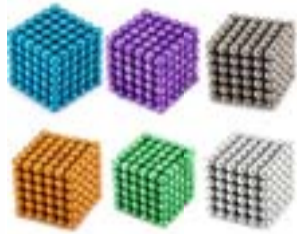




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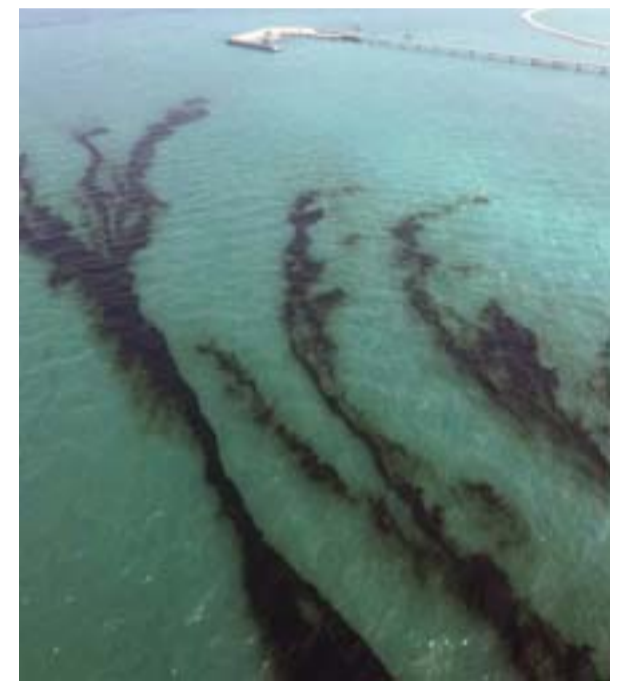
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ANOTHER 'ABDALY CELL' FUGITIVE ARRESTED: MOI

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Interior announced yesterday the arrest of another convict of the terror group known as the "Abdaly cell" late Saturday. Mustafa Abdulnabi Ali Bader Khan, a Kuwaiti who is sentenced to 10 years in jail, was arrested as part of the ministry's efforts in executing the ruling of the cassation court, a ministry statement said. The security bodies will continue an intensive search for the other convict still at large, it added.



The ministry on Saturday announced the capture of 12 convicts of the cell, who went missing last month. A ministry statement said the convicts were apprehended in different parts of the country, while a search was ongoing for two more individuals. In Sept 2015, the public prosecution indicted a number of individuals for acts that threatened national security and unity. The defendants were accused of providing intelligence to Iran and Hezbollah, as well as housing weapons, ammunition and communication devices. — KUNA



Photos released by the Environment Public Authority show an oil spill near southern Ras Al-Zour in Arabian Gulf waters. — AP

By Nawara Fattahova and Agencies

KUWAIT: Emergency workers are battling to contain an oil spill near a joint Kuwaiti-Saudi oilfield that stained beaches, threatened to damage power plants and water stations and left long black slicks in the Arabian Gulf. "The major portion of the main oil spill has been removed," Kuwait Petroleum

Corporation (KPC) spokesman Sheikh Talal Al-Khaled Al-Sabah said in a statement. Teams were still working to clean other parts of the spill and coastal areas, he said.

Footage from the Environment Public Authority showed oil tarring the beaches and in the waters off the southern area of Ras Al-Zour. Officials have opened an investigation into the spill. "There will be severe conse-

quences to those responsible for this incident, and we will prosecute them," said Sheikh Abdullah Al-Sabah, head of the Environment Public Authority. He urged residents to keep away from affected areas, which lie north of the Khairan private beach and resort area, where many Kuwaitis spend most of the summer in beach houses.

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KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received visiting Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Al-Hariri. — KUNA



KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah met with visiting Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Al-Hariri yesterday. — KUNA

News

in brief

KUWAITIS IN US 'SAFE'

WASHINGTON: The Kuwaiti embassy in Washington assured that Kuwaiti nationals are safe after the violent clashes which erupted between protesters in the US state of Virginia Saturday and left at least one person dead and scores others injured. In a press statement, the embassy called on all nationals, especially students, in Virginia to stay away from the clash areas. It also advised citizenry to abide by the security and safety instructions of the relevant local authorities. In case of any emergency, nationals are also advised to call the following emergency lines: Kuwait Embassy in Washington (0012022620758); Washington Health Office (0012023202415); Military Office in Washington (0012028180666); and Washington Cultural Office (0012023642104).

AMIR HOSTS LEBANESE PM



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, in presence of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah yesterday met with visiting Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Al-Hariri and his accompanying delegation. They had fraternal talks that reflected historical relations between Kuwait and Lebanon, ways of promoting and developing them in all fields, and several issues of mutual interest. The meeting was attended by First Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Advisor at Amiri Diwan Mohammad Dhafallah Sherar, Advisor at His Highness Prime Minister's Diwan Sheikh Dr Saleh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Information Sheikh Mohammad Al-Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah and Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah. — KUNA



Minister of State for Youth Affairs Khaled Al-Roudhan

'Mentor for the youth'

KUWAIT: Kuwait strives to support its youth and allow them the opportunity to translate their thoughts and desires into realities, said a minister yesterday. Speaking to reporters on World Youth Day, Minister of State for Youth Affairs Khaled Al-Roudhan said that His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah has served as a "mentor for the youth." Al-Roudhan, who is also Minister of Commerce and Industry, added that this integral demographic should be part and parcel of the nation's development plans. The Kuwaiti minister underscored the need to allow youngsters the chance to hone their skills, and to assure them that the nation will spare no effort to meet their needs. He said that Kuwait being chosen as the "Arab Youth Capital 2017" was a special distinction that will bring with it a plethora of interesting and enjoyable festivities. Al-Roudhan went on to describe the youth as a lynchpin of the country's development and progress.

Local spotlight

WEEK OF TERROR



By Muna Al-Fuzai
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In one week, terrorism, fiery comments, disputes and the threat of use of the nuclear weapons took the lead in the international scene in most of the world's capitals, from US to North Korea to Europe and all the way to the Gulf. Terrorism is no longer only targeting innocents in a French street, but has turned into a global disaster that affects the security, safety and the lives of millions of people. Yemen is still struggling and going from bad to worse, and the dispute in the Gulf region is still ongoing.

Is this the end of the world? A commentary a few days ago said tension and threats are no longer acts by extremist groups targeting people in a compound or coffee shop, but rather by countries that believe they can control other countries and perhaps the world because they have sophisticated weapons.

All the news today revolves around the tense situation between North Korea and the United States. North Korea stated clearly that it is ready to give America a "hard lesson" with its strategic nuclear power if military action is taken against it. The US, Australia and Japan urged the international community to pressure North Korea to abandon "threats and provocation" tactics and impose more diplomatic and economic sanctions against it for its missile tests.

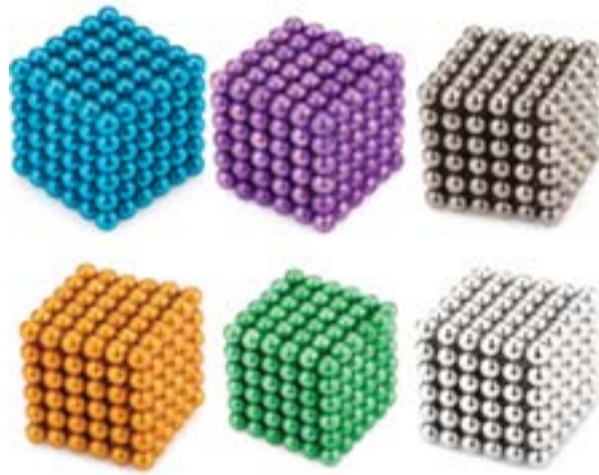
The foreign ministers of the three countries said in a joint statement at the end of their meeting on the sidelines of the Manila forum that "new sanctions on North Korea must be strictly enforced". Washington, which initiated the new sanctions resolution, said strict adherence by the international community to sanction North Korea would deprive Pyongyang of one-third of its current foreign currency revenue of \$3 billion.

It is clear that the American reluctance to respond with military force is due to the fear that a preemptive strike on North Korea would most likely lead Pyongyang against its neighbor South Korea, which could lead to the death of thousands, including US military and interests stationed in the country. The way now is to increase US military presence in the region to show strength, but this method has so far brought little benefit to the US. The US defense secretary said US efforts to resolve the crisis with Pyongyang is currently focused on diplomacy. I don't think it will change North Korea's plans after all.

Some European parliamentarians have called for an initiative to create a new defense structure for the European Union, expressing concern about the "ambiguity" of the future of its military relations with the United States and UK. But a number of researchers have questioned the ability of this union to stop countries from attacking and threatening other countries. Some claim that 28-nation bloc may not be able to be seen as a deterrent power, but rather as a united group of big nations.

These international disputes and conflicts have negative implications on the world and not only on the price of gold and the rise or fall of the dollar, because they pose a national threat to the entire existence of countries due to differences in views and policies. Millions of people could pay with their lives. This is terrorism in the world today.

