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KUWAIT TO RESTUDY PETROL PRICES IN DECEMBER: KNPC

MOTORISTS SWITCH TO CHEAPER GAS

revalued early December, as people have started consuming premium-grade petrol instead of super-grade fuel, said a senior official at Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC). The Cabinet has assigned the subsidies committee to re-examine prices of petroleum products every three months, KNPC's Deputy CEO for Support Services Basem Al-Essa told KUNA yesterday. The committee will discuss the current conditions to decide the suitable prices, he added.

Local consumption of fuel has changed since the recent hike in prices, especially with the price difference between the premium and super grades of petrol. Consumption rates of premium petrol jumped from 20 percent to 80 percent after the hike, the official said. He added that KNPC has launched an application called "Kuwait Fuel" for smartphones, aiming to help people choose the right fuel for their cars.

Meanwhile, Essa noted that the company is currently executing the biggest projects in

KUWAIT: Fuel prices in the country will be its history since its establishment in 1960. The most prominent project is the Clean Fuel Project at Mina Abdullah and Ahmadi refineries set to launch in mid-2018, with a production capacity of 800,000 barrels per day, he said. KNPC is also working on the Zour refinery project, set to open in Q3 2019, with a production rate of 615,000 barrels per day, he said. The company's refining capacity is expected to jump to 1.4 million barrels per day, once the two projects are complete, he added.

> Essa also spoke of the fifth LPG train project for processing additional gases from fields and refineries. The project is set to launch in April 2019, with a production rate of 805 million cu ft of gas daily. KNPC is also developing a sulphur handling facilities project at Mina Ahmadi refinery and a flare gas recovery unit project to reduce environment pollution caused by gas flaring, said Essa. The company provides essential energy products all over Kuwait, he said, adding that KNPC made profits of KD 176 million in the fiscal year 2015-16. — KUNA



DOHA: HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah (left) meets Qatar's Father Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani (right) and Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani (center) yesterday to offer condolences on the death of late Qatari Father Emir Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani. — KUNA

KUWAIT: The interior ministry is working on a new draft bill amending DNA law 78/2015, responding to directives by HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Sabah made the statement as he briefed a Cabinet meeting yesterday on the ministry's efforts to implement the Amir's directives. The meeting was held at Kuwait International Airport and chaired by HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

The law has not yet been put into effect, Sheikh Mohammad stressed, pointing out that Amiri directives have always embodied the civilized and humanitarian considerations HH the Amir advocates, and is keen on committing to them. The ministry has already begun providing the human and technical requirements for the law that will continue for two years, Sheikh Mohammad said. He emphasized keenness on preserving people's freedoms and privacy, in line with the constitution, laws and the genuine principles and values of the Kuwaiti

Separately, in a surprising ruling, the administrative court said former MP Abdulhameed Dashti, who is currently living abroad and has received jail terms of more than 31 years, can run in the coming election and ordered the interior ministry to accept his papers. The government immediately filed an objection against the ruling at the court, which means that Dashti cannot file his nomination papers until the court has reviewed the objection.

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in brief

Municipality confirms infected chicken reports

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Municipal director of Capital and Mubarak Al-Kabeer governorate affairs Faisal Sadiq Al-Juman said reports on social media about chicken infected with salmonella are correct. He said the supervisory department took several random samples of chicken and sent them to health ministry laboratories, and the meat was found unfit for human consumption.

Kuwait has third freest press in Arab world

KUWAIT: The Freedom House has ranked Kuwait highly in its annual freedom of the press report. According to the report issued on Thursday, Kuwait stands third amongst Arab countries after Tunisia and Lebanon in the press freedom index. The report, which included 197 countries around the world, said there has been a considerable retreat in freedom of the press worldwide, namely in the Middle East. Freedom House has been annually issuing this report since 1980, which has been used as a reference by governments, international organizations, academics, activists and media networks around the world.

Tycoon eyes messaging app for Middle East

DUBAI: Billionaire Mohamed Alabbar, one of Dubai's most prominent businessmen, plans a phone messaging service for the Middle East that aims to compete with services such as WhatsApp. Alabbar, who made his fortune as the chairman of Dubai's largest listed property developer, Emaar Properties, has been moving into other areas, in particular technology. Asked on the sidelines of a conference in Dubai yesterday if he was considering launching a messaging app akin to WhatsApp, Alabbar replied: "Yes, soon," adding "it's regional" when asked if the service would be designed for an Arabic-speaking audience. Mobile phone penetration in the Gulf region is among the highest in the world, with Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the UAE in the top seven globally with rates near to the equivalent of two phones for every person.

Gunmen kill two

Saudi policemen

RIYADH: Unidentified gunmen killed two Saudi policemen in the eastern city of Dammam early yesterday, authorities in the region said. The officers came under "heavy fire from an unknown source" as they parked their vehicle in a commercial area, the official SPA news agency quoted a police spokesman as saying. Meanwhile, one of 85 suspected Islamist militants on a Saudi wanted list sent to Interpol in Feb 2009 handed himself in to Saudi authorities, the interior ministry said. Osama Ali Abdullah Damjan had contacted security services from abroad expressing a willingness to surrender and was flown home yesterday, a ministry statement published by SPA said, without specifying from which country.



KUWAIT: Bader Al-Kharafi, Vice Chairman of Zain Group (right), Corey Owens, Head of Public Policy at WeWork (center), and Hassan Al-Mosawi, the event's moderator, are seen during the opening seminar of the Youth Empowerment Symposium (Tmkeen) yesterday. —Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat (More photos on Page 4)

YOUTH MEET OPENS WITH LINEUP OF KEY SPEAKERS

By Faten Omar

KUWAIT: The fifth annual Youth Empowerment Symposium (Tmkeen) kicked off yesterday with the aim of providing opportunities for Kuwaiti vouth to gain valuable insights about entrepreneurship from industry leaders, academics and experts. At the inaugural seminar, Bader Al-Kharafi, Vice Chairman of Zain Group, and Corey Owens, Head of Public Policy at WeWork, spoke about innovation and the future of technology.

Kharafi said Zain has continually invested in new technologies to stay ahead of the competition. "If we ask people what they want, they will say the latest car and the latest phone - the answer will always be related to the newest technologies," he said. Aside from continuing the family legacy, Kharafi has shown a

dedication to investing in other people and providing the youth of Kuwait with new opportunities, as the job market continues to change and adapt.

Along with Owens, the former head of public policy at Uber and Facebook, Tmkeen is hosting two other successful startup entrepreneurs - Jeremy Liew, a Partner at Lightspeed Venture Partners and a key investor in Snapchat, and Jennifer Boulanger, Head of Global Recruitment at Booking.com.

Tmkeen is a national initiative that is delivered by Kuwaiti youth to the youth in Kuwait. It has been holding this annual youth symposium, as well as separate events during the year to educate, inform and inspire. It also works to assist youth business leaders by providing a training and development leadership

MILITANTS KILL 61 IN PAK POLICE ATTACK

QUETTA: Pakistan yesterday mourned the killing of at least 61 people in a brutal gun and suicide bomb assault on a police academy, the deadliest attack on a security installation in the country's history. Three masked gunmen burst into the sprawling academy in the southwest, pretending to be soldiers as they targeted sleeping quarters home to some 700 recruits, in a strike that

sent terrified young men fleeing.

"They... knocked at the locked rooms and told the cadets that they were from the army, and when they opened the doors, they fired at them," a 22-year-old cadet called Hikmatullah told AFP from his hospital bed, where he was recovering from a gunshot wound to the shoulder.

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QUETTA, Pakistan: People wait to collect the bodies of their family members who died in an attack on the Police Training Academy yesterday. — AP



CALAIS, France: Workers begin the demolition of the Calais "Jungle" camp yesterday as hundreds of migrants boarded buses on the second day of a massive operation to clear the squalid settlement. — AFP

FRANCE BEGINS DEMOLITION OF 'JUNGLE' MIGRANT CAMP

CALAIS, France: Workers escorted by scores of French police officers moved into the "Jungle" in Calais yesterday, demolishing shacks and tents emptied of migrants being bussed to shelters around France. The workers used electric saws to take down wooden shelters and earthmoving equipment to carry debris away from the sprawling camp that people have used for years as a launchpad for attempts to reach

The demolition work comes on the second day of a massive operation to clear the squalid settlement in northern France, where an estimated 6,000-8,000 migrants, mostly Afghans, Sudanese and Eritreans, have been living. Around 2,700 people have already

been bussed away to shelters around France and around 600 unaccompanied minors have been taken into a part of the camp where families had been living, Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said.

The cleanup workers piled discarded mattresses, blankets, clothes, pots and suitcases on top of the wood and plastic sheeting used to build the tents and huts that hours previously had been home to migrants hoping to sneak into Britain. Before the demolition work began aid workers and government officials went tent-to-tent to ensure the area had been emptied. Riot police carrying shields sealed off

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Deputy Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah meets with the outgoing Iraqi Ambassador to Kuwait Hussein Bahr Al-Ulum.

DIWAN DEPUTY MINISTER CONVEYS CONDOLENCES TO QATAR'S EMBASSY

KUWAIT: Deputy Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah yesterday conveyed His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's condolences to Qatar's embassy over the demise of Qatari Father Amir Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani. Sheikh Ali also conveyed condolences of 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, as well as of the Kuwaiti government and people. Also yesterday, Sheikh Ali received the outgoing Iraqi Ambassador to Kuwait Hussein Bahr Al-Ulum at Bayan Palace. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Deputy Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah (center) offers condolences at Qatar's embassy. — Amiri Diwan photos

CABINET TOUTS KUWAIT'S JUMP TO 56TH PLACE IN COMMONWEALTH'S YDI

KUWAIT: The Cabinet yesterday hailed Kuwait's quantum leap from the 110th spot to the 56th in the Commonwealth's Global Youth Development Index (YDI), describing this as a remarkable accomplishment.

In its weekly meeting at Kuwait International Airport, presided over by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Cabinet underscored the need of diligent efforts to support the youth and cater to their needs. On a related note, Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah briefed the Cabinet on endeavors that would enable the youth to hone their skills and display their creative prowess.

Moreover, Sheikh Salman spoke of the Ministry of Information's (MoI) preparations to cover upcoming parliamentary elections, an event the ministry hopes will expose Kuwait as a bastion of democracy. The Cabinet also thanked the Mol for its efforts to develop the country's media sector.

Business environment

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Anas Al-Saleh offered an explanation on the fifth report of the works of a delegation tasked with ameliorating the business environment in the country.

The Minister of Finance noted that the government and private sectors should collaborate to create a vibrant business environment, adding that around 70 percent of projects are well on course to be completed. He also revealed that a special "SWOT Team" has been formed to remedy any flaws and glitches in the country's public budget.

With a heavy heart, the Cabinet received news of the passing of former Qatari Amir Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani, as it reminisced on the late leader's contributions towards regional prosperity. The Cabinet conveyed its deepest condolences to the people of Qatar in this difficult time.



KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah chairs the Cabinet's meeting yesterday. — KUNA

Furthermore, the Cabinet also looked over a letter sent to His Highness the Amir by Jordanian King Abdullah II, which dealt with solid bilateral ties. Another letter, by Tunisian President Beii Caid Essebsi, extended an invitation to His Highness the Amir to attend an international conference on economic investment in the north African nation, slated for November.

His Highness the Prime Minister also informed the Cabinet of a recent visit by Queen Silvia of Sweden, where she held talks with His Highness the Amir on issues running the gamut from bilateral ties to youth-related matters.

His Highness the Premier apprised the meeting of the outcome of the visit President of Equatorial Guinea Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo paid to Kuwait and the content of the talks he held with His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The talks focused on promoting bilateral ties in all fields for the good of both sides, besides other issues of common concern.

Sporting clubs

Then the meeting reviewed a report by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Acting Minister of Oil Anas Al-Saleh on privatization of sporting clubs, making use of specialized international expertise.

This follows directives by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on caring for youth and sports, creating a favorable environment for Kuwaitis to honor their country on the world's sports arena. The Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) cooperated with a leading international consultancy house on the issue, and submitted a final report in September, comprising all details on the issue. — KUNA



KUWAIT: (From left) UN Resident Coordinator Zineb Touimi-Benjelloun, Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, Information Minister Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah and Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah cut the ceremony's cake. — Photos by Joseph Shagra



Al-Sabah delivers his speech during a ceremony marking the UN Day.



Kuwait's UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative Zineb Touimi-Benjelloun honors First Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Sabah.



Zineb Touimi-Benjelloun honors Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah.



Kuwait's UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative Zineb Touimi-Benjelloun welcomes His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah and Information Minister Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah



His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah tours an exhibition held as part of the event.

HUMANITARIAN, DEVELOPMENT AREAS TOP KUWAIT-UN PARTNERSHIP: FM

KUWAIT: Kuwait's First Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah said Monday that humanitarian and development areas featured high of

the "active partnership" with the UN. During a speech made in a ceremony marking the UN Day held at the UN House, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled said Kuwait was extremely pleased with its partnership with the UN which has been progressing for decades in dif-

ferent domains. The humanitarian and development areas

top this active partnership, said Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled at the ceremony held at His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's building at the UN House. "Kuwait believes in the importance of eradication of poverty and right of people to enjoy

development and prosperity, as well as easing the humanitarian suffering of the ill-fated peo-

ple," he added.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled recalled the UN honoring of His Highgness the Amir as a "Humanitarian Leader" and Kuwait as "Humanitarian Center." The ceremony, called by UN Resident Coordinator Zineb Touimi-Benjelloun, was attended by Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Sheikh Salman Al-Sabah and Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah. — KUNA

GCC FINANCE MINISTERS MEET IMF CHIEF TODAY

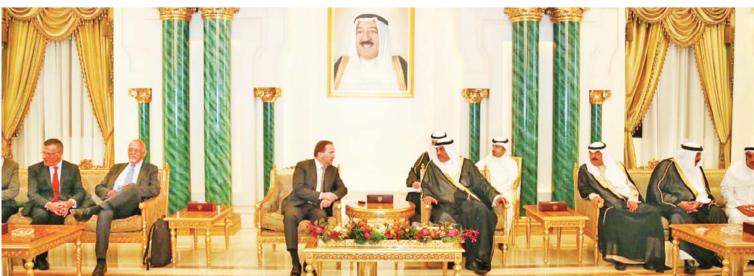
HOUSING MINISTERS COMMITTEE KICKS OFF

RIYADH: The Arab Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Finance Ministers and Governors of Central Banks will hold their annual meeting with the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Christine Lagarde today. The meeting will tackle regional and international economic issues, the GCC General Secretariat said in a statement yesterday.

Separately, the 15th GCC Housing Ministers committee kicked off yesterday with a participation from Kuwait Housing Minister Yasser Abul. In his speech at the meeting, Saudi Housing Minister Majed Al-Hogail stressed the importance of collaboration among the GCC states to overcome the impact of global economic crisis on Housing projects in the Gulf region. He added that this collaboration should be in the form of holding workshops and exchanging expertise to come up with a unified vision to help in the sector's development.

Speaking the meeting, the Kuwaiti minister said that he gave the conferees a briefing on Kuwait's unique housing experience of setting up an apartmentowners' union for those who has been given government housing units. He expressed belief that such a move would surely protect both the landlord and the government.

The meeting announced the launch of GCC housing award for 2017 under the slogan "better housing with better resources." Yesterday's meeting discussed proposals on the goals of sustainable development 2020-2030 and the strategic plan for GCC joint cooperation in the field of housing. — KUNA



KUWAIT: First Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven. — KUNA

KUWAIT'S FM MEETS SWEDISH PM

KUWAIT: Kuwait's First Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah held talks with visiting Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven on bilateral relations, regional and international issues of mutual interest.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, Assistant Foreign Minister for Europe Waleed Al-Khubaizi.

Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Minister's office Saleh Al-Loughani, Kuwait's Ambassador to Sweden Nabeel Al-Dekheel and Swedish Ambassador in Kuwait. — KUNA

Candidates Speak

CANDIDATE WANTS TO HELP YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS START OWN BUSINESSES

SAYEGH REACHES OUT TO VOTERS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA









KUWAIT: Third constituency candidate Ali Al-Sayegh speaks to Kuwait Times. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

By Nawara Fattahova

KUWAIT: Ali Al-Sayegh is a first-time candidate for the upcoming parliamentary elections, running from the third constituency. He told Kuwait Times the idea to run suddenly came to his mind on the third day of candidate registrations.

It's not correct to have entry bans for some nationalities without a reason

Sayegh is pharmacist with degrees in bio-

science and business administration from vari-

ous colleges including Liverpool John Moores

University and other universities in India. He

resigned from the Ministry of Health in 2002 to

continue his studies, then started his own

the approvals.

Social Media Sayegh is using social media for his election campaign, as he got active online in 2013 to promote his business. "I like to be in direct contact with voters, so I use social media. Moreover, I want to avoid mistakes if somebody else speaks on my behalf.

alternative medicine and importing herbs.

Sayegh faced difficulties in his business,

and wants to help young businessmen who

aim to start their own businesses. "I had five

pharmacies and dealership of about 163

brands of medicine. I left this business and

shifted to ethno-botanic herbs and alternative

herbs, and it took me more than a year to get

in starting a business," he told Kuwait Times.

So I know that young people face obstacles

These are also used to quit smoking and alcohol. I faced problems importing these

medicines that treat drug withdrawal.

Recently, I was attacked on social media after posting a video to promote one of the products I sell. It was addressed to young peo-

tional medical field, but later faced difficulties ple, so it was done in a funny way. Those who due to the financial crisis, so he branched into reposted it considered me not serious or suitable to represent the people," rued Sayegh.

"Corruption is rampant. Those who want to loot public funds make people busy with trivial issues. I want to fight corruption, as repeated robberies will lead to the collapse of the country, as they have reached the future generations fund," he pointed out.

Hike in prices is one of the main issues I want to tackle

Important Issues

"The hike in prices is one of the main issues I want to tackle. We support the government's economic reforms, but not by hitting the pockets of citizens.

The flying gravel on roads is a result of corruption, as projects are delayed, while in other countries they are executed in the shortest projects," he noted. Housing is another issue on his agenda due

period, as private companies manage those

to the low quality of finishing. Local tourism is important for Sayegh and he wants to develop Kuwaiti islands and bring more entertainment activities to the country. Kuwaiti widows and divorced women are oppressed, according to him, and he wants more rights for them including granting citizenship to children of Kuwaiti women with conditions.

Expats

"Before the invasion in 1990, there were people from more than 130 different nationalities living in Kuwait. After 1991, most expats are only from a few nationalities. I think it's not correct to have entry bans for some nationalities without a reason. We should let them enter the country and reside here according to the need for different professions and not according to their nationality. Expats with families don't want to create problems - they rather want to improve the place they live in,"

Message

"I don't demand people to vote for me, and

I don't pay them to get their vote. They should only vote if they are convinced that I can bring change and improve the country.

I don't care if I don't win and reach the parliament, but I aim to deliver a message that people should vote for the best or most suitable candidate and not for someone who pays. I'm against sectarianism, racism, tribal-

People should vote for the best or most suitable candidate and not for someone who pays

ism and other divisive ideologies. I'm representing young people and I want to adopt their issues as they are the future of the country. Also, I believe that I understand them better as I'm their age and I have lived their experiences while studying abroad," concluded Sayegh.



KUWAIT: Fifth constituency candidate Hadeel Al-Mohammed registers for parliamentary elections. — Photo by **Yasser Al-Zayyat**

30 MORE HOPEFULS STAND FOR ELECTIONS

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Candidates contesting upcoming parliamentary elections slated for November 26th continued to file their candidacies yesterday, as some 30 candidates have registered to join the race. The first and second constituencies yielded five candidates each, the third constituency produced three and six hopefuls registered in the fourth constituency, while the fifth constituency churned out 11 candidates. Moreover, the number of candidates that have previously registered has now risen to 321 as registration closes on Friday October 28. From there, the top 10 candidates from each constituency will then face off in parliamentary polls.

Vision

Second constituency candidate Haidar Al-Haddad said he has a vision to provide every citizen with potentials and facilities that would enable them to lead safe and secure lives. Meanwhile, fourth constituency candidate Jazza' Al-Qahss said his motive for running is to straighten up the process of legislation and monitoring for a better Kuwait. He added that as a result of boycotting the elections, Kuwait had a parliament that acted as part of the government, made no free decisions, caused considerable financial and political wastage and had a very vague and opaque financial policy that greatly affected and overburdened citizens. Oahss added that the

government's decisions jeopardized social stability and oppressed freedom of speech. He also called for preserving national resources and setting stricter citizenship laws

In the meantime, fifth constituency candidate Hani Shamsuddin urged all citizens to take part in the elections so that the best people represent them in parliament. He also noted that the coming phase was very critical in Kuwait's history.

"This is the first time a parliament has been dissolved due to regional circumstances," he underlined, urging everyone to act to achieve political stability in order to be able to face potential challenges.

Also, fourth constituency candidate Khaled Al-Shulaimi said members of the previous parliament would see the results of their actions at the ballot boxes. He also said that the return of the boycotters would enrich the political process because legislators' role in monitoring had been very nominal. "Boycotters have their own public supporters," he said, criticizing what he described as vicious media campaigns against the opposition.

Reforms

Furthermore, fifth constituency candidate Hadeel Al-Mohammed said her motive for running was to achieve reforms and serve Kuwait. She added that her priorities were to develop education and fight for women's rights, namely equal housing welfare. "Women can make it to the next parliament because it needs fresh blood," she said, adding that both powers must cooperate to pass essential laws citizens need.

Separately, Fifth constituency candidate Jassem Al-Torki stressed that his goal was not to win a parliamentary seat, but he wants to promote the qualifications a potential candidate needs, such as a degree, good conduct and eloquence. "I do not deserve to represent the Kuwaiti people because I can be easily tempted with money," he said.

Torki accused senior officials of squandering and wasting public funds without holding ministers accountable and advised candidates to stop making fiery statements which they forget once they win, and represent all Kuwaitis and not only their tribe or sect. Finally, he urged voters to vote for the best for Kuwait. On his part, fourth constituency candidate Fares Al-Noun said Kuwait is heading towards a very critical phase of its history and that this calls for unity and making democracy a real lifestyle.

Finally, third constituency candidate and former MP Khalil Abdullah expressed hopes that Kuwaitis would unite amidst the current regional situations. He also said that he is for achieving a better future for every citizen. Abdullah also rejected reforms at citizens' expense and warned the government of making random decisions. "Stop listening to the World Bank or anyone except the children of Kuwait," he said, addressing the finance minister.







KUWAIT: Bader Al-Kharafi, Vice Chairman of Zain Group (right) speaks during the Tmkeen Youth Symposium yesterday as Corey Owens, Head of Public Policy at WeWork (center), and Hassan Al-Mosawi, the event's moderator, look on. —Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



Anwar BuKhamseen, Chairman of Warba Insurance (center) and Jennifer Bader Al-Kharafi, Vice Chairman of Zain Group (center), attends the sympo-Bolanger, head of Global Recruitment in Booking.com (left) are pictured in





Head of Public Policy at WeWork, and Bader Al-Kharafi, Vice Chairman of Zain Group.



(From left) Hassan Al-Mosawi, the symposium's moderator, Corey Owens, Kuwait Times Deputy General Manager Adnan Saad (center) and staff attend the event.



(From left) Mazin Al-Nahedh, KFH Group CEO, Eaman Al-Roudhan, Zain Kuwait CEO and Anwar BuKhamseen, Chairman of Warba Insurance attend

CLUBS MULL REDUCING SPORTS

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti sport clubs are considering a proposal by the Public Authority for Sport (PAS) to reduce the number of sports played so that they would include only football, basketball, handball, volleyball, athletics and a sixth one to be selected by each club. PAS sent the proposal to clubs for study and a meeting is scheduled to be held within a fortnight to discuss clubs' opinions.

PAS denied that the reduction would affect the total sum of government subsidies to sports of KD 750,000 and stressed that the aim was to have clubs focus on six sports only and thus produce more competent players for national teams in those games, so that they could compete in continental and international championships. Moreover, informed sources said other sports would still be practiced in special clubs and youth centers.

Social aid

Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and Minister of State for Development and Planning Hind Al-Subaih stressed

that the ministry's social aid was on top of the ministry's priorities because aid sums are part of public funds and have to be protected, in addition to retrieving sums unlawfully paid. Subaih said initial investigations showed that 71,69 social aid files had been permanently suspended since 1994 and that the ministry had not acted so far to retrieve the sum of KD 12,450,000 unlawfully paid to nondeserving recipients. "This reflects severe dereliction and those responsible will be severely punished for wasting public funds," she underlined, pointing out that investigations in this regard would be over next week. Subaih added that another 3,400 files had been suspended a few years earlier and that investigations were in progress to determine whether the aid sums should be recollected. Moreover, Subaih highlighted that according to ministry's statistics, there are over than 1,000 cases filed by the ministry against unlawful recipients of social aid and that 8,800 citizens had been urged to update their information with the ministry, but only 4,800 of them responded by presenting documents

proving that they deserve social aid.

KUWAIT CONTRIBUTES EFFECTIVELY to hosting Syrian refugees: MOI

KUWAIT: Kuwait contributes effectively to hosting Syrian refugees and providing them with several vital services, including education and health, Interior Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Citizenship and Residency Affairs Sheikh Mazen Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah said yesterday.

The Kuwaiti government exerts significant efforts in facilitating the residency procedures for Syrian refugees to alleviate their suffering, in addition to the various forms of support they receieve from the Kuwaiti society on all levels, Sheikh Mazen said while meeting with the Head of the UN refugee agency office in Kuwait Dr Hanan Hamdan, according to MOI's released statement.

The two sides discussed several subjects regarding the Syrian nationals in Kuwait, as well as most important services provided to them by the country's state institutions and ministries, the statement said, adding that they also reviewed the most recent statistic on the current number of Syrians in Kuwait. Sheikh Mazen confirmed the ministry's coordination and communication with other state bodies to provide further services for the Syrian nationals and refugees in Kuwait.— KUNA



KUWAIT: Interior Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Citizenship and Residency Affairs Sheikh Mazen Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah meets with Head of the UN refugee agency office in Kuwait Dr Hanan Hamdan.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY OF INDUSTRY RECEIVES REHAYA TIRE DUMP

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Kuwait Municipality handed over the tire dump in Rehaya, south of Jahra, to the Public Authority of Industry. The public relations department said that with this final handover, all municipality employees will be withdrawn along with equipment and material. It added the equipment will be moved to other sites where needed. The handover was overseen by Deputy General Manager for the Projects Sector Affairs Nadiya Al-Shareeda in the presence of Environment Affairs Director Adnan Al-

Forgery

Residency detectives busted five companies that renewed their commercial licenses at the commerce ministry with the use of forged documents. Some of the companies obtained 67 forged residencies

based on the said licenses. The department discovered that Shafi Motan, a Kuwaiti, carried out the renewal through forgery in the computer data. Information was received about five companies that were closed after their licenses had expired for more than a year, which means the licenses are automatically cancelled, but they were renewed. Through investigations, it was found that Motan was the employee who carried out the renewals.

Unlicensed drugs

Criminal detectives in Farwaniya arrested two Indian men selling unlicensed drugs as well as drugs used for abortion. Detectives received information about the two suspects storing and selling drugs not approved by the Ministry of Health. After the information was verified, a warrant was obtained and the two suspects were

MORE THAN HALF OF KUWAIT'S SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS INVESTED IN US: COUNSELOR ing the best state to invest in. Why US? Because

By Ben Garcia

KUWAIT: In a presentation during a symposium yesterday at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), Senior Commercial Counselor at the US Department of Commerce Jeff Hamilton revealed that more than half of Kuwait's sovereign wealth funds are invested in the United States. Recently, the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) disclosed that over \$300 billion of its funds is invested in the US. "Many of its investments are in real estate. This was during the time when US real estate was on the downside. But Kuwait and China took advantage and purchased several commercial properties in the US. Earlier in the year, a number of Kuwaitis purchased several hotels in the Midwest along with townhouses. They also recently opened a manufacturing company in

Texas. Kuwaitis have also taken advantage of the very easy way to franchise companies from the US. If you have a decent amount of funds, you can easily become a franchisee of a US company. Kuwaitis also trust many food products from the US," Hamilton added.

As part of 'Discover America Week', the US Embassy in Kuwait hosted the symposium attended mostly by local businessmen. The seminar, titled 'Starting a Business in the US', saw three main speakers - Hamilton, the Partner and Head of Kuwait Office of Al-Tamimi and Company, and Khaled Fouad, Chief Investment Officer at KAMCO.

"The US is a large and diverse country. Each state has its own unique characteristics. It's important to understand that when you are considering investment in the US, you are not just investing in the country, but you are also selectwe have a strong economy, we are number one in many sectors, we have many customers and people, and certainly you need purchasing power to do business in the US. This is a very predictable business environment. Our business environment is very stable, very transparent and fair." Hamilton said.

He said the US is the world leader in research and innovation and there is no shortage of educated individuals to work and supply the market. Hamilton also spoke about the embassy's 'Discover America Week', where he outlined various activities in store for participants. He also mentioned the discounts offered by various USbased franchisee restaurants. 'Magnificent 7' will be shown at the Galleria Theater today. Food products from the US are on special offer during the 11-day event, which kicked off on Sunday.

IRAQ INVITES KUWAITI FIRMS TO INVEST IN OIL SECTOR

BAGHDAD: Iraqi Oil Minister Jabbar Al-Luaibi, meeting with Kuwait's Ambassador in Baghdad Salem Al-Zamanan on Monday, invited Kuwaiti companies to invest in the oil sector in Iraq. Luaibi expressed keenness to see Kuwaiti companies work and invest in oil and energy sector in Iraq, Zamanan said in a statement following the meeting. He said they discussed cooperation in oil and energy sector, as well as exploring new horizons towards better economic relations.

Iraqi oil ministry is preparing to offer 12 oil fields for investors. The fields are in Basra, Maysan and Waset. The Iraqi government has granted licenses for scores of foreign oil companies, boosting daily oil production to over four million barrels.

Meanwhile, Iraq's Basra Investment Commission yesterday urged Kuwaiti businessmen, investors and firms to attend a forthcoming conference to explore investment opportunities in the southern Iraqi province.

The commission is now coordinating with the Kuwaiti side for a wide scale investment conference to be held in Kuwait, most likely late in November, which will see up to 200 opportunities offered to investors, director Ali Jasib said. The idea of the conference emerged during a visit by Basrah governor Majid Al-Nasrawi to Kuwait earlier in 2016, he said. The potential investment opportunities cover agriculture, industry, housing, education, and infrastructure. Jasib noted that the governorate has been receiving investment requests from Kuwaiti firms, the last of which from the Bukhamseen Holding Group, in partnership with the Iraqi Al Shalal Al Azraq Group, to build a housing complex near the Basrah International Airport. — KUNA

OFFICIAL LAUDS SECURITY COOPERATION WITH TURKEY

KUWAIT: Ministry of Interior's (Mol) Undersecretary General Sulaiman Al-Fahad yesterday reiterated support to security ties with Turkey. Cooperation with Turkey is "recognized and distinct," especially in terms of security equipment, Al-Fahad said in a press release after a meeting with the Turkish

Ambassador to Kuwait Murad Tamir. Fahad added that the coming period would see further cooperation thanks to a bilateral agreement that seeks to broaden areas of security ties, and data exchange, making use of the Turkish expertise. Both sides are keen on fostering security ties, he said. Meanwhile, the envoy thanked Kuwait for the good care of the Turkish community in the country, expressing hope for stronger ties in all fields. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Ministry of Interior's Undersecretary General Sulaiman Al-Fahad meets with the Turkish **Ambassador to Kuwait Murad Tamir.**



(From left) Haifa Al-Kaylani, Chairman of AIWF, Sheikha Al-Zain Al-Sabah, Undersecretary of the Youth Affairs Ministry and Dr Alanoud Al-Sharekh, Ibtkar Strategic Consultancy.



A general view of the audience.

AIWF HOLDS SUCCESSFUL YOUNG ARAB WOMEN LEADERS: VOICE OF FUTURE INITIATIVE IN KUWAIT

WITH SUPPORT FROM MINISTRY OF STATE FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS

KUWAIT: Following on from the success of the Young Arab Women Leaders: The Voice of the Future conferences in Amman, Beirut and Dubai in 2012, Palestine in 2013, London in 2011 and 2014, and Doha in 2015, the Arab International Women's Forum was proud to hold its first ever Young Arab Women Leaders Conference in Kuwait on Thursday 20 October 2016, with the valued support of the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs, in continued partnership with AIWF Global Partner and YAWL Conference Partner PwC, and with the support of local partner Ibtkar Strategic Consulting. Close to 200 delegates from no less than 15 countries from the Arab world and internationally attended this highly successful conference, the 8th event in this series designed by AIWF in cooperation with PwC to nurture the next generation of young women entrepreneurs, helping to empower them as they aspire to leadership roles in business and in public life.

Guest speakers

The 8th Young Arab Women Leaders Conference was addressed by Guest of Honor Sheikha Al-Zain S Al-Sabah, Undersecretary of the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs of Kuwait, and Haifa Fahoum Al-Kaylani, Founder Chairman AlWF. Guest speakers included Fouad Douglas, Country Senior Partner PwC; Dr Lina Abirafeh, Director, Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW), Lebanese American University, Lebanon; Dr Alanoud Al-Sharekh, AIWF Board Member and Consulting Partner, Ibtkar Strategic Consultancy, Kuwait; Shamael Al-Sharikh, Team Leader Corporate Communications, Kuwait Petroleum International, Kuwait; Sara Akbar, CEO,

Kuwait Energy Company, Kuwait; Diana Al Dajani, Founder and CEO, eduTechnoz, Qatar; Hussa Al-Humaidhi, Co-Founder, Nugat, Kuwait; Mona Almoayyed, AIWF Board Member and Managing Director, YK Almoayyed and Sons, Bahrain; Rana Al-Nibari, Chief Executive Officer, INJAZ Kuwait; Taibah Al-Qatami, Founder and Director, Weoritu, Kuwait; Hanan Al-Samari, Executive Director, Princess Madawi Fund for Women Development,



Sara Akbar, CEO, Kuwait Energy Company delivers a speech.

Saudi Arabia; Hadeel Al-Shammari, Board Member, Kuwait National Fund for Small and Medium Enterprise Development, Kuwait; Sheikha Alanoud Hamad Al Thani, Qatar Country Operations Manager, Silatech, Qatar; Dr Yasmin Al-Tawaijri, Senior Scientist and Head of Epidemiology Research, King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, Saudi Arabia; Chadia El-Meouchi, Managing Partner, Badri and Salim El-Meouchi Law Firm, Lebanon; Noha Hefny, Director of Corporate Affairs, PepsiCo, UAE; Chantal Khoueiry, Chief Culture Officer, Value Retail, Europe and China,

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UK; and Huda Radhi, Director, Daskalides Bahrain, Bahrain. All conference sessions were kindly moderated by Rania Rizk, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, PepsiCo AMEA, UAE.

Distinguished guest speakers explored opportunities for collaboration between Kuwait and the international business community; widening the role of women business leaders; exploring the challenges, prospects and success stories for women doing business in the MENA region; how to take full advantage of the unprecedented opportunities arising from technology and cross-border commerce; and the role of social media in Arab entrepreneurship in promoting and mainstreaming the successes and challenges of Arab women entrepreneurs. The agenda and format of the Young Arab Women Leaders Conference were highly interactive and discussion-based, with valuable experiences shared and key recommendations made by panelists in every session that AIWF shall follow up on in future programs and initiatives in collaboration with AIWF Global Partners.

High rank

In her opening remarks, Haifa Fahoum Al-Kaylani, AIWF Founder Chairman said, "Kuwait is largely considered to be one of the region's top countries for working women, with the highest ranking of all Arab countries in the World Economic Forum's 2014 and 2015 Global Gender Gap Reports. Kuwaiti women have long been prominent in business and there are many successful, motivated, talented and truly inspirational businesswomen in the country from whom the next generation of Kuwaiti women leaders can draw valuable inspiration and insight. The Government, through specialized departments and ini-

tiatives, plays a leading role in facilitating training and incentives for young women to continue with their education, enter or remain in the labor market and reach their leadership potential. We are indeed proud to open this conference today with the valued support of Kuwait's leading advocate and incubator for youth development, the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs, whose involvement and endorsement of youth-led initiatives has provided a critical platform for the emergence of a vibrant entrepreneurial and private enterprise-led economy in Kuwait."

Partner for AIWF Local Conference Partner Ibtkar Strategic Consultancy, said of the event, "Ibtkar Strategic Consultancy prides itself on being a value added partner to NGOs and local initiatives that highlight women's contribution to their communities. We believe in AIWF's mission to showcase the best in Arab female leadership, and were delighted to be part of the 8th edition of the Young Arab Women Leaders: Voices of the Future initiative." The 8th Young Arab Women Leaders conference in Kuwait was held at the Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel and AIWF was proud to welcome on this special occasion AIWF Global Partners including PepsiCo, PwC, Shell, The Sharjah Business Women Council, Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson and Johnson, Vistra Services and Memac Ogilvy. The Conference Program concluded on the evening of 20 October with an Official Gala Dinner that brought together AIWF Board, Distinguished Guest Speakers, Guest Delegates and Partners. The 9th Young Arab Women Leaders Conference will be announced by AIWF in the near future, as part of the AIWF 2017 Annual Program.



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FIFTY CONSCIENCES

By Saleh Al-Shayeji

ow that we are heading to new parliamentary elections, I hope that every candidate and every voter about to cast his or her vote at polling stations takes the reasons the Amiri Decree used to dissolve the parliament into deep consideration and into their consciences. Those reasons were good ones, though the former parliament had nothing to do with them nor is to blame for them. They were real ones because the world and our region in particular are going through unprecedented circumstances.

There are scattered little wars going on and threats of major ones that would devour the smaller ones and bring about considerable hazards. The world is fragmenting and major decision-making countries are not in good terms. These are all very frightening and exceptional circumstances that caught the Amiri Decree's attention, and thus they were declared, urging both candidates and voters to be up to their responsibilities and have enough awareness and realization of their dangers and of

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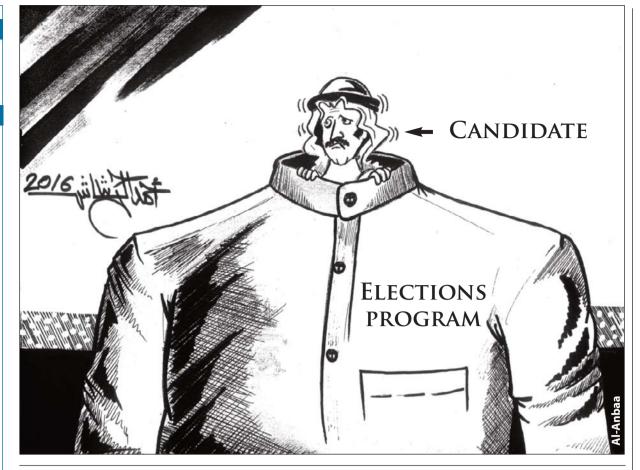
how to deal with them in a way that spares Kuwait their potential hazards.

This calls everybody to work seriously and rationally on forming the coming parliament to be one without petty and silly concerns that are exaggerated to become issues keeping the public opinion so busy that they consume a lot of time and effort in vain and blackmail people's feelings.

We have experienced many parliaments that seemed more like silly superficial performances that included both humorous and saddening practices. However, despite the harm caused by those parliaments and its negative consequences that cornered Kuwait in a tight windowless place, circumstances were very different then compared to the present. We were also stronger and could withstand the mighty shocks and disasters they caused.

Situations are different nowadays. Fooling around, flabbiness or extravaganza in discussing trivial issues that distract the parliament from its main role in being strong enough to face the circumstances mentioned in the Amiri decree are no longer tolerated. So, dear candidate. Unless you are competent enough to meet the coming challenges, please listen to your conscience and step aside. Dear voter, forget about related candidates and elect the best even if they are the strangest to you, because we want the coming parliament to be one composed of 50 live consciences!

—Translated by Kuwait Times



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THE NEXT PARLIAMENTARY REFORMS

By Khalid Al-Tarrah

he dissolution of the National Assembly was surprising, despite the rumors, until it became a reality when the dissolution decision was made only two days before the opening of the fifth parliamentary term on Oct 18, while protocol preparations were underway and continued until Oct 16. But it is not important to concentrate on the reasons and circumstances of the surprise decision despite their importance - because there is no secret in Kuwait and details will be known one day.

What is important today is to end the election boycott that started to fade away and numbers may increase by the time the column is published, which is what I was calling for even while the Assembly was active in 2013. Reform is from inside the Assembly, not outside, especially since the one-vote system should be agreed upon honestly. All of this requires the return of a strong majority that is able to fulfill this goal, which will certainly pave the way towards reforming the supervisory and legislative path and strengthen the reformist parliamentary powers

We, during this extraordinary stage, look forward towards seeing a movement in support of competent candidates, be them those who won in 2013 and proved they were not profiting from their parliamentary seats, and from those who ended the boycott by the majority in 2012. This is in addition to new candidates who have a clear vision that aims at strengthening supervision and legislation and reforming the election system as a first step towards comprehensive political reform.

There is no doubt that there is an important and

influential role for patriotic symbols at this stage such as Dr Ahmad Al-Khateeb, Ahmad Al-Saadoun and Musallam Al-Barrak, even if he is behind bars. I am sure that they are keen on rescuing the country from the retreat, and that they have goodwill that was not broken even under the most severe circumstances.

Supporting this patriotic elite group and other dignitaries that boycotted the one-vote system, for those who seek to reform the voting system and the democratic path, is an important element in the return of a solid majority as it was before the 2012 Assembly. Any stand in principle by some symbols and dignitaries towards the one-vote system is respected and understood, but I hope that this does not keep able candidates away, so they can give strength of those who preceded them in preserving constitutional gains because the winner at the end will be "Kuwait of the constitution".

We are facing a stage that requires gathering around the national responsibility represented in supporting symbols who have a long history in political action and struggle, because without their support the doors will be closed in front of newcomers to the democratic arena. I have great hope to hear a loud voice to break the boycott and support sincere competencies and those who deserve support, and keep away those who are not deserving from the election arena.

Reforming the election system is the first and most important step towards supervisory and legislative reform, and cleaning the political environment from what hit it

— Translated by Kuwait Times

Crime

Report

NEIGHBORS FIGHT

KUWAIT: Two Egyptian neighbors continued a fight started by their wives in Salmiya, before neighbors broke it up. The dispute started between two Egyptian women in the building who exchanged blows, so neighbors intervened and broke up the fight. When their husbands returned home, they approached each other to resolve the problem, but the discussion became heated and each accused the other's wife of causing the problem, which escalated to exchanging blows and threats, so neighbors once again had to break up the fight. The two went to the police station and exchanged accusations. A case was filed and police are investigating to find why the fight took place.

Officer threatened

A police officer who was off duty parked his car in front of a cafe on Arabian Gulf Road. When he returned, he found a car blocking his, so he had to wait until the owner arrived. When the officer blamed the man, an argument took place, and both exchanged threats when the officer began writing a ticket. Both went to the police station and filed complaints, and investigations are underway.

Fugitive arrested

A fugitive was arrested after a chase in Fintas, as he was driving a stolen car. He was taken to criminal detectives. Ahmadi police noticed a dilapidated car driven by a person, but when he was asked to stop, he refused and attempted to escape, before being forced to stop. The man, Kuwaiti, was found wanted over 11 cases, and the car he was driving was reported stolen in Nugra.

Driver beaten

A female driver was beaten and dragged by a couple in Salmiya due to a traffic dispute. The Moroccan woman went to Salmiya police station with a medical report stating her injuries. The woman gave police the license plate number of the other car, and police are investigating.

Drunk couple caught

A man and his Filipina girlfriend were found drunk in a car behind a Nugra building. The man, a citizen, was found wanted, and the girl was reported absconding. The two were taken to Nugra police station and charged with public drunkenness.

Liquor possession

An Indian was arrested with 86 liquor bottles in Salmiya while driving his sponsor's car. He was sent to the Drugs Control General Department. Hawally patrols noticed the man in a car at night in Salmiya. When the car was searched, the liquor was found ready for sale. — Al-Rai



OOREDOO SPONSORS 'FIGHT LIKE A GIRL'

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT BREAST CANCER EARLY DETECTION



KUWAIT: Ooredoo, the fastest network in Kuwait in 2016, participated in Fight Like a Girl, a breast cancer awareness event that was held in Jumeirah Hotel last week. The event highlighted 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. The agenda of the event included informative talks by health care professionals and inspirational stories by breast cancer survivors. It was attended by a number of Ooredoo Kuwait employees, headed by the chief operating officer Frederic Debord.

Ooredoo's support to this event falls in line with the company's social responsibility strategy which focuses on raising awareness of healthy living and women empowerment. Moreover, Ooredoo Group is a supporter of the United Nations' Global Goals initiative. Out of the 17 global goals, Ooredoo has fully adopted goals

#3 and #5, which aim to achieving good health and gender equality, respectively.

Commenting on the sponsorship, Mijbil Alayoub, Senior Director of Corporate Communications at Ooredoo Kuwait said "Our corporate social responsibility extends beyond raising awareness about breast cancer; we are striving to be catalyst providers for opportunities to enrich women's lives. We aim to enable them with chances to achieve growth in various fields, such as entrepreneurship, civic involvement, and volunteerism. It is very important to us as a private entity, that we support women to achieve greatness, and that starts by promoting regular check-ups and screenings that could save hundreds of lives." Ooredoo will continue to seek out different initiatives that fulfill the company's CSR objectives and provide support to ensuring a healthier and more prosperous Kuwait.

38 KUWAITIS TO COMPLETE PILOT TRAINING WITH KUWAIT AIRWAYS

KUWAIT: In furtherance to its ongoing commitment to 'Kuwaitisation' and to the ongoing training of national talent, Kuwait Airways yesterday confirmed that a total of 38 Kuwaiti nationals are currently undergoing pilot training and will soon be ready for active duty. Out of one group of 20 trainees, four are undergoing their basic ground training, four are at the Flight Simulator stage, and 11 are in the advanced stages of training and nearing active full-time duty.

From another intake of 18 Kuwaiti national trainees, five have recently completed their (basic flying training, having obtained their PPL (Private Pilot's License). These candidates will soon undergo ground and simulator training, prior to online training, while awaiting the remaining 13 trainees of this recruitment intake to join them, in October and November.

"As the official national carrier for Kuwait, we welcome our role and responsibility towards the ongoing development of the Kuwaiti community and we are proud of the high number of Kuwaiti nationals who make up the captains and first officers of our fleet," said



Kuwait Airways' Chairperson and CEO, Rasha Al-Roumi.

According to the airline, the recruitment and training of Kuwaitis is an important pillar in its strategy to be a top-ranked company to work for, among Kuwaitis, and to be an active contributor to the development of the nation's talent and human resources.



KUWAIT: The National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) is organizing specialized training courses as part of its 'Credit Training Program.' The courses are held in cooperation with Moody's, and take place at NBK's head office building.

