufalli, Chairman, Lulu Group International in his address stated, "We are delighted to partner with Al Hashar Group in re-launching this iconic and landmark property in Muscat, one of the most vibrant cities of the region. Sultanate has always been and will be a vibrant country for tourism and MICE and I am sure, the re-opening of Sheraton Muscat will give further boost this sector."

"The Sheraton Oman is one of the most iconic hotels in Oman and it gives us great pleasure to open the property to travelers and members of the local community. We are delighted to further strengthen our portfolio in the region with this new landmark property and firmly believe that the new look and feel will provide guests the most unique, genuine and world-class hospitality experience," said Adebek Ahamed, Managing Director, Twenty14 Holdings.

Sheraton Oman features 230 modern and spacious rooms, including 27 suites with panoramic views of the Al-Hajar mountain range. Showcasing interiors with distinctive touches of Omani culture, all rooms are outfitted with the Sheraton brand's signature amenities and services, including the Sheraton Signature Sleep Experience. The renovation features the addition of 38 Sheraton Club rooms, which offer exclusive access to the Sheraton(r) Club lounge with complimentary wifi, daily breakfast and a premium selection of beverages and hors d'oeuvres. Sheraton Oman also features Al Deyafa, a lounge dedicated for guests with early check-ins and late check-outs - the only hotel in the country to offer such a facility.

The hotel also features a range of leisure facilities such as the state-of-the-art Sheraton Fitness and Spa with Technogym equipment, with a separate gym for ladies. Facilities include an outdoor and indoor pool with an option for resistance swimming, two jacuzzis and exclusive access for ladies every morning from Monday to Thursday from 9am to 12pm. The expansive spa features four treatment rooms, with one room exclusively for men and one for women. Fitness aficionados can look forward to a Kinesis Studio for Zumba and other movement classes.

For business travellers, the hotel offers nine meeting rooms, two boardrooms and the Oman Ballroom which is designed to pay tribute to the splendor and generosity of Omani hospitality. With a capacity to host large events of over 1,000 guests and smaller intimate gatherings as well, Sheraton Oman is the perfect choice for both private celebrations and business functions.

Since its opening in 1985, Sheraton Oman has had a history of bringing people together in the heart of Muscat with its imaginative and innovative range of dining experiences. Restoring the tradition of refined gastronomy, the hotel opens with Courtyard - the hotel's all-day dining venue where guests can look forward to a return of the classic

Seafood Night and Asado South American Steakhouse - serving the finest steaks and grills expertly paired with an international selection of beverages. The hotel will also feature Paired, Sheraton's food and beverage program comprised of artisanal small plates and elevated bar snacks, served alongside suggested premium and local refreshments.

Sheraton Oman is poised to offer its guests an elevated modern experience nestled in its original location at the top of Ruwi - the financial and business hub of Muscat. An ideal setting to experience Muscat, Sheraton Oman is half an hour away from Muscat International Airport and offers easy access to the Old Town, the Muttrah Souk, the Fish Market and the National Museum of Oman.

"The renovation of Sheraton Oman reflects the brand's approach to an elevated and customized design and further reinforces Sheraton as a trusted voice in global travel," said Alex Kyriakidis, President and Managing Director, Middle East and Africa, Marriott International. "Marriott International remains committed to setting new hospitality benchmarks in Oman and being a part of the country's development. With a strong presence in the sultanate across three hotels, we are also on track to double our portfolio in the country with four new properties and over 1,000 rooms set to open in the next five years."

With more than 30 years of hospitality experience, Thomas van Opstal will lead the team at Sheraton Oman as General Manager, after previously holding successful General Manager positions at Sheraton properties in Doha, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Singapore, Riyadh and Karachi.

"Sheraton Oman has been an integral part of the Omani hospitality landscape for more than three decades," said Thomas van Opstal, General Manager. "We are delighted to reopen our doors and welcome our guests back to enjoy our hospitality and world-class service in a fresh innovative ambience."

'NOTHING BUT THE BEST' FOR PSA RISING SOCCER STARS

Over 500 players aged from 3 to 19 years from the Premier Sports Academy Everton FC have begun their training program for the new 2016-17 season with exciting times ahead. The PSA Community Sports Program is sponsored by Porsche Centre Kuwait, Behbehani Motors Company and provides coaching courses in football and basketball for all age groups from professional UK qualified coaches. The Centre of Excellence players from the Under 8 through to Under 19 squads will be competing in the Kuwait Academies Football League and the Kuwait Expat League throughout this season and in February are looking forward to travelling to Barcelona, where they will compete against Spanish teams, visit Barcelona Nou Camp Stadium, watch a live La Liga match and receive coaching from Espanol FC and La Liga coaches.

In addition to the daily coaching schedule at their Bayan Ground, players are playing regular matches and participating in fixtures, tournaments and festivals during the season. The team of highly qualified and experienced Coaches is led by Academy Director Mike Finn and includes coaches from some of the UK's top professional club academies with UEFA 'A' and 'B' license, and English and Irish FA, professional coaching qualifications. Players follow the English FA, coaching curriculum along with age related development from Everton FC and Glasgow Celtic FC Academy programs. Coaches from Glasgow Celtic FC will once again be visiting PSA Everton this season to deliver coaching sessions to all players and monitor the progress of the rising stars of the future.

Along with the latest Umbro football strips, footballs and

training equipment provided by sponsors Sports Direct, players at the PSA Everton have access to the very best facilities and

coaching available in Kuwait, living up to the Everton motto of 'Nothing But The Best'





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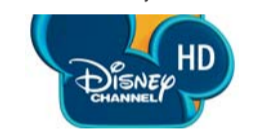
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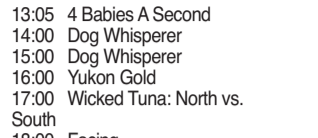
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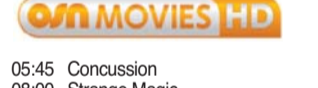
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- 09:55 Delinquent Gourmet
- 10:20 Raw Travel
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- 11:10 Tales From The Bush Larder
- 11:35 Tales From The Bush Larder
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- 02:00 Glamour Puds
- 02:25 Croatia's Finest
- 02:50 Croatia's Finest
- 03:15 Eat Street
- 03:40 Valentine Warner Eats Scandinavia



- 13:05 4 Babies A Second
- 14:00 Dog Whisperer
- 15:00 Dog Whisperer
- 16:00 Yukon Gold
- 17:00 Wicked Tuna: North vs. South
- 18:00 Facing...
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- 00:20 Family Guns
- 01:10 Wicked Tuna: North vs. South
- 02:00 Facing...
- 03:00 Nazi World War Weird
- 03:55 Yukon Gold
- 04:00 Grimm
- 05:00 Marvel's Agent Carter
- 06:00 Good Morning America - Weekend
- 07:00 The Amazing Race
- 08:00 DC's Legends Of Tomorrow
- 09:00 Rosewood
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- 14:00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show
- 15:00 Marvel's Agent Carter
- 16:00 Live Good Morning America - Weekend
- 17:00 The Blacklist
- 18:00 The Ellen DeGeneres Show
- 19:00 Rosewood
- 20:00 Containment
- 21:00 This Is Us
- 22:00 Notorious
- 23:00 How To Get Away With Murder
- 00:00 Bates Motel
- 01:00 Prison Break
- 02:00 Notorious
- 03:00 How To Get Away With Murder



- 05:00 Jurassic Hunters
- 07:00 Non-Stop
- 09:00 Wrath
- 11:00 Blunt Force Trauma
- 13:00 Airplane vs. Volcano
- 15:00 Non-Stop
- 17:00 Wrath
- 19:00 S.W.A.T.
- 21:00 The Berlin File
- 23:15 22 Bullets
- 01:15 The Dead Lands
- 03:15 Jersey Shore Shark Attack



- 05:00 Jack
- 07:00 The Proposal
- 09:00 Passed Away
- 11:00 Jack
- 13:00 Just Married
- 15:00 Caveman
- 17:00 Passed Away
- 19:00 Ghostbusters II
- 21:00 The To Do List
- 23:00 The Bronze
- 01:00 A Long Way Down
- 03:00 Ghostbusters II



- 05:30 The Village
- 07:30 Second Coming
- 09:30 Beyond The Edge
- 11:30 The Village
- 13:30 The Apostle
- 15:30 Parkland
- 17:30 Beyond The Edge
- 18:00 Foxcatcher
- 22:30 The Boy
- 00:30 The Royal Tenenbaums
- 02:30 Parkland



- 05:45 Concussion
- 08:00 Strange Magic
- 10:00 McFarland, USA
- 12:15 Concussion
- 14:30 90 Minutes In Heaven
- 16:30 With This Ring
- 18:15 Everest
- 20:30 Star Wars: The Force Awakens
- 23:00 Moonwalkers
- 01:00 Straight Outta Compton
- 03:30 Everest