MAGNETIC TOYS 'SEVERE HEALTH HAZARD TO KIDS'



KUWAIT: The Kuwait Association of Pediatric Surgeons warned yesterday that high-powered magnetic toys, popular locally amongst children, have severe health hazards if swallowed as they obstruct or puncture the gastrointestinal tract. The remarks were made as the number of cases of ingestion of the toys, which require partial intestinal removal surgery for the removal of the obstacles, recorded a significant rise in recent weeks. Surgeons in Kuwait dealt with four cases in July alone compared to only three throughout the whole of 2016.

Due to its dangers, the product has already been banned in the US, Canada and some countries in Europe after the announcement of some 7,700 similar cases there - some of which led to death, added the society. The toys contain dozens of small round or cube-shaped neodymium magnets which have a magnetic force around 15 times stronger than the standard magnet. Unlike other objects, when ingested, the sheer power of these magnets most often ruptures the intestines. — KUNA



Amghara timber factory fire

KUWAIT: Firefighters have put out a fire which engulfed a timber factory in the industrial area of Amghara, west of the capital, authorities said yesterday. Firefighters were called to the scene at around 1:16 pm after being informed of the fire at the site which occupies a 1,500 sq/m area, Kuwait's Fire Service Directorate said in a statement. No injuries were reported, and the fire department said the fire was limited to the factory. The directorate added that an investigation is currently underway into the fire.



KUNA LAUNCHES ITS 4TH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS JOURNALISM PROGRAM

KUWAIT: Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) has launched yesterday its fourth training program to qualify 27 university students for journalistic skills. The program will last until September 24 at the Agency's headquarters. In a speech to the students, KUNA's Deputy Director General for Editorial Affairs and Editor-in-Chief Saad Al-Ali, stressed role played by media in guiding society and enhancing the development process in the country, as well as its leading role in the process of positive and meaningful dialogue among young people.

KUNA seeks to cooperate with a number of different bodies in the country to organize effective training programs for the young, Al-Ali said, pointing out that previous training programs have achieved their objectives.

Al-Ali added that this training program clearly demonstrates KUNA's continuous role within its media, social and cultural responsibilities towards youth. The training program includes lectures and workshops that show the nature of the Agency work and guidelines, he pointed out.

For her part, Head of Coordination and Follow-up Department at of KUNA editorial and the general coordinator of the training program, Hanan Al-Qaisi, praised the universities' 'keenness to develop students' skills and translate their theoretical knowledge on field. Al-Qaisi said that KUNA's training programs comes in line with the visions and aspirations of the state's development plan to invest in youth. The current program includes a group of students from



KUNA's Deputy Director General for Editorial Affairs and Editor-in-Chief Saad Al-Ali

Kuwait University and private universities who enjoy journalistic leanings and ambitions. This is the fourth consecutive training program organized by KUNA for university students during the summer period. — KUNA



Kuwait, UK discuss ties

KUWAIT: Means of promoting security and military cooperation featured high on a meeting between the Kuwait National Guard and a visiting British military delegation on Saturday. The meeting discussed boosting mutual cooperation, mainly security and training, the National Guard said in a press statement. The delegation, led by head of International Policy and Planning for the British Ministry of Defense David Hogan-Hern, visited Sheikh Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah Camp, Kuwait's National Guard HQ, and were briefed on its facilities, it added. Meanwhile, head of the Kuwait National Guard Deputy Chief's Diwan, Maj Gen Jamal Thiyab affirmed the guard's keenness on developing the capabilities of its personnel, and raising combat efficiency and readiness based on its 2020 strategic plan. The plan pays much attention to fostering military relations and partnerships with the international institutions of friendly countries, he said. A number of senior officials were present during the reception of the delegation.

Salhia Co posts profit

KUWAIT: Salhia Real Estate Company has posted KD 7.9 million (\$26.1 million) in net profits for the first half of 2017, the company said yesterday. Earnings per share (EPS) hit 16.1 fils over the six months, a rise of 39.3 percent, compared with the same period last year, it said in a statement. Shareholders' total equity reached KD 137.2 million (\$453.8 million) for the first half of 2017, compared with KD 135.2 million (\$447.2 million) in the same period last year, it added. Total assets hit KD 289 million (\$956 million), while liabilities reached KD 149.2 million (\$493.5 million) for the first six months of 2017, it noted. Established in 1974, Salhia company was enlisted in the bourse in 1984 with a paid-up capital of KD 15.2 million (\$169.3 million). The company is operating in selling and buying plots of land and real estate projects inside and outside Kuwait. It also constructs buildings, projects, commercial markets, entertainment centers, tourist facilities and others.



AMIR RECEIVES SENIOR OFFICIALS

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace yesterday National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem. His Highness also received His Highness the Premier Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and the First Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. —KUNA photos



Group photo of the interns with Alghanim Industries employees

ALGHANIM INDUSTRIES LAUNCHES SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

KUWAIT: Alghanim Industries, one of the largest private companies in the region, launched its 4th Annual Summer Internship Program earlier this month as part of its ongoing mission to support education and the youth in Kuwait. The Summer Internship Program is tailored to 1st and 2nd year university students, giving them an opportunity to explore different businesses and functions within Alghanim Industries. The program provides the students with the technical and professional skills needed to translate their academic knowledge into real-life projects.

Over a hundred applications for the program were received, and 15 applicants were selected based on a strict criteria, which included GPA and a rigorous interview process. The interns who have been accepted into the program come from diverse backgrounds, with a number of varying majors from both local and international universities. The program entails a structured rotational internship over the course of four weeks, where the groups are exposed to several businesses and corporate functions.

Commenting on the internship program, Chief Human Resources Officer at Alghanim Industries, George Lambros said: "We are very happy to have a group of hardworking and ambitious interns with us this summer. Our internship pro-

grams are designed to give students real world experiences, while introducing them to our diverse businesses and functions. Alghanim Industries is committed to providing development and career opportunities for local students, and our internship programs stand out because we implement many of their ideas and projects, which gives the students an opportunity to see their work have a real impact on our company."

Alghanim Industries also offers a Professional Internship Program, which caters to 3rd and 4th year university students. This program provides a more enriching experience to senior students by having a more focused curriculum where they are embedded in a single business or a department for the duration of their internship. This year, 24 students have been accepted and placed into the many different businesses and departments with the company.

It is worth noting that Alghanim Industries avidly supports education and empowering youth through different initiatives that it sponsors, such as the National Union of Kuwaiti Students in USA and in Australia, as well as its continuous support of INJAZ-Kuwait. In addition to being a platinum sponsor of "ArabNet Conference" and providing free event tickets to 100 university students in Kuwait.



KUWAIT: Environment Public Authority Chairman and Director General Sheikh Abdallah Ahmad Al-Humoud Al-Sabah signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the 'Leader Group' company represented by its GM Nabila Al-Anjari to organize the Green & Clean Exposition & Forum.

LICENSES SUSPENDED

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: A Municipality official said Municipality Director General Ahmad Al-Manfouhi issued a decision suspending commercial licenses on the coastal line, in addition to not renewing some of them. He added that the decision includes car offices, some restaurants and entertainment facilities, in addition to hotels. The source said the municipality carried out a comprehensive survey of the activities on the coastal line, where it was found that a large percentage of stores have been encroaching on state property for many years. He said car offices use large areas without obtaining licenses from the road occupancy department.

Controversial tweet

The Saudi Ministry of Culture and Information referred Dr Ali Al-Rubaie to the publication violations committee for violating regulations. This was due to a tweet by Rubaie in which he said a Muslim is not allowed to pray for Kuwaiti actor Abdulhussein Abdulredha because

he is a "rejectionist" who died on the "stray path".

New pier facilities

Executive Director of Projects at KNPC Abdullah Al-Ajmi said the loading of the first tanker from the sulphur loading facilities' new pier will take place at the end of October. Ajmi added that the cost of the project is around KD 153 million. One phase of the project is for new facilities, while the other phase is related to upgrading current facilities that were constructed more than 30 years ago.

Ministers to face grilling

A group of MPs agreed to grill the ministers of finance, oil and social affairs during the next parliamentary term scheduled to start by the end of October. Sources said opposition MPs of the "26 faction" met and decided to grill ministers Anas Al-Saleh, Essam Al-Marzouq and Hind Al-Sabeeh for "mismanaging" their ministries, not answering parliamentary questions and hiding information, besides financial and administrative violations as mentioned in the Audit Bureau report.

