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KUWAIT SEEKS SUPPORT FOR UN SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT

PM: 'HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY' TO PRESERVE PEACE, FIGHT TERROR



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KANDARI TO GRILL FINANCE MINISTER OVER PETROL HIKE

By B Izzak

KUWAIT: MP Faisal Al-Kandari said yesterday he will file a request to grill Finance Minister Anas Al-Saleh over the government's decision to hike the price of petrol, "unless the government withdraws the decision". The lawmaker said he

will file the grilling request on the opening day of the National Assembly's new term in mid-October to defend the rights of the Kuwaiti people.

"We have said this before. We will not accept that the government takes even a single dinar from the pockets of citizens," Kandari said in a statement. "If the government wants to stop squandering of public funds, it has other sources," he said, adding, "until when should citizens remain victims of government decisions that are not properly studied?"

Several lawmakers have threatened to grill ministers over the petrol price hike, which went into effect at the start of September, but Kandari is the first to clearly state his inten-

tion and fix a date. Kandari strongly criticized the government for taking and implementing the hike decision during the Assembly's summer recess without consulting lawmakers. He also criticized the government for not fulfilling its pledge of taking a series of reform measures along with reducing subsidies on petrol.

Almost all the MPs who oppose the government's deci-

sion want the government to provide a form of compensation or assistance for Kuwaiti citizens for the price increase, like what happened with electricity charges when the Assembly approved the government's measure which applies only to expatriates and for commercial use. Kandari said that if the government does not annul its decision, he

> plans to go to the maximum extent in his grilling, a clear reference that he and other MPs could file a no-confidence motion after

> A number of lawmakers have signed a petition to hold an emergency session on Thursday to discuss the issue, but the request has not yet secured the majority necessary to convene the session. MP Abdullah Maayouf said yesterday he supports holding the emergency session, but acknowledged that it still requires "certain procedures". He said that the issue must be resolved either through scrapping the hike decision or compensating citi-

In another development, MP Saleh Ashour said he plans to file a request to grill Information Minister Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah for inviting former Bahraini minister Sameera Rajab, despite her previous support for former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein. Rajab has been invited to address a symposium starting today on Gulf identity by the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, which comes under the information minister.



NEW YORK: HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives at his residence in New York HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah yesterday. — KUNA

NEW YORK: Representative of HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, hoped UN member states support Kuwait's quest for Security Council membership. The premier, in a statement shortly after arrival in New York to represent HH the Amir at the 71st UN General Assembly (UNGA) session, said Kuwait looks forward to the support of UN member states for its candidacy for a non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council for 2018-19 in the elections due to be held in June 2017.

Sheikh Jaber called on the international community to live up to its "historic responsibility" to preserve international peace, security and stability, as well as stepping up the fight against terrorism. "Kuwait is keen on continuing its support to the UN so it can play an active role in helping many countries overcome crises and provide a decent life for their people," he added.

He said Kuwait has actively contributed to UN efforts to address international disasters and crises, as well as contribute to development in many countries, stressing on the UN's major responsibility regarding uncertainties and terrorist acts threatening security and stability in the Middle East. Later yesterday, HH Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah met HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah at his residence in New York, in the presence of Deputy Chief of the Kuwait National Guard Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. — KUNA



Faisal Al-Kandari

NY BLAST IS 'TERRORISM', BUT NO CLAIM, MOTIVE UNCLEAR

NEW YORK: A bomb that tore through an upscale New York neighborhood injuring 29 people was an act of terror, the state governor said yesterday, but the motive is unknown and there has been no claim of responsibility. Heavily armed police and National Guard soldiers deployed throughout New York as the city of 8.4 million prepared to welcome world leaders at the UN General Assembly today. The attack happened late Saturday in Chelsea, one of Manhattan's most fashionable districts packed with bars, restaurants and luxury residential buildings.

Police discovered a second bomb planted four blocks away, which was safely defused and is currently being analyzed, officers said. The bombing came as a militantlinked news agency claimed that an Islamic State group

"soldier" carried out a stabbing attack in a US mall that left eight people injured late Saturday in the state of Minnesota. Local police said the attacker "made some references to Allah," but the motive was unclear. The attacker was shot dead by an off-duty police officer. There was no suggestion it was linked to the New York

"A bomb exploding in New York is obviously an act of terrorism, but it's not linked to international terrorism," New York Governor Andrew Cuomo told reporters yesterday as he visited the crime scene. "In other words, we find no ISIS connection, etcetera," said Cuomo in reference to IS, which is based in Iraq and Syria.

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KASHMIR ATTACK KILLS 17 SOLDIERS, INDIA BLAMES PAKISTAN MILITANTS

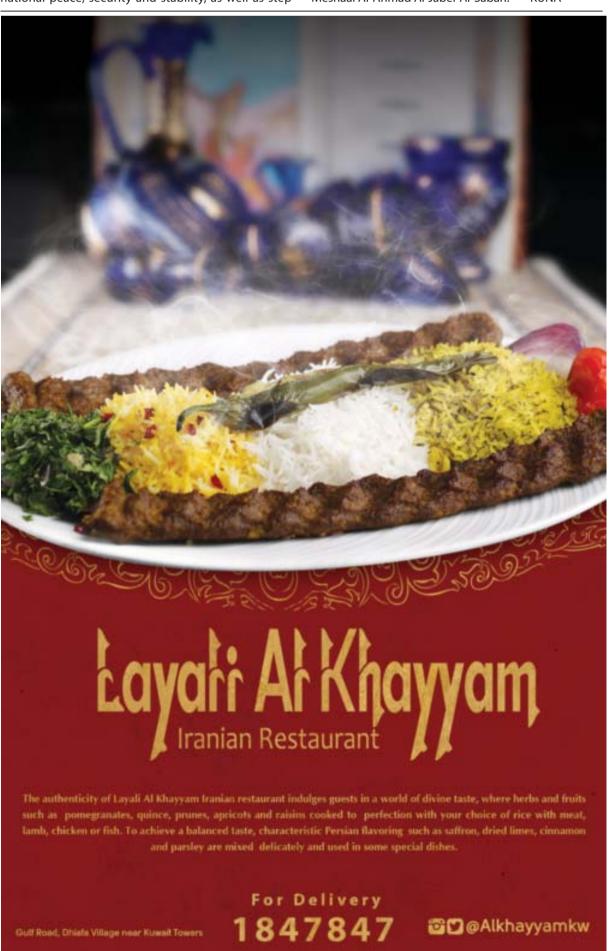
in a raid on an army base in Indian Kashmir yesterday, with India blaming Pakistan-based militants for the worst such attack in the disputed region for over a decade. The militants broke into the base near the de facto border with Pakistan before dawn and lobbed grenades at tents and barracks housing soldiers, before opening fire with automatic weapons, the army said.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi vowed to punish those behind the "cowardly" and "despicable" hourslong attack near the town of Uri that also left four militants dead and scores of soldiers injured. "We strongly condemn the cowardly terror attack in Uri. I assure the

SRINAGAR: Gunmen hurling grenades killed 17 soldiers nation that those behind this despicable attack will not go unpunished," Modi said in a series of tweets.

No one has so far claimed responsibility, but Home Minister Rajnath Singh said he was disappointed with "Pakistan's continued and direct support to terrorism and terrorist groups". "Pakistan is a terrorist state and it should be identified and isolated as such," Singh said on Twitter, adding that the militants "were highly trained, heavily armed and specially equipped". The raid is likely to further sour ties between the nuclear-armed neighbors given the high death toll and heightened tensions in the Indian-administered region following weeks

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



KUWAIT: His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Acting Minister of Oil Anas Al-Saleh. — KUNA



KUWAIT: His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah receives Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah.—KUNA

GASOLINE PRICE HIKE, TRANSPORTATION COSTS DAMPEN BACK TO SCHOOL CHARM

By Ben Garcia

KUWAIT: The 2016-2017 academic year began yesterday for both private and public schools in Kuwait. Some schools opened two weeks earlier, but many opted to wait until the long Eid holidays were over. As a

result, many students and parents enjoyed an extended vacation. However, on return, they were surprised by the increase in gasoline and transportation expenses, hitting their already depleted pockets.

The government increased prices of gasoline by up to 80 percent from Sept 1 as

part of economic reforms aimed at countering falling oil revenues. "I was informed transportation fees will increase from KD 40 to KD 45 per month," an expat parent told Kuwait Times, whose two children are studying in a school in Jleeb. "I am still in shock because I was on vacation when the

increase took place. I knew about the price hike, but I had no idea of its costs, especially on my daily expenses. It's not that expensive, but I could have used the money for other expenses," said the parent.

A private car owner who uses his car to transport students to a private school in Kuwait for extra income was irked. "The impact on our pockets is really huge! I used to fill up my car for KD 2.5, but now KD 4 is needed, so it's almost double," he fumed. "Some parents do not understand this. They argue public transport fares haven't increased, so why have we done so. We increased our charges because we immediately felt the impact, while public transport is still subsidized," he claimed.

"Thank God there is no increase in tuition fees until now, but given the impact of the petrol prices, I will not be surprised if they do it," another parent said. The Ministry of Education has issued a ministerial decree stipulating conditions for increasing private school fees by five percent annually depending on the category of the school.

Parents have also complained of increases in the prices of school supplies, although some retailers haven't done so. "I have noticed changes in prices, as notebooks that used to cost KD 1 now cost KD 1.250," a parent told Kuwait Times at a stationery shop in Kuwait City. "We can save money if we go to supermarkets that offer discounted prices, as there are many. If there are shops offering discounts, we have to grab the opportunity," said a teacher whose children are studying in an Arabic



KUWAIT: Minister of Social Affairs and Labor, Minister of State for Planning and Development Hind Al-Sabeeh. —KUNA

MORE EFFORTS NEEDED TO REALIZE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: SABEEH

KUWAIT: Minister of Social Affairs and Labor, Minister of State for Planning and Development Hind Al -Sabeeh commented yesterday that the country requires further efforts to achieve the development goals set by it.

In remarks during her tour at the Ministry's facilities, she said, "We should focus on completing the projects that are currently underway by improving performance and services offered to the public in all the governmental bodies." She stressed the importance of exerting more efforts to accelerate the execution of development projects in order to achieve the vision of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah of transforming Kuwait into a key investment hub. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Parents browse through stationery items at a shop in Kuwait as the schools reopened yesterday after a long summer and Eid holidays. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat



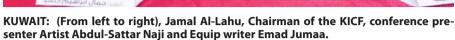


KUWAIT: Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Mohammed Al-Khaled Al-Sabah yesterday received a number of governors, citizens and military and civilian staff members at his office and conveyed Eid greetings.











KUWAIT TO HOST INTERNATIONAL CARICATURE FORUM SEPT 26-29

232 artists from 53 countries to attend event

By Athoob Al-Shuaibi

KUWAIT: The Kuwait International Caricature Forum 2016, the first of its kind in the country, will take place from Sept 26 to 29 under the auspices of Minister of Information and Minister of Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Al-Sabah.

Announcing at a press conference on Saturday, Public relations committee member of the forum and participating artist Bader bin Ghaith said that the event has received a high level of interest from the minister, in addition to the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL), as it is internationally recognized by the Federation of Cartoonist Organizations (FECO).

Chairman of the forum Jamal Al-Lahu said after obtaining the approval of the Egyptian Caricature Society, a cooperation protocol to establish this forum was signed. "We were pleased with their support, but also aimed for further acknowledgment from the highest cartoonists' representative - FECO. It's a huge gain. So, 53 countries will be taking part in this event with over 232 artists, representing all continents and various orientations," added Lahu.

The idea of the Caricature Forum came after a joint meeting between comic writer Emad Jumaa and Lahu. "We set out to work on this event and concluded its preparation successfully. Obtaining the recognition and the approval of the Egyptian Society and FECO allows us to exchange culture and experiences. I hope that this



event will be the nucleus of founding a Kuwaiti caricature society and maybe a comic museum in Kuwait in the future." Veteran Kuwaiti actor Abdulhussain

Abdulredha and the accomplishments of a group of leading cartoonists in Kuwait like Abdulredha Kamal and Abdulsalam Magbool will be celebrated and honored, servation and child maltreatment.

in addition to holding seminars, live sketching and workshops. The event will highlight several general topics besides water con-

KD 29M WORTH OF KUWAITI AID FOR POOREST MUSLIM NATIONS

KUWAIT: Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) has provided KD 29 million for poorest Muslim nations until March 2016. KFAED's Goodwill Fund aims to face the impact of world food crisis on under-developed countries, by boosting the agricultural field, said KFAED in a report published by

The Goodwill Fund was established under direct orders by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah during the Fourth World Islamic Economic Forum, held in Kuwait in 2008. KFAED added that His Highness provided \$100 million for the fund to support the poor countries.

Meanwhile, the report noted that the total aid provided to Arab countries until March 2016 was KD 6.7 million, while assistance for central, south and east Africa reached KD 3.7 million. West African countries had the most share of the financial support, reaching KD 13.1 million, it added.

As for eastern and southern Asia and the Pacific, the total aid was KD 5.5 million, KFAED also said. Kuwait's Cabinet stated that each country's share in the Goodwill Fund's aid must not exceed \$10 million, below one percent, the report said. The fund's aid and loans are used in funding micro and small enterprises in agriculture and raising livestock to achieve food security, KFAED noted.

KFAED, established in 1961, is the first organization aimed at achieving development in the Arab World and other developing countries. — KUNA





KUWAIT: Mol Undersecretary Lt Gen Suleiman Al-Fahd honoring a lieutenant and a policeman from the central prison security guards for foiling an attempt to smuggle drugs into the prison using a drone.

SECURITY AGENT, COMPANION KILLED IN HIGHWAY COLLISION

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: A border security agent and his Asian companion were killed in a traffic accident along Khubara Al-Awazem highway, said security sources, noting that the accident took place when the victims' vehicle collided into a truck and ended up jammed underneath it. Further investigations are still in progress.

Fire in Andalus

A fire broke out in an apartment in Andalus, said security sources, noting that four Syrians and a citizen sustained various burns and smoke inhalation. They were treated and rushed to



Another fire broke out in a vehicle in Saad Al-Abdullah, said security sources, noting that firemen rushed to the scene, where



in Brief

Kuwait envoy presents credentials in Iraq

BAGDHDAD: Kuwait's new Ambassador to Iraq Ghassab Al-Zamanan has submitted his credentials to Baghdad's Foreign Ministry, succeeding Ambassador Ghassan Al-Zawawi. Al-Zamanan presented a copy of his credentials to Undersecretary of the Iraqi Foreign Ministry Nizar Al-Khairallah yesterday. Moreover, speaking to KUNA, Al-Zamanan conveyed the Kuwaiti leadership's greetings to Iraq. The Kuwaiti envoy has enjoyed a prolific diplomatic career, having previously served as Ambassador to Egypt in 2013.

they managed to control the fire without any casualties.

Anti-drug campaign

Farwaniya Governor Sheikh Faisal Al-Humoud Al-Malek Al-Sabah stressed the importance of fighting the drugs threat to the society and the youth. He was speaking on receiving writer Mohsen Al-Hailam, who presented a copy of his book titled 'Drugs in Kuwait - an Enemy Within'.

Policemen honored

Mol Undersecretary Lt Gen Suleiman Al-Fahd yesterday honored a lieutenant and a policeman from the central prison security guards for foiling an attempt to smuggle drugs into the prison using a drone. The honoring ceremony held at Fahd's office was also attended by Deyyeen, the correctional facilities' acting director Brig Adel Al-Ibrahim and relations and security media director Brig Adel Al-Hashash.

Spring camps

Kuwait Municipality's special committee for setting the locations of spring camps for the 2016-2017 season, headed by deputy director for Hawally and Ahmadi Fahd Al-Otaibi, yesterday met to discuss preparations for the upcoming camping season. Otaibi said that issuance of camping licenses and paying fees would be done online on the municipality's website.



KUWAIT: The wreckage of a car being pulled out of a truck following a collision along Khubara Al-Awazem highway.





Photo

of the day



DUBAI: Dubai musical fountain in front of Burj Khalifa . — KUNA

FAILAKA REMAINS OFF LIMITS TO VISITORS DURING EID

By Nawara Fattahova

KUWAIT: Failaka Island is one of the most popular destinations during Eids and other holidays for those who are not travelling abroad, but not so this Eid. Many visitors,

especially those who prefer to stay there over the weekend, couldn't do so as the ferry transporting them along with their vehicles stopped its trips to Failaka.

Since April, ferries of the Kuwait Public Transport Company stopped sailing to Failaka as the island's port is damaged. "The port of Failaka is closed with a huge quantity of mud, which doesn't allow the ferry to dock at the port. Work is on now to dredge the port, and hopefully work will finish soon," Abdullah, a ferry captain, told Kuwait Times. According to

him, ferries may start sailing to Failaka from next weekend, but he wasn't too sure.

Currently, people can visit Failaka either by private boat or by boats that sail to the island from Marina Crescent for KD 10 per person. But none of these can carry vehicles, so visitors

have to arrange transportation on the island by renting a car or motorcycle there. The resort there has lost many guests and was not fully occupied as it usually is during the holidays. Conversely, this was a boon for lastminute visitors.



 $\textbf{KUWAIT: Failaka Island, one of the most sought after destinations for visitors during holidays.} \\ -- Photos by Joseph Shagra.$



The Failaka port currently under renovation.



KUWAIT: A ferry carrying visitors arriving at the Failaka port.

KFH HOLDS 'RETURN TO SCHOOL' FESTIVAL FOR 'BAITI' CUSTOMERS

KUWAIT: As accustomed annually, Kuwait Finance House (KFH) has organized "Return to School" festival for all children holding "Baiti" accounts as a token of appreciation and to welcome the new scholastic year with them, thus wishing them success and distinction in

their education.

The event organized at Discovery Mall included several favorable activities for children to reinforce the relation among "Baiti" account holders and their relation with KFH. Participants expressed their utmost happiness and pleasure with the exciting entertainment

programs organized specially for them eg quiz programs with the program announcer, thus

offering several valuable prizes to participants. This entertainment activity incarnates KFH attention and care offered to children (Baiti Account Holders). To this end KFH has organized several events covering several cultural, educational, social and entertainment interests for the children. The latest event organized was (Baiti Reading Club) which was held in August in 8 episodes comprising 250 children aged 4-7 years old (holders of Baiti card) at "That Al-Salasel Library" - Avenues Mall. KFH

has made this initiative to encourage children on reading and retrieve the significance of books for our education and knowledge.

The program titled (Encourage your children to read with Baiti reading club) continued throughout the month of August, thus targeting (Baiti Account) customers 2 days a week - 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - Wednesday and Thursday. Registration in this program was made available online kfh.com.

KFH was established in Kuwait in 1977 and is enlisted in the Kuwait Stock Exchange. KFH Group is a global pioneer in the field of Islamic banking services, where it offers a wide array of Islamic products and services, not to mention a high standard of innovation and client service.

KFH manages its operations in the GCC, Asia, and Europe through over 400 branches, including KFH-Turkey, in order to offer services for the bank's clients in Turkey, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Germany, Jordan, and Dubai.

KFH's mission is to achieve highest levels of excellence and innovation in the field of client service, while developing common interest for all those concerned with the financial institution. KFH's vision is to spearhead the global development in Islamic financial services, and to upgrade the bank into the level of becoming the most sustainable profitable Islamic bank in the world.

KFH's values include cementing leadership through all its businesses, including leadership in the Islamic banking services worldwide, through innovation and in client service and the development of its employees. In addition, KFH is committed to all its procedures, and to setting up long-life partnerships with the concerned authorities.





KUWAIT: Entertainment program for children.



SPECIAL UNIT TO HANDLE CASES OF CIVILIANS: MOI



KUWAIT: Mol's Assistant Undersecretary of Correctional Institutions and Prisons Major General Khaled Al-Deen.

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Interior (Mol) announced yesterday that it has formed a special unit tasked with handling civilian cases, a move designed to mitigate the ministry's judicial burden. Speaking at a press conference on the issue, the Mol's Assistant Undersecretary of Correctional Institutions and Prisons Major General Khaled Al-Deen said that the unit would facilitate the indictment process for civilians awaiting trial.

Chief of the Ministry of Justice's law-enforcement department, Major General Majid Al-Majid, noted that all civilian cases will be inspected thoroughly to determine the appropriate verdicts for these cases, in line with legal

procedures. He also revealed that security forces have nabbed 6,895 civilians since the start of the year, adding that this new unit will assume its duties in October after a brief trial period next week.

Maj Gen Al-Deen stressed that security forces' strategy was based on taking care of both citizens and expats and providing them with all possible services.

The project will hold some litigation sessions at the law enforcement department in Sulaibiya, Al-Deen said adding that the project is meant to facilitate procedures and that it was launched in collaboration with the justice

MEW MANAGED TO CONTROL HIGH LOAD PHASE: AL-JASSAR

KD 17.4 MILLION DEAL TO REPLACE OVERHEAD POWER LINES

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: Minister of Electricity and Water Ahmed Al-Jassar stressed that despite the heat and high temperatures, MEW managed to control the high load phase. A record consumption rate increase of 580 megawatts was recorded in mid-August, when total consumption was 13,390 megawatts, a 4 percent increase compared to the same period last year. Speaking to reporters on receiving Eid greetings at his office, Jassar said that MEW has already started preparing for next summer.

* Jassar yesterday signed a contract to replace 132 and 300 kilovolt overhead power line insulators and paint high-voltage towers with silicone, which is expected to prolong the time needed before maintenance or cleaning the insulators to 10 years. Jassar added that the total cost of the project will be KD 17,490,000.

Reservation cards

* The Public Authority for Housing Welfare yesterday announced that it would distribute reservation cards for housing units at the South Mutlaa project at 9 am this morning.

* Municipal council member and head of Hawally committee Yousef Al-Ghareeb demanded giving away some land to the west of Hadiya to the housing authority to be used for building more housing units and help solve the housing problem.

Voluntary Work

On the occasion of celebrating the second anniversary of naming HH the Amir as a humanitarian leader by the UN, and as part of

the projects of 'Kuwait: Capital of Arab Youth', the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs launched its 'Ayadeena' (Our Hands) voluntary work campaign. Manager of the voluntary work department at the ministry Hamad Al-Aftan said that the campaign aims at promoting the culture of voluntary work amongst youth. He also announced launching the voluntary work por-

*In a meeting after the Eid holidays, National Assembly Secretary General Allam Al-Kandari urged all Assembly secretariat general employees to double their efforts in the coming parliamentary term, as he expected it to be full of achievements.

Back to school

* In preparation for the new school year, Mubark Al-Kabeer educational area started a seven-day course for new teachers in a bid to introduce them to their new career, said area director Mansour Al-Daihani, noting that the training course includes 93 teachers.

* The Capital education area director Badriya Al-Khaldi also stressed the significance of holding special training courses for new teachers. Speaking on launching a seven-day training course at Qurtuba high school for girls, Khaldi said that 210 new teachers will join area's schools' teaching staffs once they complete the

* The justice ministry is taking part in the 20th meeting of the GCC justice ministries' undersecretaries in Saudi Arabia on Sept 19 to 20, 2016. The meeting's agenda has many topics including a draft agreement on extraditing suspects within GCC states.

Legalese

WOMEN'S RIGHTS FROM KUWAIT'S PERSPECTIVE

By Attorney Fajer Ahmed

wrote on the 5th of September a column titled Women's Rights a topic that I was hesitant to write about but the response from my readers was immense and as I promised I am continuing the discussions.

I think topics like this should be brought out in the open, it important to discuss our issues and not ignore them. We should address the fact that we have some inequalities within the law/society itself in order to bring about beneficial change.

Question: How safe is it to go into a police station alone as a woman? I am hearing mixed responses and I know you wrote about it, but I have to go in, because my husband is abusing me and is mistreating me. I am also afraid that the investigators/police officers will not understand as they are men and I need to discuss issues that I am only comfortable discussing around

I talked about this topic in my last column but I would like to continue the conversation as I went myself and did some research. Most police stations in residential areas now have multiple female investigators working morning and night shifts and although there are female police officers, I have only personally seen them at the airport. Regardless I think if you go to the police station in the mornings on a weekday at your residential area you should find friendly women investigators working there that are very helpful.

Question: A guy is threatening me with my pictures, he says he will use it to get me fired from my job. What can I do?

You need to go to the department in the Ministry of Interior that is specialized in Internet crimes and usually deal with issues like this. The department is not that big but the investigators there can be very helpful. Just make sure you have proof, for example do you have any messages sent to you where this guy is threatening you? Emails? So on. Have them ready before you go in.

Question: I am a 24 year old female and I would like to marry my boyfriend but my dad will not allow it. Do I really need his consent at court?

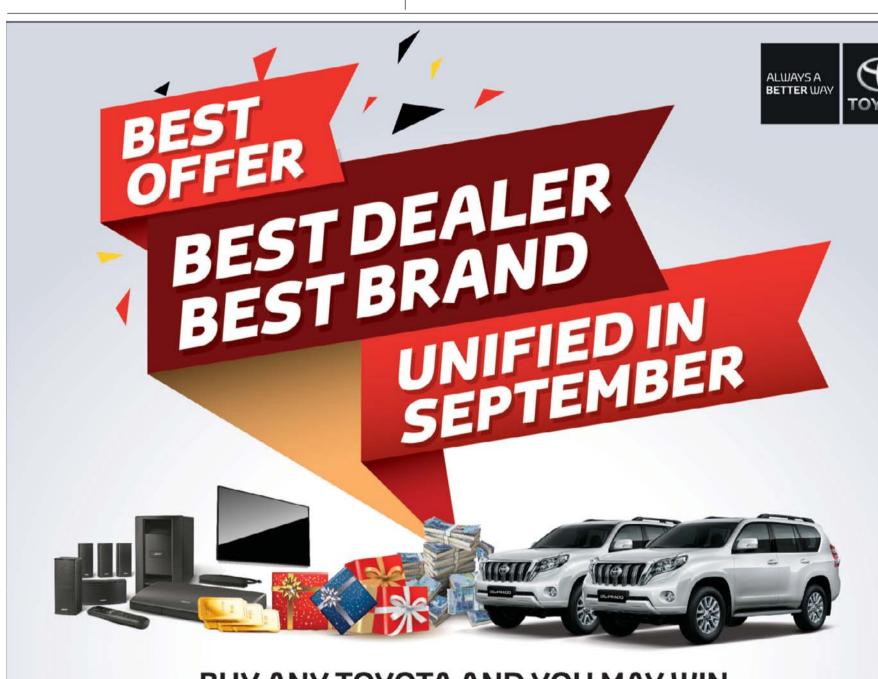
Yes generally speaking a Kuwaiti female needs the consent of her father at court in order for her to get married officially. With that said there are cases where the court has given permission for females to get married without consent of their father. Usually the court only allows permission to women older in age and to women getting married to men from the same social, religious, economical and educational background. Such cases are very complicated though and do take a long time. The ones that our office have handled have been successful but have taken around a year. Even when the judge does give permission the father can file an appeal and get the marriage revoked.

This is one inequality that feminists are against, their point of view is adults both men and women should have the right to decide who they are getting married to. This law is derived from Islamic/ Sharia laws and therefore they obviously have their supporters as well. There are many other laws under Kuwaiti family law that may seem unfair that are also derived from Islamic Sharia. I hope the above helped, please feel free to email me any thoughts you have and maybe in the near future I will write about men's rights under Kuwait's law.

BLOGGER CASE HEARING OCT 17

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The court of appeals yesterday scheduled a hearing on Oct 17 of the state security case filed against blogger Hamed Buyabes over charges of committing hostile activities against Saudi Arabia on his Twitter account.



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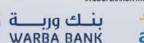
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KUWAIT POLICE **CAPTAIN ARRESTED** WITH DRUGS IN EGYPT

KUWAIT: A Kuwait police captain was recently arrested at Hurghada airport, Egypt with the possession of three bars of hashish and a large quantity of illicit pills just before departing to Turkey, said security sources. The officer, who had been to Egypt on vacation, seemed so confused while checking in for the flight and on checking his luggage, airport detectives found the drugs.

Drug overdose

A citizen, who had just been released from prison after doing jail term in 19 drug-related cases, was recently found dead at his house, said security sources noting that initial investigations suggest that the man had died of drug overdose. A case was filed and further investigations are in progress.

Strange case

A citizen recently insisted on filing a case when his parrot flew away, said security sources noting that the man first asked the police to help him search for the lost bird and when they told him it was not part of their duties to do so, he insisted on filing a case accusing unidentified people of stealing it. The man explained that he had clipped the wings of the bird, but the feathers grew longer and it fled out of its cage.

Vehicle vandalized

A citizen recently filed a complaint accusing a young man of damaging his vehicle while driving recklessly in Jahra, said security sources noting that the suspect lost control and hit the citizen's parked vehicle before he drove away. A case was filed and a search is on for the runaway driver.

Sister thief

A female citizen recently filed a complaint against her own sister at Sulaibiya police station, said security sources. In her complaint, the citizen reported that her sister came over to her house, assaulted her and then left after stealing her purse with cash money, IDs and credit cards in it. A case was filed and the sister is being summoned for further investigation.

Husband assaults wife

An Egyptian married to a non-Kuwaiti recently filed a complaint against her own husband accusing him of assault, said security sources. According to case papers, the husband got very angry when his wife confronted him with photos on his own mobile phone proving that he had been cheating on her. The woman said that he brutally assaulted her and filed a medical report with her injuries. a case was filed and the husband is being summoned for further investigations.

Juvenile thief

A citizen who had reported that unidentified robbers had house and stole his mobile phone, returned to the police two days later reporting that a juvenile neighbor returned the mobile phone claiming that he found it on the ground near the vehicle. However, on summoning the juvenile, he confessed that he had stolen the mobile phone with the help from another neighbor before he felt sorry about it.

Child drowns in pool

A stateless child recently drowned in a swimming pool in Kabed area, said security sources noting that the girl was rushed to a hospital but she arrived dead.

Mobile store looted

A 22-year-old citizen was recently arrested over charges of robbing a mobile phone store owned by a female citizen in Khaitan, said security sources noting that though the suspect had his face covered on the store's security cameras, detectives identified him but he still denied it was him. Further investigations are still in progress. Meanwhile, a citizen recently reported to police that his 2013 model vehicle was missing though it was parked outside the house in Abu Halifa. It was locked and he had the keys. The incident took place when he left the house for prayer. A case was filed. —Al-Rai/ Al-Anbaa

ABK ADOPTS KISR BANKING SYSTEM FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

KUWAIT: Building on its CSR efforts to support those with special needs, Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) adopted the latest banking system designed to support the visually impaired, which has been developed and implemented by the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR). ABK honored KISR by presenting its team with an Appreciation and Recognition award for developing and completing this life changing project.

The new banking system for the visually impaired allows all banking documents and transactions to be interpreted to Braille. ABK has made these documents available for its customers, which can be collected at the Bank or delivered for free upon the customers' request.

ABK's decision to adopt this new system comes in support of the Central Bank of Kuwait's regulations and more importantly, in line with the Bank's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy, which focuses on supporting the special needs segment in Kuwait. ABK not only works towards facilitating the banking needs and offering convenience for this segment, but also by raising awareness of their needs and supporting them on a social level. The Bank firmly believes in the importance of providing all individuals with equal opportunities to lead fulfilling lives and by raising awareness of this segment and supporting related initiatives, ABK is on the right path to achieving this.

ABK has implemented this system across all branches. Furthermore the Bank is fully equipped to service special needs clients as far as parking, ATM machines, new system for the visually impaired customers, wheelchair access, qualified staff with sign language, service area for the handicapped and special needs clients will have priority in 6 branches, namely; head office, Shaab, Jabriya, Ferdous, South Subahiya and Qurain.



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SPORTS OF THE MIND

By Dr Nermin Al-Houti

oing through Instagram, I noticed that my mentor and friend, lawyer Mohammad Al-Sabti, posted a video clip of him playing "dama" with a friend in the diwaniya. I put the phone aside and picked a book that speaks about the heritage of Gulf countries, to get to know more about the dama game. I discovered that the game is not limited to Gulf and Arab countries, and its origin is not in the Arabian Gulf - rather it is an international game, as books and references say dama (draughts) After that year, I did not find any information or offiappeared in early 1100 AD in southern France, then spread to the rest of the world until it reached us and became part of the popular heritage of many Gulf countries. Some people may liken it to chess, though it is totally different in technique, shape and method, but it is similar in the basics of "intelligence and

thinking" in the game's skill. This is dama, and it has become rare to find someone who still cares for it, and motivates our children to take it as one of their hobbies and become professional and reach international levels through it. I remember, for the sake of accuracy and documentation, that 2011 was the last media focus on dama in Kuwait through the eighth late Sheikh Yousuf Al-Saud Al-Sabah Dama Tournament using computers, under the patronage and presence of Sheikh Ali Al-Yousuf Al-Saud Al-Sabah.

cial entity that had direct interests to enrich this not only popular but international inheritance, bearing in mind that France, US and Britain still organize dama championships, and today Abu Yousuf reminds us of it.

A final word: A message to every official. Sport is not limited to football only, because sports of the mind are much better than physical ones.

—Translated by Kuwait Times

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KUWAIT'S CATS AND FOXES

By Saad Al-Motesh

any preachers and imams usually use poetry in their sermons and lectures to convey a certain message in a proper and easy way, which I think is alright as long as the lines serve to explain the idea and promote good things for the best of Islam and Muslims. However, some people use the same method for their own interests and to promote certain personal agendas. Conversely, you will have to gladly accept the same from the other side when it uses the same poems to expose you to

One of the most famous lines written by the late poet Ghanim Allumai Al-Enezi explains the virtue of good deeds and how to tell the difference between those who deserve them and these who do not. The poet says: Good deeds are never a waste amongst real men but they are amongst cats and foxes. With his wisdom, the poet realizes that good deeds

I will not talk about good men's benevolence towards others while we know nothing about it because they would not like it to come to public.

always pay back when done to real men and that they would be a waste of time and effort when done to people who resemble cats and foxes in behavior.

I will not talk about good men's benevolence towards others while we know nothing about it because they would not like it to come to public. What I really want to talk about are those 'cats and foxes' who deny the good they received from Kuwait and are out talking badly about it. Kuwait has been good to all its citizens with no exceptions, and when we find some of them deny this and praise other countries, one should immediately realize these people are nothing more than ungrateful cats and foxes. Yet, let us not be unjust to all cats because many of them are purer and cleaner than those in whom the good Kuwait did to him and to his folks before his birth has gone in vain.

—Translated by Kuwait Times



BOUBYAN BANK RECEIVES PILGRIMS WITH ROSES

KUWAIT: Boubyan Bank recently celebrated Eid Al-Adha in a special way becoming the first bank to promote its special social initiative 'Keep Smiling' at the Avenues mall.

Commenting on the initiative, Boubyan Bank's first Communication and Corporate Relations Officer, Qotaiba Saleh Al-Bassam said that a new machine, designed in the UK, has been installed. The machine will look like a candy vending machine and will react to the smiles of the bank's clients. "By facing the machine and smiling, the machine could scan face features and in a matter of seconds could give the clients instant prizes such as iPhones, iPads or gold coins," he explained.

Moreover, Al-Bassam added that the bank managers received pilgrims returning home with roses on their arrival at the Kuwait International Airport.











KUWAIT: Marking the beginning of the new academic year, Kuwait University yesterday held a special reception for all its teaching staff members.

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In Turkey's Konya, prosperity root of Erdogan popularity

Putin seen winning

even greater sway in parliament

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UN HEADQUARTERS: In this Monday, Sept. 28, 2015 file photo, United States President Barack Obama addresses the 70th session of the United Nations General Assembly. World leaders meeting at the United Nations starting today, will be trying to make progress on two intractable problems at the top of the global agenda - the biggest refugee crisis since World War II and the Syrian conflict now in its sixth year which has claimed over 300,000 lives. —AP

LEADERS TO FOCUS ON REFUGEE CRISIS AND SYRIA AT UN

FIRST SUMMIT ON REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS: World leaders meeting at the President Bashar Assad's regime. Russian United Nations starting today will be trying to make progress on two intractable problems at the top of the global agenda - the biggest refugee crisis since World War II and the Syrian conflict now in its sixth year which has claimed over 300,000 lives.

Against a backdrop of rising ethnic and religious tension, fighting elsewhere in the Mideast and Africa, extremist attacks across the world and a warming planet, there are plenty of other issues for the 135 heads of state and government and more than 50 ministers expected to attend to try to tackle.

"It's no secret there's a lot of fear out there," US Ambassador Samantha Power told reporters Thursday, citing the uncertainties sparked by Britain's vote to leave the European Union, the threat posed by the Islamic State extremist group, and attacks in many parts of the world by IS and other terrorist groups.

Top of the agenda

But Syria, where a tense cease-fire brokered by Moscow and Washington went into effect last Monday, remains at the top of the agenda at the UN General Assembly's annual ministerial meeting. An apparently errant airstrike on Saturday in which the US military may have unintentionally struck Syrian troops while carrying out a raid against the Islamic State group could deal a crushing blow to the US-Russian-brokered ceasefire. The cease-fire, which does not apply to attacks on IS, has largely held for five days despite dozens of alleged violations on both

The UN Security Council held a closed emergency meeting Saturday night at Russia's request to discuss the airstrike. The acrimonious meeting offered a harbinger of the difficulties ahead as the US and Russia remain suspicious of each other's intents in Syria. US Ambassador Samantha Power accused Russia of pulling "a stunt" that is "cynical and hypocritical" in calling for the meeting while not taking similar action in response to atrocities committed by Syrian

Ambassador Vitaly Churkin said he had never seen "such an extraordinary display of American heavy-handedness" as displayed by Power.

The acrimony over the airstrike could spill over into a Security Council ministerial meeting on Syria scheduled for Wednesday. Russia was pushing for a resolution to endorse the cessation of hostilities and look ahead, but the US refused to make public details of the cease-fire deal citing "operational security." Churkin earlier had called the US uncooperative and said most likely "we're not going to have a resolution."

With the truce still fragile, no sign yet of humanitarian aid deliveries, and supporters and opponents of the Syrian government trading accusations, diplomats said there may be a meeting Tuesday of some 20 key countries on both sides who are part of the International Syria Support Group to chart the next steps.

The spotlight during the week is also certain to shine on three leaders, who are all scheduled to speak at the assembly's opening ministerial session on Tuesday morning.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon who steps down on Dec. 31, and US President Barack Obama who will leave office in January, will be addressing the 193-member world body for the last time. And British Prime Minister Theresa May will be making her debut on the world stage less than three months after the vote to leave the

In UN corridors and at private meetings, the question of Ban's successor will be a hot topic. Portugal's former Prime Minister Antonio Guterres has topped all four informal polls in the Security Council but he could be vetoed, possibly by Russia, and there are constant rumors of new candidates throwing their hats in the ring.

The US presidential race is already a hot topic at the UN, and no doubt leaders will be privately discussing the impact of a victory by Hillary Clinton, and especially Donald Trump, on the United Nations where the United States is the largest financial contributor and has veto-wielding power in the Security Council.

65.3 million displaced

In one of the week's highlights, the secretarygeneral has invited leaders to a first-ever UN Summit on Refugees and Migrants on Monday.

According to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, an "unprecedented" 65.3 million people were displaced at the end of 2015, an increase of more than 5 million from a year earlier and the highest number since World War II. They include 21.3 million refugees, 3.2 million asylum seekers, and 40.8 million people internally displaced within their own countries. ""More countries must resettle more people who have been forced from their homes," Ban told reporters Wednesday. "And everyone, everywhere, must stand up against the animosity that so many refugees, migrants and minority communities face."

The political declaration set to be adopted calls for separate Global Compacts for refugees and migrants to be adopted within two years. But human rights groups complained that it was watered down, eliminating Ban's proposal to resettle 10 percent of the world's refugees

At a follow-up summit on Tuesday called by Obama, at least 45 countries are expected to make pledges that will meet or exceed US goals of increasing humanitarian aid by \$3 billion, doubling resettlement and lawful admission spots, and increasing access to education for one million youngsters and access to employment by one million, a US official said, speaking on condition of anonymity ahead of the summit. "We are not going to solve the refugee crisis on Tuesday," US envoy Power said, "but I think you'll see an important show of political will from leaders around the

According to the United Nations, 545 meetings have been requested and Ban will take part in 62 events. The UN chief, who has made climate change a top priority, has organized an event Wednesday for countries to deliver their ratifications of the Paris Declaration to tackle global warming. He is hoping to get the required 55 countries representing 55 percent of greenhouse gas emissions, if not Wednesday, by the end of the year.

Nigeria's Foreign Minister Geoffrey Onyeama, whose government is battling the insurgency by Boko Haram Islamic extremists, told reporters Friday that addressing "this global phenomenon of terrorism" will be high on his country's agenda along with tackling the UN development goals for 2030 and promoting a new UN body to focus on youth.

The Security Council is holding a ministerial meeting Thursday on improving aviation security, and it could meet again if agreement is reached on a resolution to support the nuclear test ban treaty which will likely single out North Korea, the only country to conduct tests in the 21st century.

The parties to the Iran nuclear deal are also scheduled to meet Thursday as well as the Quartet of Mideast mediators - the US, UN, EU and Russia who are trying to get Israel and the Palestinians back to the negotiating table.—AP

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE

And MR. OLIVER LAKSHMAN SINGH And Others.....Defendants MRS. K RAMANI BAI
Wife of Late Mr. J Kesar Singh, Flat No. G-1,
Camelot Apartments, Lewis Road, Cooke

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT No. 1

TO SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT ING. 1
MR. OLIVER LAKSHMAN SINGH, Son of Late Mr. J. Kesar Singh and Mrs. K Ramani Bai,
Defendan aged about 62 years, P.O. Box 1079, Farwaniya - 81021, Kuwait... Whereas, MRS. K RAMANI BAI has filed the case before City Civil Judge at Bangalore in O.S. No.7072 of 2014, against Mr. Oliver Lakshman Singh; Mrs. Eileen Nirmala Florance Fernandez & Mr. Vishal Stephen Fernandes, seeking a declaration of the suit schedule property is her absolute property & other relief. You are hear by summoned to appear before the Hon'ble City Civil Judge at Bangalore, in person or by a duly instructed pleader on the 07.10.2016 at 11:00 A.M to answer the same failing

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THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGLORE

At Lower Ground Floor - C. Bharat Plaza

RIVAL LIBYAN FORCES BATTLE FOR OIL PORTS

NO INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION

BENGHAZI: Forces loyal to Libya's UN-backed unity government launched an offensive yesterday aimed at retaking key eastern oil ports seized last week by fighters from a rival adminis-

The Tripoli-based Government of National Accord has struggled to assert its authority over the country since the GNA was formed in

Al-Sidra, Zuwaytina and Brega in the so-called "oil crescent" along the coast.