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SANAA: Yemeni children play at a market in the old city of the capital Sanaa. — AFP $\,$

BLOCKADE STRANDS THOUSANDS OF YEMENIS

SANAA: Leaving Yemen is now an unattainable dream for Abdulsalam Khaled who cannot travel despite being awarded a scholarship to pursue his education in India, because of a Saudi-led coalition blockade. Khaled is one of thousand of people inside and outside Yemen who have been blocked from entering or leaving the wartorn country. The 34-year-old had been hoping to obtain a master's degree in English-language studies, but all he can do now is wander the streets of Yemen's rebel-held capital Sanaa, lamenting his bad luck."Because the airport is closed, I'm now stuck and can't travel," he said, showing AFP his scholarship documents.

"There are other airports in Yemen I could have flown from, but unfortunately we can't reach them because of security problems," he added. Yemen has been rocked by conflict since Iran-backed rebels overran Sanaa and other large parts of the country, prompting military intervention by a Saudi-led coalition in March 2015 in support of the internationally recognized government. The coalition has since enforced a maritime and air blockade on what was already the Arabian Peninsula's poorest country.

Several rounds of UN-brokered peace talks aimed at ending the war have been fruitless. Sanaa international airport was shut when the coalition resumed air strikes on August 9 around the city after the last round of peace talks in Kuwait collapsed. It reopened days later, but only for humanitarian flights which have to notify the coalition in advance.

'People dying every day'

Before August 9, the sole operator still serving Sanaa-national carrier Yemenia-ran only a few scheduled commercial flights to Amman, Cairo and Nairobi. "There are thousands of casesstudents, patients, passengers and many others cannot travel," said Sanaa airport chief Khaled Al-Shayef. Many others have also been stranded outside the country, unable to return home. Mazen Al-Soufi, who directs air traffic at the facility, spoke of "huge damage" caused by the airport's closure. "More than 20,000 people stuck outside Yemen want to come home," he said.

"Many people in critical medical condition die every day because of the siege of Sanaa international airport," he added. Soufi confirmed that there are "students who have lost their seats in universities" because of the blockade. UN humanitarian coordinator in Yemen Jamie McGoldrick has said that "one of the bigger problems we face" is that "Yemeni air flights still don't come to Sanaa". "We call on all the parties to allow these flights to resume back into Sanaa so that people can get much needed respite," he told reporters. Damage to infrastructure has hampered aid deliveries, already threatened by the security situation across the country where Al-Qaeda and the Islamic State group have gained ground, especially in the south.

Ceasefire call ignored

Adham Mussallam, deputy director of the World Food Program in Yemen, acknowledges "difficulties in humanitarian work" throughout the country where millions need food and medical aid. "Getting permission to bring in aid to Yemen needs four to five months," he said. "There are a lot of difficulties." The warring parties ignored a UN call to renew a fragile 72-hour ceasefire to allow aid deliveries. It officially ended at midnight on Saturday. The coalition had

already said it would continue its air and maritime embargo, to prevent weapons shipments reaching the rebels.

However, the coalition did make an exception following one of its deadliest attacks. On October 8, an air raid on a funeral ceremony killed 140 people and wounded 525, drawing severe criticism of the Arab alliance which is logistically supported by Washington. After the raid, which the coalition said took place because of "incorrect information", the Arab alliance eased the blockade to allow an Omani aircraft to evacuate from Sanaa more than 100 of the most seriously

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wounded in the strike.

The same aircraft also flew home to Sanaa rebel negotiators who had been stranded in the Omani capital Muscat, because of the blockade, since the collapse of the peace talks in Kuwait. Sanaa resident Mohammed Al-Wadee said that lifting the blockade is absolutely vital. "It's been (almost) two years that the Yemenis have been suffering from the siege and paying a high price" for the war, he said. Among them is Khaled, his plans for further education shattered. "I'm unable to get my master's degree, even in the near future," he said, shrugqing hopelessly. — AFP

WILL HE CHEW GUM? JAPAN WARY OF PHILIPPINES PRESIDENT'S VISIT

TOKYO: The outspoken Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte worries his Japanese hosts. Not just his policy toward the US but also his informal style: Will he chew gum in front of the emperor? Duterte arrived in Tokyo yesterday for a three-day visit, his first since becoming Philippine leader at the end of June. For diplomats and political leaders, the main issue is his US policy and how Japan can help mend those ties.

Tokyo is a major US ally, and has watched with concern as Duterte criticized the US and said he would scale back his country's military engagement with America. He has also worried Japan and the United States by reaching out to China. Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters he planned to ask Duterte what his real intentions are when the two have dinner. He said Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will do the same today.

"I think it would be important that we ... directly hear opinions from President Duterte himself," Kishida said. The worries about Duterte were reinforced yesterday when he lashed out again at the US in a departure

speech at the Manila airport. He called Americans "foolish," saying their land is stricken with "pure bigotry and discrimination," a day after senior American diplomat Daniel Russel criticized Duterte's controversial remarks and unclear intentions. "These Americans are really foolish," Duterte said, adding Americans travel to the Philippines "like somebody, without visas, these sillies."

He also made a veiled threat to revoke a 2014 defense pact allowing large numbers of US troops, warships and planes to enter the Philippines for combat drills. Referring to the pact, Duterte said, "Forget it," adding that in the future, "I do not want to see any military man of any other nation except the Philippine soldier." In Japan, a country where formality and politeness are highly valued, some are worried about Duterte's rough side, particularly when he meets Emperor Akihito on Friday. Japanese TV shows have repeatedly shown Duterte apparently chewing gum at meetings and other public occasions.

In footage of a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Duterte walked in with

his hands in his pockets and chewed gum during the handshake and a signing ceremony. "When he makes a courtesy visit to the emperor, his behavior could have a major impact," senior lawmaker Itsunori Onodera said Sunday on Fuji TV. "I trust he understands the consequences and would not do such a thing (as chewing gum). I do hope the Philippine side will remind him of that particular point." Duterte often doesn't button the top button of his shirt, wears jeans and has been seen without socks.

In Japan, where the emperor was considered a living god until the end of World War II, people are expected to be extra polite to him and his family. "It's unbelievable. I have never seen anything like that!" former diplomat Kunihiko Miyake said on Fuji TV. "How could he dare to behave in ways that could cause his host to lose face." Japan is expected to offer Manila two large Coast Guard patrol boats - on top of an earlier pledge of 10 smaller ones and TC-90 military training aircraft to help boost the Philippine's maritime security in the South China Sea. — AP



FEROCITY OF KIRKUK ATTACK POINTS TO TOUGH FIGHT FOR MOSUL

FEARS OF MORE SLEEPER CELLS IN KIRKUK AND OTHER CITIES

KIRKUK: At least 100 fighters sneaked into Kirkuk in the early hours of Friday with machine guns, rocket propelled grenades, suicide vests and a message: "Islamic State has taken over." The message blared out from several mosque loudspeakers while the militants went on a rampage. By the time they had blasted their way across the city in a brazen and complex attack, 99 civilians and members of the security forces were dead and 63 of their own were in the morque, according to Iragi security officials.

The scale of the operation - the largest of several by Islamic State to divert an advance on their stronghold in Mosul - shows how tough the battle for Mosul may become and points to a continued ability of the militant group to undermine security across the country even if its northern bastion falls. Accounts gathered by Reuters from residents, police, security and intelligence officials suggest it was carried out by forces that were highly trained, well-prepared and - alarmingly for the government - supported from inside Kirkuk. "What was surprising is it was done so easily," said Ranj Talabani, a senior Kurdish intelligence official. Like the Islamic State attacks on Paris last year, the operation appeared aimed at spreading chaos and fear rather than seizing territory. Although the heaviest fighting was over by Friday night, clashes continued for two days and officials are still searching for Islamic State units in the city. The blackened and bullet-ridden facade of two hotels near Kirkuk's governorate building, one of the targets of the attack, are a clear sign of its ferocity. The smell of smoke and cordite still linger.

'Professional' fighters

Kirkuk, 100 km southeast of Mosul, is close to oilfields which hold much of Iraq's vast crude reserves. It also lies near northern Irag's semi-autonomous Kurdish region, and has been controlled by Kurdish forces since the Iraqi army retreated from advancing Islamic State forces in 2014. The attack took place four days after the launch of an offensive against Islamic State in Mosul by Kurdish peshmerga, Iraqi soldiers and a US-led international coalition. The fighters appeared well-trained for urban combat, a sign that the battle for Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, could be drawn-out and bloody, according to Iraqi security officials. "These were the most professional fighters that I have seen since 2003," said Halo Najat Hamza, director of the Asayesh, a Kurdish security and intelligence force, in Kirkuk.

On Sunday afternoon, two and a half days after the attack began, two snipers detonated their suicide vests during a heavy exchange of fire with security forces at an elementary school. But no local official was prepared to say the attack was completely over. "We are still hunting them," said one Kirkuk official who asked not to be identified for security reasons. The operation was not improvised: a video found on a Samsung Galaxy phone on the body of a fighter shows footage of targets around the city filmed before the attack. "It involved a lot of preparation," said Iraq's former finance and foreign minister Hoshiyar Zebari, a Kurd.

Ferocious battles

The operation began at approximately 3 a.m. on



KIRKUK: Iraqi government forces patrol the area of Kirkuk for members of the Islamic State (IS) group. — AFP

Friday morning, when fighters arrived in pickup trucks and were dropped off on the southern perimeter of the city. The group broke up into 20 teams of five and fanned out across the city on foot. Several teams worked together to attack the first two targets: a base for the Asayesh and a police station in southern Kirkuk. A ferocious gunbattle broke

out at both locations. "They looked wild," said Hamza. He described the fighters as having long beards, long hair and "Afghan robes", although Iraqi security officials say they did not find any documents on dead fighters to suggest they were foreign combatants, and local people who encountered the fighters said they spoke a local Iragi Arabic dialect. — Reuters



MOSUL: Iraqi families who were displaced by the ongoing operation by Iraqi forces against jihadists of the Islamic State

DISPLACED SUNNIS BRACE TO JOIN FIGHT FOR MOSUL

IRAQ STRUGGLING TO OVERCOME SECTARIAN TENSIONS

DEBAGA: Still limping four months after an Islamic State fighter fired a bullet into his leg, teenager Mustafa Muhammed says he and his fellow Sunni tribesmen are ready to join an offensive against the militants in their stronghold of Mosul. Sitting in a truck in a camp where they live as refugees from the jihadists, dozens of young men - part of a force of hundreds of tribesmen - will soon head to the frontlines.

There they will face an enemy which seized control of their lands around Mosul two years ago, and whose fighters they know as fearless and highly unpredictable. "Daesh is never scared. They want to die because they believe they will be martyrs," said Muhammed. "That's why they come to battle strapped with suicide belts." Daesh is the Arabic acronym for Islamic State, which controls large parts of neighboring Syria and swept through northern and western Iraq in 2014.

Since then Irag's Shiite-led government has tried to encourage Sunni tribesmen to join the fight against the ultra-hardline Sunni group. But deep distrust between the country's two dominant sects, which flared into civil war after the US-led invasion in 2003, prevented any meaningful cooperation. Sunnis, who dominated Iraq under Saddam Hussein, accuse Shiite leaders of marginalizing them through sectarian policies, allegations Baghdad's Shiite-led government denies. The scene at the Debaga camp suggests that a shared hatred for Islamic State means that - at least for now - Sunnis are ready to overcome sectarian divisions and join the government's fight against a common enemy.

Tribal loyalties

That may not last for long after the Mosul campaign, expected to be the most complex

military operation in Iraq since a US-led invasion toppled Saddam in 2003. The loyalty of the teenagers in Debaga is expressed not for their country, a complex and combustible mix of Shiites, Sunnis, Kurds, Yazidis and Christians, but for a Sunni tribal leader named Sheikh Faris Abdullah. He and other Sunni tribesmen fought Al-Qaeda during the US occupation of Iraq, under an American-backed initiative that proved highly successful, all but wiping out al Qaeda in Iraq between 2007 and 2009.

But the militants regrouped under the banner of Islamic State, whose leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi declared a caliphate from the pulpit of a Mosul mosque in 2014. When the group began ordering executions and beheadings of opponents, Faris established a new Sunni fighting force to oppose it. His fighters took on the group, hoping to recapture towns and villages. and continuing even after an Islamic State sniper killed Faris during an operation in a village in the Mosul area. "We will win the war against Daesh. After that Sunnis should rule themselves in their own region," said Alaa

Ahmed, one of the fighters, in military fatigues. As flies swarmed around the displaced and young children walked barefoot on sand and gravel, some of the fighters smoked cigarettes to pass the time. Others stood in chatting in alleyways. Debaga, a sprawling camp of mainly prefabricated houses with corrugated iron roofs, lies on the outskirts of Erbil, about 75 km east of Mosul. Sheikh Al-Muqdad Abdullah, Faris's son, now leads the force and is optimistic about the chances of defeating Islamic State in Mosul and even building a new sense of unity in Iraq. He said he was encouraged by recent gains made by the Iraqi army and Kurdish fighters against the jihadists, which intelligence officials say have rigged bombs across Mosul, Iraq's sec-

The fighters say they have received basic military training from the US-led coalition, including how to handle AK-47 assault rifles and identify improvised bombs. The driver of the truck carrying tribesmen held up a phone and showed a photograph of himself with an AK-47 standing over the torched corpse of an Islamic State fighter. "We will win and there will be all kinds of reforms so that Sunnis have a voice," he said. Asked how he had prepared his young tribesmen for Islamic State tactics, he said: "I tell them that a box of cigarettes just like this one could be placed somewhere. As soon as you touch it, it could blow up and kill you." — Reuters

BAHA'I MINORITY SAYS IRAN IS TRYING TO CRUSH THE RELIGION

UNITED NATIONS: The Baha'i International Community said yesterday that Iran's effort to crush the religious minority has continued unabated and intensified on some fronts despite President Hassan Rouhani's promises to end religious discrimination. In a 122-page report, the community said Rouhani's government has stepped-up its "campaign to incite hatred against Baha'is" including by disseminating more than 20,000 pieces of anti-Baha'i propaganda in the Iranian media. Since Rouhani was inaugurated in August 2013, the report said at least 151 Baha'is have been arrested, and at least 388 incidents of economic discrimination have been documented ranging from threats and intimidation to shop closings.

The report also said that under Rouhani, thousands of Baha'is have been blocked from attending universities and 28 followers have been expelled. Iran has banned the Baha'i religion, which was founded in 1844 by a Persian nobleman considered a prophet by followers. Muslims consider Muhammad the final prophet. In 2013, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei issued a fatwa, or religious edict, urging Iranians to avoid all dealings with Baha'is. The report said that "on every front the Iranian government is facing pressure to end the decades-long, systematic persecution of Baha'is."

But instead of keeping its promises to in Iran," Dugal said — AP

end religious discrimination, the report said, "the government has shifted its strategy of oppression, moving away from arrests and imprisonments to more easily obscured measures such as economic and educational exclusion," Bani Dugal, the Baha'i chief UN representative, said "taken altogether, what we have seen is an overall shift in tactics by the Iranian government, apparently as part of an attempt to conceal from the international community its ongoing efforts to destroy the Baha'i community as a viable entity."

On a broader scale, the report said that since the previous government of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad began to intensify the persecution of Baha'is in 2005, more than 860 followers have been arrested, about 275 have been sent to prison, and there have 950 incidents of economic suppression and 80 violent attacks against Baha'i-owned businesses or properties ranging from arson to vandalism. The report urges the international community to keep pressuring Iran to end discrimination against Baha'is. "The take-away from the report is that international pressure on Iran, whether by the United Nations, the news media, activists or even the general public, remains a critical means of protection against a wider pogrom that targets the largest non-Muslim religious minority

POWERS DISCUSS MOSUL AS IRAQ FORCES INCH TOWARDS OUTSKIRTS

QARAQOSH: Iraqi forces were inching to within striking distance of eastern Mosul yesterday as defense chiefs from the USled coalition met in Paris to review the offensive on the jihadist bastion. Paramilitary forces were also massing near the battlefield to open a western front they say will aim to retake the town of Tal Afar and cut off routes to neighboring Syria for Islamic State fighters escaping Mosul. Forces from the elite counter-terrorism service (CTS) retook areas close to the eastern outskirts of Mosul, IS's last major urban stronghold in Iraq.

"On our front, we have advanced to within five or six kilometers of Mosul," their commander, General Abdelghani Al-Assadi said. "We must now coordinate with forces on other fronts to launch a coordinated" attack on Mosul, he said. speaking from the Christian town of Bartalla. Kurdish peshmerga forces are making gains on the northeastern front but federal forces advancing from the south have some way to go before reaching the outskirts of Mosul.

Meanwhile, thousands of men from the Hashed Al-Shaabi, a paramilitary umbrella group dominated by Tehran-backed Shiite militias, were preparing for a push to the

The Hashed leadership has ordered "us to assume the mission of liberating the Tal Afar district," Jawwad Al-Tulaibawi, spokesman for the Asaib Ahl Al-Hag militia, said. The Hashed's mission will be to "cut off and prevent the escape of (IS) towards Syria and fully isolate Mosul from Syria," Tulaibawi said. "We expect that it will be a difficult and fierce battle."

Turkey threat

Involvement of the Hashed in the Mosul operation has been a source of contention, especially in eventual fighting inside the mainly Sunni city. Iraqi Kurds and Sunni Arab politicians have opposed its participation, as has Turkey, which has a military presence east of Mosul despite repeated demands by Baghdad for the forces to be withdrawn. Tensions have been rising between Baghdad and Ankara, whose foreign minister, Mevlut Cavusoglu, warned yesterday that his country would not hesi-

tate to launch a ground operation.

"If there is a threat posed to Turkey, we are ready to use all our resources including a ground operation," he told Turkish channel Kanal 24. Relations between the Hashed and the US-led coalition fighting IS are also tense, but the paramilitaries enjoy widespread support among members of Iraq's Shiite majority. Senior Iraqi and US military officials have reported that IS leaders are already attempting to leave Mosul to reach the Syrian side of their "caliphate". — AFP



PARIS: US Defense Secretary Ash Carter (center) and French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian greet Australian Defense Minister Marise Payne (right) upon arrival for a meeting by dozen members of the US-led coalition fighting Islamic State in Iraq and Syria in Paris yesterday. — AP

STRIKE IN SRI LANKA'S NORTH OVER KILLINGS

COLOMBO: Sri Lankans went on strike across the island's north yesterday as anger mounted over the police killing of two Tamil university students at a checkpoint. Shops, banks and other offices were closed across the war-ravaged Jaffna peninsula and public transport was halted in protest against the shootings last week. "The entire province is paralyzed by the 12-hour work stoppage which started this morning," Tamil politician Eswarapatham Saravanapavan, who represents Jaffna district said. "Only a few private vehicles and security services are on the road."

Officials in the northern province's four other districts said schools were also forced to shut after students stayed away, while many workers also failed to show up at government offices. Police initially reported the students, aged 23 and 24, died in a motorcycle accident, but later said they were shot and died last Thursday night after they failed to stop at a checkpoint. Saravanapavan said the strike was the largest in Jaffna since the end of the war in 2009 between the military and rebels fighting for a separate homeland for the ethnic Tamil minority.

The shootings have hiked tensions in the

north where Tamil residents suffered years of harassment from the ethnic Sinhalese-dominated military before and during the decades-long conflict. Government forces still maintain a large presence in the former-war zone and keep a close watch on the Tamil population, seven years after the end of the war. Police inspector general Pujith Jayasundara said five officers have been suspended and remanded in custody pending

'We have taken disciplinary action even before the protest," Jayasundara told reporters. "We are also investigating why they tried to cover up the incident." Saravanapavan, a lawmaker from the opposition Tamil National Alliance, said they wanted assurances of justice for the two students. He said there were serious doubts about the police version of events. An autopsy report showed the rider had been shot in the chest, indicating he had been killed while approaching the checkpoint and not while fleeing without stopping, Saravanapavan said. The incident comes after a UN human rights expert asked Colombo this week to take urgent measures to "clearly demonstrate" its

an investigation into the shootings.

ond largest city. commitment to protect its minorities. — AFP

INTERNATIONAL

MAN ON THE RUN **AFTER ATTEMPTED** DECAPITATIONS, **VIOLENT RAMPAGE**

OKLAHOMA CITY: Authorities have been hunting for more than 24 hours for an Oklahoma man they say posted live videos to social media while running from police during a violent rampage that included shooting two police officers, armed car thefts and killing his aunt and uncle, apparently attempting to cut off their heads. Michael Dale Vance Jr, a 38-year-old man from Chandler, Oklahoma, is wanted on multiple charges, including two counts of first-degree murder. Police say he was last seen early Monday about 30 miles from the Texas border in western Oklahoma - 165 miles away from where the manhunt began Sunday night in Wellston.



by the Lincoln County Sheriff's said. Ronald Everett Wilkson, Office shows Michael Vance.

The two police officers were shot and wounded as they responded to shots fired Sunday evening in Wellston, about 35 miles northeast of Oklahoma City. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office said one person was arrested, but Vance fled in a patrol vehicle. Vance is suspected of later shooting a woman and stealing her vehicle at a mobile home park near Wellston, then driving about 8 miles to the mobile home of his aunt and uncle in Luther and killing them, Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office This undated photo provided spokesman Mark Opgrande 55, had been shot and had stab wounds to his neck "con-

sistent with an attempt to sever his head," Oklahoma County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Belanger wrote in an arrest affidavit. Valerie Kay Wilkson, 54, had similar neck wounds along with defensive wounds on her arms, the affidavit stated. Investigators found a large knife covered in blood inside the home, along with a blood-stained shirt and two shell casings from a round typically fired from an AK-47-style assault rifle. Opgrande said authorities also believe Vance filmed two Facebook Live videos documenting his run from police before going to the Wilksons' home. In one video, a man wearing a backward baseball cap and a shirt that appears to be covered in blood says he's about to steal another vehicle and that it's "gonna be intense." In another, which seems to be filmed inside a second vehicle, the same man says: "Letting y'all know, look, this is real," before panning to a long gun on the passenger seat. He said: "If you want to know what's up next, stay tuned to your local news."

Vance also is suspected of shooting a man in the leg in an attempted carjacking early Monday at a convenience store in Sayre, about 30 miles from the Texas border. Sayre Police Chief Ronnie Harrold said the man identified Vance as the man who shot him. The arrest warrant for Vance also includes charges of an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession of a firearm after former conviction of a felony. Court records show Vance faces felony charges of child sexual abuse in Lincoln County, and has a court hearing Nov 7. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Vance is believed to be driving a silver 2007 Mitsubishi Eclipse with an Oklahoma license plate of 943LQQ. Vance is described as Native American, standing 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighing 212 pounds.— AP



NORRISTOWN: Former state Attorney General Kathleen Kane leaves court in handcuffs after her sentencing at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa. —AP

EX-ATTORNEY GEN SENTENCED TO JAIL, THEN CUFFED IN COURT

KANE JAILED OVER RETALIATION SCHEME

NORRISTOWN: Former state Attorney General Kathleen Kane, once a rising star in state politics, left a courtroom in handcuffs on Monday after getting a 10- to 23-month sentence for a retaliation scheme a judge linked to her all-consuming ego. Kane, 50, also was sentenced to eight years of probation by a Montgomery County judge, who said Kane's need for revenge led her to break the law and then lie to a grand jury. Kane, who was accused of leaking secret investigative files to embarrass a rival prosecutor, was convicted of perjury and obstruction.

Judge Wendy Demchick-Alloy said Kane assumed an "off with your heads" mentality as she ran the state's top law enforcement agency. The judge called Kane a political "neophyte" who failed to make the transition from politician to public servant when she took office in 2013. Kane, the first woman and first Democrat elected as the state's top prosecutor, was released Monday after posting \$75,000 cash bail. She can remain free while her legal team appeals her conviction. "I really don't care what happens to me," Kane told the judge. "There is no more torture in the world than to watch your children suffer and know you had something to do with it." Kane had been a stay-at-home mother in the Scranton area and a former assistant prosecutor in Lackawanna

County before using \$2 million of her husband's trucking fortune to run for statewide office in 2012. The judge told her: "Your children are the ultimate ... collateral damage. They are casualties of your actions. But you did that, not this court."

Kane didn't testify at her trial. She was convicted in August of two felony counts of perjury and seven misdemeanor charges, and she resigned the next day. Earlier Monday, Kane's 15-year-old son, Chris Kane, pleaded for leniency while her former deputies described an office demoralized by her leadership and terrorized by "Nixonian espionage." Kane argued that the loss of her career, law license and reputation was punishment enough. She had asked the judge to sentence her to probation or house arrest so she could be home to raise her sons. She and her husband are now estranged and share custody of the teenage boys.

The one-term attorney general said her younger son, 14-year-old Zachary Kane, did not attend Monday's sentencing because "he couldn't even bear it." Prosecutors called her crimes "egregious" and pushed for jail time after the defense sought probation or house arrest. They said a paranoid Kane ruined morale in the 800-person office and the wider law enforcement community, burning bridges among state, local and federal agencies. "Through a pattern of systemic firings and Nixonian espionage, she created a terror zone in this office," said Erik Olsen, a career prosecutor who's now the chief deputy attorney general. Kane enjoyed mostly good press early on as she supported gay marriage, ramped up a child predator unit run by her twin sister and questioned her predecessor's handling of the Penn State child sex assault case. Kane's feud with one of the prosecutors, Frank Fina, who had helped run the Penn State probe and other sensitive investigations, led to the leak. Kane, taking aim at Fina, had a campaign consultant pass confidential files to a reporter about a corruption case he had declined to charge before he left the office, authorities said.

She then tried to frame someone else for the leak, aides testified. Aside from the conviction, Kane's political career will be remembered for her investigation of pornography that she said was being traded on state computers by judges, lawyers and other public employees. Two state Supreme Court justices resigned amid the fallout. District Attorney Kevin Steele, also a Democrat, said the jail term was a long time coming. "She said, 'This was war, and truth became a casualty, he said, quoting from a Kane email about her rivals.— AP



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THE 'JUNGLE' CAMP IN FRANCE: WHAT IS IT?

PARIS: France began clearing the socalled "Jungle" migrant camp in the northern city of Calais on Monday ahead of its planned demolition. Here are five key questions to explain what is at stake:

What is the 'Jungle'?

It is a collection of tents and shelters on a muddy, windswept patch of land near Calais, northern France, that has become a magnet for migrants seeking to cross the Channel to reach Britain. Various squalid settlements have existed for decades around the gritty town that is home to one of the country's biggest ports and the Channel Tunnel rail link connecting France and Britain. In 1999, the Sangatte refugee camp run by the Red Cross was set up to manage the flow of migrants, but this was shut down three years later by then interior minister Nicolas Sarkozy. The 700 to 800 inhabitants, mainly Afghan migrants, moved to a new location that became known as the "Jungle".

Hundreds of police demolished this site in September 2009 despite protests by anti-globalization activists and leftist groups. From April 2015, a new "Jungle" camp emerged as hundreds of thousands of people headed to Europe from



CALAIS: Migrants look at a shack set on fire during the demolition of the Calais 'Jungle' camp, in Calais, northern France yesterday as hundreds of migrants boarded buses on the second day of a massive operation to clear the squalid settlement. — AFP

the Middle East and Africa in the continent's biggest migrant crisis since World War II. The population of mainly Afghans, Iraqis, Eritreans and Sudanese has peaked at more than 10,000, according to local charities, but in its final days was

believed to be around 6,000-8,000. **Why Calais?**

The camp is near to where thousands of lorries drive on to ferries or trains heading for Britain, just 35 kilometers across the Channel. Despite the dan-

gers, desperate migrants try to break into the vehicles and hide. Those with money pay people smugglers to arrange the crossing. Rather than apply for asylum in France, most have preferred to head to Britain for a variety of reasons. Some have family networks there, while others are attracted to Britain's reputation as a more economically vibrant country. The English language is also a big draw. As the evacuation approached, more and more residents began seeking asylum in France, seeing it as the only way to avoid deportation.

How bad is it?

Conditions are bleak. Sanitation is limited and illnesses spread easily. Women and children risk sexual violence, while brawls and deadly road accidents are commonplace. For the local economy, repeated targeting of trucks has seriously disrupted traffic at the port and Channel tunnel. Locals complain about the image of their town, and Calais bars and restaurants say trade has been severely hit. Protesters blocked roads in September to demand the camp's closure. The conditions have also drawn criticism from the United Nations and charities, embarrassing the French government.

Why has it caused tension?

In 2003, the two countries signed the so-called Le Touquet accord, which effectively moved Britain's border with France to the French side of the Channel. Under the agreement, Britain pays millions of euros (dollars) each year for security in Calais-the latest investment being a wall along the road leading to the port-but it is French police and border agents who are on the frontline. Many French politicians believe London has simply outsourced a problem to France and the agreement should be torn up.

"We can't tolerate what is going on in Calais, the image is disastrous for our country," the centre-right frontrunner for next year's presidential election, Alain Juppe, said in an interview last published last week. The Socialist government has ruled out scrapping the agreement for now, but there are signs of frustration with Britain. President François Hollande called on the British to "play their part" in September, while Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve reminded London of its "moral duty" to take in children from the camp believed to be numbered in the hundreds. — AFP

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in brief

2 imams arrested over 'Islamic State support'

MADRID: Two Moroccan imams at a mosque on the Spanish resort island of Ibiza were arrested yesterday on suspicion of backing the Islamic State group and inciting jihad, police said. "They publicly and repeatedly expressed on social networks their support for the terrorist group Daesh, its methods and its Salafist-jihadist ideology," the Civil Guard said in a statement. Daesh is an alternative name for Islamic State, which is also known by the acronyms of ISIS and ISIL. The Civil Guard gave the ages of the pair as 31 and 35, but did not name them. They were arrested in the tourist town of Sant Antoni de Portmany. They were "imams in a mosque, a privileged position from which to exert influence over members of the Muslim community on the island," the Civil Guard said. It added there was particular concern about the impact their teachings may have had on youngsters at the mosque.

Germany police carry out raids on terror financiers

BERLIN: German police yesterday stormed an accommodation facility for refugees and 12 homes around the country that were believed to house people suspected of financing terrorism. Police searched residences in the eastern states of Thuringia and Saxony as well as in Bavaria, the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia and in Hamburg, police in Thuringia said in a statement. The investigation has so far not uncovered any concrete risk of attack, they said. The police have been investigating a 28-year-old Russian citizen of Chechen origin since the second half of 2015 who was suspected of preparing "a serious act of violent subversion", the statement said. They believed he intended to fight for Islamic State in Syria. During the course of investigations, suspicion arose that that person as well as 10 other men and three women - all Russian citizens of Chechen origin - were financing terrorism. The suspects were living in Thuringia, Hamburg and Dortmund, are asylum seekers with unclear residency status, and are aged between 21 and 31, police said.



AFGOOYE, Somalia: People sit on the top of a truck heavily piled with corn-stalks plies as they head for Mogadishu from Afgooye. — AFP

Somali Al Shabaab launch attacks in Somalia, Kenya

MOGADISHU: Somalia's AI Shabaab Islamist group rammed a military base with a suicide truck bomb, shot dead an intelligence officer and killed 12 people in a Kenyan border town in a series of strikes over 24 hours, the militants said yesterday. The group, which once ruled much of Somalia, wants to topple the Western-backed government in Mogadishu and drive out African AMISOM peacekeepers made up of soldiers from Kenya, Djibouti, Uganda, Ethiopia and other African nations. The attacks mark the build up to elections in coming weeks for the Somali parliament, which will in turn pick a new president to continue slow reconstruction efforts in a nation racked by more than two decades of conflict.

Egyptians scream their stress away in bookshop

CAIRO: Visitors to a bookshop in Cairo are being invited into a dark, soundproof room to scream at the top of their lungs in an effort to relieve their frustrations and escape from the stresses of daily life. The new "scream room" is tucked away in the "The World's Door" bookshop and is also equipped with a full drum kit allowing customers to let go of their worries through deafening screams. "When you enter the room it's like you've entered a whole other world, without your phone and without anything else that can have an effect on you," said one user, Ahmed Sharaf. Owner AbdelRahman Saad offers each visitor ten minutes inside the private scream room, free of charge.

South Korean leader apologizes for leaks

SEOUL: South Korean President Park Geun-Hye was forced into a public apology yesterday for the leak of official documents to a family associate involved in a growing corruption scandal. "I deeply apologize to the people," Park said in a televised speech, before bowing deeply to the camera. South Korean prosecutors are currently investigating Park's longtime friend Choi Soon-Sil over allegations that she used her relationship with the president to strong-arm conglomerates into multi-million dollar donations to two non-profit foundations.

MEDITERRANEAN '3 TIMES' MORE DEADLY THAN 2015

Over 3,740 have died in Mediterranean this year



Refugees sit in an inflatable boat off the Libyan coast in the Mediterranean Sea. The German aid group Sea-Watch urged the European Union yesterday to reconsider its plans to train Libyan forces to conduct sea rescue operations after a vessel labeled as belonging to the country's coast guard attacked the dinghy full of migrants last week.— AP

GENEVA: The death toll on the Mediterranean has nearly matched that of all last year, with more than 3,740 migrants and refugees having drowned on their way to Europe, and perilous winter months still to come, aid agencies said yesterday. Smugglers are now sending thousands of people on flimsy inflatable rafts from Libya to Italy in mass embarkations, perhaps to lower their own risks of being caught, but also complicating the work of rescue teams, they said. At least 3,740 people have perished so far, nearly matching the death toll of 3,771 for all of 2015 when three times as many people, more than one million, took to the seas, the United Nations refugee agency said.

"This is by far the worse we ever have seen in the Mediterranean," William Spindler, spokesman of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), told a news briefing. "You could say that the death rate has increased three-fold." About 2,200 migrants were plucked to safety in the central Mediterranean in 21 rescue missions on Monday and 16 bodies were

recovered, the Italian Coast Guard said. At least 17 corpses from those weekend incidents are being brought to Italy, the International Organization for Migation (IOM) said. "We were told by witnesses there may be many more. There may be other shipwrecks that occurred over the weekend that we're learning more about," IOM spokesman Joel Millman said.

Since the European Union-Turkey deal in March to close down pathways to Greece, the Libya to Italy route across the central Mediterranean has become the main route. One per every 47 migrants or refugees attempting the voyage between Libya and Italy is meeting is dying, the UNHCR's Spindler said. "Smuggling has become a big business, it's being done almost on an industrial scale. So now they send several boats at the same time and that puts rescue services in difficulty because they need to rescue several thousand people on several hundred boats," he said. "But when you have so many people at sea on boats that are barely seaworthy, then the dangers obviously increase."— Reuters

VATICAN ISSUES NEW RULES ON CREMATION

DON'T SCATTER CREMATED ASHES OR KEEP THEM AT HOME

VATICAN CITY: The Vatican yesterday published guidelines for Catholics who want to be cremated, saying their remains cannot be scattered, divvied up or kept at home but rather stored in a sacred, church-approved place. The new instructions were released just in time for Halloween and "All Souls Day" on Nov 2, when the faithful are supposed to pray for and remember the dead. For most of its 2,000-year history, the Catholic Church only permitted burial, arguing that it best expressed the Christian hope in resurrection. But in 1963, the Vatican explicitly allowed cremation as long as it didn't suggest a denial of faith about resurrection.

The new document from the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith repeats that burial remains preferred, with officials calling cremation a "brutal destruction" of the body. But it lays out guidelines for conserving ashes for the increasing numbers of Catholics who choose cremation for economic, ecological or other reasons. It said it was doing so to counter what it called "new ideas contrary to the church's faith" that had emerged since 1963, including New Age-y ideas that death is a "fusion" with Mother Nature and the universe, or the "definitive liberation" from the prison of the body.

To set the faithful straight, the Vatican said ashes and bone fragments cannot be kept at home, since that would deprive the Christian community as a whole of remembering the dead. Rather, church authorities should designate a sacred place, such as a cemetery or church area, to hold them. Only in extraordinary cases can a bishop allow ashes to be kept at home, it said. Vatican officials declined to say what circumstances would qualify, but presumably countries where Catholics are a persecuted minority and where Catholic churches and cemeteries have been ransacked would qualify.

The document said remains cannot be divided among family members or put in lockets or other mementos. Nor can the ashes be scattered in the air, land or sea since doing so would give the appearance of "pantheism, naturalism or nihilism," the guidelines said. It repeated church teaching that Catholics who choose to be cremated for reasons contrary to the Christian faith must be denied a Christian funeral. The new instruction carries an Aug 15 date and says Pope Francis approved it March 18. The author of the text, Cardinal Gerhard Mueller, was asked at a Vatican briefing if Francis had any reservations about the text, particularly the refusal to let family members keep remains of their loved ones at home.

"The dead body isn't the private property of relatives, but rather a son of God who is part of the people of God," Mueller said. "We have to get over this individualistic thinking." While the new instruction insists that remains be kept together, Vatican officials said they are not about to go gather up the various body parts of saints that are scattered in churches around the world. The practice of divvying up saints' bodies for veneration - a hand here, a thigh bone there - was a fad centuries ago but is no longer in favor. "Going to all the countries that have a hand of someone would start a war among the faithful," reasoned Monsignor Angel Rodriguez Luno, a Vatican theological adviser.— AP



ROME: A man holds an urn at a funeral parlor in Rome yesterday. The Vatican yesterday published guidelines for Catholics who want to be cremated, saying their remains cannot be scattered, divvied up or kept at home but rather stored in a sacred, church-approved place. — AP

WITH TIGHTENED BORDERS, SWEDEN SEES ASYLUM REQUESTS DOWN 80%

STOCKHOLM: Asylum seeker numbers in Sweden are set to drop by around 80 percent this year from a record 163,000 in 2015 as a result of tighter borders and tougher immigration rules, a government agency said yesterday. Sweden took in more asylum seekers than any other European Union state relative to population last year. But even many liberal Swedes are having second thoughts, put off by reports of crime including sexual assaults by asylum seekers and financial strains on the nation's prized cradle-to-grave welfare system.

In a fresh forecast, the state Migration Agency said it expected Sweden to receive 28,000 to 32,000 asylum applications this year. Its previous forecast from July was 30,000 to 50,000. Factors in the reduced numbers include the EU's deal with Turkey curbing migration from that nation's shores, border clampdowns along the main Balkan corridor to EU territory and the reimposition of selective identity checks at borders within the EU's Schengen passport-free travel zone, it said.

...It has become harder to travel into and through tougher stance on immigration. — Reuters

Europe to reach Sweden," a Migration Agency statement said. Other EU countries including Germany also report a sharp fall in migrant arrivals from the more than one million registered in 2015. Sweden's reputation for tolerance and stability made it a haven for refugees for decades. But the mood has changed since 2015 with many Swedes unnerved by reports of rising foreigner crime including gang activity in immigrant-heavy cities. In addition, soaring costs - spending on immigration and asylum measures will account for around 7 percent of the budget this year - are seen by many as a threat to the welfare net. Tougher rules introduced by the centre-left coalition last year, including border checks and limits on family reunion, have cut numbers - and costs - dramatically. This year, asylum applications are down to about 22,000. But anti-immigrant sentiment may have permanently hardened. A poll by SIFO in daily Svenska Dagbladet at the weekend showed more than 40 percent of Swedes want the government to take an even



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TALEBAN USES DRONE TO FILM SUICIDE ATTACK

KABUL: The Afghan Taleban have the entire compound. With pro-Taleban released aerial footage of a suicide car bombing in southern Helmand province, marking the first time the media-savvv militant group has used a drone to record an attack. The 23-minute video shows a suicide bomber ramming a Humvee into a military base in volatile Nawa district, triggering a mushroom cloud of flames and smoke and razing

poems playing in the background, the video reported yesterday by the USbased SITE Intelligence group shows a turban-clad bomber in front of a Humvee, hugging fellow fighters before he departs. The camera mounted on a drone shows a birds-eye view of the target, tracking his Humvee as it strikes the base without any apparent resistance,

which could not be independently verified, is the first drone footage released by the Taleban. The Afghan defense ministry in a statement rejected it as "propaganda". Once seen as uneducated thugs, the Taleban have developed a savvy PR team who use digital technology to reach out to audiences worldwide. When the Taleban ruled Afghanistan between

causing a massive explosion. The video, 1996 and 2001, almost all electronic app from its online store, countering the products were outlawed as un-Islamic. But the Taleban have avidly embraced electronic communication and social media in recent years as a recruitment tool and to promote their propaganda.

The Taleban now have a robust social media presence and a website in five languages including English. In April, Google removed a Taleban smartphone insurgent group's increasing efforts to boost its global visibility. Afghan authorities in June banned media companies from using drone cameras, citing security concerns in a country well known for the rampant use of unmanned military aircraft. The United States often uses military-grade drones to target the Taleban and other insurgent groups.— AFP

PHILIPPINE LEADER BLASTS US, THEN HEADS TO JAPAN

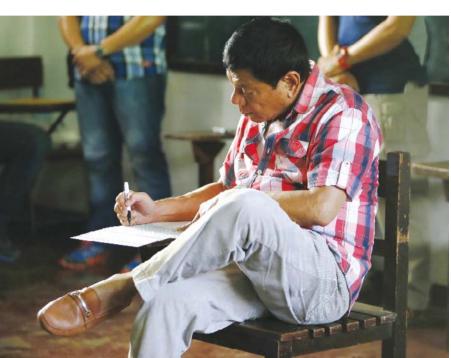
DUTERTE TELLS WORRIED FOREIGN BUSINESSES TO 'PACK UP AND LEAVE

TOKYO: President Rodrigo Duterte yesterday urged foreign businesses in the Philippines worried about his deadly drug war to "pack up and leave", as he launched another anti-American tirade before flying to Japan to attract investments. Duterte voiced outrage at comments made the previous day by the top US envoy to Asia that his fiery rhetoric and crime war, which has claimed about 3,700 lives in four months, were bad for business.

"These Americans are really crazy. Their style is to walk here. They think they are somebodies," Duterte said, as he held up a newspaper with headlines reporting the criticism from US assistant secretary of state Daniel Russel. "Russel says 'Duterte comments causing worries in business communities'. Then you pack up and leave. We will recover, I assure you." Duterte then flew to Japan, one of the top US allies in Asia, for a three-day visit that is partly aimed at building on two-way trade of more than \$18 billion dollars last year.

"With Japan as the Philippines' top trading partner, I shall seek the sustainment and further enhancement of our important economic ties," Duterte, 71, said in prepared remarks at Manila airport. "I look forward to meeting business leaders in Japan. I will tell them clearly that the Philippines is open for business." Upon arrival in Tokyo, Duterte proceeded to a hotel for an event with members of the local Filipino community. More than 100 of them waiting outside gave him an enthusiastic welcome, calling his name and waving small Philippine flags. A smiling Duterte approached them and shook hands.

Duterte will meet with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and have an audience with



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte

Emperor Akihito during the trip, which follows his headline-grabbing state visit to China last week. Duterte, a self-proclaimed socialist with close links to communists, announced in Beijing the Philippines' "separation" from the United States, throwing into doubt a 70-year alliance that is anchored on a mutual defense treaty. He quickly walked back from his comments after returning from China, saying "separation" did not mean he would "sever" ties and that the US alliance would continue. But his anti-American vitriol also continued.

No lapdog

Duterte said yesterday he was not a "lapdog" of the United States, and again voiced anger at American and European criticism of apparent extrajudicial killings on his watch. "You are a son of a whore," he said referring to his critics. "Do not make us dogs. Do not. As if I am a dog with a leash and then you throw bread far away that I cannot reach." Duterte has previously branded US President Barack Obama a "son of a whore" and told him to "go to hell".

Russel, the US envoy, said after meeting Philippine Foreign Secretary Perfecto Yasay on Monday that many people around the world were becoming increasingly worried about Duterte's tirades.

The succession of controversial statements, comments and a real climate of uncertainty about the Philippines' intentions have created consternation in a number of countries," Russel said. "Not only in mine and not only among governments, but also growing concern in other communities, in the expat Filipino community, in corporate boardrooms as well." Japan, which is wary of China's rising influence in the region, signaled it would be looking for clarification from Duterte about his foreign

"It is important to have good communication and to listen directly to what Mr Duterte has in mind," Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters when asked about the firebrand leader's comments on ties with Washington.

Abe had worked to improve bilateral relations with Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino. Japan provided patrol boats to support the Philippines in its territorial row with Beijing over rival claims to the South China Sea, as it sought backing in its own maritime dispute with China.

Aquino took Beijing to an international tribunal over its extensive claims in the South China Sea-where it has built artificial islands capable of hosting military facilities-and the Philippines won a resounding victory in July. But Duterte has sought not to use the verdict to anger China, instead worked to improve ties and attract billions of dollars in Chinese loans and investments.— AFP

News

in brief

Shrine to Jesus in Israel robbed and vandalized

JERUSALEM: A church in Israel built where Christians believe the transfiguration of Jesus took place has been vandalized, with chalices stolen, icons damaged and a donation box robbed, an official said yesterday. Church officials believe the motive for Monday's incident was robbery and not Jewish extremism, which has been blamed for previous vandalism at Christian sites in Israel, said Wadie Abunassar, a spokesman for bishops in the Holy Land. Abunassar could not say how many chalices were stolen from the Basilica of the Transfiguration or how much money from the donation box had been taken. Communion bread had also been thrown on the ground. No graffiti was painted on the church as usually occurs with vandalism by extremists, Abunassar said. A report has been made with police. The church is located on Mount Tabor in the Galilee region of northern Israel, where Christians believe Jesus became radiant and spoke with Moses and Elijah.

'Horror clown' attacks

leave several injured **VIENNA:** The so-called creepy clown trend has spread to Austria where several people have been injured in attacks by masked assailants in the lead-up to Halloween. Three men disguised as "horror clowns" assaulted a 19year-old man with a baseball bat at the weekend in the western state of Tirol, local police said yesterday. The suspects fled the scene. In another incident, a 16-year-old jogger was seriously injured on Sunday when she fell down a steep hill after being scared by a creepy clown who had jumped in her path in the Carinthian city of Villach. The teenager was hospitalized while the suspect manage to escape, police said. Another 16-year-old girl twisted her ankle on Monday evening when she ran away from a man wearing a clown mask in a parking lot and fell down some stairs in central Styria state. Authorities said they were still searching for leads regarding the suspect. People have been reporting numerous other sightings across Austria on special Facebook pages dedicated to creepy clown spotting.

Ex-president spokesman quizzed in graft probe

LAGOS: Nigeria's anti-graft agency said yesterday it was detaining and questioning ex-president Goodluck Jonathan's spokesman as part of a wider probe into corruption. A source at the agency said the investigation touched on alleged misuse of funds alloted for fighting Boko Haram, Nigeria's notorious jihadist group. "We have arrested Reuben Abati and he is undergoing interrogation in connection with some issues bordering on graft," Economic and Financial Crimes Commission spokesman Wilson Uwujaren said. Uwujaren said Abati was arrested on Monday and was still in custody. Another EFCC official, who did not want to be named, said Abati "is being questioned in relation to (an) ongoing investigation into the misappropriation of funds earmarked for arms to fight Boko Haram." Abati was a popular columnist and chairman of the editorial board of the independent Guardian newspaper before his appointment as Jonathan's spokesman.