KOC TURNING TO CHEMICAL INJECTION FOR EXTRACTION

KUWAIT: Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) has begun experimenting with a chemical injection system for oil extraction, which represents a major step forward, the company said yesterday. Speaking to the press, KOC CEO Jamal Jafar touted the project, which he said was unprecedented in the Middle East region and is being carried out in northern Kuwait. He noted that the project aims to boost oil reserves and will prove beneficial for the oil sector in the long run. On the process to obtain oil, the KOC's official pointed out that the procedure involves multiple steps and oil is typically extracted through heating and gas or chemical injections. Jafar said that the company makes it a point to look into different methods to extract oil and that the chemical injection system has been heavily relied upon in the wake of dwindling oil prices. He added that collective dedication on the part of the company's staff enabled them to translate this monumental project into a reality. —KUNA

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KUWAIT: Photo captures a traditional 'Dasha' ceremony of the 29th Pearl Diving Trip. —KUNA

SABAH AL-SALEM UNIVERSITY CITY - A DREAM COMES TRUE

KUWAIT: Construction works at Sabah Al-Salem University City in Al-Shadadiyya are in full swing, with expectations to be completed by 2019. Launched in 2011, the city is part of the "Kuwait 2035" vision. The completion of some projects at colleges has

reached 85 percent, and all colleges are expected to accommodate more than 40,000 male and female students. The campus covers

6 million square meters. The city has three categories: humanitarian, scientific and medical ones. — KUNA

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KUWAIT MARINE ENVIRONMENT RICH IN BIRD DIVERSITY



Squacco Heron



Grey Heron



Common Sandpiper



Ringed Plover

KUWAIT: Kuwait's marine environment is rich with different types of summer birds living in its islands and on shores. They are monitored and protected by the Environment Public Authority (EPA). These birds include the Western Reef Heron, Grey Heron, Common Sandpiper, Eurasian Curlew, Slender-billed Gull, Curlew Sandpiper, Ringed Plover, Greater Flamingo and many others. — KUNA photos

Bayt.com and YouGov Survey in MENA

1 IN 3 FRESH GRADUATES GOT THEIR FIRST JOB IN LESS THAN 6 MONTHS

DUBAI: Young job seekers and recent graduates continue to enter the job market in the Middle East and North Africa, competing for entry level jobs very actively. Bayt.com - the Middle East's #1 Job Site - and YouGov - global online market research company - recently conducted a survey titled "Fresh Graduates in the MENA", in which more than two thirds of MENA respondents (69%) claimed that they found or plan to find their first job through leading online job sites. Further, over one third (35%) of respondents in the MENA region claim that they found their first job in less than six months.

Most attractive industries

Over a quarter (26%) of respondents in the MENA region said that the most appealing industry for a career is Banking/Finance. This was closely followed by Engineering/Design (22%) and Business/Consultancy (20%). When it came to which industries respondents see hiring the highest number of fresh graduates in the MENA, almost a quarter of them said Advertising/Marketing (23%), one in five said Banking/Finance (20%), and 18% said Military/Defense/Police (18%).

When asked why respondents think these industries employ more fresh graduates compared to others, 42% said that these industries believe fresh graduates have "lower expectation on salary". This was followed by 34% of respondents believing that fresh graduates are "compliant and willing to follow instructions" and 28% who said that fresh graduates are "able to handle more challenges".

Salaries, benefits

When selecting a job in the MENA region, being passionate about the job itself emerged as the most important factor when selecting a job, according to 44% of respondents. 9% said that salary was an important factor when selecting a job. Another 7% of respondents also mentioned that a "well known organization", "opportunities for career progression" and "good reputation for ethical practices" are all important attributes when selecting a job.

Salary expectations are varied in MENA, with 30% of respondents saying that they received or would expect to receive a salary of up to \$500 in their first job. Another 22% of respondents said that they received or would expect to receive a salary between \$501 and 1,000 in their first job. 21% of respondents received or would expect to receive a salary between \$1,001 and 2,000. Only 9% said that they would expect a salary of over \$2,000 for their first job, while 17% said they don't know or are not sure about their salary expectations. In addition to a basic salary, other benefits that respondents expect the most include personal medical insurance (45%), training /development allowance (36%), as well as housing allowance/ company provided accommodation (33%).

Choosing a field of study

Almost one in four respondents (24%) have studied Engineering. Accounting/Finance (18%), Business/Commerce/Economics (16%), Information Technology/Computer Sciences (11%), and Sciences (9%) were also among the most popular subjects. Over two thirds of fresh graduates (68%) in the MENA region said that they considered the availability of jobs in their potential field before deciding their major. On the other hand, less than one in three (32%) said they did not consider job availability prior to their decision.

Respondents were asked if they believe they would have fared better in the job market with a different major or a different school. While 44% said no, 28% said that they would have fared better with a different major and 17% said that they would have fared better with a different major and a different school. When it came to whether there was a link between the field respondents studied and where they are employed, surprisingly, more than four in 10 respondents (43%) said that they were not employed in their field of study.

Role of Higher Education

The majority (75%) of fresh graduates in the MENA region said that they were very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with the quality of higher education they had received. Only 15% said that they were somewhat or very dissatisfied and the rest of respondents (9%) were neutral. However, when it came to the role of higher education in preparing students for their industry of choice, only 22% of MENA respondents said their university helped "completely", 17% said it helped to "a large extent", and 34% said it helped "but only to some extent".

More than one in five (21%) said their university didn't help them in this aspect, while the rest of the respondents (6%) didn't give their opinion. Only 32% of fresh graduates in MENA claimed that they received help from their Institute to find job opportunities during their time as college students, while 68% said they didn't receive any support. For those who did receive help, the most common ways were "help with CV and Cover Letter writing" (40%), "career fairs" (36%), "job announcements" (34%) and "open days/campus recruitment" (32%).

Fresh graduates

When asked what challenges fresh graduates face most in the MENA region, 'finding a job' emerged as the top challenge (77%). This was followed by 'saving money' (38%) and 'discovering what we want to do in life' (35%). When respondents were searching for a job the greatest challenges they faced included the fact that 'employers were looking for candidates with previous work experience' (51%), this was followed by the challenge of 'knowing how to approach the job search effectively' (38%) and knowing 'where to find relevant jobs' (36%).

Suhail Masri, Vice President of Employer Solutions, Bayt.com, said: "Fresh graduates seeking to secure their first job should take advantage of the numerous entry-level jobs, internships, as well as information about the job market that Bayt.com regularly provides. Today, and on any given day, over 10,000 jobs are available on our job site, nearly 5,000 of which are suitable for young job seekers and fresh graduates.

For more than 17 years, we have been successfully designing solutions at Bayt.com to help employers find the most suitable young talent and help job seekers highlight their skills and gain more knowledge on how to approach the job search effectively." Respondents also said that industries are hesitant in hiring fresh graduates because they may lack the needed experience (64%) as well as skills (34%).

Respondents commented on what skills they believe are required to excel in the workplace, with more than half (59%) saying computer skills. This was followed by linguistic and communication skills (36% each) academic and technical skills (35%). Yet despite these challenges for fresh graduates in the MENA region, most of them are reportedly highly skilled. Almost all respondents (91%) rated themselves as "good" or "very good" when it comes to communication skills. 90% rated themselves as "good" or "very good" in flexibility/adaptability to change, and 90% rated themselves as "good" or "very good" in computer skills.

"Although fresh graduates are reportedly highly content with the quality of education they received, it seems that their institutions fell a bit short on preparing them for the job search," said Anjali Chhabra, Senior Research Manager, YouGov. "The survey shows that fresh graduates are finding a lot of value in searching for a job online as they look for opportunities in a competitive and crowded job market." Looking at the future, more than four in 10 respondents (42%) say they will keep looking until they find a job. 27% said that they will start looking for a job in another industry / job role of their choice. 15% will start looking for a job no matter what industry / job role it is.

Four in 10 respondents (40%) remain optimistic about their career and educational opportunities for their generation compared to their parents' generation. 35% claimed that they are not optimistic and don't believe that their generation has better opportunities. 25% were neutral or did not respond to this question. Data for the 2017 Bayt.com 'Fresh Graduates in the MENA Survey' was collected online from June 21st to July 12th, 2017. Results are based on a sample of 1,865 respondents. Countries that participated are the UAE, KSA, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and others.

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Al-Qabas

GET OUT OF OUR COUNTRY

By Iqbal Al-Ahmad

Anyone who loves a country more than ours, whose passion belongs to a place other than our country, and who prefers to live in and praises the beauty of life in another country - we tell him, and those who agree with me, get out of our country. Anyone who has passion for a land other than ours, and who prefers the interest of a country over ours, we tell him goodbye, and will bid you farewell at all of our country's exits, wishing you a good life wherever you wish to go to. Also, because we want our country to be secure and stable, and because we want our children and grandchildren to live a life free of fear and apprehension towards you and your intentions.

We tell you all: Get out of our country! Because we do not want you to disturb our life and mess with the future of our children and grandchildren. After you chose a prosperous life in Kuwait and its comfort, you at the same time preferred to carry out the despicable intentions of others in our country through the shredding of our security and stability, as well as messing with our unity and our harmonious existence. We tell you all: Get out of our country.

Regardless of those whom you love and respect, and the party whose ideology you believe in and pledged allegiance to, be they Arab or others, from the east or west... you are all traitors and do not deserve to live in our country. To you all we say: Get out of our country. Leave our country secure and stable for us, as we love it, and we do not put anyone ahead of it and are loyal to it and we will never accept any alternative for it in our hearts, as it has one chamber in our hearts that expands from one end to another. Kuwait is set in it and we cannot accept anything else.