They later handed them over to the National Oil Corporation. The NOC says it is loyal to the GNA, but also to the internationally recognized parliament based in the east which supports Haftar's forces and has refused to give the GNA a vote of confidence. "The Petroleum Facilities

ports was launched from the west by "militias backed by outlaws". "We repelled the attack and we are chasing them in the region," he said, adding that "some" assailants had been captured. There was no independent confirmation from the oil crescent region of the fighting and the situation on the ground.

'Unite to rebuild'

The British ambassador to Libya, Peter Millet, took to Twitter to urge restraint. "Further fighting around oil crescent installations is bad for future of Libya's economy. Better to resolve differences by dialogue," he wrote. "Libyans should unite to rebuild their country not destroy it," he added. The loss of the ports was a blow to the GNA which set up base in the capital in March, months after it was created as the result of a UNbacked power-sharing agreement.

Haftar, who sees himself as Libya's savior after driving jihadists out of most of the country's second city Benghazi, is the most powerful backer of the rival administration in the east. Days after the ports fell under his control, the east-based parliament promoted Haftar to field marshal from his previous rank of general.

The administration that backs him announced on Wednesday that it would hand control of exports from the four ports to the NOC, albeit under the supervision of Haftar's forces. NOC chairman Mustafa Sanalla said on Thursday that exports would resume immediately from two of the ports, including Ras Lanuf.

The US special envoy for Libya, Jonathan Winer, warned that resumed oil exports would be acceptable only if the proceeds were paid into the Libyan central bank in Tripoli. "If oil were to be diverted... the US will seek to enforce UN Security Council resolutions," Winer told AFP in an interview on Wednesday.

The fighting between the forces of the rival administrations is the latest escalation of the turmoil that has gripped Libya since Kadhafi was toppled. The GNA is the centrepiece of UN efforts to restore stability and forge a central authority capable of tackling the twin scourges of a significant Islamic State group presence and rampant people trafficking across the Mediterranean to Europe. —AFP



KONYA, TURKEY: A man walks past a banner bearing a photograph of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and reading "We support the national will. We are united with our commander in chief" in Konya, Central Anatolia region, on August

IN TURKEY'S KONYA, PROSPERITY **ROOT OF ERDOGAN POPULARITY**

KONYA, TURKEY: The face of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is everywhere in Konya, a central Anatolian stronghold of his Islamic-rooted Justice and Development Party (AKP), that has enjoyed ever greater prosperity in his 13 years in power. "We are united with our commander-in-chief," says one giant banner on a building, as well as billboards and flags praising the man who has dominated Turkey since becoming premier in 2003 and then president from 2014.

The July 15 attempted coup, blamed on disgruntled elements in the military linked to US-based preacher Fethullah Gulen, only appears to have further bolstered the president's popularity in the city of over one million. But with the economy showing signs of fragility in the wake of the coup, the question is how long can the economic miracle in Konya and similar so-called Anatolian Tigers like Kayseri to the east continue.

In the 2014 presidential election he took nearly three-quarters of the vote in Konya and the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP) that he co-founded harvested a similar figure in November 2015 polls.

The pious city is seen as a bulwark of the conservative Islam espoused by Erdogan. But has also prospered greatly under his rule, becoming one of the Anatolian Tigers that enjoyed a boom in growth and prosperity as manufacturing thrived, helping the estimated 30,000 small and medium-sized enterprises in the city. Meanwhile the last decade has seen a transformation in the city infrastructure, with a new tramway, high speed rail links to Istanbul and the capital Ankara as well as the brand new Torku Arena, a 40,000capacity world class sports stadium.

'Trust Erdogan more'

"Konya's fate changed after the AKP government came into power. In the last 15 years, the economy, roads, tourism have developed here," said Konya resident Murat Tuncerten. "We trust him more after the cent in the second quarter from the first coup. People love him and he loves people. three months of the year, according to data He called on people to come out and they

did it for Tayyip and their fellow citizens," he said. For many, the shadow still looms large of Turkey's 2000-2001 financial crisis which required a multi-billion bailout loan from the IMF, the final installment of which was paid off by the Erdogan government in 2013 in a mighty signal of its economic independence. "We were once indebted but Erdogan saved us from that," said Sukrut Kanucu, sitting in a lush green park in central Konya.

Nearby the local neighborhood head (muhtar), Ahmet Uney, who takes care of local administration like registering residents, said: "Things work better in Turkey now. "Our health system has changed, our roads are better, we create our weapons, most cities now have airports," he said, adding that his new residential area is expanding with 700-800 people moving there every month after only becoming officially recognized in 2014. Resident Mehmet Arikar, who was visiting the muhtar, agreed: "On the night of the coup, I knew people would come out (against it). The AKP did in 10 years what was not done in 50 years previously. People have got richer. Life is good."

Economic progress 'stalled'

Yet all was not so rosy for the Turkish economy even before the coup. Growth slowed to 3.1 percent in the second quarter from 4.7 percent at the start of the year as consumers slowed purchases and invest-

Philippe Dauba-Pantanacce, a senior economist at Standard Chartered Bank based in London, said growth might be even worse than the headline figure. "Most of the growth came from a big upshot in public spending — +16 percent year-overyear-and adjusted for seasonality and calendar distortions, the figure is worse than the 3.1 percent."

After taking into account such factors, the Turkish economy only grew by 0.3 perfrom Turkey's statistics agency. —AFP

IRAN MUST STAND STRONG AGAINST US ON REGIONAL CONFLICTS : KHAMENEI

Guard (PFG) launched an offensive this morning

and (our forces) are fighting them in Ras Lanuf,"

said Mohamad Ibset, a spokesman for Haftar's

Tripoli, said it had launched counterattacks on

two of the oil ports. "We attacked Al-Sidra and

Ras Lanuf, and Haftar's forces are trying to hit us

with their warplanes," spokesman Ali al-Hassi

told AFP. Muftah al-Muqarief, who heads oil

guards loyal to Haftar, said the assault on the

The PFG, which is loyal to the government in

BENGHAZI: People gather around a burning car at the site of a car bomb during a demonstration

in support of General Khalifa Haftar on September 16, 2016.—AFP

December last year. Oil is Libya's key asset, and

revenue from crude exports is vital if the GNA is

to rebuild the economy and infrastructure of the

North African nation, ravaged by violence since

Moamer Kadhafi plunged Libya into chaos, with

militias, jihadists and rival administrations vying

for control of its oil wealth and territory. Last

week, forces led by controversial military strong-

man Khalifa Haftar seized the ports of Ras Lanuf,

The revolt that ousted and killed dictator

the 2011 uprising.

republic must stand strong against Washington on the region's conflicts, in an address yesterday to commanders of the elite Republican Guards force. "The Americans insist we negotiate with them on regional issues, especially on Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen," Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said in the

TEHRAN: Iran's supreme leader said the Islamic have no aim but to prevent the presence in the region of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the main factor of America's failures," said Khamenei.

Major generals Mohammad Ali Jafari, the Revolutionary Guards chief, and Qassem Suleimani, head of its foreign operations wing, the Quds Force, were among hundreds of members peech published on his official website. "What is $\;\;$ who attended the speech. Khamenei, whose $\;\;$ and will remain military and defence power and their main goal for requesting these talks? They country has not had diplomatic relations with the creation of fear in the enemy."—AFP

Washington since 1980, stressed that military power and intimidation were the most effective means to keep foreign threats at bay.

"In past years, some officials have said the removal of military threat and war were due to certain measures, but it's not true," he said. "The sole factor of removing military threats has been



leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei shows him (C) addressing the commanders of Revolutionary Guards during a meeting. —AFP

REFUGEE CRISIS ESCALATES AS WARS DRIVE RECORD NUMBERS TO FLEE

LONDON: World leaders are gathering in New York today for a major UN summit on tackling the refugee and migrant crisis. Conflicts and persecution have driven a record 65.3 million people from their homes. Here are some facts:

One in every 113 people globally is either an asylum-seeker, internally displaced or a refugee. An average of 24 people worldwide were forced to flee every minute last year. At the end of 2015 there were 65.3 million forcibly displaced people. They included 21.3 million refugees, 40.8 million internally displaced and 3.2 million asvlum seekers.

If they were a country they would be the world's 21st largest. More than half of refugees come from just three countries:

Syria (4.9 mln), Afghanistan (2.7 mln) and Somalia (1.1 mln). Colombia has the highest number of internally displaced people (6.9 mln) followed by Syria (6.6 mln) and Iraq (4.4 mln). Developing regions host 86 percent of refugees. Turkey has by far the largest number at 2.5 million. Lebanon has the highest concentration relative to its own population with nearly one refugee for every five citizens.

Nearly one in 200 children in the world is a refugee. The number of child refugees has more than doubled in the last decade. Growing numbers of children are crossing borders alone. Last year, more than 100,000 unaccompanied minors applied for asylum in 78 countries - triple the number in 2014. —Reuters

TWO SAUDI POLICE SHOT DEAD IN MAINLY SHIITE CITY

RIYADH: Unidentified gunmen killed two Saudi policemen in the mainly Shiite eastern city of Dammam late on Saturday, the interior ministry said, describing it as a "terrorist attack".

The two officers were patrolling in a police car when they came under fire at around 11:30 pm (2030 GMT), a ministry spokesman told the official Saudi Press

They were both pronounced dead on arrival in hospital. The spokesman did

not specify who it held responsible for the shooting but there have been previous attacks on police in mainly Shiite areas of the oil-rich east of the kingdom

In January four police were killed in attacks. The Shiite minority in Sunni-dominated Saudi Arabia has long complained of discrimination and there has been sporadic unrest since the suppression of a Shiite-led uprising in neighboring Bahrain sparked a wave of protests in 2011. —AP

SYRIA ARMY BIDS TO RECOVER LOSSES TO IS AFTER DEADLY US-LED RAID

BEIRUT: Syrian troops counterattacked against base said that troops had already regained some the Islamic State group around a key eastern airbase yesterday after a US-led coalition air strike killed scores of soldiers forcing a retreat, military sources said.

The Pentagon said that coalition pilots had believed they were hitting IS and had halted the raid as soon as Damascus ally Moscow informed commanders that army positions were coming under attack. But Damascus reacted angrily to the deadly strike, which forced troops to pull back from two strategic hilltops overlooking the besieged airbase on the outskirts of the city of Deir Ezzor. "The Syrian army has returned to the offensive," a military source told AFP yesterday. "After the American raids, it withdrew from several positions but now it has gone back on the attack."

A second military source inside Deir Ezzor air-

of the lost ground. "The army has retaken most of its positions on Jabal Therdeh with Russian and Syrian air support," the source said, referring to one of the two hills lost on Saturday. "The two countries' air forces bombed the area around the airbase, neighborhoods held by the jihadists and the road linking Deir Ezzor to Mayadeen," an ISheld town 45 kilometers to the southeast, the

Retaking the heights around the airbase is vital for the army as control of them would allow IS to fire on all aircraft trying to take off or land. The airbase and adjacent government-held neighborhoods of the Deir Ezzor city have been under siege since 2012 and have been dependent on resupply by air.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said at least 30 jihadists were killed in yesterday's

counterattack by the army. The Britain-based monitoring group said 90 soldiers were killed in Saturday's air strike, sharply higher than the death toll of 62 given by Moscow on Saturday.

The US ambassador to the United Nations, Samantha Power, voiced regret for the loss of life. "If we determine that we did indeed strike Syrian military personnel, that was not our intention. And we of course regret the loss of life," she

Australia, which said it was one of several coalition countries whose aircraft took part, offered its "condolences to the families of any Syrian personnel killed or wounded." "While Syria remains a dynamic and complex operating environment, Australia would never intentionally target a known Syrian military unit or actively support Daesh (IS)," a statement from the military said yesterday. —AFP



ALEPPO: Syrian Abu Ahmed (L) and Abu Majd prepare a barrel filled with plastic as part of a refining process to produce fuel on September 10, 2016. —AFP

PIPE BOMB EXPLODES BEFORE MARINES CHARITY RUN

SEASIDE PARK, NEW JERSY: A pipe bomb exploded in a New Jersey shore town Saturday shortly before thousands of runners were to participate in a charity 5K race to benefit Marines and sailors, authorities said. No injuries were reported in the blast in Seaside Park around 9:30 a.m. Saturday, said Al Della Fave, spokesman for the Ocean County Prosecutor's office. He said no surrounding structures were damaged.

The FBI has taken over as the lead agency in the investigation. But officials would not say whether they believe the incident was terror-related or if they suspected participants in the third annual Semper Five run were targeted.

"Active, ongoing" investigation

Brad Cohen, the acting special agent in charge of the FBI's office in Newark, declined to discuss the matter at length during a brief news conference staged Saturday evening. He also declined to take questions from reporters, citing the "active, ongoing" investigation.

The race had been scheduled to start shortly before the blast occurred, but it was delayed due to the large numbers of people registering for the race and reports of an unattended backpack being found. Della Fave noted that if the race had started on time, a "good number of people" would have been running past the area where the explosion

occurred. The race was canceled, and the immediate area was put on lockdown. Several homes near the scene were evacuated as a precaution, though those residents were allowed to return home early Saturday night. However, authorities said several beaches in the area would remain closed until further notice.

The pipe bomb was in a plastic garbage can when it exploded, Della Fave said, but the immediate area where the blast occurred was mostly empty at the time. Authorities immediately cleared the boardwalk and beach area, and bomb-sniffing dogs were used to search the area.

Shortly after the blast occurred, Della Fave told reporters at the scene that preliminary reports said there may have been other devices connected to the pipe bomb, but those devices apparently had not gone off.

New Jersey State Police said later in the day that bomb technicians "rendered safe" items located in a plastic trash can where the explosion occurred; they did not specify what those items were or provide further details, citing the ongoing investigation. They also said there was nothing to reports of another explosive device near the site of the explosion.

Chad Ruedin, who happened to be walking along the boardwalk when the blast occurred, told News12 New Jersey that when he heard the explosion, he ini-



SEASIDE PARK, NEW JERSEY: Police gather at a command center on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, during an investigation of a pipe bomb which exploded before a charity race to benefit Marines and sailors. No injuries were reported. —AP

tially thought it was the start of the charity race. But after thinking about it for a minute, Ruedin said he thought to himself "that was one hell of a start to a race."

Ruedin said he soon saw smoke coming from the garbage can and saw other debris in the area, though he didn't know if those items were parts of the can and/or trash that had been in the receptacle.

Multiple agencies involved

Numerous state and federal law enforcement agencies were involved in the investigation. Attorney General Christopher Porrino and Col. Rick Fuentes, superintendent of the state police, briefed Gov. Chris Christie on the investigation.

"Working with the FBI and ATF, we are taking every step to ensure the safety of

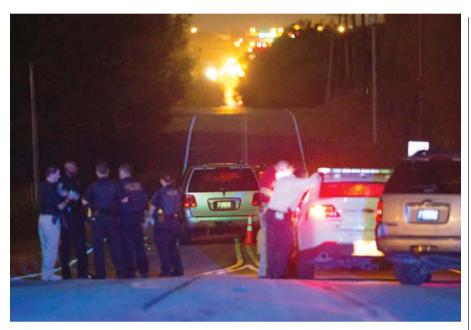
the public and to determine who was responsible for this explosion, which occurred at a time when runners in this charity race could have been in harm's way," Porrino said in a statement. "We are grateful that nobody was injured, but this is a serious act of violence against the people of New Jersey. We will not rest until we find the person or persons responsible."

Congressman Tom MacArthur, who represents the area that includes Burlington and Ocean counties, described the person responsible for the incident as "mentally unhinged."

He described the community as military centered, with lots of veterans and active duty military personnel. He said those in the area have been through a lot, with Superstorm Sandy and its aftermath, and now the bomb blast.

He said he's confident law enforcement will find the person responsible. MacArthur said that person needs to be "tracked down and brought to justice."

It wasn't clear when the boardwalk and beach would reopen. Some other community events went on as planned in nearby towns on Saturday, though officials said security at those sites had been stepped up in the wake of the blast. It wasn't immediately clear if the charity race would be rescheduled. —AP



TULSA, OKLAHOMA: Police work the scene of a shooting late Friday, Sept. 16, 2016. —AP

SISTER OF BLACK MAN KILLED BY POLICE SAYS HE WAS UNARMED

TULSA, OKLAHOMA: The sister of a black to listen and follow any commands." man shot and killed by a Tulsa police officer when he reached into an SUV stalled in the street said on Saturday that she does not believe her brother was armed.

Terrence Crutcher, 40, died at the hospital where he was taken after he was shot by the officer at around 8 p.m. Friday, police said. "One fact I do know is that my brother was unarmed," Terrence Crutcher's twin sister Tiffany Crutcher told a news conference Saturday. "I'm just devastated."

MacKenzie declined to say Saturday whether a weapon was found and said the items that were recovered will not be revealed until a news conference today by Police Chief Chuck Jordan.

An attorney for the Crutcher family, Damario Solomon-Simmons, called on Saturday for police to release any video of the shooting. Police spokeswoman Jeanne MacKenzie said she believes the officers' dash cameras might have captured video of the shooting. Tulsa police officers don't have body cameras, although they were selected to receive a nearly \$600,000 cashmatch grant for them in 2015.

Solomon-Simmons told reporters that Crutcher was in the area because his car stalled and officers saw him while on an unrelated call and approached. "From that point, I do not know what occurred. We have no idea, and that's what is so difficult for us and the family," Solomon-Simmons said. "That's our job, to try to get answers for this family as they're mourning."

MacKenzie said an officer responding to another call saw the vehicle in the middle of the road and called for backup, and the two officers were walking toward the SUV when Crutcher approached them from the side of the road. "He refused to follow commands given by the officers," MacKenzie said. "They continued to talk to him, he continued not

Names not released

Tulsa police did not release the names and races of the officers' involved. The officer who shot Crutcher was placed on paid leave, which is routine in cases of policeinvolved shootings. The county district attorney's office will determine if the shooting was justified, MacKenzie said.

"Every situation is different. Officers are involved in typically fast-moving situations, and officers who choose to use force, base (those decisions) on the situation involved that they are facing, "MacKenzie said.

Online court records show Terrence Crutcher of Tulsa with the same date of birth as the man who was killed pleaded no contest in 1996 to carrying a concealed weapon and resisting an officer and was given a six-month suspended sentence. His only other court records were for traffic violations, the most recent occurring in 2005.

Tulsa has a troubled recent history of police relations with the African-American community. In April, a white reserve Tulsa County sheriff's deputy was convicted of manslaughter in the fatal shooting a year earlier of an unarmed black suspect who was on the ground being restrained by officers. The deputy said he thought he was shooting his stun gun when he shot the man with a handgun.

The shooting led to an investigation that resulted in misdemeanor charges against the county sheriff, who resigned and later pleaded no contest to a charge of refusal to perform official duty and pleaded guilty to willful violation of the law. The reserve deputy program was briefly disbanded after an official report found it was riddled with corruption and reserves were poorly trained. But a new police chief reinstated it earlier this year. —AP

CLINTON OUTDOING TRUMP IN PENNSYLVANIA

A MUST-WIN STATE

PHILADELPHIA: Hillary Clinton's campaign is aggressively outworking Donald Trump in battleground Pennsylvania, a state the billionaire businessman can scarcely afford to lose and still hope to become president.

Despite polling well in Pennsylvania throughout the summer, Clinton's team is nevertheless bearing down in a state her party has carried in six straight elections. They are ratcheting up advertising and dispatching their top supporters to Pennsylvania, from Bill Clinton to Joe Biden to last week's visit from President Barack Obama. "We've got to fight for this thing," Obama thundered at a rally in Philadelphia last Tuesday. "I need you to work as hard for Hillary as you did for me. I need you to knock on doors. I need you to make phone calls. You've got to talk to your friends, including your Republican friends."

At a minimum, an energized Pennsylvania campaign is a balm for Clinton as she weathers a dip in national polls and dips in the swing states of Florida and Ohio. But with roughly seven weeks until Election Day, Trump's scattershot approach to the state also puts his White House prospects in jeopardy. "There is no Trump turnout organization, and you can't construct one" in the time remaining, said former Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell.

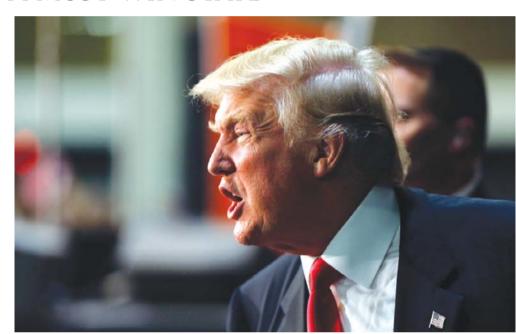
A must for Trump

For Trump, nearly any route to the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win the White House includes Pennsylvania's 20 votes. With Clinton's edge in Colorado and Virginia, and her competitive standing in North Carolina, Trump could potentially win vote-rich Florida and Ohio, as well as competitive Iowa and New Hampshire, and still fall short of the White House unless he can capture Pennsylvania, too.

Clinton's strategy is focused firmly on the eastern part of the state. Obama won 85 percent of the vote in Philadelphia in 2012, and Clinton has her sights set on coming as close as she can to his performance there while also outperforming Obama in the four suburban counties bordering the city.

Almost 2 million votes, or fully one-third of the 5.67 million presidential votes cast in the state in 2012, came from Philadelphia plus Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties. It's a region replete with moderate Republicans struggling with the decision about whether to support Trump.

Obama sought them out last week as he contrasted Trump's criticism of the nation's path with Ronald Reagan's "vision of freedom." The message echoes a Clinton television spot airing in the Philadelphia area featuring Romney and Republican US senators blasting Trump as unqualified for the Oval Office. That ad is part of Clinton's deep edge over Trump on television in



CHARLOTTE: In this Aug. 18, 2016 file photo, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump calls out to supporters as he exits after speaking. —AP

the state. Her campaign and outside groups helping her have spent about \$14 million on general election TV and radio ads through this week, according to Kantar Media's political ad tracker. That's more than triple the advertising investment Trump and his allies made in the same time period.

College-educated Republicans One possible result of the advertising gulf is

stalled support for Trump among college-educated Republicans who live in the four counties around Philadelphia. In Montgomery County, for example, nearly half of adults have college degrees compared to 26 percent statewide. "Part of the problem he faces is he has built this wall with the college-educated voters," Republican pollster Ed Goeas said. "As much as he's doing better in other parts of Pennsylvania, when you talk about the suburbs, he's struggling to reach normal Republican levels."

That leaves Trump needing to over perform in Pennsylvania's rural areas and working-class cities in the western part of the state. But while Trump's running mate Mike Pence was in Scranton on Wednesday, the same day Trump's son Donald Jr. was in Pittsburgh, each of Trump's own three visits in the past month have been to Philadelphia or nearby.

Those visits were all small-scale campaign events, not one of the signature blockbuster rallies that make for Trump's chief organizing tool. And as he has in other states, the New Yorker has ceded the vast majority of his get-out-the-vote efforts to the Republican National Committee.

The committee touts, as it does in all the targeted presidential states, a statewide staff dedicated to registering new voters and swaying undecided ones. But even they admit Trump faces a "challenge" putting Pennsylvania into the GOP column. "We have always known it would be a battle in Pennsylvania," said RNC spokesman Rick Gorka. At Obama's Tuesday speech, meanwhile, 100 Clinton staff members combed the crowd, armed with clipboards and smart phones, signing up volunteers to make phone calls on Saturday. They found 750, said Clinton's Pennsylvania director, Corey Dukes.

That's in addition to hundreds of neighborhood-level leaders and campus teams at Pennsylvania's legion of colleges and universities, including six in Philadelphia alone. Dukes said the campaign had just signed up its first Asian and Pacific Islander coalition. It's a smaller than those in the battleground states of Virginia and Colorado, he said, but it's one more group signed on to deliver votes.

Clinton herself is scheduled to headline a Philadelphia campaign event Monday aimed at mobilizing young adults. "We slice it pretty thin," Dukes said. "Everything we do is to support getting bodies to our offices to commit to action."

Taken together, Rendell said, the conditions are right for Clinton to amass a margin in Philadelphia and the suburbs that's too big for Trump to top elsewhere. "If you do the math, there aren't enough votes in the rest of the state," Rendell said. —AP

PHILADELPHIA: This undated photo provided by the Philadelphia Police Department on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016 shows Nicholas Glenn. Authorities said Glenn opened fire on a Philadelphia police officer then went on a shooting rampage, injuring a second officer, killing a woman and wounding three other people before he was shot and killed by police overnight Friday. —AP

IS: MINNESOTA MALL STABBING CARRIED OUT BY 'SOLDIER'

ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA: A man who of the victims. The knife attack in St. Cloud, wounded eight people in a knife attack on Saturday at a mall in central Minnesota before he was shot dead by an off-duty police officer is a "soldier of the Islamic State," the militant group's news agency said. The man, who was wearing a private security uniform, made references to Allah and asked at least one person if they were Muslim before he assaulted them at the Crossroads Center mall in St. Cloud, the city's Police Chief William Blair Anderson told reporters. Reuters was not immediately able to verify the authenticity of the claim made by Islamic State through the group's affiliated Amaq news agency. A spokesperson for the US National Security Council said it was aware of the claim but deferred to local investigators. The FBI did not immediately respond when asked about the Amaq statement. "Whether that was a terrorist attack or not, I'm not willing to say that right now because we just don't

know," Anderson said at a news conference. "We'll figure out what this is and when we do we will be transparent about it," he added. He gave no details of the identities a community about 60 miles (100 km) northwest of Minneapolis-St. Paul, comes at a time of heightened concern in the United States about the threat of violence

An explosion rocked New York City's bustling Chelsea district on Saturday, injuring 29 people in what authorities described as a deliberate, criminal act. But both New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said there was no indication it was linked to international terrorism. In St. Cloud, the attacker entered the mall in the evening as it was busy with shoppers, Anderson said. He attacked his victims at several sites in the shopping center, which will remained closed on Sunday as police investigate, the police chief said. The eight wounded were transported to St. Cloud Hospital but none were believed to have lifethreatening injuries, said Chris Nelson, a communications specialist for the medical facility. One victim was expected to remain there, but the other seven patients had already been released or were expected to be let go shortly, officials said. — Reuters



SAINT CLOUD, MINNESOTA: People stand near the entrance on the north side of Crossroads Center mall between Macy's and Target as officials investigate a reported multiple stabbing incident, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016. —AP

SOUTH AFRICA'S CORRUPTION WATCHDOG INTERVIEWS FINANCE MINISTERS IN ZUMA

JOHANNESBURG: South Africa's anticorruption watchdog has interviewed Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan and his deputy Mcebisi Jonas as part of an investigation into whether President Jacob Zuma was influenced by the wealthy Gupta family in making government appointments, the Sunday Times newspaper reported.

The paper said Public Protector Thuli Madonsela had written to Zuma informing him of her investigation into whether he breached the executive code of conduct. Madonsela has already interviewed Gordhan, his predecessor Nhlanhla Nene and deputy finance minister Jonas and will interview at least 20 other top officials and members of Zuma's cabinet, the paper said. "Partly the reason we subpoenaed them is because they shouldn't be seen as sell-outs but as law abiding citizens who are complying with the lawful order from an authorized institution," Madonsela told the paper, without elabo-

Presidency spokesman Bongani

Ngqulunga confirmed to the paper that that led to calls for Zuma to resign. Zuma Zuma had received the letter from Madonsela and that it was "being processed." Madonsela said in June she would investigate "specifically whether or not the government of South Africa and specifically the president unlawfully allowed the Gupta family to choose ministers and other occupants of high office."

The scandal surrounding the Gupta family took a dramatic turn earlier this year after Jonas said the Guptas had offered him his boss's job, an allegation has denied Jonas' claims, saying only the president appointed ministers, in line with the constitution. The Guptas have denied influencing Zuma, saying they were pawns in a political plot against the president.

The Guptas, who moved to South Africa from India after apartheid fell in 1994, run businesses ranging from uranium and coal mining to media and information technology.

Madonsela, whose term as public pro-

tector ends in October, previously received public support in South Africa for taking Zuma to task over the spending of 240 million rand (\$16.94 million) of state money on upgrading his private

She was vindicated in March when the Constitutional Court, the country's highest court, said Zuma had breached the constitution by ignoring her recommendation that he repay some money that was spent on non-security upgrades. Zuma handed back some of the funds. —Reuters

PRO-PUTIN PARTY SEEN WINNING EVEN GREATER SWAY IN RUSSIA'S PARLIAMENT

VOTE IS TEST OF UNITED RUSSIA AMID ECONOMIC CRISIS

MOSCOW: The ruling United Russia party is expected to win even greater dominance over Russia's lower house in a parliamentary election, showing that support for President Vladimir Putin is holding up despite sanctions and a deep economic slowdown.

The election for the Duma, or lower house, is being seen as a dry run for Putin's expected presidential campaign in 2018. It is also a test of how well the Kremlin can oversee trouble-free elections. It will be the first parliamentary vote since 2011, when allegations of ballot-rigging sparked big protests against Putin in the capital.

Voting got under way at 2000 GMT on yesterday on the Chukotka

Peninsula opposite Alaska and will wrap up in Kaliningrad, Russia's most westerly point, where people can cast their vote. "Of course I voted for United Russia," a middle-aged man in the town of Velikiye Luki in western Russia, who declined to give his name, told Reuters. "We don't need other parties here. At least they (United Russia) have done their stealing."

An elderly lady in the village of Avangard in the Tula Region, which abuts the Moscow Region, said she had always voted for United Russia and saw no other parties worth voting for. "We don't need a multi-party system," she said.

United Russia, led by Prime Minister

Dmitry Medvedev, a Putin loyalist, has 238 of 450 Duma seats, dominates the more than 80 regional parliaments, and is routinely depicted in a favourable light by state television, where most Russians get their news.

The party is able to draw on the support of the other three parties in the federal Duma, and benefits from its association with 63-year-old Putin, who after 17 years in power as either president or prime minister, enjoys a personal approval rating of about 80 percent. Putin does not belong to any

By contrast, liberal opposition politicians, who have just one sympathetic member in the Duma, complain they

are starved of air time, vilified by state media, and their campaigns systematically disrupted by pro-Kremlin provocateurs. Pro-Kremlin politicians deny

The liberal opposition hopes it can break through to win about two dozen seats. Pollsters sat it will be lucky to snag a handful and may end up with

Apathy

The vote will be closely watched to see how many of Russia's roughly 110 million registered voters across its 11 time zones in what is the world's largest country turn up to cast their ballots, with some opinion polls showing apathy levels are high.

There was some evidence of that yesterday with a taxi driver in Ufa, just over 700 miles east of Moscow, telling a Reuters reporter voting "was like urinating into a blocked toilet." "Why bother?," the man, who gave his first name as Ilysh, said.

Putin has said it is too early to say if he will go for what would be a fourth presidential term in 2018. If he did and won, he would be in power until 2024, longer than Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

Anxious to avoid a repeat of 2011's street protests, Kremlin officials have tried to assure Russians that the vote will be the cleanest in the country's modern history. Observers from the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe are being allowed to monitor the vote, a new head of the central election commission has been appointed, and regional and Kremlin officials have been fired in the run-up.

The authorities have also resurrected an old voting system viewed as more equitable, which means that half of parliament will be decided by people voting for individuals with the other half drawn from party lists. The last parliament was elected on party lists

There was one early report of vote rigging yesterday with the authorities saying they were looking into assertions that a group of young people in Siberia's Altai region had used non-voting pensioners' identities to fraudulently vote.

The election is the first time that voters in Crimea, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014, are helping decide the makeup of the Duma. That has angered the Ukrainian government and there were scuffles between Ukrainian nationalists and police outside the Russian embassy in Kiev yesterday after a few nationalists tried to stop Russian citizens from vot-

ing there. Polls show United Russia's popularity has been somewhat dented by a grinding economic crisis caused by a fall in global oil prices and compounded by Western sanctions over

Moscow's role in the Ukraine crisis. But they also show that Putin's own popularity remains high and that many voters buy the Kremlin narrative that is frequently repeated on state TV, of the West using sanctions to try to wreck the economy in revenge for Moscow's seizure of Crimea. —Reuters



BELGRADE, SERBIA: A Serbian police officer guards Serbia's gay pride march yesterday. —AP

POLICE CORDON OFF CENTRAL BELGRADE FOR PRIDE MARCH

BELGRADE, SERBIA: Thousands of Serbian riot police cordoned off central Belgrade yesterday for a gay pride march which was held amid fears of attacks from extremists in the predominantly conservative Balkan country.

Holding banners and flags, several hundred people marched in the downtown area as helicopters flew above. Police with dogs secured the zone that was sealed off for traffic for hours before the planned start of the event. "This gathering should become bigger and greater," said gay right activist Boban Stojanovic. "Belgrade is our city too."

No incidents were reported. Authorities have cancelled several pride events in the past after massive clashes with right-wing groups and soccer hooligans in 2010 when more than 100 police and extremists were injured and the city center was demol-

Serbia has since sought to boost gay rights as part of its bid to join the European Union, including appointing for the first time an openly gay minister in the government that was formed last month. Ana Brnabic, the minister of public administration and local government, attended Sunday's march. She said the government will work to improve the position for Serbia's gays as well as other minority groups, who still often face harassment and discrimination.

"The message this government is sending is important," Brnabic said. Fueling fears of unrest ahead of the pride march were clashes in Belgrade late on Saturday between rival soccer fan groups - who are linked with right-wing extremists - and who also clashed with the police. Authorities said that eight policemen were injured and fifty hooligans arrested in Saturday's clashes. —AP



KIEV: A figure representing Russian President Vladimir Putin hangs from a gallows set during a protest in front of the Russian embassy yesterday. —AP

VATICAN: Pope Francis speaks to faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square on the occasion of the Angelus noon prayer yesterday. —AP

POPE URGES ALL TO UNITE IN PEACE PRAYERS WHENEVER THEY CAN

people to unite in prayers for peace tomorrow, when he'll meet with leaders of other religions in the town of Assisi.

Francis told the faithful in St. Peter's Square on Sunday that "Now, more than ever, we need peace in this war that's everywhere in the world." His one-day trip to Assisi, birthplace of the saint for whom the pope chose to be named,

VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis is asking includes meeting with Orthodox and Anglican church leaders, as well as with

representatives of Islam and of Judaism. During Tuesday's gathering, Christian participants will pray in St. Francis Basilica, while non-Christians pray elsewhere in Assisi. They all with then assemble in the basilica for the pope's speech and reflection. St. Pope John Paul II started the Assisi prayer tradition in 1986. —AP

MERKEL FACES SETBACK IN BERLIN **VOTE DUE TO MIGRANT FEARS**

BERLIN: Voters flocked to the polling booths yesterday in a Berlin city election in which Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives look set to suffer their second electoral blow in two weeks as voters express unease with her

refugee-friendly policy. The anti-immigrant Alternative for Germany (AfD) is expected to profit from a popular backlash over Merkel's decision a year ago to keep borders open for refugees and the party is poised to enter its tenth regional assembly out of Germany's 16 states.

Voting in the German capital started at 8 a.m. (0600 GMT) and some 2.5 million people are eligible to decide who should represent them in the Berlin city assembly.

Queues formed in front of many polling stations, with the sunny weather helping to boost the turnout. At noon, some 25 percent had cast their vote, 6 points more than the midday turnout during the last election in 2011, authorities said. Polls point to heavy losses for Merkel's Christian Democrats (CDU) in the vote which means the centre-left Social Democrats (SPD) may be able to ditch them from their current

Raising the pressure

That would likely raise the pressure further on Merkel one year before a federal election and could deepen divisions within her conservative camp. Polling stations will close at 6 p.m. (1600 GMT) and public broadcasters will publish exit polls shortly afterwards. First projections are expected roughly half an hour later.

A drubbing in the eastern state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern two weeks ago triggered calls from Merkel's conservative allies in Bavaria to toughen up her migrant policy with measures such as introducing a cap of 200,000 refugees per year.

Merkel rejects such a limit and defends her approach to find a European solution to the migration issue by securing the continent's external borders, agreeing migration deals with countries like Turkey and distributing refugees across Europe.

The recent election losses have even raised questions about whether Merkel, Europe's most powerful leader, will stand for a fourth term next year but her party has few good alternatives so she still looks like the most like-

The latest Berlin poll by Forschungsgruppe Wahlen for ZDF public broadcaster put the CDU on 18 percent, down 5 points and far behind the SPD's projected 23 percent. It put the AfD on 14 percent, the leftist Die Linke at 14.5 percent and the ecologist Greens on 15 percent.

migrant issue, playing to voters' fears about the cost of the roughly 1 million migrants who entered Germany last year and about their Security, especially after 20 people were

The AfD has campaigned heavily on the

injured in two attacks claimed by Islamic State in Bavaria in July and deadly Islamist militant attacks in neighboring France and Belgium earlier in the year, are also a concern to voters.

The SPD, Merkel's junior coalition partner at the federal level, wants to form a coalition with the Greens and, if needed, the leftist Die Linke. Berlin's SPD Mayor Michael Mueller has sharply criticized the AfD's migration policy during the campaign, saying a double-digit score for the right-wing party would be seen around the world as the rebirth of the Nazis. —Reuters

JACQUES CHIRAC IN HOSPITAL WITH LUNG INFECTION

PARIS: Officials say former French President Jacques Chirac has been hospitalized with a lung infection. Jocelyne Gastellu of the Paris Hospitals Foundation confirmed yesterday that the 83-year-old was admitted to a hospital in Paris but could not confirm local media reports that it followed a visit to Morocco.

Former housing minister Cecile Duflot said that she wished Chirac a speedy recovery during an interview on BFM-TV, adding that "when you're older a lung infection can be complicated."

Twitter saw an immediate outpouring of goodwill messages from political protég√©es of the leader, who was French president from 1995 to 2007, including from former President Nicolas Sarkozy and former Prime Minister Alain Juppe. The two politicians are vying to be the Republicans party candidate for the 2017 presidential election. —AP



PARIS: In this Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011 file photo, Former French President Jacques Chirac waves to the press after a ceremony awarding laureates of the Fondation Chirac at Quai Branly Museum. —AP

GERMANY'S AFD: VOICE OF FEAR, ANGER OVER REFUGEE INFLUX

BERLIN: The right-wing populist Alternative for and urging a return to the Deutschmark. As the deniers "dissidents". 'Recourse to firearms' Germany (AfD) has railed against Chancellor Angela Merkel's open-door refugee policy, ending a longstanding taboo against extremist parties in the country's mainstream politics.

Similar to France's National Front and far-right politicians in Austria and the Netherlands, it has captured the protest vote with a xenophobic and anti-Islam platform and now polls around 14 per-

After early gains in Germany's ex-communist east, it has won seats in a series of state elections, most recently in the capital Berlin yesterday, and will now be represented on the opposition benches of 10 of the country's 16 state assemblies.

The AfD was formed more than three years ago by economics professor Bernd Lucke as a eurosceptic fringe party, railing against expensive bailouts

financial crisis abated, the AfD underwent a leadership shift to campaign mainly against an influx of people fleeing war and misery, gathering steam as one million asylum seekers arrived in the EU's top economy last year.

The party has also captured conservative voters who feel abandoned by Merkel's increasingly centrist Christian Democratic Union, pushing for traditional "family values" and tough law and order policies and denying climate change.

The AfD is strongly nationalistic but rejects being labelled an extremist or "Nazi" party, a charge levelled by Social Democratic Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel and others. The party's leadership feuded recently after one of its regional lawmakers, Wolfgang Gedeon, sparked a storm with anti-Semitic remarks, including calling Holocaust

The AfD's rise breaks with a taboo in post-World

War II Germany, where guilt over the Nazi era runs deep and no far-right or extremist party has so far been able to gain a sustained foothold in national politics.

In 2013 elections, the young AfD only narrowly missed the five-percent hurdle to enter national parliament, but the following year sent seven deputies to the European Parliament with 6.5 percent of the vote. In a shock result two weeks ago, the AfD scored more than 20 percent and beat Merkel's party in the poor, rural and ex-communist state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, where the chancellor has her home seat.

Eager to spark media storms and capture headlines, AfD leaders have regularly caused outrage with racist remarks. The party's most public face,

41-year-old Frauke Petry of the eastern, ex-communist Saxony state, has suggested police should be allowed to shoot at foreigners to stop them at the borders. "No policeman wants to fire on a refugee and I don't want that either," she said. "But as a last resort there should be recourse to

AfD deputy leader Alexander Gauland said in May about star footballer Jerome Boateng, who was born in Berlin to a German mother and Ghanaian father, that "people find him good as a footballer, but they don't want to have a Boateng as a neighbor". And another deputy leader, Beatrix von Storch, also made a jibe at players with immigrant roots after Germany's 2-0 defeat to France in the Euro 2016 semi-final, tweeting that "maybe next time the German NATIONAL TEAM should play again". —AFP

OBAMA: OCEANS KEY TO PROTECTING PLANET FROM CLIMATE CHANGE

WASHINGTON: Creating the Atlantic Ocean's first marine national monument is a needed response to dangerous climate change, oceanic dead zones and unsustainable fishing practices, President Barack Obama said Thursday.

The new Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument consists of nearly 5,000 square miles of underwater canyons and mountains off the New England coast. It's the 27th time that Obama has created or enlarged a national monument.

"If we're going to leave our children with oceans like the ones that were left to us, then we're going to have to act and we're going to have to act boldly," Obama said at a State Department conference. More than 20 countries represented at the meeting were also announcing the creation of their own marine protected areas.