14 die, 147 injured as explosion rocks China

BEIJING: The toll from a powerful explosion in China rose to 14 dead and 147 injured yesterday, state media said, as authorities censored discussion of the incident online. Monday's blast in Xinmin, in the northern province of Shaanxi, tore through five prefabricated buildings, destroying or damaging 58 others, the official Xinhua news agency said. It may have been caused by illegally stored explosives, an initial investigation found. Pictures showed widespread damage, with windows blown out of buildings, a crater in the street, and bloodied victims lying on the ground. Rescue efforts had concluded yesterday morning, and more than 100 of the injured were still hospitalized, Xinhua said, citing local authorities. The explosion comes at a time of heightened vigilance for the ruling Communist Party, which holding a high-level meeting in Beijing, the "Sixth Plenum". Outraged social media users said that there were comparatively few reports on the incident available online, and others had been deleted, with comments on many platforms disabled.



HANOI: Nguyen Van Xuan holds his daughter as he emerges from a flight from Nairobi, Kenya, at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi yesterday. — AP

Joy as Vietnam's hostages return after pirate ordeal

HANOI: Three Vietnamese fishermen held hostage for nearly five years by Somali pirates returned home yesterday to weeping relatives, saying they were "overwhelmed" with joy after their harrowing kidnapping. The men were among 26 hostages freed Sunday who belonged to the crew of Naham 3, an Omani-flagged vessel that was seized south of the Seychelles in March 2012. After a long flight from Kenya, a stunned looking Nguyen Xuan Phuong was greeted by his beaming father, who shouted the 27-year-old's name as he spotted him at Hanoi's Noi Bai international airport. "I am overwhelmed with happiness," Phuong said, as he embraced his tearful dad. His crew, which also included seafarers from China, Indonesia, Philippines, Cambodia and Taiwan, was taken hostage at the peak of Somali piracy. Only one other crew of fishermen spent longer in the hands of Somali pirates. The hostage takers initially captured 29 crew members from the Naham 3, but one died during the hijacking and two more died of illness during their cap

4 KILLED ON RIVER RIDE AT AUSTRALIAN THEME PARK

SYDNEY: Four people were killed yesterday on a river rapids ride at Australia's biggest theme park, police said, after a malfunction threw two of the victims off the seemingly innocuous ride and left the other two trapped inside. The tragedy at the Thunder River Rapids Ride at Dreamworld on the Gold Coast, the main tourist district in Australia's northeastern state of Queensland, ranks among the world's deadliest theme park accidents. "One of the rides sustained a malfunction, causing two people to be ejected from a ride, and the other two were caught inside," Gavin Fuller, an official of Queensland Ambulance said. The four dead ranged in age from their early 30s to their early 40s. It was not immediately clear if they were locals or tourists, police said.

Shares in park owner and operator, Ardent Leisure Group, dropped 7 percent in the final hour of trade after the incident, having been little changed for most of the day. "Dreamworld will remain closed tomorrow as a mark of respect for the victims and their families," Ardent said in a statement, adding that it was working with emergency services to establish what had happened. Asked if there were any earlier problems with the ride, Todd Reid, an inspector with Queensland Police, said, "I'm

tioned. —AFP

not aware, but that will be part of the

The ride, meant to simulate going over river rapids, uses round floating devices that seat six, and can reach speeds of 45 kph. It is described by Dreamworld as a "moderate thrill" attraction for those older than two. Witnesses recounted the scene on television. "There were kids onboard screaming while their mum was trapped under. I'd rather not talk about what I saw," one unidentified man told Australia's Channel 9. Visitors to the theme park, 48 km south of Brisbane, said they had seen repairs to the ride before the accident, but a Dreamworld spokeswoman told Reuters she was unable to confirm the reports.

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said there would be a thorough investigation to determine the cause of the accident. Yesterday's tragedy is one of the worst theme park accidents on record. Earlier incidents include eight teenagers killed in a 1984 fire at the Six Flags Great Adventure amusement park in New Jersey in the United States; seven dead in Sydney's Luna Park ghost train fire in 1979; six people killed by a failed simulated rocket launch in Shenzhen, China, in 2010 and five children killed when the Battersea Park Big Dipper malfunctioned in Britain in 1972. — Reuters



QUEENSLAND: A fire command truck is parked in front of the Dreamworld theme park on Gold Coast said, after four people were killed when a park ride malfunc-



QUETTA: Pakistani mourners gather around the coffins of some of those killed in an attack on the Police Training College Balochistan in Quetta yesterday. — AFP

POLICE ACADEMY ATTACKERS 'PRETENDED TO BE SOLDIERS'

QUETTA: Heavily armed militants who stormed a Pakistani police academy tricked cadets hiding in their rooms into opening locked doors by pretending to be soldiers, witnesses said yesterday as chilling accounts emerged from survivors. At least 60 people were killed after three gunmen burst into the sprawling academy, targeting sleeping quarters for some 700 recruits in the deadliest attack on a security installation in the country's history. Young cadets who fled the gun and suicide bomb assault told of their terror as citizens from the provincial capital of Quetta, around 20 kilometers from the Balochistan Police College where the violence unfolded, meanwhile rushed to donate blood.

Speaking from his hospital bed where he was recovering from a bullet wound to his left shoulder, cadet Hikmatullah, aged 22 said: "They entered the rooms one by one. They went in one room and fired inside it, then they went in another. "They also knocked at the locked rooms and told the cadets that they were from the army, and when they opened the doors, they fired at them. They came in by jumping over the walls of the academy which are very small. I ran away from my room and was hit by a bullet, I still managed to flee." Pakistan has once again been forced to come to terms with another devastating attack at the hands of Islamist militants even as security overall has improved in recent vears.

Witnesses recounted the men were dressed in camouflage and had covered their faces, but could not say for certain whether they had disguised themselves in military uniforms. Zubair Ahmed another recruit, said: "We were sitting in a group of three or four people relaxing at around 10:15pm in the night and thinking of going to bed. "Suddenly there was firing and people started running around, screaming, there was chaos. Some people were jumping out of windows, others were trying to climb out onto trees. "I also jumped out of a window via a tree and njured my shoulder and foot. I lay on the ground injured for one hour

till I was rescued." The compound remained sealed to journalists but mobile video footage shot by an intelligence official showed the hollowed remains of a large dormitory hall covered in thick black soot. All the bedding and belongings in the room had apparently burnt and been reduced to ashes, while a deep crater in the floor showed where one of the three attackers had detonated his suicide vest. The attack was the third biggest in Pakistan this year and a grim reminder that for all its gains in its long battle against a homegrown Islamist insurgency, militants are still able to strike serious blows against top state institutions. "So many young men, light of their parents' eyes, hope for old age and future, snuffed out in the prime of their lives #Quetta #RIP", tweeted writer Beena Sarwar, while others turned their ire on the government for failing to do enough to crackdown on Islamist ideology. "The ideological brothers of the Quetta attackers run Islamabad's Red Mosque & had tea w the Interior Minister last week," said analyst Mosharraf Zaidi-referencing Pakistan's lack of action against extremist groups deemed

friendly by the state. — AFP



A man stands at the shore of the Baltic Sea in Timmendorfer Strand in northern Germany yesterday. In background a sea bridge with a new teahouse. — AP

FRANCE BEGINS DEMOLITION OF 'JUNGLE'...

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Some migrants holding off their departure to today are still living in other parts of the camp. The sprawling shantytown, one of Europe's biggest slums, was rapidly becoming a ghost town. "It makes me sad to see the camp in this state," said Marie Paule, a charity worker who started volunteering at the Jungle last year. "I have a heavy heart... but it's the best solution for them."

Earlier yesterday, scores of minors were awaiting their turn to be interviewed by French and British officials. Cazeneuve said all unaccompanied minors "with proven family links in Great Britain" would eventually be transferred across the Channel. Britain has taken in nearly 200 teenagers over the past week, but the transfers were put on hold Monday. The head of France's refugee agency, Pascal Brice, had harsh words for Britain's role. "We're doing their work for them," he said on French radio, reiterating calls for Britain to take in the Jungle's minors.

Sudanese migrant Ali Othman, 18, smoking a cigarette outside his tent, was among those who vowed he would not leave voluntarily. "Whatever the French police do to me I will not apply for asylum here," he said. "They can detain me, jail me, throw me out on the street. I still want to go to Britain." Officials fear that new camps will sprout up around Calais unless police remain vigilant.

Located on wasteland next to the port of Calais, the four-square-kilometer Jungle has become a symbol of Europe's failure to resolve its worst migration crisis since World War II. More than one million people fleeing war and poverty in the Middle East, Asia and Africa poured into Europe last year, sowing divisions across the 28nation bloc and fuelling the rise of far-right parties.

Over the past year, police have battled near-nightly attempts by migrants to climb onto trucks heading across the Channel. Dozens have been killed on the road or while trying to jump onto passing trains. Some have opposed plans to resettle asylum-seekers in their communities. In the eastern wine village of Chardonnay two dozen young Sudanese asylum seekers received a chilly reception on Monday. "This massive arrival of migrants, it's inappropriate," said resident Joelle Chevaux.

But elsewhere people turned out in solidarity for the migrants, with rallies attracting some 200 people in Paris and 250 in the western city of Nantes. Back at the Jungle, 25-year-old Sudanese migrant Arbat said he was ready to move on. "I know my future is no longer here. I will see how I do elsewhere," he said. Speaking in good French, he added that he wants to marry a French woman. "They tell me they are all beautiful. Is it true?" he joked.— AFP

MOI WORKING ON NEW DRAFT BILL TO AMEND...

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Dashti's elder son Talal tried a few days ago to register for his father based on a power of attorney, but the election department rejected his papers. He then filed a lawsuit at the court demanding to be allowed to file them. In its landmark ruling, the court said Dashti cannot come to the country to register in person because he was advised by doctors against travelling as he is receiving treatment.

The court ordered that the former lawmaker be allowed to register for the election immediately, but the government immediately objected to the verdict. Dashti was handed sentences of 31 years and six months in jail for insulting Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. He has been living outside Kuwait since March.

Meanwhile, 30 new candidates filed their nomination papers yesterday to raise the number of those expected to contest the 50 seats of the National Assembly to 321. But former Assembly speaker and veteran lawmaker Ali Al-Rashed said yesterday he has decided not to contest the Nov 26 elections. Rashed said he has taken the decision after consultations and thorough studies. He said he prefers to leave the fray for others, and called on Kuwaiti voters to elect the best candidates.

The former lawmaker was elected speaker of the Assembly elected in Dec 2012, which was dissolved by the constitutional court six months later because of procedural flaws. He was elected an MP in the July 2013 election but failed in the race for speakership to Marzouq Al-Ghanem. Rashed resigned his membership in the previous Assembly following a crisis over grillings.

Among the main candidates who signed up yesterday are former member of the dissolved Assembly Abdullah Abul and former Islamist MP Khaled Al-Shulaimi. Only three days are remaining for the registration of candidates as the door for registration will close on Friday.

BOTTLED MESSAGE SENT OUT TO SEA FOUND FIVE DECADES LATER

HAMPTON, New Hamshire: A bottled message sent out to sea by a New Hampshire man more than five decades ago has been returned to his daughter. WMUR-TV reported the message was discovered by Clint Buffington of Utah while he was vacationing in the Turks and Caicos. Buffington says he found a Coke bottle half-buried in the sand. The note inside the bottle said, "Return to 419 Ocean Blvd. and receive

a reward of \$150 from Tina, owner of the Beachcomber."

The Beachcomber was a Hampton motel owned by the now-deceased parents of Paula Pierce in 1960. Pierce's father had written the note as a joke and cast it into the Atlantic Ocean. Buffington flew to New Hampshire to deliver the message to Pierce. She made good on the promised

MILITANTS KILL 61 IN PAK POLICE ATTACK

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"They came in by jumping over the walls of the academy which are very low. I ran away from my room and was hit by a bullet, I still managed to flee."

The attack on the Baluchistan Police College, around 20 km east of the provincial capital Quetta, began around 11:10 pm (1810 GMT) on Monday, with gunfire continuing to ring out at the site for several hours. Sarfaraz Bugti, home minister of Baluchistan province, told reporters the attackers first killed a tower sentry before accessing the grounds. A morgue list seen by AFP detailed 61 people killed in the attack, while 118 were injured, according to a government spokesman.

Major General Sher Afgan, chief of the paramilitary Frontier Corps in Baluchistan which led the counteroperation, blamed the attack on the Pakistani Talebanaffiliated Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) militant group, and said the counter-strike was over in three hours. An emailed claim from the Pakistani Taleban, which shares close operational ties with LeJ, backed that assertion. "This attack was carried (out on the instructions of) Mullah Daud Mansour, close ally of Hakimullah Mehsud and head of Pakistani Taliban in Karachi," it said, adding that four fighters took part.

It said the attack was revenge for the deaths of its fighters "outside jails" in Punjab province, in an apparent reference to the recent surge in extrajudicial killings of LeJ fighters. The Islamic State group also made a claim via Amaq, its affiliated news agency, and released a picture of what it said were the three attack-

ers. LeJ officially pledges allegiance to Al-Qaeda, the IS group's major rival. But the dual claims could be evidence of new linkages that remain unofficial, analysts

"Lashkar-e-Jhangvi's claim seems to carry more weightage but IS has released photographs of the militants and this link between LeJ and IS will be determined in the coming days," said analyst Amir Rana, the director of the Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies, a think-tank. Pakistan's top military and intelligence command, including army chief Raheel Sharif, attended an official funeral ceremony for the victims, whose bodies were laid in coffins draped in white and borne by soldiers in dress uniform.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif later flew to Quetta to chair a high-level security meeting, while Washington condemned the "cowardly attack". "The United States stands with the people of Pakistan and reiterates our commitment to support the government of Pakistan in its efforts to end the scourge of terrorism and violent extremism and to promote peace, security and stability in the region," said a White House spokesman.

It was the third-deadliest attack of the year in Pakistan, which has been racked by a homegrown Islamist insurgency since shortly after the US-led invasion of Afghanistan in 2001. The compound remained sealed to journalists while weeping relatives were sent to the main hospital, where citizens rushed to donate blood. Mineral-rich but impoverished Baluchistan, Pakistan's largest province, is beset by sectarian strife, Islamist violence and an on-off separatist insurgency that has lasted for decades. — AFP



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CLOSING DOWN SALE AT CALAIS 'JUNGLE' SHOPS

By Serene Assir

n island of comfort in the squalid Calais 'Jungle', the Khyber Pass Cafe is one of the few still serving customers even as migrants heed an eviction order and camp residents move out. Open since April, the cafe has been housed in a large forest green-colored tent. Inside, migrants and aid workers sip tea and coffee, and eat succulent-looking traditional Pakistani dishes, including beans soaked in a spicy sauce and saffron rice.

"Our menu is limited today. We are hours from closing down," said Soheil, its 33-year-old owner, who did not reveal his last name for security reasons. When Soheil arrived in the Jungle on April 7, he was "shocked" by the state of the camp, which migrants have used as a launchpad for dangerous attempts to reach Britain. "I decided the only way forward was to set up this cafe. I go to work the very next day," said the former sales executive, who spent several years in Dubai and speaks good English.

It took Soheil two weeks to build the Khyber Pass Cafe, named after his native region, which borders Afghanistan. Its flimsy walls are covered in silver and gold paper, with flags of Egypt, Sudan and Syria pinned up, as a welcoming gesture to guests from all over the world. In some ways it serves as a symbol for the community spirit some see in the Jungle. In Pakistan, Soheil was an influential member of his tribe. But after an assassination attempt by the Taleban last year, it was the elders of his own tribe who advised him to flee, he says.

Asked whether he dreams of returning to Pakistan, he says his "priorities have changed now. I used to put my tribe first". Now, he plans to keep his cafe open for at the most another day, and to evacuate by Wednesday. "My dream is to end up somewhere in Brittany. I have never been, but I have seen pictures, and it is beautiful. I want to open a restaurant, a proper one this time, and I want to help others who are less fortunate," he says, sitting back on a green couch. "I will also call the new restaurant Khyber, just like this one."

Discounted Rates

Nearby, Jaan Sina, a 26-year-old from Afghanistan braves the chilly Calais weather as he stands by his stall, looking for buyers for the last of his merchandise. He sells shoes, cell phone battery packs, plastic cutlery, umbrellas, padlocks, washing up liquid and cigarette filters - an odd mixture of goods that are all vital for day-to-day survival in the Jungle. But Sina, who used to be a taxi driver before he came to the Jungle, is now advertising discounted rates, as he too gets ready to leave.

"As soon as everything is sold, I am getting out of here," said the young man, wearing a grey scarf around his head to keep out the cold, but only flip flops on his feet. "These shoes used to cost 17 euros (\$18). Today, I'll give them to you for 10!" said the keen salesman, holding up a pair of black and fluorescent green trainers.

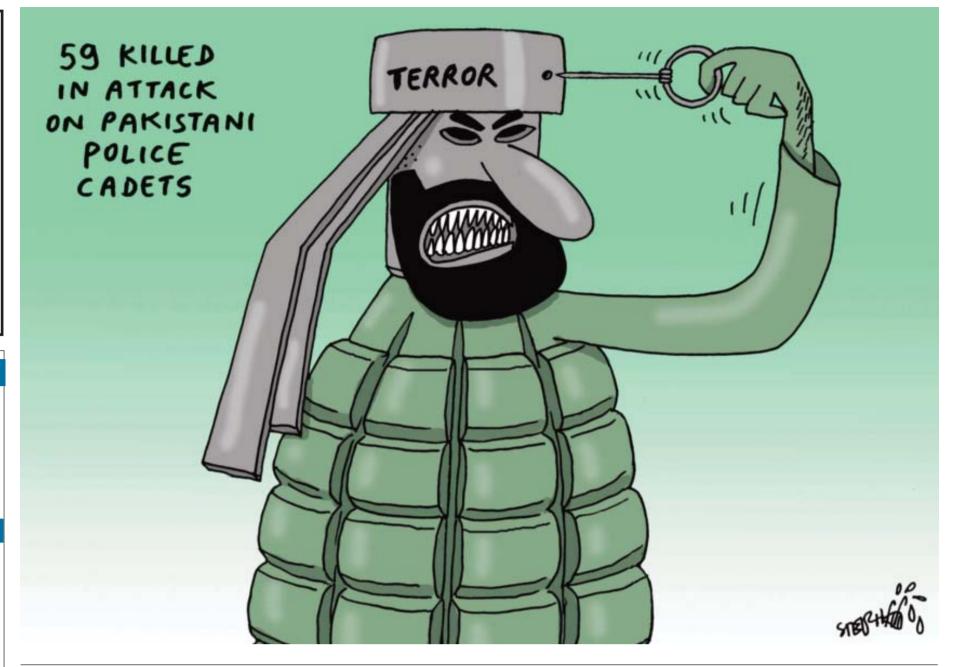
Like many others in the Jungle, Sina fears being separated from the community he has built here. "Here in the Jungle, all Afghans are one. But from now on, each of us will go our own way. That is what makes me sad," he says. As the end of the first day of the evacuation draws near, most of the shops, restaurants and cafes that were once bustling with life here are already shut.

'We're Leaving'

But even now, music still blasts in the background from a loudspeaker as a group of men sit around a camp fire for a last night in what, for better or worse, has become home for several thousands. One group of Afghans gather around another stall a short walk away along a muddy alleyway, sharing tea. "Everything you see here, even the shoes, you can have them at one or two euros," said Muman, a 23-year-old also from Afghanistan, pointing at all that

remains on sale at this bare-looking street stall. "We're leaving the Jungle. We don't want trouble with the police," said the young man, in a brown leather jacket and grey trousers, who used to work as a farmer. All he's waiting for is to sell off a pair of black trainers, two phone covers and a few battery packs. "It's over. No more UK for me. I'm staying in France." — AFP

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BANGLADESHI GIRLS HARASSED INTO MARRIAGE

t was after floods washed away her family's riverfront land in Bangladesh's northern Jamalpur district that Brishti Rafiq's widowed father brought her to live in Dhaka. "We couldn't survive like that. We had no property or anything," she said of her former home. She was only three or four years old when they came to the city, but her father soon arranged a job for her, as a maid for another family. As she grew, Brishti hoped to be a doctor. But like many young girls in Bangladesh, she faced a different future: Marriage at 13, in a union arranged by her father.

In this South Asian nation, it is illegal for girls under the age of 18 to marry. But despite government campaigns, many parents do not heed the law. According to data published in 2015 by UNICEF, the UN children's agency, 29 percent of Bangladeshi girls were married by the time they were 15, the world's highest rate. The figure has since dropped, in part because of efforts to end the practice, but remains at a worrying 18 percent.

Experts, however, fear that growing migration to already overcrowded Dhaka, as climate change pressures exacerbate poverty, could result in a new surge in child marriages. Early marriage not only deprives girls of education and opportunities but increases their risk of death or severe childbirth injuries if they have babies before their bodies are ready, experts say. When Brishti was told she would marry, she opposed the match - but her father would not listen. "He got me married in such a hurry. He didn't ask a lot of questions," said the girl, who is today 14. "Just like you got a chicken from the market and you have to cook it tonight," she said, matter of factly.

The marriage didn't work out - her husband already had another wife, and Brishti's family couldn't pay the dowry her new in-laws demanded. The couple divorced, and Brishti moved in with her half siblings and an aunt - until a neighbor tried to sexually assault her one night. Now, divorced and alone at 14, she lives as a lodger in the garment factory where she works each day, one of a growing flood of girls first set adrift by extreme weather and migration, and then trapped by poverty and decisions beyond their control. Among families who have migrated to Bangladesh's capital from rural areas, often as a result of losing their land or crops to harsh weather, her experience is increasingly common, activists say.

'Eve-Teasing'

The flood of rural families moving to Dhaka's slums is growing as people lose their homes, farms and jobs to river-bank erosion and climate change pressures, such as worsening floods and droughts and more intense storms. Research carried out among adolescent girls in the southern district of Barguna by the charity Plan International found that, after powerful Cyclone Sidr hit in 2007, a "significant proportion" of schoolgirls migrated to towns to work as maids or in the garment industry.

Most never returned to school - and the number of child marriages surged as well, the report said. Activists say that, once in crowded cities like Dhaka, girls face an even greater risk of early marriage and sexual violence than they would have in their villages back home. In a 2015 survey by charity ActionAid, 84 percent of girls and women interviewed in seven Bangladeshi cities reported being the subject of verbal abuse and sexual remarks, while 56 percent said they had been subject to sexual harassment in a public place, known in the region as "eve teasing".

"The Dhaka I grew up in and the Dhaka of today are worlds apart. It was far safer then," said Shahana Siddiqui, a gender specialist at the James P. Grant School of Public Health at Dhaka's BRAC University. Today, "getting harassed on the streets is just part of women's lives", she said. Parents fear their daughters are more likely to be exposed to the advances of men in the city, which could tarnish their reputation. Early marriage is seen as one way of dealing with that problem. "An unmarried girl getting sexually assaulted becomes an issue of family honor," Siddiqui explained. "Instead of saying the boys shouldn't be doing it, the idea is, 'Let's get the girls married off.""

Brishti's friend Razia Akter, a migrant from Polbandha village, also in Jamalpur, is now under pressure to marry too. Her father, Mohammed Azim, has already given away his eldest daughter in marriage, and thinks it is now time for Razia, 14, to wed as well. "If my daughter is walking down the road talking to a boy and someone sees, they will tell everyone my daughter is seeing him. Then your honor is immediately lost," he said. "As soon as people start thinking this has happened, everything is finished, you will lose face."

According to Bangladeshi human rights group Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK), 10 Bangladeshi girls committed sui-

cide in 2015 after suffering sexual harassment, and five were murdered when they protested about being harassed, based on information gathered from newspaper reports.

Millions to Migrate

The stresses dragging girls into early marriage could deepen if - as expected - worsening extreme weather, sealevel rise and riverbank erosion drive increasing numbers of people into Bangladesh's already packed slums seeking work, experts warn. Saleemul Huq, director of the Dhakabased International Centre for Climate Change and Development, said that in the past 200 years, Bangladesh experienced an average of one major flood every 20 years. But in the past two decades, he said, the frequency has increased to one every five years.

As Bangladesh's dry season gets longer and its rainy season wetter, Huq predicted some 10 million more migrants would head to Bangladesh's cities in the next two decades. Most will likely end up in Dhaka, swelling its already cramped population of around 18 million, he added. "Dhaka is the fastest-growing megacity in the world," Huq said. Efforts by the government and aid agencies are underway to help people adapt to climate change where they are living - from providing fresh drinking water in areas where water supplies are contaminated by salt to conserving water for irrigation in drought-prone areas, and introducing hardier crop varieties.

"Unfortunately it is a losing battle," said Huq. "Climate change is always a step ahead of what we can do in order to combat it." People living in the most hazardous areas bear the brunt of climate-linked disasters, and "they tend to be the poorest people of the community", he added.

'Hopeless Situation'

After Razia's family lost their home to river erosion, her father worked locally as a farm labourer but couldn't support his wife and three children. He brought them to Dhaka three years ago, where they could at least earn enough to eat. Razia's parents no longer have the money to send her to school. Back home she was a good student, but her dreams of becoming a teacher - something her former schoolteacher encouraged - are out of reach for now, she says. — Reuters

WORLD'S 'RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT' TAKES HIT

s civilians in the Syrian city of Aleppo are battered by air strikes, ground offensives and shelling, what has happened to the world's responsibility to protect populations under threat? The Geneva Conventions and the United Nations Security Council were established after World War Two to maintain peace and protect people in conflict zones. But a 21st-century U.N. doctrine called Responsibility To Protect (R2P), set up by the world body's member states to prevent mass killings, has only had limited success.

Although formalized in 2005, R2P came about largely in response to the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, in which extremist Hutu militiamen slaughtered some 800,000 minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus. The doctrine also stemmed from a desire to prevent a recurrence of atrocities like the 1995 massacre of 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys by Serb forces in the town of Srebrenica.

It placed the onus on the international community to "use appropriate diplomatic, humanitarian and other means" to protect populations from crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing. Past examples include NATO's bombing of Serbia in 1999 as a means to protect the people of Kosovo and the UN's administration of East Timor as Indonesian troops departed, experts say.

But now, R2P is a merely a "high moral aspiration" that has "floundered" on the complex realities of warfare today, according to Paddy Ashdown, a British lawmaker who served as high representative to Bosnia and Herzegovina 2002 to 2006. Ashdown, who was among Western politicians to call for military intervention in the war in Bosnia in the 1990s, said the world had become reluctant get involved in messy, protracted conflicts. "R2P has diminished from a high hope into an interesting collection of words lying on the table," Ashdown said.

Ashdown, a former leader of the British opposition Liberal Democrats party, was speaking to the Thomson Reuters Foundation for a short film entitled "Responsibility To Protect?", which launched yesterday. Conflict situations since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 have shown the West to be incapable of coming up with sound intervention strategies that protect civilians, Ashdown said.

In Libya, eight years later, the United States, Britain and their allies were criticized for failing to foster peace after the removal of Muammar Gaddafi from power. Islamic State took over the former leader's home city of Sirte a year ago as militants profited from the chaos that followed his death in 2011.

Bombardment

A deepening rift between Russia and the West, made worse by of the Ukraine crisis in 2014, has left the UN Security Council deadlocked in efforts to foster peace in Syria, where Russia backs the government of President Bashar Al-Assad. "Whenever the world has been challenged to enact for instance in Libya, or particularly in Syria - we've failed to come up to the mark," Ashdown said. Syria's war erupted in 2011 after a popular uprising against the Assad family's more than four-decade rule that was inspired by the Arab Spring revolts across the Middle East.

The war, pitting rebels mostly from Syria's Sunni majority against a minority rule rooted in Assad's Alawite community, has killed more than 300,000 people. Half the population has been displaced and much of urban Syria has become a wasteland. Western powers say Syria's government and its Russian allies are guilty of war crimes for targeting civilians, aid deliveries and hospitals. Moscow and Damascus say they target only militants and deny they have hit hospitals.

"Syria is a case that's begging for 'responsibility to protect' and no one is showing any responsibility whatever," said Michael Ignatieff, academic and specialist on humanitarian intervention. "So it's as relevant as ever, normatively, morally, in terms of our conscience, but it is a dead letter internationally," Ignatieff told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

One problem is that R2P stems from a 19th-century concept of international relations that states should intervene "when a country is unable or unwilling to protect its own population", said Ghassan Salame, a former senior adviser to the UN secretary-general. "But R2P has also suffered from a general decline of the ideological impact of the West on the rest of the world," Salame said in an interview.

Trust in the West's ability to resolve conflicts and build peace took a nose dive after R2P was invoked in Libya in 2011 to stop Gaddafi killing his own people, Salame and other experts said. In March 2011, the UN Security Council passed a resolution endorsing military action to protect civilians against Gaddafi's forces. But after the Libyan leader's overthrow and death, the country became mired in a slow-burn civil war between two rival governments, one in Tripoli and one in the east. "In Libya we went in, we did the job, ... (then) we walked away instead of creating a network including for instance Turkey which would have helped to reconstruct a peace in Libya. It's a bloody mess," Ashdown said. "By the way, so is Iraq," he said.

Protecting the Future

Previous moves by the United States to depose governments or leaders in Afghanistan and Iraq during the presidency of George W Bush, and, under President Barack Obama in Libya, are highly problematic for Responsibility to Protect, Salame said. "This idea of regime change, that can be done clinically without touching the state structure, or without deconstruction of state society is, I hope, buried once and for all." Salame said.

After two failed ceasefire agreements between the United States and Russia to end the fighting in Aleppo, a new round of talks was set up in Geneva this month to include Saudi Arabia and Qatar, which support Syrian opposition groups. The Syria conflict highlights just how complex conflicts have become. "We do not live in a world, in which killing and dying remain safely confined within a sovereign state," Ignatieff said, pointing to the refugee crisis in Europe stemming from war and instability in the Middle East. "Look at Syria, it's not just a lot of Syrians dying. It's decisively effected the stability and cohesion of Europe," the academic said.

But when it comes to establishing lasting peace, prevention is better than cure, the three experts said - which might prove important advice for the incoming UN secretary-general, Antonio Guterres. "I think he has to persuade the world that diplomacy has a bigger part to play in peace as high explosive does," Ashdown said. — Reuters



COENTRAO MAKES MADRID RETURN IN COPA DEL REY

MADRID: Real Madrid's forgotten man Fabio Coentrao is set to make his return following seven months out injured after being named in the squad for today's Copa del Rey clash with third-tier Cultural Leonesa. "Coentrao will be in the squad. It is important that he features because he has recovered and is doing very well," said coach Zinedine Zidane at a press conference on Tuesday ahead of the last 32, first leg in Leon, northern Spain. Portuguese international Coentrao, 28, was loaned to Monaco last season but suffered a hamstring injury in April that cut short his stint in the principality and forced him to undergo surgery. Zidane will rotate his squad for the game against a side still unbeaten in the third tier this season and Kiko Casilla will start in goal instead of first-choice goalkeeper Keylor Navas. Real, who have won the Copa del Rey 19 times, were thrown out of last season's competition after fielding the ineligible Denis Cheryshev in

a tie with Cadiz. — AFP

FIFA FINES SPAIN OVER **UNDER-AGE PLAYERS**

ZURICH: FIFA yesterday fined the Spanish football federation more than \$220,000 in the latest stage of its battle with the country over the transfer of under-age players.Barcelona, Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid have all been sanctioned by the world body in recent years for illegally signing foreign under 18 players. On top of the fine of 220,000 Swiss francs (\$221,000/203,000 euros), the Spanish federation, the RFEF, was given a reprimand and six months to get its regulations in line with FIFA rules. FIFA said the latest case involves minors who played for Atletico Madrid between 2007 and 2014 and for Real between 2005 and 2014. Real and Atletico are currently serving one year bans on signing players which will last through the transfer window at the end of the 2016-17 season. Both have taken their cases to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The RFEF was also fined 280,000 Swiss francs by FIFA in 2014 after Barcelona were sanctioned for their signings of minors. —AFP

HAWAII'S JOHN FLORENCE **BECOMES WORLD CHAMPION**

LISBON: Hawaii's John John Florence became world surfing champion for the first time yesterday after South Africa's Jordy Smith was eliminated in the semi-finals in Portugal. "My whole life has gone toward this. I can't believe I'm the world champion. That was my goal. This is my dream. I'm so stoked," he said. The 24-year-old had advanced to the finals of the Portugal Pro event held off the coast of Peniche in central Portugal with a win over California's Kolohe Andino. He was able to claim the title before the final stage in Hawaii in December after Smith-the only rival with enough points to beat him-was defeated by Conner Coffin of the United States. Florence won the final of the Portugal competition against Coffin, scoring 16.67 points to his rival's 9.93. He finished in first in the overall classification with 56,400 points, followed by Brazil's Gabriel Medina who had 45,450 points and Smith with 41,700 points. Florence will now head to his home event, the Pipe Masters in Oahu, with the world title safely in tow. — AFP



Zain honours Kuwaitís national jetski team

ZAIN HONORS NATIONAL JET SKI TEAM CHAMPIONS

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, honored Kuwait's National Jet Ski team champions. during a special honoring ceremony held in its main headquarters at Shuwaikh. The event came after the team achieved 10 titles during their participation in the recently concluded World Jet Ski Championship held in the United States,

as the company is the main sponsor of the team for the sixth consecutive year.

Zain's honoring ceremony witnessed the attendance of the company's officials who personally honored the team champions for their national achievement as well as for their optimum performance

during their international participations. The company stressed that shedding light on the achievements of local talents is a top priority, and its main sponsorship of the team for the sixth consecutive year is in line with Zain's commitment towards Kuwaiti athletes, which resembles the company's endless confidence of the competencies of these young champions and their capabilities in excelling in different fields.

It is worth noting that Zain participated in the welcoming ceremony held in Kuwait Airport's Honoring Hall where many of the team's sponsors and supporting organizations attended. The company expressed its keenness on encouraging Kuwaiti athletes to represent Kuwait in the various internationally renowned championships.

As a leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, Zain is constantly looking to identify and support excellence across the sports sector. The company will continue to put Kuwaiti National teams and individual athletes at the forefront of its priorities and pledges to continue motivating them to achieve all the recognition they deserve.



TOKYO: This photo taken on August 22, 2016 shows a karate competition in Tokyo to select Japanese representatives for the world championships. Hollywood may have kicked karate onto the world stage, but its first-ever inclusion at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics promises to shine a light on the rich history of the discipline. — AFP



NAHA: Karate master Masahiro Nakamoto (R), who is also the highest-ranking expert of the Okinawa Kobudo traditional weapons system, demonstrating his skills at his training hall in Naha, Okinawa prefecture. —AFP

OLYMPIC DEBUT SHINES LIGHT ON MARTIAL ART

NAHA: Hollywood may have kicked karate onto the world stage, but its first-ever inclusion at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics promises to shine a light on the rich history of the discipline. At 78, sensei Masahiro Nakamoto has been waiting decades for this decision, insisting there is far more to the martial art than the caricature depicted in films such as Karate Kid and by action stars Chuck Norris and Jean-Claude Van Damme.

"This is the art of defence," the karate master told AFP at his dojo in Naha, Okinawa-an island chain some 600 kilometres (375 miles) from the southern tip of mainland Japan.

"You don't go just kicking and punching, you receive your opponent's blow. Defending yourself translates into offence," he added. At the Tokyo Games, 80 competitors will take part in the Karate event. It joins surfing, skateboarding, climbing and baseball-softball as new sports included for the 2020 edition.

"The dreams of the world's karate athletes came true when the (International Olympic Committee) made its decision," said Japan Karate do Federation vice president Shigeo Kurihara. "It's an historic event-it was a day of joy for all of us." A blend of indigenous fighting styles, karate was born in Okinawa in the 15th century when the area was ruled by the independent Ryukyu Kingdom. Strong trading links meant the sport was also influenced by Chinese martial arts.

It is far older than the modern Olympics and today has at least 10 million registered practitioners worldwide, and yet it has struggled to make the case for inclusion in the Games. By contrast, judo, a Japanese martial art, and Korea's taekwondo are already permanent fixtures on the roster. Judo made its Olympic debut when Tokyo hosted the 1964 Games while taekwondo made its first appearance at the global event in

Integrating karate into the Olympics has been delayed by divisions in the movement around the world, with stalwarts long preferring to adhere to their interpretation rather than to work together to create an global art form. "The variety of styles - more than 20 - complicated efforts to unify karate," said Francis Didier, vice president of the World Karate Federation.

"It took a bit too long to modernise the rules of competition," he admitted. Sport karate, for example, calls for competition rules where opponents have to control their blows, while traditional karate allows for harder shots but requires significant protective gear, such as boxing gloves and helmets.

The martial art was only brought to Tokyo in the early 20th century when Gichin Funakoshi, regarded as the father of modern karate, moved

"Okinawa was the place where karate's spiri-

tuality developed," explains Kurihara. Frustrations remain however, that Okinawa's role in the development of karate has been airbrushed out of history. For Nakamoto, the Olympic Games in four

vears time, is a chance to redress that. "This is a great chance to show the world where karate has its roots. The world may be surprised to know that it was developed here," he said, adding that it was inexorably linked to the island chain's politics.

When the Ryukyu Kingdom ruled Okinawa for more than 400 years starting in the 15th century, brewers hired karate masters to protect shipments of indigenous rice-based liquor called Awamori, Nakamoto explained.

A vital tool of diplomacy at the time-keeping leaders on good terms with China and Japan. "Brewers could sell their surplus so it was the jobs of karate masters to protect convoys from robbery," Nakamoto said. "In summer, they would rest outside and drink the spirits-so it became part of the skill, to defend ourselves from attack while drunk, or asleep."

Karate expert and author Stephane Fauchard insists inclusion at the Tokyo 2020 Games will bring people to the sport.

"This is going to boost the sport's visibility. The Games are a great showcase," he told AFP.

Still, Fauchard doesn't expect one big happy karate family. He explained: "Sport karate will



NAHA: This photo taken on June 18, 2016 shows karate master Masahiro Nakamoto, the highest-ranking expert of the Okinawa Kobudo traditional weapons system, gesturing as he answers questions during an interview at a training hall in Naha, Okinawa prefecture.—AFP

while traditional karate will still be taught in schools. They'll both benefit from the media attention brought by the Olympics and continue to exist side by side."

Karate will still have to prove its credentials to retain an Olympic sport beyond 2020 however,

continue to develop in national federations the IOC will review whether its inclusion was a success. Didier argues it's clear why karate should remain in the games after 2020.

"Karate is relatively inexpensive, and athletes compete in the same arena as their judo and wrestling counterparts, and can be run over a few days." — AFP



ADIDAS CUTS CASH FOR GERMANY'S ANTI-DOPING BODY

BERLIN: Germany's National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) suffered a blow yesterday with Adidas announcing it will cut 300,000 euros (\$326,655) of funding by the end of the year.

"We have already informed the National Anti-Doping Agency that in the spring, we will no longer provide financial support beyond our existing contract, which runs out at the end of 2016," Adidas' spokesman Oliver Brueggen told SID, an AFP subsidiary.

"We would like to remain connected to NADA and are therefore currently in

talks about alternative forms of co-operation. "Of course, Adidas will continue to maintain a clear stance in the fight against doping. "In all contracts with our athletes, it's made clear we will terminate the contractual relationship immediately in the event of a proven doping offence."

But the loss of sportswear giants Adidas-NADA's only sponsor from Germany's industry-is clearly a blow for the country's anti-doping body.

"We are very sorry that we will lose one of our main partners in all probability," NADA's managing director Lars

Neither Brueggen nor Mortsiefer gave a clear reason why Adidas are withdrawing the funding, which will impact NADA's work. "It's a sum which some athletes can earn in a few weeks or months," said Mortsiefer. "It's very disappointing, that the number of supporters of our work is dropping. "We used the 300,000 euros from Adidas for our communications and marketing, for example, in our campaign 'Give everything, take nothing', a large part of that will be affected.

"However, our prevention work and

Mortsiefer told German daily Bild. testing for drugs will not be affected at the moment."

At a time when the fight against doping is regularly in the headlines, the withdrawn sponsorship of a global brand like Adidas has raised eyebrows here.

"Obviously, sport and business are of the opinion that the financing of NADA is largely a matter for the state," politician Dagmar Freitag, chairman of the Bundestag's sports committee, told Bild.

"But when the question arises of NADA's foundation model, it can now be safely dismissed as a failure." But Sylvia

Schenk, the ex-president of the German Cycling Federation and leader of the sports work group at Transparency International, says recent evidence of mass doping in countries like Russia prove efforts to catch those doping are not foolproof. "Obviously, the business world is not convinced by the concept of anti-doping controls. Events this summer have shown that the testing systems do not work," said Schenk.

"Now the sports federations themselves and politics are also being asked about this." — AFP

COTTER SAD SCOTLAND TIME COMING TO AN END

LONDON: Vern Cotter is disappointed his time as Scotland coach is coming to what he regards as a premature end. The New Zealander, who took over in 2014, was told by Scottish Rugby Union officials in August that his contract would not be renewed when it expires at the end of this season.

Murrayfield chiefs have instead decided to bring in Gregor Townsend, highly thought of for his work in charge of Glasgow, to the national head coach's position amid fears the former Scotland international could be lost to the country as a result of lucrative offers from English and French clubs. Cotter, who will himself return to France to join Montpellier at the end of the season, understands the thinking behind the SRU's decision but would have liked slightly longer in post after guiding Scotland to 14 wins in 28 Tests. Four of those wins, including two in the Six Nations, came last year and Scotland were just one controversial penalty decision away from a place in the 2015 World Cup semi-finals before losing in the last eight to Australia. But next month's Tests at home to Australia, Argentina and Georgia will mark the start of Cotter's last eight games in charge of Scotland.

'GOOD DECISION'

"I understand (the decision). As a competitor you're always disappointed if you want to go places and have objectives in mind. That's natural but it's done, we just move on now," said Cotter after announcing his 31-man squad for the November internationals on Tuesday.

"The decision was made to put Gregor in place and I think it's a good decision. The executives made that decision and I respect it. "The deal is the deal now, so we just get on with the job and get on with these last eight games.

"There will be some emotions but if you look at the big picture it's not about me. It's about Scottish rugby."

He added: "Gregor's done really well for Glasgow. The performances and his management are top shelf. He will do a great job." Cotter's immediate plans could be disrupted if the five England-based internationals in his squad become unavailable because of a payment row. The involvement next month of Greig Laidlaw, the Scotland captain (Gloucester), Sean Maitland (Saracens), Tim Visser (Harlequins), Duncan Taylor (Saracens) and Moray Low (Exeter), who all play for English Premiership clubs has been called into

The issue is a dispute between Premiership Rugby Ltd (PRL) — the body which represents English club sides-and the SRU over an outstanding £400,000 (\$489,000) injury compensation bill.

But Cotter, previously in charge of French club Clermont, was confident the five players would be available to Scotland next month despite threats their clubs would block them from international duty. "The fact of the matter is you can't deny people the opportunity to play Test match footy," said Cotter.

"It may be frustrating when you have players coming back to your club injured but international rugby matches are important fixtures and it is pretty tough to deprive players of the opportunity to play for their country. "But there are smart people involved and I'm sure it will all get sort-

Scotland squad: Backs (13):

Full-back: Stuart Hogg (Glasgow)

Wings: Damien Hoyland (Edinburgh), Sean Maitland (Saracens/ENG), Tommy Seymour (Glasgow), Tim Visser (Harlequins/ENG) Centres: Mark Bennett (Glasgow), Alex Dunbar (Glasgow), Huw Jones (Stormers/RSA), Duncan Taylor (Saracens/ENG)

Fly-halves: Pete Horne (Glasgow), Finn Russell (Glasgow)

Scrum-halves: Greig Laidlaw (Gloucester/ENG, capt), Henry Pyrgos

Forwards (18):

Back-rows: John Barclay (Scarlets/WAL), John Hardie (Edinburgh), Rob Harley (Glasgow), Josh Strauss (Glasgow), Hamish Watson (Edinburgh), Ryan Wilson (Glasgow)

Second rows: Grant Gilchrist (Edinburgh), Jonny Gray (Glasgow), Richie Gray (Toulouse/FRA), Tim Swinson

Hookers: Ross Ford (Edinburgh), Fraser Brown (Giasgow), Stuart Mcinally (Edinburgh)

Props: Allan Dell (Edinburgh), Alasdair Dickinson (Edinburgh), Zander Fagerson (Glasgow), Moray Low (Exeter/ENG), Gordon Reid (Glasgow). — AFP

LONDON: This is a Saturday, Feb 12, 2011 file photo of England's Chris Ashton as he scores the opening try against Italy during their Six Nations international rugby union match at Twickenham stadium, London. Chris Ashton may have brought an end to his England career after agreeing to move to French giant Toulon from Saracens. Toulon said yesterday that the 29-year-old winger will join the three-time European champions from next season on a three-year deal.— AP

ENGLAND'S CHIRS ASHTON TO LEAVE SARACENS FOR TOULON

LONDON: England wing Chris Ashton is to leave Toulon's Top 14 rivals Clermont. Saracens for French side Toulon at the end of the Ashton is due to return from his latest ban on this season and we'll look forward to seeing him season, the English Premiership and European champions announced yesterday, in a move that could end his Test career.

A club statement said Ashton, currently suspended for biting, would join the star-studded Toulon squad for the 2017/18 campaign after five seasons with the London side where he became the team's leading try scorer and won two Premiership titles and a European Champions Cup. The move appears to end the 29-year-old's hopes of an international recall given England's refusal to select overseas-based players for Test duty save in "exceptional circumstances".

"We would like to thank Chris for his contribution to Saracens over the last five seasons and the role he played in helping us create some incredible memories during that period," said Saracens director of rugby Mark McCall in the club's statement. In September, Ashton, famous for his 'Ash Splash' try celebration, was given a 13-week ban by England's Rugby Football Union for biting Northampton's Alex Waller.

That suspension came after former Northampton flyer Ashton blew his bid for a Six Nations recall earlier this year due to a 10-week ban for making contact with the eye/eye area of Ulster centre Luke Marshall in January. In both cases Ashton felt he had had been treated unfairly and there have been reports he had become disillusioned with the English game as a result. Ashton has scored 19 tries in 39 Tests, including a stunning length of the field effort against Australia at Twickenham in 2010.

'SPECIAL MEMORIES'

But the former rugby league star has not played England under Eddie Jones, following the Australian coach's appointment last year, with his most recent international appearance in June

He had indicated a desire to resume his England career but this now appears to have been scuppered by his decision to move to France's Top 14. "I'd like to put on record my thanks to Mark McCall, our chairman Nigel Wray and the whole team at Saracens for the manner in which they have dealt with my request to join Toulon next season. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Allianz Park and I have made so many special memories on and off the field," said

"I have developed as a player during my time with Sarries but more importantly I have developed as a person, and I will always be indebted to the club for that.

"My focus now is helping the squad prepare for Leicester Tigers on Saturday, contribute to the side when I return to action later this year and hopefully make a few more memories together in a black and red shirt." Ashton will be leaving a year before his current Saracens contract is due to expire. He will join Toulon on a deal that is set to keep him at the southeast club until 2020.

In moving to France, Ashton is following in the footsteps of his former Saracens team-mate and ex-England wing David Strettle, now at

December 19 and, had he avoided suspension, he might have been in England's squad for their end-of-year Tests at Twickenham following injuries to fellow wings Jack Nowell and Anthony Watson.

"Chris will still have an important role to play back in action after his suspension," said McCall.