All of you, who caused crises in everything around us and brought fear and worry to our hearts, be it with your coup intentions, plans or your weapons you buried in our land, or in your wishes to change our symbols according to your liking - you all wish to harm our country, because the end of your intentions is one, even if your tools and loyalty differ. We do not have any other country than Kuwait, and no love other than Kuwait, and no loyalty other than to Kuwait. We do not care about who borders us to the north, east, west or even south, what we care about is what is in the center of our hearts - it is Kuwait.

You who divided our allegiance and scattered our loyalty, you who planted a bomb in a field filled with flowers and roses, to change the strong pleasant smell of this field into poisons that drop on us one after the other. Get out of our country, all of you. Get out of our country, as this land does not deserve to be desecrated by citizens like you who put political or religious, tribal or sectarian loyalties over their love and loyalty to it.

I used to imagine during the days of the heinous Iraqi invasion of our land to hear the cries of pain from each grain of sand an Iraqi soldier's shoe stepped on... I imagine that day through your feet, so we tell you all: Get out of our country. Who does not love this land, and does not feel loyalty for any reason, does not deserve to live in it. Get out you all without exception from our country - leave it to us so we can enjoy its security, stability and love, because it deserves our love and nothing else.

— Translated by Kuwait Times



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Al-Rai

TYRANTS' SHALLOUNESS

By Dr Khalid Al-Saleh

Tyrants own life, grant money, social status and posts to those of their choice. Did not Almighty Allah tell us about them: (Have you not thought about him who disputed with Abraham about his Lord (Allah), because Allah had given him the kingdom? When Abraham said (to him): "My Lord (Allah) is he who gives life and causes death". He said, "I give life and cause death". Abraham said, "Verily! Allah causes the sun to rise from the east; then cause it you to rise from the west". So the disbeliever was utterly defeated. And Allah guides not the people who are Zalimun (Wrong-Doers) - Al-Baqarah: 258.

The tyrant's will is what controls people's destiny, who are ruled by them as said by the messenger of Allah. Abraham did not argue and took the dialogue to a level that is beyond controlling people; therefore, exposing the tyrant's shallowness. As for the despot, and we have many of them in our Third World, where the tyrant and those who benefit from him, grant themselves titles and always look for being distinguished. Also, they sacrifice everything for the sake of keeping their rule, even if people's dreams are lost or the nation's interests are gone. It is normal that people use tongues, pens and TV stations in addition to social media to help the tyrant, though names may differ, but the meaning is one.

Reformists stand against the tyrants to defend equality, justice and freedom. Two different paths that never meet between tyrants and reformists, where a continuous struggle exists between the two that did not stop a moment ever since the human being existed on earth. The weak side in this struggle is the reformists, and if it was not for a divine power that controls the universe, corruption would eradicate the world and maybe the human being would disappear from the face of earth. Maybe one of the most important reasons for the weakness of reformists are groups of hypocrites pretending to reform and show values - but in truth, they are sincere soldiers of the tyrants who implement their agenda and work on distorting the reputation of the sincere.

Once again, if it was not our Almighty Lord's will, the tyrants would have been the reformists with all what they have in the form of oppression, discrimination and injustice, and the struggle would stop and decided in their favor. I do not understand reform of reformists without religion, and I do not understand the religious without reform. The reformist needs Allah's help in his reform march, and the religious need to adopt reform values so they can fulfill religious values - first of which are freedom, justice, equality, transition of power and freedom of choice.

I thank Almighty Allah that the dispute will be judged by our Lord on judgment day and justice, which was not known by most reformists in their short life, including Abdelrahman Al-Kawakibi, that justice which reformists did not realize in their earthly life will be realized by them in their eternal life. I thank Allah once again, that those who suppress people and cooperate for the sake of individual authority over the nation will harvest what their hands have sown once they find themselves as the most humiliated people when all meet so that each person finds his true place. The respected are those who lead the lines on the stage of justice, and the great are the winners in the eternal life, but as far the standards of the tyrants and their categorization on earth - it is without value whatsoever.

— Translated by Kuwait Times

US EMBASSY KUWAIT CALLS FOR FLTA PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

The Embassy of the United States in Kuwait calls on Kuwaiti nationals, early career English language teachers, and recent graduates of journalism, mass media, or American or English literature programs to apply for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program. The Embassy is accepting applications until September 3, 2017.

The FLTA Program is a nine-month, non-degree program for early career English teachers or recent graduates in journalism and media or American or English literature. It is fully funded by the Department of State and provides the opportunity for participants to teach Arabic to US students, refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of the society and culture of the United States. At the same time, successful candidates help strengthen foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities by serving as teaching assistants for classes in their

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Fluency in English is mandatory, demonstrated by a score of no less than 79-80 for TOEFL IBT or 6.0 for IELTS. Ideal candidates for the program have a desire to meet people and become a part of their host community by participating in community events and campus activities. Fulbright FLTA participants are creative and self-reliant team players, who are able to maintain excellent relationships with faculty, staff, and students. A complete application package includes: An online application through <https://apply.embarq.com/student/fulbright/flta/>; Original academic transcripts with certified English translations; A graduation certificate; Three letters of reference; A TOEFL or IELTS score report. Short-listed applicants will be contacted by the Embassy for interviews. Successful candidates will be notified starting April 2018. Program dates are September 2018- June 2019. Visit us online at kuwait.usembassy.gov



KRCS LAUNCHES EID CAMPAIGN FOR NEEDY FAMILIES IN KUWAIT

KUWAIT: Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) announced yesterday the launch of Eid Al-Adha charity campaign to help needy families in Kuwait. In a statement to KUNA, volunteer Jaafar Al-Jamali from the local aid department said that KRCS will distribute coupons worth KD 30 (\$100) to 5,000 needy families to allow them to buy Eid clothes. Al-Jamali added that furniture company Abyat contributed with some pieces of furniture, while the Kuwaiti Danish Dairy Company (KDD) will also distribute fresh milk to the families. He pointed out that KRCS will soon distribute school bags and stationery to needy students before the start of the school year. Al-Jamali said that the KRCS will receive needy families from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm today and tomorrow to provide them with what they need before Eid, adding that anyone in need can visit the Society and apply for assistance. — KUNA



Crime

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5-YEAR-OLD BEATEN

KUWAIT: A 5-year-old girl was sent to the Forensics Department following claims by her mother that she was beaten by her father's maid during a visit. She said the girl was with her father (the parents are divorced) on visitation rights, then when she was brought back, she noticed bruises on her body. The girl said the Filipina helper beat her.

Worker accused of stealing

A beauty shop owner accused an Indian worker of stealing equipment and money worth KD 1,200. She said the worker has a copy of the keys and seems to have gone to the shop outside working hours and committed the theft.

Drug suspects arrested

Farwaniya police sent three citizens to the Drugs Control General Department after they were arrested in Ardiya with substances suspected of being drugs. The arrest was made when the car they were in was pulled over. One of the passengers came out of the car and a joint fell from him, prompting police to search the car, and drugs were found. In another development, two Egyptians were arrested with shabu and drugs paraphernalia. Both were sent to DCGD. The arrest was made in Farwaniya.

8 prostitutes nabbed

Police in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh arrested eight Asian women and two pimps practicing prostitution on the roof of an abandoned building. They were charging KD 5 a session. Police also arrested five customers who were present at the time of the arrest. All those arrested were found reported absconding, and they were sent to the residency affairs detectives department.

Son accused of stealing

An Egyptian expat accused her son of stealing jewelry worth KD 4,600. She said that she discovered a small box containing the jewelry was missing and did not find it anywhere in the house, and she did not notice any signs of a break-in. She said she suspects her son due to differences between the two for some time, adding that she attempted to speak with him several times but he did not answer her calls. He also hasn't returned home since the theft. Police are investigating. — Al Rai

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CHARLOTTESVILLE: Protesters march in Charlottesville, Virginia on August 12, 2017. A picturesque Virginia city braced Saturday for a flood of white nationalist demonstrators as well as counter-protesters, declaring a local emergency as law enforcement attempted to quell early violent clashes. — AP

3 DEAD AMID VIOLENT WHITE NATIONALIST RALLY

WE CONDEMN THIS DISPLAY OF HATRED AND BIGOTRY ON MANY SIDES: TRUMP

CHARLOTTESVILLE: A car rammed into a crowd of protesters and a state police helicopter crashed into the woods Saturday as tension boiled over at a white supremacist rally. The violent day left three dead, dozens injured and this usually quiet college town a bloodied symbol of the nation's roiling racial and political divisions.

The chaos erupted around what is believed to be the largest group of white nationalists to come together in a decade - including neo-Nazis, skinheads, members of the Ku Klux Klan - who descended on the city to "take America back" by rallying against plans to remove a Confederate statue. Hundreds came to protest against the racism. There were street brawls and violent clashes; the governor declared a state of emergency, police in riot gear ordered people out and helicopters circled overhead.