Monument designations come with restrictions on certain activities. The White House said the designation will lead to a ban on commercial fishing, mining and drilling, though a seven-year exception will occur for the lobster and red crab industries. Others, such as whiting and squid harvesters, have 60 days to transition out. Recreational fishing will be allowed within the monument.

Supporters of the new monument say protecting large swaths of ocean from human stresses can sustain important species and reduce the toll of climate change. Fishermen worry it will become harder for them to earn a living as a result of Obama's move. "This is deplorable," said Grant Moore, president of the Atlantic Offshore Lobstermen's Association, in describing the designation.

Listened to industry's concerns

White House officials said the administration listened to industry's concerns, and noted the monument is smaller than originally proposed and contains a transition period for companies. Obama said helping oceans become more resilient to climate change will help fishermen.

Jon Williams, president of the Atlantic Red Crab Company in New Bedford, Massachusetts, said his company will survive, but the changes designed to address

some of the industry's concerns don't sway him about the merits of the monument.

"We've been fishing out there for 35 years," Williams said. "It's a big blow to us."

Obama said the world was asking too much of its oceans. He said the investments the US and other nations were taking with new marine protected areas were vital for their economy and national security, but "also vital to our spirit." He noted that he had spent his own childhood looking out over the ocean shores and being humbled by the endless expanse.

"I know that in a contest between us and the oceans, eventually the oceans will win one way or the other," he said. "So it's up to us to adapt, not the other way around."

In all, the Atlantic Ocean monument will include three underwater canyons deeper than the Grand Canyon and four underwater mountains. It is home to such protected species as the sperm, fin and sei whales, and Kemp's ridley turtles. Expeditions also have found species of coral found nowhere else on earth.

Environmental groups pushed the effort to designate the new monument and sought to make the case it was as important to be good stewards of the ocean as it was the land and air. They described the monument, located about 130 miles off the coast of Cape Cod, as one of the least fished areas in the US Atlantic, which is part of why it was chosen.

Their efforts proved persuasive with a president who is also looking to establish his own legacy as a protector of the environment. Obama noted that he has protected more land and water through monument designations than any president in history.

On Capitol Hill, Rep. Rob Bishop, the Republican chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, said Obama "will certainly leave his legacy - on the backs of fishermen and our entire domestic seafood supply."

But Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut said the monument "will protect countless species and habitats from irreversible damage, advance key research, and support critical jobs that depend on healthy oceans." —AP



LEH, India: Buddhist devotees gather on Sept 16, 2016 during the Naropa festival, popularly known as the 'Kumbh Mela of the Himalayas', a Buddhist gathering that takes place once every twelve years at Hemis village. — AFP

KUNG FU" NUNS BIKE HIMALAYAS TO OPPOSE HUMAN TRAFFICKING

en for a Himalayan version of the Tour de France.

The similarity, however, ends there. This journey is longer and tougher, the prize has no financial value or global recognition and the participants are not professional cyclists but Buddhist nuns from India, Nepal, Bhutan

Five hundred nuns from the Buddhist sect known as the Drukpa Order, on Saturday complete a 4,000-km (2,485 mile) bicycle trek from Nepal's Kathmandu to the northern city of Leh in India to raise awareness about human trafficking in the remote region.

"When we were doing relief work in Nepal after the earthquakes last year, we heard how girls from poor families were being sold because their parents could not afford to keep them anymore," 22-year-old nun Jigme Konchok Lhamo told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

"We wanted to do something to change this attitude that girls are less than boys and that it's okay to sell them," she said, adding that the bicycle trek shows "women have power and strength like men." South Asia may boast women leaders and be home to cultures that revere motherhood and worship female deities, but many girls and women live with the threat of violence and without many basic rights.

From honor killings in Pakistan to foeticide in India and child marriage in Nepal, women face a barrage of threats, although growing awareness, better laws and economic empowerment are bringing a slow change in attitudes.

"Kung fu" nuns

The bicycle trek, from Nepal into India, is nothing new for the Drukpa nuns. This is the

NEW DELHI: Clad in black sweatpants, red jack- fourth such journey they have made, meeting and tell them that not only are we girls, but we ets and white helmets, the hundreds of cyclists local people, government officials and religious are also Buddhist nuns," she said. "I think this pedaling the treacherously steep, narrow moun- leaders to spread messages of gender equality, helps change their attitudes about women and tain passes to India from Nepal could be mistak- peaceful co-existence and respect for the envi- maybe value them as equals." ronment.

> They also deliver food to the poor, help villagers get medical care and are dubbed the "Kung Fu nuns" due to their training in martial arts. Led by the Gyalwang Drukpa, head of the Drukpa Order, the nuns raise eyebrows, especially among Buddhists for their unorthodox activities. "Traditionally Buddhist nuns are treated very differently from monks. They cook and clean and are not allowed to exercise.

But his Holiness thought this was nonsense and decided to buck the trend," said Carrie Lee, president of Live to Love International, a charity which works with the Drukpa nuns to support marginalized Himalayan communities.

"Among other things, he gave them leadership roles and even introduced Kung Fu classes for the nuns after they faced harassment and violence from the general public who were disturbed by the growing shift of power dynamics," she said.

Over the last 12 years, the number of Drukpa nuns has grown to 500 from 30, said Lee, largely due to the progressive attitudes of the 53-yearold Gyalwang Drukpa, who was inspired by his mother to become an advocate for gender equality. The Gyalwang Drukpa also participates in the bicycle journeys, riding with the nuns as they pedal through treacherous terrain and hostile weather and camp out in the open.

"Praying is not enough"

The Drukpa nuns say they believe they are helping to change attitudes. "Most of the people, when they see us on our bikes, think we are boys," said 18-year-old nun Jigme Wangchuk Lhamo. "Then they get shocked when we stop

South Asia, with India at its centre, is also one of the fastest growing regions for human trafficking in the world. Gangs dupe impoverished villagers into bonded labour or rent them to work as slaves in urban homes, restaurants, shops and hotels. Many girls and women are sold into brothels.

Experts say post-disaster trafficking has become common in South Asia as an increase in extreme events caused by global warming, as well as earthquakes, leave the poor more vulnerable. The breakdown of social institutions in devastated areas creates difficulties securing food and supplies, leaving women and children at risk of kidnapping, sexual exploitation and trafficking.

Twin earthquakes that struck Nepal in April and May 2015, which killed almost 9,000 people, left hundreds of thousands of families homeless and many without any means of income, led to an increase in children and women being trafficked. More than 40,000 children lost their parents, were injured or were placed in precarious situations following the disaster, according to Nepali officials.

The Drukpa nuns said the earthquakes were a turning point in their understanding of human trafficking and that they felt a need to do more than travel to disaster-hit mountain villages with rice on their backs.

"People think that because we are nuns, we are supposed to stay in the temples and pray all the time. But praying is not enough," said Jigme Konchok Lhamo. "His Holiness teaches us that we have go out and act on the words that we pray. After all, actions speak louder than words," she said. —Reuters

ence at the State Department on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016. —AP KAINE ACCUSES TRUMP OF INCITING

WASHINGTON: President Barack Obama speaks at the Our Ocean, One Future confer-

WASHINGTON: US Democratic vice presidential candidate Tim Kaine yesterday accused Donald Trump of inciting violence against Hillary Clinton after the Republican candidate said Clinton's security detail should be disarmed given her support for tighter gun rules.

Kaine, speaking on Fox News Sunday, called Trump's remarks irresponsible. "When you look at a series of these comments that he's making, I do believe it is an incite or at a minimum an expression of indifference to whether violence would occur," he said.

On Friday, Trump said at a campaign rally that Clinton's "bodyguards should drop all weapons. They should disarm." "Take their guns away, she doesn't want guns. Take them, let's see what happens to her. Take their guns away, okay. It will be very dangerous," he added.

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, a top adviser to Trump, told Fox News Sunday that Trump's comments had been

misinterpreted and demanded that Kaine apologize to Trump for suggesting he had a malicious intent. "Senator Kaine should be ashamed of himself for saying that Donald Trump would like to have violence perpetrated against Hillary Clinton but it just shows how desperate and scared the Clinton-Kaine campaign is now because this race now is a dead heat and they can't believe it," Christie said.

VIOLENCE AGAINST CLINTON

Trump's vice presidential running mate, Mike Pence, called any interpretation of Trump's Friday remarks as a call to violence "absolute nonsense." "His comment was that if she didn't have all that security, she'd change her attitude about the right to keep and bear arms. And I'll bet that's probably true," Pence said on ABC's "This Week. Trump was criticized by opponents last month when he suggested that gun rights activists could act to stop Clinton from nominating liberal US Supreme Court justices, a comment some interpreted as encouraging a political assassination. — Reuters



PORTSMOUTH, NEW HEMPSHIRE: Democratic vice presidential candidate, Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va. speaks to supporters during a campaign stop, Thursday, Sept. 15,

DEATH TOLL IN PAKISTAN SUICIDE BOMBING RISES TO 36

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN: The death toll from a Taleban suicide bomb attack on a mosque in northwest tribal Pakistan has risen to 36, including eight children, officials said yesterday. The Friday attack targeted a mosque in the Mohmand tribal district bordering Afghanistan where the army has been fighting against Taleban militants.

'We have now compiled a list of victims of the blast which includes 36 dead and 27 injured. At least eight children below the age of 10 years are among the dead" Naveed Akbar, deputy chief of the Mohmand tribal district administration, told AFP.

"Many children were hit in the blast because they were praying in the last rows in the mosque where the bomber struck," Akbar said.

The bomber came in as Friday prayers were in progress and blew himself up in the main hall. A curfew has been imposed in the area since the bombing. Taleban faction Jamaat-ul-Ahrar (JuA) claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was carried out to avenge the deaths of 13 of its members and arrests of others by a local vigilante force in 2009.

Since 2007 the government has encouraged vigilante forces comprising tribesmen-locally known as peace committees-to defend their villages against the Taleban. Pakistan's deadliest ever attack occurred in Peshawar in December 2014, when Taleban militants stormed a school killing more than 150 people, mostly children.

The army launched an operation in June 2014 in a bid to wipe out militant bases in the northwestern tribal areas and so bring an end to the bloody insurgency that has cost thousands of civilian lives since 2004. Last year, the country recorded its lowest number of killings since 2007, when the Pakistani Taleban was formed. —AFP

13 DEAD IN THAI RIVER BOAT COLLISION: RESCUERS

when a boat crowded with passengers sank on Thailand's Chao Phraya river after hitting a bridge, an emergency response official said. The accident happened near the ancient city of Ayutthaya, a popular tourist attraction, although no foreigners were believed to be among the dead.

"There are 13 confirmed dead and 33 injured so

BANGKOK: At least 13 people were killed yesterday far," said Udomsak Khaonoona, disaster prevention chief for the city which is 80 km (50 miles) north of Bangkok. "The boat tried to avoid another vessel and crashed into the concrete column of a bridge," he told AFP, adding that the passengers were local.

> Around 100 passengers were believed to be on board the vessel, with four currently unaccounted for, Udomsak said. Video footage posted by

Khaosod TV showed desperate scenes as rescue workers scrambled to reach the stricken vessel, its stern partially under water. Rescuers threw ropes to help people swim to land as others gave CPR to unconscious victims on the banks of the river.

Despite its wealth compared to regional neighbors and huge tourism sector, accidents are common on Thailand's public transport network. Safety regulations are often weakly enforced.

The country has one of the world's worst road traffic death rates, and crashes of speedboats operating between the popular southern tourist islands are also common. The Chao Phraya, the main river that flows through Bangkok, is a key commuting artery, filled with often packed boats plying the waterways at breakneck speed. —AFP

PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT SEEKS EXTENSION OF WAR ON DRUGS

'Even if I wanted to, I cannot kill them all.'

MANILA: The Philippine president said yesterday that he may need to extend a bloody government anti-drug campaign that has left more than 3,000 people dead and been slammed by the United States and others.

Acknowledging for the first time that he may not be able to keep his campaign promise to eradicate illegal drugs in no more than six months, President Rodrigo Duterte said in jest that with the huge number of people involved, "even if I wanted to, I cannot kill them all."

Duterte said at a news conference in the southern city of Davao that he was overwhelmed by the enormity of the problem and may need to extend his self-imposed deadline by another six months to end the scourge. He won the May 9 election on an ambitious promise to end corruption and crime, especially illegal drugs, in three to six months. More than 3,000 suspected drug dealers and traffickers have been killed in Duterte's campaign against drugs since he assumed the presidency in June, and 600,000 others, mostly drug users, have surrendered to authorities for fear they may be killed.

More names of people involved

A law enforcement investigation, however, has turned up more names of people who are involved in the illegal drug trade, including many village leaders and mayors, Duterte said at the news conference. Duterte first built a name for his deadly crime-fighting style while serving as Davao's longtime mayor before becoming

"I didn't realize how severe and how serious the problem of drug menace in this republic (was) until I became president," Duterte said. Even if I wanted to, I cannot kill them all because the last report would be this thick," Duterte said, laughing.

President Barack Obama, UN officials and human rights watchdogs have raised concerns over the widespread killings, but Duterte has lashed back at them and other critics. He said that critics were impeding his battle against a problem that has worsened into a national secu-

A former Filipino militiaman recently testified before a Senate committee hearing that Duterte,

while he was still Davao's mayor, ordered him and other members of a liquidation squad to kill criminals and opponents in gangland-style assaults that left about 1,000 dead starting in the late 1980s.

While his key officials have played down the allegations and questioned the credibility of the witness, Duterte himself has not directly reacted to the statements made by Edgar Matobato in the nationally televised Senate inquiry.

Matobato testified that he heard Duterte order some of the killings, and acknowledged that he himself carried out about 50 deadly assaults as an assassin, including a suspected kidnapper fed to a crocodile in 2007 in the southern province of Davao del Sur.

Rights groups have long accused Duterte of involvement in death squads. He has denied the claims, even while engaging in tough talk in which he stated his approach to criminals was to "kill them all." Matobato is the first person to admit any role in such killings, and to directly implicate Duterte under oath in a public hearing. —AP



DAVAO CITY: Released Norwegian hostage Kjartan Sekkingstad, left, briefly delivers his statement after meeting Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte yesterday.—AP

NORWEGIAN SAYS HIS PHILIPPINE KIDNAPPING WAS 'DEVASTATING'

INDANAN, Philippines: A Norwegian man freed by militants after a year of jungle captivity in the southern Philippines described the ordeal yesterday as "devastating," carrying a backpack with a bullet hole as a reminder of a near-death experience that included the beheadings of the two Canadians kidnapped with him.

Kjartan Sekkingstad was freed by his Abu Sayyaf captors on Saturday to rebels from the larger Moro National Liberation Front, which has signed a peace deal with the Philippine government and helped negotiate his release. Yesterday, he was handed over to Philippine authorities, along with three Indonesian fishermen freed separately by the Abu Sayyaf.

Aside from the horror of constantly being warned that he would be the next to be beheaded by the brutal extremists, Sekkingstad said he survived more than a dozen clashes between Philippine forces and his captors in the lush jungles of Sulu

In one intense battle, in which the forces fired from assault helicopters and from the ground, he said he felt a thud in his back and thought he was hit by gunfire. After the fighting eased, he discovered that he wasn't hit, and that his green, army-style backpack had been pierced by the gunfire instead. Sekkingstad was carrying the damaged backpack when he walked to freedom Saturday somewhere in the thick jungle off Sulu's mountainous Patikul town.

"Devastating, devastating,"

Yesterday, the heavily bearded Sekkingstad, clad in a rebel camouflage uniform and muddy combat boots, was asked how he would describe his horrific experience. "Devastating, devastating," he said, still clutching the backpack.

Philippine presidential adviser Jesus Dureza, who received Sekkingstad and the three freed Indonesians from Moro National Liberation Front rebel chief Nur Misuari in Misuari's rural stronghold near Sulu's Indanan town, accompanied the Norwegian on a flight to southern Davao city, where the ex-hostage met President Rodrigo Duterte.

Duterte told Sekkingstad that his travails were over. Sekkingstad, newly shaved but looking gaunt in a loose polo shirt, thanked all those who worked for his freedom. "I am very happy to be alive and free," he said. "It's a beautiful feeling."

Sekkingstad was kidnapped from a yacht club he helped managed on southern Samal Island on Sept. 21, 2015, along with Canadians John Ridsdel and Robert Hall and Hall's Filipino girlfriend, Marites Flor, sparking a massive land and sea search by Philippine forces.

The Abu Sayyaf demanded a huge ransom for the release of the foreigners, and released videos in which they threatened the captives in a jungle clearing where they displayed Islamic State group-style black flags. Ridsdel was beheaded in April and Hall was decapitated in June after ransom deadlines lapsed. When Flor was freed in June, she recounted in horror how the militants rejoiced while watching the beheadings. Sekkingstad said he and his fellow captives were forced to carry the militants' belongings and were kept in the dark on what was happening around them. At one point, he said, their heavily armed captors numbered more than 300. "We were treated like slaves," he said.

After the militants decapitated Ridsdel, Sekkingstad was threatened by the militants, who repeatedly told him, "You're next." When the negotiations for his release began in recent months, Sekkingstad said the rebels began treating him better.

It was not immediately clear whether Sekkingstad had been ransomed off. Duterte suggested at a news conference last month that 50 million pesos (\$1 million) had been paid to the militants, but that they continued to hold on to him. The military said Saturday that relentless assaults forced the extremists to release the

In Norway, Prime Minister Erna Solberg thanked Duterte and Dureza, and said his government supports the Philippines "in their fight against terrorism." Solberg told Norway's NTB national news agency that "Norwegian officials had not participated in any payment of ransom or made any concessions in the matter."

Philippine forces launched a major offensive against the Abu Sayyaf after the beheadings of the Canadians sparked condemnations from then-Philippine President Benigno Aguino III and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who called on other nations not to pay ransoms if their citizens are abducted to discourage the militants from carrying out more kidnappings.

The three Indonesian fishermen freed by the Abu Sayyaf were kidnapped in July off Lahad Datu district in Malaysia's Sabah state, according to regional Philippine military spokesman Maj. Filemon Tan. Their release came as Indonesian Defense Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu was visiting

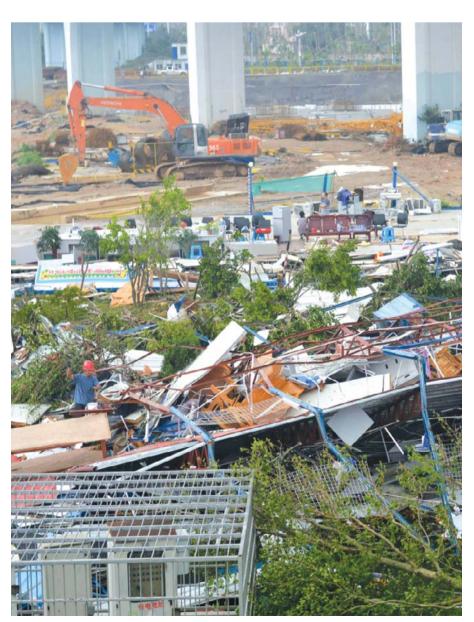
the Philippines. Five Indonesians, five Malaysians and a Dutch bird watcher, along with five Filipinos, remain in Abu Sayyaf custody, the

Philippine military said. The Abu Sayyaf has been blacklisted as a terrorist organization by the US and the Philippines for deadly bombings, kidnappings and beheadings. Without any known foreign funding, the extremists have relied on ransom kidnappings, extortion and other acts of banditry, and some commanders have pledged loyalty to the Islamic State group partly in the hope of obtaining



MANILA: A resident wearing an election campaign t-shirt of the then Presidential candidate Rodrigo Duterte stands near the body of a Filipino Muslim, which is wrapped in white cloth, after he and another Muslim were killed in a police "buy-bust" operation on Friday, Sept. 16, 2016. —AP

28 DEAD, 15 MISSING AFTER TYPHOON LASHES CHINA



XIAMEN, CHINA: A man wearing a red helmet, left, climbs on the wreckage of a destroyed structure after a typhoon on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016. —AP

BEIJING: The strongest typhoon to hit China this year has left 28 people dead and 15 others missing in the east of the country. Typhoon Meranti made landfall early Thursday in Fujian province after winds and rains associated with it pounded Taiwan, leaving one person dead and more than

Authorities in Fujian said Saturday that the typhoon had left 18 people dead and 11 missing, damaged more than 18,300 houses and caused direct economic losses of more than 16.9 billion yuan (\$2.5 billion).

Authorities in neighboring Zhejiang province say that 10 people died and four remained unaccounted for following landslides and flash floods in rural areas.

Taiwan saw wind and rain from a second typhoon, Malakas, that caused no apparent deaths. That typhoon was also forecast to bring more storms and rains to Zhejiang and Fujian. —AP

AUSTRALIA OFFERS CONDOLENCES OVER AIR STRIKE ON SYRIAN TROOPS

SYDNEY: The Australian Department of Defense has offered its condolences to the families of Syrian soldiers killed or wounded in a US-led bombing campaign on Saturday, in which Australia participated and Russia said hit Syrian military personnel and vehicles.

Australian aircraft were among the warplanes that struck what were believed to be Islamic State fighting positions around Deir al-Zor in Eastern Syria. However, shortly after the bombing started Russian officials advised the multinational Combined Air Operations Centre that the targets may have been Syrian military

The Australian Ministry of Defense said yesterday that it would fully cooperate with a Coalition review of the incident. "While Syria remains a dynamic and complex operating environment, Australia would never intentionally target a known Syrian military unit or actively support Daesh (also known as ISIL)," the ministry said in a statement.

"Defense offers its condolences to the families of any Syrian personnel killed or wounded in this incident," the ministry said on Sunday. —Reuters



INDANAN, PHILIPPINES: Released Norwegian hostage Kjartan Sekkingstad, right, watches Moro National Liberation Front Chairman Nur Misuari, second left, raising hands of the three released Indonesian hostages, center, after being turned over by ransom-seeking Abu Sayyaf extremists yesterday. —AP





A spider begins to build its web in a patch of marsh grass as the sun sets at Guard Shore Beach near Bloxom, Virginia on Saturday. — AP

NY BLAST IS 'TERRORISM', BUT NO CLAIM, MOTIVE...

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New York police chief James O'Neill said no individual or group had yet claimed responsibility. O'Neill said he could not say with a "100 percent degree of certainty" where the blast originated. US media reported that it was planted in a dumpster on 23rd Street where major construction work is taking place. A hotline has been set up for tips. Police have a video of the bombing and were searching for anyone seen in the area before the explosion.

"We know it's a very serious incident, but we have a lot more work to do to be able to say what kind of motivation was behind this," Mayor Bill de Blasio told reporters. "Was it a political motivation, a personal motivation. What was it? We do not know that yet," he added, calling on residents to be vigilant. FBI official William Sweeney said federal investigators would be pouring through online traffic, individuals and organizations. "We will look at everything," he told the news conference. "We'll look at social networks, at all the incoming tips and leads. Everything that comes in gets a look. We don't discard anything."

New York will see a stepped up security presence, with an additional nearly 1,000 state police and National Guard deployed to airports, bus terminals and subway stations, officials said. The explosion on 23rd Street, between Sixth and Seventh Avenues, caused "significant" damage, shattering glass and shrapnel across the street, but there is no structural damage to any buildings.

While the two devices planted in Manhattan appear to be similar, they seem to be different than a pipe bomb that exploded in the neighboring state of New Jersey on Saturday causing no injuries, officials said. Of the 29 people who sustained injuries in New York, 24 were taken to hospital with various degrees of scrapes and abrasions from glass and metal. All have since been released, officials confirmed yesterday.

New York lauds itself as the safest big city in America. Violent crime is rare in Manhattan and police say they have foiled 20 terror plots since the 2001 Al-Qaeda hijackings destroyed the Twin Towers. New York Congressman Peter King said the fact that officials had not yet determined a known terrorist link was not necessarily conclusive. "In many of these cases we don't know until two, three or four days later whether or not there is a terrorist link," he told CBS. "The fact there is no evidence right now doesn't mean much," he added.

Police have sealed off northern Chelsea around the crime scene and dozens of officers were out in force Sunday. An AFP photographer said there was lots of debris, including rubble and glass on 23rd Street. "Today there special events occurring throughout the city. Actually in all five boroughs. We've increased our police presence in each of these events," said senior New York police officer Carlos Gomez. "We've also added more counter-terrorism officers as well as heavy weapons teams at some of these events. Teams from the strategic response group as well as the critical response command," he said. — AFP

KASHMIR ATTACK KILLS 17 SOLDIERS, INDIA...

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of deadly clashes between residents and security forces. India regularly accuses its arch-rival Pakistan of arming and sending rebels across the heavily militarized border that divides Kashmir between the two countries, to launch attacks on its forces. Islamabad denies the claims. Yesterday's attack was one of the bloodiest on soldiers since an armed rebellion against Indian rule erupted in 1989. Militants killed 30 soldiers and their families in a suicide attack in Kaluchak in the Himalayan region in

Most of the soldiers died yesterday after their tents and other housing caught fire during the raid on the brigade headquarters near the border known as the Line of Control (LoC), said Ranbir Singh, the army's directorgeneral of military operations. Lieutenant-General Singh blamed Pakistan-based militant group Jaish-e-Mohammad, saying he had already expressed "serious concerns" to his Pakistani counterpart. "The killed terrorists, they were all foreign terrorists and as per the initial reports, they belonged to Jaish-e-Mohammad," Singh told a briefing. India blamed the same group for an audacious attack in January on an Indian air force base in the northern state of Punjab that left seven soldiers dead.

Washington condemned the attack, adding it was committed to the "strong partnership with the Indian government to combat terrorism," US State Department spokesman John Kirby said. Kashmir has been divided between India and Pakistan since the two gained inde-

pendence from British rule in 1947. Both claim the territory in full and have fought two wars over the region. The Muslim-majority region is currently in the grip of deadly civilian unrest that has lasted for more than two months. Protesting residents are clashing almost daily with security forces in the worst crowd violence since 2010.

At least 87 civilians have been killed and thousands injured in the protests against Indian rule, sparked by the killing of a popular rebel leader in a gunbattle with soldiers on July 8. The government has been coming under growing pressure over the level of casualties and over the security forces' use of shotguns loaded with pellets which can blind demonstrators. Thousands of angry demonstrators defied a curfew on Saturday in Kashmir to attend the funeral of a schoolboy whose body was found riddled with pellets, sparking fresh clashes.

The Indian government accuses Pakistan of stoking the unrest in the region. Yesterday, residents of Uri town saw smoke billowing from the nearby base and heard continuous rounds of heavy gunfire that lasted several hours, while army helicopters circled overhead. Twenty-eight injured soldiers were airlifted to a military hospital in the region's main city of Srinagar, four of them in critical condition, an army officer said.

Rebel groups which have been fighting Indian troops in Kashmir since 1989 seek either independence for the region or its merger with Pakistan. Soldiers have been deployed in Kashmir for decades and currently number around 500,000. Tens of thousands of people, mostly civilians, have died in the fighting. — AFP





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IN HUNGARY REFERENDUM. ONLY TURNOUT IN DOUBT

By Marton Dunai and Krisztina Than

n a recent evening on Hungary's border with Serbia, a fleet of police trucks raced along the dusty boundary. A heat sensor trained on the razor wire fence had picked up migrants approaching, officers explained. The migrants, about two dozen in number, quickly split up and went back deep into Serbian territory, police said. It was a scene that has played out many times in the months since Europe's migrant crisis erupted. "The human traffickers are never idle. Their night-vision drones watch our patrol system. They take advantage as soon as we redeploy our forces," said police commander Zsolt Gulyas.

Hungary's border with Serbia is relatively calm these days, in contrast to scenes last September when hundreds of thousands of migrants crossed Hungary on the way to western Europe. That was before Hungary erected a razor wire fence. "We have created a system that works," said Gulyas, referring to the fence and the thousands of police and soldiers who guard the border day and night.

Hungary allows 30 people per day into two transit zones where they can submit an asylum request. Anyone who breaches the border is escorted back through gates in the fence if caught within 8 km. Rights group Helsinki Committee says the system is unsustainable. "The new Iron Curtain is a slap in the face for human rights and Hungary's European values," said co-chair Marta Pardavi.

With only weeks left until an Oct 2 referendum on whether Hungary should reject EU migrant quotas, Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who opposes immigration into the EU, has largely managed to seal the Serbia-Hungary border to migrants. This in turn has cemented support for his Fidesz party. A poll by government-friendly think tank Szazadveg earlier this year said 79 percent of Hungarians supported the border fence. The government has started fortifying the fence with a second barrier. "We lose our European values and identity the way frogs are cooked in slowly heating water. Quite simply, slowly there will be more and more Muslims and we will no longer recognise Europe," Orban told parliament on Monday.

Front and Centre

Opposition politicians and some analysts say that by keeping the issue of migration front and center, Orban is trying to divert attention from problems elsewhere - education, healthcare and corruption. "Fidesz' support goes up when the debate is about migration, it goes down when it's about other issues. It is vital for Fidesz to keep the migration issue on the agenda," said Csaba Toth, director of the think tank Republikon Institute. The main challenger to Orban's Fidesz is the nationalist, anti-immigrant Jobbik party. It is far behind Fidesz in the polls - a recent survey put Jobbik's support at 10 percent, versus 28 percent for Fidesz - but Jobbik could benefit from any perceived softening of the government's stance on migrants. Like Fidesz, Jobbik has asked Hungarians to reject EU quotas. But its leader Gabor Vona has said Orban should resign if participation falls below the minimum required to make the vote valid. By law, the turnout must exceed 50 percent.

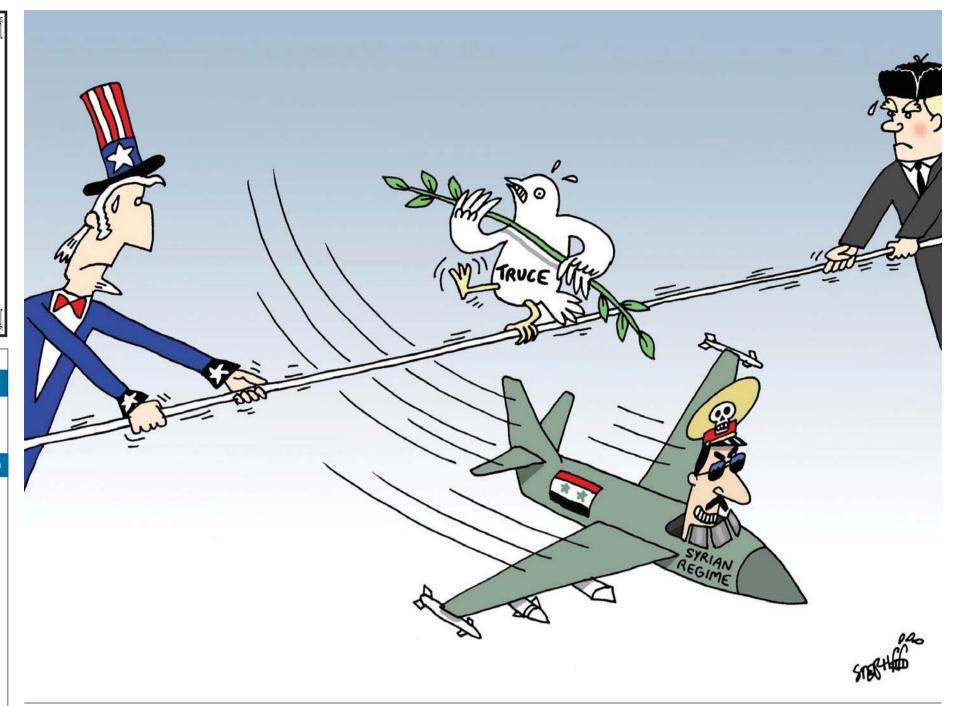
At the border, the political antagonism between Jobbik and Orban's Fidesz takes a more muted form. The mayor of Asotthalom, a village on the Serbian border, is Jobbik vice chairman Laszlo Toroczkai. He said that when the government announced it would build the fence last year it was the "happiest day of my life". For more than a year Asotthalom was on the route travelled by tens of thousands of migrants on their way to

"By September 2014 migration had became so massive that I realised nothing but a serious military force and a physical fence could stop this invasion," said Toroczkai. Standing beneath the razor wire coils, which he says he championed, he told Reuters he was no longer worried for his family, who live on a farm close to

Liberal Voices Largely Silent

Leftist and liberal parties have been wrong-footed by the migrant debate. The Socialists have urged Hungarians to boycott the referendum, which they say serves Fidesz' interests - but Socialist chairman Gyula Molnar said he would support Orban against quotas imposed by the EU. The latest polls show participation may or may not break the 50-percent mark required by law, but the result seems to be beyond doubt. "We know that even if it is not a valid referendum legally, meaning only 30 or 40 percent show up, those who do will support the government," said think tank director Toth. —Reuters

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5-STAR EYES REFORM AS FIASCO THREATENS FUTURE

By Gavin Jones

ome Mayor Virginia Raggi, one of the most prominent faces of Italy's anti-establishment 5-Star Movement, had hoped that recruiting a former magistrate would restore some order to her chaotic city government. What happened shows how the party must change if it is ever to rule the country successfully. Raffaele De Dominicis, whom she named as finance chief, was supposed to undo the legal tangles and bureaucratic blunders that had beset the first two months of rule in Rome by 5-Star - whose electoral appeal rests on voters' weariness with rampant corruption in the political establishment.

So when De Dominicis acknowledged just four days into the job that he himself was the subject of a judicial inquiry, the mayor felt obliged to sack him. "That phone call with De Dominicis was a real low point," said a close Raggi aide, who asked not to be named. "She was very shocked and bitter." Raggi, 38, has been beset by resignations, infighting and scandals since her landslide election victory in June - a record that risks undermining 5-Star's ambitions to win power nationally and offers a warning of the difficulties it is likely to face if it does.

When De Dominicis departed on Sept 8, he became the second finance officer and sixth top official Raggi had lost within barely a week. Rome's problems with services such as rubbish collection and public transport long pre-date Raggi, and 5-Star is successfully running the large northern city of Turin, its other major victory at the June elections. But the Rome mayor's missteps in getting her administration off the ground still underline the challenges faced by anti-establishment parties across Europe in turning from protest movements into a permanent

So far, opinion polls suggest the damage to 5-Star has been modest. It remains easily the strongest challenger to center-left Prime Minister Matteo Renzi, and its hopes of winning the next parliamentary election due in 2018 appear intact, for now. For millions of Italians - especially the young - Raggi's setbacks bear no comparison with the corruption exposed in other parties. For them, 5-Star still remains the country's only hope for more honest and open government.

Analysts say that for Italy, a victory for the movement founded seven years ago would unnerve investors due to its inexperience of government and its promise to hold a non-binding referendum on whether to leave the euro zone. 5-Star insiders admit they have been shaken by the debacle in Rome, but believe it can be a spur to reform the movement and make it more resilient. "We need to reorganize and expand our leadership structure," Barbara Lezzi, a prominent 5-Star senator, told Reuters. "We have grown too big to be run by just a handful of people." She called for the five-member "directorate" which has run the movement for the last two years to be broadened to up to 40 lawmakers, mayors and regional councillors.

Shallow Talent Pool

Critics say 5-Star's problem is not only the size of its leadership, but also the lack of clarity over how it is selected and a very shallow talent pool. Some of its candidates, like Raggi, are chosen by members in internet ballots - in line with the party's credo of direct democracy - while others are selected more informally at "meet-ups" of local branches. The national directorate was picked by the movement's founders: comedian Beppe Grillo and internet guru Roberto Casaleggio, who died in April. The appointments were then rubber-stamped by an on-line vote

"5-Star has to evolve into a more traditional kind of party," said Raffaele De Mucci, politics professor at Rome's LUISS University. "It cannot carry on with an informal organisation of power, without any proper rules." Raggi found she had a dearth of 5-Star members with administrative expertise to draw on when she tried to form a cabinet, and she also found few experienced civil servants willing to lend their services to the upstart

Her false starts began as soon as her victory party was over. Internal bickering delayed the formation of her city government and then five top officials quit in a chain reaction after Italy's anti-corruption authority said she had not followed correct procedures in choosing her chief of staff. A few days later her councillor responsible for tackling Rome's chronic trash collection problems admitted she had known since July she was under investigation for alleged malpractice in her last job, despite previous staunch denials. At that point 5-Star went into a tailspin, with accusations flying over which national leaders knew about the investigation and when, all fanned by a hostile media

Expanded Leadership

Alessandro Di Battista, a member of the national directorate, said the body would soon be expanded, but he added that at the local level in Rome the problem was that too many people had been involved in decision making, not too few. Desperate to make Rome a success, the party set up a team of its more experienced politicians to advise the new mayor.

Raggi and her councillors even agreed to sign a contract binding them to pay a fine of 150,000 euros (\$167,000) to the movement if they betrayed its principles. The Rome "subdirectorate" has already been disbanded, and the contract is widely mocked as unenforceable. The contrast with Turin has been striking. There Mayor Chiara Appendino, left far more to her own devices, had her new team in place in a matter of days and has been running the city with scarcely a trace of controversy. "Lots of people wanted to lend a hand in Rome and that was a mistake because it created confusion," Di Battista told Reuters. "But now Virginia is totally autonomous, with all the weight on her shoulders that that entails."

That is a daunting responsibility. Rome has a long his of corruption, suffers from regular garbage crises when the bins overflow and its public transport system grinds to a halt every time it rains heavily. It is also saddled with 13 billion euros of debt which makes the problems hard to fix. The city's woes are so entrenched that before the election Italians joked that the mainstream parties wanted 5-Star to win and take on a poisoned chalice that could prove its

That seems a greater risk than ever. Raggi is still looking for a new finance officer and chief of staff, and has made enemies among senior party figures. The 68-year-old Grillo, who had played little public role in 5-Star for the last two years, has returned to try to unite his bickering creation. On Thursday he was forced to publish a post on his blog, still the 5-Star's official mouthpiece, defending Raggi from internal attacks. "Leave Virginia Raggi alone," he wrote. "She has my full confidence and the whole of 5-Star supports her so that she can carry out the program the Romans voted for." For now, the chances of Raggi being left alone, or succeeding, do not seem very high. —Reuters

BREXIT? WHAT BREXIT? EU ON CRUISE CONTROL

By Alastair Macdonald

he "Brexit cruise" didn't get very far. EU leaders drifted down the Danube for an hour, said little about Britain over a leisurely shipboard lunch, then circled back to Bratislava to resume Friday's summit. Beneath the surface, though, things have been stirring on Brexit. Summit chairman Donald Tusk later stirred them up more by saying Britain's poker-faced prime minister, Theresa May, had let him glimpse her cards, indicating divorce talks prompted by June's referendum may start in four to five months.

Britain's plan to leave the European Union was at the heart of the meeting of the 27 other member states in Slovakia. where May was the notable absentee. But it seemed an empty heart. Bookended by talks ashore on repairing the loss of trust in the EU exposed by the British vote, the cruise conversation was minimal, according to Tusk. This left leaders back where they started - waiting for Mrs May and, when the summit ended, bickering with each other over migrants and economics.

Tusk and others repeated their mantra of "no negotiation without notification" that the EU will not so much as talk to the British until May triggers a two-year countdown to Brexit by formally saying Britain will leave under Article 50 of the EU treaty. The legal mechanics, written to discourage anyone quitting, mean that triggering it flips negotiating power from London to Brussels by binding Britain to a deadline to strike a deal or lose favored access to its main export market.

That poses dilemmas for both sides of how much to talk and when. Diplomats speak of a "chicken and egg situation".

Tusk's apparently casual reference to a conversation with May from which he concluded she was "quite likely" to be ready to invoke Article 50 in January or February - a timing she herself is loath to commit to as her government wrestles over strategy was in line with EU efforts to hurry her

Pre-Negotiations?

EU officials and governments are keen for Britain be out by early 2019, partly to curb economic uncertainty, partly to avoid a mess if the country is still a reluctant member when the Union chooses a new parliament and executive in mid-2019 and negotiates a seven-year budget to take effect for 2021. For now, the two sides are entrenched. But there are signs, EU diplomats and officials sav, that some discreet talking is getting under way to sound out compromises. Some continental officials told Reuters that they could be open to breaking the current EU embargo on "prenegotiations" before Article 50.

"We don't mind discussing things informally. We are not dogmatic, we don't feel the need to wait for Article 50," an official dealing with Brexit for an EU government said. "We are friendly towards the Brits and we want to help them along." For London, an ideal outcome could be to retain free access to EU markets while stopping so many Poles and other EU citizens coming to work in Britain - one of the main demands of the leave side during the referendum campaign. And it would love to reach such a deal before setting the Article 50 clock ticking.

Against this, Brussels is repeating two things: No freedom of access for British goods, services and finance without free

movement for EU workers into Britain; and no talks before Article 50 is invoked. A third mantra is EU unity. If not, as European Parliament speaker Martin Schulz said last week, Britain "would play us off against each other and that would be fatal for the EU". A mix of fear and admiration for Britain's ability to divide and confuse continentals into webs of shifting alliances appears to be as commonplace in 2016 as it was when French and Germans fumed over "perfidious Albion" two centuries ago: "They have the best diplomats in the world," a senior EU official told Reuters. "If we don't stick together, they'll eat us alive."

Different Views

There are already some differences. Some countries, notably among Britain's northern, free-trading allies, reckon London has to be given some idea of a "landing zone" - what kind of deal it might get - before it hurls itself off the cliff of Article 50. Others are anxious that Britain would exploit such talks to go on negotiating as much as it could without weakening its hand by starting the two-year clock ticking. They insist on radio silence and hope that demands in Britain itself for faster progress on Brexit will pressure May into

Germany is in the former camp for now. The biggest power in the latter is France, which sees pain for Britain as a price worth paying to discourage French voters from taking the Brexit lead and backing Marine Le Pen, leader of the eurosceptic National Front, in April's presidential election. Paris and Berlin are united, however, in wanting Britain out swiftly, officials say. They accept that May needs time to agree a strategy with a cabinet that includes leading Brexiteers as well as those like herself who campaigned against leaving. But that patience will run out fast after the new year.