Toulon, themselves three-times European champions, were defeated by Saracens 31-23 in the first round of group matches in this season's European Champions Cup. —AFP

STENSON EYES RACE TO DUBAI GLORY TO CAP GREAT YEAR

SHANGHAI: British Open champion Henrik Stenson said yesterday he was fit, refreshed and would turn a good year into a great one if he could cap it by winning the Race to Dubai.

Sweden's Stenson has been bothered by what he terms "a small re-tear" in the meniscus of his right knee recently. But the world number five said it would not hamper his efforts to win one of the season's remaining big prizes, starting with this week's World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions tournament in Shanghai. "Yeah it's pretty good. It was holding up pretty good throughout the Ryder Cup where I played five games," Stenson told AFP Tuesday about his troublesome knee.

"I had some rest before and rehab. I hope I don't have to go through another surgery but time will tell." The Olympic silver medallist, who won his first major this year at Troon, was speaking on the sidelines of the launch event for the \$9.5 million WGC-HSBC Champions at the plush Jumeirah Himalayas Hotel in downtown Shanghai. Stenson lies second in the European Tour's Race to Dubai standings, 412,728 points behind leader Danny Willett.

Rory McIlroy is third, a further 643,243 points behind Stenson. Masters champion Willett has a healthy lead but there are more than a million ranking points available to the winner in Shanghai. "I need to get on a good run, I've got some ground to make up but there's some big purses these last four weeks and I can be challenging for the number one spot," Stenson said.

Stenson was also suffering on account of his knee when he arrived in Shanghai a year ago, but battled to finish tied for 11th alongside McIlroy. It was the Swede's best ever finish in the tournament which is co-sanctioned by the US PGA, European and Asian Tours. Dubbed "Asia's Major" the WGC-HSBC Champions this year features eight of the world's top players and 40 of the top 50.

"It's a great course," said Stenson of the 7,261-yard Sheshan International Golf Course

"I really like the golf course and the event has gone from strength to strength. Now we've got all the best players in the world here," he added. "It's a very prestigious event and I would love to throw my name in there Sunday afternoon and have a chance to get that trophy. "I have three tour events left here, South Africa and Dubai.

"I can make a really, really good year into an even better one, a great one, with the Race to Dubai and, hopefully, another title or so before the season is over." — AFP



CHASKA: In this Oct 2, 2016, file photo, United States' Patrick Reed reacts after winning the fifth hole during a singles match at the Ryder Cup golf tournament, at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. American golfers are traveling more than ever, and the 26-year-old Reed is taking that to an extreme. He has played 66 tournaments in the last 24 months (including the Presidents Cup and Ryder Cup), and as a long and tiring 2016 starts to wind down, Reed is just getting warmed up. —AP

THOMAS A WINNER AGAIN, STILL A LONG ROAD TOWARD THE TOP

SHANGHAI: Winning a PGA Tour event for the second straight year, especially the manner in which Justin Thomas rallied in Malaysia, made it easy to assume that a player of his polish and power could be on the verge of breaking through to the next

Consider the last two weeks.

Thomas began the new season with birdies on his last two holes to make the cut on the number at the Safeway Open, and two days later he was on the cusp of contention. His amazing run ended when he missed three straight birdie chances inside 6 feet to start the back nine, and he settled for a 66-67 weekend to tie for eighth. Last week in the CIMB Classic, after seemingly shooting himself out of the tournament at 4 over through 13 holes in the third round, Thomas finished with five straight birdies to salvage a 71, and then closed with a 64 to win by three shots. Leave it to the 23-year-old Thomas to find some self-deprecating perspective amid rising expectations.

"If you look at it, I had a better start last year," Thomas said Tuesday during a light day of work at the HSBC Champions. "Last year, I had a third and then a first. This year, I was eighth and first. So I'm slumping." That only suggests Thomas is not about to get carried away. The season is two tournaments old, and he still has much to prove.

After he won in Malaysia last year for his first PGA Tour victory, Thomas never showed up on a leaderboard on the weekend until the Florida swing. Two of his best finishes came from brilliant closing rounds a 65 at The Players Championship and a 62 at the Travelers Championship.

So while he finished at No. 11 on the money list with just over \$4 million, and he was invited to Hazeltine for a practice round on the weekend before Davis Love III made his final captain's pick for the Ryder Cup, his satisfaction went only so far. "I really don't think I had that good of a year," Thomas said. "I won. And I had some good finishes. But the consistency was not there."

Thomas doesn't like saying that he is expecting more out of his game this year because that would suggest his expectations were ever any lower. He feels his game is better, his head is a year wiser. He

is learning. "I'm excited for what this year brings," he said. That doesn't make it easier. The PGA Tour is loaded with promising players from his age group. Thomas is part of the high school graduating class of 2011 which has produced three of the last four players to win rookie of the year - Emiliano Grillo, Daniel Berger and Jordan Spieth.

Ahead of him in age are the likes of Rory McIlroy and Rickie Fowler, Jason Day and Dustin Johnson. Thomas believes his game is good enough to stack up with them, and he should. — AP



KUALA LUMPUR: Justin Thomas of the United States follows his shot on the first hole during the final round of the CIMB Classic golf tournament at Tournament Players Club (TPC) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. — AP



AUSTRALIA COACH LEHMANN TO 'CHAT' WITH AGGRIEVED KHAWAJA

Lehmann will have a 'private chat' with Usman Khawaja after the top order batsman publicly criticised selectors for dropping him during the Sri Lanka tour.

Khawaja and opener Joe Burns were omitted for the third and final test in Colombo, which Australia lost to slump to a 3-0 series whitewash.

Although both the Queenslanders struggled for runs, Khawaja told local

MELBOURNE: Australia coach Darren media over the weekend he felt they on Nov. 3. Lehmann said he would talk struggled on the flat wickets of Sri were unfairly singled out. "It was disappointing that Joe Burns and I were sort of the scapegoats for not performing," Khawaja told Fairfax Media. "I found it pretty fickle that the selectors dropped me for the third one."

> Khawaja's comments came less than a week before Lehmann and selectors Rod Marsh, Mark Waugh and Trevor Hohns, pick their squad for the threetest South Africa series starting in Perth

to Khawaja but denied the batsman's comments would count against his hopes of a recall. "He is not on the back foot," Lehmann told local reporters in Brisbane on Tuesday. "(But) I will chat to him privately. "We would rather have these things played out between selectors and players."

Khawaja and Burns both enjoyed outstanding home summers against New Zealand and West Indies but Lanka in August where they averaged 13.75 and 8.50 runs respectively.

"Being on the selection panel for the test match, it was warranted," Lehmann said of their omission in Colombo. "At the end of the day, there were different conditions and those two guys weren't playing well enough-they averaged eight or seven in two test matches.

"We had to change something, but that doesn't affect the summer at

home. "We have to work out what we think the best batting line-up is for the summer." Khawaja and Burns are hoping to impress selectors in Queensland's day-night Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales this week.

Western Australia batsman Shaun Marsh, who replaced Burns and scored a century in Colomobo, is also bidding for a top order spot as he recovers from a hamstring injury. —Reuters

BANGLADESH CRICKET BANS HERO SABBIR'S RAUNCHY AD

DHAKA: Bangladesh cricket have pulled a raunchy advert starring new Test star Sabbir Rahman and a model following social media outrage in the religiously conservative country, an industry official said yesterday.

The advert has been airing on television since August but drew fresh attention this week after Sabbir's superb batting brought the nation agonisingly close to its first-ever victory over England.

The advert shows Sabbir holed up inside his house drinking a nonalcoholic malt beverage called Oscar before being discovered by the model who is dressed as a policewoman. The model seductively handcuffs the 24-year-old batsman before he responds that drinking Oscar means "a little privacy is indeed needed".

"Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has circulated a directive to stop broadcasting of the ad," a Bangladesh cricket board official said on condition of anonymity.

"It does not fit with the image of Bangladesh cricket," he told AFP.

The advert has drawn sharp reaction online, mostly from those opposed to 34year-old model Naila Nayem whose previous promotion of breast cancer screenings was seen by some as sexually sug-

"Absolute nonsense! I wonder why would Sabbir act in such a sexually tickling ad with Naila!" said Facebook user Rahat Khan. Bangladeshi cricketers are feted like rockstars by millions in the socially conservative Muslim-majority country and are in huge demand to promote everything from noodles to mobile

Sabbir was thrust into the national spotlight after hitting an unbeaten 64 runs in his first Test, which saw Bangladesh almost pull off an upset against England.

There was no immediate comment from Sabbir or Nayem. — AFP



ABU DHABI: Pakistani spinner Yasir Shah (L) celebrates after taking the wicket of the West Indies' cricket captain Jason Holder (R) on the final day of the second Test between Pakistan and the West Indies at the Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi yesterday. — AFP

Yasır Shah spins Pakistan TO SERIES-CLINCHING WIN

ABU DHABI: Leg-spinner Yasir Shah took six second-innings wickets in Pakistan's crushing 133-run second Test win over West Indies in Abu Dhabi yesterday as they took an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

The wily spinner finished with 6-124 to secure his second ten-wicket haul in Test cricket after claiming four wickets in the first innings as West Indies were bowled out for 322 before tea on a weary fifth and final day pitch at Sheikh Zayed Stadium. Shah had deprived West Indian batsman Jermaine Blackwood his second Test hundred when he bowled him for 95 in the pre-lunch session.

West Indies, set a mammoth 456-run target for an unlikely victory, still fought hard and batted for 108 overs with Shai Hope also scoring a fighting 41.

Hope and Devendra Bishoo fought for 45 runs during their eighth-wicket stand before left-arm spinner Zulfigar Babar (2-51) had Hope and Bishoo (26) caught to finish the

In between Babar's wickets, Shah had Miguel Cummins bowled for nought to finish the match with figures of 10-210, having taken 4-86 in the first inninas.

Pakistan won the first Test by 56 runs in Dubai, leaving the third and final Test in Sharjah starting from Sunday inconsequential. Captain Misbah-ul-Haq showed delight at the

"It's a good win and I am very happy," said Misbah, who equalled Imran Khan's record of most matches as Pakistan captain with 48. But this is Misbah's 23rd victory while Imran had only 14. "The pitch was not helping the spinners so it was tough to get West Indies out even on a fifth day pitch but we have matchwinners like Shah who bowled very well."

Meanwhile, West Indian captain Jason Holder was pleased with his team's fight despite the defeat. "We've showed signs of improvement," said Holder who has now lost eight of his 11 Tests as captain.

"Unfortunately we weren't able to start the game the way we like. They scored too many runs on the first day, we didn't bat well in the first innings. Pleased with the guys like Blackwood, the way they showed application."

Blackwood defied Pakistan's spin-cumpace attack in the first session by adding 63 for the fifth wicket with Roston Chase (20) and another 57 with Hope for the sixth to counter the weary pitch. When it seemed Blackwood would complete his second Test hundred, Shah produced a beautiful delivery which kept straight and hit the batsman's pad, dislodging the stumps.

Blackwood hit 11 boundaries during his enterprising 127-ball stay.

Shah then trapped Jason Holder leg before for 16 to complete his five-wicket haul, the second in the series. Resuming at 171-4 West Indian pair Blackwood and Chase batted without any problems for the first nine overs, but in the tenth of the day Shah produced a sharp turning ball which took the edge off Chase's bat to wicket-keeper Sarfraz Ahmed for an easy catch. Pakistan took the second new ball with the score on 223-5 but Blackwood hit two boundaries in Sohail Khan's first over. Shah then took two more wickets to derail West Indies' fight. — AFP

SCOREBOARD

ABU DHABI: Final scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the second Test between Pakistan and West Indies at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium yesterday

S. Hope c Younis b Babar

Pakistan first innings 452 (Younis Khan 127, Misbah-ul-Haq 96; S. Gabriel 5-96).

West Indies first innings 224 (D. Bravo 43; Yasir Shah 4-86, Rahat Ali 3-45)

Pakistan second innings 227-2 dec (Azhar Ali 79, Asad Shafiq 58 not out)

West Indies 2nd innings (overnight 171-4) K. Brathwaite Ibw b Nawaz L. Johnson b Shah D. Bravo c Nawaz b Rahat

M. Samuels c and b Shah J. Blackwood b Shah R. Chase c Ahmed b Shah

J. Holder Ibw b Shah D. Bishoo c Misbah b Babar M. Cummins b Shah Extras: (b4, lb1) Total: (all out; 108 overs) 322 Fall of wickets: 1-28 (Johnson), 2-63 (Bravo), 3-112 (Brathwaite), 5-187 (Chase), 6-244 (Blackwood), 7-266 (Holder), 8-311 (Hope), 9-312 (Cummins). Bowling: Sohail 14-3-44-0, Rahat 23-2-69-1, Shah 39-5-

124-6, Babar 22-5-51-2, Nawaz 10-0-29-1.

Result: Pakistan win by 133 runs

ENGLAND MUST IMPROVE WITH BAT AGAINST INDIA: VAUGHAN

RANCHI: New Zealand's Trent Boult (L) play a warm up game with his teammates at a

practice session ahead of the fourth One Day International (ODI) cricket match at the

Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) stadium in Ranchi yesterday. —AFP

CHITTAGONG: England will suffer a series whitewash against India unless their batting improves dramatically from the first test win over Bangladesh, former captain Michael Vaughan has said.

England relied on their bowling and an in-form Ben Stokes to bail them out against Bangladesh and claim a 22-run victory on the final morning in Chittagong on Monday.

"If they perform like they did against Bangladesh, it'll be 5-0," Vaughan told the BBC. Stokes steadied England's second innings after the top order collapsed on day three and Vaughan said England

cannot afford to put themselves in a similar situation against the world's topranked test side.

"It doesn't matter who goes first. England for such a long time are always 30 or 40 for three. If they're 30 or 40 for three against India they'll get blown away," he added.

"Yes, you celebrate a win, but hopefully England, in the background, are being honest with themselves that they can play better." The second and final test against Bangladesh starts on Friday in Dhaka. England play India in the first of five tests from Nov. 9.—Reuters



RANCHI: India's captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni (C) leaves the ground after a training session at the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) stadium in Ranchi yesterday, ahead of the fourth One Day International (ODI) cricket match between New Zealand and India. —AFP

MALAYSIA TO 'TAKE A BREAK' FROM F1

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia is planning to take a "temporary break" from Formula One because of mounting losses, officials said yesterday, in ominous signs for one of Asia's longest-running grands prix.

Officials are due to meet this week to discuss the future of the Malaysian Grand Prix after its current contract expires in 2018. "The locals are not buying the tickets to watch F1," Razlan Razali, chief executive of the Sepang International Circuit (SIC), told AFP. "If there is no economic value, why should we continue? We better take a temporary break." Falling ticket sales and ebbing TV viewership have sapped enthusiasm for the race, which has been held at the Sepang circuit near Kuala Lumpur since 1999. It has become overshadowed by the glittering night grand prix in neighbouring Singapore, while Malaysia is also in the grip of political and economic problems.

Formula One races are often run at a loss but they are attractive to many cities because of their prestige and exposure to global audiences. Razlan said Sepang, which can accommodate 120,000 fans, drew just 45,000 to last month's grand prix, and added that race-day TV ratings were also poor.

He noted that hosting F1 is "very expensive." In comments on Twitter, Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said competition from other events outside of Malaysia was also taking its toll.

'WE SHOULD STOP HOSTING'

"When we first hosted the F1 it was a big deal. First in Asia outside Japan. Now so many venues. No first mover advantage. Not a novelty." "F1 ticket sales declining, TV viewership down. Foreign visitors down b/c (because) can choose Singapore, China, Middle East. Returns are not as big."

"I think we should stop hosting the F1. At least for a while. Cost too high, returns limited." Official figures show Formula One has shed 200 million TV viewers globally since 2008, with common complaints including the predictability of races. But the sport entered a new era last month when US firm Liberty Media announced a takeover, including a new chairman and plans for

greater penetration in the United States. The Sepang race, known for its tropical downpours and sauna-like conditions, is Asia second-oldest next to the Japanese Grand Prix, which dates back to 1976.

It has been overtaken by Singapore, which hosted the first F1 race under floodlights in 2008 and quickly outstripped Sepang in terms of spectators. Sepang, one hour's drive from central Kuala Lumpur, has also failed to match the lively entertainment and concerts at Singapore's downtown race, officials said.

This year's Singapore race saw an average of 73,000 spectators attend for each of the three days of the race weekend.

Meanwhile state energy firm Petronas, the race's title sponsor which also backs the championship-leading Mercedes team, has been badly hit by zig-zagging oil prices, which have crimped Malaysia's economic growth prospects.

Malaysian politics are also volatile as Prime Minister Najib Razak spars with his predecessor Mahathir Mohamad-whose son quit as the Sepang circuit's chairman last month-over a money-laundering scandal linked to state fund 1MDB.

Razlan declined to offer precise figures on the grand prix's losses, but Malaysia's MotoGP is consistently popular and this year's race on Sunday is sold out. Last month's Malaysian F1 race was touched by controversy when nine Australian fans were detained for celebrating countryman Daniel Ricciardo's win by stripping down to swimwear emblazoned with the Malaysian flag. Displays of public indecency are frowned upon in Muslim-majority Malaysia. —AFP



MANNY PACQUIAO TAKES A BREAK FROM POLITICS FOR BOXING

LAS VEGAS: Up until last week, Manny Pacquiao was concentrating on trying to get the death penalty restored in the Philippines.

Now he's focusing on something not nearly as controversial - his return to the ring for a Nov 5 fight with Jesse

"Working in the Senate is not easy while you're training," said Pacquiao, a freshman senator in the Philippines. "You manage your time and that's what I did in training for this fight."

Pacquiao won't have to juggle two jobs for at least a few weeks, with the Senate now out of session. He arrived in Los Angeles over the weekend, eager to

finish final preparations for yet another fight in a pro career that has stretched 21 years. What remains to be seen is how eager boxing fans are to see him against a relatively unknown boxer who isn't given much of a chance to beat

'You can say what you want about Pacquiao and Vargas," promoter Bob Arum said. "I think it's competitive, other people don't. That's their opinion."

Pacquiao joined Arum on a conference call Monday to discuss the latest reinvention of the fighter-turned-politician. The talk veered from boxing into politics, and to Pacquiao's two biggest goals as a freshman senator - forming a

and restoring the death penalty eliminated in the country 30 years ago.

"I'm enjoying working hard in the Senate while performing my job as a boxer," Pacquiao said. "I'm enjoying

Pacquiao, who was dropped by Nike earlier this year after saying people in gay relationships were "worse than animals," is an ally of new Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte, who has suggested recently that his country might be better off without its close alliance with the United States.

the comments might cost him some

boxing commission in the Philippines fans in the country where he has made millions of dollars.

"Everything is fine," Pacquiao said. "He has clarified everything about the relationship between the US and the Philippines."

Trainer Freddie Roach said everything is also fine with Pacquiao's boxing career, which was on hold after a temporary retirement last year. He was impressive in April in dominating Timothy Bradley in their third fight, and Roach said he has spent weeks training in the Philippines for Vargas.

Most of those training sessions were Pacquiao seemed unconcerned that at night, as Pacquiao fulfilled a campaign pledge to be in the Senate each

day it was in session.

"This is the best I've seen Manny in a long time," Roach said. "He's been a lot more aggressive. The old Manny Pacquiao is coming out."

Pacquiao's star has faded some since he lost in boxing's richest fight ever to Floyd Mayweather Jr., and putting him in the ring with Vargas is a tough sell. Arum has added three title fights to the undercard and is going on his own in trying to sell it on pay-per-view.

As part of that sales job, Arum is holding out the possibility that Pacquiao will fight unbeaten Terrence Crawford next spring should he beat

WORLD SERIES MANAGERS DOWNPLAY EPIC DROUGHTS

CLEVELAND: World Series managers sent a clear message to their players Monday-pay no attention to the historic title droughts that have created such a tremendous buzz around your games.

The Chicago Cubs, who have not won a title since 1908 in the longest championship futility streak in American sports history, worked out on the eve of the opener of the 112th World Series against the Cleveland Indians, whose title drought since 1948 is the second-longest in Major League Baseball annals.

"I think we all have a tremendous amount of respect for history and what has happened before us or not happened before us, Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "But you go in that room right now, they are very young. Really not impacted by a lot of the lore."

The Cubs feature five starters who are 24 or younger, including 22-year-old shortstop Addison Russell. Not reaching the World Series since 1945 is ancient history to him and his teammates even as it represents a lifetime's wait for many of their devoted supporters. "We are impacted by our city and our fans and the people that attend our games and the conversations that we have," Maddon said. "But I don't think when there's a groundball hit to Addie, he's going to be worried about stuff like that.

"They're going to be in the moment. That's what we've done and that's all I preach. Hopefully they'll be able to get this done and at that point you can really reflect on everything, interact with folks and really try to get down to the root of all of this. "But in the meantime, man, I really anticipate and expect our guys to stay right in the moment."

It's much the same for Indians manager Terry Francona, who in 2004 managed the Boston Red Sox to their first World Series crown since 1918.

He can feel the excitement in Cleveland fans, who had not celebrated a champion in any sport since the 1964 NFL Browns until the Cavaliers won the NBA crown in June. He knows the Indians have not been to the World Series since 1997. But Francona knows such reflections are best done after the task at hand is finished.

"I just think if you look too far back, you look too far forward, you miss what's right in front of you," Francona said.

"These players have earned the right to try and see if we can beat the Cubs, and that's going to be a tall enough task. But I don't think we need to go back and concern ourselves with 40, 50, 60 years ago."

But even he couldn't resist acknowledging the excitement, adding, "Now, if you win, it makes for a cool story." The Indians will play the World Series opener at home for the first time ever tonight while across the street, the Cavaliers will raise a championship banner in their season opener.

"This is going to be the number one place to be for sports," Indians second baseman Jason Kipnis said. "What a special day for a city to do that."

THEY CAN'T BOTH LOSE

The Cubs, who won a major league-best 103 games this season, send left-hander Jon Lester to the mound in game one against right-handed pitcher Corey Kluber for Cleveland. Chicago is favored and despitre Maddon's talk about focus on the moment, the Cubs can feel the hopes and dreams of long-suffering Cubs fans worldwide resting on their shoulders.

"We know how much it means to everyone," Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo said. "But at the end of the day, we have to go out and play." Lester, who won World Series titles with Boston in 2007 and 2013, is enjoying the Cubs' date with destiny.

"It's awesome, especially to be a part of this organization with all the history and all that fun stuff," Lester said. "We don't look ahead of anything. We stay where we're at. And we'll enjoy this for the next however many days and see where we're at the at the end. "One of us has to win, right?" —AFP



MONTREAL: Philadelphia Flyers goalie Steve Mason makes a save off Montreal Canadiens' Paul Byron (41) as defenceman Andrew MacDonald (47) looks on during first period NHL hockey action in Montreal on Monday. — AP

GALLAGHER, PRICE LEAD CANADIENS OVER FLYERS

Anaheim

Calgary

Arizona

Montreal

Los Angeles

MONTREAL: Alexander Radulov contributed three points to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 3-1 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Monday night at the Bell Centre.

The Russian winger scored a goal and added two assists the Canadiens won their fourth straight game. Shea Weber had a goal and an assist, and Brendan Gallagher also scored for Montreal. Jakub Voracek accounted for the Flyers' goal.

Goalie Steve Mason stopped 30 shots for the Flyers (2-3-1). Carey Price made 31 saves for the Canadiens (5-0-1).

FLAMES 3, BLACKHAWKS 2 (SO)

Kris Versteeg scored the tiebreaking goal to lift Calgary

to a shootout win over Chicago. Versteeg's goal in the seventh round of the shootout followed 13 consecutive misses by players from both teams. Sam Bennett and Sean Monahan scored during regulation

Patrick Kane and Brian Campbell tallied the Blackhawks' goals in regulation. Chicago earned a point for the 13th consecutive meeting against the Flames.

Flames goaltender Brian Elliott turned aside 31 of 33 shots during regulation and did not allow a goal in seven shootout attempts. Elliott made a kick save against Richard Panik on a point-blank opportunity in the final seconds of the third period. Goaltender Corey Crawford stopped 29 of 31 shots for the Blackhawks. —Reuters

NHL Results/Standings

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Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

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New Jersey 2 2 1 8

Columbus 2 2

CLEVELAND: Members of the Chicago Cubs warm up during a team practice for baseball's

upcoming World Series against the Cleveland Indians on Monday in Cleveland. —AP

ENGLAND'S WHITE MAKES MARK IN 'RUTHLESS' CHINA

TOKYO: After making a splash on the tiny, honeymoon island of Guam, English coach Gary White is already proving a hit in the cut-throat world of Chinese football.

The 42-year-old, who left the palmfringed Pacific island to manage Shanghai Shenxin earlier this year, has his eye on winning promotion to the Chinese Super League next season after saving the team from relegation.

"I came in June and the club was basically in free-fall," White told AFP in a telephone interview. "Now there will be pressure to go up."

White, who formerly played for English non-league club Bognor Regis, began coaching in 1998 when he was living on a council estate in Luton, north of London, and faxed every national association in the world looking for work.

Following spells with the British Virgin Islands and the Bahamas before Guam, he arrived in Shanghai, where he was forced to plunder the reserves after being told there was no money in the transfer kitty.

"I got rid of a lot of dead wood and made some tough decisions," he said, after guiding his side to a top-10 finish in China's first division, one below the Super League.

"The first thing I had to do was get the players to think more positively because they didn't have much belief, there was no motivation," added White. "It's been a lot of hard work: Cannavaro in China's League One. getting to know the players, taking them for coffee to find out what makes them tick." White led all three national sides

he has coached to their highest FIFA ranking. But at Shanghai he faces a battle to keep his best players out of the clutches of richer clubs. "Most clubs in China are just teams

where somebody's gone to the supermarket and bought the best ingredients," he said, referring to the Chinese game's eye-watering spending power. "There's so much money in China,

they can get any player they want. A lot of the bigger clubs are short-term thinkers." "Shenxin is a long-term thinking club," added White, whose billionaire chairman Xu Guoliang owns a gold mine.

"A lot of the players in the first team have come through the academy system. They try to give kids a chance."

ALLARDYCE 'DISGRACE'

With Chinese clubs outspending their English Premier League rivals in this year's winter transfer window, top targets such as Jackson Martinez, Alex Teixeira, Ramires and Hulk are increasingly accepting lucrative offers from China. "They're definitely putting the money behind the talk," said White, who has pitted his wits against the likes of Clarence Seedorf and Fabio

White credits his Chinese wife Rui and baby son Flash for helping to ease the transition from island life to the hustle and bustle of Shanghai.

"It's a very ruthless environment in China, but my wife has been great with the language and culture," he said. "She's also started to get into football. "When we beat Cannavaro's team (Tianjin) and everyone was celebrating, she was the first one to say: 'You need to get focused, it's just one game!' She helps me keep my feet on the ground. No messing about!"

White offered some tips to young English coaches struggling to get a foothold in the game.

"If I had any advice it would be to go and further your horizons a little bit, don't sit around waiting for offers," he said. "Go into uncomfortable areasit's where you really find out about yourself." He also believes English coaches have not been helped by the scandal that cost Sam Allardyce his job after one game as England manager, when he was caught in an embarrassing newspaper sting.

"It really was disappointing with Sam," White said. "I think it's a disgrace. It doesn't help the market for English coaches in terms of clubs looking at you." But he said his ultimate goal was managing England-which would complete quite a journey after his stints in Bognor, Guam and Shanghai.—AFP



SHANGHAI: This picture taken on October 19, 2016 shows coach Gary White attending a practice session of the Shanghai Shenxin football club in Shanghai. After making a splash on the tiny, honeymoon island of Guam, English coach White is already proving a hit in the cut-throat world of Chinese football. The 42-year-old, who left the palm-fringed Pacific island to manage Shanghai Shenxin earlier this year, has his eye on winning promotion to the Chinese Super League next season after saving the team from relegation. — AFP

RANGERS NEED TO MIND THE GAP, WARNS WARBURTON

GLASGOW: Rangers manager Mark benefits of reaching the Champions Warburton has cautioned his club not to spend rashly in a bid to bridge the gap with rivals Celtic.

The 54-year-old Englishman's warning came on the back of Rangers' second Old Firm defeat of the season as they lost 1-0 to Celtic in a League Cup semifinal on Sunday.

Celtic, who top the Scottish Premiership, dominated domestic football while Rangers, currently fifth in the table, were exiled in the lower leagues following financial collapse in 2012.

Celtic are also reaping the financial

League group stages, which will increase their spending power compared to their rivals. Warburton knows a thing or two about money having spent 20 years as a City trader prior to exchanging it for a career in football coaching.

And while acknowledging a financial gap exists between the Glasgow rivals at the moment, Warburton says it's imperative Rangers spend wisely in the transfer market and build from the grassroots up rather than chase a short-term fix.

"The worst thing Rangers could do is spend recklessly to try to close that gap

"There is a financial gap that exists at this moment in time. "They (Celtic) have a squad packed with international players. They are in the Champions League this year and are getting all the benefit of that in terms of playing experience and financial income.

"We recognise and respect that. We then have to sit down and decide how do we close it? How do we improve our squad? Can we invest astutely and wisely? "We have to set aggressive targets to try and close the gap. If our supporters can see that, we will be in a good place.

"I read some ludicrous comments this morning about how my City background should make me aware of the power of financial muscle. I'm not a rocket scientist but I'm not a fool.

"Of course you recognise the implications of a rival club with a strong financial base at this moment in time. But what is also important is the target setting so we know what we have to do in what time frame in what gap.

"The worst thing we could do is not build strong foundations here, and from the chairman and the board down the club is very clear what we have to do."

Their hopes of a League Cup final may be gone but Warburton, whose side host St Johnstone on Wednesday, says Rangers can't afford to mope.

There can't be any hangover, and there is no use in feeling sorry for yourself. There are no fitness or fatigue issues," he said. "St Johnstone played yesterday (Sunday) too (they beat Dundee 2-1 in a Premiership clash) just two hours ahead of us and Tommy Wright and his team will be working hard to recover. We are looking forward to what will be another tough game today." — AFP

UNLOVED LEIPZIG EMERGE AS BAYERN'S CLOSEST CHALLENGERS

BERLIN: RB Leipzig's remarkable unbeaten start to the Bundesliga season has seen them suddenly emerge at the head of the pack chasing reigning champions and league leaders Bayern Munich.

The newly-promoted team have won five and drawn three of their eight matches so far in their debut Bundesliga season. Guinea international Naby Keita netted twice in Sunday's 3-1 win over Werder Bremen to leave them second, two points adrift of Bayern, who they face away on December 20 in their last outing before the winter break.

It is no surprise, then, that Bayern are paying close attention to what's going on at RB Leipzig, who earned their Bundesliga place with four promotions in

"They could be very dangerous, personally I find Leipzig very convincing," said Bayern defender Mats Hummels, whose team-mate Joshua Kimmich, signed from RB in 2015, was in the Red Bull Arena to watch his ex-club beat

But the Bundesliga new boys are working hard to keep their feet on the ground, resisting the tags of 'Bayernhunters' imposed on them by a German media eager to talk up a potential title

RB Leipzig's sporting director Ralf Rangnick says any title talk is far too premature, insisting: "We've made a good start so far, nothing more."

It certainly has been a very good introduction to life in Germany's top tier. They have claimed the scalps of Borussia Dortmund, Hamburg and Wolfsburg, and RB Leipzig are closing in on the record of 10 games unbeaten at the start of a season for a promoted club, set by MSV Duisburg in 1993/94. Austrian head coach Ralph Hasenhuettl says his side must "stay humble and keep being greedy" for league points. The club, which was founded by energy drinks giants Red Bull in 2009, have been given the cold shoulder by German football fans.

'ANSWER FOR EVERYTHING'

A severed bull's head was thrown onto the pitch during a German Cup game at Dynamo Dresden in August.

Then Cologne fans staged a sit-down protest in September which meant the Leipzig team bus arrived late for an away league game.

Placards with anti-RB Leipzig slogans from rival fans regularly appear during games, but the negative sentiments pull the team together.

"We take the aggression from rival fans and turn it into positive energy for us," said defender Willi Orban.

Any RB fans dreaming of Europe next season would be well advised to remember Hoffenheim, who finished the first half of their debut Bundesliga season in 2008/09 top of the table-only to end up seventh. But there are good reasons to believe RB Leipzig can finish in the top four to earn a Champions League berth for next season.

The young team, which has no superstars, is eager to learn and is flexible.

"We changed the formation against Bremen after 45 minutes-and the boys did it superbly well," said Hasenhuettl. "At the moment, there is an answer for everything." They have had sell-out crowds of over 40,000 for three of their four home games and there is a euphoria building in the city-formerly part of the communist East Germany-at having a top-flight team.

The previous dominant force in town was Lokomotiv Leipzig, Germany's very first champions in 1903 and Cup Winners' Cup finalists in 1987 who have since gone bankrupt and are now in the fourth tieralongside RB's second team-after being reformed.

"There was already a huge amount of promotion euphoria amongst the fans and that's good," said Rangnick of RB's run. On top of that, sponsors Red Bull will be able to splash out for a new signing in January, should Hasenhuettl want to strengthen his squad.

And while most of their rivals are involved in two or even three competitions, Leipzig can focus just on the Bundesliga for the rest of the season having been knocked out of the German Cup in August. —AFP



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ITALIAN CALCIO LEAGUE

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Inter v Torino	21:45
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Juventus v Sampdoria	21:45
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Lazio v Cagliari Calcio	21:45
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SSC Napoli v Empoli	21:34
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Chievo Verona v Bologna	21:45
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Sassuolo v AS Roma	21:45
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Pescara v Atalanta	21:45

Jose Mourinho (left) and Pep Guardiola

UNITED, CITY IN A RUT AHEAD OF DERBY

MANCHESTER: Jose Mourinho is reeling from his heaviest loss in English soccer. Pep Guardiola has matched the longest winless run of his coaching career.

Things are about to get worse for one of the managers when Manchester United and Manchester City meet today in the fourth round of the English League Cup. It's the second headto-head already this season between two coaches who had an often-tempestuous rivalry in Spain. Of the four competitions United and City are involved in this season, the League Cup is the lowest priority for both managers, but the importance of a victory at Old Trafford has intensified because of their teams' current form.

United has won just one of its last six Premier League games and lost 4-0 at Chelsea on Sunday, a personal embarrassment for Mourinho at his former club. City is winless in its last five matches in all competitions, matching Guardiola's career low at Barcelona in 2009.

For that reason, Mourinho and Guardiola may choose not to rotate their lineups as much as they might have wanted to.

"Young players have to be involved in the team's good moment, and you cannot forget now the last five games we didn't win," Guardiola said yesterday. "To help the young players, you have to be involved in a good environment, with people with experience.

"To put three, four, five young players in at the same time is not a good idea because we have to protect them."

The blue half of Manchester has had local bragging rights since Sept. 10, when City beat United 2-1 at Old Trafford in a performance that earned widespread praise for a side in the middle of a club-record winning run of 10 games. That game also underlined that United was still a work in progress under Mourinho, as subsequent results have proved.

"We are really, really sad," Mourinho said. "But this (current period) is not for kids, this is for men." There is possibly more pressure on Mourinho on Wednesday. While City's displays haven't been that bad during its winless streak, Mourinho will want a signature victory to disprove growing concerns that he may not be able to stop the slide at United since Alex Ferguson's retirement in 2013.

If Mourinho plays a strong team and loses a derby for the second time in under two months, he will face even more criticism.

Here's a look at some problem areas affecting the two teams, and where Mourinho and Guardiola might turn:

MANCHESTER UNITED

There are issues for Mourinho throughout the team. Up front, Zlatan Ibrahimovic has regressed since opening the season with four goals in his first three games. He has scored just once in his last eight games in all competitions and may be left out to give Marcus Rashford a game as lone striker. Paul Pogba has stood out in only a few games since his arrival in August for a worldrecord fee of \$116 million - and not yet in a game of any real magnitude. Mourinho hasn't found the best position for the France international, who flourished on the left of a three-man central midfield for former team Juventus and has been tried in attacking and defensive midfield positions at United. Mourinho must decide if Pogba starts a fourth game in 10 days.

United's defense has now been hit by a suspected knee ligament injury to center back Eric Bailly, possibly the team's best defender this season. Daley Blind and Chris Smalling may start at center back.

MANCHESTER CITY

Defense is Guardiola's biggest area of concern after five winless games in which mistakes at the back have been ruthlessly punished by Celtic, Tottenham, Everton, Barcelona and Southampton.

Guardiola has played three at the back in the last two league games, and may return to a fourman defense and play youngster Pablo Maffeo at right back. Another 19-year-old player, Aleix Garcia, is set to play in central midfield as Kevin De Bruyne is out with a calf injury.

Sergio Aguero hasn't started two of City's last three games, so may be one of the senior stars in the starting side. Otherwise, Kelechi Iheanacho will lead the attack. — AP

MESSI OFF TO GREAT START. **OUTSHINING MADRID TRIO**

MADRID: By himself, Lionel Messi has already scored more than Real Madrid's top three forwards combined.

The Barcelona star is off to one of the best starts of his career with 14 goals in 11 matches, two more than what Cristiano Ronaldo, Gareth Bale and Karim Benzema have netted so far with Madrid.

And Messi has done it despite being sidelined for three weeks because of an injury.

"Messi has been superb," Barcelona coach Luis Enrique said simply. The Argentina forward hadn't started a season with so many goals since 2011-12, when he scored 14 times in 10 matches. So far, Messi has already scored eight more goals than he did last season at the same point. He has two hat tricks and is the leading scorer in both the Spanish league and the Champions League. In his last six games, he has scored 11 goals, with six coming in the three games he played since recovering from a right groin strain.

Messi's rivals at Madrid have not come close to him this season. Ronaldo has nine goals, but that includes five with Portugal in World Cup qualifying. He is currently in a slump in the Spanish league with only two in six matches. "Of course Cristiano wants to score more," Madrid defender Marcelo said. "But he is a player who helps a lot, and not only with goals, also with his work on the field." Benzema scored his fourth goal of the season in a Spanish league game last weekend, while Bale has netted seven times in 14 appearances.

Seven of Messi's goals this season were scored in the Spanish league, with one in the Spanish Super Cup and six from a couple of hat tricks in the Champions League. The current form could leave the 29-year-old forward in position to again win the Ballon d'Or award for the world's best player. He has already won the award five times, including last season. Messi's great scoring start is somewhat of a surprise because in the last few years he has taken more of a playmaker role after the additions of Luis Suarez and Neymar. The trio broke scoring records in each of the last two seasons, with Suarez leading the way last season. The Uruguay striker has opened with 10 goals in 13 appearances, while Neymar has found the net six times in 10 matches this season. Barcelona plays Espanyol in the Catalonia Super Cup on Tuesday, but neither Messi nor any of the other regular starters will be playing. Messi's next chance to increase his goal tally will likely be Saturday against lastplace Granada, a team that has already conceded 23 goals in nine Spanish league matches. —AFP



GLASGOW: Scotland's team manager Gordon Strachan (L) and former Manchester United coach Sir Alex Ferguson attend the launch of the Glasgow Host City logo for UEFA Euro 2020 at the Glasgow Science Centre in Glasgow, Scotland yesterday. — AFP

WATFORD FACE INQUIRY OVER 'FORGED' LETTER

LONDON: Watford are being investigated by English football authorities over allegations that the club falsified financial information before its current owner completed his takeover.

The Football League announced an inquiry into claims that a banking letter, allegedly forged to appear to be written by HSBC, was submitted when the Italian businessman Gino Pozzo took full control of the club from his father Giampaolo in 2014. The letter was reportedly submitted to the Football League, which oversees clubs outside the Premier League, when Watford were a second-tier club in the Championship.

Watford also announced its own inquiry yesterday. The Daily Telegraph printed a copy of the letter stating that the holding company which owns Watford, Hornets Investment Limited, had sufficient financial resources with HSBC for it to issue a "cash-backed unsecured bank guarantee up to the amount of £7 million" during the 2014-15 season, in which Watford went on to win promotion to the Football League.

An EFL spokesman confirmed that it had started an investigation into "serious allegations" and had contacted the club after receiving information from the newspaper.

"The club is now required to provide a full response to the allegations. Once that response is received, it will be fully

considered and appropriate action will be taken under our rules and regulations." An HSBC spokesman declined to comment when contacted by Reuters.

The EFL spokesman would not comment on assertions in the Telegraph that Watford could face a points deduction or heavy fine if they are found guilty of any offence. The club are currently ninth in

the Premier League with 12 points. The Telegraph said there was nothing to indicate that Gino Pozzo knew anything about the allegedly forged letter despite it allowing him to succeed his father, Giampaolo, as the club's ultimate owner. Watford FC confirmed its own investigation in a statement on the club's website. "The club had no prior knowledge of any concerns about the authenticity of the document and Hornets Investments Ltd has invested over £20m into the club since the proof of funds 2014 document. "The club has instructed independent solicitors to carry out an investigation into relevant matters and provide the EFL with the solicitor's report early next month. The EFL has indicated it is happy with this course of action." Giampaolo Pozzo bought Watford in June 2012 from previous owner Laurence Bassini. The Pozzo family have extensive interests in football and also own the Italian club Udinese. They sold the Spanish club Granada to Chinese firm Link International Sports last June. — Reuters

Yasir Shah spins Pakistan to series-clinching win

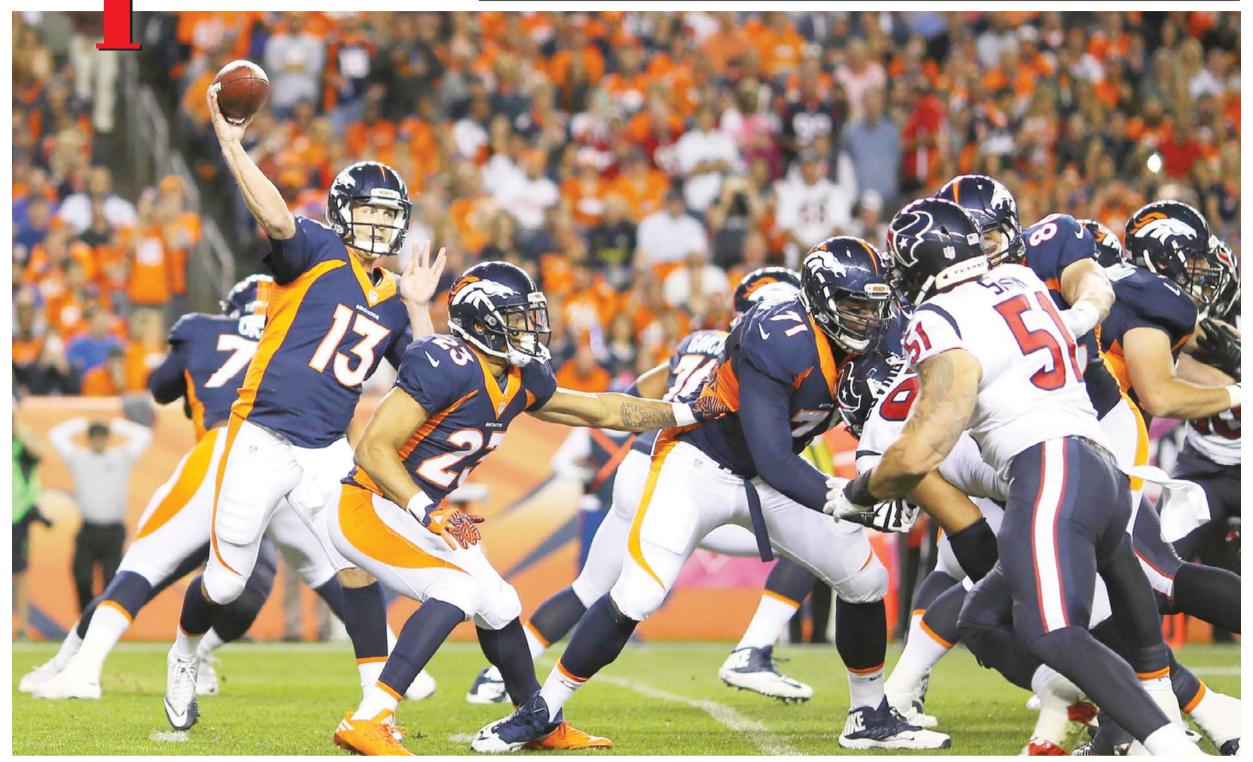


England's White makes mark in 'ruthless' China



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DENVER: Quarterback Trevor Siemian #13 of the Denver Broncos throws in the first quarter of the game at Sports Authority Field at Mile High on Monday in Denver, Colorado. Rookie Trevor Siemian ruined Brock Osweiler's return to Denver as the Broncos outgunned the Houston Texans 27-9, after the visitors were rocked by a horrific injury to right tackle Derek Newton on Monday. — AFP

TEXANS TO RUIN OSWEILER RETURN **TAME**

Osweiler's homecoming Monday night, incessantly hurrying, hitting and harassing their former teammate in a 27-9 win over his Houston Texans.

Coach Gary Kubiak returned to the sideline following his second health scare in three years, and he liked what he saw as the Broncos (5-2) snapped a two-game skid in sending the overwhelmed Texans home at 4-3. C.J. Anderson and Devontae Booker energized Denver's sputtering ground game, both running for a touchdown. Anderson gained 107 yards on 16 carries and Booker had 83 on 17 hand-offs.

But the big story was Trevor Siemian, Peyton Manning's surprise successor, outplaying Osweiler, who was groomed to be Denver's next OB but instead bolted to Houston in free agency, famously declaring the Texans gave him the better chance to be successful. Not on this night.

Osweiler left for bigger numbers in Texas - both in his bank account and his stat sheet - but he spent the whole game quickly getting rid of the ball, constantly overthrowing DeAndre Hopkins in double coverage and otherwise running for his life from Von Miller

DENVER: The Denver Broncos ruined Brock & Co. Osweiler was just 22 for 41 for 131 yards with no TDs and no interceptions. Siemian was 14 of 25 for 157 yards, a TD and no interceptions. Osweiler also lost a fumble at his own 25-yard line. It was scooped up by Chris Harris Jr. on the first play of the fourth quarter and led to Brandon McManus' chipshot field goal that made it 24-9, all but snuffing out Houston's hopes of a come-

> "He's a great kid. I talked to him after the game," Kubiak said. "I was concerned there late in the game because of what he did last week even though we had a two-score lead."

Last week, Osweiler led Houston back from a late 14-point deficit for an overtime win against the Colts, but there was no comeback against this defense.

When it was over, Osweiler hugged Emmanuel Sanders and then Siemian at midfield. "He's into the game on every snap," Texans coach Bill O'Brien said. "He's got good poise, tough environment. We all have to do better. Everyone has got to do better." Of the dozen passes thrown his way, Hopkins caught just five of them, covering

36 yards, and no other Texan gained more. Anderson scored on a 7-yard run and Siemian hit Demaryius Thomas from 4 yards out as the Broncos took a 14-6 halftime lead.

Osweiler took a couple of big shots from safeties Darian Stewart and T.J. Ward in the first quarter, but the Texans led 6-0 on a pair of 43-yard field goals by Nick Novak.