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- 06:30 Impractical Jokers
- 06:55 Impractical Jokers
- 07:20 Tosh.0
- 07:50 Tosh.0
- 08:15 Hungry Investors
- 09:05 Ridiculousness
- 09:30 Ridiculousness
- 09:55 Impractical Jokers
- 10:20 Impractical Jokers
- 10:45 Nathan For You
- 11:10 Nathan For You
- 11:35 Ridiculousness
- 12:00 Catch A Contractor
- 12:25 Hungry Investors
- 13:15 Workaholics
- 13:40 Workaholics
- 14:05 Impractical Jokers
- 14:30 Impractical Jokers
- 14:55 Ridiculousness
- 15:20 Ridiculousness
- 15:45 Coaching Bad
- 16:35 Tosh.0
- 17:00 Tosh.0
- 17:30 Nathan For You
- 17:55 Nathan For You
- 18:25 Workaholics
- 18:50 Tattoo Disasters
- 19:15 Tattoo Disasters
- 19:39 Ridiculousness
- 20:03 Ridiculousness
- 20:27 Impractical Jokers
- 20:50 Impractical Jokers
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- 22:00 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah
- 22:30 John Oliver's New York
- 22:50 Stand Up Show
- 23:18 Broad City
- 23:42 Tosh.0
- 00:05 Lip Sync Battle
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- 01:50 South Park
- 02:15 Tosh.0
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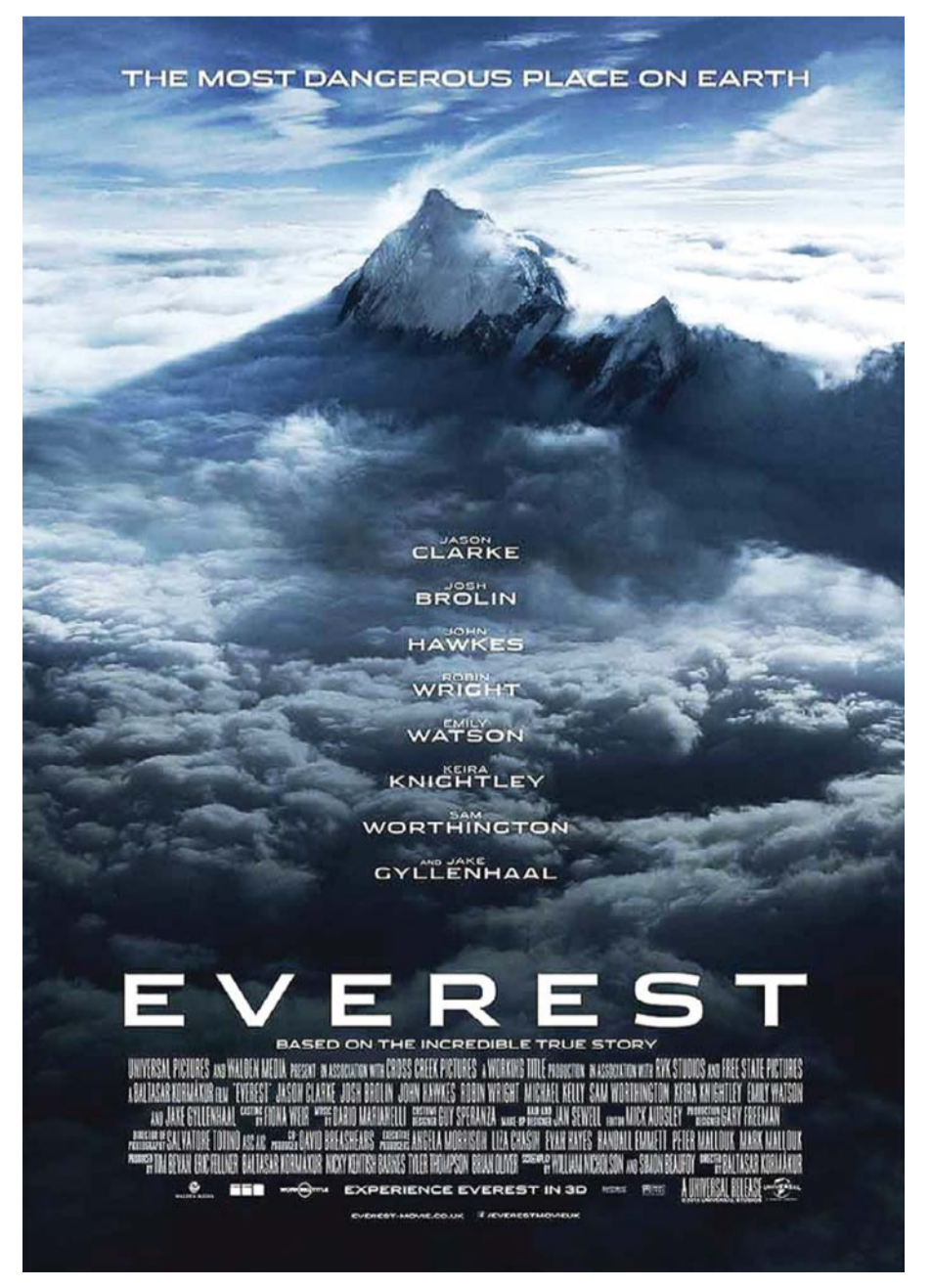
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- 02:20 What Could Possibly Go Wrong?
- 03:10 Storm Chasers
- 04:00 Surviving Evil
- 04:48 I Almost Got Away With It
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- 07:12 I Almost Got Away With It
- 08:00 Nightmare Next Door
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- 11:20 Nightmare Next Door
- 12:10 Obsession: Dark Desires
- 13:00 Who On Earth Did I Marry?
- 13:25 Who On Earth Did I Marry?
- 13:50 Deadly Affairs
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- 21:20 I'd Kill For You
- 22:10 California Investigator
- 22:35 California Investigator
- 23:00 The Vanishing Women
- 23:50 Deadline: Crime With Tamron Hall
- 00:40 The Coroner: I Speak For The Dead
- 01:30 A Haunting
- 02:20 Alaska Haunting
- 03:10 The Vanishing Women



- 13:20 That's So Raven
- 13:45 That's So Raven
- 14:10 That's So Raven
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- 15:25 Austin & Ally
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- 16:15 Disney Cookabout
- 16:40 Bunk'd
- 17:05 Descendants Wicked World
- 17:10 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
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- 18:00 Gravity Falls
- 18:25 Teen Beach 2
- 20:00 Star Darlings
- 20:05 Austin & Ally
- 20:30 Jessie
- 20:55 Liv And Maddie
- 21:20 Best Friends Whenever
- 21:45 Good Luck Charlie
- 22:10 H2O: Just Add Water
- 22:35 H2O: Just Add Water
- 23:00 Binny And The Ghost
- 23:25 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
- 23:50 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
- 00:10 Hank Zipzer
- 00:35 Binny And The Ghost
- 01:00 Violetta
- 01:45 The Hive
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- 02:30 Art Attack
- 03:00 Calimero
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- 13:00 Goldie & Bear
- 13:15 Jake And The Never Land Pirates
- 13:40 Miles From Tomorrow
- 14:00 Sofia The First
- 14:30 Goldie & Bear
- 15:00 Jake And The Never Land Pirates
- 15:30 The Lion Guard
- 16:00 PJ Masks
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- 17:00 Doc McStuffins
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- 00:00 Minnie's Bow-Toons
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- 07:00 Booster
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You must have qualifications:

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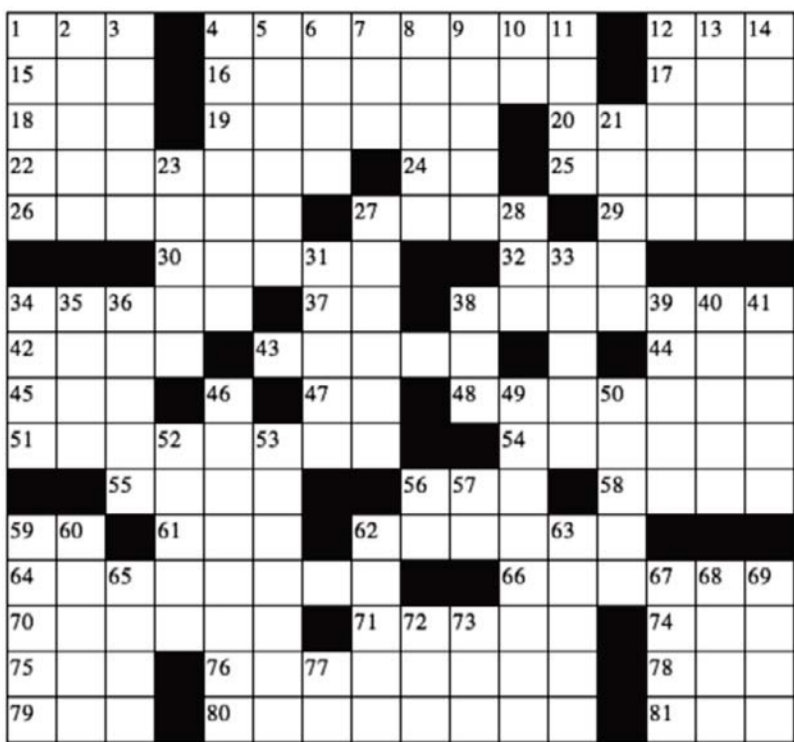
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MSC	415	Sohag	00:10	KAC	178	Vienna	14:15
THY	772	Istanbul	00:10	FDB	057	Dubai	14:20
JZR	267	Beirut	00:30	GFA	221	Bahrain	14:20
JZR	239	Amman	00:50	SVA	500	Jeddah	14:30
FDB	069	Dubai	00:55	KAC	742	Dammam	14:55
DLH	635	Doha	01:00	KAC	788	Jeddah	15:00
QTR	1086	Doha	01:15	KNE	529	Jeddah	15:05
JZR	539	Cairo	01:20	OMA	645	Muscat	15:10
MSC	403	Asyut	01:30	ETD	303	Abu Dhabi	15:10
RJA	642	Amman	01:45	ABY	127	Sharjah	15:35
ETH	620	Addis Ababa	01:45	UAE	857	Dubai	15:45
THY	1464	Istanbul	01:50	RJA	640	Amman	16:00
KKK	6506	Istanbul	02:00	FDB	051	Dubai	16:10
GFA	211	Bahrain	02:15	QTR	1072	Doha	16:15
CEB	018	Manila	02:20	JZR	787	Riyadh	16:35
UAE	853	Dubai	02:25	KAC	562	Amman	16:55
OMA	643	Muscat	03:05	SYR	341	Damascus	17:00
ETD	305	Abu Dhabi	03:05	SVA	510	Riyadh	17:15
MSR	612	Cairo	03:15	GFA	215	Bahrain	17:30
FDB	067	Dubai	03:15	JZR	177	Dubai	17:45
QTR	1076	Doha	03:25	JZR	777	Jeddah	17:50
PGT	860	Istanbul	03:30	KAC	678	Muscat/Abu Dhabi	17:50
KAC	544	Cairo	03:40	QTR	1080	Doha	17:55
LMU	510	Cairo	04:00	JZR	483	Istanbul	18:20
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ETH	3403	Addis Ababa/Riyadh	04:30	KAC	774	Riyadh	18:35
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KAC	302	Mumbai	07:50	ABY	123	Sharjah	19:15
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ACROSS