'Informal Soundings'

Some EU diplomats say they have been encouraged by recent contacts. One said British officials had sought "guidelines" on what his country's government might accept, to help London formulate its demands when triggering Article 50. Though "tricky", such informal talks were possible and a fair idea. British ministers say they are open to informal talks. But a British diplomat denied a campaign of soundings was under way.

A senior official in another major EU country said: "It is still not a coherent, organized attempt to read what would be acceptable. It seems to be rather a lack of ideas in London." A diplomat from another said: "We are in constant touch with the Brits. But these are not informal negotiations. We just want to help them build a rational negotiating position." Another, who said he had not been approached, said: "There will have to be informal soundings but it has to be up to the UK first to come up with a sense of what they what they want. Before that it is very difficult to enter into any such conversation. They have to get their own act together first."

As May fills the gaps in her Brexit puzzle, the EU will have to shift gear in response after months of cruising. Brussels officials will run the negotiations. But Europe's big powers will ultimately be looking after their own interests. Tusk chaired Friday's "Brexit lunch" aboard a German ship, the Regina Danubia -Danube Queen. And when it was over, the EU 27 were led briskly back ashore by German Chancellor Angela Merkel. —Reuters

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SUPER-G CHAMP REICHELT **OUT AFTER BACK SURGERY**

INNSBRUCK: Super-G world champion Hannes Reichelt is out indefinitely after undergoing back surgery, five weeks before the Alpine skiing World Cup season starts. The Austrian ski federation said Sunday the 36-year-old Reichelt had a piece of a spinal disk removed after com-



SUPREMO ECCLESTONE WARNS TO QUIT F1

SINGAPORE: Formula One supremo Bernie Ecclestone warned he could walk away from the sport he's turned into a global phenomenon if he doesn't get his way under new owners Liberty Media.

The British billionaire was speaking at the Singapore Grand Prix, the first race since F1's sale was announced and which was also attended by its new chairman, Chase Carey.

In a Sky Sports interview aired yesterday, Ecclestone, 85, was characteristically blunt when quizzed on whether he could guit the sport under the American new regime. "Thank God at the moment I don't quite need the money, I don't need a job and if by chance things aren't going the way I think would be the right way then I will disappear for sure," he said.

Under the new deal, which values Formula One at \$8 billion, Ecclestone remains as chief executive but is joined by Carey, the mustachioed vice-chairman of 21st Century Fox.

The diminutive but pugnacious Ecclestone has built F1 into a global powerhouse earning billions for its investors with his canny deal-making over the past four decades.

US media mogul John Malone's Liberty Media has a wide portfolio including Time Warner cable TV, the Atlanta Braves baseball team and electric racing series Formula E.

Ecclestone was equivocal when asked whether he had been engaged for anoth-

er years, answering: "Let's see, let's see." And he didn't argue with comments from Max Mosley, ex-president of governing body the FIA, who warned Ecclestone could "walk away" if Liberty interfere with his running of the sport.

"Well Max knows me very well," Ecclestone said, adding that the Liberty purchase "shouldn't make any difference". 'They've asked me to stay on in my position, Chase is going to be chairman. I've no idea what his ideas are, but it is difficult for him as he's sort of been thrown in the deep end a bit. So we'll see," he said.

Asked whether he might find it tough to work with Carey, Ecclestone said: "The only thing I have to do is die and pay my tax. Short of that I don't have to do anything." But he added: "There is going to be no problem with Chase, we will work together.

"He has got expertise that I haven't. We need to be in America, he knows America, he knows television and he can help us a lot. So I'm sure that is what is going to happen."

Ecclestone also said he had no immediate plans to retire, despite his advanced age. "At the moment I am still able to deliver. When I think I can't then I'll stop," he said.

And when interviewer Martin Brundle wondered if the situation was about to change for Formula One's "king of the castle", Ecclestone replied: "It probably won't." —AFP

Bernie Ecclestone

WERDER SACK COACH AFTER THREE LOSSES

BERLIN: Strugglers Werder Bremen have sacked coach Viktor Skripnik after the club was left in last place in the Bundesliga following their third straight loss on Saturday, with under-23 coach Alexander Nouri taking over interim charge. Werder were beaten 4-1 by Borussia Moenchengladbach and have yet to earn a point this season, with the 46-year-old Ukrainian leaving after almost two years in charge. Werder had also been eliminated from the German Cup in the first round by third tier club Sportfreunde Lotte. "The preparation for the two home games against Mainz 05 and VfL Wolfsburg is taken over today by Under-23 coach Alexander Nouri," Werder said in a statement. Skripnik's assistant coaches Torsten Frings and Florian Kohfeldt were also let go. "We decided to take this step because we were not convinced after the Gladbach game that the current setup was capable of turning things around in the short term," said Werder sports director Frank Baumann. —Reuters

EVERTON MANAGER HAILS 'PERFECT PLAYER' BARRY

LONDON: Gareth Barry is the perfect player for Everton, manager Ronald Koeman has said after the midfielder scored in his 600th Premier League appearance to help the club beat Middlesbrough 3-1. After goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg's own goal in the 21st minute in Saturday's clash at Goodison Park, Barry marked his milestone with a goal three minutes later to level the score. "It's amazing the number of games Gareth has

played and even today he proved to be a perfect player for the team," Koeman told the club's website (www.evertonfc.com). "Scoring the goal to make it 1-1 was an important moment in the game and it was a special day for Gareth but even more special that he scored and the team won, and that was still the most important for today (Saturday)." The 35year-old Barry, who has also played for Aston Villa and Manchester City, won 53 caps for England. "He's very crucial. He's not a big talker in the dressing room but his quality on the pitch, the cleverness on the pitch is important," Koeman added. "It's also important for Gareth that if the team is playing very compact he doesn't need to run a lot of distance and he is still one of the best midfield players." Saturday's win gave Koeman's side the best five-game start to a Premier League season with 13 points. —Reuters



SINGAPORE: Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 Team's German driver Nico Rosberg (Left) celebrates winning the Formula One Singapore Grand Prix in Singapore with Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 Team's British driver Lewis Hamilton (Right) taking third place yesterday. —AFP

ROSBERG WINS IN SINGAPORE TO RETAKE OVERALL LEAD

ing the championship lead from Mercedes team mate Lewis Hamilton after a pole to flag win in Singapore yesterday.

After a chaotic start that brought out a safety car on the opening lap, Rosberg stayed clear of Red Bull's late charging Australian Daniel Ricciardo at the floodlit Marina Bay Street Circuit.

Triple world champion Hamilton completed the podium in third place.

The German's third victory in a row, and 22nd of his career, lifted Rosberg on to 273 points, eight clear of Hamilton, with six rounds remaining and Ricciardo a distant third on 179 in the title race.

Rosberg's win was his eighth of the season and first in Singapore, a grand prix that has only been won by world champions

The German had started two points

SINGAPORE: Germany's Nico Rosberg celebehind Hamilton and, despite leading comthe line just 0.488 seconds ahead of Ricciardo after having to complete the last 28 laps on the same soft tyres.

Red Bull opted for a bold tyre strategy to put pressure on Rosberg late on and Ricciardo was closing at roughly three seconds a lap in the closing stages but ran out of road before the chequered flag.

Hamilton had his own private battle with Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen behind the leading duo, the Briton losing third place to the Finn after a mistake on lap 34 but reclaiming the position with a timely pit stop to hold on to the finish.

Last year's race winner Sebastian Vettel drove brilliantly from last place on the starting grid to claim fifth place in the other Ferrari, the German coming home ahead of Red Bull's Max Verstappen and Fernando Alonso in a McLaren.

The safety car was deployed immediately Force India, eighth on the grid, suffered a heavy crash after making contact with Carlos Sainz's Toro Rosso.

Rosberg got away cleanly to lead from Ricciardo, with Hamilton in third and Raikkonen behind him after Verstappen suffered a woeful start to slip back to eighth from fourth on the grid.

The race restarted and Rosberg would have been startled to see a marshal at the end of the start-finish straight picking up debris, the man just managing to get off the circuit before the Mercedes reached him.

There were no more safety cars, throughout a 61-lap race that has yet to be completed without one, but the different tyre strategies of the leading cars made for a tactical and exciting race on a circuit that offers very few overtaking opportunities. —Reuters

WORLD RECORD IN SIGHT FOR ALL BLACKS

WELLINGTON: The All Blacks' ability to seal the Rugby Championship with two rounds remaining highlighted the burgeoning gap between the world champions and the rest of the sides, though the team were not prepared to let their final games become footnotes.

Their 41-13 bonus-point victory over the Springboks in Christchurch on Saturday gave them their 15th successive win stretching back to last year and the title was confirmed when Australia beat Argentina 36-20 in Perth later. The All Blacks, playing a fast-paced and high skill style, have the maximum 20 points from the four games, with Australia second on nine points. The best total the Wallabies could finish with is 19. South Africa have six and Argentina five points. "It's very satisfying," assistant coach Ian Foster told reporters on Sunday. "I guess wrapping up the Championship is more of a consequence of us playing some really good rugby and the way some of the other results have gone. "Certainly pleasing to have it done after four rounds, but in reality it doesn't change much, does it? "We've still got two games on the road, our expectations are high and I'm sure the public's are too so we've got to keep

The All Blacks travel to Buenos Aires on Friday for their next match against Argentina on Oct. 1 before they finish the competition against the struggling

Springboks in Durban a week later.

If they win those two matches, they would extend their winning run to 17 consecutive matches, equalling a world record amongst top-tier nations that was achieved by the Springboks from 1997-98 and the All Blacks from 1965-69 and again in 2013-14.

The challenge of facing fired-up Pumas and Springboks sides in their own backyards aside, coach Steve Hansen has already said he is likely to shake up his selections to ensure players do not burn out before the end of year tour. Completing the Rugby Championship schedule undefeated would also mean the third Bledisloe Cup clash with Australia at Eden Park on Oct. 22 would take on some actual meaning as the potential record

Of added significance is that the Wallabies have also halted two lengthy winning runs by the All Blacks in recent years, stopping their streak at 16 games in 2012 with an 18-18 draw. They then stopped the 2014 streak at 17 games with a 12-12 draw.

Foster said the history was one of the factors driving the team, though making sure they improved each week was far more important as they build towards the 2019 Rugby World Cup. "It sounds a little bit more interesting," he said of the record before adding their overall focus was more long-term. "It's about challenging ourselves to be the best we can be." —Reuters



CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand: All Blacks fullback Ben Smith fends off against South Africa during the Rugby Championship test match between New Zealand and South Africa, in Christchurch, New Zealand, Saturday Sept. 17, 2016. —AP)

CANADA ROUT CZECHS, EUROPE STUN US IN WORLD CUP HOCKEY

TORONTO: A dominant Sidney Crosby led near the midway mark of the first period Canada to a 6-0 win over the Czech Republic at the World Cup of Hockey on Saturday following Team Europe's shock victory over the United States in the tournament opener.

Crosby was easily the best player on the ice scoring a goal and adding two assists as Canada lived up to their billing as tournament favourites "I feel good," said Crosby, who won his sec-

ond Stanley Cup with the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins three months ago. "The fact I played late into June and you're stepping into this level I think that helps with adjusting."

The Canadian captain opened the scoring

when he took the puck from behind the net and cleverly flicked it in off the back of the Czech goalie to send the two-time defending Olympic champions on their way.

Crosby then assisted on Brad Marchand's goal late in the first period and had the helper when Joe Thornton made it 4-0 early in the second. Carey Price, back from injury and playing in his first meaningful game since last November, made 27 saves for the shutout while Patrice Bergeron, Jonathan Toews, and Alex Pietrangelo had the other Canadian goals.

The win leaves Canada tied atop the

Group A standings with Team Europe following the latter's 3-0 upset win over a U.S. team that were originally considered a lock to advance beyond the group stage.

Team Europe, a roster made up of players representing eight different countries, scored on their first shot when Slovakian Marian Gaborik took a perfect feed from Denmark's Frans Nielsen and redirected it past US goalie Jonathan Quick.

They added two more goals in the second when Germany's Leon Draisaitl finished off a give-and-go with Switzerland's Nino Niederreiter while Frenchman Pierre-Edouard Bellemare added another with 1:28 left in the slowest squad competing in the eight-team tournament and were a popular pick to finish last before the competition began, but they quickly sent a message that they have loftier

"We've come here to play nine periods (three games) and like everyone else we want to be playing next weekend, that was from the get-go the reason for us to be here," said Team Europe coach Ralph Krueger, who is also chairman of English Premier League side Southampton FC.

"We didn't see ourselves as just a sideshow ever." Goaltending was expected to be the

period. Team Europe may be the oldest and strength of the US team but was shaky in the opener as Quick allowed three goals on nine shots through two periods while European counterpart Jaroslav Halak stopped all 35 shots he faced.

> The stunning loss means the United States most likely need to win both of their preliminary-round games and get some help to have a chance at reaching the semi-finals.

"This is not a marathon as coaches always talk about in the NHL season, this is a sprint and we've put ourselves in a spot now where we are chasing the tournament," said U.S. coach John Tortorella, whose team resume play on Tuesday against Canada. —Reuters

BOGAERTS, BETTS HELP RED SOX RALLY PAST YANKEES 6-5

BOSTON: Xander Bogaerts hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs and the Boston Red Sox beat the Yankees 6-5 Saturday to move closer to the division title. Hanley Ramirez and Bogaerts each had three hits for the AL Eastleading Red Sox who moved three games ahead of Toronto and Baltimore, which both lost ground after losses Saturday. New York wasted 3-0 and 5-2 leads and lost for the sixth time in seven games. The Yankees, already four games back for the AL's second wild card coming in, dropped seven games behind the Red Sox in the AL East. Bogaerts homered off a billboard above the left-field wall in the fifth, slicing the deficit to 5-4, and the Red Sox took a 6-5 lead in the seventh with two well-placed bounces. Mookie Betts' high-chop grounder bounced over drawn-in shortstop Didi Gregorius to score Bogaerts, and Betts scored when Adam Warren (3-2) bounced a wild pitch that caromed to the right of Sanchez.

BRAVES 7, NATIONALS 3

Trea Turner hit two home runs for Washington, but Atlanta's leadoff hitter had a highly productive day as well. Ender Inciarte was 3-for-4 with a double and a walk, scoring three times, as the Braves got to Nationals starter Gio Gonzalez for the victory. It was just the third win of the season for the Braves over the National League East-leading Nationals in 18 games.

PIRATES 10, REDS 4 (GAME 1)

Sean Rodriguez and Josh Bell helped lift Pittsburgh over Cincinnati in the first game of a day-night doubleheader. Rodriguez homered and Bell went 3-for-5 with two doubles and an RBI. The game made up a rainout on May 10. Jameson Taillon (4-4) allowed three runs on eight hits in five innings to help the Pirates win their third straight

PIRATES 7, REDS 3 (GAME 2)

Sean Rodriguez homered in the fourth inning and Andrew McCutchen had a two-run single during a four-run second inning, lifting Pittsburgh to a victory and a doubleheader sweep of Cincinnati at Great American Ball Park. The Pirates won the first game of the day-night doubleheader 10-4, to make up a May 10 rainout. They've now won four straight and five of six to keep their fading postseason hopes alive. Right-hander Juan Nicasio (10-6) pitched two scoreless innings to earn the win. Tony Watson earned his 14th save.

INDIANS 1, TIGERS 0 (10 INNINGS)

Jose Ramirez's bases-loaded single in the bottom of the 10th inning gave Cleveland a win over Detroit at Progressive Field. Nine Cleveland pitchers combined on a four-hit shutout. Andrew Miller (8-1), the last of them, pitched two scoreless innings to get the win. The American League Central-leading Indians increased their lead over the second-place Tigers to eight games. Cleveland is 13-1 against Detroit this year, outscoring the Tigers 91-40.

BREWERS 11, CUBS 3

After clinching the National League Central, Chicago continued to rest many of their regulars. And Milwaukee took advantage. Ryan Braun hit two home runs, Chris Carter crushed a grand slam and Domingo Santana added a solo shot as the Brewers routed the Cubs.

ROYALS 3, WHITE SOX 2

Ned Yost posted his 1,000th career victory as manager and Kansas City topped Chicago. Yost picked up the win in his sixth attempt as the Royals ended a five-game losing streak with him stuck on 999. Yost has a 543-542 record as manager of the Royals. Catcher Salvador Perez doused Yost with Gatorade during his on-the-field postgame interview.

PHILLIES 8, MARLINS 0

Behind a seven-run onslaught in the first two innings, Philadelphia cruised past Miami. It's the most runs the Phillies have scored since winning 10-6 over Colorado on Aug. 12. The Phillies reeled off seven hits through two frames. A.J. Ellis delivered the biggest blow with his three-RBI double to cap a five-run first inning. In the second, Tommy Joseph launched a two-run homer just a few feet away from the 409-foot sign in center field.

CARDINALS 3, GIANTS 2

Kolten Wong's sacrifice fly capped a two-run rally in the top of the ninth inning as St. Louis overtook San Francisco for a victory. Trailing 2-1 and two outs away from a third consecutive loss in the series, the Cardinals now will go for a split when a pair of rookie right-handers, St. Louis' Alex Reyes and the Giants' Albert Suarez, square off yesterday afternoon. The loss dropped the Giants five games behind the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League West and into a tie with the New York Mets in the NL wild-card race.

ANGELS 6, BLUE JAYS 1

Ricky Nolasco pitched six shutout innings to lead Los Angeles to a victory over Toronto at Angel Stadium. Nolasco (6-14) earned his second victory since July 9. The right-hander amassed seven strikeouts, scattered five hits, issued two walks and hit one batter. Albert Pujols hit his 30th home run this season and the 590th of his career. Mike Trout added two hits, stole his 26th base, scored one run and drove in another as the Angels used four unearned runs to break a five-game losing streak.

ASTROS 2, MARINERS 1

Houston's Mike Fiers bounced back from his worst outing of the season to throw six scoreless innings, and Yuli Gurriel delivered a two-run single in the sixth inning as the Astros beat Seattle to move further into the crowded American League wild-card race. Houston moved into a tie



BOSTON: Boston Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts, center, enters the dug out in front of David Ortiz after scoring on a single by Mookie Betts during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees in Boston, Saturday. The Red Sox won 6-5. —AP

with the Mariners in the American League wild-card standings, three games behind Baltimore. Seattle has lost two in a row after entering the series on an eight-game losing

METS 3, TWINS 2 (12 INNINGS)

Curtis Granderson's second extra-inning homer of the game, a solo shot with two outs in the 12th inning, lifted New York to a win over Minnesota at Citi Field. The Twins took a 2-1 lead in the top of the 11th on a leadoff homer by Bryon Buxton, but Granderson homered leading off the bottom of the inning. The Mets loaded the bases with two outs before Jose Reyes struck out.

DODGERS 6, DIAMONDBACKS 2

Brock Stewart saw his opportunity and seized it. Los Angeles' rookie pitcher, replacing Bud Norris as the starting pitcher, threw five solid innings and got a boost from a two-run homer by Joc Pederson as the Dodgers rolled to a win over Arizona. Stewart has had a meteoric rise in the Dodgers' ranks this season, starting at Class A Ranch Cucamonga. In fact, he is the first Dodger since Hideo Nomo in 1995 to start in Class A and start an MLB game in the same season.

ATHLETICS 11, RANGERS 2

Joey Wendle opened the game against Texas with his first career homer, which helped pave the way for the first career win for right-hander Raul Alcantara as Oakland blasted the Rangers. Texas was able to drop its number at clinching the American League West at to five thanks to Houston's 2-1 win over Seattle. The Athletics have now won five of their last six. Wendle's homer started a night in which the A's tagged Texas starter Yu Darvish (5-5) for a career high seven earned runs as the Athletics homered three times and had 12 hits.

RAYS 5, ORIOLES 2

Tampa Bay started this road trip with three losses to the Yankees in New York, but played much better since. Richie Shaffer hit a tie-breaking double in the sixth inning, Mikie Mahtook added a two-run single and Evan Longoria homered for the third time in three nights as the Rays defeated Baltimore. The loss dropped the Orioles three games behind Boston in the American League East as the Red Sox beat the Yankees 6-5 earlier in the day. Baltimore, though, is tied for first with Toronto in the wild-card race-three games clear of Detroit, Houston and Seattle.

ROCKIES 8, PADRES 0

Jon Gray rediscovered his slider and punctuated his first career complete game by striking out a franchise-record 16 in Colorado's romp over San Diego. Gray's strikeouts-four more than his previous high- were the most ever at Coors Field. Arizona's Randy Johnson had 14 strikeouts on April 13, 2001. The previous franchise record of 14 was set by Darryl Kile in Montreal on Aug. 20, 1998. Gray, who gave up four singles, didn't issue a walk or allow a runner to reach second base as he pitched more than 7 1/3 innings for the first time in his career. He threw 113 pitches, including 78 strikes. —Agencies



ANAHEIM: Devon Travis No 29 of the Toronto Blue Jays slides safely into second base past the tag of Andrelton Simmons No 2 of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim during the fifth inning of a game at Angel Stadium of Anaheim on Saturday in Anaheim, California. —AFP

MLB results/standings

Pittsburgh 10, Cincinnati 4; Boston 6, NY Yankees 5; Atlanta 7, Washington 3; Milwaukee 11, Chicago Cubs 3; Cleveland 1, Detroit 0 (10 innings); Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 3; Philadelphia 8, Miami 0; Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 2; NY Mets 3, Minnesota 2 (12 innings); Kansas City 3, Chicago White Sox 2; Oakland 11, Texas 2; LA Dodgers 6, Arizona 2; Colorado 8, San Diego 0; St. Louis 3, San Francisco 2; LA Angels 6, Toronto 1; Houston 2, Seattle 1.

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Toronto	81	67	.547	3	Philadelphia	67	82	.450	21.5		
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Detroit	78	70	.527	8	Pittsburgh	74	74	.500	20		
Kansas City	75	73	.507	11	Milwaukee	67	82	.450	27.5		
Chicago White Sox	72	76	.486	14	Cincinnati	62	86	.419	32		
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Oakland	65	83	.439	22.5	Arizona	62	86	.419	22		
LA Angels	64	84	.432	23.5	San Diego	62	86	.419	22		

IAAF CHIEF COE INSISTS TUES ARE A 'GOOD SYSTEM'

LONDON: World athletics chief Sebastian Coe has defended the system of "therapeutic use exemptions" (TUEs) after medical data involving dozens of top sportsmen was leaked by a cyber hacking group.

Many of the targeted athletes have been revealed to have received TUEs for the use of substances that would usually be on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) banned list.

TUEs can be issued to athletes who have an illness or condition that requires the use of normally prohibited medication. Among those with a history of TUE use who have had their medical details leaked as a result of a hack into the WADA system by cyber group Fancy Bears, which is believed to be based in Russia, are American tennis stars stars Serena and Venus Williams, American gymnast Simone Biles and British Tour de France-winning cyclists Bradley Wiggins and Chris

There is no suggestion that any of the named athletes have done anything wrong. However, the leaking of their records has re-opened the debate about TUEs and in particular whether the system is open to abuse from competitors gaining a performance advantage by taking banned drugs when they are not suffering from a relevant medical condition.

But International Association of Athletics Federations president Coe told BBC Radio 5 Live's Sportsweek programme yesterday: "I think the TUEs system is a good system.

"Do we have to make sure that it is not being abused? Yes, of course. There is potential for that (exploitation), but I don't think it is commonly the case," added British middle-distance great Coe, the Olympic 1500 metres champion at both the 1980 Moscow and 1984 Los Angeles Games.

"Can the public have trust in it? Yes, I think they can,

but it will need permanent vigilance," explained Coe, who oversaw the IAAF's decision to ban Russia from major track and field events following WADA revelations of "state-sponsored doping".

Coe also insisted the TUE process was subject to detailed medical checks. "TUEs are only given on the basis of an independent panel, it is not a general practitioner signing them off."

'DIFFICULT AREA'

Coe, who used a spray to combat asthma during his own track career, said athletes deserved to have their medical records kept confidential.

"They have the right to the same types of privacy that we all have around our private medical information," he said.

"But it is a difficult area. It might be conditions that are being treated around cancer or fertility issues.

Should the athlete themselves be expected to put that into the public domain?

"We should be very protective of this information because, as we've seen in the last year, it is capable of

being horribly interpreted." Meanwhile Coe called for reform of WADA to enable the global body to be effective in the ongoing campaign to rid sport of doping.

"WADA was created 17 years ago and it has done a phenomenally good job, but the world has dramatically changed in that period," Coe said.

"The discussions should be focused on the chalenges of having an organisation that has the dual policy of policing and regulation, whether it's the same authority or same organisation that's done that.

"Don't misunderstand me, WADA is here to stay. But what it needs is greater independence and actually needs to look at its sources of funding." — AFP

SPAIN BACK IN WORLD GROUP WHERE THEY BELONG: NADAL

NEW DELHI: Two years after Spain's stunning fall from grace in Davis Cup tennis, Rafa Nadal has hailed his nation's return to the World Group after victory in the playoff against India.

Nadal combined with Feliciano Lopez in the doubles to overhaul Leander Paes and Saketh Myneni in four sets and complete a 3-0 victory in New Delhi on Saturday, ending Spain's exile after an acrimonious period.

"For us, it was very important after two years being away from the World Group," said the 14-times grand slam singles cham-

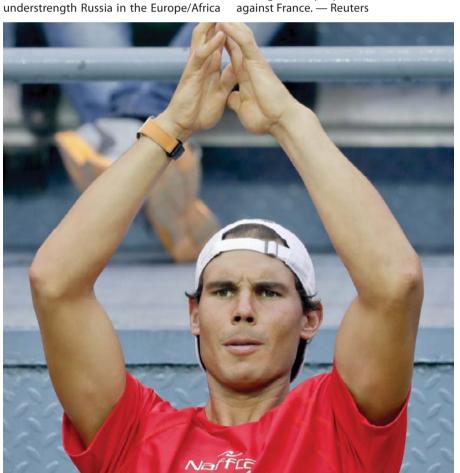
"It's important for us to come back to where we think we have to be." The tournament's dominant power of the modern era. Spain won five titles from 2000-11 before decline set in following their tight loss in the 2012 championship decider to Czech Republic. With Nadal battling injury and his top team mates' commitment wavering, Spain were turfed out of the World Group in 2014 after being upset by lowly Brazil in a playoff, sparking then-captain Carlos Moya's resignation. Moya's replacement Gala Leon was sacked within a year after a players' revolt and Spanish tennis was further embarrassed as the team crashed out to an

Zone Group I last year under new captain Conchita Martinez.

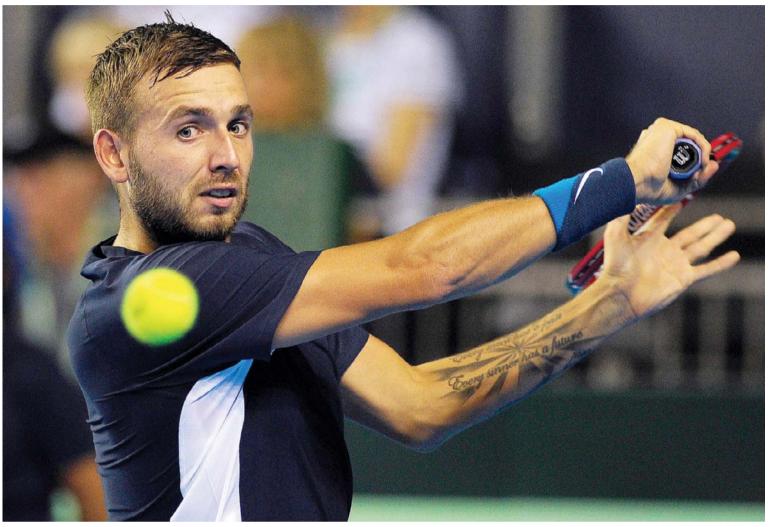
Former Wimbledon champion Martinez, who also captains the women's Fed Cup team, has been at pains to repair relations with her players and managed to bring a strong team to India to get the job done.

Former Davis Cup power Australia also has ambitions of returning to its glory days and will keep their place in the World Group after defeating Slovakia 3-0 in Sydney. Led by talented but tempestuous 21-year-old Nick Kyrgios, the 28-times champions have a player to build a team around and captain Lleyton Hewitt said he expected big things in 2017. "We expect that we can go deep," said the two-time grand slam champion and former Davis Cup winner. "It's been quite a while now since we've had an opportunity to play in a final and I know from experience I'd love these boys to have that experience of going out there and playing for Australia."

Belgium, Canada and Japan also booked their places in the World Group next year. Champions England, trailing 2-1, continue their Davis Cup semi-final against Argentina late night, with Croatia aiming to wrap up the other semi-final



NEW DELHI: Spain's Rafael Nadal, applauds as he watches the Davis Cup men's tie between his teammate Marc Lopez and India's Sumit Nagal in New Delhi, India, yesterday. — AP



GLASGOW: Britain's Dan Evans returns to Argentina's Leonardo Mayer during the Davis Cup World Group semi-final singles match 5 between Britain and Argentina at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow, Scotland, yesterday. — AFP

NO ROOM FOR ERROR FOR BRITS IN DAVIS CUP

PARIS: Great Britain have no room for error in their Davis Cup semi-final against Argentina, needing to win both reverse singles rubbers to secure a place in the final. The other semi-final between Croatia and France also hangs in the balance, with 2005 winners Croatia heading into the final day in Zadar 2-1 up. In Glasgow Andy Murray and brother Jamie clinched the doubles rubber on Saturday to keep the reigning champions' hopes alive after they went 2-0

down on a disastrous first day. World number two Andy was back in action first yesterday in the reverse singles against Guido Pella, ranked 49 in the world. Murray started strongly, taking the first set 6-3, and the second 6-2. Victory for Murray would ensure that the match would hinge on a decisive final rubber between Britain's Kyle Edmund and probably Juan Martin del Potro. Leading 2-0 from Friday's singles, Argentina captain Daniel Orsanic selected Del Potro alongside Leonardo Mayer instead of Federico Delbonis as he

looked to kill off the semi-final.

However, the tactic backfired as Murray and his elder brother Jamie secured a thrilling

Argentina are looking to reach their fourth final in 10 years in Glasgow while in Zadar, Croatia, Marin Cilic was facing France's Richard Gasquet in the first of the two reverse singles on Sunday. Cilic and Ivan Dodig downed top-ranked

French pair Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut 7-6 (8/6), 5-7, 7-6 (8/6), 6-3 in Saturday's doubles. In Glasgow Edmund is scheduled to face Del Potro in the second match Sunday although the Argentine star hinted that he may sit out what could be the decisive rubber.

In the absence of Del Potro Argentina could call on either Federico Delbonis or Mayer. Cilic was a surprise call-up for the doubles for Croatia as he replaced Marin Dragania. But he didn't let his side down as he secured his second point of the weekend when he and Ivan

Dodig downed Herbert and Mahut to follow their win over Bob and Mike Bryan in the quarter-final success against the United States. After Cilic faces Gasquet, the second reverse singles will see Borna Coric tackle Lucas Pouille.

On Friday, Gasquet beat Coric 6-2, 7-6 (7/5), 6-1 before Cilic saw off Pouille 6-1, 7-6 (7/4), 2-

In Sydney, John Peers and Sam Groth earned a 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/2) win and an unassailable 3-0 advantage for Australia against Slovakia. Rain washed out the final day Sunday.

Belgium, last year's runners-up, also secured their World Group status thanks to a 3-0 victory over Brazil in Belgium. Japan made sure of their place in the elite section with a 3-0 victory over Ukraine in Osaka.

In other ties, Canada beat Chile 3-0, Switzerland and Uzbekistan were 2-2, Russia were 2-1 to the good over Kazakhstan in a rainhit tie while Germany were level 2-2 with Poland. — AFP

CHUN WINS EVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP WITH MAJOR RECORD ROUND

Championship in record-breaking style yesterday, winning by four shots to secure her second major with the

lowest ever 72-hole score in a major. The 22-year-old South Korean sank a difficult 10-feet putt to finish on 21 under, breaking the record for men and women of 20 co-held by Henrik Stenson and Jason Day. She bettered the women's record by two.

She led from start to finish, although she did share the first-round lead with Sung Hyun Park - who finished tied for second with So Yeon Ryu in a dominant tournament for South Koreans.

Chun finished the day with a 2-under 69, the most modest of her four rounds. Not that it took anything away from her achievement. "I just cannot believe I won the



EVIAN: Shrouded in her national flag In Gee Chun of South Korea, celebrates after winning the Evian Championship women's golf tournament in Evian, eastern France, yesterday. — AP

EVIAN-LES-BAINS: In Gee Chun clinched the Evian Evian Championship and made 21 under par," Chun said as she clutched the trophy, her voice breaking with emotion. "I'm not dreaming right?"

> Chun missed the cut here at Evian Resort last year and tied for 65th in 2014. In four days of intensely accurate driving and clinical putting, she was near-faultless. Her only significant blemish was a double bogey on the ninth hole in the third round - and even then she limited the damage having opted for a two-stroke penalty.

> There was one bogey on Sunday, on the 14th, but she made a birdie on the next to move back to 21 under and almost added another birdie on the 16th, with her attempt stopping just short. Chun, who won the US Women's Open last year, is only the second player in LPGA history to have her first two LPGA wins come at majors. The other was countrywoman Se Ri Pak in 1998.

> It looked like she might miss out on a new major record when she sent her tee shot into the left rough on the 18th. She chose the safe option and used a wedge to chop her way onto the fairway, about 95 yards from the pin. Then, she glided her ball over the water to give herself a decent shot at history. After making her record-breaking putt, she raised both arms in the air and smiled. She did not see what was coming next, however, as defending champion Lydia Ko poured Champagne over her.

> Shanshan Feng, China's only major winner, was six shots back in fourth place, with South Korean Sei Young Kim posting an impressive 65 to move up to fifth ahead of countrywoman I.K. Kim.

> American Angela Stanford was 11 shots behind Chun in seventh spot. It was a tournament to forget for Ko. Chasing her third major, the 19-year-old New Zealander finished in a tie for 43rd at 2 over. She did enough, however, to win the third edition of the Rolex Annika Major Award - rewarding the player with the best combined record at all five majors and named after 10-time major winner Annika Sorenstam. — AP

ALVAREZ KNOCKS OUT SMITH FOR SUPER WELTERWEIGHT WORLD TITLE

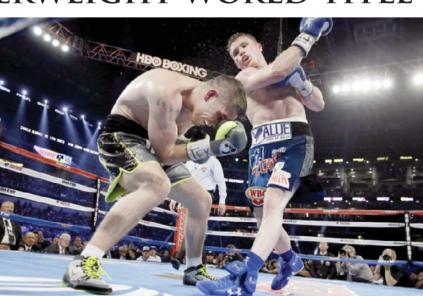
LOS ANGELES: Saul "Canelo" Alvarez knocked out previously unbeaten Liam "Beefy" Smith in the ninth round Saturday to regain a share of the super welterweight world title before more than 51,000 at AT&T Stadium in Texas.

With most of the crowd behind him at the cavernous home of the Dallas Cowboys NFL team, Alvarez was in control from round one against the gritty Smith.

Britain's World Boxing Organization champion couldn't match the speed or power of the Mexican star, a former World Boxing Council super welterweight champ who was returning to the 154-pound division after claiming the WBC middleweight crown last November with a unanimous decision over Miguel Cotto. "I told you I was going to give you a great fight and bring you the championship and here it is," said Alvaro, who put Smith on the canvas in both the seventh and eighth rounds before ending it at 2:28 of the ninth with another

big left hook to Smith's right side. "I felt he was very strong in the beginning, so I felt I had to put that bodywork in so that slowly he would dwindle and I did my job," said Alvarez, who connected with a left to the body and a right to the side of Smith's head that knocked the champion down in the seventh. Smith, blood streaming from a cut near his right eye, kept coming, but even his best shots weren't enough to slow Alvarez, and he went down again in the eighth after a crunching left hook to his

"No excuses, but from my point of view my timing was just so off," said Smith, who



ARLINGTON: Canelo Alvarez punches Liam Smith during the eight round of the WBO Junior Middleweight championship boxing match at the stadium in Arlington, Texas, Saturday. Alvarez won with a knock out in the ninth round. — AP

was fighting outside Britain for the first time. "I couldn't really land clean. I was slow-didn't even make him think." Smith fell to 23-1 with one drawn and 13 knockouts. The Merseysider had won 18 fights in a row over six years, winning eight in a row inside the distance over the past three years.

But Alvarez, 26, was the star of the show and he lived up to his billing, improving to 48-1-1 with 34 knockouts.

He's won six fights in a row since suffering his lone defeat-a 12-round majority

decision loss to Floyd Mayweather in 2013. The announced attendance of 51,240 bettered the 50,994 that turned out for Manny Pacquiao against Joshua Clottey in 2010, the first of two world title fights featuring the Filipino star at the venue.

Although Alvarez stepped down in weight to take on Smith, fight fans still crave a clash between him and Kazakhstan's unbeaten Gennady Golovkin, the undisputed middleweight world champion. — AFP





RIO DE JANEIRO: In this photo released by the IOC, Italy's Martina Caironi, center, celebrates after winning the Women's 100m - T42 Final ahead of Germany's Vanessa, right, and Italy's Monica Graziana Contrafatto, left, at the Olympic Stadium during the Paralympic Games in Rio de

RIO PARALYMPICS SAYS 'MISSION ACCOMPLISHED' AS GAMES CLOSE

RIO DE JANEIRO: Rio Paralympics organizers declared mission accomplished yesterday ahead of a closing ceremony that will celebrate the against-the-odds success of the Games but also pause to remember an Iranian cyclist killed in a race.

Eleven days of competition where China dominated the medals table, followed by Britain, Ukraine and the United States, were ending Sunday with the last few events, including marathons and wheelchair rugby.

And at the closing ceremony in Rio de Janeiro's Maracana football stadium Brazilian officials were officially to hand over to Tokyo for the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"Mission accomplished," said Carlos Nuzman, president of the Rio Olympic and Paralympic organizing committee.

Referring to the political instability and deep recession hurting Brazil as it put on South America's first Olympics in August and the Paralympics this month, he said it had been "a mission of many doubts."

"But this committee never gave up," he said. The upbeat mood in Rio however was darkened late Saturday by the death of Iranian cyclist Bahman Golbarnezhad, 48.

The athlete, who wore a prosthesis on his left leg, fell during a mountainous descent in the road race and died soon after of a heart attack.

Philip Craven, the International Paralympic Committee president, called the tragedy "truly heart-breaking." A minute's silence was planned at the closing ceremony.

Nevertheless, Rio was expected to put on a dazzling show at the Maracana, featuring Brazil's rich music and dance culture to celebrate a far better Paralympics than many had believed pos-

"This will be a time for celebration... a final act," said the ceremony's producer Flavio Machado.

DEFYING EXPECTATIONS

Watching the Paralympic marathon along the seafront in Copacabana, spectator Marcelo Augusto Miranda Costa said the Games had been "a moment of magic for the city."

"We're going to miss them, yes," he said. Juliana Leal Fluzer Costa, who had come from the capital Brasilia, also called the Games a success-a "nice surprise." "We've seen that the people of Rio embraced these Games," she said.

The generally positive ending was quite the turnaround from a few weeks ago when the Rio organizers' woeful finances in the wake of the August Olympics and a stunning lack of interest in tickets raised fears of failure.

On the eve of the Paralympics, the Brazilian Senate pushed president Dilma Rousseff out of office in a bitter impeachment battle. Her replacement and fierce enemy Michel Temer was loudly booed when he appeared at the opening ceremony on September 7. There were also tensions over a ban imposed by the International Paralympic Committee on the entire Russian team because of alleged state doping.

But while the stadiums and arenas were initially empty, the rhythm soon picked up, with noisy and passionate Brazilian fans providing worldclass atmosphere. By the end, officials said Saturday, they had sold 2.1 million tickets-fewer than London in 2012 but more than Beijing four years earlier. Part of that success, however, was due to many tickets being sold for as little as \$3 — or given to school children in an international fill-the-seats campaign.

HOT PERFORMANCES

The gap between the Olympic and Paralympic performances is gradually blurring with disabled athletes breaking records after records in Rio.

Among the stars were Brazil's swimmer Daniel Dias who added four golds, three silvers and two bronzes to his existing medal haul from Beijing and London-which has won him descriptions as the Michael Phelps of the Paralympics.

There was amazement in the 1,500m track race when Algeria's Abdellatif Baka set a new record that was actually faster than the winning time by Olympic gold medalist Matthew Centrowitz in the same stadium a month earlier. However, Centrowitz won in what was by Olympic standards a near-record slow race, meaning Baka's outstanding time was of mostly symbolic signifi-

Once more it was China that dominated overall, with almost 100 medals more than its nearest rival, Britain, which held a comfortable second place. The big country missing in the top section of the standings, however, was Russia, which during the London Games won 102 medals, including 36 golds. — AFP

PARALYMPICS: PODIUMS OF THE DAY

RIO DE JANEIRO: Rio de Janeiro 2016 Summer Paralympics podiums of the day on Saturday.

ARCHERY

Mixed Team W1 Recurve/Compound Gold: Great Britain (Jo Frith, John Walker) Silver: South Korea (Ok Geum Kim, Bronze: Czech Republic (Sarka Musilova, David Drahoninsky)

Individual Recurve/Compound - W1 Gold: Jessica Stretton (GBR)

Silver: Jo Frith (GBR) Bronze: Vicky Jenkins (GBR)

ATHLETICS

100m - T54 Gold: Leo Pekka Tahti (FIN) Silver: Yang Liu (CHN) Bronze: Kenny Van Weeghel (NED)

Gold: Leinier Savon Pineda (CUB)

Bronze: Mahdi Afri (MOR) 400m - T11

Silver: Hilton Langenhoven (RSA)

Gold: Gerard Descarrega Puigdevall (ESP) Silver: Felipe Gomes (BRA) Bronze: Ananias Shikongo (NAM)

400m - T38

Gold: Dyan Neille Buis (RSA) Silver: Jianwen Hu (CHN) Bronze: Weiner Javier Diaz Mosquera (COL)

800m - T36

Gold: James Turner (AUS) Silver: Paul Blake (GBR) Bronze: William Stedman (NZL)

400 m - T45/46/47

Gold: Ernesto Blanco (CUB) Silver: Petrucio Ferreira Dos Santos (BRA) Bronze: Gunther Matzinger (AUT)

400 m - T51

Gold: Peter Genyn (BEL) Silver: Edgar Cesareo Navarro Sanchez Bronze: Alvise De Vidi (ITA)

Long Jump - T42 Gold: Heinrich Popow (GER) Silver: Atsushi Yamamoto (JPN) Bronze: Daniel Wagner (DEN)

Long Jump - T43/44 Gold: Markus Rehm (GER) Silver: Ronald Hertog (NED)

4x100m Relay - T53/T54

Bronze: Felix Streng (GER)

Gold: China (Yanfeng Cui, Yang Liu, Huzhao Li, Chengming Liu) Silver: Thailand (Saichon Konjen, Rawat Tana, Pongsakorn Paeyo, Prawat Wahoram)

Bronze: Canada (Brent Lakatos, Curtis Thom, Tristan Smyth, Alexandre Dupont).