Novak's 29-yarder made it 14-9, but Stewart punched the ball from running back Alfred Blue's grasp and linebacker Todd Davis plucked it out of the air . That led to Booker's 1-vard TD run.

Kubiak missed Denver's last game when doctors ordered him to take a week off after he was transported via ambulance to the hospital following Denver's last home game, on Oct. 9, with a complex migraine condition, which can mimic a stroke. Kubiak had a mini-stroke in 2013 while coaching the Texans.

Like Osweiler, this was his first game against his former team, and cornerback Agib Talib flipped the script and awarded Kubiak a game ball afterward. "Coaches get game balls when players play good, I can tell you that," Kubiak said. "I'm proud of them because I asked them to do some things for me, kind of regroup ourselves a little bit and they did, they responded." — AP



MEXICO CITY: In this June 21, 1970 file photo, Brazil's team captain Carlos Alberto, center, holds up the golden Jules Rimet Trophy, after his team defeated Italy in the FIFA World Cup soccer final, at Azteca Stadium, in Mexico City. The Brazilian Football Confederation confirmed the death of 72-year-old Carlos Alberto yesterday. — AP

KERBER CRUSHES HALEP

SINGAPORE: Newly crowned world number one Angelique Kerber all but booked her place in the knockout stage of the WTA Finals after a clinical 6-4 6-2 win over Romania's Simona Halep yesterday. Kerber, looking sharper and more focussed than she was in her opening round-robin victory over Dominika Cibulkova, posted a surprisingly lop-sided victory over the combative Halep, who had looked in ominous touch during her opening match win over Madison Keys.

A finalist at the end-of-season championship two years ago, Halep was brimming with confidence ahead of her clash with Kerber but found the lefthander too good on Singapore's slow indoor hardcourts.

Kerber, electing to receive first, broke Halep's opening service game and despite later dropping her serve and falling 4-3 behind, the German reeled off the last three games in a row to take the opening set after just

Kerber was even more dominant in the second set as Halep, one of the best returners in the game, struggled to impose her own game on the in-form German, who reached the top of the world rankings when she won the US Open last month.

Two service breaks gave Kerber the advantage she needed and although Halep saved the first two break points she faced with two spectacular winners, it was

too little too late as Kerber wrapped up the win. Cibulkova plays Keys in Tuesday's other Red Group match. If she wins Kerber will be assured of topping the group ahead of her final match with Keys tomorrow. — AFP



SINGAPORE: German's Angelique Kerber plays against Romania's Simona Halep in their women's singles match during the WTA finals tennis tournament in Singapore yesterday. — AFP

BRAZIL GREAT CARLOS ALBERTO DIES AT 72

RIO DE JANEIRO: Carlos Alberto, who scored one of the greatest goals in World Cup history while captaining Brazil to glory in the 1970 final against Italy, has died aged 72 following a heart attack.

The marauding right back scored Brazil's fourth goal in their 4-1 win over Italy in Mexico's Azteca Stadium, a thumping drive that ended a move involving nine players, before hoisting the Jules Rimet trophy as Brazil won the title for the third time.

"Carlos Alberto Torres was an example of guts and leadership," Brazil President Michel Temer said on Twitter. "I'm saddened by the loss of the captain who led Brazil to their third World Cup win." The classy defender played for Fluminense, Santos, Flamengo and New York Cosmos and earned the nickname "The Captain" for his leadership qualities. He won his first titles at Fluminense in his home city of Rio de Janeiro but his best days were at Santos, where alongside his friend Pele, he won two first division titles and five Sao Paulo state trophies.

He was also one of the first major soccer talents to play in the U.S. when he joined New York Cosmos. "We're deeply saddened by the loss of Carlos Alberto, a legendary player and wonderful person," the New York club said on Twitter. "He'll always remain part of the Cosmos family." After returning to Brazil as a coach, he led Flamengo to the Brazilian first division in 1983 and Fluminense to the Rio de Janeiro state championship in 1984.

On retiring from the game he worked as a commentator and brand ambassador, but will always be remembered for his leading role in the 1970 Brazil side, a team that is often referred to as the greatest of all time.

He captained a group of players who went to Mexico under a new manager, who had been given little time in which bed in. Carlos Alberto was a natural leader, even in a team that boasted all-time greats such as Pele, Tostao, Rivellino and Jairzinho.

Many of the players were captains at their club sides but deferred to Carlos Alberto, who had poise and presence and was not averse to dressing down his more celebrated team mates. Tributes poured in from around the football world with world soccer's governing body FIFA calling him a "born leader" and Santos declaring three days of mourning. "Santos FC are saddened by the death of idol Carlos Alberto Torres," the club said. "He played 445 matches and scored 40 goals between 1965 and 1975 and is considered the greatest full back in the club's history." — Reuters

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BRITAIN TO EXPAND HEATHROW AIRPORT

Go-ahead despite fears over destruction of homes, air pollution

ahead vesterday to build a new runway at London's Heathrow airport despite concerns about air pollution, noise and the destruction of homes in the capital's densely populated western neighborhoods

The decision comes after years of discussion, study and outrage over the building of the first full runway in the southeast of the country since World War II. Theresa May's government, reeling from a vote to leave the European Union, was anxious to prove the country was "open for business." Detractors described it as "catastrophic." "The step that government is taking today is truly momentous," Transport Secretary Chris Grayling said. "I am proud that after years of discussion and delay this government is taking decisive action to secure the UK's place in the global aviation market."

The government rejected other options to expand airport capacity, including the extension of an existing runway at Heathrow or building a second runway at Gatwick Airport, south of London. The decision is only the first step, though. The government's recommendation will be studied further and Parliament will vote in about a year.

Entire communities will be leveled, and the government said that compensation and mitigation could cost 2.6 billion pounds (\$3.2 billion). But the government was unmoved by the concerns. "This is an important issue for the whole country," Grayling said. "That is why the govern-

Mayor opposes move

London Mayor Sadiq Khan pledged to explore involvement in "any legal process," as Heathrow already exposes the city to more aircraft noise than Paris, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Munich and Madrid combined. Outraged residents argued they had been betrayed by politicians who pledged to block expansion before being put into office - only to change their minds later. Anti-expansion groups gathered in the village of Harmondsworth, a quintessential English village replete with village green and classic red phonebox that traces its history to the 6th century. The third runway would level two-thirds of its homes, "This is Harmondsworth, this is our little green here," said Neil Keveran, who has campaigned against Heathrow expansion for years. The runway construction would be just across

the road from his home, he said. "Nowhere else in Europe do they build their runways directly in the heart of residential areas over their cities, so I don't see why our quality of life should be any less." London and southeastern England need more airport capacity to meet the growing demands of business travelers and tourists. Heathrow and rival Gatwick, 30 miles (50 kilometers) south of central London, had offered competing projects that will cost as much as 18.6

billion pounds (\$29.1 billion). But those in the pathways of the bulldozers

LONDON: Britain's government gave the goment's preferred scheme will be subject to full don't see why their homes should be sacrificed, even if the country might need capacity. The issue was so toxic that politicians created an independent commission to weigh the options -

and it had decided to expand Heathrow. It is up to political leaders and lawmakers to make the final decision, and authorities had stalled for months. The upheaval prompted by Britain's vote to leave the EU pushed the issue back further. A furious public relations battle has raged, with placards all over London's subway system, for example, extolling the virtues of Heathrow or Gatwick. The commission had already rejected other options, such as one backed by former London Mayor Boris Johnson to build a new airport in the Thames Estuary. "A new runway at Heathrow is really fantastic news, especially as the country has waited nearly 50 years for this decision," said Paul Drechsler, the

president of the Confederation of British Industry. "It will create the air links that will do so much to drive jobs and unlock growth across the UK, allowing even more of our innovative, ambitious and internationally focused firms, from Bristol to

Many business groups and unions had offered support for expansion, in part to keep jobs in the community. But it was far from universal. Michael O'Leary, the CEO of budget airline Ryanair, supported expansion at Gatwick, one of the airports where his carrier flies from. He described the decision as an anti-competitive "return to monopoly featherbedding at Heathrow." —AP

Belfast, to take off and break into new markets."



LONDON: British Foreign Minister Boris Johnson (left) and International Trade Minister Liam Fox leave the weekly cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street in London yesterday. — AFP

EU RELAUNCHES AMBITIOUS **CORPORATE TAX REFORM**

BRUSSELS: The European Commission yesterday relaunched an ambitious corporate tax reform package it says will boost the economy and reduce abuses after a series of high-profile tax cheating scandals sparked public uproar. The Commission, the executive arm of the European Union, said that after failing in 2011 to win support, it had listened to member states and had now produced a more business-friendly version.

"We are proposing a system which can simultaneously support business, attract investors, promote growth and stop largescale tax avoidance," EU Economic and Financial Affairs Commissioner Pierre Moscovici said in a statement. "My message to our member states today is this-Let's seize this opportunity, and quickly, to deliver the fairer, more competitive, more growth-friendly corporate tax system that the EU needs," Moscovici said.

The original proposal ran into strong opposition from some member states, especially Britain, who objected to Brussels having a say in tax matters which are meant to be decided only by national governments. Member states currently set their own tax rates which vary quite widely across the 28-nation bloc.

The proposal also fanned suspicion that the European Union wanted to standardise the tax base as a prelude to winning the right to levy its own taxes to fund its activities, a step seen by some as a step too far toward a federal Europe. EU Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis said "tax policy should support the EU's goals of economic growth and social justice."

"Today's proposals aim to boost growth and investment, support enterprise and ensure fairness," he said in the statement with Moscovici.

Single tax return

In a first step, the Commission proposes setting up a Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB), meaning that "companies will for the first time have a single rulebook for calculating their taxable profits throughout the EU." This CCCTB system will be "mandatory for large multinational groups which have the greatest capacity for aggressive tax planning, making certain that companies with global revenues exceeding 750 million euros (\$825 million) a year will be taxed where they really make their profits." It will also encourage companies to raise funding by issuing shares rather than via bank borrowing, an important change to European business culture.

The statement noted that tax rates are not mentioned in the CCCTB as "these remain an area of national sovereignty." "However, the CCCTB will create a more transparent, efficient and fair system for calculating the tax base of cross-border companies, which will substantially reform corporate taxation throughout the EU," it said.

The Commission, which under former Luxembourg Premier Jean-Claude Juncker prides itself on taking political initiatives, said companies would now be able to file just one tax return for all their EU activities, saving time and money. Juncker has made cracking down on tax cheats a high-profile priority of his Commission but he himself has also been snagged by several cases involving sweetheart tax deals with major multinationals arranged during his time as Luxembourg premier.

The Commission first raised the issue in 2001 and has worked over the years to try and convince member states. Moscovici said "a lot has changed" since 2011, arguing that the CCCTB plan was "more relevant today than ever." The latest CCCTB proposals will now be submitted to the European Parliament for discussion. — AFP

BANKING SHARES BUOY SAUDI, DUBAI RETREATS

MIDEAST STOCK MARKETS

DUBAI: Banking shares boosted Saudi Arabia's stock market yesterday while the majority of other Gulf markets sagged on uninspiring quarterly results. Egypt recovered sightly, but investors remain anxious over dollar shortage woes. The Saudi stock market index gained 1.5 percent, its fifth consecutive session of gains as all 12 of the listed lenders advanced. Bank Aljazira was the top performer amongst its peers, jumping 6.5 percent. National Commercial Bank, the second

largest by market value, gained 4.6 percent. The banking sector has been the backbone of the stock market's recovery since the kingdom successfully conducted the largest emerging market international bond sale last week. "The sector's third-quarter earnings were generally weak but also broadly in line with expectations, but the bond sale coupled with more stable oil prices are giving investors the necessary jolt to return to markets," said Muhammed Shabbir, an independent investment adviser.

Shabbir added that trading volumes have to continue rising for the rally to sustain. The petrochemical sub-index also firmed as Brent crude futures held over \$51.50 a barrel. Saudi Basic Industries rose 1.5 percent.

In Abu Dhabi, the index lost 0.6 percent as Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank (ADIB) fell 0.5 percent after the lender reported nearly flat thirdquarter net profit on Monday. Profit came in at 508.9 million dirhams (\$139 million), up 1.1 percent from a year ago; EFG Hermes had forecast 494.5 million dirhams.

ADIB booked credit provisions and impairment charges totalling 267.7 million dirhams in the third quarter, compared to 193.0 million dirhams in the year-ago period.

Peer First Gulf Bank, which is due to announce earnings today, dropped 3.2 percent, its fourth session of declines. In Dubai, the main stock index fell 0.7 percent, hit by a 3.0-percent fall for Mashreqbank, which had reported a decline in net profit earlier this week. Dubai Islamic Bank fell 0.3 percent, after reporting a 9.9 percent decline in net profit on Monday. Profit-taking on recent price gains dragged amusement park builder DXB Entertainments 1.8 percent lower. Its shares have actively trading this month ahead of the opening of its theme parks on Oct. 31. In Doha, the index of the 20 most valuable shares closed down 0.02 percent in thin trade with losers outnumbering gainers 13-to-5. Commodities producer Industries Qatar, extended its losses for a second day and fell 0.1 percent. On Monday the company reported a 28.9 percent drop in third-quarter net income. Qatar International Islamic Bank closed flat after reporting a 2.2 percent rise in third-quarter net profit to 223.3 million riyals (\$61.3 million); QNB Financial Services had forecast 221.8 million rivals.

Chart 4: Outstanding GCC debt securities

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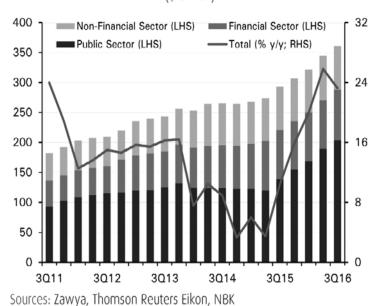


Table 1: Gross GCC Issuance by sector (\$ billion)									
	4014	1015	2015	3Q15	4015	1016	2016	3Q16	
Public	3.3	5.0	3.0	21.7	21.3	16.3	26.6	19.5	
Financial	2.8	5.0	7.3	0.6	4.3	2.1	5.6	3.3	
Non-Financial	0.9	0.9	0.9	2.0	1.0	1.0	3.5	0.3	
Total	7.0	10.9	11.2	24.3	26.6	19.4	35.7	23.1	

Table 2: Gross GCC issuance by country (\$ billion)								
	4014	1Q15	2015	3Q15	4015	1Q16	2016	3Q16
Bahrain	1.1	1.5	0.9	2.0	2.0	0.5	0.8	0.8
Kuwait	0.7	1.0	2.2	1.2	0.9	2.1	4.6	2.5
Oman	1.0	0.5	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.4	3.3	3.0
Qatar	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.9	3.0	1.7	12.6	4.3
KSA	0.6	1.0	2.1	17.2	18.1	12.8	6.4	11.5
UAE	3.5	6.9	4.1	0.2	1.6	2.0	8.1	1.1
GCC	7.0	10.9	11.2	24.3	26.6	19.4	35.7	23.1

Sources: Zawya, Thomson Reuters Eikon, Central Bank of Kuwait, press

GCC DEBT MARKETS YIELDS CONTINUE TO DECLINE IN

NBK ECONOMIC REPORT

KUWAIT: In GCC debt markets, yields continued to decline in 3Q16, driven largely by an improving credit outlook and higher oil prices. GCC yields also appeared to benefit from the search for yield, with spreads to international benchmarks tightening.

US benchmark yields were little changed during the quarter. GCC debt issuance was strong in 3Q16, dominated by sovereign paper, as governments sought to plug their growing deficits. Domestic offerings dominated sovereign issuance, as liquidity conditions improved for most following large international bond offerings in 2Q16. Saudi Arabia saw liquidity conditions deteriorate in 3Q16 on the back of its regular domestic government debt offerings.

GCC and global yields began the quarter under pressure following the UK's vote to leave the EU, as investors feared spillovers from the referendum. However, swift action by the Bank of England, which included a 25 basis points (bps) interest rate cut and an expansion of its asset purchase program, and a smooth transition of the UK leadership provided some reassurance to investors and helped stabilize markets.

The second half of 3Q16 saw global yields driven by slow growth and asynchronous monetary policies. Indeed, suspicions over the growing ineffectiveness of monetary easing saw the ECB refrain from taking any action during the quarter, keeping German long term bunds relatively stable. The BOJ, on the other hand, desperate to

"do whatever it takes", adopted new innovative tools, such as "yield curve control", to help lift Japanese 10 years.

In the US, recurring monetary policy inaction over the quarter pointed to the Fed's December meeting as to when the benchmark rate would be raised for the first and maybe only time in 2016. This helped edge 10 year treasuries up over the quarter.

Tightening yields

In the GCC, yields tightened in 3Q16 as fiscal outlooks appeared to improve and oil prices benefited from signs OPEC might cut oil supply. The quarter saw a number of reform initiatives materialized across the region. Facing deficits of over \$120 billion in 2016 and growing domestic liquidity pressures, authorities across the GCC pursued fiscal reforms more aggressively. This helped increase the region's appeal to international creditors. It was boosted by OPEC's decision later in the quarter to cap the cartel's oil production in an effort to support oil prices.

Improved risk profiles coupled with international search for yield saw spreads of higher yielding sovereigns to US treasuries tighten. The spreads of Dubai, Oman, and Bahrain, bonds to 5-year US treasuries declined by 20-42 bps. This was at the expense of safer bets, such as Abu Dhabi and Qatar, whose spreads were relatively unchanged in 3Q16.

Regional credit default swap rates also reflected the improved risk profile. CDS rates were down across the board, with Dubai seeing the largest decline at 39 bps on the quarter and down 146 bps from its peak in January 2016. The rest finished the quarter down between 20 bps and 24 bps.

GCC debt issuance was strong in 3Q16, led once again by sovereigns. Gross issuance totaled \$23 billion during the quarter, with the stock of outstanding bonds increasing by 23 percent in 3Q16 to \$360 billion. GCC sovereigns dominated issuance, adding \$19.5 billion worth of new paper in 3Q16.

The quarter saw domestic bonds dominate sovereign issuance, following a strong showing for international debt earlier in the year. Oman was the only sovereign to tap international markets for \$2 billion. The previous quarter's large international offerings helped ease domestic liquidity for some. Indeed, Qatar returned to its domestic market in 3Q16 for the first time in 2016 to borrow \$2.5 billion, in a sign that liquidity conditions had improved following a \$9 billion international bond in 2Q16. Qatar's interbank rate was steady at around 1.59 percent all quarter.

GCC liquidity

Domestic liquidity in Saudi Arabia did not fare as well, as domestic issuance continued to strain the market. Monthly domestic government debt offerings

absorbed the equivalent of \$11 billion from local banks in 3Q16 and \$57 billion since their introduction last year. As a result, the 3-month interbank rate rose to 2.35 percent, a level not seen since the 2008 financial crisis. In an effort to address the tight liquidity, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) increased the maximum lending ratio to 90 percent and has offered banks cheap long term loans. Late September, SAMA injected the equivalent of \$5 billion into domestic banks, effectively sterilizing the most recent government debt issue. Delays to their international offering, which was expected sometime in 3Q16, did not help matters. GCC debt is expected to remain robust in the final quarter of 2016, with issuers seeking to take advantage of the favorable global rates environment supported by their improving fiscal sustainability. We have already seen Bahrain re-tap international markets following a failed foray earlier in the year, while Saudi Arabia just completed the largest emerging market issuance ever, collecting \$17.5 billion. Meanwhile, Kuwait is expected to issue an international bond in 4Q16 or 1Q17 that could raise up to \$10 billion. Weak fiscal pictures are also expected to push government-related entities to debt markets, with Omani and UAE state owned firms expected to lead the way. The ongoing crunch in domestic liquidity, if left unattended, may further see local banks turn to international markets for funding.

News

in brief

Dubai airport passenger traffic climbs 10.3%

DUBAI: Passenger traffic through Dubai International Airport, the world's busiest for international travel, climbed 10.3 percent from a year earlier to 7.09 million people in September, the airport's operator said yesterday. In the first nine months of this year, traffic expanded 7.2 percent to 62.95 million people, boosted by new services launched by a number of airlines. Dubai International handled 205,142 tons of freight in September, down 1 percent, while year-to-date cargo totalled 1.89 million tons, up 2 percent. Only some of Dubai's air freight passes through Dubai International as another facility, Dubai World Central, handles pure cargo operations.

OPEC oil price up 7 cents to \$48.15 pb

VIENNA: Price of OPEC's basket of crudes went up seven cents yesterday settling at \$48.15 per barrel, compared to \$48.08 pb on Friday, according to OPEC's bulletin yesterday. The 170th (Extraordinary) Meeting of the OPEC Conference had opted for an OPEC-14 production target ranging between 32.5 and 33.0 million barrel per day, in order to accelerate the ongoing drawdown of the stock overhang and bring the rebalancing forward. The average annual rate of OPEC's crude of the past year stood at \$49.49 per barrel.

ADFG launches \$200m fund in Abu Dhabi free zone

ABU DHABI: Abu Dhabi Financial Group (ADFG), yesterday launched a \$200 million fund to invest in Gulf equities, the first fund on the Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM). ADGM, the emirate's financial free zone, allows fund managers to set up funds for all types of investors. Some 170 local and international companies have been licensed to operate at ADGM since it opened in October last year. Privately owned ADFG, which currently has \$4.7 billion in assets under management, has invested in real estate in London and Eastern Europe and is targeting undervalued opportunities in Gulf markets through its Goldilocks Fund, Chief Executive Jassim Alseddiqi said. "The fund provides access to investors providing a pioneering investment strategy called 'constructive activism'," he said. Constructive activism, a new concept in the gulf region means investors take a minority stake in companies and help them to restructure and develop their businesses, he said.

Emaar Properties forecast 2017 costs down 20%

DUBAI: Dubai's largest listed developer Emaar Properties expects a 20 percent reduction in costs in 2017, Chairman Mohamed Alabbar said yesterday, citing its latest budget. "My business has so much cost, from construction, to staffing, to transport, to chairman expenses. We have a lot of lines," Alabbar told reporters at a conference in Dubai. He declined to provide further details.

Qatar's United Development Company Q3 net profit surges

DUBAI: Qatari real estate developer United Development Company reported a more than threefold rise in thirdquarter net profit yesterday, Reuters calculations showed yesterday. Net profit of 119.2 million riyals (\$32.7 million) in the three months ending Sept. 30, versus 37.9 million a year earlier. Reuters calculated the results based on financial statements in lieu of a quarterly breakdown. United Development Company's nine-month net profit of 451 million riyals was down from 595 million a year earlier, a bourse statement said.

GLOBAL ADDS NEW FEATURES TO ITS ONLINE SERVICE, 'GLOBAL WASATA'

KUWAIT: Global Investment House ("Global" or the "Company"), a regional asset management & investment banking firm headquartered in Kuwait with offices in major capital markets in the MENA region, yesterday announced the enhancement of its online trading service, "Global Wasata", by adding new markets and features. In addition to the existing markets; Kuwait, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman, Global added the US and Egyptian markets to its online trading service, "Global Wasata". The company has also added a number of new features, including the possibility of funding the account directly using the e-payment gateway (KNET) in addition to applications for smartphones and tablets for both Apple and Android operating systems and printing account statements.

On this occasion, Abdul Rahman Walweel, Senior Manager, Brokerage at Global said: "We are constantly developing our online trading service, "Global Wasata", to cope with the indus-



try developments in terms of technology and responding to clients' requirements. By adding new markets, we will attract a wider client segment, whether in Kuwait or in any of our regional offices." It is worth noting that "Global Wasata" makes the trading process easier for clients through a single trading account in several stock markets, thus making the account management



Abdul Rahman Walweel

process smooth, simple and with highest levels of security. It is also equipped with sophisticated and flexible tools to help in making investment decisions such as trading information, market news, charts and historical data in addition to set up alerts and trading confirmation sent via SMS and e-mail messages.

DEAL OR NO DEAL, OIL **INVESTORS ARE PREPARING** FOR HIGHER PRICES

LONDON: The chance of an agreement to freeze or cut crude output when OPEC members meet next month might appear more distant now Iraq has joined those asking for an exemption, but investors are ramping up their bets that oil prices will rally.

The price of oil has this month risen to its highest so far this year, having gained more than 10 percent in the four weeks since the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed to cut production and rein excess global supply. Since the decision at a meeting in Algiers on Sept. 28, at which OPEC said it would seek to cut output to output to a range of 32.5-33.0 million barrels per day, from its current estimate of 33.24 million bpd.

Although there are questions hanging over how much each country will to it, investors have raised their bets in both futures and options at breakneck speed that oil prices will continue to rise. Data from the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and the InterContinental Exchange shows money managers have added to their bets on a rising crude price at the fastest monthly pace on record in October. Fund managers have bought nearly 218,000 lots of crude futures and options contracts in October alone, the largest monthly rise to date, as investors have taken heart from falling stockpiles. "While much of the oil market paints a picture of a commodity struggling under the weight of a huge surplus, statistical balances suggest that conditions have improved markedly," Barclays commodities analyst Kevin Norrish said in a note. — Reuters

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SAUDI AUSTERITY TO AFFECT HOME OWNERSHIP DRIVE

Housing prices could drop as much as 30%

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia's austerity drive will pressure people's ability to buy their own homes and could push housing prices in some segments down by nearly a third, the local director of real estate services firm JLL said yesterday. As low oil prices strain state finances, the government is being forced to cut spending and raise fees and taxes, hurting consumers' disposable incomes. Last month it announced cuts to allowances for employees in the public sector, where about two-thirds of Saudis work.

Such measures could slow government efforts to boost home ownership and Jamil Ghaznawi told the Reuters Middle East Investment Summit that prices of low- to middleincome homes could fall by as much as 30 percent. "Because of a lack of affordability and purchasing power and now as we see, reduction of salaries for government employees we foresee further pressure on affordability," Ghaznawi told the Summit, taking place in cities across the Middle East. "The demand is there, but the question is: Do these people have money to buy?" Housing and land prices have already dropped by as much as 10 percent and the fall could reach 30 percent if land prices continue to pull back from inflated levels, Ghaznawi added.

Ghaznawi estimated the shortage of low- and middle-income housing at 1 million homes, a figure which could increase because of Saudi Arabia's young and growing population. Over the past year, authorities have taken several steps to improve supply, including the introduction of a tax on undeveloped urban land to force more land into the market, licensing a national home finance company, and signing memorandums of understanding with local and foreign firms to build tens of thousands of units.

But the pace of construction has been slow, partly because potential buyers have found it hard to afford to purchase and because the finances of the construction sector have been weakened by government spending cuts.

SLOWER ACTIVITY

As a result, small and mid-sized developers - who provided 85 percent of the stock in the market have slowed their activity over the past year and a half, Ghaznawi said. In late 2014, the Saudi central bank introduced a rule imposing a 70 percent loan-to-value ratio for home loans, aiming to prevent excessive leveraging in the real estate sector. But Ghaznawi said the rule had limited commercial banks' ability to offer property loans. "There are only eight mortgage companies with total loans of about 5 billion riyals (\$1.3 billion), compared to banks which had provided over 170 billion riyals of mortgages over the past seven years." The net result of austerity policies and financing curbs, Ghaznawi said, is that housing projects which in the past might have been sold out in two years would now take much longer.—Reuters

BOEING TAKES ON PEERS, PARTNERS IN BID FOR REPLACEMENT

Boeing Co is aiming to win more of the lucrative market for replacement parts and repair services, pitting the plane maker against major suppliers who view that growing \$62 billion a year market as their turf. Boeing told Reuters it has added 35,000 parts to stocks it positions around the world to serve airlines in the last year, after analyzing its vast store of aircraft data to see where the parts will be needed. It has also cut prices on 24,000 parts to be more competitive, and it is expanding training and

Boeing is trying to capture more profit from spare parts made under license by suppliers as well. To get there, it is producing some new parts in house to gain control over repairs, and sifting its databases to help airlines predict when planes will need service. The maker of such flagship jets as the 787 Dreamliner and top-selling 737 has been building its aftermarket business for years. But as demand for planes has slowed over the last 18 months, Boeing is now turning more aggressively to spare parts and services to help meet its own ambitious targets of doubling overall margins to the mid-teens by 2020.

The main reason: a dollar of added aftermarket

sales. Boeing's aftermarket sales have risen over the last three years and are outpacing the 4.5 percent growth of the broad aftermarket, Dennis Floyd, vice president of services strategy and business development at Boeing, told Reuters.

"That means we're taking market share," he said. Boeing's effort is ratcheting up competition with many of its biggest suppliers, including Honeywell International Inc , United Technologies Corp and Rockwell Collins Inc, and repair operations such as Delta Air Lines Inc Technical Operations and Lufthansa Technik - which are all taking action to defend their lucrative franchises.

Aftermarket sales typically offer margins of 20 percent or more - which makes expanding its presence in that market crucial to Boeing's effort to hit Chief Executive Dennis Muilenburg's overall profitability goal, analysts say. Boeing doesn't break out aftermarket revenue, and has not publicly discussed its aftermarket strategy in detail. Analysts estimate parts and services generate about \$15 billion a year, or nearly 16 percent of Boeing's \$96 billion in annual sales, split roughly evenly between its commercial aircraft and defense businesses.

Industry experts say Boeing aims to more than

PHOENIX: In search of higher profits margins, sales is more valuable than a dollar of new aircraft triple aftermarket sales to as much as \$50 billion Newingham recently circled a small auxiliary aircraft over the next 10 years. Boeing declined to confirm a specific target, but the company's "leadership has set high aspirations," Floyd said. "We are investing heavily into these businesses."

Boeing has logged its largest number of orders for its "GoldCare" aircraft maintenance service this year, and now counts 60 customers and 2,200 planes in the program.

"We're seeing the returns on these investments,"

"COMPETIMATES"

Boeing partners with the likes of Honeywell Aerospace to do some repairs. But both are trying to increase their own sales of repairs and parts to airlines. That's why the two manufacturing heavyweights are "competimates," said Mike Beazley, vice president of aftermarket sales at Honeywell. "There's a segment of the market that will pay a premium to deal with one company" through Boeing GoldCare, he said. But many "would still like to have a direct relationship with the biggest suppliers."

At Honeywell Aerospace's 360,000 square-foot aftermarket center in Phoenix, the largest of its 40 repair stations around the globe, Andrew engine on his workbench. As a robotic voice called out questions and Newingham answered, a computer logged details about what work the engine needed, reducing to minutes what was formerly an hours-long task involving paper checklists and typing on a computer.

Honeywell aims to cut engine repair times to 20 calendar days or less, and offers upgrades and enhancements when engines come in for repairs. "What keeps us competitive and allows us to win new business is being able to offer speed," said Steve Foust, senior plant director. — Reuters

WINNING ON PRICE

Repair organizations also are reacting as Boeing and its European rival Airbus Group SE try to grab business. Boeing partners with Lufthansa Technik on some services. But it also undercuts Lufthansa on

Low-cost, long-haul airline Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA, for example, considered several service groups, including Lufthansa Technik. In the end it picked GoldCare to maintain its 737 MAX and 787 jets, Asgeir Nyseth, chief operating officer of Norwegian Group, said in an interview. — Reuters

FOR BRITISH BANK START-UP, BREXIT HAS SILVER LINING

LONDON: Rishi Khosla didn't vote for Brexit, but he says it has proven a boon for his new start-up bank. OakNorth was just nine months old, with a new loan book of 100 million pounds, when Britain voted in June to leave the European Union. As sterling and stocks around the world tumbled in the hours after the vote, he gathered his staff to go over every loan in the book and in the pipeline. They decided to tweak the terms of just two deals-and, instead of retreating, keep lending.

Since then, OakNorth has doubled its loan book to 200 million pounds, with another 60 million awaiting final approval. "Brexit is something that has actually had a massively positive impact on the business," Khosla, chief executive officer of OakNorth, told Reuters at his offices in London's Mayfair area. Thanks in part to the surge in business, his new bank broke even in August, seven months earlier than expected.

The conventional wisdom is that leaving the European Union, by hurting Britain's economy, will doubly hurt its banks, and that small banks with potentially greater exposure to weaker loans will be hurt more

But for some in the tiny but rapidly growing sector of start-ups known as "challenger banks", Brexit could offer more opportunities to find business. If tightening conditions force big banks to retreat from lending, smaller banks may have a bigger

"The big banks are very constrained in what they can do. Yes, they have cheap funding but they also need to get loans through model-driven credit approval processes," Khosla said.

"They don't have people in branches making credit decisions anymore. You throw it into a computer program and it gives you a green light or not. But we have people making those decisions."

Britain's start-up challenger banks were born after the 2008 financial crisis, when the Bank of England lowered the capital requirements to set up new banks. Since then, the upstarts have yet to be tested by a major economic crisis, and some analysts who study the sector have been pes-

"The impact of the EU referendum result- slower volumes, delayed operating leverage, lower margins, asset quality issues-are likely to be more pronounced in the Challenger Bank sector than the incumbents," Citi said in a recent note. Share prices at some of the largest start-up lenders have been hit badly in 2016, despite strong first-half lending and deposit growth at the likes of Virgin Money, Shawbrook, Aldermore and newly-listed

Nevertheless, British banks are still busy writing loans. While the outlook for Britain's housing market remains uncertain, data published on Thursday by the Council of Mortgage Lenders estimated gross lending of 63.6 billion pounds in the third quarter of the year, up 11 percent on the previous quarter and up 4 percent on the corresponding period in 2015.

EXPANDING

Most of Britain's small banks are publicly listed and therefore restricted from revealing how their balance sheets have fared since the Brexit vote until they release their third quarter results, which are due in coming days. But before the vote they were growing fast.

Metro Bank more than doubled the size of its loan book in the year to June 30, to 4.6 billion pounds from 2.2 billion. Shawbrook's net loan growth for the first half of 253 million pounds was up 28 percent annualized. Aldermore reported 21 percent growth in lending on an annualized basis in the first half of the year. It cut savings rates for the second time in seven months in October, as deposit growth surged faster than it could find lending opportunities.

For institutional fund managers, representing hundreds of millions of pounds in potential investment in the sector, the main concern is that start-up banks can achieve meaningful business or mortgage lending growth only by taking on risky borrowers shunned by more established

Khosla at OakNorth acknowledges that keeping a tight grip on credit risk is "the most important thing" for a new entrant, but denies the model automatically requires taking excessive risk. He describes his clients as established borrowers, "people who have actually built a business and who are now looking to scale that business". "We don't lend to start-ups. These are midmarket companies with revenues of 10-100 million pounds," he said. As an example, he says OakNorth loaned 19 million pound to Leon, a growing fastfood chain with dozens of restaurants, shortly after the Brexit vote.

Still, investing in the small bank sector is mostly a highly-leveraged bet on the fundamentals of the British economy, analysts at Barclays said in a note earlier this month, although they said "comfortable capital ratios and low valuation multiples should provide significant insulation".

Khosla, 41, a former investment banker who worked at ABN Amro, GE Capital and the venture capital businesses of steel baron Lakshmi Mittal, still expects Brexit to damage the British economy. But he does not think that will kill off small banks. "There is a high probability that the UK will go into a recession. Do I think the economy will stop? No. The economy will still run. It will still turn so there will still be opportunities." — Reuters



MUMBAI: India's Tata Group's interim Chairman Ratan Tata (second left) leaves Bombay House, the company's head office, in Mumbai yesterday. Shares in Tata Sons companies fell in early trade yesterday after India's biggest conglomerate shocked the Indian business world and abruptly sacked its chairman Cyrus Mistry. — AFP

TATA VOWS 'STABILITY' AFTER SHOCK SACKING OF MISTRY

FAMILY PATRIARCH RATAN TATA TAKES INTERIM CHARGE

MUMBAI: Family patriarch Ratan Tata sought to reassure rattled investors of stability at India's biggest conglomerate yesterday after the sudden sacking of chairman Cyrus Mistry sent Tata company shares falling.

Seventy-eight-year old Tata has taken interim charge of the sprawling \$100 billion tea-to-steel Tata Group, after Mistry was abruptly dumped on Monday evening, four years after being appointed chairman. The sacking stunned the Indian business world and sparked a fall in shares at Tata Sons firms yesterday as Indian media carried reports that Mistry could take legal action.

Tata, who had stepped down as chairman after two decades and was replaced by Mistry in 2012, held some two hours of talks with CFOs of TATA's numerous companies at the group's headquarters in Mumbai yesterday. According to a company statement after the meeting, Tata told them he had assumed the chairmanship "for stability and continuity so that there is no vacuum".

Tata told them to focus on their respective businesses and not be distracted by the leadership change. "This will be for a short time. A new permanent leadership will be in place," the statement quoted Tata as saying. The search for a successor to Mistry was likely to take four months, Tata Sons said in a short statement on the dismissal on Monday. Tata Sons is the holding company of India's most famous family conglomerate which has at least 100 companies in its portfolio spanning as many countries.

Tata is credited with building it into a global behemoth during his time at the helm. Under his leadership, the organization went on a global purchasing spree, acquiring major names ranging from Tetley Tea to Jaguar Land Rover and the Anglo-Dutch steel firm Corus in 2007 for \$13.7 billion.

However parts of the group's business have been struggling of late, with Tata Steel finding it difficult to offload its loss-making British assets and Tata Consultancy Services being squeezed by the sluggish global economy as clients rein in spending.

Founded in 1868

Mistry was declared heir to Tata in November 2011, a year before he took over the top position. He became only the sixth chairman in the almost 150-year history of the Indian giant which was founded by Parsi industrialist Jamsetji Tata in 1868. The abruptness of Mistry's sacking was uncharacteristic for the company, with analysts claiming Tata had finally lost patience with the 48-year-old's failure to resolve a long-running \$1.17 billion arbitration dispute with NTT Docomo and his focus on divesting non-profitable businesses.

Tata Steel sank 2.50 percent in afternoon trade, IT giant Tata Consultancy Services was down 1.19 percent, with car manufacturing giant Tata Motors also in the red. Mistry squashed speculation that he was considering legal action over his dismissal.

"While the circumstances are being studied, there is no basis to media speculation about litigation at this stage. As and when a public statement becomes necessary, it would be made," read a statement released by the Shapoorji Pallonji Group. The group, founded by Mistry's father, is a major shareholder in Tata Sons and had reportedly been ready to claim that it was illegal to sack the chairman without a 15-day notice period. — AFP

LUXEMBOURG: Protestors hold inflatable letters as they demonstrate outside a meeting of EU trade ministers at the EU Council building in Luxembourg. The small Belgian region of Wallonia is currently holding up the signature of a landmark free trade deal uniting over 500 million European Union citizens and 35 million Canadians. — AP

DESPITE IMPROVING US ECONOMY, CREDIT LAGS IN LARGE AREAS

WASHINGTON: As the US recovery has gradually improved economic prospects of families, on-time payments and access to credit have improved, but there remain large areas where people are being left behind. Many people still cannot access traditional forms of credit, or have high credit delinquency rates, according to the New York Federal Reserve Bank's Community Credit report released Monday.

And even in healthy credit states there are pockets of serious problems, according to the data, which can provide tools for local governments and community groups to target their efforts.

There are counties that have "really low or adverse numbers and have had those numbers for years. It's a tale of two cities, the good right next to the troubled," said Kausar Hamdani, senior vice president in the Communications and Outreach Group at the New York Fed. For the entire United States, the share of adults with a credit card or a home equity credit line improved to 69.7 percent at the end of 2015, up from the post-crisis low of 67.7 percent in 2013.

But far fewer people can count on these forms of credit than before the crisis, as the rate was 75 percent in 2005, the report showed. The data show more people are making sure to pay their bills on time. Those who were never more than 30 days past due on their credit payments in each quarter, the on-time payers, rose to 77.7 percent last year, from a crisis low of 74.1 percent in 2009.

And it appears Americans have learned some lessons about credit from the crisis: the on-time payer rate is well above the 76.3 percent seen before the crisis in 2005.

Regional differences

But the New York Fed's online community credit heat maps, which provide pictures of the credit status by state and county for the past decade, illustrate in bright colors how the good news at the national level is countered by vast areas of not-so-good news.

In nearly half the states, mostly in the South and Midwest, less than 70 percent of adults have access to a credit card or home equity line, and in seven Southern states the rate is less than 60 percent. The on-time payment rate across the South also lags well behind the national rate, in many of those states below 70 percent. Even in states with the best credit picture, the heat maps show the pockets of problems: in Virginia, counties just outside the nation's capital have on-time payment rates above 80 percent, but in the southeastern corner of they state they are in the low 70s.

Hamdani helped develop this credit data tool, first released last year, to fill in big data gaps.

"It seemed to me we needed something, a common base of information so we could have a sensible discussion not just about policy but about where the problems are and the dimension of those problems," she said. The data is useful to groups working on consumer credit repair or access to credit, as well as local government officials, who need to understand the extent of the "two cities" problem. Jonathan Mintz, president of the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, which helps cities in their efforts to improve financial stability of low-income families, is enthusiastic about the potential for the data to help policymakers, calling it "a golden tool." — AFP

WORLD STOCKS CLIMB AS ECONOMIC CONFIDENCE RISES

LONDON: World markets had a swagger about same. The region's mining firms were the standthem yesterday as upbeat economic data and signs of a revival in inflation pushed up stocks and commodity prices and kept the dollar at a nine-month high. Wall Street was set to tick higher with consumer confidence figures due and analysts already tucking into healthy-looking earnings from Procter & Gamble, General Motors and drugs giant Merck, but also a profit downgrade from Caterpillar.

Europe had been cheered as Germany's Dax hit its highest level of the year after the closelywatched Ifo survey beat expectations a day after purchasing manager numbers had done the out performers though. They hit a 14-month top as zinc surged to a five-year peak and iron ore reached its highest since mid-2014, all of which should pick up the pulse of inflation globally. "We are seeing a pick-up of economic activity against the backdrop of only one central bank - the Fed that is likely to tighten policy and that is supporting asset markets," said CMC Markets senior analyst Michael Hewson.

Dollar takes breather

In foreign exchange markets, the dollar took a breather having reached its highest since early February against other top currencies as traders continued to add to the bets on a December US interest rate rise. China's yuan went the other way, hitting its lowest since "offshore" trading was introduced in 2010 as Beijing nudged down official rates again. It traded as soft as 6.7882 yuan per dollar. The currency's fall of more than 1.5 percent since the end of September has stirred renewed suspicion of a possible extended slide in the yuan, even though officials have reiterated their expectations for a stable currency. But the weakness has revived memories of a shock yuan devaluation last August and another rapid depreciation early this year - falls that triggered a bout of global market turmoil. Analysts pointed out, however, that during this round of yuan weakness, global risk sentiment was holding up. "That highlights the extent to which dollar gains are unlikely to be as extended as they were (in the past)," said BNP Paribas currency strategist Sam Lynton-Brown, in London.

GOLDEN MINERS

The cheer around the mining sector was increased further as a production update thrust London-listed giant Anglo American's shares up over 3 percent to take their gains this year to almost 270 percent. The staggering rise has made Anglo the top performing stock on Europe's STOXX 600 this year. In Asia, Japan's Nikkei rose 0.7 percent to close at a six-month high as a softening yen burnished the outlook for the country's exporters. Australian stocks added 0.6 percent and Taiwan 0.7 percent.

Wall Street was taking encouragement from upbeat corporate results. Over one third of US companies have now reported and 80 percent have beaten market expectations. Another third of the S&P 500 components are scheduled to report earnings later this week, including heavyweights Apple, Alphabet, Amazon and Boeing.

Merger and acquisition activity added extra fizz in the wake of AT&T Inc's \$85.4 billion bid for Time Warner Inc , though the deal seemed destined to face stringent scrutiny from regulators. Safe-haven bonds were feeling the strain of the bullish mood elsewhere with US Treasury yields up to almost 1.78 percent again and European yields creeping higher.

The dollar rose in Asia yesterday as the chances of an interest rate hike were further boosted, while most stock markets recovered from early losses to track a Wall Street lead higher. US markets rallied Monday on the back of another upbeat round of corporate earnings and a provisional reading that showed activity in the US manufacturing sector expanded at a faster rate than expected. That came as St. Louis Federal Reserve President James Bullard said December was "most likely" the best time for a tightening of borrowing costs. And Fed Bank of Chicago President Charles Evans said he saw three hikes by the end of next year. "Bullard did not mince words and explicitly gave the green light for a December lift-off, but suggested that the longer term rate cycle is much lower," Stephen Innes, a senior trader at OANDA, said in a note. The Fed meets next month but is expected to stand pat as that comes just days before the presidential election. In afternoon Asian trade, the dollar bought 104.45 yen, up from 104.21 yen in New York, while the pound also retreated against the US unit and the euro was virtually unchanged. Most other Asia-Pacific currencies also weakened, with the South Korean won down 0.3 percent and Australian dollar 0.1 percent off. The Canadian dollar was also down on expectations that a free-trade deal with the EU was on the verge of collapse

despite seven years of talks. —Agencies



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Tuesday 25 October 2016

Daily Kuwait Stock Exchange Report

Index	С	hange	Closing	Last Closing	High	Low
Price index	A	47.49	5,389.01	5,341.52	5,389.19	5,338.78
Weighted Index		6.53	355.25	348.72	355.97	348.72
KSX 15		19.75	831.38	811.63	834.56	811.63

78	Volume	178,192,524
2	Value (KWD)	31,009,444
3	Number of Trades	4,287

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SHIP	162	156	318,000	49,729	26	156	_	0.0
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MAYADEEN	29.5	28.5	1,130,448	32,724	15	29.0		0.5
CGC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	650	_	0.0
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MUBARRAD	53	51	164,000	8,422	19	52	-	0.0
LOGISTICS	74	72	279,616	20,432	8	72		-2.0
SCEM	80	80	10,000	800	1	80	-1	0.0
GCEM	75	74	205,460	15,224	4	74	1-1	0.0
QIC	69	69	3,891	268	1	69		1.0
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SRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	370	-	0.0	
TAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	540	-	0.0	
AREEC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	142	-	0.0	
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ARABREC	28.5	26.5	2,786,494	77,532	49	28.5	Α	1.5	,
ERESCO	39.5	38.5	113,000	4,414	5	39.5	_	0.0	
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MUNSHAAT	45.0	42.5	636,659	28,163	25	44.0	-	0.0	
FIRSTDUBAI	47.5	45.0	3,872,696	178,864	151	47.0	A	1.0	
KBT	38.5	37.5	1,182,150	44,706	40	38.5	A	1.5	
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MENA	18.5	18.5	40,100	742	2	18.5	-	0.0	
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IFA	31.0	29.5	4,713,048	143,323	83	30.0		0.5	
NINV	112	106	4,064,503	444,381	91	110	A	2.0	
KPROJ	500	500	1,028,600	514,300	38	500	-	0.0	
COAST	41.5	39.5	4,701,625	190,275	87	41.5	A	2.5	
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KMEFIC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	23.0	_	0.0	
ALAMAN	45.0	43.0	169,850	7,465	19	45.0		2.5	
ALOLA	46.0	43.5	689,250	30,735	60	45.0	-	0.0	
ALMAL	22.5	21.0	7,639,734	166,810	134	21.5		0.5	
GIH	25.0	24.0	136,947	3,401	9	24.5	A	0.5	
AAYAN	29.0	28.0	1,211,830	34,267	37	28.5	A	0.5	
BAYANINV	31.5	30.0	1,352,906	41,894	47	31.5	A	1.5	
OSOUL	40.5	40.5	1,500	61	1	40.5		0.0	
KFIC	35.5	34.5	45,150	1,576	12	35.5		0.5	
KAMCO	116	110	14,491	1,654	3	116	¥	-2.0	
NIH	53	52	2,387	125	2	53	A	1.0	
ISKAN	44.0	42.0	2,685,233	115,725	76	43.5		-0.5	
MADAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	12.5	_	0.0	
ALDEERA	34.5	33.0	258,799	8,800	22	34.5	A	1.0	
ALSALAM	41.5	39.5	6,090,515	246,940	100	41.5		2.5	
EKTTITAB	38.0	36.5	1,171,044	43,357	50	37.0	A	0.5	
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TAIBA	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	75	-	0.0	
KSHC	30.0	28.5	1,114,465	32,414	49	30.0	A :	1.0	
ASIYA	30.0	29.0	392,665	11,767	6	30.0	_	0.0	
GNAHC	31.5	29.5	1,308,638	39,832	37	31.5	A	2.5	
AMWAL	20.5	18.0	1,072,100	20,575	63	20.0		-0.5	
ALIMTIAZ	74	72	818,750	59,982	16	74		2.0	
MANAZEL	27.5	26.0	654,643	17,519	21	27.5	A .	1.5	
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BIIHC	27.0	26.0	1,737,509	46,392	34	26.5	A	0.5	
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MILLENNIALS, GLOBAL DEMAND DRIVE FORD'S SUV LINEUP GROWTH

Ford sold more than 1.5 million SUVs last year around the globe

KUWAIT: Ford has a long history of SUV leadership, with all-time favourite nameplates such as Escape, Edge, Explorer and Expedition setting the benchmarks for their segments since their debut. Having sold more than 1.5 million SUVs globally last year and plans to introduce four allnew SUV's in the next five years, Ford is sure to reinforce that leadership.