- One of the five major classes of immunoglobulins.
- A large family of trees, shrubs, vines, and herbs bearing bean pods.
- A Turkish unit of weight equal to about 2.75 pounds.
- A unit of length of thread or yarn.
- Air-breathing arthropods characterized by simple eyes and four pairs of legs.
- A periodic paperback publication.
- A hospital unit staffed and equipped to provide intensive care.
- A strip fixed to something to hold it firm.
- Lower in esteem.
- A republic in southeastern Europe.
- A trivalent metallic element of the rare earth group.
- United States naval officer and historian (1840-1914).
- The 3 goddesses of fate or destiny.
- Anything that serves as an enticement.
- Squash bugs.
- A flat wing-shaped process or winglike part of an organism.
- An Indian tree of the family Combretaceae that is a source of timber and gum.
- A unit of power equal to 1000 watts.
- Long-bodied long-tailed tropical American wildcat.
- Spicy fruit of the cubeb vine.
- A broad flat muscle on either side of the back.
- Angular distance above the horizon (especially of a celestial object).
- A chronic inflammatory collagen disease affecting connective tissue (skin or joints).
- Covered with paving material.
- An installment of a printed work.
- Relatively hard durable timber from the Queen's crape myrtle.
- An informal term for a father.
- Not far distant in time or space or degree or circumstances.
- The eleventh month of the civil year.
- (Irish) The sea personified.
- Used in former classifications to include all living reptiles except turtles.
- Capital of Armenia.
- Common house and field crickets.
- Informal terms for money.
- A constellation in the southern hemisphere near Telescopium and Norma.
- Perennial herb of East India to Polynesia and Australia cultivated for its large edible root yielding Otaheite arrowroot starch.
- Showing empathy or ready comprehension of others' states.
- Automatic data processing in which data acquisition and other stages or processing are integrated into a coherent system.
- The bill in a restaurant.
- A river in northeastern Brazil that flows generally northward to the Atlantic Ocean.
- Inflammation of the urethra of unknown cause.

DOWN

- An ancient city in Asia Minor that was the site of the Trojan War.
- Any of various small chiefly tropical and usually nocturnal insectivorous terrestrial lizards typically with immovable eyelids.
- A benevolent aspect of Devi.
- Genus of South and Central American heathlike evergreen shrubs.
- A genus of orb-weaving spiders including common garden spiders and barn spiders.
- Moderate or restrain.
- A legal document codifying the result of deliberations of a committee or society or legislative body.
- A Hindu disciple of a swami.
- The feeling of being bored by something tedious.
- The branch of computer science that deal with writing computer programs that can solve problems creatively.
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in bally.
- A member of the Siouan people formerly living in the Missouri river valley in NE Nebraska.
- A river of southwestern Africa that rises in central Angola and flows east and then north (forming part of the border between Angola and Congo) and continuing northwest through Congo to empty into the Congo River on the border between Congo and Republic of the Congo.
- An active and efficient cause.
- An imaginary elephant that appears in a series of French books for children.
- An anti-TNF compound (trade name Arava) that is given orally.
- An old Scottish coin of little value.
- A rotating disk shaped to convert circular into linear motion.
- The bony skeleton of the head of vertebrates.
- Informal or slang terms for mentally irregular.
- Type genus of the Hylidae.
- An honorary arts degree.
- A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.
- Having a horizontal surface in which no part is higher or lower than another.
- A board game in which players try to move their pieces into their opponent's bases.
- Essential oil or perfume obtained from flowers.
- A step to one side (as in boxing or dancing).
- A cut of pork ribs with much of the meat trimmed off.
- Of or relating to or supporting Hinduism.
- Colony of the United Kingdom located on a limestone promontory at the southern tip of Spain.
- Type genus of the Cariamidae comprising only the crested cariama.
- (Greek mythology) A maiden seduced by Zeus.
- An associate degree in nursing.
- Widely distributed genus of annual or perennial and often climbing herbs.
- A drug (trade names Calan and Isoptin) used as an oral or parenteral calcium blocker in cases of hypertension or congestive heart failure or angina or migraine.
- Any of several tall tropical palms native to southeastern Asia having egg-shaped nuts.
- According to the Old Testament he was a pagan king of Israel and husband of Jezebel (9th century BC).
- Characteristic of false pride.
- Acute lung injury characterized by coughing and rales.
- Chevrotaun somewhat larger than the kan-chil.
- A reptile genus of Iguanidae.
- The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet.
- A soft yellowish-white trivalent metallic element of the rare earth group.

Yesterday's Solution



STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

A failure to address an existing relationship issue can suddenly turn into a major kerfuffle today. A menacing Mercury-Pluto square could undermine trust, while an extreme Sun-Uranus opposition inspires you to ignore all warning signs and blast ahead anyhow. Although you may want to flee if you don't find any obvious answers, letting go of your fixed expectations leads to the breakthrough you seek. Whatever the problem, choose to be part of the solution.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Your happiest time is a day like this day, when you spend time with friends in group activities. Spiritual practices and some charity work may be involved in making this a rewarding time. You could be most persuasive with others today. The situation is a natural for self-expression and lends itself to your own special ideas and thoughts. A good conversation with those you love is possible. You may find yourself spending much of the day with your friends. This could be involvement in group sports, golf, fishing, tennis, etc. There is an appreciation for ideas and thoughts that are quite otherworldly. It is easy for you to love and be compassionate and to value what life offers. You have a sense of unity and brotherhood that will stay with you.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Rewarding days like this day makes up for all the stress that comes with the challenging days of your week. This is a time in which you can grab the attention. You and a friend may decide to take in the new museum in town or perhaps an art show this afternoon. If you are working, it is possible to leave work a little early. This entertainment today is most likely a guest concert or lecture. A movie, books and all forms of escape could prove enjoyable. Romance is very possible later today. This is just one of those days where everything is running smoothly and many opportunities are available to adventure out into the world to enjoy the company of friends or family. Compromises are important where finances are concerned.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Although you shy away from challenges, you cannot escape facing a few of them. Challenges are what help us grow, learn about others and ourselves and improve problem-solving skills-today may be challenging. An irresistible force meets an immovable object-proceed with caution! There are appropriate times to express your feelings but today your problem-solving skills lean toward learning how to stay out of a sticky situation. There is a lot of energy available for disciplined work-do not push. You may have a sense that there is a lack of support from those around you. This situation is temporary and problems could be avoided through efforts to busy yourself and lower your expectation of others for now.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

This morning you are in the mood to clean and clear away any of the clutter, whether it is inside or outside your living area. You are in a determined mood to make things look neater. Clear thinking and visual balance are important just now. Vacation time could be enjoyed soon; the planning has come to an end. Regardless of where you are, you have more than just the gift of gab. Your words and ideas can transport and enchant listeners, carrying them beyond the world as they know it into the world as they wish it could be. You may decide today is the day to really put your energies into environmental concerns-recycling, perhaps. Your sense of what connects all of life is felt in the way you communicate.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Making this a harmonious day may depend on your willingness to tend to someone else's needs. Your turn will come soon, but for now a patient attitude will be most important. Unconventional hobbies and other forms of self-expression that break from the norm play a big part in your life this afternoon. You may help an interested child learn secrets about a mutual hobby. A child may be ahead of his or her time. You may find that you have intuitive and psychic abilities that have never surfaced before. You may feel religious emotions in very strong ways today. Refrain from religious discussions for now-you could become emotionally involved in trying to prove a point. Recreation takes an unusual turn with ordinary expectations. You are lucky today.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

This is a high-cycle day where many doors of opportunity are opened and many unfinished personal projects in or around the home can be completed. Later today you may find yourself in with groups of people. Perhaps you are enjoying the day with friends or you have found a bazaar to sift through this afternoon. A spiritual group may be a part of this. This evening, volunteer services are needed and you are willing to help. You could find that you are valued for your ability to detect the loose string, so to speak. An old suit or garment can be mended to look like new. Poetry and art are your favorite ways to meditate and it may surprise you when you come up with a poem or two of your own. Today is most enjoyable.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Today and tomorrow are the best times to begin a diet or new health plan. You may have trouble getting moving, but once rolling, others better move aside. Your dreams and imaginings keep bumping into the real and the actual process of life. You continue to imagine that you have graduated and are above going through this sensitive and personal material, but it keeps happening. The blood-and-guts parts of life do not suit your self-image. Tension results from this struggle between dreams and reality-let it flow and let it go. You may find that your own growth may depend upon how you can handle the very sensitive psychological material that may be coming to your attention this afternoon. A special meal is called for tonight.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 19)

Making peace with the past and coming to terms with karmic debts are some of the issues that confront you now. Failure to face these things can cause setbacks and put obstacles in your path. Learn to look beyond the personal or you will get in over your head. Unusual ideas and novel ways of expressing them play a bigger than usual part in your life now. A neighbor could play a part in this or perhaps a brother or sister. One of your friends may decide that karma could be balanced through time, meaning that time can be given through cooking a meal, sitting and talking with a senior or sitting with a child while a parent shops. You enjoy this giving opportunity and can begin to think of all sorts of ways to share your time.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Today you will enjoy the art of communication. You may find that you can talk about a book you enjoyed reading or an exciting trip you took in the recent past. Sharing stories is also a great deal of fun. You have a love affair going with the mind and you value its entire offspring: words, ideas, thoughts and such. You love to learn new things. In particular you appreciate good conversation and you feel that stimulating mental adventures, either alone or with others, are among the most exciting experiences that life offers. You have a built-in sense of discrimination when it comes to the intellect-all mental activities. You may decide to take risks and dare to be unconventional. You will prosper through an independent point of view.



Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

Everything catches your eye and you seem to want everything you see. Walk away for a while when you begin to feel this way. You could risk your finances if you don't. The store will continue to be on the corner but it may take months to bring your bankbook back into balance. Take some time this afternoon to reflect and understand your own situation, just how you feel about yourself. Friends may be the best boost to your ego today. This is a good time, a time when you come to a new understanding. A love relationship may be undergoing some strain. Do not spend too much time in worry-it will pass soon enough. Young people that have presented some problems for you lately seem to have solved their dilemmas. Enjoy a quiet evening.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

With the accessibility to new communication tools, you learn about people, countries, and transportation as well as the amusement activities of others. Friends, family and the animals you love are easy to understand. People at a distance become your friends. You may be moved to appreciate and discover the beauty in your life and in those around you. At the same time, everything could take on added value. You may want to purchase a few goodies for your family and friends. If you can keep the expenses down while visiting, that would be good. You draw emotional sustenance and a sense of security from ideals, friends and a social involvement. You may want to update your living area-break with the outdated. This is a source of conversation.

WORD SEARCH

Fantasy World 1

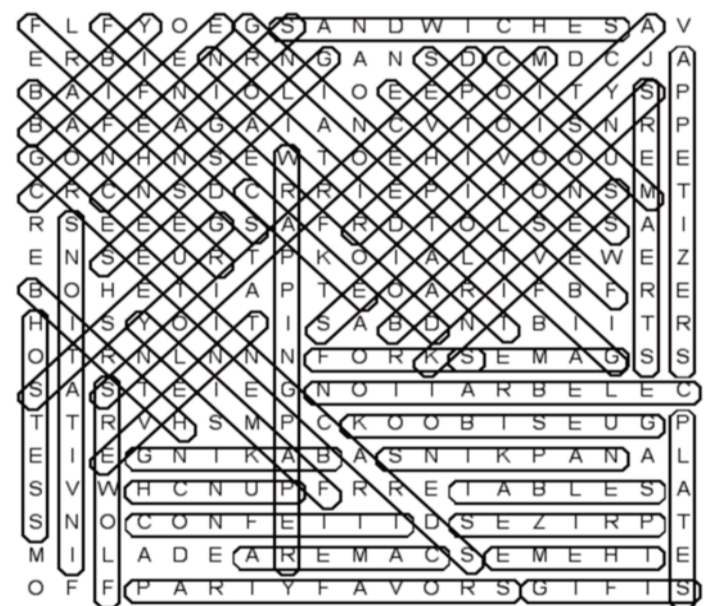
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| BATTLE | FARM | MACE | SERVANT |
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| CHALICE | GNOMES | MOAT | STEW |
| CROSSBOW | GOLD | OGRE | TOWER |
| CROWN | GUARDS | PEASANT | WARLOCK |
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Yesterday Solution

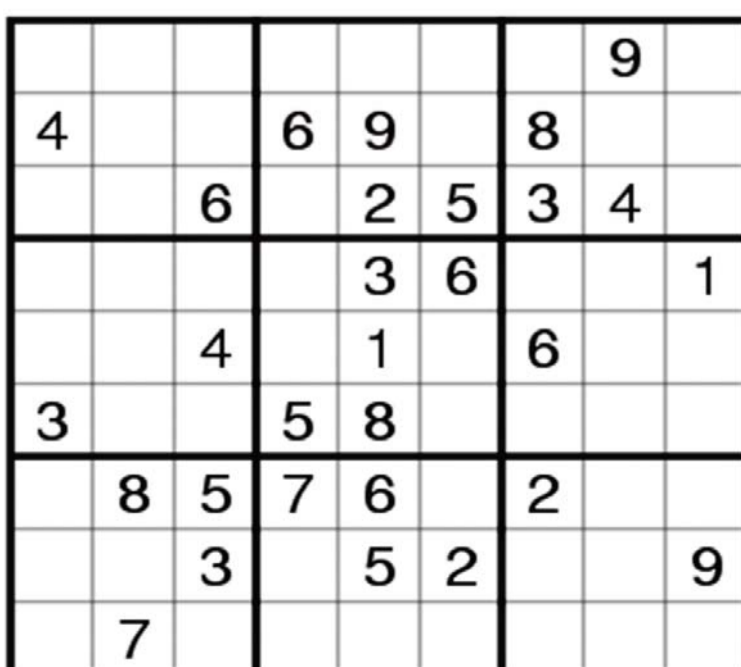
Baby Shower



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| BAKING | EVENT | GREETING CARDS | PRIZES |
| BALLOONS | FAMILY | GUESTBOOK | PUNCH |
| BANNER | FESTIVE | GUESTS | SANDWICHES |
| BIRTH | FINGER FOOD | HOSTESS | SPOONS |
| CAKE | FLOWERS | INVITATIONS | STREAMERS |
| CAMERA | FORKS | KNIVES | TABLES |
| CELEBRATION | FRIENDS | MOTHER | THEME |
| CHAIRS | GAMES | MUSIC | TRADITION |
| COFFEE | GIFT OPENING | NAPKINS | WRAPPING PAPER |

The hidden message is: LOVE AND JOY ARE WHAT BABIES ARE MADE OF

Daily SuDoku



Yesterday's Solution



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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
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Barbados	001246	Mayotte	00269
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Belgium	0032	Micronesia	00691
Belize	00501	Moldova	00373
Benin	00229	Monaco	00377
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Bhutan	00975	Montserrat	001664
Bolivia	00591	Morocco	00212
Bosnia	00387	Mozambique	00258
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Bulgaria	00359	Netherlands	0031
Burkina	00226	Netherlands Antilles	00599
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China	0086	Norway	0047
Colombia	0057	Oman	00968
Comoros	00269	Pakistan	0092
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Cook Islands	00682	Panama	00507
Costa Rica	00506	Papua New Guinea	00675
Croatia	00385	Paraguay	00595
Cuba	0053	Peru	0051
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Egypt	0020	Saint Kitts	001869
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Faroe Islands	00298	Saudi Arabia	00966
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Finland	00358	Senegal	00221
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French Guiana	00594	Sierra Leone	00232
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Gabon	00241	Slovakia	00421
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Germany	0049	Somalia	00252
Ghana	00233	South Africa	0027
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Grenada	001473	Sudan	00249
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Guam	001671	Swaziland	00268
Guatemala	00502	Sweden	0046
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Haiti	00509	Serbia	00381
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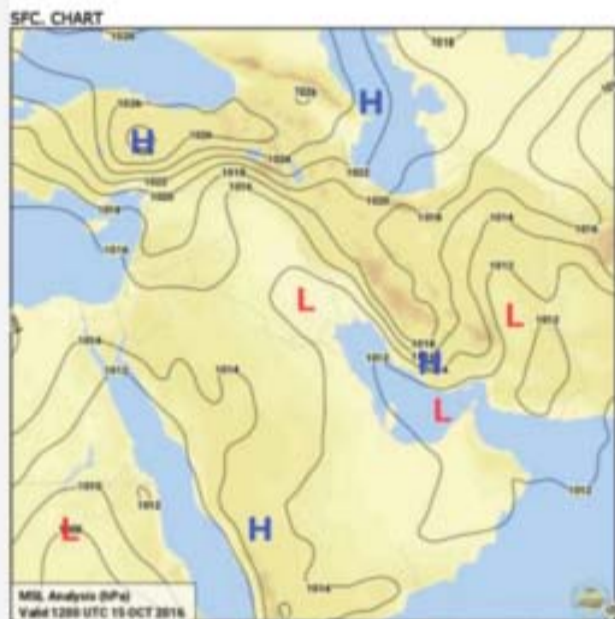
Expected Weather for the Next 24 Hours

Issued 15/10/2016-19:00 LT UTC +3hr

MIN Temperature 19 °C

By Night : Fair with light to moderate north westerly wind, with speed of 10 - 32 km/h

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



Four-Day Forecast

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Expected Weather	hot	hot	Hot+R,humid over coasts	hot+R,humid over coasts+ high clouds
Min Temp °C	19	20	19	18
Max Temp °C	38	37	39	38
Wind Direction	variable wind changing to north westerly	variable wind changing to south easterly	south westerly changing to south easterly	variable wind changing to south easterly
Wind Speed km/h	08 - 28	08 - 28	10 - 32	08 - 32

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	38
KUWAIT AIRPORT	19	37
ABDALY	21	37
BUBYAN	19	37
JAHRA	24	38
FAILAKA ISLAND	21	37
SALMIYAH	26	35
AHMADI	27	33
JAL ALIYAH	22	37
QAROH ISLAND	28	32
UMH AL-MARADEM	28	33
NUWAISIB	23	36
WAFRA	21	38
MANAGISH	21	36
SALMIYAH	21	35
NUTRIBA	20	39

Recorded Yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max Temp (°C)	37
Min Temp (°C)	19
Max Rel Hum (%)	38
Min Rel Hum (%)	10
Max Wind Speed (km/h) and Direction	36 NW
TOTAL RAINFALL IN 24 HR.	0 mm

Sunrise	05:50
Sunset	17:17

Prayer Times	
Fajr	04:30
Sunrise	05:50
Zuhr	11:34
Asr	14:50
Sunset	17:17
Isha	18:34



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Ryan Lochte is ready to be a dad



The Olympic swimmer and 'Dancing With The Stars' contestant recently proposed to Playboy model Kayla Rae Reid and says he wants to have children as soon as possible. He told E! News: "Before I even got engaged, I wanted a family of my own. I wanted to find the right one first and then have kids with her. Now that I've found the right one, that's something we definitely talk about...we want kids and I mean, I'm ready to be a dad." And Ryan, 32, also revealed that he is determined to be involved in planning the wedding with his 25-year-old bride. He said: "That's one of the things that I wanted to do because this is not just her wedding, even though everyone always says it's the woman's wedding, but it's mine too and we're a couple now. I wanted to be involved as much as possible. I want to help her pick out the flowers, help pick out the cake...like everything. I want to be right there with her."

Meanwhile, Ryan recently revealed that he wants a reality TV show with Kayla. He said: "We've thought about it. We've already thought about it." "I think that would be a lot of fun. Especially with us, if you see us when we're home, we're just a bunch of goofballs. It's a lot of entertainment, so we would definitely do it." Ryan also said he is planning to invite everyone from 'DWTS' to his wedding. He explained: "The whole entire show [will be invited]. I mean honestly, it's been like a family. I definitely want for the wedding itself, my closest friends and family. And then afterwards, you know, that's a celebration, so I'll have a huge, huge party."