Peaceful protesters were marching downtown, carrying signs that read "black lives matter" and "love." A silver Dodge Challenger suddenly came barreling through "a sea of people" and smashed into another car, said Matt Korbon, a 22-year-old University of Virginia student. The impact hurled people into the air and blew off their shoes. A 32-year-old woman was killed as she crossed the street.

"It was a wave of people flying at me," said Sam Becker, 24, sitting in the emergency room to be treated for leg and hand injuries. Those left standing scattered, screaming and running for safety. Video caught the car reversing, hitting more people, its windshield splintered from the collision and bumper dragging on the pavement. Medics carried the injured, bloodied and crying, away as a police tank rolled down the street.

Sticks and shields

The driver, James Alex Fields Jr, a 20-year-old who recently moved to Ohio from where he grew up in Kentucky, was charged with second-degree murder and other counts. Field's mother, Samantha Bloom, told The Associated Press on Saturday night that she knew her son was attending a rally in Virginia but didn't know it was a white supremacist rally. "I thought it had something to do with Trump. Trump's not a white supremacist," said Bloom, who became visibly upset as she learned of the injuries and deaths at the rally.

"He had an African-American friend so ...," she said before her voice trailed off. She added that she'd be surprised if her son's views were that far right. His arrest capped off hours of unrest. Hundreds of people threw punches, hurled water bottles and unleashed chemical sprays. Some came prepared for a fight, with body armor and helmets. Videos that ricocheted around the world on social media showed people beating each other with sticks and shields.

Virginia Gov Terry McAuliffe and Charlottesville Mayor Michael Signer, both Democrats, lumped the blame squarely on the rancor that has seeped into American politics and the white supremacists who came from out of town into their city, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, home to Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's plantation.

"There is a very sad and regrettable coarseness in our politics that we've all seen too much of today," Signer said at a press conference. "Our opponents have become our

enemies, debate has become intimidation." Some of the white nationalists at Saturday's rally cited President Donald Trump's victory after a campaign of racially-charged rhetoric as validation for their beliefs.

Trump criticized the violence in a tweet Saturday, followed by a press conference and a call for "a swift restoration of law and order." "We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides," he said. The "on many sides" ending of his statement drew the ire of his critics, who said he failed to specifically denounce white supremacy and equated those who came to protest racism with the white supremacists. The Rev Jesse Jackson noted that Trump for years questioned President Barack Obama's citizenship and his legitimacy as the first black president, and has fanned the flames of white resentment.

"We are in a very dangerous place right now," Jackson said. McAuliffe said at Saturday's press conference that he spoke to Trump on the phone, and insisted that the president must work to combat hate. Trump said he agreed with McAuliffe "that the hate and the division must stop and must stop right now." Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced late Saturday that federal authorities will pursue a civil rights investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash. The violence and deaths in Charlottesville strike at the heart of American law and justice," Sessions wrote. "When such actions arise from racial bigotry and hatred, they betray our core values and cannot be tolerated."

Largest such gathering in a decade

Oren Segal, who directs the Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism, said multiple white power groups gathered in Charlottesville, including members of neo-Nazi organizations, racist skinheads and KKK factions. The white nationalist organizations Vanguard America and Identity Evropa; the Southern Nationalist League of the South; the National Socialist Movement; the Traditionalist Workers Party; and the Fraternal Order of Alt Knights also were on hand, he said.

"We anticipated this event being the largest white supremacist gathering in over a decade," Segal said. "Unfortunately, it appears to have become the most violent as well." On the other side, anti-fascist demonstrators also gathered, but they generally aren't organized like white nationalist factions, said Heidi Beirich of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

In addition to Fields, at least three more men were arrested in connection to the protests The Virginia State Police announced late Saturday that Troy Dunigan, a 21-year-old from Chattanooga, Tennessee, was charged with disorderly conduct; Jacob L Smith, a 21-year-old from Louisa, Virginia, was charged with assault and battery; and James M O'Brien, 44, of Gainesville, Florida, was charged with carrying a concealed handgun.

Just as the city seemed like to be quieting down, black smoke billowed out from the tree tops just outside of town as a Virginia State Police helicopter crashed into the woods. Robby E. Noll, who lives in the county just outside Charlottesville, heard the helicopter sputtering. "I turned my head to the sky. You could tell he was struggling to try to get control of it," he said. — AP



TEHRAN: This photo taken on Sunday, Feb 19, 2017, shows an open session of the Iranian parliament. — AP

IRAN MPs BOOST MISSILE FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO US SANCTIONS

TEHRAN: Iran's parliament yesterday approved more than half a billion dollars in funding for the country's missile program and foreign operations of the elite Revolutionary Guards in response to US sanctions. The move follows a spike in tensions between Tehran and Washington since US President Donald Trump took office in January with a vow to get tough on the Islamic republic.

"The Americans should know that this was our first action," said parliament speaker Ali Larijani, after announcing overwhelming support for a package "to confront terrorist and adventurist actions by the United States in the region". After the vote result was announced, lawmakers shouted: "Death to America." A total of 240 parliamentarians out of 244 present voted for the bill.

It mandates the government to allocate an additional \$260 million for missile development and the same amount to the Revolutionary Guards' foreign operations wing, the Quds Force, state news agency IRNA said. The Quds Force leads Iran's military role in Syria and Iraq. The vote came after the United States imposed fresh US sanctions against Iran in July, targeting its missile program. Tehran says the measures violate a 2015 deal with world powers that eased sanctions in exchange for curbs on its nuclear program. Trump repeatedly threatened to tear up what he once called "the worst deal ever", but last month he backed away from a key campaign promise to withdraw from the nuclear agreement.

'Hostile US actions'

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said the bill passed yesterday had the support of the government. The bill is "very smart particularly because it doesn't violate the nuclear deal and doesn't allow the other side to make excuses," he added. "Iran boasts potential and actual options to confront hostile US actions". The United States has had no diplomatic ties with the Iran since 1980, and Trump has halted the direct contacts initiated by his predecessor Barack Obama.

A string of close encounters between US ships and Iranian vessels in the Gulf in recent months has added to the tensions between the two countries. Araghchi said that the Iranian bill was a far-reaching response to the measures passed by US Congress that Iranian media have called the "mother of sanctions" because they sum up all existing anti-Iran sanctions.

The bill sends "a direct message of Iran's dissatisfaction with the violations of the deal by the other side while avoiding breaching it in the process," Foad Izadi, a professor of international politics at Tehran University, told AFP. By defining the cost to the US of violating the nuclear deal, the Iranian bill would help to safeguard the agreement, he said. "When the other side doesn't pay any price, it breaches the deal with no obstacles, but it is hoped that if they are to pay the costs, at least they calculate them and reduce their violations." — AFP

LAWMAKER SEEKS PROBE AFTER AP REVEALS MAGGOTS IN NY FACILITY

ALBANY: A New York state lawmaker is demanding a federal investigation into New York state's care for the disabled following a recent Associated Press story that revealed the case of a man infested with maggots in a state-run group home. Democratic Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, of Utica, told the AP on Saturday that he is asking the US Department of Health and Human Services to investigate the group home and other state-regulated facilities for the disabled where there have been allegations of abuse and neglect.

"It's clear from seeing this that New York state cannot be relied on to police itself," said Brindisi, who is running for Congress. "When you have thousands of cases (of abuse and neglect) hap-

pening across the state - this being one of the most egregious - we must give some reassurance to families that their loved ones are being taken care of."

The call for a federal probe comes after the AP published a story Thursday showing that it's often easier to find health and safety information for local restaurants than it is to learn about conditions at facilities serving approximately 1 million of the state's most vulnerable residents. Forty-one-year-old Steven Wenger was twice found to have maggots crawling around his breathing tube in a state-owned and -operated small group home in Rome, New York, last summer. Wenger cannot walk, talk or feed himself after suffering severe

brain trauma in a 1991 car crash.

A state investigation concluded that the infestation was the result of neglect and that caregivers failed to properly clean the site of Wenger's breathing tube. Yet no caregivers were disciplined and the report on the case was made confidential. The agency in charge of the facility says it did increase training for staff. Wenger is now being cared for in a different facility. A copy of the report was obtained by the AP, which found that New York state is not alone in making it difficult for members of the public to access records about allegations of abuse and neglect in state-regulated facilities for the disabled. In New York, the Justice Center is tasked with investigating cases related to the care

of approximately 1 million New Yorkers.

Brindisi said he sought details about Wenger's case earlier this year after the man's father contacted him with concerns about his son's care. He said officials at the Justice Center told him that the case was closed and that Wenger's father was satisfied with the results - something that wasn't the case. "There has to be more transparency by the Justice Center," he said. Asked about Brindisi's comments, Justice Center spokesman William Reynolds said Saturday the agency regularly works with federal officials "and will continue to do so as needed." The Justice Center conducted an "exhaustive" review of the incident but could not assign responsibility to any specific staff members. — AP



NAIROBI: Kenyan opposition leader Raila Odinga gestures to thousands of supporters gathered in the Mathare area. — AP

DEFIANT ODINGA VOWS NOT TO BACK DOWN OVER 'STOLEN' KENYA VOTE

'WE ARE NOT DONE YET. WE WILL NOT GIVE UP'

NAIROBI: Kenya's opposition leader Raila Odinga vowed yesterday not to back down over an election he claims was stolen from him and urged his supporters to boycott work until he announces his strategy next week. The 72-year-old told his supporters to stay at home and out of the way of police, after the international community beseeched him to send out a message to try to halt protests which have left 16 people dead since Friday night.