Shot Put - F56/57

Gold: Guoshan Wu (CHN) Silver: Janusz Rokicki (POL) Bronze: Javid Ehsani Shakib (IRI)

100m - T42

Gold: Martina Caironi (ITA) Silver: Vanessa Low (GER) Bronze: Monica Graziana Contrafatto

100m - T52

China

Gold: Michelle Stilwell (CAN) Silver: Kerry Morgan (USA) Bronze: Marieke Vervoort (BEL)

200m - T35

Gold: Xia Zhou (CHN)

Silver: Isis Holt (AUS) Bronze: Maria Lyle (GBR)

400m - T12 Gold: Omara Durand (CUB) Silver: Oksana Boturchuk (UKR) Bronze: Edmilsa Governo (MOZ)

400m - T13

Gold: Nantenin Keita (FRA) Silver: Ilse Hayes (RSA) Bronze: Leilia Adzhametova (UKR)

800m - T54

Gold: Tatyana Mcfadden (USA) Silver: Wenjun Liu (CHN) Bronze: Yingjie Li (CHN)

1500m - T11 Gold: Jin Zheng (CHN) Silver: Nancy Chelangat Koech (KEN)

Bronze: Maritza Arango Buitrago (COL)

Discus Throw - F37/38 Gold: Na Mi (CHN) Silver: Shirlene Coelho (BRA)

Bronze: Noelle Lenihan (IRL)

Javelin Throw - F12/13 Gold: Nozimakhon Kayumova (UZB) Silver: Irada Aliyeva (AZE) Bronze: Natalija Eder (AUT)

100 m - T43/44 Gold: Marlou Van Rhijn (NED) Silver: Irmgard Bensusan (GER) Bronze: Nyoshia Cain (TRI)

800 m - T52/53

Gold: Hongzhuan Zhou (CHN) Silver: Madison De Rozario (AUS) Bronze: Shirley Reilly (USA)

Shot Put - F32 Gold: Maroua Brahmi (TUN) Silver: Noura Alktebi (UAE) Bronze: Louise Ellery (AUS)

Shot Put - F36 Gold: Birgit Kober (GER) Silver: Qing Wu (CHN) Bronze: Katherine Proudfoot (AUS)

Discus - F54/55

Gold: Feixia Dong (CHN) Silver: Marianne Buggenhagen (GER) Bronze: Diana Dadzite (LAT)

CYCLING - ROAD Mixed H 5 Team Relay

Gold: Italy (Vittorio Podesta, Luca Mazzone, Alessandro Zanardi) Silver: United States (William Lachenauer, William Groulx, Oscar

Bronze: Belgium (Jean-Francois Deberg, Christophe Hindricq, Jonas Van De

Individual C 4-5 Road Race Gold: Daniel Abraham Gebru (NED)

Silver: Lauro Cesar Chaman (BRA) Bronze: Andrea Tarlao (ITA)

Individual B Road Race Gold: Vincent Ter Schure (NED)

Silver: Ignacio Avila Rodriguez (ESP) Bronze: Steve Bate (GBR) **Individual C 4-5 Road Race**

Gold: Sarah Storey (GBR) Silver: Anna Harkowska (POL) Bronze: Crystal Lane (GBR)

Bronze: Emma Foy (NZL)

Individual B Road Race Gold: Iwona Podkoscielna (POL) Silver: Katie George Dunlevy (IRL)

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IRANIAN CYCLIST TRAGEDY MARS RIO PARALYMPICS FINALE

was killed in a road race crash, casting a tragic shadow over the Rio Games on the eve of closing

Bahman Golbarnezhad, 48, fell during the event

Saturday and died of his injuries despite an attempt to take him to the hospital for treatment, The cyclist, who wore a prosthesis on his left leg, took up the sport in 2002 and had also com-

International Paralympics Committee (IPC) president Philip Craven told journalists. Golbarnezhad's accident occurred during the more than two-hour C4-5 road race for athletes

peted at the London 2012 Paralympics. It was the

first ever death of an athlete during the Games,

RIO DE JANEIRO: An Iranian Paralympic cyclist with varying disabilities but still able to bicycle. He was in the first section of a mountainous descent when he fell. "The athlete received treatment at the scene and was in the process of being taken to the athlete hospital when he suffered a cardiac arrest," the IPC said in a statement.

> The ambulance then diverted to the nearby Unimed Rio Hospital in Barra where he passed away soon after arrival." Paralympic officials said Golbarnezhad's family in Iran had been informed and the Iranian team was also told the news during a meeting at the Athletes' Village.

> He had been competing in one of the last contests before the Games ended Sunday for a closing ceremony in the Maracana football stadium. Officials said that a minute of silence would be

observed during the ceremony where Brazil will symbolically hand over to Tokyo, host of the 2020 Olympics and Paralympics.

Organizers said that the show in the famous football stadium will feature the best of Brazil's rich music and dance culture in a celebration of what many say have been a surprisingly successful Rio

'HEARTBREAKING'

Golbarnezhad was married with one son, said Masoud Ashrafi, from the Iranian Paralympic Committee (IPC)

Craven called the Iranian's death "truly heartbreaking" and that "everything" had been done to try and save him. "The Paralympic family is united in grief at this horrendous tragedy, which casts a shadow over what have been great Paralympic Games here in Rio," he said. Brazil's top official for the Rio Olympics and Paralympics, Carlos Nuzman, called it "very sad news for sport and for the Paralympic movement. Our hearts and prayers are with Bahman's family, his teammates and all the people of Iran." The Iranian flag was lowered to halfmast in the Paralympic Village, while the Paralympic flag was to be at half mast during Sunday's sitting volleyball gold-medal match between Iran and Bosnia and Herzegovina-another of the final events.

The British Paralympic team tweeted that it was "devastated by the news of Bahman Golbarnezhad's passing. Our thoughts are with our friends and colleagues from NPC Iran."

From the end of Sunday, the Olympic and Paralympic ball will be in Tokyo's court. The Japanese say that the Rio Games have set a high standard for them to follow. "We have been impressed by our experience across both the Olympic and Paralympic Games and inspired by the passion of the Carioca," said Toshiro Muto, CEO of the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee, referring to Rio residents by their nickname.

"We are now more motivated than ever to deliver the best possible Games in four years' time," he told journalists on Saturday. — AFP

PARALYMPICS MEDALS TABLE **RIO DE JANEIRO:** Paralympics medals table following Saturday's events:

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Great Britain	64	39	44	147	Lithuania	2	1	0	3
Ukraine	41	37	39	117	Latvia	2	0	2	4
United States	40	42	30	112	Singapore	2	0	1	3
Australia	21	29	29	79	Hungary	1	8	9	18
Germany	18	25	14	57	Azerbaijan	1	8	2	11
Netherlands	17	19	26	62	Sweden	1	4	5	10
Brazil	14	29	28	71	Austria	1	4	4	9
Italy	10	14	15	39	Czech Republic	1	2	4	7
Poland	9	18	12	39	Denmark	1	2	4	7
France	9	5	14	28	Namibia	1	2	2	5
New Zealand	9	5	7	21	Switzerland	1	2	1	4
Spain	8	12	8	28	Argentina	1	1	3	5
Canada	8	10	11	29	Vietnam	1	1	2	4
Uzbekistan	8	6	17	31	Finland	1	1	1	3
Nigeria	8	2	2	12	Trinidad and Tobago	1	1	1	3
Cuba	8	1	6	15	Kazakhstan	1	1	0	2
Belarus	8	0	2	10	Slovenia	1	1	0	2
South Korea	7	11	16	34	Bahrain	1	0	0	1
Iran	7	9	7	23	Bulgaria	1	0	0	1
Tunisia	7	6	6	19	Georgia	1	0	0	1
South Africa	7	6	4	17	Kuwait	1	0	0	1
Thailand	6	6	6	18	Japan	0	9	12	21
Greece	5	4	4	13	Venezuela	0	3	3	6
Belgium	5	3	3	11	Jordan	0	2	1	3
Slovakia	5	3	3	11	Qatar	0	2	0	2
Algeria	4	5	7	16	Chinese Taipei	0	1	1	2
Ireland	4	4	3	11	Ethiopia	0	1	0	1
Mexico	4	2	9	15	Ivory Coast	0	1	0	1
Egypt	3	5	3	11	Uganda	0	1	0	1
Serbia	3	2	4	9	Israel	0	0	3	3
Norway	3	2	3	8	Portugal	0	0	3	3
Turkey	3	1	5	9	Mongolia	0	0	2	2
Kenya	3	1	2	6	Cap Verde	0	0	1	1
Malaysia	3	0	1	4	Indonesia	0	0	1	1
Colombia	2	5	10	17	Mozambique	0	0	1	1
UAE	2	4	1	7	Pakistan	0	0	1	1
Iraq	2	3	0	5	Philippines	0	0	1	1
Hong Kong	2	2	2	6	Romania	0	0	1	1
Morocco	2	2	2	6	Saudi Arabia	0	0	1	1
Croatia	2	2	1	5	Sri Lanka	0	0	1	1



RIO DE JANEIRO: Reproduction of picture of Iranian cyclist Bahman Golbarnezhad who died on Saturday during a cycling race in Rio de Janeiro, at the Olympic stadium during the RIO2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. — AFP



ADURIZ SCORES 2 AS VALENCIA LOSE AGAIN IN SPANISH LEAGUE

MADRID: Aritz Aduriz scored two first-half goals into the top corner. "When you go down a goal yesterday to give Athletic Bilbao a 2-1 come-frombehind win over Valencia, the only team to have lost all four games to start the season.

Celta Vigo was held to a 0-0 draw at promoted Osasuna and also remained winless. Valencia went ahead with a close-range, left-footed shot by midfielder Alvaro Medran just two minutes into the match at San Mames Stadium.

Veteran striker Aduriz equalized with a header off a free-kick cross in the 24th and scored the winner with a right-footed shot from inside the area

against a team like Valencia, it's difficult to come back and we were able to do it," Aduriz said. "These are difficult matches and we deserve a lot of credit for this victory."

Valencia's next chance to rebound is Thursday at home against Alaves. "We have to keep working hard and the victories will come, we haven't been playing badly," Valencia defender Martin Montoya said. "We know that our team is capable of improving and getting the results that we deserve."

Valencia is the last team other than Barcelona,

Real Madrid or Atletico Madrid to win the league title. It lifted the trophy in 2004.

Later Sunday, Real Madrid plays at Espanyol with a chance to win its fourth in a row and remain three points ahead atop the standings. Madrid can match the record of 16 consecutive wins in the Spanish league achieved by Pep Guardiola's Barcelona in the 2010-11 season.

Defending champion Barcelona won 5-1 at Leganes on Saturday to reach nine points along with Las Palmas, which defeated Malaga 1-0.Atletico Madrid routed Sporting Gijon 5-0 to win its second consecutive game and reach eight points.

OSASUNA 0, CELTA VIGO 0

Celta Vigo and Osasuna remained winless in the Spanish league, and in trouble.

The result left Celta, which secured a Europa League spot with its sixth-place finish last season, is second-to-last after four matches, following three straight losses to start the season.

Osasuna, which had lost two in a row, is in 18th place with two points. —AP

TOWNSEND AND PALACE DEEPEN STOKE GLOOM



LONDON: Andros Townsend scored one goal and made another as Crystal Palace inflicted a crushing 4-1 defeat upon winless Stoke City in the Premier League yes-

Townsend set up the opening goal for James Tomkins at Selhurst Park and completed the scoring with his first Palace goal after Scott Dann and James McArthur had also got on the score-sheet.

It gave Alan Pardew's side consecutive league wins for the first time since last December and saw the south London club climb to eighth place in the table.

Mark Hughes's Stoke, who replied through Marko Arnautovic, were left bottom of the pile after registering four successive league defeats for the first time since February 2012.

Palace manager Pardew made just one change from his side's 2-1 win at Middlesbrough, Tomkins replacing Damien Delaney at centre-back, and it proved a

winning one. With eight minutes gone, Townsend floated a free-kick towards the far post and Tomkins crept in behind Jonathan Walters to toe the ball past Shay Given from close range.

Once renowned for the rigour with which they defended set-pieces, Stoke conceded another goal from a dead-ball situation just three minutes later.

Jason Puncheon drove a right-sided corner towards the penalty spot and Dann got above Ryan Shawcross to sent a header bulleting into the bottom-left corner.

Stoke's response, such as it was, was tame, with Wilfried Bony meekly curling

Tomkins limped off at half-time and was replaced by Delaney, but it did not affect the hosts' rhythm.

After Dann and Wilfried Zaha had seen efforts blocked at close range, McArthur added a third goal in the 72nd minute, beating Given with the aid of a deflection

off Geoff Cameron. Townsend saved the best for last, drifting infield from the left, beating Joe Allen with a neat chop and then bending a low shot into the bottom-right corner.

Arnautovic curled in a goal for Stoke from the edge of the box in injury time, but by then the damage had been done. — AFP



MONTPELLIER: Montpellier's French defender Jerome Roussillon (L) vies with Nice's French defender Arnaud Souquet (R) during the French L1 football match between Montpellier and Nice, yesterday at the La Mosson Stadium in Montpellier, southern France. — AFP

NICE SECOND AFTER MONTPELLIER POINT

MONTPELLIER: Newly-recruited playmaker Nice can thank a fine performance from 22- and followed a slick 2-1 triumph over Tottenham 1 draw at Montpellier with a determined late strike yesterday meaning his side climb above champions Paris Saint Germain into second place in Ligue 1.

Having come fourth last season, Nice lost their coach Claude Puel to Southampton while Hatem Ben Arfa moved on to PSG. But with highly-regarded Swiss coach Lucien Favre now in charge, Nice are unbeaten in Ligue 1 so far and have brought in Belhanda on loan from Dynamo Kiev while snapping up Italian striker Mario Balotelli. The former Liverpool, Man City and AC Milan striker sat out this encounter having played twice in four days, but will be back for Wednesday's top of the table clash with pacesetters Monaco, who have 13 points to Nice's 11

Younes Belhanda grabbed a point for Nice in a 1- year-old goalkeeper Yoan Cardinale for several in the Champions League in midweek. "The fine saves that kept them in the game until his left back Malang Sarr gave away a penalty on 67 minutes, duly converted by Ryad Boudebouz. Then Belhanda, one of the stars of Montpellier's staggering Ligue 1 title winning charge of 2012, crowned a solid performance with a tap-in on 85 minutes after the 'keeper fumbled the ball.

> A towering Radamel Falcao header helped send Monaco top on Saturday while 20-year-old Thomas Lemar also scored twice at the end of the game. Falcao's career has hit the buffers since quitting Atletico Madrid but on Saturday, the 30-year-old Colombian leapt high at the back post and powered in a header in the 42nd minute to score his first goal for Monaco since August 2014 — 755 days ago.

This was Monaco's seventh consecutive win

favourite to win the title, which will be a long haul, is Paris," warned Monaco coach Leonardo

"Nice, Lyon and Marseille have also invested in their teams, but we are a better side this season, more experienced and organised," said the Portuguese coach whose side came third last year. On Friday, Uruguayan striker Edinson Cavani banged four goals past Caen in a 6-0 win for PSG. Lucas Moura and Jean-Kevin Augustin added the other two goals after the break as PSG ended a run of three games without a win in all competitions.

Saint Etienne host Bastia but the big game of the weekend takes place at Marseille's wonderful Velodrome stadium as the struggling giants await the visit of Lyon. — AFP



LONDON: Stoke City's Wilfriend Bony, left, and Crystal Palace's James McArthur battle for the ball during their English Premier League soccer match at Selhurst Park, London, yesterday. — AP

AUSTIN ON TARGET AS PUEL BREAKS PREMIER LEAGUE DUCK



SOUTHAMPTON: Charlie Austin came off the bench to give Southampton their first Premier League win of the season by scoring in a 1-0 win over Swansea at St Mary's yesterday.

It was the south coast club's first Premier League success under manager Claude Puel and their second victory in a week under the Frenchman after the team's Europa League win over Sparta Prague.

Southampton were almost gifted an early lead when Swansea goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski spilt a shot from Shane Long.

But Saints duo Steven Davis and Dusan Tadic got in each other's way as they tried to follow up and the ball went behind, although an offside flag lessened any embarrassment the pair might have felt.

Nathan Redmond then opted to shoot rather than square the ball across goal to the unmarked Long and blazed his shot high and wide of the target.

Redmond squandered an even better chance when, from Tadic's low cross, he beat Jordi Amat only to shoot over the top from eight yards out.

Austin scored twice against the Czech club in a 3-0 win on Thursday but the striker found himself back on the bench yesterday.

Southampton had chances to take the lead before Austin scored the only goal of the game in the 64th minute. Redmond missed from 12 yards out before Austin himself hit the crossbar. But Austin rewarded Southampton's pressure just after the hour when he chested the ball down and struck a rising shot. Swansea's Gylfi Sigurdsson had a late chance saved but the Saints clung on to victory.

Austin's goal was his first in the Premier

League since his debut winner against Manchester United in January.

"I should have had three (goals)," Austin told the BBC. "I'm frustrated, of course, (to be on the bench) as I scored twice in midweek but if the manager wants to rotate then he is the boss." — AFP



SOUTHAMPTON: Southampton's Charlie Austin, third left, scores his side's first goal of the game, during the English Premier League soccer match between Southampton FC and Swansea City, at St Mary's, in Southampton, England, yesterday. — AP

RANIERI IMPRESSED BY MAHREZ, SLIMANI DEADLY DOUBLE ACT

LEICESTER: Claudio Ranieri believes Burnley. Algerian duo Islam Slimani and Riyad Mahrez can form a deadly double act for Leicester after the Algerian duo inspired a 3-0 win over Burnley.

Slimani scored twice on his Premier League debut for the champions on Saturday, while fellow Algeria international Mahrez displayed the form that saw him voted player of the year last season.

The pair linked up impressively with Leicester striker Jamie Vardy and Foxes manager Ranieri believes they will relish joining forces at club level.

"It's good for Slimani and good for everyone," Ranieri said. "It was a very good performance from him, as well as his teammates. "He linked very well with Vardy and the others and he pressed so hard during all the match. We bought him for these characteristics.

"Riyad made two fantastic performances, in Brugge in the Champions League and here and I'm very pleased when he plays in this tactical way because he was very clever he's very clever when to attack, defend, and play in between the lines.

"Of course he's happy with Slimani being here - but he's happy with every-

Ranieri's men followed their 3-0 Champions League win at Club Brugge in midweek with the same scoreline against

Goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel missed out with concussion and Danny Simpson returned from injury but Ranieri otherwise named an unchanged team.

The Italian is planning changes for Tuesday's English Football League Cup clash with Chelsea but he believes consistency was important from Brugge to

MOMENTUM "I didn't want to make many changes, just the keeper and right back because I wanted to keep our momentum," Ranieri

"It was important for us to win and 3-0 is good - now we are in the top half of the table and our focus is in EFL Cup against Chelsea. "I'll make changes because have very good players they show me they are

"I'm very pleased, it was important to win after the Champions League victory against a good, well organised team.

"We tried to find a solution to score but they closed all the space. "Then when we went wide and crossed they suffered a little more and we scored at end of first half and beginning of second.

"It was great for us because after that we controlled the ball much better." Burnley acquitted themselves well for much of the first half but were put to the sword after Slimani scored his first goal in English football in first-half stoppage time. "Unfortunately it was four minutes of madness two minutes before and two minutes after half-time," Burnley manager Sean Dyche said.

The idea was to keep the ball better and kind of slow Leicester's tempo down.

"We didn't penetrate as much as I would like but it's difficult at this level because they are a good side.

"Then two minutes of madness just before half-time culminated in giving a soft free-kick away and they got a goal.

'The second half one was a little bit unfortunate that it hit someone on the knee, someone on the heel and someone on the head and it goes in. — AFP

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WATFORD: Watford's French midfielder Etienne Capoue (L) shoots and scores past Manchester United's Spanish goalkeeper David de Gea (R) during the English Premier League football match between Watford and Manchester United at Vicarage Road Stadium in Watford, north of London yesterday. — AFP

Man Utd suffer third defeat in a row



WATFORD: Watford piled on the misery for Jose Mourinho as Manchester United crashed to a third successive defeat in an embarrassing 3-1 loss at Vicarage Road yesterday.

Mourinho's side were rocked by Etienne Capoue's first half opener and, although Marcus Rashford equalised after the break, United capitulated in the closing stages.

Juan Camilo Zuniga restored Watford's lead with seven minutes left before Troy Deeney's penalty condemned Mourinho to a third consecutive defeat for the first time since he was in charge at Porto in 2002.

It was the first time United had lost three in a row since the unlamented Louis van Gaal presided over four successive defeats in December last year.

loss in 30 years against Watford, who ended a run of 11 throw himself to his left to claw away a goalbound successive defeats against the Manchester giants.

United are already lagging six points behind Premier League leaders Manchester City and the feelgood factor following the three wins that marked the start of the Mourinho era has been completely erased.

After losing to City, Feyenoord in the Europa League and now Watford over the last week, the size of the task facing Mourinho as he rebuilds United has been laid bare.

"I feel the first moment we had a defeat, a difficult situation, some of the boys are having a bit of difficulty coping with the negativity," Mourinho said.

They looked out of sync from the moment United goalkeeper David de Gea collided with Chris Smalling as they made a hash of dealing with Sebastian Prodl's towering cross.

When de Gea dropped the ball straight to Odion Ighalo a goal seemed certain, but the Watford striker fired hurriedly wide of the unguarded net from the edge of the penalty area.

It was a shocking miss, but even that escape couldn't

Adding to the indignity for United, it was their first shake United from their lethargy and de Gea had to Capoue, who drilled a clinical finish past de Gea. header from Deeney moments later.

POLE-AXED

Paul Pogba has struggled to live up his world record fee since joining United and, amid another tepid display, the France midfielder gave a sudden glimpse of his ability when he quickly shifted the ball to set himself for a curling 25-vard strike that left Watford goalkeeper Heurelho Gomes rooted to the spot as it cannoned off the crossbar.

But Watford's relentlessly physical approach was wearing United down and Anthony Martial needed several minutes treatment after being pole-axed by a clash of heads with Daryl Janmaat.

Martial eventually got to his feet but the France international still appeared groggy when he was made a fatal mistake in the 34th minute.

Dwelling too long on the ball deep inside his own half, Martial was caught in possession by Miguel Britos and, with United's defence completely exposed, Janmaat had time and space to pick out the unmarked

As Watford celebrated, Mourinho questioned whether Martial had been fouled and the winger lay flat on the turf before being substituted.

That ignominious exit encapsulated a forgettable half for United, but they equalised with a rare incisive attack in the 62nd minute.

Rashford played a one-two with Ibrahimovic and broke into the penalty area, where he showed his predatory instincts by sweeping home from close-range after the Swede's cross deflected into his path off Valon Behrami. But United never looked convincing and they crumbled at the back in the 83rd minute as Zuniga scored with his first touch less than a minute after coming on. Roberto Pereyra was unchecked when he raced onto Nordin Amrabat's pass into the United penalty area and he cut the ball back to Colombia defender Zuniga, who lashed a fine strike past de Gea to leave Mourinho ashen-faced.

There was even worse to come for Mourinho in stoppage-time when Marouane Fellaini tripped Zuniga in the area and Deeney stepped up to smash home the spot-kick. — AFP

PERISIC WINNER STUNS JUVE, BOOSTS DE BOER

MILAN: A second-half winner by Ivan Perisic boosted Frank De Boer's survival prospects as Inter Milan fought to a deserved 2-1 'Derby

d'Italia' win over Juventus in Serie A yesterday. De Boer, who succeeded Roberto Mancini at Inter two weeks before the start of the season, was rumoured to be facing the sack after a midweek defeat to Hapoel Beer Sheva fol-

lowed a run of poor results in the league. But the former Ajax handler's job looks safe, for the meantime, after Inter put their Europa League shocker behind them with a battling performance at a packed San Siro to hand the champions their first defeat of the

Stephan Lichesteiner opened the scoring for Massimiliano Allegri's visitors against the run of play on 66 minutes, but Mauro Icardi continued his impressive form against Gianluigi Buffon by hitting the leveller just two minutes later.

Perisic then came off the bench to nod the winner from Icardi's deft cross 12 minutes from time to send Inter up to seventh place in the table. Inter are now three points behind Napoli, who, on 10 points, hold a one-point lead on Juventus.

Roma, who face Fiorentina away, can also climb to 10 points with a win in Florence later yesterday. The goal-scoring prospects for either side looked bleak after goalless outings against European opposition this week.

Juve were held to a scoreless draw by Europa League winners Sevilla in their Champions League opener while Inter looked completely hapless on their way to a 2-0 reverse against their Israeli visitors at the

But the Derby d'Italia was the perfect chance for De Boer to convince his employers, and the Dutchman didn't disappoint.



MILAN: Juventus' Leonardo Bonucci, left, challenges Inter Milan's Mauro Icardi during their Serie A soccer match at the San Siro stadium in Milan, Italy, yesterday. — AP

He dropped Marcelo Brozovic for disciplinary reasons and Perisic was initially only fit enough to start on the bench.

Juve coach Massimiliano Allegri, meanwhile, kept star striker Gonzalo Higuain on the bench, with Mario Mandzukic partnering Paulo Dybala, although the Argentine striker was visibly frustrated as he sat on the touch-

Amid a nervous opening half Dybala had an early volley charged down before setting up Alex Sandro in deep for the Brazilian wingback to deliver a great ball for Sami Khedira, who sent a free header straight at Samir Handanovic. Inter went on the counter after Icardi robbed Giorgio Chiellini, and the

Argentine's curling drive came off the far post. Juve threatened only three minutes after the restart, Dybala firing a deflected shot over. But it served only to spark Inter. Eder's deflected shot from 25 metres almost caught Buffon off guard and Juventus breathed a huge sigh of relief after another counter saw Buffon at full stretch as Antonio Candreva's crisp volley from Icardi's delivery inched past the far post. — AFP

SPURS SINK SUNDERLAND



LONDON: Harry Kane found the net for the second time in two Premier League games as Tottenham Hotspur beat Sunderland 1-0 yesterday, but was stretchered off late on.

The England striker scored at White Hart Lane for the first time since March to lift his team to third and keep the visitors secondbottom in the table. But he had to be taken from the touchline on a stretcher after turning his ankle in the latter stages of the game. With Eric Dier and Mousa Dembele also succumbing to injury, it was a bittersweet afternoon for winning manager Mauricio Pochettino.

Dembele was making his first appearance of the campaign after completing a six-game ban for gouging the eye of Chelsea's Diego Costa last season. Spurs also gave a first start to Moussa Sissoko, a 30 million pounds (\$39 million, 35 million euros) signing from Newcastle United, while Erik Lamela and Christian Eriksen dropped to the bench.

Sunderland manager David Moyes, who saw Adnan Januzaj sent off late on, made a change after the team-sheets had been submitted, bringing in Jason Denayer for Patrick van Aanholt at the back.

There was also a return to the starting line-up for captain Lee Cattermole, while Didier Ndong made his first start since moving to Wearside from Lorient.

Kane was the first Spurs player to test Jordan Pickford on eight minutes, the Sunderland goalkeeper forced to tip an effort

from six yards out behind the post. The cross for Kane was delivered by Son Heung-Min, who impressed on the left flank despite pre-season speculation having linked the South Korean with a move away from

White Hart Lane. Such was Spurs' dominance, it was surprising that the best chance of the first half fell to the visitors.

DJILOBODJI BLUNDER

Adnan Januzaj cut the ball back from the byline to Steven Pienaar, whose shot beat goalkeeper Hugo Lloris, only for Kyle Walker to clear his slightly scuffed effort off the line.

The start of the second half saw a similar pattern to that of the first, with Tottenham applying pressure on a back line that had conceded three times in 11 minutes in the 3-0 loss to Everton. Sissoko was giving Sunderland headaches on the right wing and his cross had to be palmed away by Pickford.

On the other wing, Son was sent into space by Dembele's pass, but decided to fire at the target instead of putting the ball across the face of goal for Dele Alli, hitting the side-

The deadlock was finally broken just before the hour through Kane, who showed a poacher's instinct to slot home after Papy Djilobodji totally missed his clearance after Alli knocked down Walker's cross. The goal moved Moyes to replace Pienaar with Duncan Watmore soon afterwards. The momentum still remained with Tottenham, however, and Alli forced Pickford to turn his shot away after being allowed to run through the middle of the away defence. Two changes for the home side were enforced due to injury, with Dembele replaced by Erik Lamela and Dier leaving the field for Ben Davies. — AFP

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OLYMPOS: In this June 2, 2016 file photo, boats wait for tourists in Adrasan in Olympos area, about 100 kilometers west of Antalya, Turkey. — AP

TURKEY HOPES TO WEATHER TOURISM DROP

COUNTRY'S CRUCIAL TOURIST TRADE HIT BY TERRORISM, SPATS

ISTANBUL: With summer drawing to a close, Turkey is counting the cost of a tough year that saw a string of terrorist bombings and the fall-out from a diplomatic spat with Moscow that cut deep into the country's crucial tourist trade. And then right bang in the middle of summer, the economic backdrop got more precarious after an attempted military coup that saw more than 270 people killed, the imposition of a state of emergency and the subsequent arrest and dismissal of thousands of supposed sympathizers

Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister Mehmet Simsek conceded the failed coup on July 15 and its aftermath have "weakened" the economy even as he praised its resilience in the face of such adversity. Tourism, a crucial foreign-currency earner for a country in constant need of foreign currency to plug a yawning current account deficit, has borne the brunt of the economic fallout. That's mainly due to a precipitous 89 percent drop in Russian tourist arrivals after a diplomatic fallout between the two

countries brought on by Turkey's downing of a Russian warplane last year. Russia was Turkey's second-largest tourist market with 4.5 million people visiting places like Turkey's tourism capital Antalya in 2014.

With many Russians holidaying elsewhere, Turkey stands to lose between \$8 and \$10 billion in tourism revenue by the end of the year, according to Cetin Gurcun, Secretary General Turkey's travel agency association TURSAB. No amount of deals could fully plug that gap. "If we consider the volume of the Russian market, it's not easy to fill the void," Gurcun told The Associated Press.

Turkey-Russia relations are now back on track, but Gurcun doesn't expect the Russian market to rebound before next year. It wasn't just Russians who have stayed away from Turkey's beaches and the cultural delights of places like Istanbul. Thomas Cook, the Britishbased holiday company, said recently that demand for Turkish holidays was "significantly below last year's level" and that its overall

bookings for the summer 2016 season were down by 5 percent largely because of this particular "geopolitical disruption."

Retail suffers

Official Turkish figures for the whole of the summer tourist season have yet to be released. But it's clear there's been a hit. June and July alone saw tourism arrivals plunge an annual 40 and 36 percent, respectively. And with fewer tourists, retail sales have suffered. Sami Kariyo, head of the United Brands Association, an umbrella group representing 150 member companies and 500 brands, said lower tourism numbers have translated into a five percent drop in revenues. Industry too.

drop in revenues. Industry too.

The most recent figures showed that industrial production in July fell by almost 5 percent year-on-year in July, the sharpest fall since the start of the current data series in 2005. "The coup attempt in July seems to have a very marked negative impact on economic activity," said William Jackson, senior emerging markets

economist with Capital Economics.

All in all, the Turkish economy has suffered a shock - or series of shocks - and growth forecasts have been revised down. Turkey is expected to post what - at first glance - looks like reasonable growth this year of a little more than 3 percent. But before the attempted coup, most independent economic forecasters had penciled in Turkish economic growth of around 4 percent this year.

Living standards

That's a big change, especially for a developing economy that's been used to way-more over much of the past 25 years or so. Living standards could face a squeeze, further exacerbating the uncertainty many feel within the country. Erhan Aslanoglu, professor of economics at Istanbul's Piri Reis University, said Turkey's economy is tough enough to weather the worst of the storm, but needs more than 4 percent growth to continue pushing down on unemployment.

"It's better than many European countries, but not enough for Turkey," he said. Another concern is that foreign investors will look elsewhere if Turkey turns increasingly authoritarian Turkey. Foreign investors are badly needed for the financing of Turkey's sizeable current account deficit, which stood at around 4.5 percent of the country's annual GDP in 2015. The great fear for many is that Turkey is moving toward a more authoritarian model of governance - a trend that could further dent any hopes that the country has of joining the European Union.

Since the coup was seen off, tens of thousands of civil servants and government bureaucrats have been dismissed while scores of businesses have been shut down over suspicion of being linked to Pennsylvania-based Islamic cleric Fethullah Gulen whom Turkey blames for the attempted coup, a charge Gulen rejects. "The rule of law is extremely important," Atilla Yesilada, an analyst with emerging markets consultancy GlobalSource Partners, said. — AP

SAUDI DROPS AS ACTIVITY FALLS TO 12-MONTH LOW

MIDEAST STOCKS

DUBAI: Equity investors dumped Saudi Arabian stocks yesterday, deterred by a recent downturn in global equity and oil markets while Qatar's index held on to small gains as traders bought shares on price dips. Riyadh's index pulled back 1.9 percent on the first day back following a 10-day Eid Al-Adha break. But trading volume was the lowest since last September.

Oil-related companies were hit with Saudi Kayan Petrochemical declining 2.3 percent in heavy trade, after Brent futures fell by around 5 percent during the 10 days the Riyadh bourse was closed. Banking shares were also weak with heavyweight National Commercial Bank dropping 4.2 percent. Key interest rates in Saudi Arabia are linked to US interest rates, given the currency's peg to the dollar, and the uncertainty over Wednesday's US Federal Reserve meeting following a week of mixed US economic data weighed on sentiment. However, the market viewed the likelihood of a US rate rise as low.

Qatar's share index climbed 0.4 percent in active trade, with volume the

highest in a month as investors bought back some shares which were hit by profit taking before the holiday. Islamic lender Masraf Al Rayan was the most traded share and added 0.7 percent while telecommunication operator Ooredoo jumped 3.9 percent. Shares in companies set to be included in index compiler FTSE's secondary emerging market index on Sept 20 outperformed last month. Dubai's index steadied and added 0.03 percent after it fell 1.1 percent on Thursday, when it reopened after a week-long holiday.

More positive outlook

More positive outlook
Shuaa Capital surged 9.3 percent.
Shares in the investment firm have surged 36.5 percent over the past three weeks since the firm started to offer liquidity services for Nasdaq Dubai's single stock futures trades.
Shuaa is the only firm offering marketmaking facilities to brokers. GFH Financial Group added 2 percent, extending its 1 percent gain from Thursday after the company said its Dubai-based subsidiary GFH Capital

sold its remaining 18 percent stake in English football club Leeds United. In neighboring Abu Dhabi, blue chips dragged the index 0.3 percent lower. First Gulf Bank lost 0.8 percent and telecommunication giant Etisalat edged down 0.3 percent. Egypt's index of the 30 most valuable stocks fell 0.8 percent in thin trade as roughly two-thirds of the shares declined.

Real-estate developers were some of the top losers with Talaat Mostafa Group shedding 4.4 percent and Porto Group declining 3.7 percent. Over the next three-to-six months Credit Suisse expects a better performance from Gulf equities, supported by a more positive outlook on oil prices and stabilizing earnings forecasts. "Valuations are reasonably attractive, being in line with the long-term average... Technicals suggest the worst is behind us, though we believe it is too early to turn outright bullish." Analysts see further downside risks to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Bahrain and they favor shares in the UAE, especially companies in Dubai. — Reuters

IRAN URGES US TO UNBLOCK AIRCRAFT, INVESTOR DEALS

TEHRAN: Iran urged the United States yesterday to remove remaining obstacles to it buying passenger planes following the lifting of international sanctions and spread out the welcome mat to foreign investors as it seeks to boost its aviation sector. Iran provisionally agreed earlier this year to buy over 200 jets worth \$50 billion at list prices from Airbus and Boeing under an agreement between Tehran and world powers to ease sanctions in exchange for curbs on Iran's nuclear activities.

Both deals hinge on the longer-than-expected process of winning US Treasury approval, which is needed due to the high proportion of US parts in virtually all modern jetliners, including those made by Europe's Airbus. There have also been delays in getting European banks to finance the deals because of restrictions over the use of US dollars and concerns over legal risks if sanctions are re-imposed.

Roads and Urban Development Minister Abbas Akhoundi told an aviation conference that Iran was complying with its obligations and meanwhile continued to negotiate with other planemakers. "We are negotiating with all those big names ... There are a lot of obstacles but I am sure that because we have respected all the international rules and regulations, all those problems are going to be resolved," he told the CAPA Aviation Finance Summit, the second large gathering of aviation leaders in Tehran since sanctions were lifted in January.

Blacklist

Critics in the US Congress argue that Iran could

use passenger jets for military purposes such as transporting fighters to battle US troops or allies in Syria or transfer the aircraft to airlines still under US sanctions. US critics of the nuclear deal also say it could allow Iran to skirt remaining sanctions by transferring jets acquired by national carrier IranAir to airlines that remain on a US blacklist, such as the country's largest carrier, Mahan Air.

In an interview with Reuters, Akhoundi dismissed the concerns. "We have a contract. We will stick to it," he said. He also told a news conference that the Tehran event, attended by dozens of foreign firms, proved that aviation was international in scope and "the US government cannot stand against it," according to a translation of his remarks.

The House of Representatives in July passed two amendments that would stop the aircraft sales, although to become law they need to be approved by the Senate and signed by President Barack Obama. Iran estimates it will need at least 400 aircraft to renew and expand its fleet, including some 250 in the next 10 years. Besides the aircraft sales, Iran is dangling the prospect of significant business for Western companies including nationwide airport expansion as it emerges from decades of sanctions.

"There are more than 60 airports in Iran but 80 percent of flights are in just 10 and these are working beyond capacity; that is why we need to develop," Akhoundi said. "They are all ready to attract investors, who are welcome to invest in any part," he told the conference held at Tehran's Imam Khomeini airport, which plans a \$2.8 billion expansion. — Reuters

SUPPLY PREDICTIONS FAIL YET AGAIN

KAMCO OIL MARKET REPORT

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■he talks between Saudi Arabia and Russia took centre stage as the two producers agreed to discuss ways to stabilize the oil market. However, the oil market is expected to see an extended glut until late 2017, according to predictions by various agencies. The IEA, in its latest monthly report, has predicted that the oil market glut would last longer than previously expected due to a fall in oil demand coupled with resilient supply situation. Weak demand can be gauged from Q3-16 demand figures that fell to a 2-year low level on the back of fall in demand from India and China. IEA added that the impact of lower oil price is fading at a faster pace highlighting the uncertainty surrounding macroeconomic conditions globally, with minimal expected positive surprise from Europe and growth slowdown in the US as well as in previously star performing countries like India and China.

On the other hand, supply continues to rise as OPEC produced at record pace during recent months. According to the agency's previous prediction, the market was expected to reach an equilibrium by the end of 2016. OPEC, in its latest monthly report, has also predicted higher supplies in 2017. The group has raised daily production forecast for non-OPEC countries by 200 tb/d in 2017 clocking an average production rate of 56.5 mb/d. OPEC also raised 2016 supply forecast by 0.18 mb/d as compared to its previous forecast on the back of higher production in Norway and Kazakhstan. The latter producer has announced that its Kashagan oilfield would start operation later this year and further expand its overall production by 2021, according to the country's 2017-2021 socio-economic development outlook.

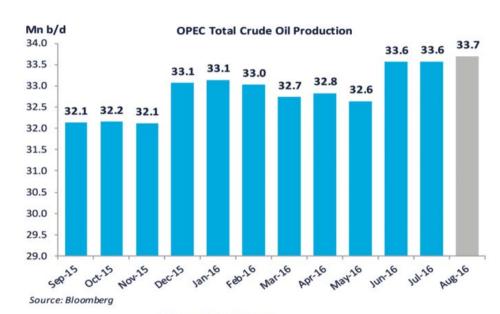
Meanwhile, IEA said, in its World Energy Investment Report 2016, global energy investment declined by 8% in 2015 to its lowest level since 2010 to reach USD 1.83 Trillion as compared to USD 2 Trillion during 2014. The decline came as a result of cut in upstream oil and gas spending which continues to be the biggest energy investment category with a spending of USD 583 Bn in 2015. Spending in the sector declined by 25% year-on-year and is expected to fall further by 24% during 2016. For 2017, upstream spending is expected to remain stable or decline slightly, which we believe is primarily due to the low base effect of two consecutive years of decline. The report highlighted a shift towards higher investment in cleaner energy with support from government policies.