"Currently in the Middle East and Africa, SUVs account for 16 per cent of the industry share and forecasts suggest a rise to 31 per cent by 2025," said Kalyana Sivagnanam, VP for Marketing, Sales and Service, Ford Middle East and Africa. "And with a continuous flow of class-leading products such as the recently launched all-new Ford Edge in the Middle East region, the upcoming introduction of the all-new Ford Everest out of South Africa, and more on the way over the next five years, Ford is on track to grow its product offerings with an extensive lineup of SUVs in the MEA region."

Ford helped create the SUV segment with the Explorer more than 25 years ago. Since then it has sold more than eight million globally, or one every two minutes. In the next five years, Ford's SUV lineup will be completely new or refreshed, delivering smart technologies, enhanced safety features, and superior comfort and capability that empower Ford SUV owners to go anywhere, anytime.

Recent Ford research has shown that once millennials - an age group entering their prime child-rearing years - begin thinking about starting a family, their interest in shopping for SUVs is piqued significantly.

From the legendary full-size Expedition to the mid-size Explorer and Everest SUVs; the seven-passenger utility Flex, to the small, chic Escape SUV, and the compact urban EcoSport CUV, Ford is showing the strength of its global utility portfolio. This packed stable - lead by refined, boldlystyled new flagship CUV, the Ford Edge gives not only millennials, but also baby boomers, a full range of exceptional utility vehicles to choose from.



When launched a decade ago, Edge helped define the crossover sport utility vehicle segment. With a car-based design, Edge delivered better on-road comfort, fuel efficiency and overall driving dynamics than any truck-based SUV. It was proof a utility vehicle could meet the demanding needs of an everyday commuter, and it soon became its segment leader in the Middle East.

The all-new Ford Edge has been remade in almost every single detail, always keeping in mind the customer, who expects something premium, powerful and special. With a structure more rigid than ever and a suspension tuned to the highest global standards, the Edge is a high-tech utility that delivers a special driving experience customers will feel from their first moments behind the wheel, and is primed to reset the standard in the two-row utility vehicle market.

Joining Edge is Ford's signature full-size

SUV, Explorer, a centrepiece of Ford's global utility vehicle lineup because it delivers an ideal combination of form and function. Introduced in 1990 as a 1991 model, Explorer featured generous interior space customers were looking for, and was engineered specifically for people seeking adventure for their families and a way to express their individuality. And that's still true today, with its popularity unwavering as America's best-selling three-row SUV.

Ford's biggest SUV, the Ford Expedition, enjoys an existence as a serious contender in the Middle East's full-size SUV segment and one of the most capable and safest SUV in its category. The latest model is the most powerful, fuel-efficient Expedition to date, with a 3.5-litre EcoBoost V6 engine delivering 370PS and best-in-class torque. Customers appreciate the space, performance, comfort and capability the Expedition delivers for up to eight passengers.

Escape is the second best-selling vehicle in the Ford lineup globally, only behind the Ford F-150. Ford Escape's popularity is born of its reputation for great fuel economy, versatility and technology aimed at helping customers - all in a sleek design. This is a competitive segment, and Escape offers features and amenities that make it irresistible to customers. Escape's signature technology is its available hands-free liftgate that allows fast and easy access to the cargo area with a gentle kicking motion. Along with versatility, great fuel economy is another reason Escape is popular with customers.

Stylish package

Ford Flex is a seven-passenger utility vehicle that offers power, efficiency, technology and driver-assist features in one stylish package. It comes standard with a 3.5-litre V6 engine featuring twin independent variable camshaft timing to con-

trol when the valves open and close for improved performance. This advanced V6 delivers 291 PS and 344 Nm of torque, and is mated to an equally advanced six-speed SelectShift automatic transmission. Also available on Flex is the 3.5-litre twin-turbocharged EcoBoost V6 engine producing 370 PS and 475 NM of torque from 1,500 rpm to 5,250 rpm.

Rounding out Ford's current SUV lineup is the compact EcoSport, featuring bold lines, contemporary shape and a sophisticated interior, all reflecting its credentials as a capable, flexible and practical urban SUV.

The EcoSport provides roomy space for five, a high driving position with outstanding visibility, a refined cabin environment engineered for quiet operation, carefully selected and matched materials, and a modern design ethos. It all adds up to make the Ford EcoSport a compelling alternative to the run-of-the-mill compact car, and ideal those just starting families.

"Utility vehicles are more than a necessity in the Middle East, they're also a lifestyle choice," added Sivagnanam. "Ford SUVs have proven their credentials time and again, and continue to be set benchmarks for innovation and quality. As the sales grow both globally and regionally, so too will the Ford SUV lineup, evident by the four new nameplates planned within the next five years. We are in the business of creating not just high-quality vehicles that customers want, but also giving the customer a holistic premium experience and technologies, and that is what gives Ford the edge."

To explore the Ford SUV lineup, please visit the Alghanim Auto New Vehicle Showroom in the Shuwaikh Industrial Area, opposite from the Classical Car Museum and Sirbb Circuit. The showroom working hours are Saturday through Thursday from 9AM to 8PM. For more information, customers can call the customer care center at 1898900; visit www.fordalghanim.com or directly on social media channels at the handle @FordAlghanim.



BURGAN BANK INVITES PREMIER **CUSTOMERS TO WATCH MOVIE** 'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES'

KUWAIT: Stemming from its wide range of valuable privileges specially designated to its Premier Account holders, Burgan Bank, in collaboration with Grand Cinemas, invited its Premier Banking customers 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 Luxury Center, on Thursday October 20th, 2016. Each premier customer was entitled to two free seats whereby they had the choice of reserving to any of the three shows that were exclusively available for them on that

day at the "Grand Class VIP" lounge.

Burgan Bank is committed to rewarding its Premier Banking customers with exclusive offers that are tailor-made for their own lifestyle and aspirations, and will continue accommodating optimal customer convenience with the provision of added value benefits inside and outside Kuwait.

For more information about Premier Banking, customers are urged to visit their nearest Burgan Bank branch or contact the call center on 1804080, or visit the bank's website on www.burgan.com.



SEOUL: People walk cross the road in front of the Bank of Korea in Seoul yesterday. A massive recall of Samsung smartphones and strikes at Hyundai Motor took a toll on South Korea's economy in the third quarter, with the slowest growth in more than a year. — AFP

GALAXY NOTE RECALL, HYUNDAI STRIKE HIT S KOREA'S GROWTH

SEOUL: South Korea's third-quarter growth slipped to its lowest level in more than a year in the first indication of the growing impact of Samsung Galaxy Note 7 recalls on the broader economy. The Bank of Korea, the central bank, said in a preliminary estimate yesterday that Asia's fourth-largest economy expanded 2.7 percent during the July-September quarter over a year earlier, the slowest pace since the second quarter of 2015.

The economy grew 0.7 percent on a quarterly basis. Quarterly growth has not topped 1 percent during 2016.

Manufacturing fell 1 percent from a year earlier in July-September, compared with a 1.2 percent gain in the second quarter. That was the biggest drop in more than five years. The full impact of the recalls of 2.5 million potentially fire-prone Note 7s is likely to be seen in coming months. The premier smartphones were launched in late August and recalled in September. Samsung discontinued the product after finding that replacement phones it was providing customers also were a fire hazard.

Production, exports and consumption of handsets suffered "a big impact" from Samsung's recalls, Bank of Korea official Lee Kwan-kyo said. He said the exact size of the impact was not clear from the preliminary data. A strike at Hyundai Motors likely also contributed to a weakening in industrial output, Lee said. Given South Korea's reliance on Samsung for exports and investments, the recall is a source of concerns for top economic policymakers. — AP

ETIHAD LAUNCHES GLOBAL SALES CAMPAIGN IN KUWAIT

EXPLORE AMAZING DESTINATIONS WITH FARES STARTING FROM KD 121

KUWAIT: Etihad Airways has launched its global sales campaign in Kuwait, with special fares to a wide range of destinations for travel until June

Guests have between 25 and 31 October 2016, to take advantage of this amazing offer, and can book on etihad.com or via their local travel agent. Travel validity for bookings made under this promotion will be from 15 January to 30 June 2017.

Fares start from KD 121 in Economy Class and from KD 448 in Business Class, to the world's most popular destinations. In addition, members of the airline's loyalty program, Etihad Guest, will be able to earn miles on all fares in the sale.

Etihad Airways recently received the Skytrax Certified 5-Star Airline rating - the most coveted quality standard in the airline industry, further strengthening its position as a leader in innovative guest experience, service and hospitality.

Etihad Aviation Group (EAG) is a diversified global aviation and travel group comprising four business divisions - Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, Etihad Airways



Engineering, Hala Group and Airline Equity Partners. The group has minority investments in seven airlines: Airberlin, Air Serbia, Air Seychelles, Alitalia, Jet Airways, Virgin Australia, and Swissbased Darwin Airline, trading as Etihad Regional.

From its Abu Dhabi base, Etihad Airways flies to, or has announced plans to serve, 117 passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas. The airline has a fleet of 123 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, with 204 aircraft on firm order, including 71 Boeing 787s, 25 Boeing 777Xs, 62 Airbus A350s and 10 Airbus A380s. For more information, please visit:

AUB HOLDS DRAW OF AL-HASSAD ISLAMIC SAVING PROGRAM

KUWAIT: Ahli United Bank held its weekly draw of Al-Hassad Islamic Saving program on October 19 2016. This program offers the biggest prize amount to the largest number of winners. The prize program succeeded in becoming the first prize account in Kuwait compliant with the Islamic Shari'a principles. The program has been developed to fulfil the needs of the Bank customers and increase their opportunities in winning sizeable and attractive prizes in addition to enjoying the latest banking advantages that Ahli United Bank provides.

On this occasion, the bank issued the following press release: Al Hassad Islamic Saving program offers the highest amounts of prizes which amount to KD 3.4 million per year. This Program also offers 26 weekly prizes, with the highest number of weekly winners. The Islamic Hassad Saving Account may be opened by the lowest amount to open an account, which is KD 100.

The winner of the weekly grand prize in the amount of KD 25,000 is: George Malek Azzam.

The winners of the KD 1,000 prize each: Basem Alsayed Al Tanani, Mohammad Fhaid Al Ajmi, Ghazala Mousa Naseeb, MSA MFikree, Abdultawab Baker Abdultawab, Maryam Ali Faraj, Hasan Mehsen Al Bsairi, Tatiana Ivanova Mirkova, Fouad Hussain Ali, Bader Habeb Alawad, Khatmah Bateh Al Enezi, Mohamad Bashar Abulthahab , Ali Husain Kakouli , Dalal Mohammad Al Quoud, Tareq E H Almulla, Shereen Mohammad Agad, Alia Bader Al Suhaim, Khaled Essa Almuhanna, Amer Abdel Rahman, Salwa Latif Shukr, Muhammad Tahir Muhammad, Fatima Ahmed Abbas, Adel Yousif Abdulrahman, Nazha Hilal Rashid.

The prize program of "Al Hassad Islamic Saving" from Ahli United Bank offers a weekly grand prize worth KD 25,000 in addition to 25 weekly prizes worth a total of KD 25,000 distributed to 25 prizes, KD 1,000 for each winner.

In addition, prizes of Al-Hassad Islamic saving program from Ahli United Bank offer 4



quarterly grand prizes announced in quarterly draws. Each is a "Salary for Life" prize which is

In general, Ahli United Bank continues to offer innovative tools and means to meet the needs of its customers to match the Bank's long history of distinctive services which extend over 74 years during which the Bank managed to take the lead among local banks. For further information about "Al Hassad Islamic Saving" account, customers may call at any Ahli United Bank branch, or call: "Hayakom" service at Tel.:

GERMAN CONFIDENCE REBOUNDS AS ANALYSTS WARN AGAINST HUBRIS

FRANKFURT: German business confidence has hit a two-year high, the Ifo economic institute said yesterday, suggesting the country had shaken off post-Brexit blues, but analysts warned of a possible slowdown ahead.

The Munich institute's headline business confidence index hit 110.5 points in October, up one point from the September reading of 109.5, and the highest level since April 2014. A plunge in the index over July and August was blamed by observers on Britain's June 23 vote to quit the EU, but a spring had returned to German businesses' step by September.

"The upturn in the German economy is gathering impetus," Ifo president Clemens Fuest said in a statement. September's surprise confidence rebound had prompted Fuest to predict a "golden autumn" for Europe's largest economy. In the event, business people's mood in October beat the forecasts of analysts surveyed by Factset, who had predicted the indicator would remain flat. Sub-indexes measuring businesses' opinion of the current economic situation and the outlook for the coming six months both rose. Expectations saw an especially strong surge, reaching 106.1 points-an increase of 1.6 points over September's figure. Both the manufacturing and construction

sectors were confident about the future, with building firms' expectations hitting a new record high. Retailers' mood was largely unchanged from September, while wholesalers' view of both the current climate and the coming months darkened slightly. Tuesday's data comes on top of strong Monday readings in the purchasing managers' index (PMI) — a survey of activity in private companies-in Germany and the whole eurozone. On the back of October's PMI and comforting industrial production data for August, the Ifo reading "suggests that the German economy continued to perform well in the second half of 2016," Jennifer McKeown of Capital Economics said. But she pointed to a likely slight slowing of growth in Europe's economic powerhouse in 2017, as infla-

tion begins to weigh on consumer spending. "Leading indicators have swung back onto an upwards trend," agreed Stefan Kipar of BayernLB bank, although "it's too soon to sound the final allclear on the economy". Kipar pointed to a constitutional referendum in Italy and the US presidential election in the next two months as "potential pitfalls" for confidence, adding that the true impact of Brexit may come when Britain launches its two-year divorce negotiation period, expected by the end of March next year. — AFP

YOUNG GULF ARABS MORE LIKELY TO BOYCOTT BRANDS OVER POLITICS THAN THEIR ME PEERS

8TH ASDA'A BURSON-MARSTELLER ARAB YOUTH SURVEY

in the Gulf states - and almost 60 per cent of youth in Saudi Arabia, the region's largest market - would consider boycotting a brand for political reasons, according to a finding from the 2016 ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller Arab Youth Survey. That is more than for Arab youth as whole, with 38 per cent of GCC youth saying they would boycott a brand, against 29 per cent for Arab youth across the region. In the GCC states, 13 per cent say they would not boycott a brand, while 40 per cent said 'maybe', with the rest saying they did not know. In the Levant, only 21 per cent said they would boycott for political reasons, similar to North Africa with 27 per cent. In Saudi Arabia, 57 per cent of young Arabs said they would boycott a brand, against just 8 per cent who said they would not.

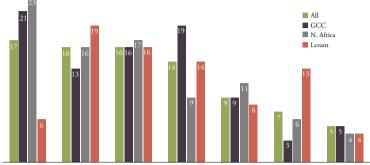
Young Arabs are also conscious of where their favored brands hail from: 52 per cent of all young Arabs say a brand's country of origin matters to them, while 44 percent say it does not. This is most

DUBAI: More than a third of young Arabs pronounced in GCC, where 58 percent say origin does matter, and least in Levant, where a similar number, 55 per cent, say it does not. "These findings reveal that young Arabs really think about where a brand comes from, not just in terms of perceived quality, but also in terms of the politics of the country of origin," said Sunil John, chief executive of ASDA'A Burson-Marsteller. "The Arab world, with its 200 million youth, is an increasingly important market for today's multinationals, but in today's globalized world, the power of that demographic can see them shut out of large parts of this market over developments beyond their control."

US brands are the most popular among Arabs as a whole, with 17 per cent putting the US at the top of a list of favored countries of origin, followed by Germany, France, Japan, Italy, China and South Korea. However, while this view is pronounced in the GCC and North Africa (21 and 23 percent prefer US brands respectively) in the Levant US brands are viewed extremely unfavorably, coming



US BRANDS APPEAL TO YOUNG GCC ARABS. BUT NOT TO LEVANT YOUTH



6thon the list with just 6 percent picking US brands, putting them behind those from Germany, France, Japan, China and Italy. This contrasting view is borne out by a more pointed question, which asked: 'What is your general attitude towards

American brands?' While the overall figure revealed 41 percent of young Arabs view US brands positively, more than half of Gulf youth (54 per cent) have a favorable view of US brands, with 18 per cent having a negative view, while only 23 per

cent of young people in the Levant see US brands in a positive light, with more than a third (36 per cent) viewing US brands negatively.

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 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.

AL-MAZAYA HOLDING ACHIEVES 82% OCCUPANCY RATE IN ITS MAZAYA LOGISTICS PROJECT IN BAHRAIN

MANAMA: The ML consists of 44 industrial units divided into different areas ranging from 316 & 577 square metres up to 15,250 square metres. The project boasts spaces that are suitable for multiple purposes such as warehouses, offices, industrial workshops and factories. Moreover, it is characterised by flexible design concepts and competitive prices.

With state-of-the-art infrastructure and integrated services, such as facility management, cleaning services, maintenance and security, Mazaya Logistics serves as a main destination for logistics business and investment, and a regional and international hub for production, export, import and re-export activities. By leasing the remaining industrial units, Al-Mazaya Holding is striving to develop and expand this model on the local and regional level, as part of



Dalal Al-Nafisi

its strategy to advance the progress of the logistics sector. The aim is to make this industry the destination of choice for investors and businessmen to keep pace with global economic developments. Strategically located in a prime area, the project will provide the best facilities and services to help investors thrive.

With a broad range of incentives and components for success, Mazava Logistics is well-positioned to be a vital project that supports the corporate tenants and promotes their enterprises. The project will redefine the determinants of local and international trade to boost prosperity in the region

Major local and international firms operating in industrial, freight logistics, transportation, storage and supply-chain management sectors have rushed to book their units at Mazaya Logistics. These conglomerates account for the majority of demand for the units in the complex. This highly attractive project, which serves multiple modern industries, has become a favoured base for reputed manufacturers and exporters.

Many firms received their sites and are preparing to set up their enterprises. The range of nationalities of foreign tenants is due to the strategic cooperation and investment partnership between Bahrain and most countries of the world. In addition, Mazaya Logistics is striving to attract reputed companies from European and American markets, as well as the Japanese firms that specialised in strategic and logistics indus-

An extensive marketing campaign is being implemented in a number of Arab and foreign countries with a focus on attracting various industries, such as container, vehicles, energy, chemical equipment, foodstuffs, marine equipment, logistics and engineering metals. Evaluation studies on various markets are carried out on regular basis to explore potential

Dalal Al-Nafisi, Senior Manager of Property Department at Al-Mazaya, said: "There is an increasing demand for high-quality industrial units this year, particularly those related to manufacturing and logistics sector. Mazaya Logistics is a robust investment market, highly attractive for those investors and businessmen who are seeking to relocate their business. The high occupancy rate and competitive prices, combined with numerous other factors, contribute to establishing a real market with attractive returns and fixed income during the coming period." She clarified that Mazaya Logistics is an ideal platform for business and is aimed at ment opportunities and promote connections and partnerships among businessmen. The project will support economic growth, non-oil trade, iob creation and foreign currency deposits in the region. It is a vital project that supports the development of a diverse knowledge-based

She added that Al-Mazaya Holding, in collaboration with Majal Company, provides all the necessary facilities to support demand for the project, which is well-placed due to its accessibility to the investment base in Bahrain Investment Wharf.

The location attracted a group of local and international companies to set up their enterprises in main industries. These activities support a strategic focus on industry and logistics, drive the region's economic growth and help meet the objectives of the project.

She stressed that Al-Mazaya Holding is committed to capitalizing investment opportunities, expanding and diversifying its activities, and taking advantage of the attractive investment environment in the GCC and Arab markets.

To this end, the company collaborates with renowned partners that have a proven track record of success in their respective sectors. Mazaya Logistics is growing considerably in the logistics market, viewed as a unique opportunity for SMEs from Arab and foreign countries.



Tandon with Mazda Japanese Engineers and the Mazda Kuwait service team

KAICO CONDUCTS MAZDA SERVICE DRIVE 2016

KUWAIT: KAICO along with Engineers from Mazda Motors Corporation, Japan and the General Manager Customer Service (GCC) kicked off the Mazda Service Drive 2016 from 19th October. The campaign has received an overwhelming response and nearly 100 customers came in on the first two days and were received by Mazda Japanese engineers Takuya and Fujino.

Ashish Rai Tandon, General Manager, KAICO, said "We conduct this Service Drive with the cooperation of our Principals to re enforce the relationships between the Owner, Manufacturer and Distributor. Our prime objective is that every Mazda owner gets the best JINBA ITTAI performance from the car ".

He went on to state that KAICO not only want the customer to have a lifetime experience from Mazda cars but also be a customer for life. By following the Maintenance of the car as per the manufacturer's service schedule you ensure best and reliable performance, longer vehicle life, better re sale value and optimum cost of ownership. Ahmad Kahwaji, General Sales Manager, stated that all the new models of Mazda aspire to be in the range of premium brands.

The Drive experience of Mazda cars called JINBA ITTAI, SKYACTIV Engine technology, class leading safety features, KODO design are the 4 pillars that differentiate the brand from the rest of the pack.

Hany Nazieh, After Sales Manager (Service)



Takuya advising a customer

mentioned that Mazda customers should feel totally comfortable with the expertise the professionally trained Mazda Team KAICO is powered by the best equipment in the industry and serves its customers at Al-Rai, Shuweikh, Ardiya and Ahmadi". He also said that customers should download the KAICO App and start booking their next service appointments via their Mobile

phones. Gopal, Parts Manager said, "We have one of the highest Parts Availabilities in the region and provide an exclusive 6 months Parts Warranty for Parts fitted in our service centers"

We look forward to receiving you at any of our Service centers 6 days a week (We are also Open in Shuweikh on Fridays from 8am to 12 noon) to provide you the best After Sales Care.

AL DANAH TO ENTER THE KD1 MILLION AL DANAH DRAW

FIVE DAYS LEFT TO ENTER AL-DANAH'S KD1M DRAW

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank has announced that October 31st is the last date for customers to open an Al-Danah account or deposit more, as to increase their chances in becoming the next

Al-Danah millionaire! To participate in the Al-Danah draws, customers must have an Al-Danah account containing at least KD 200. Customers can open a new Al-Danah account at any one of the 56 Gulf Bank branches in Kuwait. Those who already have an account can enhance their chances of winning the upcoming draws by increasing and maintaining their deposits. The yearly millionaire draw will be held on January 5th 2017. Eligible customers will also enter the daily draw offering two KD1,000 prizes, which are drawn each workFive reasons why the Al-Danah account is the

1) Kuwait's single biggest yearly cash prize of KD

2) Kuwait's biggest quarterly cash prizes, up to KD500.000

3) Two winners of KD1,000 every working day 4) The most chances to win

5) Only Bank that transfers your chances to win from year to year

Only Al-Danah makes millionaires For further information about the Al-Danah account, visit one of Gulf Bank's 56 branches, or call Gulf Bank's Customer Contact Center on 1805805. General information about Gulf Bank's products and services, can also be found at the Bank's website at www.e-gulfbank.com

WELCOME TO OPEN, REWARDS BY FLYDUBAI

KUWAIT: Flydubai yesterday announced the launch of its much anticipated rewards program 'OPEN'. The program is designed to make earning and spending reward points simple and straightforward, with no minimum balances or blackout dates.

flydubai, which was launched in 2009, has since redefined the way people travel around the region and continues to invest in innovation. Introducing "OPEN" is another milestone in the carrier's development as its network matures.

Commenting on the launch of the online rewards program, Ghaith Al Ghaith, Chief Executive Officer of flydubai said: "We are committed to introducing product innovations that enhance the overall customer experience with flydubai.

We've designed this rewards program to be less restrictive and instantly rewarding. It is transparent and straight-to-the-point. That's why we call it OPEN." "We are grateful for the more than 38 million passengers who have chosen to flydubai since our launch and this rewards program is a great opportunity to give back to our customers and make their experience a more enjoyable one."

"OPEN" is a straightforward rewards program where members can earn reward points with every flydubai flight. Members can use their reward points to pay for flydubai flights, upgrades and optional extras for any trip, on any day, to any destination.

How it works, in a nutshell

Everyone joins the OPEN rewards program online as an individual member, but can still team up with other individual members (family or friends) to form a Travel Club. Members will be able to manage all aspects of their membership account online, including printing out a virtual membership card for easy reference. In addition to signing up online, members can also join "OPEN" by calling flydubai's Customer Centre (+971 600 54 44 45) or by visiting one of our Travel Shops in the UAE.

For every dollar (1 USD) members spend on their entire booking (excluding taxes and admin fee), members receive 1 OPEN reward point. Reward points can easily be redeemed for flydubai flights any day of the year with no minimum balances or blackout dates. Members earn reward points on pre-purchased checked baggage, food or even an

extra legroom seat. Frequent flyers over the course of a year could earn Gold membership status by earning the required number of tier points. As an OPEN Gold member, you can earn up to 10 times the number of reward points as earned by an OPEN member, enjoy a range of extra benefits including priority check-in at Business Class counters, access to the Business Lounge in Dubai International Terminal 2 and

priority baggage handling. Flydubai will be partnering with hospitality, lifestyle and retail brands in the very near future. This will enable members of the program to earn reward points with flydubai for their transactions with the selected partners. Members based in the UAE can apply for a Dubai Islamic Bank credit card and earn "OPEN" rewards points on everything spent in the UAE or abroad.



VIVA ANNOUNCES 1ST WEEK'S WINNERS OF 'MORE' PRIZES CAMPAIGN

KUWAIT: VIVA, Kuwait's fastest-growing and most developed telecom operator, announces first week draw's winners of "more" prizes campaign for postpaid customers.

The names of winners, from 16 October until 22 October, were as follows: Kalidass Kalimuthu, Mohannad Abdulnaser Hasan Al Zayer, Naser Bader Shujaa Abu Ramyah, Samer Nader Nafouri, Saad Mohammad Khamees Alshammari, Ali Faleh Aldabbagh Alazmi, Mohammad Ali Mohsen Almutairi.

VIVA gives the customers a wonderful opportunity to win amazing cash prizes, KD 100 daily and KD 1000 at the end of each month, once they pay their VIVA bills through Direct Debit, VIVA website, VIVA's Kiosks, VIVA App or by

calling 102. Customers earn one chance for each KD 1. To find out more about VIVA's new campaign, visit one of the 72 VIVA branches, or the VIVA website at www.viva.com.kw, or call VIVA's 24-hour call center on 102.

A LOOK AT THE RECENT **DEVELOPMENTS AT HUAWEI**

Q: How is Cloud benefiting organizations in Middle East? What about Huawei offer in cloud solutions?

HUAWEI: Today distributed and softwaredefined cloud data center is the development trend. It helps business users across geographies to utilize parts of bulk resources effectively and help acquire quickly and easily. The ability for an end user to sign up and receive services without the long delays that have characterized traditional IT. Ability to access the service via standard platforms (desktop, laptop, mobile etc). Resources are pooled across multiple customers. Capability can scale to cope with demand peaks & Billing is metered and delivered as a utility

With NextGen server, Software defined storage, Agile Network, Security devices and Virtualization& Management Platforms which are based on open eco-system(Open Stack), Huawei helps Organizations to build a new State of the art Service Driven Cloud Platform, which enables flexibility and elasticity of service deployment. Reduction in Pool resources reduces hardware count, Lower operating costs, and reduction in energy costs. Huawei brings in Innovative Techniques Make The Data Center Greener.

Developed by Huawei, Fusionsphere is a cloud operating system that meets the needs of customers from a wide range of Industries. Fusionsphere offers powerful Virtualization and resource pool management functions, comprehensive cloud Infrastructure components and tools, and open application programming Interfaces (APIs). Huawei helps customers to build Cloud is a Capacity on Demand Model helps organizations to provide a true cloud-era infrastructure that delivers unmatched business agility, the highest SLAs, simpler operations and lower costs.

Q: How does Big Data transform the way Telco's operate in ME region?

H: Big Data is a reality today especially Large Enterprise Businesses and Communications service providers that want to be innovative to maximize their revenue potential. Big Data is high-volume Highvelocity and /or high-variety information assets that demand cost-effective, innovative forms of information processing that enable enhanced insight, decision making, and process automation. Facing the challenges of industry value chain shift and maturing market, mobile operators need to dig into a wealth of untapped data assets to cost-effectively create new business values and make the best use of existing IT infrastructure. Huawei big data platform helps organizations to:

• Enhancement in day-to-day operations from customer experience management to effective campaigns, by leveraging new capabilities of data management and predictive analytics

 Optimized network investments and operations by incorporating new insightful data cutting across the layers and adopting data-driven analytics

· An end-to-end virtualized platform, based on Hadoop and Spark platform and best-of-breed industry solution, to enable near-real time analysis on hundreds of terabytes of data

Huawei developed Analytics Software Fusion Insight brings Big Data Hadoop and Spark technologies together in an integrated, enterprise-class software platform for

easier, faster data analysis and better decision-making

Huawei and Intel Bring Innovation to Big Data Storage: Huawei OceanStor* 9000 big data storage system, based on the Intel(r) Xeon(r) processor E5-2400 product family, is able to scale linearly to 60 petabytes of data, under a single file system, providing cuttingedge performance. Huawei Big Data Analytics platform ensures:

• Optimized for agility: Comprehensive, fully featured Big Data analytics platform with open architecture and APIs supporting batch processing, micro-batch processing, and real-time processing for flexible analysis and integration with enterprise data processing.

Smart: Over one million dimensions in data modeling enable deep insights into user behaviors, helping enterprises to quickly make decisions and respond to market and business opportunities.

• Trustworthy: Reliable, high-performance data processing with the reliability, stability, and security expected in enterpriseclass applications and mission-critical financial systems.

Q: What value does Huawei OceanStor DJ offer to customers?

H: OceanStor DJ, a data service platform that can provide data storage and management services on demand through unified management over storage resources, thereby greatly improving operation efficiency in data centers. Drawing strength from best practices accumulated by Huawei over years, OceanStor DJ defines services by customeroriented dictions and intelligently provides configuration and matching of optimal storage resources, shortening the time needed for deploying an IT application to less than

Thanks to OceanStor DJ, administrators can flexibly select needed data management services from enterprise application markets, deploy them in resource pools of their cloud data centers, and therefore quickly establish application systems customized to particular service needs without extra operations such as storage configuration, mounting, and tuning. Adding to its appeal, OceanStor DJ can immediately archive and recycle offline service data and released storage resources, notably enhancing IT operation efficiency.

Orchestrated based on the storage hardware and software of the same brand, conventional service catalogs tie up customers to certain applications. Freeing up customers from worry of vendor lock-in, OceanStor DJ allows third-party applications to provide storage services with an open architecture. Huawei is closely working with 30-plus storage application vendors, aiming to provide professional and easy-to-use data services such as data protection, databases, Big Data, and data security through OceanStor DJ.

Associating with Disc Jockey (DJ), OceanStor DJ can schedule storage resources based on service characteristics, automatically deploy data management applications, and optimize resources in line with service dynamics the same way as a DJ selects and plays music to entertain audience. In response to the staggering amounts of data in cloud data centers, OceanStor DJ provides storage as a service (SaaS) for enterprise IT systems, freeing up engineers from heavy workload in managing data storage and making them more focus on service transformation and innovation.



HUAWEI'S INNOVATION DAY AT GITEX

EYEING SMART AND SAFE CITIES

DUBAI: Technology giant Huawei Middle East, is exhibited at GITEX Technology Week to put the spotlight on their various IT products, one of their important feature is Smart Cities and Safe Cities in the GCC and Middle East market. During Innovation day at GITEX, which is hosted the day Huawei shared its latest Smart City Index. Huawei says the index takes into account the strategy and execution progress in smart city

Safder Nazir, regional VP smart cities, Huawei, told Kuwait Times, cities around the world continue to grow at unprecedented rates. According to the UN, the number of people living in cities will increase from 3.6 billion to 6.3 billion between 2010 and 2050. The growth in the urban population in just four decades will be equivalent to the size of the urban population achieved throughout all prior periods of human history, Mr Nazir said. He told that in the GCC, National agendas have placed the development of the ICT sector high on their list of priorities. Building safer, smarter cities is a common goal for local governments in this region, he explains. One thing for certain, that we cannot have smart cities without ensuring safety, and vice versa.

Huawei is a leading global information and communications technology (ICT) solutions provider. Our aim is to enrich life and improve efficiency through a better connected world, acting as a responsible corporate citizen, innovative enabler for the information society, and collaborative contributor to the industry. Driven by customer-centric innovation and open partnerships, Huawei has established an end-to-end ICT solutions portfolio that gives customers competitive advantages in telecom and enterprise networks, devices and cloud computing.

Huawei's 176,000 employees worldwide are committed to creating maximum value for telecom operators, enterprises and consumers. Our innovative ICT solutions, products and services are used in more than 170 countries and regions, serving over one-third of the world's population. Founded in 1987, Huawei is a private company fully owned by its employees.

The Enterprise Business Group service offerings focus on the enterprise infrastructure, enterprise communications, data centers, and industry applications. To support the cloudcomputing era and innovative new business models, the Enterprise Business Group also provides cloud computing-based data center and enterprise applications. The Enterprise Business



Group has set up departmental organizations in over 100 countries and regions.

By leveraging its years of technical expertise and unmatched R&D capabilities, the Enterprise Business group is well-positioned to grow together with customers and partners for the future cloud computing and ICT convergence era.

Dubai tops 10-City Smart City Index

Dubai has emerged number 1 in a Smart City Index that studied 10Gulf cities' strategy and execution of smart city campaigns. Dubai stood out for its strategic vision coupled with a clear understanding of the practical requirements to deliver on its vision, in a study released by Huawei and Navigant on the first day of GITEX 2016. The study was undertaken by global research firm Navigant and commissioned by Huawei with the aim of understanding the level of readiness of cities in the region for the next level of smart city adoption and deployment.

SafderNazir, Vice President of Smart Cities & IoT, Huawei, Middle East said: "As countries in the Gulf are increasingly diversifying their economies away from fossil fuels, they are also coping with the need for rapid digitalization in business and government. Huawei is committed to helping countries in the region in their digital transformation through smart city initiatives that are customized to meet specific needs. We undertook the Gulf States Smart City Index in order to better understand the current levels of readiness of different cities so that we

are better able to serve this region." The study found that the foundation laid by Dubai's leaders and the Smart Dubai Office provides an excellent basis for a range of innovations that have a significant impact on the city's operations and quality of life.

Eric Woods, research director at Navigant Consulting, who led the study, said: "Dubai stands out in this Navigant Research ranking as a Leader among cities for its strategic vision and ambitious implementation program. Overall, cities in the region are expanding their digital infrastructures, developing new services, and investing in large-scale building programs. The emerging focus on open data and data analytics programs is an important next step. This will be one of the most important developments in the next stage of smart city evolution in the Gulf region."

The Smart Dubai roadmap has targeted the delivery of 1,000 services by 2017 across 100initiatives. As of September 2016, it had documented more than 500 current and planned smart services and initiatives, of which 150 have been completed. With innovative programs such as Dubai Data Initiative for data sharing and data analytics, smart mobility solutions for traffic control, a smarter grid program for better management water consumption, smart health services, smart police force and other mobileenabled e-Government services, the city is a leading example of how smart city strategies need to evolve and be refreshed to maintain focus and momentum.

CISCO TO ROBUST CYBERSECURITY IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AT ISFS DOHA

DOHA: Cisco today announced its participation in Qatar Central Bank's third annual Conference for Information Security in Financial Institutions 2016 (ISFS 2016), to be held on November 1, 2016 at Sheraton Doha.

The event will address information security in the critical financial services sector and the challenges it faces, and shed light on the required infrastructure improvements and the role played by cooperation and preemptive moves in electronic protection. Cisco will use this platform to share insights on how cybersecurity concerns do not need to be a hindrance to digital innovation and how retail banks can transform cybersecurity from a liability into an asset that supports customer trust, innovation and growth.

Cisco's recently released research paper titled Roadmap to Digital Value in the Retail Banking Industry, revealed that retail banks have the potential to realize \$405.3 billion from 2015 to 2017 as the Digital Value at Stake (VaS). Yet in 2015, financial services as a whole captured just 29 percent of that opportunity. Of the challenges slowing growth and innovation, cybersecurity weakness is certainly at the forefront. Cybersecurity concerns have prevented retail banks from adopting digital technologies and business models which has directly contributed to them missing out on more than 70 percent of the potential revenue opportunity.

"Cyberattacks against financial services firms are more frequent, more sophisticated and more widespread than ever before. And there is no slowdown in sight. As financial services firms move towards digitization and adopt new ways of supporting customer interactions, the attack 'surface' grows in size. Professional hackers are rapidly adopting new forms of attacks such as spear phishing, ransomware, massive data theft and mobile malware. To combat today's advanced attacks, financial firms need a threatcentric approach to security that provides continuous protection not just before an attack happens but also during and after an attacker or malware penetrates the network," said Ziad Salameh, Managing Director-West Region, Cisco

A recent Cisco study, Cybersecurity as a Growth Advantage, surveyed 1,014 senior finance and line-of-business executives globally and found that 71 percent agreed that cybersecurity risks and threats hinder digital innovation in their organizations. Another 39 percent of respondents said they've halted mission-critical initiatives due to these concerns.

Sixty percent admitted their organizations are reluctant to innovate in areas such as digital products and services because of the perceived risks. Specific digital initiatives delayed potentially include omnichannel capabilities, wealth



Ziad Salameh, Managing Director

management and asset transfers, mobile banking and mobile payment capabilities, self-service and virtualized delivery models. Cisco's economic analysis estimates that by not digitizing more fully, incumbent retail banks missed out on \$144 billion globally from 2011 to 2015. Bottom line cybersecurity concerns do not need to be a hindrance to digital innovation. Retail banks can transform cybersecurity from a liability into an asset that supports customer trust, innovation and growth. All of these digital solutions depend on a robust cybersecurity foundation.

NISSAN HIRING 300 TO DEVELOP **COMMON CONNECTED CAR TECH**

YOKOHAMA: The top executive overseeing connected vehicles at Nissan and Renault believes the benefits of developing a common technology for connectivity within the Japanese and French auto partnership outweigh the risks of sustaining huge damage from a possible defect or cyberattack.

Ogi Redzic, senior vice president at the Renault-Nissan Alliance, oversees such connected services, including staying connected with family, navigating best routes and remote control of vehicles - an area where all the world's automakers are trying to gain an edge.

Redzic, formerly of Motorola and Nokia, was tapped for the post at the alliance earlier this year. He told reporters Tuesday at Nissan's Yokohama headquarters that the alliance has begun hiring 300 people to build such software applications for future cars, in addition to 300 employees at Nissan Motor Co. and 300 at Renault SA, already working on the effort.

Nissan-Renault hopes to lead in connected vehicles, in addition to green cars and self-driving cars, the two other increasingly vital auto technologies. But Redzic was vague about what might be expected, although he stressed Nissan hopes to be different from rivals in the connected services, even if companies cooperate on a standard technology.

He stressed that Nissan-Renault plans to work on a single platform across the alliance, including luxury models. Nissan-Renault will also be seeking out partnerships. Last month, the alliance said it had a partnership with Microsoft Corp. to develop nextgeneration connected services for cars powered by Microsoft Azure, one of the company's cloud offerings. But the partnership with Microsoft is not exclusive, meaning rivals could come up with similar services. Toyota Motor Corp., Nissan's Japanese rival, for instance, has established an internal company focused on connected vehicles.

Redzic said being first with a service ahead of rivals would be one way to beat the competition. "The global automotive industry is at a strategic turning point, and the Renault-Nissan Alliance is pioneering the transformation in EVs, autonomous driving and connectivity features on mainstream, mass-market vehicles at affordable prices," he said, using the acronym for electric vehicles. — AP

EHOSTING DATAFORT WINS TOP MANAGED SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

DUBAI: eHosting DataFort (eHDF), the region's leading Managed Hosting and Cloud infrastructure services provider, was awarded the Top Managed Service Provider of the Year at the GEC Awards 2016. Held annually, the awards are presented to honor companies that have shown outstanding examples of IT implementation excellence and pioneering spirit in their chosen field of specialization.

eHDF received the award for its 360degree offering with enhanced services and solutions, as well as for the commitment to further improve its capabilities with major investments in the company's infrastructure, resources and technology. "Enterprise Channels MEA, the organizers of the GEC Awards have made a special effort this year in recognizing the value that Managed Service Providers bring to the IT world. The inclusion of this new category is testimony of the increasing demand for managed services and we are extremely pleased to be the first recipient of this award," said, Yasser Zeineldin, CEO, eHosting DataFort.

"As a pioneer of Managed Hosting and Cloud Infrastructure services in the Middle East region, we are committed to providing strategic, financial and operational benefits for our customers. With the increased pace of digitization, we have been quick to make significant investments in our infrastructure to enable next generation services and solutions required to keep our customers ahead of the curve. This, along with our focus on quality, security and best industry practices were key factors that contribute to our recognition for "Top Managed Service Provider of the Year,"

Zeineldin added. eHDF's strength lies in the long standing experience in offering Data Centre, Managed Hosting and Cloud Infrastructure services in the region for over 16 years,

services and solutions. The company has invested heavily in infrastructure, services and technology over the last 12 months, as well as enhanced its online Public Cloud portal targeting the SMB segment.

"We had an aggressive investment plan for 2016 and beyond to avail to our customers the latest innovations and its associated benefits. We are committed to helping enterprises and SMBs in the country transform their IT infrastructure into competitive assets and

focus on their core business," said Zeineldin In the current economic environment,

while also providing a large portfolio of eHDF's Pay-As-You-Go model serves as a convenient way for organizations to scale services depending on their needs. This is further strengthened with eHDF's domain and technical experts who are focused on keeping customer critical applications and infrastructure working optimally without any downtime. The company is the only Services Provider in the Middle East to be certified on all standards related to Data Center, Cloud & Security services with adherence to several ISO and Security standards which are regularly updated to meet the regional requirements.

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E-CIGARETTES MAY BE USED TO COMBAT OBESITY IN SMOKERS

LONDON: Researchers in Britain and heat nicotine-laced flavored liquids into a New Zealand have found a potential new use for electronic cigarettes in smokers who want to give up - controlling appetite and limiting the weight gain that often comes with quitting.

In a review published in the journal Nicotine & Tobacco Research, the scientists found that it's the nicotine in cigarettes that makes smokers less likely to overeat, and suggested e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine but no tobacco, may help prevent them from eating too much when they quit. E-cigarettes, which

vapor, have rapidly grown into a global "vaping" market that was estimated at around \$7 billion in 2015.

Smoking tobacco, which can lead to fatal illness, is known to suppress appetite and smokers often say they smoke to keep their body weight in check. People who guit tobacco frequently say they put on weight after giving up, and the risk of getting fatter can deter smokers from trying to stop.

"Weight gain prevents some smokers from quitting, so we need to explore alternative ways of helping these (people) control their weight while removing the risks of tobacco," said Linda Bauld, a Stirling University health policy professor and deputy director of the UK Centre for Tobacco and Alcohol Studies. Many public health specialists think e-cigarettes, or vapes, are a lower-risk alternative to smoking, but some question their longterm safety and note that they are not risk-free. Bauld said "the benefits of e-cigarettes for smokers have been shown to far outweigh the harms, as vaping carries around 5 percent of the risk of smoking".

> Making a diagnosis Autism is diagnosed by observing behavior,

there's no blood test for it. Some experts say

gender-based differences highlight a need to

develop different ways to evaluate boys and girls. Autism screening, recommended for kids

starting at 18 months, uses tools based on

research in autistic boys, said Rachel Loftin, clin-

ical director of an autism center at Rush

parents includes questions like "Does your child

play make-believe, make eye contact, seek

praise, show interest in other children?" Girls

with autism, especially mild cases, often don't

show obvious problems in those categories -

they're more likely than affected boys to play

pretend with toys rather than lining them up by

size or shape. Loftin said they're also more likely

to show concern for another person's feelings.

One widely used screening questionnaire for

University Medical Center in Chicago.

But she but stressed that her team did not find evidence to support any promotion of e-cigarettes to non-smokers who want to stay slim. For smokers trying to quit and prevent weight gain, however, the researchers said e-cigarattes with food flavorings may replicate some of the sensations of eating.

This coupled with the vapor in electronic cigarettes and the hand to mouth actions of vaping could play a role in helping potential guitters to eat less, they said in their review. Health specialists not directly involved in the review said its

findings were interesting but should be taken with great caution, particularly with regard to non-smokers and nonvapers. "E-cigarettes are an effective strategy to help people stop smoking and improve their health. If they also help smokers who quit to limit weight gain that would be a bonus, though not yet proven," said Susan Jebb, a professor of diet and population health at Oxford University. "But e-cigarettes are not harmless and there is no evidence they aid weight loss, so are not recommended for non-smokers." — Reuters

HOW AUTISM IN GIRLS MAY HELP REVEAL THE DISORDER'S SECRETS

CLOSER LOOKS ARE FINDING GENDER-BASED SURPRISES

ward boy typically emerges, but the way autism strikes girls - or doesn't - may help reveal some of the developmental disorder's frustrating secrets. Autism is at least four times more common in boys, but scientists taking a closer look are finding some gender-based surprises: Many girls with autism have social skills that can mask the condition. And some girls do not show symptoms of autism even when they have the same genetic mutations seen in boys with the condition. "Autism may not be the same thing in boys and girls," said Kevin Pelphrey, an autism researcher at George Washington University.