However, he defiantly vowed to "remove" the government of President Uhuru Kenyatta, who official results show was re-elected by a large margin in last Tuesday's election that pollsters had described as too close to call. "We had predicted they will steal the election and that's what happened. We are not done yet. We will not give up. Wait for the next course of action which I will announce the day after tomorrow (Tuesday)," he told a heaving crowd of supporters in Nairobi's largest slum, Kibera.

'No Raila, no peace'

Kibera residents climbed on to roof tops and hung off trees to catch sight of Odinga, who was speaking for the first time since Kenyatta was declared the victor Friday in a poll he claims was massively rigged. "No Raila, no peace," chanted the crowd, using the rallying cry heard after Odinga claimed a 2007 election was stolen from him. The results of that poll led to two months of protests and ethnic killings which left 1,100 people dead and 600,000 displaced.

Friday's announcement of the election results sparked immediate protests in Odinga's strong-

holds in western Kenya and Nairobi slums including Kibera and Mathare, which have left at least 16 people dead according to an AFP tally. Yesterday the flashpoint areas were calm, with signs of life returning to normal as shopkeepers cautiously reopened after two days of running battles with police, who in some cases fired live ammunition to disperse protesters.

Odinga's National Super Alliance (NASA) coalition has insisted Odinga was robbed of victory through hacking and manipulation of an electronic vote tallying system. However calls for them to take their grievances to court, while Kenya's foreign partners heap congratulations on Kenyatta, have left them isolated and under mounting pressure. The election was Odinga's fourth failed shot at the presidency. In 2013 he said the election was rigged and took his case to the Supreme Court where he lost. This time his party officials have said court is not an option. "If he tells us to go on the streets, we will go on the streets. If he wants us to stay home, we will stay home," said 25-year-old hairdresser Humpfrey Songole in Mathare.

'Exercise restraint'

Seven of the dead were killed in clashes in the west of the country, which was also calm yesterday. "These are people killed in the confrontations with officers since Friday night," said a regional police officer. Nine people died in the capital, including a young girl whose family said she had been shot in the back while playing on a balcony in Mathare as police opened fire on protesters. The Doctors without Borders (MSF) chari-

ty said on Twitter it had treated 54 wounded people in its clinics.

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson called on Kenya's opposition to "exercise restraint" to ensure calm. EU foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini also urged the opposition "to respect the results and to use legal means available for appeals and complaints." In another blow to the opposition, local election observer group ELOG, which deployed 8,300 observers and conducted a parallel tallying operation, determined Kenyatta had won with 54 percent — the same figure given by the electoral commission.

'Zero-sum game'

Odinga, an ethnic Luo who scored nearly 45 percent of votes to Kenyatta's 54 percent, has a huge following notably among the poor who are drawn to his platform of more equitable economic growth. But ethnic grievance is also a key aspect of his appeal. Three of Kenya's four presidents have been Kikuyu and the other Kalenjin, leaving Luos feeling excluded from power for over half a century.

Politics in Kenya is largely divided along tribal lines, and the winner-takes-all nature of elections has long stoked communal divisions. Critics say the faultlines that burst into the open in 2007 have not been adequately dealt with. "The reason elections have become a trigger for violence is the relationship between power and prosperity. It is a zero-sum game and winning becomes a life and death matter, hence losing is not an option," the Daily Nation wrote in its editorial. — AFP

VENEZUELA SET TO DOMINATE PENCE'S LATIN AMERICAN TRIP

WASHINGTON: Vice President Mike Pence's visit to Latin America comes amid unrest in Venezuela and concern by its neighbors about a possible American military role. Pence planned to meet with Colombia's president, Juan Manuel Santos, later Sunday at the start of a weeklong trip likely to be dominated by conversations about the crisis in Venezuela. The United States accuses Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro of a power grab that has sparked deadly protests and condemnation across the region.

President Donald Trump on Friday said he would not rule out a "military option" in response to Maduro's moves. That statement drew quick condemnation, including from the Colombian Foreign Ministry, which opposed any "military measures and the use of force," and said efforts to resolve Venezuela's breakdown in democracy should be peaceful and respect its sovereignty. But Trump's national security adviser said the Trump administration wants to get a handle on the current situation under Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro's embattled government and "understand better how this crisis might evolve." The US has imposed sanctions against Maduro and more than two-dozen current and former officials in response to a crackdown on opposition leaders and the recent election of a pro-government assembly given the job of rewriting the country's constitution.

'Humanitarian catastrophe?'

"When you look at contingencies, when you look at what if - what if the suffering of the Venezuelan people increases by orders of magnitude - what more can we do with our partners in the region to protect the Venezuelan people and prevent an even greater humanitarian catastrophe?" McMaster told ABC's "This Week." "The president never takes options off the table in any of these situations and what we owe him are options," he said.

McMaster said the US would "continue a series of actions against the Maduro regime which aim to strengthen the opposition and to reach out to those who are members of this oppressive regime to tell them it's time to reconsider your actions and your support for this dictator." Meantime, Pence has scheduled other stops in Argentina, Chile and Panama, giving speeches and meeting with leaders. He will tour the newly expanded Panama Canal. In Colombia, Pence was expected to highlight trade, business investment and other ties between the nations, including US support for Bogota's efforts to implement its peace deal with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. The US probably will seek assurances that Colombia is taking seriously a surging coca production that's been blamed partially on Santos' decision in 2015 to stop using crop-destroying herbicides. — AP



CARACAS: An opposition activist aims a slingshot on Saturday during a protest. — AFP

16-YEAR-OLD IS RUNNING FOR KANSAS GOVERNOR SEAT

TOPEKA: He won't even be able to vote, but a 16-year-old Wichita high school student says he's serious about his bid to run for governor of Kansas. Jack Bergerson has filed to run as a Democrat in the 2018 race for governor of Kansas, saying he wanted to give people another option. The Kansas City Star reported. And it doesn't faze him that he won't even be old enough to vote in the election.

"Under Kansas law, there is no law governing the qualifications for governor, not one," said Bryan Caskey, director of elections at the Kansas secretary of state's office. "So there's seriously nothing on the books that lays out anything, no age, no residency, no experience. Nothing." When Bergerson, a junior at The Independent School in Wichita, found out about the lack of requirements, he thought, "Oh, I could do that." "I thought, you know, let's give the people of Kansas a chance," Bergerson said. "Let's try something new that has never really been tried anywhere else before."

The teenager said he wants to "radically change" the health care system and would

support legalizing marijuana for medical purposes, while being willing to explore legalization for recreational use. But he is conservative on gun rights and supports laws that allow people to openly carry their weapons. "I think if you offer the people of Kansas something radical, something new so then that shows that we can move in a new direction, I think that will put the Democratic Party in a good position to win the seat next year," Bergerson said.

A classmate, 17-year-old Alexander Cline, will be his lieutenant governor. Cline will be able to vote in the election, since he will be 18 by then. Other Democratic candidates running for the seat include former state Secretary of Agriculture Josh Svaty, former Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer and Arden Andersen, an Olathe doctor. Bergerson's announcement Monday garnered national attention, including an appearance on "Jimmy Kimmel Live." He told Kimmel one of the main reasons for his unusual campaign is to try and spark an interest in politics among his peers. — AP

COMMANDOS KILL 25 MILITANTS IN CENTRAL SYRIA: MONITOR

BEIRUT: A commando operation backed by Russian warplanes and helicopters has killed 25 members of the Islamic State jihadist group in central Syria, a monitor said yesterday. Supported by regime ally Russia, Syria's army has waged a months-long offensive to recapture the vast desert region that stretches from the country's centre to the Iraqi and Jordanian borders.

On Saturday, "25 IS members were killed and others wounded in a commando operation by Syrian regime forces with air support from Russian warplanes and helicopters" in the north-east of Homs province, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said. Six members of the regime forces were also killed, it said. A military source said the operation occurred "20 kilometres inside Daesh (IS) terrorist lines".

The raid allowed regime forces to seize control of three villages in the area, official news agency SANA reported the source as saying. The army has captured swathes of territory from the jihadists in the province. According to the Observatory, IS now controls just dozens of villages in the east of Homs. The Syrian "Badiya" is a large stretch of desert that extends over around 90,000 square kilometres of territory.

Since 2015, much of the Badiya has been held by IS, but Syria's army has been chipping away at it since May. Last week, the Observatory said regime forces had ousted IS from Al-Sukhna, the last jihadist-held town in Homs province. Syria's army and Russia this weekend confirmed its full recapture. "The liberation of Al-Sukhna from IS terrorists opens up possibilities for Syrian govern-

ment forces to launch an assault and free the city of Deir Ezzor," a Russian army statement said.