'Keeping Up With The Kardashians' resumes filming

Although the reality TV show was "put on hold indefinitely" after Kim Kardashian West was robbed at gunpoint in her hotel in Paris, France, earlier this month, her sister Kendall Jenner reportedly filmed some scenes last week. According to HollywoodLife.com, Kendall, 20, was seen with TV cameras at the What Goes Around Comes Around store opening in Beverly Hills, where she filmed for around 15 minutes. Earlier this month, filming on the E! show was put on hold following Kim's ordeal. A spokesperson from the broadcasting network said: "All of us at E! are incredibly thankful that Kim Kardashian West is safe, and we send her and her family our love and support."

"Keeping Up With the Kardashians' was not filming at the time of the robbery. Our focus right now is entirely on Kim's well-being." Kim has been keeping a low profile since the robbery but last week she stepped out to visit a restaurant. An eyewitness told E! News: "She was with security. She made a brief, 30-minute trip to a restaurant in Beverly Hills. She was with a female friend and looked very downcast and sombre, not wanting to be seen." The last time the beauty was photographed before last week was when she left the apartment in New York which she stayed in with husband Kanye West after her return to the US. A source said previously: "Kim is doing better but she still has a long way to recover from the robbery. She

has been receiving some professional therapy. Her friends and family have been really supportive. Her sisters and mom have been checking on her every day." Kim recently missed out on the wrap party for the upcoming 12th season of 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians', after it was reported she had "no big plan" to return to the show. A source said: "There is not a big plan in place for her comeback. It's only been a week. She is still staying off the grid and away from everything."



Jon Bon Jovi says Richie Sambora never told him he was leaving their band

Richie, 57, quit Bon Jovi suddenly three years ago and frontman Jon insists that it came completely out of the blue and there was no conversation between the bandmates before he left. Speaking on 'Good Morning America', Jon, 54, said: "Everyone says, 'Well, what happened?' We were in Calgary. The album was entering the charts at number one. We're sold out every single night. It's show 21 and the short of it is, Richie just didn't show up at the show. "And we haven't seen him in person since. There was no fight. There was no money. There was nothing I swear in my whole career, and he'll tell you the same thing. So we went on." Jon previously insisted he and bandmates Tico Torres and David Bryan don't have any ill will towards Richie. Speaking exclusively to BANG Showbiz, Jon said: "Sure. It is sad for everybody but to continue to have to reiterate being in a rock band is not a life sentence. One day he chose to take a different path and there is no ill will. There was never a fight, it was never money. There was never any of that stuff. He just didn't show up for work." Richie now has a new band RSO with his girlfriend Orianthi and he still plays Bon Jovi songs. He previously said: "I wrote them, they're my songs too. I get to play them, I get to do them the way Ori and I do them now. It's a different incarnation but when you write a good song, if you're fortunate enough to write something that gets to a global audience you really can't mess it up too bad. You can't mess 'Livin' On A Prayer', 'Wanted Dead or Alive' or 'I'll Be There For You' up."



Sofia Richie is 'annoyed' at how Justin Bieber handled their relationship

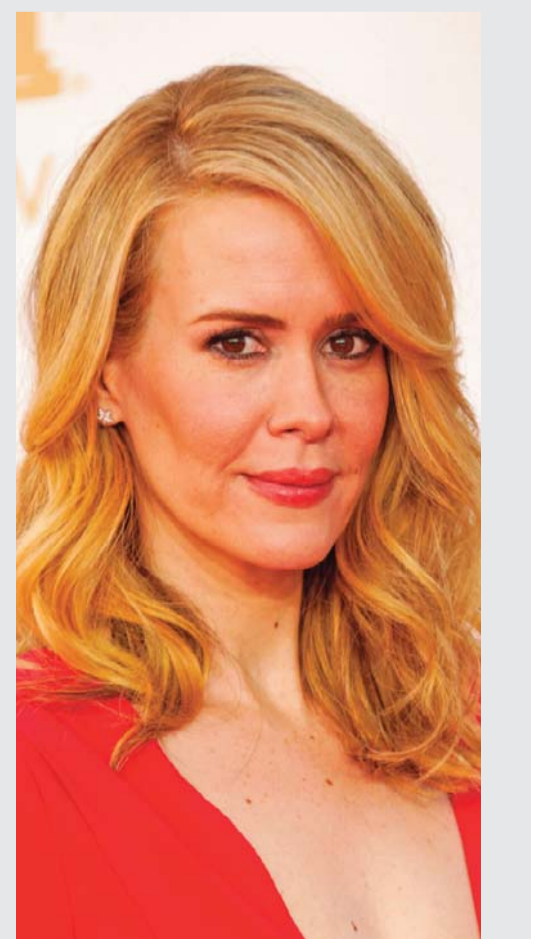
The 22-year-old pop megastar split from Sofia, 18, after just a month of dating in September, and sources have claimed that despite calling time on their romance, the pair "still communicate". A source told E! News: "Sofia is still kind of annoyed at how Justin handled a few things, but they still communicate. They haven't hooked up in a minute." The news comes after Sofia - who is the daughter of musician Lionel Richie - was spotted at the 'Sorry' hitmaker's concert in London earlier this week. Another source said of their relationship previously: "They are still friends though and will continue to see each other like they did before they were dating. They are taking a backseat though on the romance side of things and just focusing on being friends at this time." However, despite

the model's attendance at the show, there's nothing romantic between the pair. The insider said: "Sofia and Justin are not back together, and they never were an official couple. They just hooked up and were close friends. "Sofia is chill with the whole situation and not ruling out future possibilities with Justin, but as of this second nothing is happening." The 'Love Yourself' musician ended the pair's fling last month, after concerns that things were getting too "hot and heavy" when he wasn't interested in anything serious. A source said at the time: "It was super-hot and heavy, and because Justin doesn't want a relationship right now, he wanted to cool things down. It wasn't an intentional cool-off. It just sort of happened on its own."



Sarah Paulson is too 'nervous' to watch any of her own work

The 41-year-old actress recently won her first Primetime Emmy Award for her portrayal of Marcia Clark in 'The People vs O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story', but admits the pressure from the compliments she received prevented her from being able to watch the show, as she was worried she'd start "ripping it to shreds". Speaking to Vanity Fair magazine, the blonde beauty said: "I'm in this new kick of never watching anything I do anymore. I haven't watched 'O.J.'...I didn't watch my Sally [on 'American Horror Story: Hotel']. I haven't watched season six so far. I haven't watched 'Blue Jay'. "It started with [playing] Marcia [Clark], it started with the 'O.J.' thing. It was the first time in my career where I really felt such an onslaught of complimentary, effusive reactions to the show itself and to my work on it, that I started to get very nervous about my typical way of watching something and ripping it to shreds when it's my own work. The 'American Horror Story' actress admits that instead of watching her performances, she prefers to "just enjoy" what people have to say about her work. "[So] I thought, 'What would happen if you didn't do that this time, and you just let it be what it is and don't attach your own feelings to it, and let it stand on its own, and just enjoy people saying nice things? What if you do that instead?' And the star - who is in a relationship with fellow actress Holland Taylor - recently confessed to having nightmares about her Emmy win being taken away from her. She said: "I had a nightmare that they tapped me on the shoulder and were like, 'We're going to need that back. We read the wrong name on the card.' And I said, 'But I have the card! Bryan Cranston gave me the card! I have the envelope and it says my name on it!' And he's like, 'Yeah, yeah, yeah. That was a misprint.' I woke up and sort of bleary-eyed looked across and saw it, and I was like, [Sigh of relief]"



Colton Haynes' house has been broken into

The 28-year-old actor revealed in an Instagram video on Thursday (13.10.16) that his Beverly Hills property had been ransacked, with the perpetrators having allegedly stolen between \$5,000 and \$6,000 worth of goods. The 'Arrow' actor isn't letting the theft affect him though, as he claims the news isn't "going to get [him] down". He said in the video: "So even though the other day someone broke into my house and stole a bunch of my stuff, that's not going to get me down." According to TMZ.com, a television and a laptop were among the expensive gadgets stolen in the raid when burglars entered the house by smashing open a lockbox outside the garage. Police say they don't have any suspects as of yet, but detectives are on the hunt for the star's missing property. Meanwhile, the 'Teen Wolf' actor also took to Twitter in wake of his ordeal, reiterating that he is "okay", but slamming TMZ for publishing information about the theft. He wrote: "My home was broken into a few days ago & alot was stolen. I am ok. I don't understand why it's necessary that my personal info is on TMZ (sic)" The news comes after the 'San Andreas' actor recently posted a motivational message on the photo sharing website in support of National Coming Out Day, which aims to encourage people in the LGBTQ community to tell their family and friends about their sexuality. Colton - who told the public he is gay earlier this year - wrote: "This year... I came out of the closet publicly. It chokes me up just reading that sentence. Happy tears. Knowing that my younger self would be so proud of the person I've become. [...] Happy National Coming Out Day. Please share your stories with me, I would love to hear them!"



Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel enjoyed a Scrabble date ahead of their four-year anniversary

The 34-year-old actress took to Instagram on Friday (14.10.16) to share the adorable image of the pair playing the word based board game, bragging that she had finally managed to beat her "undefeated" husband. The caption on the photo read: "I played 'sardine' and got the 50 bonus points! Guess who is no longer undefeated...#scrabblebrag (sic)" The couple - who share one-year-old son Silas Randall - will celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary on Wednesday (19.10.16), after they tied the knot in October 2012. Prior to their wedding, the duo were engaged for almost a year when the 'Cry Me A River' singer popped the question in 2011, following a brief split in their four-year relationship. And the relationship hasn't shown any signs of slowing down now that they're married, as Justin, 35, recently confessed he had a new found "appreciation" for both his wife and their son. He said: "I have this new appreciation for both of them, her and him. It's humbling and humbling at the same time. You watch her realise she has a gear she (thought she) didn't have and then you go, 'Woah, yeah.'" The 'Total Recall' actress agrees with Justin's feelings about their family, saying she feels like she "can do anything". She said previously: "I definitely have that unit feeling-it's a good feeling, isn't it? It's very insular, and it feels like, you against the world, and you can do anything. It's kind of like that aspirational feeling I guess." Justin even believes his relationship with Jessica and their son has had a positive influence on his career, as he previously admitted he "would never have written" written hit single 'Can't Stop The Feeling' if he wasn't a father. He said: "I would have never written a song like 'Can't Stop The Feeling!' [if I wasn't a father]. I don't know that it was directly inspired to be something that my son could listen to of mine, because there's a lot of music he can't ... at least not yet ... [but he was an influence]."



Kylie Jenner has shut down rumors she ever hooked up with Scott Disick

The 19-year-old beauty took to her app on Friday (14.10.16) to share a video in which she answers some of the biggest rumours about her that are circulating on the Internet. In one of the questions, the 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians' star is asked if she's ever slept with 33-year-old Scott - the on/off boyfriend of her sister Kourtney Kardashian. Speaking to good friend Anastasia Karanikolaou - who accompanied her in the video posted on thekyliejenner.com - she said: "That's disgusting. Oh my God, don't ever ask me anything like that ever again!" For Scott, the confirmation that Kylie would never hook up with him can only be good news, as he's determined to make his relationship with 37-year-old Kourtney - with whom he shares three children, Mason, six, Penelope, four, and one-year-old Reign - work. A source said previously: "Kourtney and Scott have finally gotten to a place where they can both be completely honest about

everything. And it is totally obvious to them now that they are meant to be together, so they just have to do whatever it takes to make it work." Whilst beauty guru Kylie might not be hooking up with her co-star, she previously admitted the only man in her life was current boyfriend and rapper Tyga. The star has enjoyed an on/off romance with the 'Rack City' hitmaker since 2014, and insists they're happy together and "love each other". She said: "The first year we started hanging out, everyone around him told him not to be with me. I still get comments like, 'Don't be with him.' But we're not doing it for the public-we love each other. We need to be together at all times. We never get mad at each other, we just figure things out."

Kim Kardashian West has stepped out in Los Angeles for the first time since her Paris robbery

The 35-year-old reality star suffered a terrible ordeal last week when she was tied up and locked in the bathroom of her apartment in Paris, France, whilst five armed raiders stole \$10 million worth of jewellery. Since the theft, the 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians' star has stayed out of the public eye, but was spotted late on Thursday (13.10.16) as she stepped out to visit a restaurant in pictures obtained by E! News. An eyewitness told the publication: "She was with security. She made a brief, 30-minute trip to a restaurant in Beverly Hills. She was with a female friend and looked very downcast and sombre, not wanting to be seen." The last time the beauty was photographed was when she left the apartment in New York which she stayed in with husband Kanye West after her return to the US. The usually spotlight orientated star - who has two children North, three, and Saint, 10 months, with the rapper - has been keeping a low profile since the

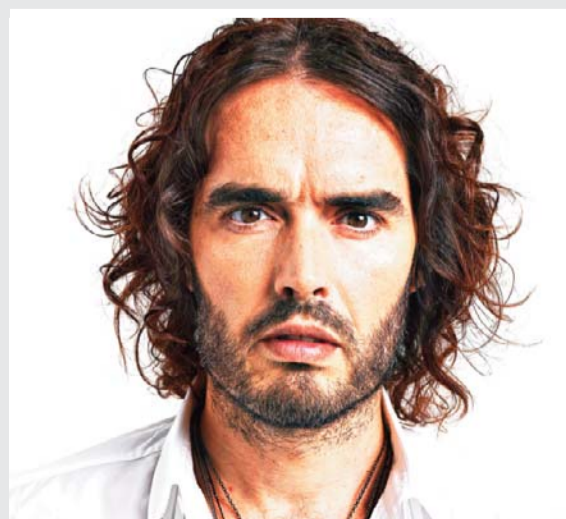
robbery, as insiders have revealed she still has a "long way" to go before she recovers. A source said previously: "Kim is doing better but she still has a long way to recover from the robbery. She has been receiving some professional counselling. Her friends and family have been really supportive. Her sisters and mom have been checking on her every day." The news comes after it was recently revealed that Kim had missed out on the wrap party for the upcoming 12th season of 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians', after it was reported she had "no big plan" to return to the show. A source said: "There is not a big plan in place for her comeback. It's only been a week. She is still staying off the grid and away from everything."



Russell Brand has been reading parenting books every week

The 41-year-old comedian is set welcome his first child into the world imminently with his fiancée Laura Gallacher and is so determined to start fatherhood off on the right foot that he's been soaking up valuable information from baby guides. Speaking on 'The Jonathan Ross Show', which will air on Saturday (15.10.16), he said: "I read a different book every week and I read one on preparation for fatherhood to mentally prepare me for it. I don't know that it has prepared me for it. 'I've painted the room, I've done the things that you're supposed to do, I've accepted the idea that that person will be more important than me, 'Jesus Three' I'm thinking of calling him or her, we don't know the gender. I may not even ever impose a gender upon it, let the child grow up and be the whatever the hell it is, never tell it there is such a concept." Russell - who has slept with a plethora of women and was even treated for a sex addiction at one point - may have many years of sleepless nights and a lifetime of worrying for his child, but he believes becoming a parent has actually made him calmer. He explained: "With this new domestic life with the two cats, the 13 chickens, the dog and the soon-to-come child there is a necessary serenity and I suppose. "Being serious, if I dare for a moment, having been famous for a decade ... I've kind of realised that you have to have some sort of transcendent inner serenity and some genuine earthed things in your life otherwise you'll go mental. "Obviously what I think is I am unable to anticipate it but I just want to be present for it and be completely loving and encouraging to this human being and to see what it does." And the long-haired actor proved how much he has changed when he popped the

question to Laura earlier this year. He said of his thoughtful proposal: "I cried at my own beauty. You know when you think, 'I'm being so nice now, Oh God I think I'm going to cry' because you're impressed with how nice you are ... I properly planned it and put proper ideas into it and made it all nice and did like a surprise party for her and her mum helped me to organise it, get her on side!" Russell wed Katy Perry in 2010 but their marriage didn't last long as the funny man filed for a divorce, citing irreconcilable differences, just over a year later. Their divorce was finalised in July 2012. 'The Jonathan Ross Show' will air on October 15 at 10pm on ITV.



Rob Kardashian wants to reconcile with his sisters

The 29-year-old reality star recently returned to the spotlight after retreating away when he was suffering with depression, and has admitted he wants to rebuild the relationship with his siblings that he lost whilst he was in hiding. In Sunday's (16.10.16) season finale of his reality show 'Rob & Chyna' - which he shares with his fiancée Blac Chyna - the sock entrepreneur tells his mother Kris Jenner about his idea for a "little family dinner". Speaking on the show, he said: "Family is important you know just like we're all obviously not always going to be here for who knows how much longer. So I was just thinking we should definitely get like a little family dinner here because I feel like we haven't ... I haven't attended one of those in like years I feel. "I just think it's important so that we all get together. I can text and make phone calls and talk to my sisters or whatever but it's just different when we actually have conversations in person." The news comes after the 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians' star recently revealed he failed to attend his sister Kim's wedding to Kanye West in 2014 because he was uncomfortable with the way he looked. He said: "I was doing my suit fittings in Paris right before the wedding, and I just wasn't comfortable. I'm 6'1" and at my most I probably weighed 300 lbs. "There were cameras at the airport on our trip there and I was very unhappy with the person I saw in all the pictures. "I'm upset I missed my sister's wedding but it was a personal decision."



Adam Levine didn't think he would ever become friend with his fellow 'The Voice' coaches

The Maroon 5 frontman says appearing on the show has given him "crazy" friendships with the likes of Usher, Christina Aguilera and Shakira, something which he never expected. He shared: "We all started as singers and musicians, it's a sense of community now, it was like, 'Wow we know each other' when before it was all about music and now we are all friends." Adam - who joined 'The Voice' in 2011 - insists musicians are always very busy and believes that is why they find it difficult to get to know their fellow music artists. Speaking to Clara Amfo on BBC Radio 1, he said: "Everyone is always so busy that you don't get to make friends with your peers. With 'The Voice' I now have these lifelong friends that I communicate with and talk to. I wouldn't have thought I would have been friends with Shakira or Usher, it's crazy." And the 37-year-old singer is very busy himself at the moment, with him and his wife Behati Prinsloo having welcomed their first child, Dusty Rose, into the world last month. Speaking about fatherhood, he shared: "I've been a parent for three weeks; what do I know? I don't know anything, but it's kind of part of the beauty of it, honestly. There are a lot of instincts, a lot of things that kind of kick in and switch on. It's a beautiful thing."



Ellis Island exhibit revives New York's lost Little Syria

Shakifa Halal was a Syrian immigrant on a New York-bound ship, her dreams rolled up in a piece of embroidery made from silkworms she grew, fabric she wove and cloth dyed with flowers picked in her homeland.

"She rolled that up and brought it because she said she wanted to be able to prove that she had skills ... This to her was like showing a diploma," said Halal's granddaughter, Vicki Tamoush, her voice catching and tears streaming.

Halal's floral artwork, which she brought to America in 1910 at the tender age of 13, now hangs in the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration, part of an exhibition called "Little Syria, N.Y.: An Immigrant Community's Life and Legacy."

Through documents, artifacts and photos, the exhibition tells the story of a Middle Eastern community that once flourished in Lower Manhattan. The show is on view through Jan. 9 in the building where some 12 million immigrants from around the world first set foot in America. And it documents the vanished neighborhood of Little Syria in ways that still resonate, at a time when Syrian refugees and immigrant rights are making headlines.