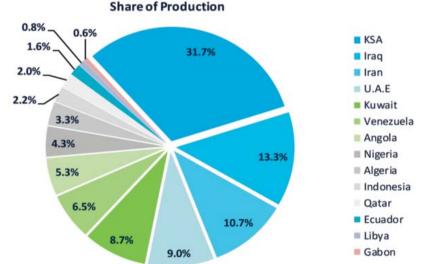
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Oil Prices

The oil market during August-16 was dominated by talks on production agreements between major oil producers, primarily Saudi Arabia, Russia on whether Iran should be a part of this production freeze. Come September-16, Saudi Arabia and Russia signed a deal to seek cooperation in the oil market and announced that they intend to discuss ways to stabilize the oil market. This came amid continued record production by OPEC countries that pumped additional oil to make up for the loss in output from Nigeria and Libya. Although, the aforementioned factors had a somewhat positive impact on crude prices, news that Nigeria and Libya would be back online along with China expanding its fuel exports pushed oil prices

downward. China's export of diesel almost doubled during July-16 and that of gasoline surged almost 1.5 times as compared to the previous year. The country's oil product export surged 30% during 1H-16 on the back of government quotas, a decline in domestic demand as well as higher shipment of refined products. However, in a move that could be seen as a response to





Source: Bloomberg

declining demand in addition to higher production cost, China's crude oil output dropped to the lowest in six years as energy giants in the country pumped less oil from high-cost Meanwhile, the latest oil rig count data from

Baker Hughes once again pointed to an increase in US oil-rig that reached 414 rigs after an increase of 7 rigs. US oil rigs have seen an increase for 10 out of the past 11 weeks. According to IEA, US shale oil is expected to recover during the second half of 2017, although oil inventories in OECD countries continues to be at record levels by the end of July-16. Moreover, the EIA, in its Short Term Energy Outlook, oil-consumption growth has faltered from 4% seen in late 2015 and early this year to 2.1% by August-16.

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World Oil Demand

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Swiss Franc

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US Dollar Buying

back of higher-than expected oil demand from OECD Europe and Asia Pacific in 1H16, similar to the demand trend expected in the previous monthly report. Total global oil consumption is now expect-

growth for 2016 was increased marginally by

10 tb/d month-on-month to 1.23 mb/d on the

ed to reach 94.27 mb/d in 2016. In OECD Americas, higher sales of gas guzzlers as well as higher distance travelled during June-16 added to higher demand for gasoline. Total distance travelled increased by 2.1% during 1H-16 as compared to 1H-15. The trend is expected to continue for the remainder of 2016 and 2017. Overall demand for oil in the US for 1H-16 increased by 0.2 mb/d on the back of higher demand for gasoline, jet fuel, kerosene and fuel oil, whereas demand for diesel saw a

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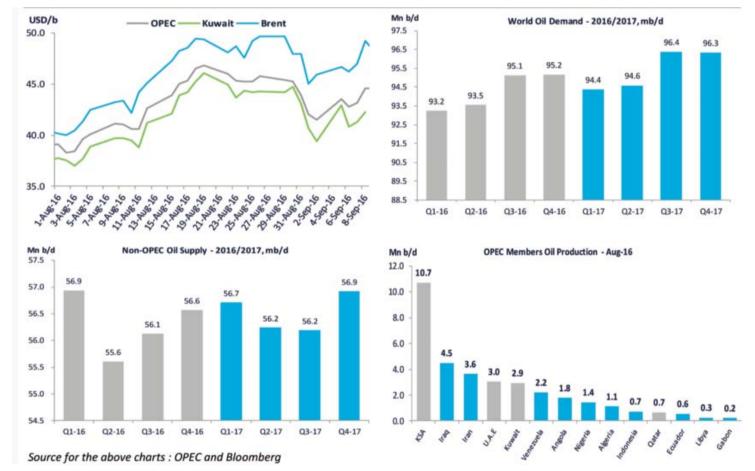
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In China, August-16 production declined by 9.9% y-o-y to its lowest level since December-09, according to Bloomberg calculations. For the first eight months of the year, oil production was down by 5.7% as state oil giants pulled back production from high cost fields. Non-OPEC oil supply growth in 2017 saw an upward revision of 0.35 mb/d and is now expected to grow by 0.2 mb/d to reach 56.52 mb/d. The revision was primarily due to base change in 2016 as well as due to the early startup of the Kashagan oilfield in Kazakhstan that is expected to reach a production rate of 0.37 mb/d next year. The latest report saw increases of 0.23 mb/d in Kazakhstan, 50 tb/d in Norway, 40 tb/d in the UK, 30 tb/d in Canada and upward revisions in US, Brazil, Yemen, Congo and Azerbaijan.

OPEC oil production

Monthly OPEC crude production reached a new high of 33.7 mb/d during August-16, according to Bloomberg, an increase of 140 tb/d as compared to the previous month's production. During the month, a majority of the member countries added production, which was partly offset by decline in production in Nigeria, Libya and Gabon. Nigeria and Libya continue to face production disruptions with key ports closed for exports. However, supplies from the two producers is expected to return as the National Oil Corp. in Libya said it is lifting the force majeure at three ports, whereas Nigeria has offered to export in October-16 despite the force majeure.

According to some estimates, the additional oil from Nigeria and Libya, once they are back online, could be more than 0.5 mb/d. Top five producers in OPEC added 260 tb/d of output as compared to the previous month with Kuwait and Iraq each seeing the highest increase of 70 tb/d during the month. Moreover, the head of Iraq's State Oil Marketing Co. said that the country has the capacity to further increase production but added that they would join the production freeze for a certain period of time that would help to stabilize the market.



EXCHANGE RATES

AL-MUZAINI EXCHANGE CO. **ASIAN COUNTRIES** Japanese Yen 2.960 4.528 **Indian Rupees** Pakistani Rupees 2.897 Srilankan Rupees 2.088 Nepali Rupees 2.830 Singapore Dollar 222.540 39.011 Hongkong Dollar Bangladesh Taka 3.858 Philippine Peso 6.358 Thai Baht **GCC COUNTRIES** Saudi Rival 80.750 83.180 Qatari Riya ani Riyal 786.512 Bahraini Dinai 804.170 **UAE Dirham** 82.443 **ARAB COUNTRIES** Egyptian Pound - Cash 29.550 Egyptian Pound - Transfer 34.469 Yemen Riyal/for 1000 1.216 Tunisian Dinar 137.880 Jordanian Dina 427.290 Lebanese Lira/for 1000 2.018 2.0158 Syrian Lira Morocco Dirham 31.691 **EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COUNTRIES**

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US Dollar Transfer

Sterling Pound

Canadian dollar

Turkish lira

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DOLLARCO	EXCHANGE CO. LTD
Rate for Transfer	Selling Rate
US Dollar	302.900
Canadian Dollr	233.320
Sterling Pound	403.380
Euro	338.920
Swiss Frank	298.130
Bahrain Dinar	800.735
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Qatari Riyals	83.910
Saudi Riyals	81.495
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	Europe		Pakistan Rupee	0.002714	0.003004
British Pound	0.388130	0.398130	Philippine Peso	0.006306	0.006606
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AS FED MEETS, ECONOMIC DATA FAVOR STANDING PAT

the heart of the US Federal Reserve spilled out into the open, with policymakers squaring off over the near-term threat of inflation. And yet as the Federal Open Market Committee prepares to meet again next Tuesday and Wednesday to review interest rate policy, widespread expectations are that, for a sixth consecutive meeting, the US central bank will leave

Since the last FOMC meeting seven weeks ago, the US economy in the third quarter appears to be weaker than Fed Chair Janet Yellen expected when she said last month that the case for a rate hike had "strengthened." The producer price index was flat and retail sales slowed in August after a flat July. Signs of inflation were scant.

The key US federal funds rate has been at or close to zero for a decade. The Fed's hawkish voting members believe an increase should come soon to prevent overheating while its doves believe this risks

WASHINGTON: Two months ago, disagreements at interrupting a slow recovery. "At one level, maybe the doves are beating the hawks, but the facts are that the data are supporting staying put," said Jared Bernstein, former chief economic adviser to Vice President Joe Biden.

Other banks also stuck

Other major central banks are also wrestling with weak growth. Also on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Bank of Japan will met to review its so-far ineffective stimulus efforts. The European Central Bank, which like the BoJ has resorted to negative interest rates, left its policies unchanged this month. While likely holding the federal funds rate at 0.25-0.50 percent on Wednesday, the Fed could signal in stronger terms that a rate hike is coming, if for no other reason than to prevent complacency in the markets. But ahead of the meeting, FOMC members have

remained publicly at odds over what they should do. A week ago, Boston Fed President Eric Rosengren suggested that US had reached full employment and that "gradual tightening" could be advisable. Days later Fed Governor Lael Brainard said the rate hikers' case was the "less compelling" because the downside risks outweighed the possibility of an upside shock. Her fellow Fed governor Daniel Tarullo simply predicted next week's talks would be "robust" while the outgoing Atlanta Fed President Dennis Lockhart said they would be "serious." The flow of economic data in the seven weeks since the last FOMC meeting is with the doves.

"The arguments among those who would raise are based on future projections that have proven to be wrong time and again," said Bernstein. Despite steady monthly job creation, which came in at a solid 151,000 new positions in August after a soaring 255,000 in July, the unemployment rate has remained at 4.9 percent for three months, suggesting that full employment in slack labor markets are still a ways off.

No sign of inflation

Signs of inflation so far have likewise been unconvincing. In July, the core personal consumption expenditures price index, or core PCE, stood at 1.6 percent from the same month last year, still significantly below the Fed's target of 2 percent. Indeed, in a speech in Chicago on Monday, Brainard noted that core PCE had undershot the Fed's target for 51 straight months, making any trend difficult to discern.

This month, it will also difficult for the United States to act alone, according to Joseph Gagnon of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, noting that other economies were mid-stimulus. "As long as Europe and Japan are easing, they can't tighten," he told AFP. "It makes the Fed not to want to tighten because the rest of the world isn't going to support us." "It's probably one of the most split committees in a long time because the economy is such a close call." — AFP

DISSONANT MARKETS A RISKT TO STABILITY: BIS

LONDON: Financial markets have coped well with Brexit and other potentially disruptive political developments recently but asset prices may be running too high and the potential risks to market stability are growing, a report warned yesterday. In its Quarterly Review, the usually guarded Bank for International Settlements didn't explicitly say that stock and bond markets are bubbles waiting to burst. But valuations are high, especially given that the foundations they are built on may not be so solid.

BIS reports aren't known for their stark language and blunt warnings, but they offer an insight into what's occupying the thoughts of the world's most powerful and important central bankers. "There has been a distinctly mixed feel to the recent rally more stick than carrot, more push than pull, more frustration than joy. This explains the nagging question of whether market prices fully reflect the risks ahead," said Claudio Borio, Head of the BIS Monetary and Economic Department.

"The apparent dissonance between record low bond yields, and sharply higher stock prices with subdued volatility cast a pall over such valuations. Banks' depressed equity prices and budding signs of tension in bank funding markets added another sobering note," the Switzerland-based BIS added. Central bank pledges after Brexit to provide liquidity and ensure smooth market functioning if needed, and the perceived shift towards a more accommodative global monetary policy framework

soothed market jitters after Brexit, the BIS said. This helped ensure markets functioned smoothly, especially in fixed income markets, even though the UK referendum outcome took markets by surprise. The perception of "lower for longer" global monetary policy drove bond yields to record low levels, compressed corporate bond spreads, and pumped up stock markets and emerging market bonds.

"As Brexit receded in the financial markets' rear-view mirror, exuberance resumed in full force," said the Switzerland-based BIS, often seen as the central banks' central bank, in its review headed "Dissonant Markets". Borio repeated the BIS's view that central banks should scale back their extreme policy accommodation, and that a more "balanced policy mix is needed to bring the global economy into a more robust, balanced and sustainable

Bank strains

Stock prices are buoyant despite weak earnings, while comparisons between bond yields and economic growth rates across the world's major economies suggest government bond markets are extremely overvalued. Defining overvaluation for bonds is an inexact science, but over the past 65 years 10year US, Japanese, German and UK yields have broadly tracked nominal growth rates in these countries. Bond yields have been well below growth rates in all four for some time, the BIS said. — Reuters



WILLISTON: Pump jacks are seen on the Bakken Shale Formation. — AFP

IN NORTH DAKOTA, HINTS OF US OIL INDUSTRY COMEBACK

'COMPANIES ARE BRINGING PEOPLE BACK'

WILLISTON: In the chilly air before dawn, a handful of men and women huddle in front of a small, one-story building on the outskirts of Williston. They are waiting for Central Command, a temporary work agency, to open. Workers in this oil town in the US state of North Dakota, just an hour from the Canada border, once had their pick of jobs. Many are now looking for any work they can find.

"They don't have very many jobs for us right now," said Heather Scallion, who traveled some 1,300 miles from Arkansas, thinking there was still low-skilled work here. "Hurting for money, honestly," she explained. Nearby, a ragged man in his 30s slept on a couch. Scallion was fairly certain he was homeless, because he slept on the same spot every day, wearing the same

Just minutes from this temporary work site, at the state-run employment agency Job Service North Dakota, it is a far different world. There is a shortage of workers for highly skilled positions in drilling and oil pump maintenance, among others. "There were layoffs when oil really tanked," said Cindy Sanford, who heads the agency's Williston branch. "Now what's happening is those companies are bringing people back."

North Dakota is now seeing hints of a recovery from the bust. As crude prices have rebounded to the \$40 range after a stunning crash, there are signs that the industry is slowly regaining its footing. But the recovery has been uneven, a distinct case of the haves and the have-nots, as skilled laborers see their prospects improving, while the less desirable workforce feels little optimism.

Oil boomtown

The Command Center offices are just across from the train tracks that used to ferry coal, livestock and grains, but now shoulder trains loaded with crude from the vast oil and gas deposits that lie deep underfoot, known as the Bakken and Three Forks formations. When hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, and horizontal drilling techniques made those deposits easier to reach, Williston became the epicenter of North Dakota's oil production.

The industry turned the sparsely populated state into a buzzing hub of investment and hiring starting in 2010, while the rest of the US economy was still stuck in low gear. At the height of the boom in 2014, Sanford said that they could be so desperate to recruit workers they just had to make sure candidates were alive. "We'd laugh and we'd say, 'Breathe into the mirror. Oh, it didn't fog up. Try again," said Sanford.

In those heady days, low-skilled workers could easily earn \$18 an hour. Williston doubled in size in about four years, to roughly 30,000 people. Then, the price of oil plummeted, from highs above \$100 a barrel to below \$30, forcing many drillers to shut down their operations and lay off tens of thousands. Booming Williston went bust.

Hints of recovery

From his truck, Monty Besler points to socalled "man camps," make-shift mobile housing developments once buzzing with out-of-town workers. They now sit empty. "We've lost a lot of companies," said Besler, an oil industry consultant, whose license plate reads "Fracn8r" - as in "frackenator," a nickname given to him by colleagues. Besler has seen boom and bust cycles

"We'll have a winnowing, and in the process the stronger companies will survive," he said. He has reason for such optimism. While oil production still continues to decline, analysts expect it to stabilize next year. Meanwhile, the number of active oil rigs is rising again and they have become more efficient and productive, according to the US Energy Information Administration. "The industry is going to resume a very modest, but positive, growth in supply in 2017," said Raoul LeBlanc, a US energy analyst at IHS.

He cautioned that even though jobs are starting to return, salaries are generally lower than in boom times. "We may never get back to the levels of employment that we had," LeBlanc said. But Besler believes the industry can rise again. If prices can be sustained in the \$50-60 per barrel range, Besler said, "that starts to bring the outside money back in, the investment groups that were pouring money into the Bakken before." — AFP

KENYA OIL RESERVES AT STAKE IN BORDER SPAT WITH SOMALIA

NAIROBI: Kenya's fight to hold on to poteneast direction. Kenya wants it to go in a tially lucrative Indian Ocean oil and gas straight line east, along the parallel of latireserves, threatened by a maritime border tude, giving it more sea territory. The disputspat with Somalia, goes before the UN's top court in The Hague today. The hearings, due to last through the week, are the first stage in Kenya's battle against a 2014 claim by Somalia for the redrawing of the sea border, a move that would affect three of Kenya's 20 offshore oil blocks.

A relative newcomer to the oil industry but one seen as having major potential, Kenya has awarded the three oil blocks to Italy's EniSpA. "I'm confident that we will win that case," Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud said on state radio Sunday in Mogadishu. Leading Kenya's delegation to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) is attorney-general Githu Muigai, who for his part reiterated that Nairobi "contested the jurisdiction of the ICJ to hear the matter."

At the heart of the dispute is how to draw the line of the sea boundary. Somalia, which lies north of Kenya, wants it to continue along the line of the land border, in a southed triangle of water stretches over more than 100,000 square kilometers believed to hold valuable deposits of oil and gas in a part of Africa only recently found to be sitting on significant reserves.

The Kenyan side argues it has exercised uncontested jurisdiction over the disputed sea boundary since 1979, when it proclaimed its Exclusive Economic Zone. It insists also that it had previously agreed with Mogadishu to resolve the spat through talks, not through legal action. "In 2009 the two parties agreed to delimit the maritime boundary by negotiation, and not by recourse to the Court," Muigai said in a statement. But Somalia has told the court that diplomatic negotiations "have failed to resolve this disagreement." This week's hearings by the ICJ, set up in 1945 to rule on disputes between United Nations members, in fact will deal with Kenya's objections to the court's jurisdiction to rule on the matter. — AFP

TURBULENCE AT S AFRICAN AIRLINE REVEALS GOVT WOES

JOHANNESBURG: Spiraling debt, massive losses and a widely-criticized boss. For many, the problems besetting South African Airways (SAA), the state-owned national airline, are emblematic of issues roiling President Jacob Zuma's government and fuelling unease among foreign investors. SAA is "on the brink of disaster", Mmusi Maimane, head of the opposition Democratic Alliance (DA) party, said in a blunt summary of the situation this week.

The airline was going through "serious challenges, including governance and financial difficulties," agreed Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan, who says that without government support SAA is technically insolvent. Financial reports presented to parliament on Thursday-some of them two years late-paint a grim picture: in 2014-2015, the airline made a 4.7-billion rand (\$330 million) loss. While the scale of the problem is beyond question, the cause of the rot is subject to fierce political debate.

Gordhan this month approved an application for a loan guarantee worth 4.7 billion rand-bringing the total in state guarantees to the airline up to 19 billion rand-with a strict list of requirements. "It will not be business as usual," said Gordhan, who is seen as engaged in a battle with Zuma over the treasury's control of economic policy. SAA has been compelled to publish its overdue annual reports, name a chief financial officer as the position was vacant since November, close unprofitable routes and aggressively cut costs.

Misuse of public funds?

"The primary focus of the board must be to



JOHANNESBURG: This file photo taken on May 25, 2010 shows a South African airways flight taking off as another one is parked in a bay on the tarmac at the Johannesburg O.R Tambo International airport. — AFP

return the airline to financial sustainability," Gordhan said. The required measures are considerable, but some doubt they will be enough to turn the floundering company around. The opposition alleges that SAA suffers from an ailment, which it claims, afflicts many of the country's state-owned enterprises: the misuse of public funds by the ruling African National Congress (ANC).

It accuses the airline's chairwoman Dudu Myeni of alleged incompetence. Critics allege she has a close personal relationship with Zuma-a claim the president was forced to deny last yearbut that did not stop Myeni being recently reappointed to her post despite fierce objections. "Dudu Myeni has wrecked SAA and the cabinet decision to reappoint her as chairperson was irrational," the DA claimed. The decision was also seen as a snub to Gordhan, who opposed Myeni's reappointment and who has clashed with a long list of Zuma loyalists after vowing to battle poor governance and graft.

Without naming Myeni directly, Gordhan fired back earlier this year, denouncing "individuals" who abuse state entities "as if it's their personal toy from which you can extract money when you feel like it". The president, for his part, has in public tried to stay above the fray. In parliament this week, he reaffirmed his confidence in Myeni, saying "I have seen her working", while also saying "there is no war between the presidency and the treasury".

'Symptom of broad problem'

The threat of an investment downgrade by ratings agencies has loomed ominously on the horizon throughout the year, and the battle for control of South Africa's public enterprises has investors worried. A recent cabinet decision to entrust the president with oversight of state-owned companies-a task which has previously fallen to ministers-has done little to calm their fears. — AFP



'PRODUCT OF THE YEAR': A SEMINAR ON TACKLING ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

KUWAIY: 'Product of the Year', the world's largest consumer-voted award for product innovation, organized a seminar for FMCG brands on overcoming the emerging challenges in the unfavorable market.

The third edition of "POY talks" brought together a distinguished group of international speakers, consisted of four sessions that unfolded the methods to overcome the current economic challenges by optimizing the marketing budget. Entitled "Optimize Your Marketing Budget in Today's Challenging Economy", the workshop took place at Dubai Yacht Club.

With a goal to support their FMCG clients, "Product of the Year"-Gulf organizes POY talks every year, a platform to support innovation, share ideas, and discuss issues and solutions through specialized seminars. This year, "POY talks" hosted 4 prominent speakers from different industries and the key topics of discussion included:

The Three Pillars of FMCG Growth

• Integrated Shopper Marketing Growth

Opportunities Branded Entertainment: The New **Utility for Brands**

· Digital Media Landscape & Programmatic Explained

Ms Darine El Kaissi - Business Development Director - Product of the Year, says -"There is no doubt that the current economic climate brings complexities in terms of both marketing and customers' confidence. We always provide our FMCG clients the needed support systems through workshops to equip them, with the necessary knowledge and strategies to cope up

with the economy and tackle the impacts." The third "POY Talks" highlighted firm marketing strategies to tackle the highly competitive market conditions with an emphasis on the 5-step marketing model and how FMCG brands could sustain their positive outlook through innovative digital technologies. The eminent Panel consisted of Mr Nathen Mazri, VP of Branding & Marketing for Canadian franchises.

STOCKS HURT BY DECLINES IN BANKS

NEW YORK: Stocks were moderately lower shares of Deutsche Bank dropped \$1.38, or 9 Friday, pushed down, in part, by the price of oil. Investors continue to remain on edge regarding the possibility of the Federal Reserve raising interest rates at its meeting next week. Banks also fell, led by a plunge in Deutsche Bank after the giant German lender said it wouldn't settle with the Department of Justice over its handling of mortgage securities in the run-up to the 2008 financial crisis.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 88.68 points, or 0.5 percent, to 18,123.80. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 8.10 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,139.16 and the Nasdaq composite fell 5.12 points, or 0.1 percent, to 5,244.57. The US-listed

percent, to \$13.38 after the bank said it did not intend to pay the \$14 billion settlement that the US government asked for. Federal regulators have been looking to settle with Deutsche Bank, as it has done with the other major Wall Street firms like Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan Chase & Co, for its role in the mortgage bubble and financial crisis.

Other European banks fell as well. Royal Bank of Scotland Group fell 30 cents, or 6 percent, to \$4.86. The news out of Deutsche Bank dragged European stocks lower, with Germany's DAX closing down 1.5 percent, France's CAC-40 index down 0.9 percent and the UK's FTSE 100 index

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Value (KWD)

week, with the Dow moving more than 100 points four out of five days. Most of the volatility has come as investors prepare for next week's Fed meeting. While most investors do not expect a rate increase, there is a small but noticeable likelihood there will be one.

Vaccine failure

"By the Fed's own criteria, everything is in place for them to raise rates. But still, people don't think they are going to raise rates, so the market is in conflict," said David Kelly, chief global investment strategist at JP Morgan Asset Management. In other company news, pharma-

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or 85 percent, to \$1.29 after the company said its experimental vaccine failed in latestage clinical testing. Novavax has no active products on the market and this drug was their furthest in development.

Intel rose \$1.11, or 3 percent, to \$37.67 after the company raised its revenue forecasts, citing stronger-than-expected demand for personal computers. The S&P 500 is adding a new industry to its traditional groups for the first time since the dotcom era.

The benchmark stock index will now have a real estate sector, which will be split off from the financial services component. The new industry component will be effective at the end of trading Friday. After the split, the S&P 500 will have 11 industry sec-

down 0.3 percent. Stocks have been volatile this ceutical company Novavax plunged \$7.05, are: financial services, information technology, energy, industrials, consumer discretionary companies, materials, telecommunications, consumer staples, health care and utilities.

Benchmark US crude lost 88 cents to \$43.03 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, fell 82 cents to \$45.77 per barrel. Heating oil fell 1 cent to \$1.41 a gallon, wholesale gasoline rose 3 cents to \$1.46 a gallon and natural gas rose 2 cents to \$2.948 per 1,000 cubic feet. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note was mostly unchanged at 1.69 percent. The euro fell to \$1.1151 from \$1.246 and the dollar rose to 102.42 yen from 102.16 yen. In metals, gold fell \$7.80 to \$1,310.20 an ounce, silver fell 18 cents to \$18.86 an ounce and copper was unchanged at \$2.16

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NEW YORK: In this July 6, 2015 file photo, American flags fly at the New York Stock Exchange. — AP

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TIJARA	39.0	37.5	5,000	191	2	39.0	A	1.5
TAAMEER ARKAN	0.0	0.0	88,683 0	1,862	6	22.5 76	A	0.0
ARGAN	160	160	46,573	7,452	3	160	-	0.0
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КВТ	38.5	38.0	556,700	21,181	16	38.0	1-	0.0
MENA	21.0	21.0	2,000	42	1	176 21.0	_	0.0
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NISSAN'S 2017 PATROL MAKES GLOBAL DEBUT IN MIDDLE EAST

KUWAIT: Nissan today announced the launch of its new 2017 Patrol V6 which makes its global debut in the Middle East in September 2016 in complement to the current Patrol V8 lineup while offering the same levels of prestige to a broader customer base in the market.

"The new Patrol V6 complements the legendary Patrol V8 which is considered one of the most powerful, spacious and popular SUVs in the Middle East," said Samir Cherfan, Managing Director of Nissan Middle East. "Our Nissan Patrol business has expanded close to 4 times from FY11 to FY15, and with the introduction of the Patrol V6 we aim to grow by 20% over the next 2 years. "Specifically designed and built for the demands of the region while taking into account increasing consumer appeal for more fuel efficient, practical, full-sized SUVs, the Patrol V6 still retains the high levels of power and prestige that the legendary Patrol is famous for and has earned it the title 'hero of all terrains in life."

The new Patrol 4L V6 was designed for and tested in the region to meet all types of terrain and temperature conditions while delivering the same legendary off-road and on-road capability. It delivers best in class power in the V6 category. With 275 horsepower and 394 Nm, the Patrol V6 offers 12% more torque in the driving range than the competition while retaining the same towing capacity as the Patrol V8. The Patrol V6 weighs less and enjoys lower ownership costs, making it the ideal choice as a practical, everyday family vehicle while retaining its go-anywhere readiness for any kind of adventure.

More practical

Available exclusively in the Middle East in September 2016, the Patrol V6 is identical in design to the Patrol V8 and will be available in both XE and SE grades, each with many optional extras available. Both models have enhanced grade walks and will benefit of new standard specifications such as powered 3rd row seats, meaning they will continue to represent exceptional value for this class and above. Equipped with the Nissan Smart Car Application, the MY17 Patrol is the most connected car in its segment (available in the UAE and gradually expanding across the region).

Its increased fuel economy makes the Patrol V6 an appealing proposition to a wider customer base, while offering better ride quality and a quieter cabin than its competitors. These benefits will make purchasing decisions more practical for Customers seeking prestige and power while prioritizing economic benefits.

Building on a heritage that stems back from 1951 when the first Patrol rolled off the production line, the original 60-series Patrol was initially used as a military vehicle due to its all-terrain capability. Over the next 65 vears, the evolution of the Patrol saw it become one of the most iconic off-road vehicles ever built, winning 26 awards since 2014 and making it the most awarded SUV

"Like the existing V8, the new Patrol V6 offers incredible power, exceptional passenger and baggage space, and delivers industryleading value in a prestige SUV. With this new addition to the current Patrol range, Nissan's commitment to offering incomparable levels of choice to its customers is reaffirmed, and we are certain the new Patrol V6will continue to raise the bar on what a luxury SUV should be," added Cherfan. The Patrol V6 beats its rivals with several milestones including lower engine noise and vibration, better acceleration and a 25 percent improvement on acceleration push on steep inclines. The new Patrol V6 will be available in 7 variations including the popular Platinum grade. Prices will range between USD 47,500 and USD 69,500in the GCC, with local country prices being revealed by each Nissan distributor respectively.

Key specifications

Patrol XE includes:7 Speed AT, 4L-4H Switch - Full time 4WD w/ Variable 4X4 mode, 18" Alloy Wheels, Remote Keyless entry with Intelligent key, Push Engine Starter, Power Door Locks with Speed-sensing Auto Lock, Power one-touch auto windows - FR&RR, Centre Console w/ Lid and Cool Box, Manual Tilt and Telescopic Adjuster Steering Wheel, Leather shift knob, Chrome door handles, Front Auto Dual-zone Climate Control A/C with Rear Cooler, 2-DIN AM/FM 1CD + AUX input Audio System with 4 speakers, Cruise



control, Trip Meter, Cargo net hook, Dual SRS Airbag System with VDC, Hill Start Assist and Hill Descent Control, ABS, EBD and Brake Assist, Rear Differential Lock, Immobilizer with Car Alarm (Vehicle Security System), TPMS (Tyre Pressure Monitoring System) ,Rear Fog Lamps and Hands Free Phone.

Patrol SE-T1 (in addition to XE features): Coloured and Electric outside rear view mirrors with indicators, Chrome Grille, New LED + halogen Headlamps, NewLED Rear Combination Lamps, Headlamp levelizer, DTRL (Day Time Running Light), Woody print Interior dècor, Front fog lamps, Front and Rear Parking Sensors, Welcome Light - FR, Leather steering wheel, Rear view Monitor with camera, iPod(r)/USB/MP3 Connectivity, 6 speakers, Pintle Hook.

Patrol SE-T2 (in addition to SE-T1 features): Pop-up headlamp washer, Remote Engine Starter, Power adjustable driver's seat with power lumber support, One-touch Power Sunroof, Power Back Door, DVD player on 8" Coloured LCD Screen with Navigation, Audio and Bluetooth(r) Hands-free Phone System with Steering Switch, Flash memory Music server, Fine-vision Meter, Crash Sensitive Automatic Unlock System, Drive Computer with built-in Combination Meters, Automatic Hazard Lighting System, Compass integrated in centre cluster

Patrol SE-T2 OPT Pack (in addition to SE-T2 features): Side + Curtain Airbags, Navigation, Rear Entertainment System with 7" Rear Display, Power Assist seat, and Leatherette seats

Patrol SE-Platinum City (in addition to SE-T2): Chrome and Electric Outside Rear View Mirrors with electric folding and reverse link, Electric Rear View Mirror, Leather steering with Wood Grain, Steering Electric telescopic and height adjustment, Front Driver + Passenger Power seats, Leather door trim, Auto Air conditioner with climate control push type, Bose Audio with DVD, 8"inch Coloured LCD Screen with Navigation, 13 Bose speakers, City type front bumper, Roof Rails, Off road monitor function, 20" Machine cut alloy wheels, Side + Curtain airbags, Around View Monitor, Powered 3rd row seats, Leatherette seats, Intelligent key linked to Front door, Rear Hatch, Panic alarm with memory, Door step lighting, Platinum grade emblem.

YELP WARNS CALIFORNIA LAWSUIT COULD SCRUB CRITICAL REVIEWS

California lawsuit targeting critical posts about a law firm could lead to the removal of negative reviews and leave consumers with a skewed assessment of restaurants and other businesses. Lawyer Dawn Hassell said the business review website is exaggerating the stakes of her legal effort, which aims only to remove from Yelp lies, not just negative statements, that damaged the reputation of her law firm.

Though its impact is in dispute, the case is getting attention from some of the biggest Internet companies in the world, which say a ruling against Yelp could stifle free speech online and effectively gut other websites whose main function is offering consumers reviews of services and businesses.

A San Francisco judge determined the posts were defamatory and ordered the company to remove them two years ago, which a second judge and a state appeals court upheld. Yelp is asking the state Supreme Court to overturn the order. The high court faces an Oct 14 deadline to decide whether to hear the case or let the lowercourt ruling stand. Experts expect Yelp to prevail. "There were a lot of people who were unhappy

of the High Tech Law Institute at Santa Clara University School of Law.

Internet giants Facebook, Twitter and Microsoft said in a letter to the California Supreme Court last month that the ruling "radically departs from a large, unanimous and settled body of federal and state court precedent" and could be used to "silence a vast quantity of protected and important speech." Yelp said it would give businesses unhappy about negative reviews a new legal pathway for getting them removed. They could sue the person who posted the content and then get a court order demanding the Internet company remove it. But Hassell disputes the ruling would do anything that drastic.

Her 2013 lawsuit accused a client she briefly represented in a personal injury case of defaming her on Yelp by falsely claiming that her firm failed to communicate with the client, among other things. San Francisco Superior Court Judge Donald Sullivan ordered the client and Yelp to remove the statements. Hassell said the client failed to answer her lawsuit or remove the posts. so she had to seek a court order demanding that Yelp do it. "We have an impeccable reputation,"

SAN FRANCISCO: Yelp.com is warning that a about this opinion," said Eric Goldman, co-director she said of her firm, Hassell Law Group. "We have a right to protect it."

Defamatory statements

Yelp says the judge's order violates a 1996 federal law that courts have widely interpreted as protecting Internet companies from liability for posts by third-party users. A federal appeals court cited the law in a Monday ruling saying Yelp's star rating system did not make it responsible for a negative review of a Washington state locksmith business because the overall rating is based on

In Hassell's case, a three-judge appeals panel has said the order requiring Yelp to remove the defamatory statements did not violate the 1996 Communications Decency Act because the company was not facing liability. That's because Hassell's lawsuit named her former client and not Yelp, the appellate court said. The review site says the law is broader and prevents the courts from treating the company as the speaker or publisher of users' posts regardless of whether it's named in a lawsuit.

The ruling "would really inhibit a website's ability to provide a balanced spectrum of views online and make it more doubtful that people would get the information they need to make informed decisions," said Aaron Schur, Yelp's senior director of litigation. Yelp uses an algorithm to weed out biased and malicious reviews and encourages users to contact the company if they receive a final determination from a court that a review is defamatory.

In Hassell's case, Yelp has questioned the court's finding that the posts were defamatory. Hassell said her lawsuit will not affect negative reviews on Yelp. She said she was the victim of lies and spent a considerable amount of effort and money to get a court to rule that the former client's comments were defamatory. "You can give critical reviews about people on the Internet," she said. "It doesn't mean it's going to be defamation. You can't write untruthful content to hurt somebody."

Goldman of the Santa Clara University School of Law didn't think the courts treated Hassell differently because her business is a law firm, as opposed to a restaurant or other business in the service industry. Daphne Keller, an Internet law expert at Stanford Law School and former attorney at Google, said prior court decisions favor Yelp and she would be surprised if the California Supreme Court didn't reverse the ruling. "It should be a no-brainer for Yelp to win," she said. — AP



BURGAN BANK ANNOUNCES NAMES OF WINNERS OF YAWMI ACCOUNT DRAW

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

- 1. Hamad Abdullah Salem Al Ateegi
- 2. Mohammad Abdullah Ali 3. Omar Faisal Mohammad Al Radhwan
- 4. Ibrahim Abbas Ali 5. Hebah Jaber Jaseb Al Faras

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

Burgan Bank encourages everyone to open a Yawmi account and/or increase their deposit to maximize their chances to becoming a winner. The more customers deposit, the higher the chances they receive of winning. For more information on opening a Yawmi account or about the new quarterly draw, customers are urged to visit their nearest Burgan Bank branch and receive all the details, or simply call the bank's Call Center at 1804080 where customer service representatives will be delighted to assist with any questions on the Yawmi account or any of the bank's products and services. Customers can also log on to Burgan Bank's www.burgan.com for further information.



NEW YORK: In this Oct 26, 2011 file photo, the logo of the online reviews website Yelp is shown in neon on a wall at the company's Manhattan offices. — AP

IRAN MULLS JOINING CAPE TOWN **AVIATION FINANCE PACT: MINISTER**

TEHRAN: Iran may adopt a key international agreement that would protect the rights of foreign leasing companies as it seeks to renew its elderly fleet of passenger jets, the country's transport minister said yesterday. The 2001 Cape Town Convention makes it easier to attract foreign leasing companies by protecting their rights to re-possess aircraft if airlines go bankrupt and is widely considered a benchmark for the international

"We are studying that. If we come to a (positive) conclusion, we will certainly process it," Roads and Urban Development Minister Abbas Akhoundi told Reuters in an interview on the sidelines of the CAPA Iran Aviation Finance Summit. Deputy Roads and Urban Development Ashgar Fakhrieh said the ministry was in the process of getting internal approval to join the pact, subject to a decision in parliament.

Industry sources say a decision to adopt the agreement could make it easier to finance aircraft deals, including a provisional deal to buy more than 100 jets from Airbus. To finance the deal, Iranair is expected to sell most of the jets to two leasing companies and buy them back. Two people familiar with the matter said the airline is in advanced negotiations with leasing company Dubai Aerospace for the bulk of the deal. The company declined to comment.

The Cape Town pact also allows airlines to receive Western export credit for new aircraft at discounted rates. However, a raft of other regulatory and financial hurdles remain before the Airbus deal, or a similar aircraft purchase from Boeing, can be finalized as many banks remain wary of the legal risks of doing business in Iran. — Reuters

OPEC MAY CALL EXTRA MEETING IF CONSENSUS AT ALGIERS: APS

ALGIERS: OPEC members may call an extraordinary meeting to discuss oil prices if they reach consensus at an informal gathering in Algiers this month, OPEC Secretary-General Mohammed Barkindo said during a visit to Algeria, the country's state news agency APS reported yesterday. Barkindo said he was optimistic about the meeting in Algeria on Sept. 26-28. He has previously said discussions in Algiers will be consultations and no major decisions will be made during talks with OPEC and

"The informal gathering was proposed as a move to having an

non-OPEC producers.

extraordinary meeting with the aim of taking decisions to stabilize the market," Barkindo said. Algeria's Energy Minister Noureddine Bouterfa last week said there was a consensus among OPEC and non-OPEC members about the need to stabilise the oil market, and has been pushing for a price around \$50 to \$60 a barrel.

"Algeria has a proposal for participants in the Algiers meeting. Consultations with our partners show there is a consensus around the need to stabilize the market. That is already a positive," Barkindo said. The secretary-general of the

Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries has said the group is not seeking a definite price range for oil but stability for the

Russia, Iran and other major oil producers are due to take part in the Algiers meeting. Several OPEC producers have called for an output freeze to rein in an oil glut that triggered a price collapse in the last two years, hitting the revenues of major producers. Saudi Arabia and non-OPEC member Russia agreed this month to cooperate in oil markets, saying they could limit future out-





AL MAL LAUNCHES TAKHAROJ: A GROUND-BREAKING INVESTMENT PRODUCT IN THE REGION

KUWAIT: Launched by Al Mal Investment Company (KPSC), Takharoj is the region's first web-based application that connects minority investors in Unlisted Securities to offer them big investment privileges in a variety of functions, such as management, representation, policy-making and selling shares. A first-of-its-kind online platform, Takharoj allows the voice of minority shareholders in Unlisted Securities to be heard, empowering them to gain more value from their minority shares in return.

Commenting on the launch of Takharoj, Abdul Wahab Al Mutawa, Board Member and Chief Executive Officer of Al Mal Investment Company (KPSC): "Takharoj's objective is to group like-minded minority shareholders and aid them in becoming part of a sizeable shareholding block to negotiate optimal outcomes. Al Mal Investment Company (KPSC) employs a team of high caliber financial experts dedicated to analyzing the shares of minority investors and proposing ideal short-term and long-term solutions to maximize the value of the shareholding block." The proposed solutions will cater to minority investors who lack control of their investments, whose voices are not heard, whose share value is either stuck or stagnating, or who have a hard time getting valuable financial information or return.

Abdul Wahab Al Mutawa added: "Introducing Takharoj highlights our ongoing commitment to deliver products that not only are innovative but also cater to the market's needs." Clients only need to upload their basic investment information on the secure, user-friendly web-portal so that Takharoj can act on their behalf and in their best interest. The website is designed to guarantee complete confidentiality, meaning no one is able to distort any information that has been uploaded or have access to other investors' information. Al Mal Investment Company (KPSC) is listed on the Kuwait Stock Exchange, and is licensed and regulated by the Capital Market Authority and the Central Bank of Kuwait. It implements and adopts the highest level of ethical standards, internal controls and corporate governance practices.





HUAWEI TRAINS STUDENTS IN THE 'SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE' PROGRAM

KUWAIT: Following the success of the training of Kuwaiti students in Huawei's international 'Seeds for the Future' Program in 2014, Huawei Technologies Kuwait as this year sponsored 15 new young talents from Kuwait University to a study trip to China as part of the Program.

The "Seeds for the Future" is Huawei's flagship corporate responsibility program, which seeks to develop local ICT talent, enhance knowledge transfers and improve the skills and life chances of talented undergraduates. The ultimate aim of the Program is to help young people enter the Information and Telecommunication Solution (ICT) fields. Huawei does so by identifying exceptional young talents and helps launch their career to success.

The two-week program in China started with spending time in Beijing, where the undergradu-



ates received an introduction to Chinese culture and Mandarin. The students then spent time at Huawei's Shenzhen campus learning about the technology industry and the long-term trends in mobile, networking and cloud computing. They also took part in an ICT training course and were placed in training as well across the business. In the past eight years since the launch of the Program, more than 1,000 students were trained from Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.

In 2014, Huawei and the College of Petroleum and Engineering at the Kuwait University started the first season of the "Seeds for the Future" Program. Ten undergraduates were trained. In 2015, another 10undergraduates joined the Program. The 2016 training program followed suit in the success of the previous years, and saw 15 young talents join the Program.

Trevor Liu, Chief Executive Officer of Huawei Technologies Kuwait, said: "As a global leader in the technology industry, we believe we have a responsibility to nurture the next generation of talent, and it is encouraging to see this program go from strength to strength each year. Kuwait is an important market for us and we're committed to encouraging ICT collaborations and developing the skills of talented young people here."