The causes of autism aren't known. Genetic mutations are thought to play a role, and outside factors including older parents and premature birth also have been implicated. But the gender effect is now a hot topic in autism research and

CHICAGO: Think autism and an image of an awktrying to identify a "protective factor" that may explain how some girls at genetic risk remain unaffected - perhaps a protein or other biological marker that could be turned into a drug or other therapy to treat or even prevent autism. That possibility is likely a long way off, but Pelphrey said this line of research has prompted excitement among autism scientists.

Autism sisters project

Buxbaum is involved in the Autism Sisters Project, which is seeking to enroll hundreds of



Government data show that all forms of autism, mild to severe, are more common in boys and that the average age at diagnosis is 4 years in boys and girls. But Loftin said anecdotal evidence suggests a two-year lag time in diagnosis for girls, especially those with mild cases. And she suspects many cases are missed or misdiagnosed. That means a delay in early intensive behavior therapy that is the main treatment for autism. Some girls manage to camouflage symptoms until pressures to fit in at school become overwhelming, delaying diagnosis until around age 8 or 9, said Alycia Halladay, chief science officer at the Autism Science Foundation, a nonprofit educational and research-funding group which is paying for the Sisters Project. The prominent autism advocate, professor and author Temple Grandin wasn't fully verbal until age 4. "It was obvious something was drastically wrong with me," Grandin said. But she said she learned to adapt, in part because with "1950's parenting" she was faced with intense encouragement to develop social skills and other talents.



Allison Klein worried about her daughter, Jillian, for three years before the little girl was finally diagnosed with mild autism. Jillian couldn't tolerate loud noises, she grew withdrawn around her preschool classmates and she lagged behind academically. She was labeled anxious, not autistic. "She didn't meet the stereotypical behaviors of no eye contact, no communication, hand flapping," Klein said. Teachers and doctors suggested she was just shy and would grow out of it. A few months ago, just before Jillian turned 6, Loftin confirmed Klein's concerns.

Even Pelphrey, the autism researcher, had a similar experience. His daughter, Frances, was diagnosed almost four years after her behavior raised concerns. She didn't walk or talk until she was almost 3 years old. She tried to be "cuddly" and interact with others, but sometimes she did so awkwardly. "Nobody really wanted to make the call," Pelphrey said. "Had she been a boy, there would have been much more pressure to look into it." — AP



LEAD TO BIGGER ONES

WASHINGTON: Telling little fibs leads down a slippery slope to bigger lies - and our brains adapt to escalating dishonesty, which makes deceit easier, a new study shows. Neuroscientists at the University College London's Affective Brain Lab put 80 people in scenarios where they could repeatedly lie and get paid more based on the magnitude of their lies. They said they were the first to demonstrate empirically that people's lies grow bolder the more they fib.

The researchers then used brain scans to show that our mind's emotional hot spot the amygdala - becomes desensitized or used to the growing dishonesty, according to a study published online Monday in the journal Nature Neuroscience . "You can think of this as a slippery slope with what begins as small acts of dishonesty escalating to much larger ones," said study lead author Neil Garrett, now a neuroscience researcher at Princeton University. "It highlights the potential dangers of engaging in small acts of dishonesty on a regular basis because these can escalate to much larger

And during this lying, brain scans that show blood supply and activity at the amygdala decrease with increasing lies, said study co-author and lab director Tali Sharot. "The more we lie, the less likely we are to have an emotional response" - say, shame or guilt - "that accompanies it," Sharot said. Garrett said he suspects similar escalation factors happen in the "real world," which would include politics, infidelity and cheating, but he cautioned that this study was done in a controlled lab setting so more research would be needed to apply it to other situations.

University of Massachusetts psychology and brain sciences professor Robert Feldman wasn't part of the study but praised it: "The results provide clues as to how people may become more convincing liars with practice, and it clearly suggests the danger of tolerating small, white lies, which can escalate into greater and greater levels of deception."

Overestimating rewards Garrett, Sharot and colleagues arranged for 80 people to go through an experiment where they would see a photo of a jar full of pennies. The subject would advise a partner in another room - someone who was looking at a photo that was less clear how much money they should guess was in the jar. But the more the partner overestimated the bonus, based on the subject's advice, the higher the reward. The researchers did a couple variations of the experiment. In one version the test subject was told he and the partner would share in overestimating rewards; in that case, the subject's lies were even bigger. But in another scenario, the test subject would benefit more from overestimating and the partner would benefit less.

That second scenario showed the increase in the magnitude in lying. The people went from lying on average worth 4 British pounds (about \$5) at the beginning to about 8 pounds (\$10) near the end of about 80 repetitions - thus going from "little lies to bigger and bigger lies," Sharot said. And of those 80 test subjects, 25 of them, chosen randomly, did their estimates while an MRI machine scanned their brair It showed how we get used to the lying, much like someone no longer noticing the smell of their own perfume over time and thus using more, Sharot said.

It shows people's brains adapting to their own wrongdoing. It was so noticeable that the researchers were able to predict growing dishonesty based on the dropping activity in the amygdala. Shaul Shavi, who runs the Behavioral Ethics Lab at the University of Amsterdam, said scientists had long suspected this slippery slope in lying existed, but there was limited proof until this "elegant" and "important" study. And the brain scan showing a neurological link with increased lying is novel, added Maurice Schweitzer, who studies deception at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

The study found that there is a segment of people who don't lie and don't escalate lies, but Sharot and Garrett weren't able to determine how rare those honest people are. It also found that people lie more when it benefits both them and someone else than when they just profit alone "That's sort of a good thing," Sharot said. — AP



NEW YORK: In this July 7, 2016, photo, Evee Bak, left, talks with her brother Tom Bak while they wait to talk with reporters at the Seaver Autism Center at Mount Sinai Hospital. — AP

one that could lead to new ways of diagnosing and treating a condition that affects at least 1 in 68 US children.

What science shows

Brain imaging suggests there may be an additional explanation for why many girls with autism have more subtle symptoms than boys, Pelphrey said. Even in girls who clearly have autism, he said, brain regions involved in social behavior that are normally affected are less severely impaired.

Also, recent studies on autism-linked genes have found that girls can have the same kinds of genetic mutations seen in boys with autism, but not show symptoms. They "even need to have twice as many mutations on average to actually manifest with autism," said Joseph Buxbaum, director of an autism center at Mount Sinai medical school in New York. He is among researchers

'DIABETES CURE'

HERBAL MEDS KILLS

FOUR IN INDIA

NEW DELHI: A self-styled doctor and three of

his patients died in a south Indian village after drinking a poisonous herbal medicine

which he claimed cured diabetes and hypertension, officials said yesterday. Another patient is in a critical condition at a govern-

ment-run hospital after they drank the con-

coction prepared by the doctor at his

makeshift clinic in Alagappuram village in

were shifted to hospital where four of them

died," said local police officer Muthiah, who

only uses one name. The doctor, named by

police as Muthupandi, first drank the herbal

mix to prove its efficacy before giving it to

five of his patients from the village, the police

officer told AFP. Muthupandi claimed to run a

clinic in the nearby town of Tenkasi and was

visiting villages in the region to treat

The officer said police suspect that

Muthupandi was only posing as a doctor and

had a criminal background. Detectives have

already ordered a thorough investigation into

nothing is conclusive. We are checking if he

had any medical qualification" he said.

Government doctor Jasline Rajiah said viscera

"There are few theft cases against him but

"They were unconscious and vomiting and

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his credentials.

sites. Evee Bak, 15, hopes her samples will eventually benefit her older brother Tommy. The suburban Philadelphia siblings are just a year apart. They play in a garage band- Evee on drums, Tommy on guitar and vocals. He's a masterful musician, but has trouble reading social cues and doing things that come easy to other teens, like shopping alone or using public transportation. Her focus is "taking care of Tommy and making

sure he's happy and healthy," Evee said. Tommy was diagnosed at age 3, after he stopped using words he'd learned months earlier and showed unusual behavior including repetitively lining up toys instead of playing with them. "He's a wonderful person and I don't think that we'd ever want to change him," said his mother, Erin Lopes. But they'd welcome anything that could help him function as independently as possible "because I think that's what he really wants, is to be independent."

ISLAMABAD: The US Embassy in Islamabad has issued a last minute-visa to an ailing 6-yearold Pakistani girl desperately in need of surgery in the United States. Shahid Ullah, the father of Maria, says that the family is "so happy" at the news and thanked friends and supporters world over who helped them. Ullah, a poor merchant who owns a shop selling blankets has campaigned for nearly four years seeking treatment for Maria, who suffers from a genetic disorder known as Morquio Syndrome in which the vertebrae compress the spinal cord. Ullah says he and his wife will accompany Maria to a children's hospital in Wilmington, Delaware, that has agreed to do the procedure for free. — AP

AIR POLLUTION CAN AFFECT **BLOOD PRESSURE: STUDY**

PARIS: Long-term exposure to urban air pollution incrementally increases the risk of high blood pressure, according to a study released yesterday of more than 41,000 European city-dwellers. Constant noise pollution-especially traffic-also boosts the likelihood of hypertension, researchers reported in the European Heart Journal. High blood pressure is the most important risk factor for premature illness and death.

The study found that one extra adult per 100 people of roughly the same age developed high blood pressure in the most polluted part of towns compared to more breathable neighborhoods. The risk is similar to being clinically overweight with a body mass index (BMI) of 25-30, the researchers said. To carry out the study, 33 experts led by Barbara Hoffmann, a professor at Heinrich-Heine-University in Duesseldorf, Germany, monitored 41,071 people in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Spain for five to nine years.

At the same time, the researchers examined air quality annually in each locale during three two-week periods between 2008 and 2011, measuring different sizes of particle matter. Every increment of five micrograms-or millionths of a gram-of the smallest of these particles upped the risk of hypertension by a fifth for people living in the most polluted areas, compared to those in the least pol-

None of the participants had hypertension when they joined the study, but during the follow-up period 6,207 people 15 percent-reported that they developed hypertension or started to take medication to lower blood pressure. For noise pollution, the researchers found that people living on busy streets with loud night-time traffic had, on average, a six percent increased risk of developing hypertension compared to areas where noise levels were at least 20 percent lower. "Our findings show that long-term exposure to particulate air pollution is associated with a higher incidence of selfreported hypertension," Hoffmann said in a statement. Even when noise was excluded, the impact of air pollution on blood pressure remained, she added. "Current legislation does not protect the European population adequately from adverse effects of air pollution," the researchers concluded. Pollution levels were higher in Spain and Germany than in the Nordic countries, Hoffmann noted. Air pollution is thought to affect the heart and blood vessels by causing inflammation, a build-up of damaging molecules, known as oxidative stress, and an imbalance in the nervous system. Noise is thought to affect the functioning of both the nervous and hormonal systems. — AFP



samples had been sent off for analysis at a laboratory to establish the cause of dead. "It apparently looks like a case of poisoning," Rajiah told AFP. Thousands of Indians mostly in rural areas fall prey to people posing as doctors in a country where public healthcare system remains dismal. Many claim to be traditional practitioners of Indian traditional medical systems like Ayurvedic and Siddha which rely

heavily on herbal medicines. — AFP

STUDY LINKS VIRUS TO ALASKA BIRDS WITH DEFORMED BEAKS

ANCHORAGE: Biologist Colleen Handel saw her first black-capped chickadee with the heartrending disorder in 1998. The tiny birds showed up at birdfeeders in Alaska's largest city with freakishly long beaks. Some beaks looked like sprung scissors, unable to come together at the tips. Others curved up or down like crossed sickles.

Handel, a US Geological Survey bird specialist, was sure the cause of avian keratin disorder would be found quickly: contaminated birdseed, a poison targeting spruce bark beetles, maybe some sort of bacterium or fungus. Years went by. She found herself losing sleep over a mysterious ailment afflicting 6.5 percent of southcentral Alaska's black-capped chickadees and 17 percent of the area's northwestern crows, more than 10 times what is normally expected in a wild bird population. Distorted beaks were spotted in lesser numbers of jays, woodpeckers and nuthatches - 24 species in all.

Eighteen years later, after many possible causes were ruled out, Handel and other scientists from California and Alaska who tested beaks of affected birds found a previously unknown virus in every one. "It's the strongest lead that we've got so far," Handel said. Bird beaks have inner layers of bone covered by an outer layer of keratin, the same stuff as fingernails. The disorder affects the outer layer, stimulating the keratin to grow twice as fast as normal.

Chickadees look fragile but are one of the few birds to stay through cold Alaska winters. In the dead of winter, the small songbirds can lose 10 percent of their body weight overnight and must eat constantly during short daylight hours. Extended beaks get in the way. "They can't eat enough during the daylight hours to survive overnight, because they're metabolizing the fat they put on during the day," Handel said. "The other thing is that the poor little guys can't preen their feathers very well. You can imagine trying to comb your hair with a pair of 3-foot-long chopsticks." They end up with dirty, matted plumage and feathers that no longer provide insulation. "They've lost their little down coats for winter," Handel said. Some don't survive.

Multiple paths of research

Over nearly two decades, researchers pursued multiple paths of research. Last year, Handel and fellow USGS researcher

Caroline Van Hemert published a study showing an environmental contaminant, organochloride compounds, were found in affected birds. But the amount was small and there was no obvious source, such as the selenium from agricultural drainage that caused beak deformities in California or PCB and other contaminants that affected birds in Great Lakes states in the 1970s.

The mysterious condition appeared only in birds 6 months or older, so it did not seem to be a birth defect. It affected chickadees, which live in the forest, and northwestern crows, which live in intertidal zones. But both birds are social, so it was conceivable they could transmit disease among their species. The potential breakthrough came when researchers at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco offered to apply advanced DNA and RNA sequence technology to bird beak samples.

Early in 2012, disease ecologist Maxine Zylberberg had an "aha!" moment. She found the birds had RNA of a virus in the same family that causes the common cold and polio in humans and foot-and-mouth disease in cattle. The previously unknown virus was in every sample of deformed chickadee beaks and in two samples of chickadees that did not have distorted beaks. "After that it was a lot of validation, going through and testing more individuals and seeing, 'Is this true?"" Zylberberg said.

Researchers are careful to say the virusnamed Poecivirus after the black-capped chickadee genus - has not yet been nailed down as the cause of distorted beaks. "It could be that birds who have this disease are more susceptible to this common virus," said Zylberberg, now at the University of California, San Francisco and lead author of the study published July 26 in mBio, a journal of the American Society for Microbiology.

To validate their findings, scientists will grow the live virus in laboratory conditions. They also will work to determine whether the virus is in other bird species and how it is being transmitted. In Britain, significant numbers of blue tits, a close relative of black-capped chickadees, have been observed with beak deformities. In all, 36 species with deformed beaks have been documented there. "Now, with this genetic test, we have a way to see, 'Do those birds have the same virus or not?" Handel said. — AP



ANCHORAGE: In this Sept 11, 2003, photo provided by the USGS Alaska Science Center shows a Black-capped Chickadee with a deformed beak. — AP $\,$



RHODE ISLAND: In this March 31, 2014 file photo, people line-up to enroll in a health insurance plan at HealthSource RI in Providence. — AP

OBAMA'S HEALTH PLAN HIT BY DOUBLE-DIGIT PREMIUM HIKES

WASHINGTON: Premiums will go up sharply next year under President Barack Obama's health care law, and many consumers will be down to just one insurer, the administration confirmed Monday. That's sure to stoke another "Obamacare" controversy days before a presidential election

Before taxpayer-provided subsidies, premiums for a midlevel benchmark plan will increase an average of 25 percent across the 39 states served by the federally run online market, according to a report from the Department of Health and Human Services. Some states will see much bigger jumps, others less.

Moreover, about 1 in 5 consumers will have plans only from a single insurer to pick from, after major national carriers such as UnitedHealth Group, Humana and Aetna scaled back their roles. "Consumers will be faced this year with not only big premium increases but also with a declining number of insurers participating, and that will lead to a tumultuous open enrollment period," said Larry Levitt, who tracks the health care law for the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

'Death spiral'

Republicans pounced on the numbers as a warning that insurance markets created by the 2010 health overhaul are teetering toward a "death spiral." Sign-up season starts Nov 1, about a week before national elections in which the GOP remains committed to a full repeal. "It's over for Obamacare," Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said at a campaign rally Monday evening in Tampa, Florida.

Trump said his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, "wants to double down and make it more expensive and it's not gonna work. ... Our country can't afford it, you can't afford it." He promised his own plan would deliver "great health care at a fraction of the cost." The new

numbers aren't too surprising, said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who chairs a committee that oversees the law. It "does little to dispel the notion we are seeing the law implode at the expense of middle-class families."

HHS essentially confirmed state-by-state reports that have been coming in for months. Window shopping for plans and premiums is already available through HealthCare.gov. Administration officials are stressing that subsidies provided under the law, which are designed to rise alongside premiums, will insulate most customers from sticker shock. They add that consumers who are willing to switch to cheaper plans will still be able to find bargains.

"Headline rates are generally rising faster than in previous years," acknowledged HHS spokesman Kevin Griffis. But he added that for most consumers, "headline rates are not what they pay." The vast majority of the more than 10 million customers who purchase through HealthCare.gov and its state-run counterparts do receive generous financial assistance. "Enrollment is concentrated among very lowincome individuals who receive significant government subsidies to reduce premiums and cost-sharing," said Caroline Pearson of the consulting firm Avalere Health. But an estimated 5 million to 7 million people are either not eligible for the income-based assistance, or they buy individual policies outside of the health law's markets, where the subsidies are not available. The administration is urging the latter group to check out HealthCare.gov. The spike in premiums generally does not affect the employer-provided plans that cover most workers and their families. In some states, the premium increases are striking. In Arizona, unsubsidized premiums for a hypothetical 27-year-old buying a benchmark "second-lowest cost silver plan" will jump by 116 percent, from \$196 to \$422, according to the administration report. But HHS said if that

hypothetical consumer has a fairly modest income, making \$25,000 a year, the subsidies would cover \$280 of the new premium, and the consumer would pay \$142. Caveat: if the consumer is making \$30,000 or \$40,000, his or her subsidy would be significantly lower. Dwindling choice is another issue.

Switching insurers

The total number of HealthCare.gov insurers will drop from 232 this year to 167 in 2017, a loss of 28 percent. (Insurers are counted multiple times if they offer coverage in more than one state. So Aetna, for example, would count once in each state that it participated in.) Switching insurers may not be simple for patients with chronic conditions. While many carriers are offering a choice of plan designs, most use a single prescription formulary and physician network across all their products, explained Pearson. "So, enrollees may need to change doctors or drugs when they switch insurers," she said.

Overall, it's shaping up to be the most difficult sign-up season since HealthCare.gov launched in 2013 and the computer system froze up. Enrollment has been lower than initially projected, and insurers say patients turned out to be sicker than expected. Moreover, a complex internal system to help stabilize premiums has not worked as hoped for. Nonetheless, Obama says the underlying structure of the law is sound, and current problems are only "growing pains." The president has called for a government-sponsored "public option" insurance plan to compete with private companies.

Republicans, including Trump, are united in calling for complete repeal, but they have not spelled out how they would address the problems of the uninsured. Clinton has proposed an array of fixes, including sweetening the law's subsidies and allowing more people to qualify for financial assistance. — AP



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MAIS ALGHANIM LAUNCHES NEW GOURMET MENU

■he Mais Alghanim Group of Restaurants has just unique experience every time. announced its latest promotion; the launching of a new gourmet menu, with a selected variety of delectable dishes to be made available to patrons in Sharg and Mahboula, providing customers with a memorable and

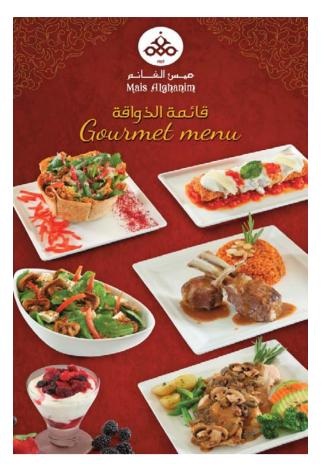
The promotion menu features appetizers, salads and main dishes; including hot and cold mezzas that are the creation of Mais Alghanim chefs, and that have been meticulously selected to satisfy every palate. The new flavorful offerings include

Basket Salad containing cauliflower, assorted lettuce and pickles; Rocket Salad made with mushrooms and Valbreso cheese; Buffalo Chicken with hot sauce and Crepe Roll prepared with vegetables, sauteed mushrooms, mornay sauce, parmesan cheese and chestnut and tomato sauce.

The scrumptious selection of main dishes featured on the gourmet menu includes Oven-Roasted Lamb Chops prepared with bulgur for an oriental twist; Chicken Stuffed Potatoes prepared with tomato sauce and served with vermicelli rice; Kebab Tajin made with the special Mais Alghanim marinade and tagine sauce; and Grilled Baby Chicken with baby potatoes, zucchini, carrots, green beans and pepper mushroom sauce. This is in addition to an assortment of delicious desserts including Trifle Berrywith vanilla parfait and cheese and Cinnamon Bread Pudding served with cinnamon caramel sauce and vanilla ice-cream.

Mais Alghanim Group, renowned for being a pioneer in the hospitality industry, has always been keen on offering its customers the utmost quality at a very competitive price. The Group has been consistently promoting a series of innovative and exciting offerings, the most recent of which is the Gourmet Menu, brought to customers as part of the Group's legacy to satisfy every palate, exceed all expectations and bring memorable flavors to your dining experience.

Worth noting is that this promotion is available at Mais Alghanim restaurants in Sharq - Arabian Gulf Street - and Mahboula - Spoons Commercial Complex - and is not offered through the to-go or home delivery service.





Mais Alghanim

قائمة الذواقة Gourmet menu







Indian Handicrafts and Handloom Exhibition

he Embassy organized an "Indian Handicrafts and Handloom Exhibition" at Holiday Inn Hotel, Salmiya on Sunday, 23 October 2016 from 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. Ambassador Sunil Jain inaugurated the Exhibition. The main aim of the Exhibition was to promote Indian Handicrafts and Handloom products in Kuwait. The

Exhibition was organized with the participation of some local companies importing handicrafts and handloom products from India. These included Lulu Hypermarket, Bulbul Palace, Indian Heritage, Mysore Textile, Indian Home, Sanskruti and Art Work.

The "Indian Handicrafts and Handloom Exhibition"

gave both Kuwaitis and expatriates a chance to see an semi precious stones, hand made furniture, table covers, array of Indian handicrafts and handloom products on display. Several varieties of hand-made carpets, brass show pieces, marble pieces carved and designed with organic colors, handloom saris, kurthas, ladies hand-bags, purses, antique pieces in wood and brass, jewelries with

cushion stools, cushion covers, framed paintings, etc., were displayed during the Exhibition. It attracted a large number of visitors, including Indians, Kuwaitis and expatriates of other countries residing in Kuwait.

MODERN ATMOSPHERE WITH ITALIAN TASTE: LA MAMMA PIZZERIA IN FOUR POINTS SHERATON

rary dining offers a wide variety of tasty Italian food, ■ranging from traditional pizza to fresh pasta. Located at the Four Points by Sheraton Kuwait, the pizzeria is overlooking the historical Al Jahra Gate for all to enjoy a comfortable and casual dining experience.

A tasty variety of Italian pizzas baked in the most modern pizza oven, the fresh ingredients carefully put together by a specialty Italian pizza, coming all the way from South Italy, where Chef Luigi provide the most distinctive and original flavors of Italy, as well as offering the choice of delicious Anti pasta, Paste e Risotti, Le Zuppe, and Dolci. Featuring our most popular pizza "La Mamma", skillfully prepared with the perfect amount of tomato

a Mamma Pizzeria, one of the flavorsome contempo- sauce, fresh cherry tomatoes, and flawlessly melted buffalo mozzarella, topped off with the freshest basil to pull the entire pizza together. Chef Luigi awaits you to take in the smells of freshly baked pizza bread and the flavors of the exquisitely prepared pizza that melts in your mouth with every bite.

The Four Points by Sheraton Kuwait continues to provide the most personalized and contemporary services through the continued development of its facilities, providing all guests with the utmost comfort with 406 rooms and suites, the opportunity to unwind and relax with a health club located on the 39th floor, the astounding pool with a breathtaking panoramic view located on the 42nd floor and the choice of dining at the International Asseef restaurant.











KODPAK CELEBRATES ONAM

ottayam District Pravasi Association (KODPAK) celebrated Onam on Friday at Poppins Hall Abbassiya with colorful cultural programs from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. It was a joyful day for more than 500 people who attended the celebration in which many dignitaries attended. After the prayer, the entire audience paid respect to the Indian jawans who lost their lives recently. George Thomas Kalayil (General Secretary-KODPAK) welcomed all the invitees and guests present on the occasion with Onam greetings and a note on the importance and existence of KODPAK in Kuwait.

In the presidential address, Anoop Soman (President-KODPAK), underlined the importance of the

unification of all the natives of Kottayam under a single umbrella of KODPAK. He called for further coordination for an immediate membership campaign. Chief Guest the Indian Embassy Labor Attache Thomas Joseph inaugurated the celebration by lighting the traditional lamp. After delivering the message of Onam, he unveiled the official logo of KODPAK. OICC president Varghese Puthukkulangara, KALA Kuwait General Secretary Saji Janardhanan, Bharatiya Pravasi Parishad General Secretary Hari Balaramapuram, Patron Sibichan Maliakal and Vice president C S Bathar delivered felicitation speeches. Justin James(Treasurer-KODPAK) delivered a vote of thanks.





BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY AT ALGHANIM INDUSTRIES

ith October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month around the world, Alghanim Industries designated Tuesday, 18 October 2016 as Breast Cancer Awareness day within the company. A Breast Cancer Awareness seminar was conducted for female employees by Director - Medical Services, Dr Sameh Aziz, which highlighted the importance of proactive screening and self-examination.

The Medical Services team also offered the seminar attendees a free biometrics evaluation which consisted of:

- Weight, height, waist and BMI measurements
- **Blood Pressure**

Cholesterol/HDL ratio)

Blood Sugar Lipid Profile Blood Test (Cholesterol; Triglycerides; LDL; HDL; Non HDL;

Female employees signed up, and were given a detailed results report after the evaluation. Dr. Sameh explained their results and gave them advice on how they can improve their biometric results, and how to go about achieving that.

Commenting on the campaign, Chief Human Resources Officer, George Lambros, said: "We are happy to have held a breast cancer awareness seminar once again this year. With the help of our **Medical Services and Corporate Communications** teams, we arranged an informative event which highlighted the importance of early detection and the prevention of breast cancer. We at Alghanim Industries care deeply about the overall well-being of our employees, whom we consider our most valuable asset. Accordingly, we conduct a wide array of events and seminars throughout the year that focuses on healthy lifestyles."

In addition to the seminar and the blood test, there were social events in both the Al Hamra and Shuwaikh offices of the company. Decorated cupcakes were given out, and breast cancer ribbon pins were distributed so employees can show their support for the cause. Additionally, employees at all Alghanim Industries locations were encouraged to wear something pink in recognition of the day.

Alghanim Industries holds engaging employee activities on a regular basis, including blood drives which the company organizes in collaboration with the Kuwait Central Blood Bank (KCBB), Breast Cancer Awareness campaigns, and charity runs and marathons in which the company pays the registration fees for its employees who are interested in joining, in addition to celebrating the national holidays in the company.







A SET OF RULES TO GUARANTEE A SAFE MOTORSPORT RACE IN RED BULL BAR BAHR

a race. To obey the rules of a race, however, is Club of Kuwait. another challenging responsibility - not only does it portray an ethical attitude but also conserves safety measures on the racing track. Before Kuwait hosts the Red Bull Bar Bahr second edition on November 11th, the event officials announced the competition's set of rules, from eligibility of participation and possible sanctions should rules be broken to the relay race structure and safety factors.

Red Bull Bar Bahrwill be governed by rules and regulations laid out to bring one of the most thrilling competitions as per well-devised standards that preserve sportsmanship and safety conditions. A tripartite committee, consisting of motocross stars Emirati national Mohammad Al Blooshi, Kuwaiti national Mohammad Jaffar, and Kuwaiti Mohammad Burbayea who won the championship's first season in 2014, will supervise the Jet Ski and Quad Bike race.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

The participation in Red Bull Bar Bahr is open for amateurs and professionals in both Quad Bikes and Jet Ski categories, those who wish to show off their skills within an organized framework of a prestigious competition. Each team consists of a Quad bike racer and a Jet Ski driver, and everyone who owns one of the two vehicles may form a team and register to participate as per the rules and regulations set out by the

The event is organized by Basel Salem Al-Sabah Motorsport Club and will be held under the sponsorship of Nissan Al-Babtain, Public Authority for Youth and Sports, Kawasaki, GoPro, Acqua Eva, Marina Mall, Al Anbaa Newspaper, Kuwait Times Newspaper, and Studentalk Magazine. Each member of the team, whether a Quad Bike or a Jet Ski racer, should be eligible for driving. To participate in the championship, each Quad Bike competitor should have a driving license and participants in the Jet Ski category

t takes more than just skill and practice to win 🔝 should possess a license from the Marine Sports 🤍 gram to be eligible for participation in the quali-

TYPE OF RACE

24 teams will participate in Red Bull Bar Bahr Championship on Friday, November 11th, and the teams that will take part in the finals will be chosen through qualifying rounds to take place on Thursday, November 10th. The main type of the race is based on the relay system; the Quad Bike driver kicks off his race on the land track and as soon as he finishes his round, he gets off his bike, runs towards his teammate and hands him the Jet Ski key so that the latter can begin his

fying rounds.

SAFETY FACTORS

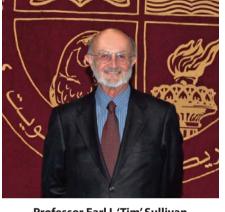
For both disciplines, it is mandatory to use a "full face helmet" during all sessions (inspection, training, qualifying, competition). In addition, racers should be equipped with a functional safety-leash that turns off the engine automatically if a rider falls of his vehicle during all sessions. All quad riders must wear a certified back protector during all sessions, whereas Jet Ski riders must wear a certified life-jacket during all sessions.

Any attempt to brush against a competitor,



A specific date will be set prior to the race so that the teams would examine the track for each of the two categories, and another one will be set to carry out the trainings. A brief meeting will be also held to notify the racers of the instructions related to the competition, with all participants being compelled to attend it. Each racer must fully complete the examination and training pro-

push him, collide with him or deliberately impede his movement causing him delay, dropping him off his vehicle, or leaving him out of the track, will lead directly to exclusion. Any "incidental contact" could be tolerated - given that violations of this kind are subject to sanctions set by the race committee - only if objections to the decisions could be filed before one of the committee's members.



Professor Earl L'Tim' Sullivan



Sheikha Dana Nasser Al-Sabah

AUK BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTS DR SULLIVAN AS **AUK'S 5TH PRESIDENT**

🖿 Dana Nasser Al-Sabah, announced yesterday, that on Sunday, October 23, 2016, AUK's Board of Trustees has voted unanimously to appoint Professor Earl L "Tim" Sullivan as the fifth president of AUK effective January 27, 2017.

"Professor Sullivan brings a wealth of experience to this position, and has a deep understanding of academic and administrative structures. He carries an impressive scholarly record and is committed to quality education. Sullivan is not a stranger to AUK: he has served as the interim president in 2010 and has been a board member since 2011," said Sheikha Dana

"I am delighted to be returning to Kuwait, and especially to the American University of Kuwait. I look forward to getting to meet with all of the various constituents of the AUK community: faculty, staff, students, alumni, and trustees. AUK has achieved a great deal in the few short years it has existed, and I am sure that if we all work together, we can continue to accomplish even more in the future," said Sullivan.

Sullivan will succeed Professor Nizar Hamzeh, who earlier announced his intention to return to his full-time academic post as Professor of Political Science and International Law at AUK. Sheikha Dana thanked Hamzeh for his invaluable time and effort during his term as AUK President, "I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude for everything President Hamzeh has done for AUK during his tenure as President and, earlier, as Provost and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences," she said.

Sullivan is a political scientist who has held key leadership positions at the American University of Cairo (AUC). A member of the AUC faculty since 1973- he was provost from

hair of the Board of Trustees of the 1998 to 2008, and served as the university's American University of Kuwait, Sheikha acting president in 2001-2002. He chaired AUC's division of Economics, Political Science and Mass Communications, the University Senate, and was on the editorial board of Cairo Papers in Social Science. Sullivan served as Chair of the Board of Trustees at Cairo American College from 1974 to 1979.

Sullivan also brings substantial experience in international accreditation, having served twice as chair of the evaluation team for the American University of Beirut in its initial accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in 2004, and subsequently in 2009. He was also evaluator for John Cabot University in its first reaccreditation effort with Middle States.

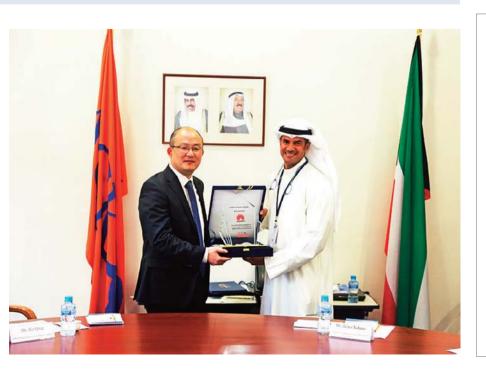
A graduate of Seattle University, Sullivan received a PhD in International Relations and Government from Claremont Graduate University (California). He has received a grant from the Ford Foundation, a fellowship from the US Department of State, and has held visiting positions at the Brookings Institution, The Gustave E Von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies, and The Middle East Center at University of Utah, among others.

He is the author or co-author of several books, including The New Dynamics of Multilateralism (Westview Press, 2010), Social Background and Bureaucratic Behavior in Egypt (American University of Cairo Press, 1990), Women in Egyptian Public Life (Syracuse University Press, 1986), and Women and Work in the Arab World (American University of Cairo Press, 1981). Sullivan's scholarly articles and monographs on a wide range of subjects, including multinational diplomacy and the foreign policy of US President Bill Clinton, gender roles in the Middle East, and the United Nations in the post-Cold War era, appear in numerous journals and publications.

ACK ALUMNI HIRED BY HUAWEI

■he Alumni and Career Placement Center at the Australian College of Kuwait (ACK) organized a Recognition Ceremony to celebrate the placement of ACK alumni at Huawei Technologies Kuwait Co in summer 2016. Executives from Huawei and ACK attended the event. Engineer Sager Al Sharhan -Acting Chief Operations Officer at ACK presented an award to Mr Xu Qing - Chief Human Resources Officer at Huawei, as a token of appreciation for the efforts and support provided by Huawei to ACK alumni.

Commenting on the event, Dr Zeina Nehme -Manager of the Alumni and Career Placement Center at ACK stated: "This is a great achievement for the Australian College of Kuwait and I would like to thank Huawei for the great opportunity they gave to our amazing alumni." The Alumni and Career Placement Center at ACK and Staff from Huawei have established close communications to ensure ongoing collaborations between the two entities. Huawei will offer even more training opportunities in the near future through the opening of their Kuwait Innovation & Training Center in Al - Hamra Mall, Kuwait.



ANNOUNCEMENT FROM **AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY**

ne new AVAC location is at Level 30, Al-Rayya Tower, Al-Shuhada Street, Al-Asimah Governorate in Kuwait City. The centre is conveniently located next to the Marriott Courtyard Hotel, with on-site parking and easy access to the shopping mall. The centre in Al-Tijaria Tower will cease operations from close of business, 27 October 2016.

The change will not affect most Kuwait nationals, who can continue to apply for a visa online without needing to visit AVAC or submit passports. Electronic visa applicants need to enter their details and pay by credit card over the secure Australian website. Visa approval is completed by a notification email, in most cases within 24 hours. Passport details are recorded on the check-in systems of airlines flying to Australia. All GCC citizens are eligible to apply online for a range of Australian visas after creating an ImmiAccount. Visit www.border.gov.au /ImmiAccount

Applicants who hold passports from countries outside the GCC are encouraged to use the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's Visa Finder for more information about visas to visit, work, study or live in Australia. Visit www.border.gov.au /trav/visa-1Depending upon your nationality you may need to submit your passport and a paper application



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15:00 Jack 17:00 Forces Of Nature 19:00 Hot Pursuit

21:00 Talladega Nights

23:00 Awful Nice

03:00 Hot Pursuit

MOVIES

The Starving Games

04:00 Tracks 06:00 Foreverland 08:00 Philomena 10:00 Roger Waters The Wall Romeo & Juliet 14:15 Breathe In 16:00 Memories 17:45 Roger Waters The Wall

20:00 Almost Famous 23:00 Begin Again 01:00 Taking Lives 03:00 Breathe In

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14:00 The Love Punch 16:00 Before We Go 17:45 Tomorrowland 20:00 True Story 22:00 Me And Earl And The Dying

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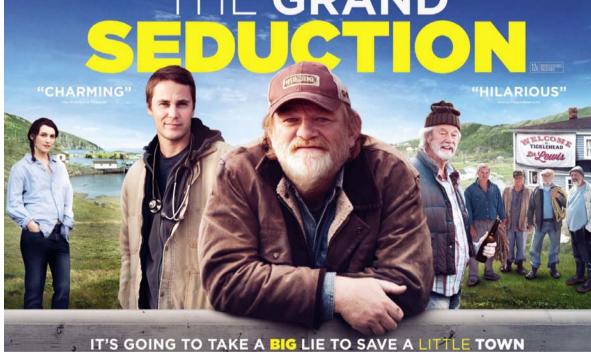
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KNCC PROGRAMME FROM THURSDAY TO WEDNESDAY (20/10/2016 TO 26/10/2016)

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NOTICE October 23, 2016



Mr. Novel Wilfred Cutinha son of Mr. Albert Cutinha, resident of Bldg No 153, Room no 4703, Kannamwar resident of Bldg No 153, Room no 4703, Kannamwar Nagar, Vikhroli, E Mumbai 83, Maharashtra and Ms. Sunitha Latha Pai daughter of Late Mr. John Picardo, resident of H No 1 1 Picardos Ranganapalke, Gundyadka Bailur, Udupi 574 137 both Indian nationals presently residing in Kuwait, have given notice of intended marriage between them under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1969. If anyone has any objection to the proposed marriage, he/she may file the same with the undersigned according to the procedure laid down under the Act/Rule within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

(Dr. Sushil Kumar) Second Secretary (Consular) And Marriage Officer

Embassy of India, Kuwait. Ph.00965-22533315

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Syed Ayub S/o Shaik Hussain Peera, holder of **Indian Passport No:** M8391273, Civil ID No: 267120203104 has changed my name to Shaik Mahammad Ayub hereinafter in all my dealings and documents. I will be known by the name of Shaik Mahammad Ayub. (C 5225) 24-10-2016

The public is hereby notified that MS. ELIZABETH SYBING-CO has filed with the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines, State of Kuwait, Migrant Petitions for Correction of Entry In the Last Name of her children Mahmood Sybingco Abdel Rahman Bassiony and Ahmed Sybingco Abdel Rahman Bassiony in the

Report of Births filed with the Philippine Embassy on 17 March 2002. The Last Name of the children should read as ABDELRAHMAN ABDELFAT-TAH MOHAMED BASSIONY instead of ABDUL RAHMAN BASSIONY. Any person having knowledge and/or claiming interest or may be adversely affected by said Petition, file his written opposition with the Embassy within ten (10) working days. 23-10-2016

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ACROSS

- 1. A French abbot.
- 5. A vaguely specified concern.
- 11. A Loloish language. 15. Any of numerous local fertility and
- nature deities worshipped by ancient Semitic peoples.
- 16. The 3 goddesses of fate or destiny. 17. Dearly loved.
- 18. Flemish painter who was a founder of the Flemish school of painting and to have pioneered modern techniques of oil painting (1390-1441).
- 19. A ballistic missile that is capable of traveling from one continent to another. 20. In bed.
- 21. The syllable naming the sixth (submediant) note of a major or minor scale in
- 23. A game whose object is to form words from a group of randomly chosen letters.
- 27. An informal term for a father. 28. A region of Malaysia in northeastern
- Borneo. 31. Any of various small plant-sucking
- insects. 35. United States poet (1884-1933).
- 39. A member of a Turkic people of Chinese Turkestan and neighboring areas (formerly of Mongolia and eastern Turkestan).
- 41. (Greek mythology) Goddess of discord.
- 42. A metric unit of volume or capacity
- equal to 10 liters. 43. Used in an attack.
- 45. Open to or abounding in fresh air.
- 46. At a previous time. 47. A master's degree in library science.
- 48. The habitation of wild animals.
- 50. A Russian river.
- 52. (informal) Roused to anger.
- 54. Of or relating to Dante Alighieri or his writings.
- 57. North American republic containing 50 states - 48 conterminous states in North America plus Alaska in northwest North America and the Hawaiian Islands in the Pacific Ocean.
- 59. Remove a bar from (a door, for exam-
- 61. Strong lightweight wood of the balsa tree used especially for floats.
- 65. Shockingly repellent.
- 67. Of or relating to the cranium which encloses the brain.
- 69. 3rd largest island in the world. 72. The scum formed by oxidation at the
- surface of molten metals. 73. The compass point midway between
- northeast and east. 74. A member of one of the four divisions
- of the prehistoric Greeks.
- 76. (Norse mythology) Goddess of old age who defeated Thor in a wrestling match. 77. Towards the side away from the wind.

78. Stem of the rattan palm used for mak-

ing canes and umbrella handles. 79. A condition requiring relief.

DOWN

- 1. Norwegian mathematician (1802-
- 2. Common Indian weaverbird.
- 3. German organist and contrapuntist

- (1685-1750).
- 4. Large northern deer with enormous flattened antlers in the male.
- 5. Any organic compound containing the group -CONH2.
- 6. Having or localized centrally at a focus.
- 7. A trivial lie. 8. A large fleet.
- 9. A state in midwestern United States. 10. Joint capital (with Mecca) of Saudi
- Arabia located in the central oasis. 11. The sixth month of the civil year.
- 12. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked
- on a skewer usually with vegetables. 13. A complex red organic pigment containing iron and other atoms to which
- oxygen binds. 14. Acute lung injury characterized by coughing and rales.
- 22. King of Saudi Arabia since 1982 (born in 1922).
- 24. Greek mythology.
- 25. Roman Emperor who succeeded Tiberius and whose uncontrolled passions resulted in manifest insanity.
- 26. Resembling gass. 29. The lofty nest of a bird of prey (such as
- a hawk or eagle).
- 30. (in Scotland) A child.
- 32. The length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference. 33. (pathology) An elevation of the skin
- filled with serous fluid.
- 34. An honorary arts degree. 36. Chief port of Yemen.
- 37. Gull family.
- 38. Antineoplastic drug (trade name Elspar) sometimes used to treat lymphoblastic leukemia.
- 40. The largest and southernmost island in the Marianas.
- 44. Footwear shaped to fit the foot (below the ankle) with a flexible upper of leather or plastic and a sole and heel of heavier material.
- 49. A ray of sunlight.
- 51. A small cake leavened with yeast. 53. Any of several large turkey-like game
- birds of the family Cracidae.
- 55. Steady recurrent ticking sound as made by a clock.
- 56. Norwegian explorer of the Arctic and director of the League of Nations relief program for refugees of World War I
- (1861-1930).
- 58. A river in eastern France. 60. French anthropologist who studied the craniums and brains of different races
- of people. 62. An industrial city in northern France
- near the Belgian border. 63. A river that rises in central Germany and flows north to join the Elbe River.
- 66. A member of an Algonquian people living in central Canada.
- 68. Type genus of the Ranidae.

64. (medicine) Chilly.

- 70. The cry made by sheep. 71. A former agency (from 1946 to 1974) that was responsible for research into atomic energy and its peacetime uses in
- the United States. 75. A metric unit of volume or capacity equal to 100 liters.

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STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

We are confident of our destination while the Moon moves through precise Virgo. We believe we can find the right words to express exactly what we mean. However, by midday our certainty begins to fail when the Moon steps into stressful territory, dynamically squaring loving Venus and opposing nebulous Neptune. Meanwhile, our fantasies grow out of control and romantic illusions run rampant as an illusory Venus-Neptune square captivates its audience.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You are favored today. Good luck and positive actions are in the forecast. If you are not sure about the small print in any contract or negotiations you should make every attempt to understand what you are signing or obligating yourself to now. People or ideas could be deceiving. You may want to pay particular attention to the possibility of being misled. This is, however, another one of your best overall days-you are lucky. There is much energy and drive available to you for starting something new or taking care of business. You could be in the limelight, especially with superiors or in relation to your work. You may find that you enjoy your job or the responsibility it entails more than usual. Instead of you asking the questions, others are seeking your advice.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

People and business projects are easily manipulated at this time. This could result in resentments or changes of plans later. Try to give propositions and ideas time to develop before you push for an outcome. There is, perhaps, a sense of challenge or blockage just now. You may not find the support that you think you need. Some sort of temporary obstacle may appear. You may feel frustrated. This challenging day will create opportunities for you to use your skills to solve problems and feel successful. This could be a touch-and-go time when it comes to your emotions and the environment in which you find yourself. You may be up against it for a while, as things get tight and progress is slowed. All of these things are temporary-patience will prove a benefit



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Everything external and business-oriented should prosper, provided that honesty and truth are your guides. You are reaching a peak regarding outward success. It is a good thing if you decide to become more prompt in your scheduling. It is no longer acceptable or fashionable to be late to dinner, appointments or the office meeting. You can become too strict with yourself so give credit where credit is due and make corrections when necessary. Eventually, you will have formed a new and important habit. A garden grown in pots is exciting for the winter and a nursery would have just what you need. If you paint the pots or create your own design to pain onto the pots, they make excellent gifts and you can add a package or two of seeds-or a plant.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

Details that demand your attention can become stressful. You know the right steps to accomplish the end result that is needed and physically there are tricks to lower the stress level. For example, look away occasionally and during your breaks get some sort of exercise. Right now, the key to career moves involves attending to a neglected resume and gathering copies of your work that will be impressive. At home this evening, give yourself time to think about new projects before diving in with the attitude of full speed ahead. Friendships are a fun way to enjoy some relaxation. You have good friends in that each person takes a turn at a desired activity and although tonight may not be your turn, a fun time can be had by all.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You will be pleased at the progress you have made already this week. Congratulations are in order for choosing your next move instead of reacting too quickly. You can expect a little boost, some extra support. You will have lots of physical and mental energy to do whatever you set out to accomplish. Investments that seem too good to be true are-so hang onto your checkbook. Someone you care about-a child or lover perhaps-may have difficulty distinguishing fantasy and reality. A flash of insight will help you to guide this person in the right direction. If any decisions are to be made regarding an emotional situation, they can be successfully made now. A pet store would be a fun way to find the right animal for you; fish can be fun and relaxing.

Wordsearch Puzzle

The remaining letters spell the title of an additional Science Fiction movie

Movies: Science Fiction 2 Find and circle all of the Science Fiction movies that are hidden in the grid.