From the 1880s to the 1940s, Little Syria sprawled from the New York waterfront, where Ellis Island ferries dock today, up to the site where the twin towers were later built. It was a slum and a promised land, way station and destination. The neighborhood served as an incubator for other Arab enclaves, as residents moved on to build communities in Brooklyn, Detroit, Cleveland, Los Angeles and elsewhere. Shakifa Halal was among those who didn't stay long, moving on to join relatives in Oregon, then California. There she found work as a seamstress, likely using that treasured embroidery displayed at Ellis Island to get the job.

But others remained in Manhattan, creating a community in the early 1900s - also known as the Syrian Quarter or Syrian Colony - that was home to some 3,000 immigrants from the Syrian Ottoman Republic. Most of the neighborhood was torn down in the 1940s to make way for the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel. Just three original buildings survive on Washington Street, and today, the area's ethnic history is largely unknown, even to native New Yorkers. When a cornerstone of a Syrian Maronite church turned up in the rubble of the twin towers in 2002, it provided tangible proof that many Arabs once lived, worked and worshipped here.

"We didn't come out of a genie lamp," said Charlie Sahadi, whose family came from Lebanon to Little Syria in the late 1800s. They launched Sahadi Importing, one of many businesses that helped introduce Middle Eastern goods to consumers here. The Ellis Island exhibition features a 1920s-era picture of Sahadi's great uncle, Abraham Sahadi, along with A. Sahadi & Co. tins and a 1930s ordering book. The Sahadi store moved to Brooklyn's Atlantic Avenue in



In this picture taken Oct. 1, 2016, people take photos of Lower Manhattan where the Little Syria neighborhood was located, in New York.

the 1940s, but remains a popular gourmet grocery to this day.

The Sahadi story resonates with Devon Akmon, a fourth-generation Arab American and director of the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. The museum created the Little Syria exhibition, which debuted at its facility in 2012.

"You have to honor, celebrate and commemorate who first came, then look at what's happening now," said Akmon, who attended the show's Ellis Island opening Oct. 1. "Arab Americans just became folded into the American narrative and lost in the history of New York City. We're trying to pull that back out."

Reclaiming stories is "essential," he said, as people flee war-torn Syria and amid anti-immigrant rhetoric on the campaign trail: Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has proposed banning or strictly limiting Syrians and Muslims from entering the US and many governors have sought to curb or change

refugee resettlement.

Todd Fine, president of the Washington Street Historical Society, leads tours of the strip where the three structures from Little Syria survive: a tenement building, vacant community house and former Syrian Catholic church that now houses two restaurants. "Some people would say it's kind of miraculous that when everything else is destroyed ... these three little buildings (survive)," he said.

Fine's group and others seek to preserve the historic row, but only the church facade has secured protective landmark status from New York City officials. Meanwhile preservationists are pleased a monument soon will honor the community's literary legacy in a nearby park. Little Syria's writers included famed poet-philosopher Khalil Gibran. And Washington Street once housed offices for the influential "Al Hoda" Arabic newspaper.

Patricia Talisse, who emigrated in 2012 from the

Syrian city of Aleppo, said the Ellis Island exhibition elicited tears as she saw the "common values and experiences" between then and now. "We're here, and we have been for years," said Talisse, who hopes to create an online platform, "Speak to a Syrian," to counter bias and promote understanding.

Vicki Tamoush is grateful her grandmother's embroidery hangs where so many immigrants entered America. Yet she's pained by the reality facing so many fleeing Syria now. "They're part of a continuum," Tamoush said. "They're not coming here because they want to, they're coming out of desperation. There but for the grace of God ... I could be that, but I'm not because she had that much courage at 13." — AP



This picture taken Oct. 1, 2016, shows items in a case which once belonged to Joseph Nusser and his sons Joseph Jr. and Elias, peddlers who lived in Little Syria in lower Manhattan.



This picture taken Oct. 1, 2016, shows part of the Najjar family's passport, Syrian migrants who came to the United States in 1920 and is displayed at Little Syria, NY: An Immigrant Community's Life and Legacy" exhibit at the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration in New York.



In this picture taken Oct. 9, 2016, Linda Najjar, daughter of Esber Najjar who migrated from Damascus in 1920, poses for a picture with some of her family's inherited belongings in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

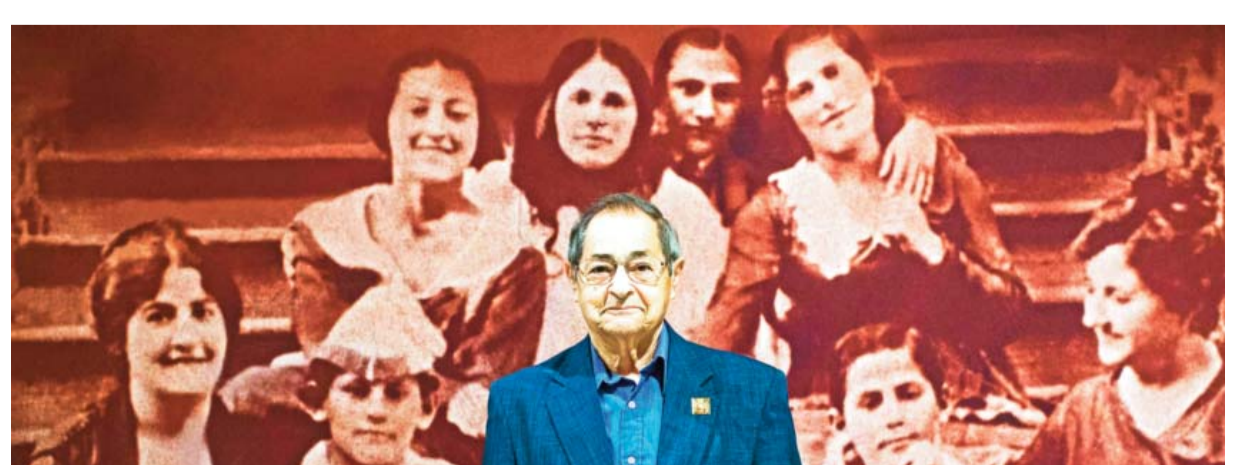
In this picture taken Oct. 1, 2016, a embroidered picture handmade from silkworms by Syria's Shafika Halal is displayed at Little Syria NY: An Immigrant Community's Life and Legacy" exhibit at the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration in New York.



In this picture taken Oct. 9, 2016, men handle rugs during rug sale organized by the Arab-American community at the basement of St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, which gather old and new christians Arabs migrants, their descendants and their families, in the Bay Ridge neighborhood in the Brooklyn borough of New York.



This 1910 photo shows a Syrian pastry counter in the Little Syria neighborhood of Lower Manhattan in New York.



In this picture taken Oct. 1, 2016, Philip Najjar Tamoush, 78, son of a Syrian migrant poses for a picture in front of his Syrian family photo at the "Little Syria, NY: An Immigrant Community's Life and Legacy" exhibit at the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration in New York. — AP photos

Lights out, volume down in Bangkok's party heart



Thai police personnel are silhouetted as they keep guard outside the Grand Palace, where the body of the late Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej is lying in state yesterday. — AFP



People take photos with their phones of an image of the late Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej at a mall yesterday in Bangkok.



A woman holds a portrait of the late Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej outside the Grand Palace yesterday.



A mourner cries in the street whilst paying her respects to the late Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej outside of the Grand Palace yesterday.



Mourners have food in a restaurant yesterday next to photos of the late Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

With soldiers closing down Bangkok's notorious go-go bars and tourists forced to sneak sips of beer from paper cups, Thailand is dialing down its raucous party scene out of respect for the country's late monarch.

The passing this week of 88-year-old Bhumibol Adulyadej has thrust the Buddhist nation into a period of profound mourning, with masses of tearful Thais filling the streets to pay respect to a king worshipped as an exemplar of moral virtue.

Like nearly all of their compatriots, Thai bar girls swapped their normally racy attire for more modest black dresses and shoes when they showed up to work Friday night. In Bangkok's Soi Cowboy—a famed alleyway of luridly lit go-go bars and a barometer of the city's adherence to temperance during coups, street protests and religious days—patrons who trickled through were soon disappointed.

At around 10pm soldiers pulled the plug on the blinding neon lights as they enforced an early closing time in compliance with government orders to "tone down" celebrations as the nation grieves. "Suddenly the army came. It was a group of five guys," said Geroem Bonami, a 31-year-old tourist from Belgium. "We were asked to pay and they started to tidy up everything and the girls disappeared."

Minutes after the ailing monarch's passing was announced on Thursday, Thailand's junta chief Prayut Chan-O-Cha took to national television to declare a one-year official mourning period. He also asked the public to refrain from celebrations for at least 30 days, and dozens of events—from concerts to fun runs, wedding parties and religious festivals—have been cancelled since. Television networks are also under orders not to broadcast any overly joyous images—such as dancing—with one major channel saying it would not be airing its roaringly popular soap opera series.