The jihadists hold the majority of the vast desert province of Deir Ezzor including most of its provincial capital. The recapture of Deir Ezzor "would largely — if not completely — mark the end of the fight against IS," Russia's Defence

Minister Sergei Shoigu on Sunday told the Russia 24 television channel. Regime forces have more than doubled the territory they control in Syria over the past two months, he said. Forces loyal to President Bashar Al-Assad are also fighting the jihadists in the south of neighboring Raqa province. — AP



DAMASCUS: This frame grab from video provided yesterday by the Ghouta Media Center, a Syrian activist media group, shows smoke and debris rising after a Syrian government ground-to-groundrocket strikes the opposition-held town of Ain Terma. — AP



Message from the Ambassador



Ghulam Dastgir
Ambassador of
Pakistan to Kuwait

It gives me great pleasure to extend warmest felicitations to all Pakistanis living in Kuwait, within Pakistan and elsewhere in the world, on the auspicious occasion of the 71st Independence Day of Pakistan. While thanking Allah Almighty for His infinite favors in the shape of citizenship of a free nation, let us humbly pray for the unity, security, progress and prosperity of Pakistan.

14 August 1947 marked the successful culmination of a heroic struggle of the Muslims of the sub-continent for their right to have a separate homeland of their own. While celebrating the 71st Independence Day of Pakistan, it gives us great satisfaction that, by the grace of Almighty Allah, Pakistan has emerged victorious and stronger out of the many challenges that it faced for decades.

Today, peace and stability is returning to Pakistan thanks to the heroic sacrifices made by our brave armed forces and the people of Pakistan. Our economy is growing. The transformational China-Pakistan Economic Corridor continues to lead the way in socio-economic development. On the international front, Pakistan continues to play an important role, in line with the Government's vision of "peaceful neighborhood".

On the bilateral side, the leadership of the two brotherly countries of Pakistan and Kuwait are determined to convert the huge reservoir of mutual goodwill into a strong partnership through expanding cooperation in diverse fields, notably trade, energy and investment. The visit of the Prime Minister of Pakistan to Kuwait in March this year will help enhance bilateral cooperation in diverse fields.

Overseas Pakistanis, including the patriotic Pakistani community in Kuwait, have to continue to play an important role in this endeavor. Every one of them has to do their best to promote Pakistan's interests in every way possible, from projecting a good image of Pakistan to mobilizing trade and investment. Let us renew our pledge today that we would dedicate our energies to serving Pakistan and lead it to a high level of development and prosperity as envisioned by our founding fathers.

Thank You!

The Struggle for Pakistan

The story of the struggle for Pakistan is unique among other independence movements in the sense that it relied more on mass public support through democratic mobilization, peaceful negotiations and consensus building rather than armed opposition and use of violent means. From the time Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah took over the reins of Pakistan movement, the entire struggle was waged within the legal framework in vogue, so much so, that the Quaid-e-Azam earned the distinction of being a leader who never spent even a single day in jail.

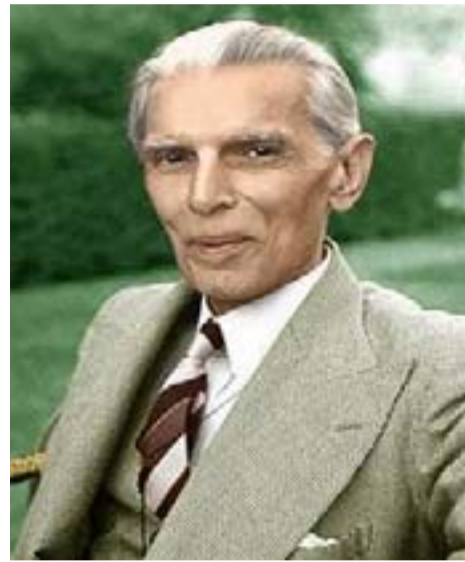
Earlier, Muslims had played a lead role in the 1857 War of Independence and therefore suffered suppression under the British colonial rule. They also did not reconcile with the supremacy of the British and thus remained at a disadvantage as compared to the majority Hindu community that had better adjusted to the changed environment and dominated commerce and services under the British. By the late nineteenth century, the condition of Muslims in the subcontinent had sunk so low in the political, economic and social spheres of life that they were unable to compete with the Hindu majority. An important first response to change this predicament was the reformist movement of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan who founded the Mohammadan Anglo-Oriental College at Aligarh to encourage Muslims to receive modern education.

The other towering figure who emerged on the political scene around the turn of the century was Muhammad Iqbal, a poet and philosopher, who wished to make progress an integral principle of life of Muslims. He was of the view that the spiritual force of Islam bound the Muslims of South Asia together into one nation.

Politically, the Muslim concerns about their rights led to the founding of the All India Muslim League in 1906. The immediate cause that precipitated this development was the Muslim reaction to Hindu agitation over the partition of Bengal into a Muslim majority province of East Bengal and Hindu majority province of West Bengal that was later annulled by the British disregarding interests of Bengali Muslims.

The formation of the League proved to be one of the most vital steps towards mobilization of the Muslims of the subcontinent, as the party primarily focused on safeguarding Muslim interests such as separate electorates and assured representation for minorities in the central and provincial legislatures. The League also played a broader role such as in reflecting the sentiments of the Muslims over the Balkan war (1912) which was regarded by the Muslims of the subcontinent as an attempt by the European powers to drive Turkey out of Europe.

By 1909 following the Minto-Morley reforms, even though the possibility of the British leaving the subcontinent still seemed remote, the demand for constitutional self-government had gained ground. In 1913, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, a prominent political leader and barrister, (who later became known as the "Quaid-e-Azam" or "the great leader") was persuaded to join the Muslim League. One of the significant achievements



Father of Nation
Muhammad Ali Jinnah

of Jinnah, after joining the League, was to secure an agreement between the Muslim League and the Congress on a scheme of constitutional reforms leading to self government, known as the Lucknow Pact (1916). It earned him the title of "Ambassador of Hindu-Muslim Unity" and demonstrated his willingness to work with Hindu leaders in the vital interest of securing an end to alien subjugation.

An All Parties Conference met in 1928 to draft a constitution for India. The drafting sub-committee headed by Motilal Nehru, published the Nehru Report after the

Conference which came as a shock to the Muslims since it provided no safeguards to protect the rights of the Muslims as a community. The Report's constitutional provisions virtually relegated them to remain permanently under the government of an unalterable Hindu majority.

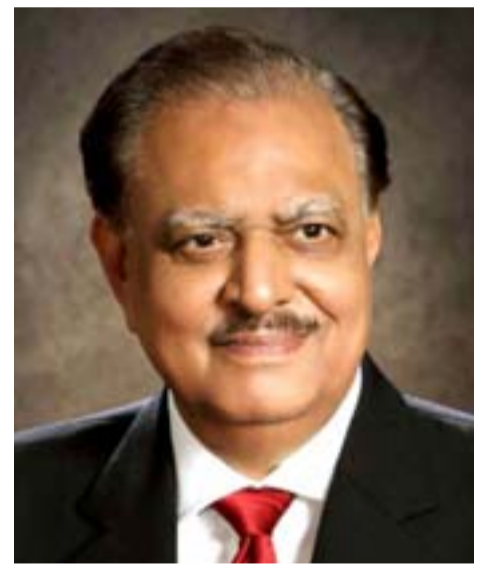
Jinnah put forward his counter proposals to the Nehru Report, in an attempt to give a workable shape to the constitutional scheme for the independence of the subcontinent. His proposals known as the historic "Fourteen Points" mainly envisaged: a

Congress flag flew on public buildings; Bande Matram, a song from an anti-Muslim novel, was made the national anthem; Hindi replaced Urdu; Muslim representation in the public services was reduced. The Congress rule produced a deep sense of insecurity and resentment among Muslims.

Finally, on 23 March 1940, at the Muslim League session in Lahore, the historic "Pakistan Resolution" was adopted which gave a clear direction towards independence and a homeland for Muslims, spurring political awareness and action



Prime Minister of Pakistan
Shahid Khaqan Abbasi



President of Pakistan
Mamnoon Hussain



Quaid-e-Azam taking the oath as the first Governor General of Pakistan from Justice Sir Abdul Rashid on August 15, 1947

among the Muslims of Bengal, Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan and the North West Frontier. They rallied around Jinnah, whom they reverently called the Quaid-e-Azam (the Great Leader).

Congress reaction to the Muslim demand for a homeland was strongly negative. When negotiations between the League and the Congress failed to arrive at an agreed modus operandi, the British government decided to hold general elections in January 1946. The League emerged vindicated as the representative of the Muslim voice by winning all the Muslim seats in the Central Assembly.

In June 1947, the British announced the 'Partition Plan' based largely on the principle of majority Muslim areas constituting Pakistan. On 11 August 1947, the Quaid-e-Azam inaugurated the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan. On 14 August 1947, the last British Viceroy Mountbatten arrived in Karachi and formally proclaimed the transfer of sovereignty to the new state. On the same day, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was sworn in as the first Governor General of Pakistan.