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Libra (September 23-October 22)

Astrology has been around for a very long time; today you might consider the gift of a birthday horoscope reading for a friend of yours. This is always a fun gift and certainly helps the friend have new insight for his or her future. A positive attitude will gain you much today. There are opportunities to go in many directions but if you stay focused you will progress faster. This afternoon the planets are in the best place to help you complete projects and enjoy your accomplishments. Planning may also be good. You are coming into a creative phase now, one in which you want to be admired and appreciated for who you are. This evening, a loved one becomes a focal point in your life. Romance grabs



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Putting yourself in a better position in order to earn more money may be a topic difficult for you to shake. At your noon break you may want to do a little research on the internet or at the library on ways to improve your skills or bring about some positive attention from higher-ups. You have a plan and soon you will see positive results. There is a realization that a few changes will have to take place in the near future-particularly if you want more prestige or income than you receive now. If you are looking for a job, consider the arts, dealing in paintings or antiques, aviation, architecture, engineering or perhaps politics. Working with importing and exporting could also be productive. Any favors are yours. Loved ones express their love.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

This can be a rather busy day; however, this is a positive sign of good business. You have good practical job-related ideas and when the time is right you will be able to communicate these to superiors. You may find that both your personal growth and your career depend on your perseverance. You will benefit from analytical insights, getting to the heart of things and biding your time for the right opportunity to express yourself. This afternoon you may want to catch up on your reading and could find concentration difficult. Find a place to read that you can call your own private reading place. Make sure there is good lighting and remove any distractions. In no time your book will be halfway finished and dinnertime will be upon you.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

A vacation is favored today. You could begin this vacation now or just make plans for a vacation very soon. Perhaps go on a tour or on a cruise adventure. If you are working, making a good impression and putting your best foot forward takes on greater importance-and then a tour is a treat. Shopping after work may allow you time to help update your wardrobe. You could look through fashion magazines this afternoon and drop by a couple of clothing stores to check out the styles and colors. Romance, the arts and other life's other pleasures are high on your list of activities this winter. It begins this evening as you will want to share some sweet time with your lover. You enjoy the company and you feel like showing your gratefulness.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

Your creative side is active today and ideas for making the workplace more productive could be made into a presentation for higher-ups to read. If you are in a business where you can take the lead with your ideas, more power to you! Perhaps you could schedule an astrological reading to learn about the future opportunities coming up. This is the best time to ask for a loan, especially if the loan is used to update an old home or property or to invest. Having and appreciating things of beauty and value plays a big role in your life now. Provided you do not spend it all on the fancy things that catch your eye, this can be a financially favorable period. You develop an eye for that which is lasting and worthwhile. This evening is a good time to relax.

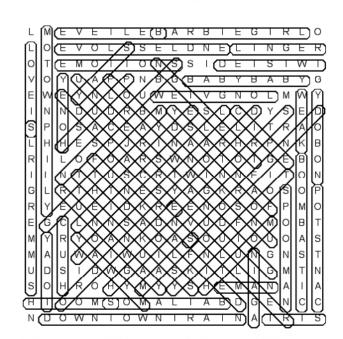


Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You are at your most practical when it comes to dealing and working with others. You know just what to do and can act without haste. Outside the workplace, there are wonderful topics that grab your interest. There may be some hesitance to study these things because you think you might not be able to stay focused on the everyday responsibilities. Plan ahead and you will enjoy periodic studies that will bring you wondrous opportunities to expand your knowledge. Hobbies, talents and adventures are yours to enjoy. You can do anything you want to do in this life if you have determination and focus; of course, a little positive thinking is also good. Your love life this evening can heat up in one of two directions. A candlelight dinner will help you decide.

Yesterday's Solution

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SUMMER GIRLS THE SIGN THIS KISS TODAY TOO FUNKY TWISTED UNDERSTANDING **UNSKINNY BOP**

The hidden song title is: LOSING MY RELIGION

Yesterday's Solution

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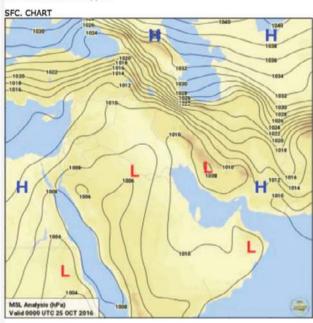
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Expected Weather for the Next 24 Hours

Max Temperature 36 °C

By Day: Hot with light to moderate south easterly wind, with speed of 10 - 32 km/h and some scattered clouds will appear

By Night: Fair with light to moderate south easterly wind, with speed of 12 - 35 km/h and some scattered clouds will appear



Four-Day Forecast

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Expected Weather	Relatively humid + high clouds	Humid especially over coastal areas + high clouds	partly cloudy to cloudy+ chance for drizzle	cloudy to partly cloudy
Min Temp °C	18	17	17	18
Max Temp °C	37	34	35	36
Wind Direction	southerly to south easterly	south easterly	south easterly to southerly	south easterly to light variable
Wind Speed km/h	15 - 38	08 - 28	08 - 28	06 - 28

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MUSIC & MOVIES

Rap mogul Knight accuses Dr Dre of trying to kill him

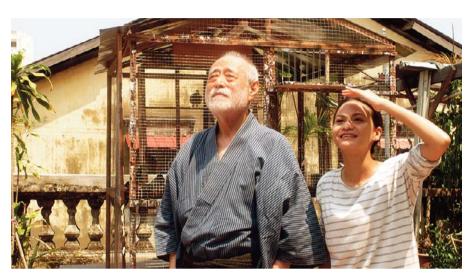
ailed former gangsta rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight has filed a lawsuit against Dr Dre accusing the hip-hop star turned Apple executive of hiring hitmen to kill him. In a lawsuit made public Monday that was packed with loaded claims, Knight alleged that Dr Dre agreed to pay him 30 percent of his earnings for life-including his share of Apple's \$3 billion purchase in 2014 of Dr Dre's Beats line of headphones and other electronics. Knight also named in the lawsuit leading movie studio Universal, saying that it cooperated on the hit attempt as Dr Dre and other members of gangsta rap pioneers N.W.A. spoke to Knight about the use of his likeness in "Straight Outta Compton," last

year's box office-topping biopic on the group.

Knight, a co-founder with Dr Dre of once thriving Death Row Records, is in jail for running over and killing industry colleague Terry Carter in January 2015 in the parking lot of a Los Angelesarea fast-food restaurant. In the lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, Knight said he had been defending himself as another man, filmmaker Cle Sloan, allegedly pulled a gun on him. Knight several months earlier was shot seven times at a Hollywood nightclub in a party thrown by R&B star Chris Brown. "Andre Young is responsible for both crimes," the lawsuit said, referring to Dr Dre by his given

"It is a well-known fact that Young and Knight are not friends," said the lawsuit, which seeks financial damages. Knight also took aim at Apple, alleging that the tech giant paid lawyers to "badger" him and Death Row Records as the label sought bankruptcy protection. An attorney for Dr Dre was quoted in reports as dismissing the allegations as farfetched. Sloan, who was injured in the parking lot incident, earlier denied threatening Knight. Knight, whose label once distributed top stars such as Tupac Shakur, has separately sued Chris Brown for a lack of security at his party. — AFP





In this photo provided by 2016 The Japan Foundation/UNIJAPAN, Malaysian actress Sharifah Amani and Japanese actor Masahiko Tsugawa stand together near a pen for pigeons in a scene from a segment directed by Japanese director Isao Yukisada for 'Reflections,' the first film produced by the Tokyo International Film Festival.



In this photo provided by 2016 The Japan Foundation/UNIJAPAN, Filipino director Brillante Mendoza, third from left in front, battles with snow he has not known when making films back home, directing his segment for 'Reflections,' the first film produced by the Tokyo International Film Festival. — AP photos

Tokyo festival produces heartwarming trilogy of Asian films

annes-winning Brillante Mendoza is among the three directors tapped by the Tokyo International Film Festival to create "Reflections," a trilogy that depicts the intertwining of stories among Asian nations. Be it a Filipino worker in Japan or a Japanese bureaucrat in love with a Cambodian woman, the main characters are old and lonely, caught in an Asian nation other than their own, in films that reflect the reallife erasing of barriers in this region. Premiering today, "Reflections" marks the first production effort by a festival still struggling to gain stature. And so the work is a heartwarming experiment, despite its relatively modest budget of 10 million yen (\$100,000) for each of the three sequences.

Mendoza's poetic piece "Dead Horse" centers on an elderly Filipino, who is deported after having worked for decades as a laborer in Japan, betting on horses as well as taking care of them. His state is actually common: Filipinos are the most numerous foreigners in Japan, after Koreans and Chinese. Mendoza did research, talking to Filipinos working in Japan And shooting in the snow meant a fun challenge for Mendoza. The horses form a metaphor for the hero's downtrodden plight, as well as his integrity. The close-ups of actor Lou Veloso's forlorn face, speckled with the snowflakes of northern Japan, which he would never see in his tropical home, are tragically majestic.

"After 30 years, he doesn't have a family any more. You lose the connection not only with his family but with everyone around him. It's a sad situation, but, in fact, it is really happening," Mendoza said in a recent interview. At a time when Japan is widely criticized for not being repentant enough about World War II atrocities, a piece of Japan that's surprisingly lovable is presented by Cambodian director Sotho Kulikar in her

The man, played by Masaya Kato, returns after two decades to Cambodia, where he had a relationship with a



In this photo provided by 2016 The Japan Foundation/UNIJAPAN, actor Lou Veloso looks up at the snow in a scene from the segment directed by Filipino director Brillante Mendoza for 'Reflections,' the first film produced by the Tokyo International Film Festival.

local woman. He stands deep in thought on the bridge, built by the Japanese, destroyed during Cambodia's civil war and then rebuilt, a moment symbolic of an ideal love that can overcome cultural differences, separation or even death. The theme of unshaken love was based on Kulikar's parents. Her father died when she was 2, killed in the war. Kulikar wanted to send a message to Cambodian people not to forget or bury the painful past, but to embrace it, she said. "That is a big mistake for us because we cannot emotionally move on, if we have not accepted it," said Kulikar, whose next film, a documentary, is about the culture of rice, which she believes also connects Cambodians with Japanese.

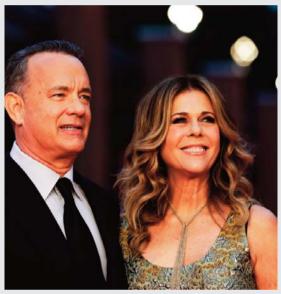
"I think the world has so many problems already I don't think we should look into the bad parts only. We should look into the beautiful part of each country, each nation. Because we need to live together. Otherwise, there will be war again," she added. "Why not see the beautiful side, and try to live together?" Crossing borders was also a welcome theme for Japanese director Isao Yukisada, who worked with Malaysian actors and crew to shoot "Pigeon." It explores Japan's guilt about the colonization of Asia that led to World War II, juxtaposed with an elderly Japanese man living his retirement

Yukisada noted that funding from outside Japan, such as China, and filming with non-Japanese staff and actors, are increasingly becoming part of his life, an experience that's feeding into his directing. "Crossing boundaries is a great way to rethink your own work. I've been making films for 16 years, and so my style and filmmaking environment are getting more established. But if you think that means things are on roll, that's not the case. If anything, the production side makes demands that take you farther away from the original work you had in mind," he said. Kenji Ishizaka, professor at Japan Institute of the Moving Image, who oversaw the trilogy, insists independent Asian filmmaking has strengths and appeal, and the festival plans to produce another in 2018, with new direc-

"These films don't destroy everything in their path like Hollywood blockbusters," said Ishizaka, who had a bit role as a police officer in Mendoza's section. "These movies are about family, community, friends, what you might call human-to-human contact, what ties people together, and they address the effort of various ethnic groups and cultures co-existing." — AP

RITA WILSON LOVES DAVID S PUMPKINS AS MUCH AS THE INTERNET

ita Wilson's phone has been blowing up - and it's all David S Pumpkins' fault. Ever since her husband, Tom Hanks, appeared on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" as the strange man in the pumpkin suit in that haunted elevator, Wilson has received all sorts of crazy David S Pumpkins things, including clips, texts and gifs. She couldn't quite explain why the irreverent skit was so effective or why it's become something of an internet sensation since airing last weekend.



In this file photo, Actor Tom Hanks, left, flanked by his wife Rita Wilson, arrives to receive a lifetime achievement at the Rome Film Festival, in Rome. — AP

But, like a Pavlovian response, "Whenever I see it, it makes me want to laugh," she said at the second annual InStyle Awards on Monday night. Wilson giggled at the thought she might get her own repeat show at home. "There might be a little David Pumpkins in my future," she said. "I can just call him up and go 'Bring it, I need a little David S. Pumpkins today, honey." — AP



In this image released by Lionsgate, Tyler Perry portrays Madea in a scene from, 'Tyler Perry's Boo! A Madea Halloween.' — AP

'Madea Halloween' tops N America box office

oo! A Madea Halloween" scared off the competition during its debut weekend to claim first place at the North American box office, industry data showed Monday. The latest installment of Tyler Perry's Madea comedy franchise-in which Perry reprises his role as a tough-talking matriarch-raked in \$28.5 million, box office tracker Exhibitor Relations said. "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back," another debut film, took second place with \$22.9 million. The sequel to 2012's "Jack Reacher" stars Tom Cruise again as a former Army soldier going it alone, based on British author Lee Child's "Jack Reacher" novel series.

The horror sequel "Ouija: Origin of Evil"-about home seances gone wrong opened in third place with \$14.1 million. "The Accountant," a financial thriller starring Ben Affleck, took fourth with \$13.6 million. Last week's box office leader, it follows an autistic mathematics savant who capitalizes on his fondness for numbers by becoming an undercover forensic accountant for criminal organizations. The psychological thriller "The Girl on the Train," starring Emily Blunt as a depressed, alcoholic divorcee who witnesses something odd as she rides a commuter train, dropped to fifth place with \$7.2

million in its third week. Rounding out the top 10 films were: "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" (\$5.9 million)

"Keeping Up with the Joneses" (\$5.5 million)

"Kevin Hart: What Now?" (\$4.1 million)

"Storks" (\$4 million) "Deepwater Horizon" (\$3.4 million)—AFP

Jack O'Connell to star in Alexander McQueen movie

nbroken" and "Money Monster" actor Jack O'Connell is set to star in a movie about fashion designer Alexander McQueen to be directed by Andrew Haigh, best known for "45 Years." Pathe will distribute the film in the UK, France and Switzerland, and will handle sales in the rest of the world. Principal photography on the movie, which is produced by Damian Jones at DJ Films, will start next spring, and the pic is due for delivery at the end of next year. The script is written by Chris Urch, award-winning playwright of "The Rolling Stone" and "Land of Our Fathers," based on the biography "Blood Beneath the Skin" by Andrew Wilson.

"In 2009, Alexander McQueen put on

one of his greatest shows-a stunningly beautiful re-working of his greatest designs from the past 15 years," according to a statement from Pathe. "It was a show that he dedicated to his mother and one in which he tried to make sense of his life and art. The film explores McQueen's creative process in the months leading up to the show, providing an intimate portrait of the man behind the global brand-a moving celebration of a visionary genius whose designs transcended fashion to become art." O'Connell's credits include "'71" and "Starred Up"; Jones' previous movies include "The Iron Lady," "Belle" and "Lady in the Van." — Reuters



Jack O'Connell



In this Feb 7, 2016 file photo, Lady Gaga sings the national anthem before the NFL Super Bowl 50 football game between the Denver Broncos and the Carolina Panthers in Santa Clara, Calif. — AP

Lady Gaga will perform during Super Bowl halftime show

t's official: Lady Gaga will headline the Super Bowl halftime show. The NFL and Pepsi announced Thursday that the pop star will take the stage Feb 5 at NRG Stadium in Houston. Gaga sang the national anthem at the Super Bowl this year in Santa Clara, California. Beyonce, Bruno Mars and Coldplay headlined the halftime show.

Gaga will release a new album, "Joanne," on Oct 21. The Grammy winner's hits include "Poker Face," "Bad Romance," "Born This Way" and "Applause." Fox will broadcast the Super Bowl. — AP

art of acting and cinematic story-telling. "Vintner John Caldwell is the original Napa Valley maverick winemaker, and Matthew McConaughey is the epitome of a maverick when it comes to his work in the film industry," said Napa Valley Film Festival co-founder and director Marc Lhormer. "Matthew boldly inhabits each character that he plays on screen, and we are just delighted to showcase his latest film and to honor him at the festival

this year." —Reuters

Matthew McConaughey

McConaughey to be

honored at the Napa

Valley Film Fest

November. His latest film "Gold," an adventure

drama directed by Academy Award winner

Stephen Gaghan, will screen at the festival on at

9 am Nov 10. "Gold" centers around Kenny Wells

(McConaughey), a prospector desperate for a

lucky break, who teams up with an eager geolo-

gist, played by Edgar Ramirez, and sets off on a

journey to find gold in the uncharted jungle of

Indonesia. The film hits theater on Dec 25. After

the screening, McConaughey will be presented

with the Caldwell Vineyards Maverick Actor

Tribute for his outstanding contributions to the

McConaughey will receive a tribute

award at the Napa Valley Film Festival in

scar-winning actor

FASHION

Fashion brands ignore 'endemic' abuse of Syrian refugees in Turkey

ig fashion brands are failing to protect Syrian refugees from "endemic" abuse in Turkish clothing factories supplying European retailers, a monitoring group said on Tuesday. Child labour, pitiful pay and dangerous conditions are among the risks facing undocumented Syrian refugees working in Turkey's garment industry, according to the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre. The London-based charity surveyed 38 major brands with Turkish factories in their supply chains on steps they are taking to protect vulnerable refugee workers from exploitation.

"A handful of leading brands, like NEXT and New Look, demonstrate it is a moral imperative, and commercially viable, to treat refugees with respect," Phil Bloomer, the watchdog's executive director, said in a statement. "The great majority of brands are doing too little. They should learn rapidly from these leaders to outlaw abuse of refugees in their supply chains, and insist their suppliers provide decent work for all their workers."

Almost 3 million refugees - more than half aged under 18 - have fled to Turkey to escape war in Syria. Many work illegally in Turkey's garment industry, which supplies \$17 billion in clothing and shoes a year, mostly to Europe, especially Germany. A Reuters investigation this year found evidence of Syrian refugee children in Turkey working in clothes factories in illegal conditions. Turkey bans children under 15 from working.

Extremely serious

A BBC Panorama investigation broadcast on Monday found that Syrian refugee children had been working in factories making clothes for British high street retailer Marks & Spencer (M&S) and online store ASOS. An M&S spokesperson told Reuters before the BBC report aired: "We had previously found no evidence of Syrian workers employed in factories that supply us, so we were very disappointed by these findings, which are extremely serious and are unacceptable

An ASOS spokeswoman declined to comment. The Business and Human Rights Resource Centre said many brands justified inaction on labor exploitation by denying the existence of refugees of any age in their supply chains. In its survey, drawn up with trade unions and rights advocates, only nine brands reported that they had found unregistered Syrian refugees on factory floors. Those brands were ASOS, C&A, H&M, KiK, LC Waikiki, Primark, New Look, NEXT and Otto Group. Until this year, Syrians were not entitled to work permits, so many refugees worked informally.

Turkey started to issue permits in January, but the

Business and Human Rights Resource Centre said "the vast majority of Syrian refugees continue to work without legal protections, making them vulnerable to abuse". It said ASOS, C&A, Esprit, GAP, Inditex, LC Waikiki, Mothercare, New Look, Otto Group, Primark, Tesco, Tchibo and White Stuff all now expect suppliers to support unregistered refugees to get work permits. "This is a positive shift given many brands previously cited a zero tolerance policy towards unregistered refugees working in factories, leading to their dismissal - the worst outcome for their welfare," the charity said in a report.

It praised NEXT, New Look and Mothercare for having detailed plans for protecting refugees and for paying a minimum wage even when Syrians are employed without work permits. The monitoring group criticized standard methods used to make sure supply chains are free from labor exploitation, in which brands announce in advance audits of so-called first-tier suppliers. Rights groups say a lot of abuse occurs at the murkier ends of supply chains when suppliers subcontract production from third-party factories that are much harder to keep track of.

Trade unions

The Business and Human Rights Resource Centre noted that Adidas, C&A, Debenhams, LC Waikiki, Puma, Inditex,

ASOS, H&M and NEXT audited sub-contractors below the first tier. But it said much more needed to be done. The survey showed a minority of brands were taking collective action on exploitation in Turkey through the Ethical Trading Initiative, an alliance of trade unions, firms and charities promoting workers' rights, the group said. "Disappointingly, six brands did not respond to the (survey) questions - Gerry Weber, Lidl, Mexx, New Yorker, River Island and Sainsbury's," it added in its report.

Nobody was immediately available for comment at New Yorker, Mexx or Lidl. A River Island spokeswoman declined to comment. A Sainsbury's spokesperson told Thomson Reuters Foundation: "We expect our suppliers, both in the UK and abroad, to follow our Code of Conduct for Ethical Trade, which incorporates the Base Code of the Ethical Trading Initiative." A spokeswoman for Gerry Weber said in an email: "We have raised awareness with our suppliers for the issue and are furthermore on site with our own staff. Additionally we realize audits with independent third parties." Arcadia, Burberry, Oliver, SuperGroup, VF Corp and Walmart only provided short statements in response to the survey, the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre said. — Reuters

ENTATION



























Models walk the runway during LAB's presentation at Sao Paulo Fashion Week in Sao Paulo, Brazil on Monday. — AFP photos

JURY ACQUITS MAN OF STALKING TV STAR KENDALL JENNER

jury on Monday acquitted a man of stalking model and reality TV star Kendall Jenner and convicted him of trespassing at her secluded Hollywood Hill home The jury of seven women and five men returned the verdict against Shavaughn McKenzie after a seven-day trial in which Jenner described her fear at finding McKenzie lurking in her driveway and banging on her car window in August. A defense attorney had urged jurors to reject the stalking charge, saying there was no evidence showing McKenzie intended to cause Jenner

McKenzie is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 10 on the misdemeanor trespassing charge. He could face up to six months in jail but will likely be released because of credits for good behavior. His attorney Taylor Shramo said he hopes to secure mental health treatment for McKenzie, a Florida native who traveled from Georgia to Los Angeles last year and started hanging around outside Jenner's former home.

The verdict marks the second time this year that a Los Angeles jury has rejected a stalking case involving a celebrity. In February, a jury acquitted an Ohio man of stalking Gwyneth Paltrow after determining he did not intend to cause her fear by repeatedly sending letters to her. In the Jenner case, Deputy City Attorney Alex Perez said in court that McKenzie, 25, had tracked Jenner's whereabouts for 15 months before his arrest. He noted that McKenzie has never said how he

learned that Jenner had moved to the hilltop home tucked away from the street and accessible only after driving through a 13-foot gate.

Perez said he was disappointed by the verdict and hoped McKenzie would receive treatment. Perez said McKenzie followed Jenner's car onto the property and only left after she backed out of the driveway and three of her friends arrived to detain McKenzie until police arrived. "I've never been so scared in my life," the 20-year-old Jenner testified, saying she had recognized McKenzie as the same man who twice accosted her while she was driving outside her former home. Jenner said his refusal to leave her Hollywood Hills property prompted her to make panicked calls to friends for help.

Mental illness

"I definitely don't feel safe in my own house anymore," she testified. Jenner obtained a civil restraining order Oct 13 that requires McKenzie to stay away from her for five years. Shramo urged jurors earlier Monday to reject the case, saying McKenzie merely wanted to talk to Jenner and posed no danger to her. He accused Perez of emphasizing Jenner's celebrity status to try to gain a conviction. "He wants you to be starstruck," Shramo said. He said after the verdict that mental health professionals have repeatedly found that McKenzie doesn't have violent tendencies.

The incident has caused Jenner distress as she pursues a modeling career and appears on her family's show, "Keeping Up With the Kardashians." "She doesn't want to be surrounded by security," Perez said. "And she certainly doesn't want to be stalked." A forensic psychiatrist hired to evaluate McKenzie testified that he was delusional and his efforts to locate Jenner were part of his mental illness. McKenzie's mother June Osavio told jurors she repeatedly tried to get help for her son, but he refused to take his medications. He disappeared in March 2015 after they moved to Georgia, she said. Osavio called the verdict fair. Jenner is the younger sister of Kim Kardashian West. In court, Jenner shyly recounted her career, which has included doing a cover photo for Vogue magazine and modeling for top fashion lines. — AP

> In this file photo, model **Kendall Jenner attends** the world premiere of 'Zoolander 2' in New



FEATURES



US actress Meryl Streep (center) waves to the media as she walks on the red carpet prior to the opening ceremony of the 29th Tokyo International Film Festival in Tokyo yesterday. — AP/AFP photos



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, center, accompanied by Japanese actress Haru Kuroki, second right, waves at people upon their arrival for the opening ceremony.

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US actress Meryl Streep poses in a photocall prior to the opening ceremony.

Tokyo Festival opens with Shinzo Abe and Meryl Streep

here were Super Mario characters in the streets of Roppongi earlier in the day. But when Prime Minister Shinzo Abe descended on Tokyo's entertainment district for the opening ceremony of the 29th Tokyo International Film Festival he did not repeat his Mario stunt outfit worn for the Olympic Games in Brazil. Instead he wrapped up in a strictly-starched dinner suit and a tired smile before greeting top overseas guest Meryl Streep on the steps of the Ex Theater. Warming to the task, despite the light rain, Abe broke into English to recite a line from "The Iron Lady," in which Streep portrays another Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher.

"I'd like people to take away all of the film's surprises. At first it seems like an everyday love story, but then turns into something more deep and poignant," Streep said of the opening film "Florence Foster Jenkins." "It is important to maintain some continuity," Abe said after admitting that his regular visits to the festival had been interrupted for five years while he was out of power. Wearing a Japanese, stork-themed dress, Streep picked up the election theme. "I'd like to stay and watch all of the films, but I have to go back home and help the next President get elected," she said.

Untimely death

"What we'd like to see is for Japan to become the gateway to Asia, and for creators from Japan to go out into the world," Abe said. He revealed that his wife had recommended him to

watch Japanese hit film "Shin Godzilla," but that he had hesitated after learning that early in the movie the Prime Minister and members of his cabinet meet an untimely death. Also on the red carpet were main competition jurors Hong Kong director Mabel Cheung, Italian actor Valerio Mastandrea, US producer Nicole Rocklin, Japanese director Hideyuki Hirayama, and French director Jean Jacques Beineix, as jury chairman.

Struggling to read a prepared speech from his smart phone, Beineix said that movies contribute to international peace and harmony. "Together with my fellow jurors, we will be looking for audacious, creative and surprising films," Beineix said from the stage. Though TIFF (Oct 25 - Nov 3) and its accompanying market (TIFFCOM) have raised their international profiles in recent years, the Japanese film business has found growth elusive. Despite the addition of nearly 1,000 multiplex screens in the past decade - 2,996 in 2015 compared with 1,954 in 2005, total annual admissions have barely budged, hovering around the 165 million mark.

Popular comics

What has improved is the market share of Japanese films vis-a-vis the foreign competition, with the local titles out-earning the imports for the past eight years in a row. Abroad, however, Japanese films are often a hard sell. Even in Asia, long their most receptive overseas market, Japanese films rarely

get wide releases or hit the box office heights. Last year, Nobuhiro Doi's feel-good drama "Flying Colors" bowed on nearly 2,000 screens in China, but its box office gross was a less-than-inspirational \$5.7 million. One problem is the strong domestic orientation of the big film companies and their media partners, whose adaptations of locally popular comics, novels or TV dramas target only the Japanese market, with foreign sales mostly an afterthought.

Also, the government's Cool Japan initiative to spur contents exports has little relevance to the major studios, which don't require its backing. Indie filmmakers, find jumping through the scheme's bureaucratic hoops all but impossible. Nonetheless, the industry scores international breakthroughs, such as Toho's "Shin Godzilla," which has been sold to nearly 100 territories, and the megahit Makoto Shinkai animation "Your Name," which has earned more than \$150 million domestically and nearly equaled the overseas sales total of "Shin Godzilla." The festival promises plenty of surprises. Toho admits that it had no idea "Your Name" would become such a blockbuster. — Reuters



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, right, and Japanese actress Haru Kuroki pose for photographers.



French actress Anne Parillaud poses for photographers during the opening



Japanese actress Nozomi Sasaki, left, and South Korean K-pop group Super Junior member Yesung.

Review

'The Eagle Huntress' is a heartwarming all-ages tale

here is an ancient tradition of falconry practiced by the people of Mongolia where burkitshi, or "eagle hunters," train golden eagles to respond to their call and hunt hares and foxes in the frozen landscape. It's a skill and ceremonial practice that's learned from age 13 and has been largely the domain of men. Enter Aisholpan, a 13-year-old nomadic Kazakh girl who wants to be an eagle hunter. Her father is one. Her grandfather was too. And it's a family tradition that dates back 12 generations. It's this shy, rosy cheeked and brave little girl whose story to become the first female eagle hunter in her family is lovingly told in the documentary "The Eagle Huntress," which is sure to inspire and enchant generations of young children with its heartwarming story and stunning locations.

lt's fitting that the film is narrated (and executive pro-

duced) by Daisy Ridley, who shepherded the "Star Wars" universe into a more empowering space for women with her portrayal of the ambitious and self-sufficient Jedi-in-training Rey. Director Otto Bell embeds the audience in Aisholpan's world, which looks both modern and ancient at the same time. She lives with her parents and siblings in a spacious yurt. Her mother cooks and cleans and her father herds goats and cattle across the Mongolian Steppe. Aisholpan helps out with the chores at home and is a top student who hopes one day to become a doctor. But first, she wants to follow in her father's footsteps and train eagles.

Authentic moment

There is an obvious girl power message in the film that's spelled out loud and clear by both the narration and the fram-

ing of Aisholpan's accomplishments. Although her father and mother support her dreams, Bell makes sure to show a room of elder eagle hunters expressing doubts about a woman's ability to perform the job because they lack the necessary bravery and are "too fragile." They might as well be twirling

their mustaches for how on the nose it all is.

In fact, there's an overriding level of artifice to "The Eagle Huntress" that's hard to shake. Bell opts for reality show techniques to up the drama throughout, like a cut of Aisholpan removing her hat at a competition to reveal she's a girl juxtaposed with a shot of a man looking aghast while the music crescendos. Was he really looking at her? Was it an authentic moment? As it plays out, it certainly doesn't feel real even if the spirit of truth is there. It's something that's unlikely to bother or even register with younger audiences and perhaps

it's even a necessary storytelling device. But it does break the

spell of this otherwise enchanting and quite sincere film.

It's hard not to get swept up in Aisholpan's bravery and determination as she climbs down a rocky terrain to kidnap her very own eagle, or as she braces for impact when her eagle swoops down to land on her arm. The drone shots of the landscapes, too, are something to behold. It is indeed a rare and special story, and, as a film, it's a wholesome lark that you'll want to show your daughters and sons. "The Eagle Huntress," a Sony Pictures Classic release, is rated G by the Motion Picture Association of America. Running time: 87 minutes. Three stars out of four. — AP



This image released by Sony Pictures Classics shows Aisholpan, left, and her father Nurgaiv in a scene from "The Eagle Huntress," a documentary about a 13-year-old girl who trains to become an eagle hunter.



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This image released by Sony Pictures Classics shows Aisholpan in a scene from "The Eagle Huntress." — AP photos

FEATURES

Mermaids making a splash in Dutch pools

majestic turquoise-and-gold tail splashes the surface of a public pool. Strange, beautiful creatures frolic in the water, occasionally peeking out from their masks and snorkels. Half-woman, half-fish. Since Disney's Princess Ariel first hit the big screen over two decades ago, many little girls (and some boys) have dreamt of becoming a mermaid. Now mermaid Crystal, as she is known, is helping turn those fantasies into reality in her swimming classes with a difference in The Netherlands. "It's amazing," smiled a starry-eyed Marijke, 27. "It's every little girl's dream."

Marijke, Lize and Katja are among the first pupils at Crystal's Meermin School Nederland. It is billed as the country's "first professional school" for mermaids and is only one of a handful in Europe where the phenomenon of "mermaiding" is beginning to make waves after arriving from the United States and Canada. At the public swimming pool in the central Dutch town of Zeist, the would-be mermaids are learning to swim like Ariel, their legs firmly bound in tight material tails.

Daubed in bright aquatic prints to resemble shiny scales, the faux tails take some time to wriggle into before they can slide into the water for some intense underwater aerobics. It's all in the technique, according to Crystal, real name Marijke Pie, who says "the movement begins from the tummy." Her advice? Keep your

feet together, don't bend the knees too much, but try to do a dolphin kick using your abdominal muscles.

Magical, mysterious

Crystal usually teaches wearing just her swimsuit, preferring not to be weighed down by her 15-kilo (30pound) tail. She bought it online, made-to-measure, from Hawaii-based Finfolk productions-where customers design their own tails-for 3,000 euros (\$3,300). So great is demand that the site boasts of a waiting list of nine to 12 months. A shell-shaped bikini top, earrings like stars and a mother-of-pearl spiral in her hair completes the look. Once in costume, a transformation takes place. Magical and mysterious, Crystal says she feels free.

"I can go where I want. I'm graceful in the water. I feel more beautiful in the water. There's no stress, no pressure and I am away from all the technology. There's a real tranquility. It's incredible." But becoming a mermaid-or even a merman-takes weeks, if not months, of training.

From selkie to siren

Initially, the apprentices are dubbed selkies-after the creatures of Gaelic folklore who live as seals but shed their fur to become human on land. Then they advance to sirens-mythological beings with long hair and seductive songs luring ships to a watery grave. Here Crystal

also gives tips on choosing costumes and accessories, how to do their hair and make-up so it's not ruined in the water, and how to smile and keep their eyes open for underwater photo poses. The final level is becoming a mermaid, and learning free-diving techniques. How to hold your breath underwater, how to blow water rings, how to protect your ears.

Crystal can now hold her breath for more than threeand-a-half minutes, and can free-dive to some 60 feet (20 meters). Her fantasy started to become reality some four years ago, after a cosplay event, when children dress up as characters from a film, book or videogame. She has now done some underwater photo sessions and would like to join an aquarium show.

Her idol is Australian Hannah Fraser-who for the past decade has worked as "a professional mermaid" and ocean activist. Fraser has been filmed swimming with sharks, turtles and sea lions and even took part in the Oscar-winning documentary "The Cove" about Japanese dolphin hunting. But if the surprised glances from other swimmers in the Zeist pool are anything to go by, it would seem the Dutch are perhaps not quite ready for mermaids. "Oh, let them stare," said young apprentice mermaid Marijke. "I'm having fun!" — AFP



Pictures show three women dressed up as mermaids posing by a pool at a mermaid training school at Dijnselburg swimming pool in Zeist. — AFP photos



Visitors looking at a collection of antiques from Jin Yulan, the nephew of China's last emperor Pu Yi, in Beijing.



Schoolchildren looking at a collection of antiques from Jin Yulan, the nephew of China's last emperor Pu Yi, in Beijing.

Last Emperor's nephew puts Chinese history on show

the Middle Kingdom from the Forbidden City. Now Jin Yulan scours the antique shops of Communist-ruled Beijing for trinkets that might once have belonged to his family. The Qing dynasty ruled over China for 268 years until it was deposed after the 1911 revolution. But interest in the past is growing and when Jin opened an exhibition of his artefacts this week dozens of enthusiasts attended. A retired teacher dressed in a polo shirt and jacket, Jin says he likes things "with a sense of age, with a kind of culture and history to them".

"I never knew the life of the court," he laments. "I can't say how good life there was or how succulent the food would have been. But I feel a link with my ancestors and this bond will last forever." Born in 1948, shortly before Mao Zedong's Communists took power, Jin has had a life of marked contrast



Jin Yulan, the nephew of China's last emperor Pu Yi, looking on during his private antique collection show in Beijing. — AFP photos

to the Imperial finery of his forebears. During the Cultural Revolution-when Mao's Red Guards sought to destroy China's heritage-he was exiled to the countryside of Henan and ended up spending more than 20 years in the central province, only returning to the capital in the 1990s. "The Red Guards sacked our house and confiscated our belongings," he said. "They took 90 percent of what we owned."

Family reunion

Jin's uncle Pu Yi was aged two when he took the throne in 1908. Abdicating while still a child in 1912, he later served as Tokyo's puppet emperor of Manchuria after Japan invaded in

is uncle was the last Emperor of China, reigning over the 1930s. He was arrested by Soviet forces in 1945 and imprisoned by China's new Communist authorities until 1959. When he was freed, his Aisin-Gioro clan held a dinner that was "the largest family reunion since the fall of the Qing dynasty", Jin said. "Pu Yi took my hands, he was very kind. It was the first time that I had seen him. He was wearing the same black cotton clothes that he would have worn in prison-the only thing he had removed was his number."

Pu Yi was later set to work as a gardener by the Communists and died of cancer in 1967. "We spoke very freely. I saw him more as a human being than an emperor," Jin says, highlighting the contrast between his uncle's earlier and later life. "When he was younger, people would kowtow before him."

'The dynasty is dead'

Jin started collecting pieces as a boy, scouring flea markets and occasionally picking up items that could have belonged to his family. One of the artefacts on display in the exhibition, at a museum in a former aristocratic residence in Beijing, is a kaleidoscope given to Pu Yi's father by Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany during a visit to Berlin in 1901. Jin played with the kaleidoscope as a child, and managed to take it with him to Henan, dismantling it, stuffing it into a bag and sneaking it under the noses of the Red Guards. A photo from the late 1920s shows Pu Yi surrounded by his brothers and sisters. "The child sitting on the floor is my father," Jin explains of the emperor's half-brother, who died last year at the age of 96, the last of his generation. He has not been to the Forbidden City, his family's former home and now a UNESCO world heritage site and Beijing's top tourist draw, for 30 years, claiming he does not think it is "worth the price of the ticket". But with the passage of time, people are becoming increasingly interested in Qing history, he says."The dynasty is dead, but we can look at it from an objective point of view and I think most people are well disposed to the imperial family."

According to Wang Qingxiang of the Jilin Academy of Social Sciences, the official Chinese assessment of Pu Yi found that he "made some mistakes" but gave a "good judgment" on his post-prison life. Wang has published 60 books about Pu Yi and the Qing dynasty, but said the subject has become more sensitive in recent years, with authorities now taking four months to approve his works for publication, compared with "no strict scrutiny" in the past. Jin insists he has no nostalgia for the Qing dynasty, admitting that by its end it was paralyzed by corruption and no longer able to govern China. "It was time to go," he says. — AFP

Waterside bliss under threat on France's Canal du Midi

rance's Canal du Midi was once a bustling commercial artery crowded with lock keepers, boatmen and barges weighted down by wine and wheat. These days, 350 years after it was carved out of the soil of southwestern France, its banks and waters have become a haven for slow-living locals, artists and prosperous professionals. They are passionate about this waterway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that they call home, but some are worried that their paradise may be threatened by a surge in tourism and the effects of a tree-killing fungus.

"It's a lifestyle I wouldn't change for anything in the world," says Mariance Martinel, who runs a bed and breakfast on her houseboat Constructed at the height of the reign of Louis XIV and brainchild of engineer Pierre-Paul Riquet, the 240-kilometre (150-mile) waterway links the city of Toulouse with the Mediterranean. The waterway also continues northwest of Toulouse as the Canal de Garonne, leading to the Atlantic, with both sections known as the Canal of Two Seas.

For Emma Tissier, the attraction is that "you are neither in the countryside, nor the city-you are totally disconnected from the urban world." She and her partner share a 29metre (90 feet) long "peniche" or barge in Ramonville, a small port just outside Toulouse. Most of the canal's residents live on their boats and arrived in waves starting in

Thousands of trees felled

"We've got a little of everything here... Hippies, Airbus employees, French and Dutch people," says Jean-Yves Delmas, president of a Toulouse association of canal users and owner of a pink and turquoise peniche. They all share a strong desire to protect the environment and respect for the canal. "It's our environment and we cherish it," says Delmas, a former sales manager who is barefoot and wearing bermuda shorts. Care for the environment means using biodegradable cleaning materials and paint, using water purification systems and getting rid of rubbish that has been dumped in the water as well as along the banks. "We look after our surroundings," explains Tissier, a 40-year-old self-employed graphic designer and mother who delights in the soft quality of the daylight which filters through the trees lining the canal.

But certain issues trouble her-not least the battle to save the remaining plane trees bordering the canal, thousands of which have been felled to stop the spread of a microscopic fungus that has wrought havoc over recent years. France's waterways authority VNF has vowed to replace all trees infected by Ceratocystis platani, believed to come from contaminated wooden ammunition crates used by US troops in World War II.

Explosion of tourism

Worse yet are the pleasure craft and rented houseboats that zip along, churning up waves that erode the banks, complains Tissier's English partner Caspar Galsworthy, 55, who says he spends his time "patching up rickety old boats." Not everyone sees it in such a negative light, with Claudine Wytrowa, who runs a grocery business from her barge, quick to point out that the canal "is alive and it changes to reflect the times." The biggest upheaval of recent times was the canal's designation as a world heritage site in 1996, prompting a boom in the number of visitors.



Mariance and Jeremie Martinel pose in front of their guesthouse barge on the Canal du Midi in Le Somail, near Narbonne, southern France. — AFP photos

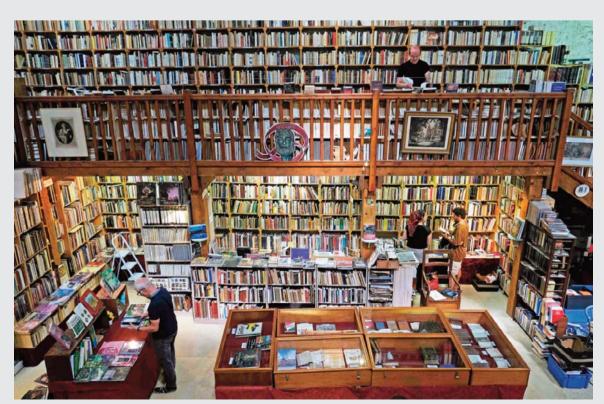
Since then the canal's development "has gone a lot faster," says Nelly Gourgues, who runs a family bookshop in Somail, a village along the canal. "Now, boats from around the globe stop here" dropping off a steady stream of British, German, Dutch and Russian tourists, she says. "There's been an explosion of tourists," agrees Joel Barthes, 61, who has spent more than half of his life on the canal and has the weatherbeaten skin to prove it.

Changing times

He makes iron and wooden sculptures to embellish the lock at Puicheric, a small town a few kilometers inland where he is the lock master. "For 11 years I worked the lock gate cranks. In the old days, lock masters had a washboard stomach and big biceps and were respected." With the arrival of automated lock gates and private companies to carry out repairs and cut down the stricken trees "that spirit has gone." But leaving is out of the question, he says. "You'd have to send in the police to drag me away," he grins. — AFP



Gaston Degois poses in front of his grocery barge in Le Somail, on the Canal du Midi, near Narbonne, southern



People read books at a bookshop at Le Somail harbor on the Canal du Midi, near Narbonne, southern France.

Officials unveil the restored exterior panels of 'The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb', an altar piece painted by the Van Eyck brothers in 1432, at Saint Bavo Cathedral in Ghent. — AFP photos

England's 'most haunted village' gears up for Halloween



A view of the church of St Nicholas in the village of Pluckley, south-east England.



A view of the Black Horse pub in the village of Pluckley, south-east England.

ith Halloween in the air, ghouls are set to emerge from the shadows in the quiet streets of Pluckley, reputedly the most haunted village in England. But it is not so much the ghosts that are spooking the inhabitants but the hordes of booze-fuelled thrill-seekers prowling around the settlement. "There's always some people who mess around. The village generally would rather Halloween did not happen," Chris Housman, chairman of Pluckley Parish Council, told AFP.

Nestled by the chalk hills of Kent in southeast England, Pluckley is a tranquil village of some 800 souls that was recorded in the 1086 Domesday Book, Britain's earliest public record. It has an old church, a graveyard, the Black Horse pub and a butcher's, and ivy creeps up the walls of its red-brick buildings. On the face of it, Pluckley is an idyllic, quaint village in the English countryside

But maps posted around the village reveal there is more to Pluckley than meets the eye. "The area has 12 official ghosts, as well as many that are less well known," it says. "Pluckley is an odd village," said Steve Moyle, the managing director of tour operator Ghost Hunt Events. "In the daytime, it is a quiet, peaceful and friendly place. At night, the atmosphere changes and it becomes a mecca for would-be ghost hunters. "People congregate around the graveyard, the station and the woods as these are the places that the stories tell of ghostly apparitions and strange goings-on."

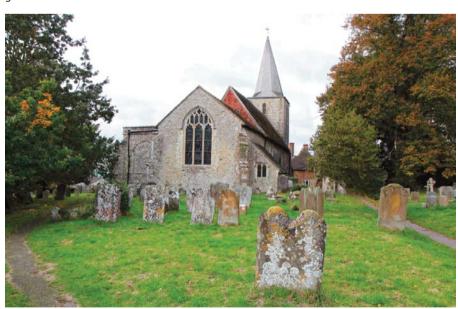
'My back pocket gets tugged'

In the name of journalistic research, AFP trekked to several sites where ghosts have been recorded over the years. The first port of call was St Nicholas Church and its graveyard which plays host to-as all good phantom-haunted places should-a "White Lady", and also, more intriguingly, the "Red Lady", whose nickname comes from her being buried with a rose. The latter is the ghost of a local notable and has apparently haunted the scene for almost a millennium in search of her stillborn child.

The graveyard contains many leaning, weathered headstones, with their illegible inscriptions worn away just enough to get the imagination working-but not quite enough to conjure up visions of ectoplasmic activity. A few miles away, more daring ghost-hunters can lose themselves in the Dering Woods-also known as the Screaming Woods, where the piercing shrieks of birds are easier to pick out than the mournful cries of any resident spectres. In truth, among the numerous villagers AFP spoke to, only one confessed to believing in ghosts. "Quite often I do catch things at the corner of my eyes or things move. You hear footsteps in the pub," said Sarah Knight, landlady of the Black Horse. "My back pocket gets tugged when I'm hoovering," the 35-year-old said.

Halloween hellraisers

Some in Pluckley point out that the pub sells a tourist guide to the village's ghost stories and it is therefore in their interests to keep the legends going to drum up custom from thirsty ghost-hunters. Nonetheless, the allure of "the most haunted village in England" brings people into Pluckley around Halloween on October 31, attracting all manner of revelers from the curious to hellraisers in search of one of the 12 official ghosts.



"Sometimes it's really bad," said Linda, a woman in her 60s who works in Pluckley. "They get drunk, wander in the village. Once they tried to burn the school down." John Bridgeman, 63, who lives opposite the church, finds the visitors' ghost-hunting efforts laughable. "A group of a dozen or so come and go with flashlights and then they wonder why they don't see a ghost," he said. — AFP

A view of the church of St Nicholas in the village of Pluckley, south-east England. — AFP photos

Alan Alda asks scientists to explain energy to children

lan Alda wants scientists to answer a question for 11-year-old children: What is energy? The actor is a visiting professor at the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science at Stony Brook University on eastern Long Island. He has been posing similar vexing questions to scientists since 2011. He says it's important for scientists to be able to communicate complex concepts in simple terms.

He previously has sought simple definitions of time, color and sound. His first question sought a definition of a flame? His annual contest continues to be called the "Flame Challenge." The judges are 11-yearolds around the world who access the contest online. Winning scientists receive \$1,000. — AP