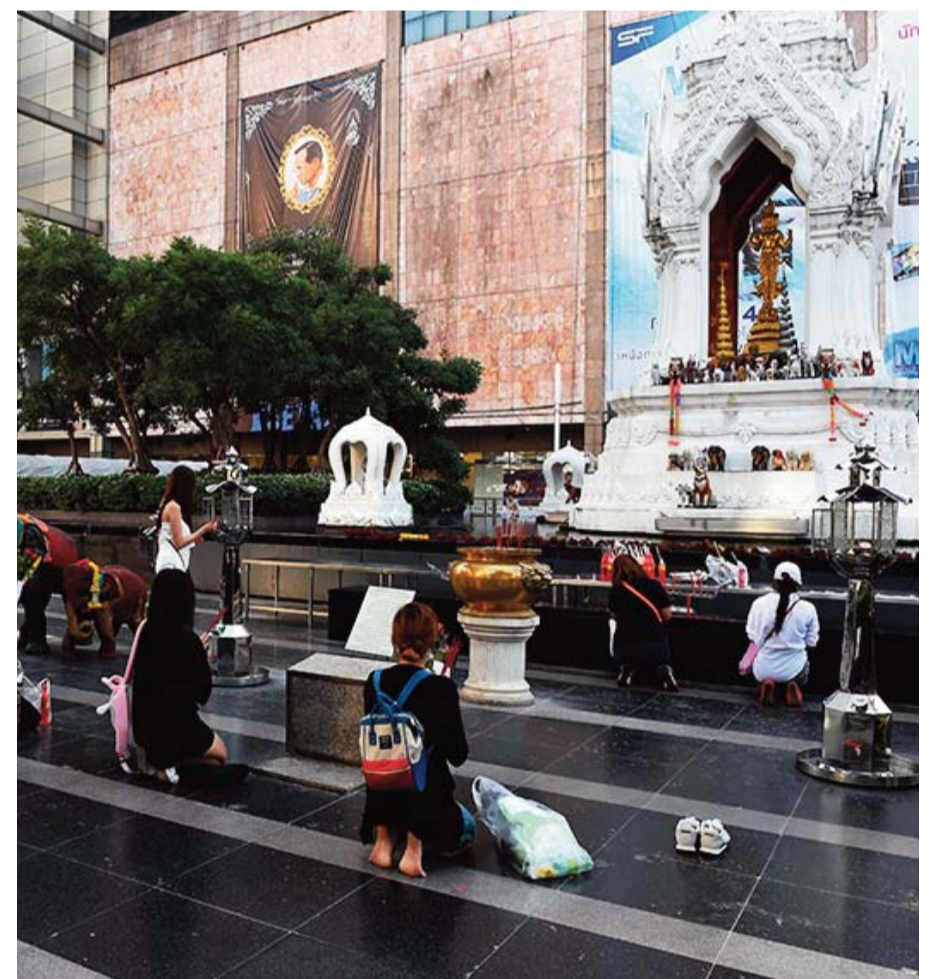
'No music, no party'

While the military regime has not issued an all-out ban on alcohol, which is common on Buddhist holidays, many shops have opted to stop selling drinks and bars around the capital are taking special measures to show that no one is having too much fun.

On the Khaosan road, a grubby centre for foreign tourists a stone's throw away from the king's palace, bars silenced the normally pounding music and served alcohol in paper cups instead of beer towers and buckets. "There's no music tonight and no party because all the people are so sad. Everywhere in Bangkok, you cannot have loud music," explained Ret Chhuon, a Thai barman, adding he was worried about an extended loss of custom. "But we must do this because the king has died and we are so sad."

Foreign governments have urged their citizens to act respectfully as the kingdom mourns, while Thai tourist authorities have asked travelers to dress in sombre and appropriate clothing.

Analysts have warned that any protracted clamp-down on the party scene could drive visitors away and hurt the tourism sector—a crucial pillar of the kingdom's



Buddhist faithful pray at a shrine near an image of the late Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej (top L) at a mall yesterday.



Mourners browse black dresses in a shop next to photos of the late Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej yesterday.



A woman sits alone yesterday in a restaurant bar near soi cowboy. — AFP photos

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A woman takes a picture with her mobile phone in the room where programs of the Lumiere Award ceremony with the picture of French actress Catherine Deneuve are set, before the Eighth edition of the Lumiere Film Festival, on October 14, 2016 in Lyon, central eastern France. — AFP

Catherine Deneuve receives Lumiere Award

Catherine Deneuve was honored with the Lumiere Award Friday evening during an emotional ceremony with Roman Polanski, Quentin Tarantino, Bertrand Tavernier, Lambert Wilson, Vincent Lindon, Thierry Fremaux, and her daughter Chiara Mastroianni on stage.

Fremaux, who heads both the Cannes and Lyon Lumiere film festivals, was the master of ceremonies.

"Being here with all these friends, all this is actually quite shattering for me," Deneuve said fighting back tears. The iconic French actress dedicated the award to "all French farmers," as a crowd of some 2,500 fans cheered.

"I love you Catherine," said Polanski handing her the career prize. Deneuve, who is 72, starred in Polanski's first English-language movie "Repulsion" (1965).

Deneuve is the first woman to receive the Lumiere Award, dubbed "the film world's Nobel Prize" by the French press.

Previous recipients include Clint Eastwood, Tarantino, Pedro Almodovar and Martin Scorsese.

Earlier in the day Deneuve held an intimate onstage conversation with Fremaux and Tavernier during which, among other topics, she talked about her rapport with her body of work, Hollywood, Francois Truffaut, film critics,



French actress Catherine Deneuve reacts after receiving the Lumiere Award during the Eighth edition of the Lumiere Film Festival, on October 14, 2016 in Lyon, central eastern France.

and the one thing she and Donald Trump have in common. Excerpts:

On her acting career as a whole and why she worked with Lars Von Trier "I don't consider myself an auteur. It's only watching a re-

spective of my films that I see my filmography as a whole. I am more in front [of the camera] rather than behind [it]. The most difficult thing is choosing a role; you have no certainty about the results. My great luck has been to

shoot with some great very young directors. I was only twenty when I met Jacques Demy. [With whom Deneuve made the musical "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg."] Later in life I wrote to Lars Von Trier to tell him that I would love to work with him. That is how I ended up shooting a musical comedy with Bjork, "Dancer in the Dark."

On Hollywood

When I was in "Hustle" by Robert Aldrich I had been warned. He had a reputation for being cranky, very difficult with actors; but he behaved very well with me. My partner [in the film] Burt Reynolds was also very likeable, he had a great sense of humor. I also have a good memory of "March or Die," a big production [directed] by Dick Richards about the Foreign Legion, shot in Spain with Terence Hill and Gene Hackman. I also very much liked "Farewell, My Lovely" by the same director, especially because Robert Mitchum was in it. I adore Mitchum but I realised that he didn't work. He played tennis instead of preparing difficult scenes. And I noticed that his entourage changed for every movie, which is never a good sign. I only made two movies in Hollywood. They were not smashing successes; nobody made me interesting proposals and I started wanting to go back to France. I am not very Parisian, but I feel very French.

On Critics in Cannes

"I remember coming to the Cannes Film Festival to accompany Marcello Mastroianni for [Marco Ferreri's] "Blow Out" [1973]. I was flabbergasted by the violence which the film was received after the screening. I remember that a woman spat on Marco Ferreri.

On working with Francois Truffaut and Jean Paul Belmondo on "Mississippi Mermaid" (1969)

"Truffaut produced everything himself, therefore he decided to shoot films in chronological order. He would write the dialogues made to measure, sometimes the day before shooting. Belmondo never really accepted being in a role where he was passive rather than being the [romantic] conqueror. It's a shame because he is really formidable. Truffaut thought that life was more interesting than cinema. I thought the opposite...But he was passionate; he loved to explain, to tell stories.

On politics and Donald Trump

I have been involved in efforts in favor of abortion and against the death penalty, but one can't really say I am a politically engaged woman. I've never campaigned for politics, but for causes. Bertrand Tavernier asked: "So you are not really like Donald Trump?" "No. Aside from the hair" — Reuters

Chinese movies rule Asia's top film festival

Chinese movies have taken the two main prizes at Asia's premier film festival, with judges lauding their portrayal of two very different versions of modern reality in their country. Wang Xuebo's "The Knife in the Clear Water" and "The Donor," from Zang Qiwu, were Saturday morning announced as winners of the New Currents award at the 21st Busan International Film Festival.

The directors are set to collect the two prizes of US\$30,000 that come with the award when the festival officially closes on Saturday night. "These films were incredible," said veteran African director Souleymane Cisse, New Currents jury head. "They were very ambitious and out of the ordinary."

Wang's first feature presents a lyrical look at the often-stark realities of life in a mountain village and judges praised the debut director for his "extremely photogenic" production that "serves as a backdrop to a poetic parable on grief and freedom."

For what is also his first film as a director, Zang-who for a number of years worked alongside acclaimed Chinese director Zhang Yimou ("Curse of the Golden Flower") — turned his attention to the controversial issue of organ transplants. "The filmmaker creates a portrait of humanity and sacrifice that is restraint yet boiling with underlying emotion," said Cisse. "The excellently scripted film plays as

much on the images as on the immaculate timing and superb acting. The conclusion is heartbreaking: when you fight destiny you will lose."

The decision to hand the awards to two Chinese films comes as relations between Beijing and Seoul appear strained following moves in South Korea to set up a missile defense shield with the aid of the United States. Korean television shows-wildly popular in China-have since August vanished from broadcast in China while a series of planned K-pop events have been cancelled.

'Feel the passion'

There were 11 films from seven nations and territories in the running this year for the New Currents award and Cisse said judges had been impressed by them all. "We could really feel the passion of the directors," he said.

The strength of the main competition this year proved the perfect tonic both for the festival and the thousands of film fans who make the annual trek to South Korea's second city.

BIFF had arrived looking to rebuild its reputation after two years marred by accusations of political interference, and with former festival head Lee Yong-kwan facing sentencing for his charges of embezzlement on October 26.

There were shows of support throughout the 10-day event for the beleaguered Lee. A photo wall in the main festival building displayed messages to him from around the world and many guests wore badges decrying what some in the film industry have labeled persecution following his decision to screen a controversial documentary about the Sewol ferry disaster in 2014.

Despite those troubles-and a slashed budget-the BIFF program managed to reflect the growth of an Asian film industry that seems, on this evidence, to be in rude health.

Hollywood stars Miles Teller ("Whiplash") and Aaron Eckhart ("The Dark Knight") were in town with the Ben Younger-directed boxing biopic "Bleed For This"-and sent the fans wild-but much of the focus was split between engaging art house fare and commercial Asian films that look set to travel the globe.

Na Hong-jin's thriller "The Wailing", all murder and mystery, was a case of the latter, flying the flag for Korea's ever-growing industry, while a preview screening of this year's closing film-Iraqi's director Hussein Hassan's family drama "The Dark Wind"-was an example of the former, and left critics buzzing. "We have had some hard times but we have remained focused on identifying Asian talent," said BIFF executive director Kang Soo-young. — AFP



A photo taken on October 8, 2016 shows people posing before the entrance of the main venue of the Busan International Film Festival (BIFF), in Busan, South Korea. — AFP