AL TIJARI ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF AL NAJMA ACCOUNT DRAW

KUWAIT: Commercial Bank of Kuwait • Munera Juhail Al Fadle held the Al Najma Account daily draw yesterday. The draw was held under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry represented by Mr Abdulaziz Ashkanani. The winners of the Al Najma Daily Draw are:-• Nassrallah Sayed Nassrallah

KD 7000/-Abdulwahab

• Tareq Mohammed Al Sager KD 7000/-• Mohammed Abbas Habib Al-Rahman KD 7000/- • Mohammad Ali Fida Hussain KD 7000/-

Al Najma awards are now brighter and bigger than ever. With the revamped Al Najma account, all your dreams will be turned to reality. On top of offering the highest daily prize in Kuwait for KD 7,000, now our Mega prize draws got bigger to reach

MASTERCARD PRESENTS NEW MOBILE APPLICATION 'MASTERCARD FOR YOU'

KD 250.000.

KUWAIT: Staying true to its commitment to keeping consumer convenience at the core of the business, Mastercard, a leading technology company in the global payments industry, announces the launch of its mobile application for card products, 'Mastercard For You'.

Available for free on both Apple and Android devices, 'Mastercard For You' is a one-stop shop for all premium products. It is a feature-rich application that enables cardholders in the Middle East and Africa, to explore and enjoy all of the privileges that come with Titanium, Platinum, World and World Elite Mastercard credit and debit

Thanks to the application's intuitive functionality, Mastercard cardholders can discover and stay up-to-date on all of the eligible travel, lifestyle and safety benefits and offers that they can avail. The application also provides cardholders with specific call-to-action prompts to ease and simplify the redemption process.

Key features include the Lounge Locator that allows users to look up the nearest lounge(s) in any given airport along with the location, opening hours, facilities and more; insurance service that includes quick access to digital claim forms during travel emergencies; as well as an overview of all of the offers available with the dedicated Mastercard Buy 1 Get 1 mobile application and the link to download it instantly. Mastercard cardholders can also explore a wide array of offers with top-tier merchants, such as Cleartrip, Careem, Reebonz and Starwood Hotels & Resorts, amongst



others, with only a few quick taps on the mobile itself.

World Elite cardholders additionally have fingertip access to all of the privileges of which they can make use anytime with the premium World Elite Concierge, including making and managing travel plans, assistance with registering for the premium memberships available on the card, and much more.

SAMSUNG SAYS IT SOLD OFF SHARES IN FOUR TECH FIRMS

SEOUL: Samsung Electronics said yesterday it had sold shares it held in four technology companies including US chipmaker Rambus and Japan's Sharp to free up money and focus on its main business.

The South Korean tech giant also sold shares in Dutch semiconductor equipment maker ASLM and US hard drive maker Seagate, it said in a statement. Samsung-the world's top smartphone maker which also manufactures memory chips, TVs and home appliances-has for years bought shares in other tech

firms in semiconductor or display panel industries. "It was aimed at focusing on our core business by efficiently managing the investments made in the past in line with changes in business environments,"

The news of the sales came as the firm is mired in a major recall of its flagship smartphone over a series of battery explosions. The global recall of the Galaxy Note 7 smartphone raised alarm among air carriers and aviation safety authorities worldwide

that banned the device on flights. Samsung sold off half of a 3-percent stake it held in ASML, and its entire stakes in the other three companies for "efficient management of assets," it said. It had held a 4.5-percent stake in Rambus, 0.7 percent of Sharp and a 4.2-percent stake in Seagate. The firm did not elaborate on the timing or the value of the sales. Yonhap news agency estimated the value to be about 1 trillion won (\$890 million), including 600 billion won from the sale of the ASML shares. Samsung

and its sister firms have in recent years divested from non-core operations as the parent Samsung Group sought to streamline business amid a generational power transfer in the founding Lee family.

The group's current chairman Lee Kun-Hee has been bedridden since suffering a heart attack in 2014 with his son, JY Lee, widely believed to take over. The junior Lee, currently the vice chairman of Samsung Electronics, was nominated last week by the firm's board as a new board member. —AFP

SOPHOS LAUNCHES ANTI-RANSOMWARE TECHNOLOGY WITH SOPHOS INTERCEPT X

KUWAIT: Sophos, a global leader in network and endpoint security, yesterday announced Sophos Intercept X, a next-generation endpoint security product that stops zero-day malware, unknown exploit variants and stealth attacks, and includes an advanced anti-ransomware feature that can detect previously unknown ransomware within seconds. Sophos Intercept X installs alongside existing endpoint security software from any vendor, immediately boosting endpoint protection by stopping malicious code before it executes.

Sophos Intercept X combines four critical security components that IT administrators should expect from next-generation endpoint protection.

1. Signatureless Threat and Exploit Detection: Anti-malware and anti-hacker defense that blocks zero-day, unknown and memory resident attacks and threat variants without the need for file scanning

2. CryptoGuard: Anti-ransomware innovation that identifies and intercepts malicious encryption activity, blocks ransomware before it can lock and cripple systems and can roll back maliciously encrypted files to their pre-attack state

3. Root Cause Analytics: A 360 degree visual analysis of attack events that shows where the attack came in, what it affected, where it may have stopped and recommended actions to prevent a similar attack in the future

4. Sophos Clean:Powerful utility that hunts for and removes any trace of spyware and deeply embedded, lingering malware

"Sophos is a next-generation security company that has stayed at the forefront of the industry by understanding the threat landscape, changing business needs and customer challenges. Using big data analytics along with our deep understanding of threat patterns, attack vectors and criminal motivations, we designed Intercept X from the ground up to recognize malicious behaviors and stop potential attacks much sooner in the kill-chain, without the need for updates or signatures," said Dan Schiappa, senior vice president of the Enduser Security Group at Sophos. "IT professionals know that there is no single equation that stops all attacks, so we developed Intercept X to combine several techniques for faster identification and response that are coordinated to better support II professionals without the need for specialized security staff."

Security strategy

Developed as a core component of Sophos' synchronized security strategy, Sophos Intercept X is enabled with the Security Heartbeat to share threat intelligence with Sophos' next generationXG Firewall and SafeGuard Encryption solutions for a coordinated and automated response to attack. The product can be installed and managed remotely through the Sophos Central cloud-based management console that allows administrators to control and configure settings, distribute licenses, add new endpoints and track all activity. In addition, the single pane of glass dashboard designed for Sophos partners shows all Sophos Central services available to provide higher levels of customer protection while offering partners additional recurring revenue opportunities.

Tony Palmer, senior Lab analyst at ESG commented, "According to ESG research, many organizations have extensively adopted advanced prevention products, such as next-gen antivirus and even more are planning to ease their way into advanced detection response. Unfortunately, many enterprises simply lack the right level of security analytics skills or staff to perform these tasks effectually, thanks to a global, problematic shortage of cybersecurity skills. With Intercept X Sophos looks to provide a fasttrack to achieving advanced protection and response capabilities while minimizing the need for specialized security consultants to administer it. In ESG Lab's opinion, Sophos Intercept X has made excellent progress closing many of the endpoint security gaps that still exist for organizations worldwide."

Public beta program

Customers and partners who participated in the public beta program experienced the next-generation protection capabilities of Sophos Intercept X, including the ability to help to eliminate the impact of ransomware by almost immediately recognizing and stopping malicious encryption activity and preventing the attack from spreading across the network. Once the threat is neutralized, affected files can be rolled back to the pre-attack state, saving considerable time, resources and money.

"Installing Sophos Intercept X alongside existing endpoint protection is a no-brainer. Under the beta program we deployed Intercept X to more than 2,000 endpoints spanning more than 70 customer networks. To date we see that Intercept has stopped more than 18 new ransomware attacks and since deploying we've had zero ransomware infections on our clients' networks. We can't imagine the mess these attacks could have caused for our clients. Sophos Intercept X is a must have for any business challenged by different ransomware variants and other threats on a daily basis," said Emily Adams, IT security analyst at Flexible Systems, a Sophos Partner based in Hauppauge, New York.

Bob Appleby of PA Computer Connections, a US-based Sophos Partner, commented, "Installing Sophos Intercept X alongside existing endpoint protection is simple and effective. Having tested the product duringthe beta program we have found that it blocks threats faster and provides comprehensive and straight forward analysis of an attack, accelerating the time from first infection to remediation. This product significantly advances protection for customers with any flavor of endpoint protection currently in place."

Emile Belcourt of Globelink, a UK-based Sophos partner said, "Intercept X represents the next generation of all-in-one protection for the endpoints of tomorrow. It has been one of the most seamless deployments and transitions that I have experienced, and the visibility it gives me into what my click-happy users are doing and how they keep getting infected has been without equal. I'm really excited at being able to share Intercept X with the overworked IT managers I encounter in businesses today. It will make their lives easier and free up their valuable time to do the really important jobs without constantly worrying about the need to monitor what is happening. I'm also looking forward to seeing how Intercept X will continue to develop to keep us in step with the incredibly smart malware out there, but at a price that's accessible to everyone."

James Miller, managing director of Foursys, a UK-based Sophos partner said, "Our technical team trialed Intercept X the day it was available in beta. Everyone is worried about ransomware, so Intercept X will be additional defense for our customers who use Sophos Central and are keen to bullet proof their protection by adding an extra layer of next-generation threat and exploit detection. With signatureless threat and exploit detection, Sophos' innovative anti-ransomware solution and Root Cause Analysis all in one product, Sophos is again simplifying what has previously been a complex and difficult process - and that's what makes Intercept X really unique."



FAA CONTEMPLATING WHETHER MILLIONS OF DRONES WILL FILL SKIES

WASHINGTON: So many people are registering drones and applying for drone pilot licenses that federal aviation officials said Friday they are contemplating the possibility of millions of unmanned aircraft crowding the nation's skies in the not-toodistant future.

In the nine months since the Federal Aviation Administration created a drone registration system, more than 550,000 unmanned aircraft have been registered with the agency, said Earl Lawrence, director of the FAA's drone office. Speaking at the first meeting of a new governmentindustry drone advisory committee, Lawrence said new registrations are coming in at a rate of 2,000 a day. By comparison, the FAA says there are 260,165

manned aircraft registered in the US. The FAA began issuing drone pilot licenses to commercial operators less than a month ago. Already, 13,710 people have applied to take the pilot exam, and 5,080 have passed it, Lawrence said. It's clear the agency's estimate of 15,000 licensed drone pilots by the end of 2016 will easily be exceeded, he said.

The FAA now forecasts there will be more than 1.3 million licensed drone pilots by 2020. Lawrence asked the 35 committee members and dozens of attendees at the meeting: Will there eventually be hundreds of thousands of drones in the nation's skies? Or will there be millions?

Hobbyists and commercial operators alike are required by the FAA to register their aircraft, but agency officials acknowledged that they have no way of measuring how many unregistered drones are in use. —AP



CHICAGO: In this Sept 25, 2015 file photo, a customer tries out a new Apple iPhone 6S at an Apple store. — AP

MEDIA SUES FBI FOR DETAILS ON IPHONE HACKING TOOL

LAWSUIT SEEKS RECORDS ABOUT FBI'S CONTRACT

WASHINGTON: The Associated Press and two other news organizations sued the FBI on Friday to learn who the government paid and how much it spent to hack into an iPhone in its investigation into last year's San Bernardino, California, massacre.

The lawsuit seeks records about the FBI's contract with an unidentified vendor who provided a tool to unlock the phone used by Syed Rizwan Farook, who with his wife killed 14 people at a holiday gathering of county workers in December 2015.

Gannett, the parent company of USA Today, and Vice Media LLC joined the complaint with the AP, seeking to learn more about the mysterious transaction that cut short a legal dispute in which the government sought to force Apple

Inc. to unlock the phone. "Understanding the amount that the FBI deemed appropriate to spend on the tool, as well as the identity and reputation of the vendor it did business with, is essential for the public to provide effective oversight of government functions and help guard against potential improprieties," said the suit, filed in US District Court for the District of Columbia under the US Freedom of Information Act.

'Enforcement proceedings'

In rejecting earlier requests to divulge the information, the government had said revealing the records could affect "enforcement proceedings," but did not elaborate. FBI spokesman Chris Allen declined to comment Friday. The case stems from the FBI's announcement in March that it had purchased a tool to unlock the iPhone, aborting the court fight with Apple that had in turn triggered a debate about the proper balance between electronic privacy and national

The FBI for weeks had maintained that only Apple could help it access the work-issued phone, which was found in a car after the shooting and was protected by a passcode that included security protocols. At the Justice Department's request, a magistrate judge in February directed Apple to create software that would bypass security features on the phone so that the FBI could get into the device and scour it for potential evidence. Apple contested the order, saying the FBI's demand set a dangerous precedent and could undercut security protections for its customers.

The two sides were headed for a court showdown when Justice Department officials

revealed that a party outside the US government brought it a potential solution to unlock the phone. The FBI said a week later it successfully entered the phone using the tool. The lawsuit cites media reports as saying investigators did not find any links to foreign extremist groups

Though FBI Director James Comey has released some details about the transaction, including saying that the FBI paid more than he'll earn for his remaining years in the position, the agency has refused to say how much the solution cost or reveal how it worked. It also refused to share the information with Apple, which had expressed concern that circumventing its security protections could compromise its products.

The suit by the media organizations argues that there was no legal basis to withhold the information and challenges the adequacy of the FBI's search for relevant records. It also said the public has a right to know whether the vendor has adequate security measures, is a proper recipient of government funds and will act only in the public interest. It was the third suit the AP has filed against the Obama administration under the Freedom of Information Act. — AP

ZUCKERBERG'S 'COMPOUND' RAISES RED FLAGS FOR HOUSING BOARD

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg's plans to demolish and rebuild four homes around his property because of privacy concerns, saying it won't support the building of a "compound."

Zuckerberg bought the Palo Alto homes in 2013 for \$30 million after learning that a developer planned to build a neighboring house tall enough to have a view of his master bedroom, the Mercury News reported (http://bayareane.ws/2ceY6FK). He planned to replace those structures with much smaller two-story and single-story homes that would be used as an extension of the family's living, cooking, dining and entertaining quarters, said Kathy Scott, of the Walker-Warner Architects firm working with Zuckerberg on the project. "The idea is just to expand our client's

PALO ALTO: An advisory board recommended a California city refuse capacity to enjoy the property," Scott said. Palo Alto's Architectural Review Board members said plans for all four homes meet architecture standards, but a single family using all four properties would create a compound and ruin the single-family home feel of the neighborhood.

The homes "are part of a larger compound," board member Peter Baltay said. "This is something you might find in Atherton (Calif.): A large estate, a series of guest houses, recreational facilities, movie theaters surrounding a house." Atherton, which neighbors Palo Alto, is one of the wealthiest cities in the United States and home to sprawling mansions. The board voted Thursday 3-1 to recommend the city doesn't approve Zuckerberg's plan. The project will return to the city's planning director, who will decide whether to advance it. —AP

500,000 users download rogue 'Pokemon Go' APP THAT TAKES CONTROL OF ANDROID PHONES

DUBAI: Kaspersky Lab experts have discovered a new malicious app on the Google Play store: "Guide for PokÈmon Go", capable of seizing root access rights on Android smartphones and using that to install/uninstall apps and display unsolicited ads. The app has been downloaded more than 500,000 times, with at least 6,000 successful infections. Kaspersky Lab has reported the Trojan to Google and the app has been removed from Google Play.

The global phenomenon of Pokèmon Go has resulted in a growing number of related apps and, inevitably, increased interest from the cybercriminal community. Kaspersky Lab's analysis of the "Guide for Pokèmon Go" Trojan has uncovered malicious code that downloads rooting malware, securing access to the core Android OS for the purposes of app installation and removal as well as the display of advertising.

The Trojan includes some interesting features that help it to bypass detection. For example, it doesn't start as soon as the victim launches the app. Instead, it waits for the user to install or uninstall another app, and then checks to see whether that app runs on a real device or on a virtual machine. If it's dealing with a device, the Trojan will wait a further two hours before starting its malicious activity. Even then, infection is not guaranteed. After connecting with its command server and uploading details of the infected device, including country, language, device model and OS version, the Trojan will wait for a response. Only if it hears back will it proceed with further requests and the downloading, installation and implementation of additional malware modules.

Trojan

This approach means that the control server can stop the attack from proceeding if it wants to - skipping those users it does not wish to target, or those which it suspects are a sandbox/virtual machine, for example. This provides an additional layer of protection for the malware.

Once rooting rights have been enabled, the Trojan will install its modules into the device's system folders, silently installing and uninstalling other apps and displaying unsolicited ads to the user. Kaspersky Lab analysis shows that at least one other version of the malicious Pokèmon Guide app was available through Google Play in July 2016. Further, researchers have tracked back at least nine other apps infected with the same Trojan and available on Google Play Store at different times since December 2015. Kaspersky Lab's data suggests that there have been just over 6,000 successful infections to date, including in Russia, India and Indonesia. However, since the app is oriented towards English-speaking users, people in such geographies, and more, are also likely to have been hit. "In the online world, wherever the consumers go, the cybercriminals will be quick to follow. Pokèmon Go is no exception. Victims of this Trojan may, at least at first, not even notice the increase in annoying and disruptive advertising, but the long term implications of infection could be far more sinister. If you've been hit, then someone else is inside your phone and has control over the operating system and everything you do and store on it. Even though the app has now been removed from the store, there's up to half a million people out there vulnerable to infection - and we hope this announcement will alert them to the need to take action," said Roman Unuchek, Senior Malware Analyst, Kaspersky Lab.

People concerned that they may face the Trojan should install a reliable security solution, such as Kaspersky Internet Security for Android, on their device. If the security scan will show that they are already infected, the best way to remove the rooting malware is to backup all data and reset the device to factory settings. In addition, Kaspersky Lab advises users to always check that apps have been created by a reputable developer, to keep their operating system and application software up-to-date, and not to download anything that looks at all suspicious or whose source cannot be verified.



BOLZANO, TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE, Italy: These file photos show the mummy of an iceman named Oetzi, discovered in 1991 in the Italian Schnal Valley glacier, on display at the Archaeological Museum of Bolzano, Italy during an official presentation of the reconstruction.—AFP photos

STONE AGE MUMMY STILL REVEALING SECRETS, 25 YEARS ON

'One of the most outstanding mummy discoveries in the history of mankind'

BOLZANO, Italy: When police heard about the frozen corpse up in the Alps in September 1991, they opened a criminal probe. Murder it was, but the crime was rather old-and the ultimate cold case. The dead man, found by hikers 25 years ago this week a snowball's throw from the Austrian-Italian border and put in a wooden coffin at a nearby police station, turned out to have died more than 5,000 years ago. Mummified in the ice, "Oetzi", as he was later nicknamed, was a sensation, providing invaluable scientific insights that a quarter of a century later show no sign of abating.

"The iceman is without doubt one of the most outstanding mummy discoveries in the history of mankind," said Angelika Fleckinger, director of the museum in Bolzano, Italy, where the mummy is on display. "It's a unique window into the prehistoric era, and gives us an incredible amount of information," she told AFP.

Shot in the back

To put it into perspective, when Oetzi died around 3,350-3,100 BC, Stonehenge in England and the first Egyptian pyramids were still hundreds of years from being built. He lived during the Late Neolithic or Copper Age when mineral extraction and copper smelting, which spread to Europe from the Near East, was fundamentally transforming human society. Perhaps the resulting upheaval explains his still mysterious death. That he came to a sticky end was confirmed by the arrowhead lodged in his shoulder, only found in 2001, showing he had been shot from behind.

He would have bled to death in minutes and was possibly finished off with a whack on the head. He had at least had a large meal including barbecued ibex around 12 hours earlier, the con-

tents of his stomach showed. And his untimely demise high in the mountains meant for scientists that he was incredibly well-preserved, allowing detailed studies. Unlike other ancient mummies, Oetzi is "damp", meaning there is still humidity in his cells and his body is untouched by funeral rites. Egyptian specimens are generally without brains and other organs.

The findings include that Oetzi was lactose intolerant and genetically predisposition to heart disease, as shown by his hardened arteries, something thought of before as a modern phenomenon. The 30 types of pollen in his intestines and the isotopic composition of his tooth enamel suggest he lived just south of the Alps. He was from a genetic subgroup now extremely rare in Europe but relatively common in Corsica and Sardinia, meaning that people there and Oetzi have common ancestors.

Albert Zink, director at the EURAC Institute for Mummies and the Iceman in Bolzano, said that studying the bacteria in his stomach could help advances in modern medicine. For instance Oetzi's intestine contains H pylori, a bacteria present in 50 percent of humans' guts today and which can lead to stomach ulcers or even cancer. "Maybe this was a positive bacteria that helped with the digestion of raw meat and later turned into a pathogen," Zink told AFP. "Clinicians are very interested (in our research)."

Lean and tattooed

Oetzi was around 46 when he died, a good age for his time. And with not an ounce of excess fat, he must have been fit. He had brown eyes, a beard, long hair-and 61 tattoos. But these were not ornamental but medicinal. They were where there were signs of wear, and correspond to pressure points used in acupuncture

today. Before Oetzi was discovered, it was thought this technique originated 2,000 years later in Asia. What he did have though was an axe with a copper blade, which would have been a coveted object-the iPhone 7 of his day-as well as a wealth of other equipment.

This included a quiver of arrows, a dagger, two types of tree fungus, one probably for lighting fires and another medicinal, and a pencil-like tool for sharpening arrows. His clothing is also well preserved, including leggings and a coat made from goat hide, a hat of bear fur, shoes of tree bast netting, hay and deer skin, and even a backpack and possible cape. All this, plus Oetzi himself inside a special air-conditioned container, can be seen in the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology, which attracts 260,000 visitors a year from the world over and where queues are often long. "We could say that Oetzi has put Bolzano/Bozen on the map," said Roberta Agosti from the Bolzano tourism office. In fact a new, bigger museum is planned.

Tip of the iceberg? And 25 years after his discovery, scientists

continue to learn more things about Oetzi, helped by the advent of new technologies. Indeed on Monday a major mummy congress begins in Bolzano revealing new findings including on the bacteria in Oetzi's stomach and the circumstances surrounding his death. And one upside to global warming is that more treasures may be discovered, like the snowshoe found nearby that was recently revealed to be 500 years older even than Oetzi. "People are more aware now that there could be more mummies in the mountains, and the melting of the glaciers makes us hope or maybe believe there could be more." Zink said. —AFP

BORNEO LOGGERS SWAP CHAINSAWS FOR CHEAP HEALTHCARE

SUKADANA, Indonesia: The forest around Manjau in Borneo once reverberated with the scream of chainsaws, as gangs of illegal loggers felled ancient hardwood trees for sale to timber merchants downstream. But many loggers in the remote Indonesian village are hanging up their chainsaws in return for affordable healthcare, through a community incentive scheme that aims to save lives and protect Borneo's fragile rainforests. This strategy is set to be rolled out elsewhere in Indonesia, where impoverished communities often reliant on illegal industries for survival are putting enormous strain on the environment.

In western Borneo, where the approach was first pioneered, logging had long been the lifeblood of many communities, providing quick cash whenever it was desperately needed for weddings or health emergencies A single Bornean ironwood-a rare, slow-growing giant prized for its durable timber-could fetch hundreds of dollars at a lumber mill, a small fortune for local villagers. But for Juliansyah, a father-of-two from Manjau, the income was unreliable and the work-often involving days-long missions alone in the forest-was tiring and dangerous.

The cash was gone as soon as it had been earned, spent on medicine, school books or other essential items, he told AFP on the edge of Gunung Palung National Park. "One day you're rewarded, the next there's nothing. You cannot save anything," explained Juliansyah, who like many Indonesians goes by one name. It is illegal to cut down trees inside the park, a critical habitat for endangered orangutans, sun bears and hornbills in southwestern Borneo, a bio diverse island shared between Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei.

His village was eventually approached by Alam Sehat Lestari (ASRI), a non-profit organization based in nearby Sukadana and made an unusual offer. If they agreed to cease logging, the entire village would be granted discounts on medical bills at the local health clinic, and free training for new careers as forest custodians and farmers.

Villages onside

The incentives have worked, says American physician Kinari Webb, who cofounded ASRI and established Oregonbased charity Health in Harmony, its key financial backer. Of the 24 villages surrounding Gunung Palung, all but one have agreed to put down their chainsaws, Webb said. Since 2007, when ASRI started working with villages, the number of logging households has plunged from nearly 1,400 to 180. The rampant destruction of the oldgrowth forest Webb encountered when she first arrived in western Borneo 22 years ago has slowed to a trickle, with degraded areas slowly regrowing.

"There was pretty much never a day

standing right here that you couldn't hear a chainsaw in that forest," Webb told AFP, gesturing to the lush greenery behind the clinic. "Now, occasionally you will still hear a chainsaw... But it's a completely different scene." The clinic, where patients watch videos on forest conservation while waiting to see a doctor, has evolved into the primary healthcare provider for around 60,000 people living alongside Gunung Palung.

Nearly 7,300 villagers received medical treatment at the clinic in 2015. But that caseload is set to balloon when a modern hospital-equipped with operating theatres, a blood bank and vaccine fridges-opens in October. "Green villages", or those that stop logging entirely, are granted 70 percent reductions on treatment. Yellow and red villages-which are on track to stopping logging-receive 50 and 30 percent discounts respectively. But anyone who cannot afford healthcare can offset the cost by collecting seeds for replanting in degraded forest, said Farida, who manages a nursery of native saplings outside Sukadana.

Challenges ahead

In April, ASRI co-founder doctor Hotlin Ompusunggu won a 50,000 pound (\$65,700) grant from the Whitley Fund for Nature at an award ceremony attended by legendary naturalist David Attenborough. The prize money-the second significant endowment gifted to ASRI by the Britainbased charity-will help fund the scale-up of the project. Communities on the islands of Sulawesi and Sumatra, and in the eastern region of Papua, who are dependent on industries like mining and blast fishing have been canvassed, with a second launch site expected to be announced in January. Webb said one possible location is Raja Ampat, a string of idyllic islands in Papua famed for marine biodiversity. Villagers there have been dynamiting the pristine reef to make ends meet, jeopardizing their future livelihood, she said.

There are always setbacks. Satellite imaging, observed by forest guardians who keep a close watch on communities, revealed in June that Juliansyah's village had cleared protected land inside park boundaries. The village will be downgraded to yellow but can always redeem itself, said Fransiscus Xaverius, who oversees reforestation projects around Gunung Palung. On a dirt road separating the protected park from a massive palm oil plantation-another source of pressure on Borneo's forests-a motorcyclist drives past with a load of ironwood slats, likely carved from a felled stump, said Xaverius. "It's very challenging if you want to do conservation work in Borneo," he told AFP, as tankers carrying crude palm oil thundered by. "On the one hand there's people who want to save the forest, and on the other there's people who want to survive."—AFP



KALIMANTAN, Indonesia: This photo shows health workers of a non-profit health clinic, in Sukadana, West Kalimantan province during a morning briefing.—AFP photos

NOVARTIS SAYS MS DRUG CUT RISK OF DISABILITY ADVANCE IN STUDY

NEW YORK: Novartis's investigational multiple sclerosis drug cut the risk of disability progression in patients with a tough-to-treat form of the disease versus a placebo, the Swiss company said on Saturday, citing a new analysis of a late-stage trial. Novartis is testing BAF312 against secondary progressive multiple sclerosis (SPMS), which includes patients whose relapsing-remitting MS moves to a new phase characterized by a progressive worsening of neurologic function.

The Basel-based drugmaker joins crosstown rival Roche in targeting MS with new drugs. Roche's investigational Ocrevus has shown efficacy against relapsing-remitting MS as well as primary progressive MS, for which there is now no approved treatment. Some analysts contend Novartis's BAF312 is an underappreciated part of its drug pipeline that

promises to help the company shake off recent challenges including the sluggish launch of its Entresto heart failure drug and a sales slump at its Alcon eye care and surgical instruments division. "We think BAF312 now has a 60% chance of \$3 billion peak sales. An effective drug in SPMS would have a huge impact," wrote David Evans, of Kepler Cheuvreux, in a note to investors this month after Novartis flagged the positive study in late August. On Saturday, the company presented more-detailed findings at the Congress of the European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis in London. There, it told neurologists and other attendees that BAF312 demonstrated "a consistent reduction in the risk of confirmed disability progression across predefined subgroups, including patients without relapses." — Reuters

CANNABIS: THE NEW CALIFORNIAN GOLD RUSH

ADELANTO, United States: Two years ago, the city of Adelanto, a crumbling outpost in California's Mojave desert, was facing a bleak future as it teetered on the brink of bankruptcy and struggled with double-digit unemployment. "We were about to vanish, to be incorporated into another city," says councilman John "Bug" Woodard Jr. "The place was dying and in total despair." Today, however, the oncedesolate town is firmly back on the map, having joined a handful of communities in California in embracing large-scale commercial cannabis cultivation-a move that smells of success as the state prepares to vote in November on legalizing the use of recreational marijuana. Though California already allows the use of medical marijuana, the initiative to fully legalize the drug-seen as likely to succeed-is expected to transform the most populous state in the US and one of the world's largest economies into a new epicenter for cannabis, bringing in billions in revenue.

According to the Arcview Group, a cannabis investment and research firm based in California, medical and recreational marijuana sales are expected to more than double to \$6.5 billion in the Golden State by 2020 if the drug becomes fully legal after November. Nationwide, the legal cannabis market-which stood at about \$5.7 billion in 2015 — is projected to reach more than \$23 billion by 2020, according to Arcview. Apart from California, several other states including Arizona, Maine, Massachusetts and Nevada will also vote on

legalizing recreational marijuana on November 8, at the same time as casting ballots in the presidential race.

A similar ballot measure in California failed in 2010 but support has grown since, with Silicon Valley billionaire Sean Parker among backers of the latest initiative, which has the support of 58 percent of voters according to a recent USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll.

Celebrities join scramble

For Adelanto, the signs pointed to an opportunity too good to pass up. Last November, the town became among the first in California to permit medical marijuana cultivation. The decision to welcome marijuana



ADELANTO, CALIFORNIA, United States: An uprooted Joshua tree lies on land slated for development of marijuana growing facilities in the "green zone", an area designated by the city for the development of industrial scale marijuana cultivation. —AFP

growers led to a flood of high-end investors rushing to the town of 32,000 residents to buy up warehouses and plots of land in two so-called "green zones" earmarked for cannabis cultivation, local officials say. "All of a sudden, we have people driving over here in Bentleys to look at property," said Woodard, 57, a real-estate agent with wispy shoulder-length hair who organizes an annual jazz festival in the desert.

"Here you have a building that was bought for \$725,000 a couple years ago and now it's worth four million," he added, pointing to an expanse of land dotted with warehouses surrounded by Joshua trees and brush. "When you say Adelanto now, everybody knows where it is." Among the celebrities who have reportedly joined the mad scramble to snag a producer license in the city, Woodard says, are rapper Snoop Dogg, one of reggae legend Bob Marley's sons, Ky-Mani Marley, and actor Tommy Chong, of cult comedy duo "Cheech & Chong."

City officials said they expect cannabis production to easily reach 100 tons annually once farming gets fully underway, bringing in much-needed tax revenue to the decrepit town until now known more for its three prisons than for being pot-friendly.

Blossoming industry

"We are on the precipice of taking over the industry," Jermaine Wright, a former pastor and member of the city council, said assuredly.

"We're doing what no other city has done when it comes to marijuana and this is going to bring in other businesses and manufacturing." The city's cannabis ordinance stipulates that 40 to 50 percent of the workforce must be drawn from the local population, a measure that should significantly reduce unemployment, local officials say. So far Adelanto, which means progress in English, has issued 35 licenses to grow cannabis and expects to hand out more in coming months, Woodard said.

Dan Olson, who owns a company that manufactures air filtration equipment in one of the "green zones," said he has seen the town transform as it prepares for the expected windfall from cannabis farming. "I go out for a walk in the desert every morning and I can see the change," said Olson, whose company has been in the city for 12 years. "You now see all these cars with black tinted windows driving around and you see all these warehouses where the weeds have been pulled and you know it's going cultivation." Christopher Goodman, 59, who is in the process of purchasing several warehouses in the city, said he expects to reap millions from his investment. "The demand is here and the more people get educated about cannabis the more people will use it," said Goodman, who was in the auto business before turning to cannabis farming several years ago. "I'll tell you what, I'd much rather smoke cannabis than drink beer and I mean that wholeheartedly."—AFP

PREEMIES MAY HAVE LONG-TERM **BREATHING PROBLEMS**

AUSTRALIA: Even preemies who receive breathing treatments to improve lung function early in life may have respiratory challenges as children and adolescents, an Australian study suggests. Researchers focused on the most vulnerable subset of premature babies: those born at no more than 28 weeks gestation. These babies are too frail and weak to breathe on their own; they often lack a lining in the lungs known as surfactant that keeps tiny air spaces called alveoli from collapsing with each

When researchers examined data on about 300 extremely small, low birth weight babies, they found these early arrivals were much more likely to have small airway obstruction at ages 8 and 18 than a group of 260 otherwise similar babies who were born full-term and nor-

Furthermore, the preemies had a greater increase in small airway obstruction between ages 8 and 18, compared with full-term babies.

"Since surfactant in healthy pregnancies is produced mostly after 34-35 weeks of pregnancy in the fetus, infants born before this time are more likely than babies born after 34-35 weeks to have surfactant deficiency, and hence breathing difficulty after birth," said lead study author Dr Lex Doyle, a pediatrics researcher at the Royal Women's Hospital in Australia.

A typical pregnancy lasts about 40 weeks and babies that arrive after 37 weeks are considered full term. In the weeks immediately after birth, preemies often have difficulty breathing and digesting food. Some premature infants also encounter longer term challenges such as impaired vision, hearing, and cognitive skills as well as social and behavioral problems.

Friday tripled the active Zika transmis-

sion zone in the trendy seaside com-

munity of Miami Beach after five new cases of the mosquito-borne virus

believed to cause a severe birth defect

were identified in the area. The active transmission zone grew from 1.5

square miles to 4.5 square miles and

consists of a large portion of the popu-

lar tourist destination, Florida

Governor Rick Scott said in a statement

told the Miami Herald that the city will

begin truck-spraying of larvicide in the

zone on Saturday. "We have a serious

problem," he told the newspaper.

"Once again, we must take all reason-

expanded after the Florida

Department of Health identified five

cases in the area involving three

women and two men who all experi-

enced symptoms within one month of

The cases bring the total of non-

travel related Zika cases in Florida to

93 and in Miami Beach to 35, the gov-

ernor said. Three weeks ago, federal

health officials warned pregnant

women not to travel to Miami Beach

because Zika has been shown to cause

the severe birth defect known as

This is a problem." The zone was

able and safe action to eliminate this.

Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine

on Friday evening.

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FLORIDA EXPANDS ZIKA ZONE IN

MIAMI BEACH AFTER FIVE NEW CASES

FLORIDA: State officials in Florida on microcephaly, a condition marked by

For the current study, Doyle and colleagues focused on infants born in 1991 to 1992, just as synthetic and natural surfactants made of lipids and proteins became available in Australia to treat preterm infants. Doctors can inject liquid containing these surfactants directly into the air passages of the lung to improve breathing. Within the preemie group, the subset of early arrivals who also had lung damage caused by time on a respirator or long-term oxygen use had worse lung function at age 8 and age 18 than the preterm babies that didn't have these issues.

In addition, preemies who became smokers by age 18 also had worse lung function than preemies who never smoked, researchers report in the journal Thorax. One limitation of the study is the lack of follow-up after age 18, because lung development typically continues into the 20s, the authors note. Still, the findings suggest that as preemies become adults, they need to make sure to alert doctors about their early arrival and be monitored for potential breathing problems, Doyle said. "Knowledge that they were born preterm and any complications they had should be part of their medical history for life," Doyle said. "They would, of course, also be wise not to smoke."

Parents and children should also pay close attention to any shortness of breath, especially during exercise, said Dr Marjaana Tikanmaki, a researcher at the National Institute for Health and Welfare and University of Oulu in Finland. "It could be a sign of airway obstruction," Tikanmaki, who wasn't involved in the study, said by email. "Reversible airway obstruction, asthma, can be treated with regular inhaled corticosteroids and with salbutamol that opens small airways in acute shortage of breath."—Reuters

abnormally small head size that can

Brazil last year and has since spread

across the Americas. It has been linked

to more than 1,800 cases of micro-

guidelines from the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention (CDC) that rec-

ommend men wait six months after

being infected with Zika before trying

to have children to avoid passing the

virus to a pregnant partner through

expects the Zika zone to be lifted on

Monday in Wynwood where aggressive

mosquito control and community out-

reach measures have been effective

after several cases of Zika were con-

firmed recently in the neighborhood,

authorize an additional \$10 million in

state funds to fight Zika and reiterated

his call for Congress to provide more

federal resources and funding. "Every

minute that passes that Congress

doesn't approve funding means more

time is lost from researching this virus

to find a vaccine to help pregnant

women and their developing babies,"

Scott also announced that he will

The governor also said on Friday he

The Zika virus was first detected in

Adding to concerns are current

result in developmental problems.

cephaly in Brazil.

north of Miami.

he said. —Reuters



JAUREGUIBERRY, Uruguay: Schoolchildren are seen after taking part in gymnastics class at the auto-sustainable elementary school in Jaureguiberry -80km east of Montevideo- Uruguay. —AFP photos



JAUREGUIBERRY, Uruguay: Trainees work during the construction of an auto-sustainable elementary school

IN URUGUAY, GREEN SCHOOL 'PLANTS SEEDS' FOR PLANET

'IF THERE WEREN'T ANY TREES, WE'D NO LONGER BE THERE'

JAUREGUIBERRY, Uruguay: A building made of tires and glass and plastic bottles, off the grid and non-polluting: a village in Uruguay is home to a fully sustainable school-and a bold experiment in green citizenship. On this winter morning in the southern hemisphere, the temperature is 7.5 degrees Celsius (about 45 degrees Fahrenheit) in Jaureguiberry, a tiny community of 500 inhabitants an hour's drive east of the capital Montevideo. But inside primary school number 294, which opened a few months ago, the air easily rises to a mild 20 degrees. "We are doing fine, with a more than 50 percent charge only from solar energy," said Alicia Alvarez, 51, the school's director, pointing to energy storage

"I turned the light down a little so as not to waste it," she said. Opened last March to children between the ages of three and 12, it claims to be the first public school in Latin America that is totally green. The school is not connected to the national electricity grid. From the outside, its environmental bona fides are evident: colorful recycled tires at the entrance, solar panels covering its roofs, big windows overlooking kitchen gardens. Behind the project is the US architect Michael Reynolds, 70, known as the "garbage warrior" for his long career in building self-sufficient projects with discarded products.

Reynolds developed what he calls "Earthship Biotecture"-buildings designed to independently sustain human life. He has built "Earthships" all over the world, from the US state of New Mexico and Easter Island in Chile to Ushuaia in Argentina and Sierra Leone-though he has faced naysayers along the way. "People called me an idiot: building with garbage, what a fool, you're a disgrace to the architectural community," he told AFP. "You know, I was trying to contain sewage and treat it and do all of these things that architects didn't do."

'School full of life'

In Jaureguiberry, about 2,000 tires, 3,000 glass bottles, 1,500 plastic bottles and 12,000 cans were put together with wood, glass and cement to fashion the new school. The project, supported by a local charity and a detergent company, is estimated to have cost \$300,000, according to Uruguayan media. Though it can accommodate 100 students, for now the school has 39, with a wide range in ages. Some are just starting out in preschool and others are in their



JAUREGUIBERRY, Uruguay: General view of the auto-sustainable elementary school in Jaurequiberry.

final year before university.

All of them are excited to be in a school so unique and close to nature. "It's a school full of tomatoes, strawberries and chard. On the roof, life," said a smiling Paula, seven, who was concocting with her friends a list of things to do, and not to do, to take care of the planet. This morning, in the class led by teacher Rita Montans, 45, the students are participating in a workshop of creative writing and brainstorming on the theme of environmental protection.

Each offers a proposal. "Don't throw away trash." "Protect plants." "Don't throw out bottles." "If there weren't any trees, we'd no longer be there," declared seven-year-old Sebastian. The aim, according to the teacher, is to create a code of conduct to follow. "Green crosses" are awarded for good practices.

From garden to kitchen The school is a good example: It produces no used in the garden or the toilets. The teachers have special training so they can adapt their courses by tying them to respect for the environment and the responsible use of the building and its energy. Once a week, the children devote an hour to

waste and, across from the three classrooms, the

compost-fed kitchen garden brims with basil,

rainwater is collected then filtered before it is

the garden, picking fruits and vegetables that they have planted and raised, and which they will eat in the canteen. Sebastian said he had cooked cherry tomatoes. "They are good!" eightyear-old Felipe raved. "There is no better learning than to experience things for yourself," said Alvarez, the director. No matter how these students apply their lessons in the future, one way or another, "the seed is already planted", she



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MARINA HOTEL KUWAIT TAILORS SPECIAL WEEKEND PACKAGE

arina Hotel Kuwait has customized an attractive and indulgent weekend package for residents and locals in Kuwait. At a location where luxury meets modernity, and where an attractive sea view, works harmoniously together with the latest technological systems, guests are invited to enjoy their weekends in style in the midst of absolute comfort. With a multitude of facilities and services, guests can break the daily routine and enjoy some peace of mind with a choice of room packages.

Perfect for a short break or a weekend getaway, guests can choose from any of the superior rooms and enjoy state-of-theart facilities the hotel offers without missing out on other activities including shopping, wellness, sports and much more. They can further enjoy the vibrant white sands of the private beach along with the three pools and the pool bar - all not far away from the ultimate shopping destination, Marina Mall.

The package offers special rates for weekenders in the superior rooms at a rate starting from KD 88 which includes a

he American University of Kuwait

holding several campus activities this week

as part of a comprehensive orientation program to welcome new and returning faculty

come sessions that featured speeches and

including, AUK President, Dr Nizar Hamzeh;

Awwad; Dean of the College of Business and

During the welcome sessions, President

Hamzeh revealed that 24 new professors

and instructors have joined the College of

Arts and Sciences, College of Business and

Languages after successfully completing his

graduate studies in Arab and Middle Eastern

Economics, and the Intensive English Program. In addition, an AUK alumnus has

been hired as an instructor in the

Department of Arabic and Foreign

announcements by AUK administrators

Vice President for Admissions and Public

Affairs, Amal Al-Binali; Dean of Student

Affairs, Dr Hanan Muzaffar; Dean of the

College of Arts and Sciences, Dr Rawda

Economics, Dr Jin Wang.

Studies in the UK

The orientation week kicked off with wel-

and students.

(AUK) underwent its final preparations

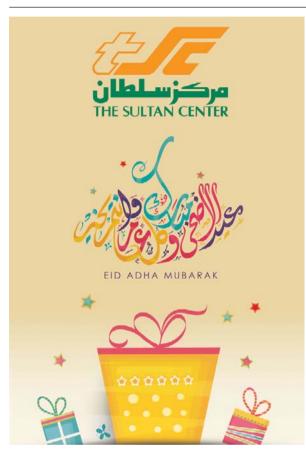
to open doors on September 18th by

buffet breakfast, free access to the hotel's health club, beach and pool area. Guests and their families can experience a luxurious escape after an exhaustive week and indulge themselves with a complimentary buffet breakfast for two persons at the Six Palms Restaurant.

Guests whose taste palettes crave for unique and diverse cuisines can watch authentic innovations spring to life for lunch and dinner at the renowned Atlantis Restaurant with the finest dishes from around the world and views of the

AUK TO OPEN DOORS TO THE CLASS OF 2020

Arabian Sea. The package also includes a 20% discount on buffet lunch and dinner for guests dining at the Atlantis Restaurant. Within close proximity to Marina Mall, one of the best shopping malls in Kuwait, and the Marina Crescent. which houses a variety international restaurants and coffee shops, Marina Hotel is an ideal location for family leisure. The award winning hotel is the destination to be for its dedication to a unique guest experience and high standard of service



THE SULTAN CENTER **CELEBRATES EID** WITH CUSTOMERS

riven by its commitment to share with the community in joyous occasions, The Sultan Center (TSC) celebrated Eid Al Adha with its customers in a cheerful and entertaining atmosphere across its branches in Kuwait. Inspired by the traditional generosity of the occasion, the Eid festivities at TSC included a range of activities promotions and in-store demonstrations and sampling along with displays of exclusive and exotic products imported from around the world.

As children are the most delighted with Eid festivities, TSC made sure to entertain young visitors with exclusive activities and a unique collection of toys and games specially imported for the season that appealed to all ages. Families visiting The Sultan Center Salmiyah, Hawally and TSC Wholesale Center Shuwaikh and Egaliah could participate in tailor-made entertainment programs for children while enjoying an unparalleled shopping experience amongst a rich offering of products. Children indulged themselves in choosing their favorite toys and participated in fun driven activities turning their Eid into an unforgettable experience.

Vice President Amal Al Binali announced the issuance of several scholarships this year, among which were 2 full merit scholarships to 2 new students; in addition to 10 merit scholarships to new and existing students that covers tuition for 1-2 academic years. AUK also continues - for the 6th consecutive year - to offer scholarships granted by the Minister of Education and Higher Education. This year, 5 merit scholarships were granted to students who were on the Minister's list. Other announcements included the anticipated opening of a new building in Spring, 2017 which will house a gym, and a lounge

to their new surroundings. Visited sites included the library, admissions office, the Academic Advising and Learning Support Center, and the Center for Continuing Education. The tour provided students with information and guidance that would prove useful once they embark on their journeys area for the students. AUK has also upgraded the auditorium, classrooms and laborato-

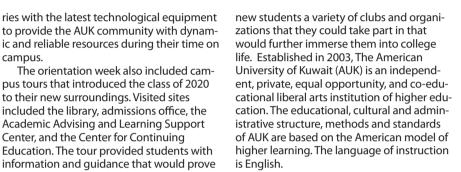
campus.

at the beginning of the fall semester. Student Life's Welcome Week will be kicking off at the first week of classes, giving

to provide the AUK community with dynam-

The orientation week also included cam-

pus tours that introduced the class of 2020



The American University of Kuwait (AUK) currently offers 14 distinct degree programs in various academic disciplines.AUK is accredited institutionally by the Private Universities Council (PUC) in Kuwait. Its business programs are accredited by the **Accreditation Council for Business Schools** and Programs (ACBSP); its social sciences, arts and humanities programs are accredited by The American Academy for Liberal Education's (AALE); and its Intensive English program is accredited by the Commission for Intensive English Program Accreditation (CEA). More information on the American University of Kuwait can be found at www.auk.edu.kw

















NSH'S NOBEL CREDIT TO LONG SERVING EMPLOYEES

he joyful tears of these employees seems uncontrollable. The recent days have been memorable with unforgettable memories as they have been credited for their dedication and loyalty. Their long service appears in them like that of a refulgent star. It has been the talk everywhere, in the offices, work sites, accommodations, play grounds and even in family get together, how these members of the NSH family would feel at this top most long service award ceremony held at the headquarters in the Bahraini land of pearl

NSH needs no introduction. It is the single largest employer in the Middle East, accommodating more than 80,000 from around the globe, most of them from India. This Oil & Gas conglomerate presently has projects worth USD 4 bn. NSH is renowned for its technical expertise, innovative edge, commitment to safety and quality and excellence across all aspects of its multifaceted operations including Building & Infrastructure works, Refineries, Petrochemicals, Fertilizers, LNG Terminals, Steel, Mining, Power, Pipeline projects. To its credit, NSH has the best "best". Recipient of the Safe Contractor in the World, in the Ras Gas job in Qatar by the world renowned Oil & Gas giant Exxon Mobile.

The illuminating event arranged by NSH for

honoring this selected 30 employees, out of its 21 employees who proudly completed their pearl anniversary (30 years), 4202 successful platinum anniversary (20 years) and 9800 completed crystal anniversary (10 years), was inaugurated by Shaikh Khalifa bin Daij Al Khalifa, The President of HRH the Crown Prince's Court - Kingdom of Bahrain and His Excellency Alok Kumar Sinha, the Indian Ambassador to Bahrain. Key personalities from different international organizations, special invitees and NSH senior management team were also present.

Dr Pillai appreciated the achievements and continued commitment, and hailed them as

the company's most valuable assets, citing their key responsibilities. Besides the recipients of this ever memorable long service award from various locations in the Middle East, those from NSH Kuwait include the Vice President Sabu, General Manager Hari Kumar, Project Managers Abdul Rahman, PV Santhosh and Project Control Manager AL Babu.

In Kuwait Operations that started a couple of years ago, NSH introduced several unique employee welfare programs and schemes such as UNO's International Day against Drug Abuse, UNESCO's International Literacy Day, World Heart Day, Employee Engagement, Master Brain Quiz, National Essay Contest for

students, Environment Protection, Parents of Pride, etc. These are a tip of an iceberg. If so, what would be those activities carried out by NSH in the whole Middle East?

It needs a special mention, Padmashri Dr Ravi Pillai, the Chairman of the RP Group always stands first in his paternalistic and guardian approach The recipients, in their acceptance speech, thanked Dr Pillai and team mates for being in thick and thin, built a genetic type of relationship and nourished NSH, a home away from home. It was announced that the remaining long serving employees would be honored soon in different parts of the Middle East.









AL MULLA EXCHANGE CELEBRATES ONAM IN GALA FASHION

l Mulla Exchange, the leading Exchange Company of Kuwait marked Onam celebrations by conducting two back to back shows at the American International School hall in Maidan Hawally. Marking their 133rd and 134th shows, Al Mulla Exchange has been regularly conducting these events as a payback to tomers always in the center of their their loyal customers. Renowned cine playback singers Akhila, Najjim Arshad and Afzal enthralled the crowd with their musical hits. The show started off with the traditional

'chendamelam', a Kerala authentic drum show.

With 68 branches in Kuwait, Al Mulla Exchange goes beyond the ordinary norms of remittance. With their motto 'Beating customer expectations, not just meeting them' Al Mulla Exchange has kept custechnological innovation and improvements with regards to the remittances.

Al Mulla Exchange also has a loyalty point system which is quite

unique. Apart from getting loyalty points for every transactions being done, there are loyalty points being awarded for doing transactions early, referring a friend, association loy-alty points etc. Mr Rakesh Joshi, General Manager of Al Mulla Exchange said 'A customer of Al Mulla Exchange not only gets his transaction credited within split seconds but also has value added benefits like loyalty points, free insurance coverage, free events etc which add to their overall experience.'











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11:00 Asterix: The Mansions Of The Gods 13:00 A Bug's Life 15:00 American Girl: Isabelle Dances Into The Spotlight 17:00 Honey, I Shrunk The Kids

Dinosaur 21:00 Atlantis: The Lost Empire 23:00 American Girl: Saige Paints The Sky 01:00 Hook

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09:00 My Old Lady 11:00 A Promise Louder Than Words 13:00

My Old Lady Jupiter Ascending 15:00 17:00 19:15 The Imitation Game Alex Of Venice 23:00 The Two Faces Of January

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I, Sivaranjani. C , lost my Bachelor of Engineering degree certificate, during my visa transfer process in Kuwait.

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ACROSS

- 1. A condition (mostly in boys) characterized by behavioral and learning disorders.
- 4. A city in southwestern California east of Los Angeles.
- 12. Any of various long-tailed rodents similar to but larger than a mouse.
- 15. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet.
- 16. Cosmopolitan genus of usually perennial herbs with flowers that resemble asters.
- 17. How long something has existed. 18. Imperial dynasty that ruled China (most
- of the time) from 206 BC to 221 and expanded its boundaries and developed its bureau-
- 19. An imaginary line on the surface of the earth following (approximately) the 180th meridian. 20. The principal activity in your life that you
- do to earn money.
- 21. A genus of Indriidae.
- 23. Someone given to teasing (as by mocking or stirring curiosity).
- 25. Pacific newts. 26. A midnight meeting of witches to practice witchcraft and sorcery.
- 28. (Akkadian) God of wisdom.
- 31. A small pellet fired from an air rifle or BB 32. The foot of a human being.
- 35. A soft silvery metallic element of the alkali earth group.
- 37. The Tibeto-Burman language spoken in the Dali region of Yunnan.
- 40. Electronic warfare undertaken to insure effective friendly use of the electromagnetic spectrum in spite of the enemy's use of elec-
- tronic warfare. 44. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls. 46. Made of fir or pine.
- 48. A Russian river.
- 50. Towards the side away from the wind. 51. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on
- a skewer usually with vegetables. 52. Pig-sized tailless South American
- amphibious rodent with partly webbed feet. 55. A woman hired to suckle a child of someone else.
- 56. Extremely exciting as if by alcohol or a narcotic.
- 58. (Babylonian) God of storms and wind. 59. A potent narcotic antagonist (trade name Narcan) especially effective with morphine
- 63. An international organization created in 1949 by the North Atlantic Treaty for purposes of collective security.
- 64. (in writing) See below. 66. A thrombolytic agent (trade name
- Activase) that causes fibrinolysis at the site of a blood clot.
- 70. One of the two branches of the Finno-
- Ugric family of languages. 74. Fabric made with yarn made from the silky hair of the Angora goat.
- 75. Eurasian plant cultivated for its seed and as a forage crop.
- 78. A Turkish unit of weight equal to about 2.75 pounds.
- 79. A benevolent aspect of Devi.
- 80. Being one more than seventeen.
- 82. The bill in a restaurant. 83. A run that is the result of the batter's
- performance.
- 84. Term used in former classifications. 85. (Babylonian) The sky god.

DOWN

1. A Buddhist who has attained nirvana. 2. An Indian tree of the family Combretaceae

- that is a source of timber and gum.
- 3. The Teutonic god of thunder. 4. A tricycle (usually propelled by pedalling).
- 5. A constellation in the southern hemisphere near Telescopium and Norma.
- 6. Type genus of the Sittidae. 7. American novelist (1909-1955).
- 8. Time during which some action is await-
- 9. (Greek mythology) Goddess of discord. 10. The fifth of the seven canonical hours.
- 11. Used of a single unit or thing.
- 12. The seventh month of the Moslem calendar.
- 13. 100 agorot equal 1 shekel.
- 14. The fourth month of the civil year.
- 22. Step on it.
- 24. A French abbot.
- 27. The blood group whose red cells carry both the A and B antigens.
- 29. A master's degree in business.
- 30. Being one more than one hundred.
- 33. Swelling from excessive accumulation of serous fluid in tissue.
- 34. American dwarf fan palms. 36. A public promotion of some product or
- 38. Type genus of the Alcidae comprising
- solely the razorbill. 39. A reproduction of a written record (e.g.
- of a legal or school record). 41. A group of biological taxa or species that
- share features inherited from a common ancestor. 42. One of the often brightly colored and
- branching hornlike structures on the back of the nudibranch (and other related mollusks) that serve as gills. 43. English economist noted for his studies
- of international trade and finance (born in
- 45. Evergreen shrubs and small trees of North and Central America and Asia.
- 47 People of the same race or nati who share a distinctive culture.
- 49. A heavy brittle diamagnetic trivalent metallic element (resembles arsenic and antimony chemically).
- 53. Chief port of Yemen.
- 54. An imaginary elephant that appears in a series of French books for children.
- 57. The branch of engineering science that studies the uses of electricity and the equipment for power generation and distribution and the control of machines and communi-
- 60. Spanish Jesuit missionary who establish missionaries in Japan and Ceylon and the
- East Indies (1506-1552). 61. Type genus of the Otariidae.
- 62. Edible viscera of a butchered animal. 65. A friction match with a large head that
- will stay alight in the wind. 67. A flat device with narrow pointed teeth
- on one edge. 68. Of or relating to or characteristic of
- Thailand of its people. 69. Not fake or counterfeit.
- 71. A tiny or scarcely detectable amount.
- 72. A Kwa language spoken in Ghana and the Ivory Coast.
- 73. (Babylonian) God of wisdom and agriculture and patron of scribes and schools. 76. A member of the Siouan people inhabit-
- ing the valleys of the Platte and Missouri rivers in Nebraska.
- 77. (Irish) The sea personified. 81. A physician who is not a specialist but

Yesterday's Solution

treats all illnesses.

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STAR TRACK

Aries (March 21-April 19)

You could find yourself pursuing more spiritual directions or finding someone who can guide you to realizing your inner dreams and ideals. Your path is toward cooperation and union with others, even at the expense of the practical. This is a great time to reflect and understand your own situation, just how you feel about yourself. Emotions in particular, or the feelings of those around you, may be very clear. Close relationships take on more emotional depth, power and importance now. Nobody makes demands today, including you, and life just seems to flow very smoothly. Time involved in fun activities with your loved ones is an important investment-this binds one to another. Good memories are the windows to a firm foundation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Community concerns may come to your attention this morning and you may find yourself thinking of ways in which to improve conditions. Others value your ability to make practical decisions concerning group issues. You have a natural sense of what the public wants at this time. Your general outlook on life is attractive and people seek you out to help them with their problems. You are a natural guide and counselor. This afternoon you will find a social gathering quite enjoyable. You are at your most elegant, particularly in social situations. You will have a grasp for abstract and spiritual ideas and the ability to present or communicate these to others. Fun conversations develop. This evening you prepare for the workweek ahead.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You seem to be handling your financial situation much better now than in the past-perhaps you intuitively know that budgeting actually has positive results. It is your turn for financial blessings. Close relationships offer a lot of potential for growth and good advice toward future investments is yours for the asking. A marriage or other partnership can raise high hopes and give your spirits a boost. People close to you are optimistic and have good plans. Faith, optimism and a yearning to explore all kinds of new horizons are some of the main points in your life at this time. Travel, education and other ways to stretch your horizons open new doors of opportunity. Religious, philosophical and cultural matters are likely to have a special appeal.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Law, politics, education, travel, religion-these are some of the areas where some emotionally-charged drama will be played. Good fortune and plain old luck surround you today. It is easy for you to make correct decisions, find the right path and move forward where home concerns are present. Life's problems seem manageable and easy to solve. Relationships, whether business, personal or within the social scene in general, are very important during this time and can have a very decided influence on your career and workplace. You may find that a more impersonal attitude is the key. You may decide to make some changes in your physical image this fall-have you chosen the body you want do not give up... Changes happen in little steps.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

You will often pause to appreciate the beauty around you. Something different today has come to your attention. At the same time, everything could take on added importance. Be careful that you do not overspend or indulge too much just now. There is charisma, self-transformation and the development of personal power in your life now. Remember, tiny causes can lead to big effects. This is a time of profound changes on the personal level-psychologically and perhaps physically as well-as if you are transforming into an entirely new person. Insights into your deeper, more spiritual nature are available to you. You may be able to discover whole new areas of your psyche or mind that have been closed up to now. You are clearer as you help others.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You could be on top of the roof or in the basement today. The idea is to inspect and find anything that needs repair within your home or possessions. As you move throughout your living space, be sure to stay safe and have someone nearby if you climb up a ladder. You will be pleased at how little needs to be done to prepare for the winter days ahead. If you do not have time to make these repairs today, you will be making a list of things that gain your attention as you inspect; also note the needed funds. You come up with new solutions. Later today you may be attending a concert, opera, musical or some other fun performance in your city. The best part of this entertainment is the sharing of the event with your loved ones.

Wordsearch Puzzle

Physics 1

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 30 letters spell an Albert Einstein quot

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Libra (September 23-October 22)

Circumstances remind you that time is just flying by and there are things you had thought of accomplishing years ago that you have only just begun to think about now. You may spend some quiet time today in contemplation. You may want to travel-places to visit are certainly great topics of discussion during lunch with friends or family. If you could travel anywhere, give some thought as to where you would go and why. If you are married, perhaps you, as a couple, have a dream to take a vacation to a resort or enjoy an adventure. Find three things you can do now to bring those desires closer to reality. Action now creates positive results. Unconventional approaches to philosophy, religion, law and politics become topics of conversation this evening



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

You find the past, tradition and all that is historical very romantic and the ideal world of yesteryear seems to beckon and call. You are most imaginative when it comes to anything spiritual or psychological-pertaining to the psyche. Others find you entrancing and always able to draw them into your world of images and dreams. No one has any doubt that you are a high achiever-a full-blown dreamer, complete with built-in psychic abilities and probably given to visions. Your creative side is in full swing and others may help you figure out how to pull in some money for your creative ideas. You may be learning all about art shows, exhibitions, etc. If you are not in a committed relationship, now is the perfect time to find your future love.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Obtaining and exchanging information takes on more emotional significance for you now. Being more involved with neighbors or siblings satisfies a deep emotional need. Communicating feelings becomes an important factor in today's activities. The people you are around today tend to be remembering the old school days. Perhaps it is time for a reunion. At this time you may see that your friends want you to jump on the diet train with them. This could be a time to go along as some of their personal changes may also benefit you. You could show off your abilities to bring insight and helpful information to their attention regarding matters concerning health. You are able to encourage each other. It is through teaching others that one is also taught.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Put your mind and body to work and take care of any chores or errands you may have-mental discipline comes easily. Repairs, shopping and such may help you feel more organized and ready for the workweek ahead. Problems and obstacles around your living area, that have previously been confounding, should find easy explanations. You may take an interest in your own psyche, religion and spiritual ideas later this afternoon. This is a time to absorb and take in new impressions and information. In summary, here is a natural breaking point in life, a time to let go of what has been occupying you for the last years and assume a new attitude. Perhaps this would also be a good time to think about asking for a raise this next week.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

Perhaps this is a good time to think and study-you have a real appreciation for ideas and thoughts. You may find yourself catching up on your reading, writing a letter or making a special phone call. A sporting activity later this afternoon will have positive results. You will find your mind beginning to turn away from the material and to be concerned with more inward and spiritual ideas. All of this will become clear soon. This time marks a change of direction for you, away from the material and glitter, toward inner needs and security. You will find yourself more concerned with maintaining and strengthening your position, rather than pushing outward. This should also be a time filled with opportunities and friendships.

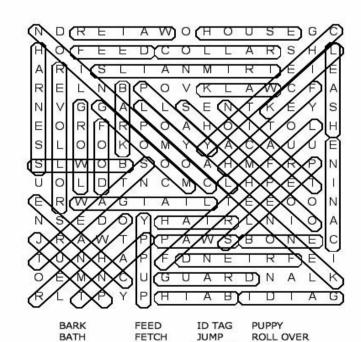


Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You find yourself in a very practical mood today. Whatever activity fills your day, you will manage very well. There may be a few contemplative moments as well. Your home environment, friends and surroundings in general will hold your attention. You could be visiting and discussing different ways in which to enjoy the weekends this fall season. Perhaps this includes season passes, group sports, exercise activities or plans for one night out a week with friends. You could talk about setting up a time schedule for some sort of refurbishment project around your home, before the winter months begin. You are a revolutionary when it comes to the domestic scene. You have very special insights to share.

Yesterday's Solution

Pet Dog



HARNESS COMPANION PAWS WALK **FAITHFUL** HOUSE

The hidden message is: DOGS LOVE YOU UNCONDITIONALLY

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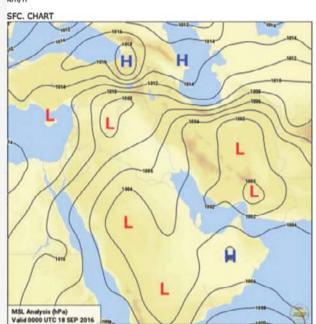
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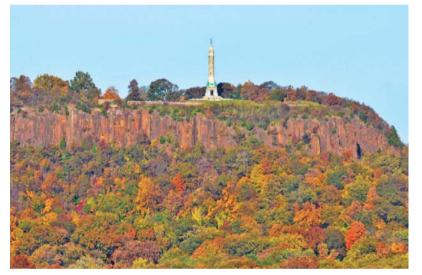


A day in New Haven

Art, bells and of course pizza



You don't have to go to Yale to have fun in New Haven. Best of all, you don't have to pay Ivy League tuition prices. New Haven has lots of top-notch free attractions, from art museums to carillon concerts - though you will have to pay to try the city's famous pizza.



This undated photo provided by Yale University shows autumn leaves on the trees beneath the summit of East Rock Park in New Haven, Conn.



Photo shows the Long Gallery on the fourth floor of the Yale Center for British Art in New Haven, Conn.



Photo shows the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library on the campus of Yale University.

Museums

There are two outstanding art museums near campus. At 1111 Chapel St, the Yale University Art Gallery's collection includes Joseph Stella's kaleidoscopic "Brooklyn Bridge," Van Gogh's desolate "Night Cafe," a Yosemite landscape by Albert Bierstadt and Thomas Hart Benton's "Weighing Cotton," a 1939 depiction of African-American children and others in a field with bags of harvested cotton resembling bleached bones.

The Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St, offers works going back centuries, from portraits and landscapes, including masterpieces by J.M.W. Turner, to exotic depictions of Britain's far-flung colonial empire. An exciting contemporary gallery features artists like Damien Hirst and David Hockney. Through Dec 11, contemporary exhibitions include a show themed on Britain's colonial legacy by British Nigerian artist Yinka Shonibare, who uses wax-printed fabric as a symbol of global trade and imperialism. Shonibare's work is paired with art by other Brits exploring racial identity, including Chris Ofili's etchings of black men in feathered ruffs. Also on Chapel Street, The Study at Yale boutique hotel offers stylish accommodations.

Architecture

Both art museums are housed in important modernist buildings by famed architect Louis Kahn with sleek glass and steel exteriors. The gallery's lobby ceiling is composed of complex tetrahedron shapes, while the British museum galleries are suffused with natural light. Another stunning building, the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, 121 Wall St, just reopened after renovations. Inside, light filters serenely through marble panels, softly illuminating the colored stone's veins. A six-storey glass tower houses thou-

sands of antique volumes. Exhibits include a Gutenberg Bible and Audubon's "Birds of America."

In contrast to these modern structures, most campus buildings are Gothic-revival style, with towers, turrets and arches. Depending on your frame of reference, they'll remind you of Harry Potter or Oxford.

Bells

Yale's Guild of Carillonneurs plays everything from hymns to Broadway tunes on the 54 bells inside Harkness Tower. The magical tones ring out from the tower at 74 High St twice daily, for a half-hour at 12:30 pm and an hour at 5:30 pm.

New Haven is famous for pizza, with a longtime rivalry between Sally's Apizza, 237 Wooster St, and Frank Pepe, 157 Wooster. Pepe's opens at 11 am, Sally's at 4 pm, so you can sample both in one day. Both serve delicious thin-crust pizza made in coal-fired ovens, and both offer tomato pies as well as regular mozzarella cheese pizza (small pies, \$9). Pepe's is a bit spiffier than Sally's and also serves an excellent salad of seasonal greens. Students like Yorkside Pizza, which is closer to campus, 288 York St

New Haven has lots of metered street parking, but watch where you park on Wooster Street. I didn't notice signs requiring residential permits, and got a \$30 ticket near Sally's. Other popular eateries include Claire's Corner Copia, a vegetarian cafe, 1000 Chapel St; Union League Cafe, a French restaurant, 1032 Chapel St; and Miya's Sushi,

68 Howe St, whose chef is a James Beard-award nominee. Louis Lunch, 263 Crown St, originated as a lunch wagon in 1895 and was recognized by the Library of Congress as the US birthplace of the hamburger. Burgers are cooked medium-rare in antique cast-iron gas grills, served on white toast. I'd heard that Louis doesn't have ketchup, but



The Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in East Rock Park, New Haven, Conn.

just in case, I asked if I could get ketchup with a to-go order. "It's in the bag," the counterman said. "So it's a myth that you don't have ketchup?" I asked. "It's not in the bag," he admitted. "But I didn't want to yell at you." It wasn't in

History

The Puritans founded New Haven in 1638 and laid the city out on a grid with nine squares. The central commons, New Haven Green, is a downtown park and National Historic Landmark. Yale has been here since 1718. The Grove Street Cemetery, 227 Grove St, (open 9 am, last entry 3:30 pm), dates to 1796.

Many old stones bear no inscription, the words worn away over time. Notables buried here include Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin. A white marker memorializes several Africans who died in New Haven after being imprisoned for a rebellion and takeover of the Amistad slave ship in 1839. Slavery's legacy is still shaking things up in New Haven. You may encounter student protesters asking Yale to change the name of Calhoun College because alumnus John C. Calhoun was a strong defender of slavery.

East Rock Park

Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, a tower near the summit of East Rock Park, can be seen from all over New Haven. The 1887 tower honors those who died in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War and the Civil War.

East Rock Park is a heavily wooded park and is popular with runners and bikers. Hikers use Giant Steps Trail to reach the summit. But you can also drive up for a panoramic view of New Haven all the way to the waters of Long Island Sound. — AP



Photo shows hamburgers waiting to be cooked at Louis Lunch, a longtime eatery in New Haven, Connecticut, that began as a lunchwagon in the 1890s.



Photo shows a pizza at Frank Pepe, a famous pizzeria in New Haven, Conn, known for thin crust pies made in a coal-fired oven.

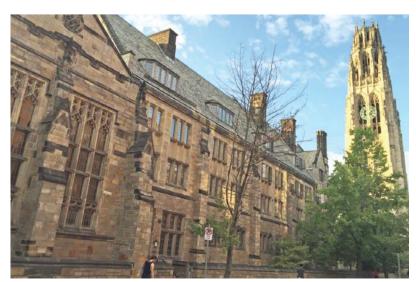


Photo shows Harkness Tower on the campus of Yale University.





Gucci Mane performs during the BET Hip-Hop Awards.



Snoop Dogg honored in politically charged

BETX **AWARDS**

noop Dogg said he initially felt misunderstood at the beginning of his rap career that ended up turning into a legendary one while accepting his "I Am Hip Hop" honor during a politically-charged BET Hip-Hop Awards show near Atlanta. Rapper Kendrick Lamar surprised attendees Saturday evening by introducing and handing Snoop the award during the 11th annual awards, which was taped. Lamar, in front of a



Hip-hop artist Jeezy poses on the green carpet for the BET Hip-Hop Awards.

packed crowd at the Cobb Energy Performing Centre, said the ultrasmooth West Coast rapper "paved a way into many hearts" with his authentic rap flow and infectious persona. Hip-hop royalty from Dr. Dre to Pharrell Williams paid homage to Snoop, a legend in his own right. "He mastered the game through tests and challenges that earned him the respect of a college professor, except his game came from the streets," Lamar said. "He put (me) on game, so I would avoid the same pitfalls. ... Snoop Dogg was the God, and continues to be so." During his acceptance speech, Snoop encouraged up-andcoming rappers to continue to "push the envelope" in being creative and original.

"To all the young rappers in the game, a lot of people don't understand you. Y'all are misunderstood," he said. "I was misunderstood at the beginning. So you got to keep pushing, be original and diverse. Hip-hop was created many years ago and it's taken people so many places. You have to be who you are."



Lecrae performs during the BET Hip-Hop Awards.

When Snoop Dogg wasn't being honored, the show focused its attention toward police brutality of African-Americans.

Wearing all black, T.I. performed his politically-charged song "We Will Not" as a stage full of people sporting dark attire held up "Black Lives Matter" signs. The



Hip-hop artist 21 Savage poses on the green carpet.

rapper said he was motivated to write the song after hearing about a series of deaths of black people including Sandra Bland, who died while in police lockup after a traffic stop, and Philando Castile who was fatally shot by police during a

Castile was licensed to carry and had a firearm in his car. Rapper Big K.R.I.T. and Lecrae, a Christian rapper, expressed their thoughts on the matter through their own poems and radio host Sway Calloway stood alongside Khaled and said "we're at war." Actor Shameik Moore encouraged people to cast their vote.

Blacks should unite

T.I. said at the end of his performance

that blacks should unite adding that "they can't kill us all." Before the show, Snoop said it felt "amazing" to be honored by the network. He broke through under the guidance of hit maker Dr. Dre, releasing his 1993 debut album "Doggystyle," which featured iconic songs including "Gin and Juice" and "What's My Name?" "He means so much to hip-hop," rapper Young Jeezy said. "There are so many who look up to him. He paved a way for so many, and that's why everybody knows him as Uncle Snoop."

Rapper Gucci Mane, recently released from prison, hit the stage first. He performed four songs, kicking his set off with "First Day Out" and "First Day Out Tha Feds" during his performance. The rapper made his return after being released in late May from a Federal Correctional Institution in Terre Haute, Indiana. He served a three-year sentence after pleading guilty to aggravated assault for attacking a fan at an Atlanta nightclub. That sentence ran concurrently with a 39-month federal sentence he was given in 2014 for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. First-time host DJ Khaled followed with "Holy Key" with soul singer Betty Wright and a choir dressed in gold.

There were several recorded freestyle sessions, known as The Cypher, featuring several artists including Lil Wayne and comedian Kevin Hart, who rapped shirtless wearing dark sunglasses. During Hart's rap, some laughed while other applauded his efforts. Lamar took home Lyricist of the Year, Fat Joe and Remy Ma won Track of the Year award for their song "All the Way Up." The Hustler of the Year honor went to DJ Khaled, and Best New Hip-Hop Artist was earned by Chance the Rapper, who was not in attendance. Rapper Desiigner closed out the show with "Timmy Turner." The show will air on BET on Oct 4. — AP



Fat Joe, left, and Remy Ma, accept the Track of the Year award for "All the Way Up".



gestures during a performance at the BET Hip-Hop Awards.





DJ Khaled hosts the BET Hip-Hop Awards.



Rapper Kendrick receives the Lyricist of the Year award.



Hip-hop artist Young M.A. poses on the green carpet.



Hip-hop DJ Khaled, right, greets Caiden, the son of hip-hop artist Consequence on the green carpet.







Models wear creations by designer Jasper Conran during his Spring/Summer 2017 runway show at London Fashion Week in London. — AP/AFP photos

Stripes, sparkles, tough love at day 2 of London Fashion Week



ummer may be well and truly over in London - but the fashion crowd is already looking forward to what's hot next spring. Jasper Conran, Julien Macdonald and Emilia Wickstead were among the labels showcasing their new season collections on the second day of London Fashion Week, which also saw Versus by Versace return to the event. Here are some of Saturday's highlights:

Summery stripes at Jasper Conran

An autumnal chill is in the air, but for 15 minutes everyone at Jasper Conran's show enjoyed a mini holiday in sunnier climes. The British designer evoked a romantic summer escapade with a cool collection of crisp shirt-dresses, flowing kaftans, elegant ankle-length A-line skirts and pinafores, all worn with flat nude sandals, carefree tote bags and unfussy up-dos. The shapes were modern and minimal, letting the giant gingham checks and geometric pleating do all the talking.

The standout look was big, bold stripes - in crisp white with cherry red, bright blue or sunny yellow. The show closed with a series of pretty sheer pastel evening dresses, all embroidered with delicate flowers.





Tough love at Versus Versace

Versus, the spin-off label of Versace, returned to the London show circuit with a new collection promising "real attitude." That's clear from the very first outfit that opened the show: A smoldering all-black ensemble of thigh-baring hot pants, a leather jacket and knee-high biker boots.

This was fierce, aggressive femininity, all shiny black leather adorned with big buckles, silver hardware and chokers. Then came sporty olive green nylon coats and cropped khaki bombers with padded shoulders, worn with aviator sunglasses and the haughtiest of pouts.

There wasn't much color, and when it did appear it made a big impact - think an outfit of a barely-there bra top, skinny jeans and parka, all in a striking mango yellow. This being Versace, animal prints couldn't be amiss, this time in the form of a vertical stripe patchwork print. The evening wear that closed the show continued the young urban vibe, featuring





slinky silver and torn denim - a combo that Donatella Versace herself chose to wear for her

Sweet and pale hues at Wickstead Designer Emilia Wickstead put a welcome brake on the catwalk-as-spectacle trend with a subtle show that celebrated femininity without putting it on raucous display. Wickstead used a series of subtle, pale hues, and a dreamy chiffony drape to give some of her full-length dresses a classic, timeless feel. There was beauty in the detail, and a welcome sense of restraint. The models even wore comfortable flat shoes they were able to walk in without evident pain, giving the show a relaxed feel. There were imaginative jumpsuits, nicely tailored, and some stomach-baring outfits that inadvertently showed off a few of the models' tattoos, which weren't part of the design but served to humanize the show. When Wickstead did indulge in brighter colors, she made some creative mixes, pairing orange with a dark pink and using splashy polka dots to set off some outfits. A few dresses harkened back to the 1960s, but she was light on the nostalgia. "We were very excited, very enthused," said "Game of Thrones" actress Rose Leslie, having a prosecco after attending the show with a friend. Would she want the outfits? "Of course," she said. "Who wouldn't?" added her friend.



David Beckham has made another foray into the world of fashion, this time working with British heritage brand Kent & Curwen to debut its new menswear collection.

The always immaculately groomed former soccer star wore a smart navy coat for his



appearance at London Fashion Week Saturday to help promote the brand, which he partowns. Kent & Curwen describes the clothes as a "meeting of heritage and modernity," and fittingly there is a strong sporty element - think striped rugby shirts, T-shirts and casual outdoorsy jackets. — AP















Models present creations by Italian designer Versace's Versus label during the 2017 Spring / Summer catwalk show at London Fashion Week in London.



Jacobs' New York Fashion Week show used 12,500 hand-dyed woolen dreadlocks

he designer sent his models, including Bella Hadid and Kendall Jenner, down the runway on Thursday sporting colorful synthetic locs in around 200-300 different colors, and each one had been carefully hand-dyed and spun by mother-and-daughter team Dreadlocks by Jena.

Hairstylist Guido Palau said: "Marc first started talking about this at the end of July. He's really inspired by Lana Wachowski's hair that we used [in the fall ad campaign]. "She's got these beautiful, coloured wool hair extensions. Then we had to find out where to get the hair from, so we looked on the internet and Jena was down in Florida making wool-dyed hair!"

Each of the models took around 90 minutes to complete, leading to worries about getting everyone ready on time. However, Guido said of Jena: "She stepped up to it, it was great." Despite criticisms of cultural appropriation, the hairdresser doesn't think they are right and insisted Rasta culture was "not at all" an influence. He told People Style: "I don't really think about that. I take inspiration from every culture. Style comes from clashing things. It's always been there-if you're creative, if you make food, music, and fashion, whatever, you're inspired by everything."

Instead, as well as filmmaker Wachowski, he also sought inspiration from Boy George, rave culture and the internet. He added "What's fun for me about it is to do something that's so fun to look at-when you see it with the clothes, they become very, very tall. They almost look like they've stepped out of a computer. They look like illustrations at some point, when you see them dressed. And those Harajuku girls, I love the way they are so extreme and it's such a total look and they do it so well." — Bang Showbiz













Former football star David Beckham attend the Victoria Beckham Spring Summer 2017 show at New York Fashion Week in New York.









Models present creations by designer

Ruth Wilson wishes she could wear 'big gowns'

he 'Affair' actress would love to done a spectacular dress for a red carpet events, but doesn't think they look right on her petite frame. She said: "There are certain things I would love to rock on the red carpet, which I probably can't. "Like I love big gowns, these massive outfits, but I drown in too much material so I can't really wear them. You have to be tall and long enough to wear one of those big modeltype outfits." While some stars don't enjoy dressing up for the red carpet, the 34-year-old actress embraces the chance to show off something spectacular.

She told People Style: "It's enjoyable to wear these outfits, and you get the opportunity to wear some brilliant clothes." And Ruth admits she is more "brave" with her ensembles than she used to be, having gone through a "boring" phase. Discussing

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But the 'I Am the Pretty Thing That Lives in the House' actress hasn't always looked polished on the red carpet, and is still haunted by an "awful" pink high street dress she wore to the Moet Mirage party at the Opera Holland Park in London nine years ago. She admitted: "There's a photo that exists somewhere of me in this awful bright pink dress that I bought from somewhere like Zara or H&M or something and I was wearing a black beret with it. I look sort of bizarre. I look like a school girl from Mars." — Bang Showbiz



An Indian performer painted as a tiger takes part in the 'Pulikali', or Tiger Dance, in Thrissur. The folk-art event is held every year in the town during the 'Onam' festival. — AFP

China pushes Tibetan tourism while critics fear impact



A construction site behind chalets of the Artel hotel in Lulang, near Journalists walking past empty buildings in Lulang, near Nyingchi in A woman standing in a kitchen of a family hotel in Zhaxiging, near Nyingchi in China's Tibet Autonomous Region. — AFP photos



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hina has unveiled a sparkling new hotel as part of its drive to get tens of millions more tourists to visit Tibet, even as critics say the push is slowly eroding the local culture. With a presidential suite that costs \$1,000 a night and views over the snow-capped mountains of the Himalayas, the luxury Artel hotel is a potent symbol of Chinese plans for the autonomous territory. Tourism officials are hoping to see visitor numbers increase by nearly 50 percent in the next four years, said Wang Songping, deputy director of the Tibet Tourism Development Commission. "Tibet attracted four million Chinese tourists in 2005. We hope we'll get 24 million this year and 35 million by 2020," he said.

Critics say the influx will lead to more of China's dominant Han ethnic group settling in Tibet and eroding native Tibetan ways of life, and argue the majority of economic benefits of mass tourism will not go to locals. Official figures say that Tibetans currently make up 90 percent of the local population, but groups opposed to Chinese rule say the real figure is significantly lower. Beijing says it "peacefully liberated" Tibet in 1951 and insists it has brought development to a previously backward region where serfs were exploited. But many Tibetans accuse Beijing of repressing their religion, diluting their culture and exploiting natural resources to benefit the Han at the expense of locals and the environment.

Switzerland of the East

The 103-room Artel opened in mid-August in Lulang, a picturesque village situated at 3,700 meters (12,100 feet) in a southeastern forested area in the autonomous region of Tibet. It is part of a tourist complex built in an old part of town previously occupied mostly by government buildings and restaurants, that now boasts its own shopping street, a lake and an arts Centre. Nicknamed the "Switzerland of the East", the village is seen by authorities as a flagship project for its ambitious plans for Tibet's tourist sector. Transport links are being developed to cater for the influx, including a motorway opening next year, and a highspeed rail line from the capital Lhasa, expected to open in 2021. Another high-speed rail line to Chengdu, capital of neighboring Sichuan province, home to more than 80 million people, should be completed in 2022. Wang said the number of Chinese tourists, who currently make up 95 percent of visitors to Tibet, has increased by an average of 20 percent each year since the 2006 opening of the first railway linking Tibet to the rest of China. But while outside visitors can boost the local economy, mass tourism has down sides, said Tibet expert Françoise Robin.

"Cultural performances shown to visitors are either favorable reinterpretations of Chinese history or Chinese versions of songs or dances," she said. "Tibetans themselves end up picking up these distorted versions." And while some Tibetans were developing responsible tourism initiatives and eco-tourism, such businesses could often not be developed on a large scale, she said.

'Last in line to benefit'

The influx of tourists is expected to bring in billions of dollars but many are concerned that not everyone will benefit from the windfall. "Travel agents and other people who work in the tourism industry are mostly Han Chinese", said Robin. "The Tibetans... are among the last in line to benefit."

At the Artel hotel, Baima Cicuo, a 17-yearold local trainee who works as a housekeeper, said she was happy in her job-at least in front of her boss. "Before, I depended on my farmer parents. But now I earn 1,000 yuan a month and I learn a lot of things," she said in fluent

The hotel, owned by Poly, a Chinese stateowned group, has invested 280 million yuan (\$42 million) in the project, says commercial director Ray Peng. It currently has 40 employees, 15 of whom are Tibetan. Its guests are likely to be overwhelmingly Chinese. Less than five percent of visitors to Tibet are foreign



Empty buildings in Lulang, near Nyingchi in China's Tibet Autonomous Region.



Journalists (left) and government photographers (right) taking pictures of a worker cleaning a bed in a room of the Artel hotel in Lulang.

tourists, who need to obtain an "entry letter" as well as a Chinese visa when travelling to the region, where they must join an authorized tour group.

Despite the widespread perception that the restrictions are meant to stop the outside world from learning too much about the tensions between ethnic Tibetans and Han, officials insist that is not the case.

"These restrictions are in place because we can't yet provide world class services for tourists", said Bianba Zhaxi, deputy governor of Tibet. "We will be open to tourists from across the world in a few years," he added. But Acharya Yeshi Phuntsok, deputy speaker of Tibet's parliament in exile, said the restrictions serve to hide the truth about Tibet from the outside world.

"If foreign tourists and media are able to travel freely in Tibet, without organized tours, and can collect the views of people, then I think tourism can have a good impact. "Otherwise, nobody will speak and share the problems of the Tibetan people." — AFP