Young Pakistan faced daunting challenges of nation building with no resources and absence of industry and infrastructure compounded by massive influx of refugees and the early confrontation with India on Kashmir, which should have been a part of Pakistan in accordance with the partition plan and the manifest wishes of the Kashmiri people. The Kashmiris still await implementation of UN resolutions for a plebiscite to determine their future. Despite these tribulations, hard work and dedication helped the new country to steady itself.

Today, Pakistan is a strong, stable, democratic and economically vibrant Asian and Muslim country, vigorously pursuing the aspirations of its people and the vision of its founding fathers for building a prosperous modern society committed to promoting peace and progress in the world.



Quaid-e-Azam's Mausoleum

federal constitution, a uniform measure of provincial autonomy, an adequate representation of minorities in all elected bodies, including the legislatures; a system of separate electorates, not less than one-third representation of Muslims in Parliament in accordance with the Muslim population, a guarantee of religious freedom to all communities, an assured share for Muslims in the services and safeguards for the protection and promotion of Muslim culture. However, the Congress rejected Jinnah's "Fourteen Points". His disappointment was acute and it was shared by Muslims throughout the subcontinent.

Muslim suspicions of the Congress further deepened in 1937 when elections to the provincial legislatures were held and led to the formation of Congress ministries in 7 out of the 11 provinces. The Congress rule was seen as discriminatory and insensitive to Muslims and their distinctive culture. The

PAKISTAN'S FAMOUS EXPORT: CHINIOT WOODEN FURNITURE



Chiniot is situated in centre of Punjab province on bank of river Punjab in Faisalabad division. Boundaries are attached with Faisalabad, Jhang, Hafizabad and Sargodha. Chiniot was Tehsil of district Jhang and it was declared a separate district in February 2009. Chiniot is further divided in two Tehsil's named as Bhuwana and Lalian. Chiniot is famous all over the world due to handicraft and carving and handmade wooden furniture. Chinioti furniture is being exported to various countries.



Welcome To Pakistan

The land of adventure and nature

From the mighty stretches of the Karakoram in the North to the vast alluvial delta of the Indus River in the South, Pakistan remains a land of high adventure and nature. Trekking, mountaineering, white water rafting, wild boar hunting, mountain and desert jeep safaris, camel and yak safaris, trout fishing and bird watching, are a few activities, which entice the adventure and nature lovers to Pakistan. Pakistan offers tourism in various areas including Eco and Environment; Spiritual; Heritage; Sports and Medical.

Gilgit Baltistan

Gilgit Baltistan is the capital of tourism in Pakistan. Gilgit Baltistan is home to some of the highest peaks in the world, including K2 the second highest peak in the world. Gilgit Baltistan is rich in landscape, mountains, lakes,



Shangrila Lake

Orea which proved to be a useful port during the Hellenistic civilization.

There are a number of mountain passes within Balochistan. The Bolan Pass has been the main entrance to the provincial city of Quetta. There are several others including Lak Pass, Khojak Pass and Harnai Pass. The Balochistan coastline extends from the Sindh province to the Iranian border measuring a total distance of over 750 km. The city of Gwadar holds the largest port in the province which is based near the ancient area of Makran. Pasni is another beautiful medium-sized town famous for fishing. Along the Makran Coastal Highway there are several rock formations as well as Kund Malir and the Hingol National Park.

Khyber pass

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is located in the north-west region of Pakistan. It is known as the tourist hotspot for adventurers and explorers. The province has a varied landscape ranging from rugged mountains, valleys, hills and dense agricultural farms. The region is well known for its ancestral roots. There are a number of Buddhist archaeological sites from the Gandhara civiliza-

tion such as Takht Bhai and Pushkalavati. There are a number of other Buddhist and Hindu archaeological sites including Bala Hisar Fort, Butkara Stupa, Kanishka stupa, Chakdara, Panjkora Valley and Sehri Bahlol.

Haripur

Punjab is the second largest province in Pakistan. It is known for its ancient cultural heritage as well as its religious diversity. The lands of Punjab have been home to a number of religions and civilizations. The Indus Valley Civilization once ruled the region and a significant archaeological find was discovered at the ancient city of Harappa. The Gandhara civilization was also quite dominant in the northern region of Punjab at the site of Taxila. Several other civilizations such as Greeks, Central Asians, and Persians ruled Punjab leaving a number of sites which still exist today.

Sindh

Sindh is located in the south-eastern region of Pakistan. The province is known for its religious heritage and rapid-urbanization. The province is home to the ancient Indus Valley Civilization. Mohenjo-daro near the city of



Islamabad

Larkana was one of the largest city-settlements in South Asia and is an official UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Chaukhandi tombs are another example of ancient Sindh and Balochi heritage located near the town of Landi. Another ancient city, Aror, located near the city of Sukkur is also a

ancient tombs and graves of Islamic dynasties. The Talpur Mirs of Hyderabad also left a number of sites including, Tombs of Talpur Mirs, Faiz Mahal in Khairpur, Qasim fort, Pocco Qillo and the Kot Diji Fort in Kot Diji.

Another famous fort built during the Islam invasion was the Ranikot Fort. Like other



Lahore Fort

glaciers and valleys. Gilgit Baltistan is not only famous for its mountains - it is as beautiful as their landmarks, culture, history and people. K2 Basecamp, Deosai, Naltar, Fairy Meadows and Hushe valley are the most beautiful places to visit in Gilgit Baltistan.

Balochistan

Balochistan is the largest province by geographical area of Pakistan, constituting approximately 43% of the total area. Balochistan is home to one of the oldest Neolithic (7000 BC to c. 2500 BC) sites in archaeology. Mehrgarh and Nausharo was an ancient city linked to the Indus Valley Civilization. Ancient sites dating back 800 years are the Nausherwani tombs at Qila Ladgasht. There was also an ancient port at the site of



Cold Desert, Skardu is the world's highest desert

famous tourist spot for its ruins. Kahu-Jo-Darro is a famous ancient Buddhist archaeological site near Mirpurkhas where a Buddhist stupa was excavated.

The first arrival of Islam in the South Asia took place in Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan. There has been a number of sites within the province that have led archaeologists to suggest this.

Makli Hill is one of the largest necropolises in the world. The site is home to a number of

provinces, Sindh has a number of cultural shrines and mausoleums including Thatta, Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai, Lal Shahbaz Qalander, Shahjahan Mosque, Mazar-e-Quaid, Minar-e-Mir Masum Shah, Bhambore and Garhi Khuda Bakhsh. The Northern part of the country is surrounded by the Himalayas, Fertile, green, mountainous valleys are characteristic of northern areas geography, making it one of the most beautiful regions on the subcontinent.

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HEARTIEST CONGRATULATION TO THE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER AND CITIZENS OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN ON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE DAY - 14TH AUGUST 2017

3 REBELS, 2 INDIAN SOLDIERS KILLED IN KASHMIR FIGHTING

SRINAGAR: Three Kashmiri rebels and two Indian soldiers have been killed in a fierce gunbattle in the disputed Himalayan region, police said yesterday. The fighting erupted Saturday after Indian troops raided southern Awneera village on a tip that at least seven rebels fighting New Delhi's rule over Kashmir were hiding there, said top police officer SP Vaid.

He said militants lobbed hand grenades and fired automatic rifles from two civilian homes and an apple orchard, killing two soldiers. At least three other soldiers were wounded. Police said the firing stopped late in the night but resumed early yesterday,

when three rebels were killed. Vaid said they were affiliated with the Hizbul Mujahideen, the largest Kashmiri insurgent group.

Residents said a civilian home was destroyed after troops blasted it with explosives. Anti-India protests followed the fighting Saturday and Sunday, leading to clashes between rock-throwing residents and government forces who fired shotgun pellets and tear gas. At least seven protesters were reported injured in the clashes.

Separately, two police officials and a soldier were injured after rebels sprayed gunfire at government forces laying a cordon in northeastern Hajin

area early yesterday. Also yesterday, a civilian who was wounded in a petrol bomb attack in the region's main city of Srinagar died in a hospital. Police said unknown perpetrators hurled the bomb at a police party on Saturday but missed the target, hitting the passer-by. In recent years, Kashmiris, mainly youths, have displayed open solidarity with anti-India rebels and sought to protect them by engaging troops in street clashes during military operations against the militants. The anti-India protests and clashes have persisted despite the Indian army chief warning recently that "tough action" would be taken against stone throwers during counterinsurgency operations.

Nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan each administer part of Kashmir, but both claim the Himalayan territory in its entirety. Rebel groups demand that Kashmir be united either under Pakistani rule or as an independent country. Anti-India sentiment runs deep in Kashmir's mostly Muslim population and most people support the rebels' cause against Indian rule. Nearly 70,000 people have been killed in the uprising and the ensuing Indian military crackdown. India accuses Pakistan of arming and training the rebels, which Pakistan denies. — AP

DEVOUT GUAM CELEBRATES MASS AMID KOREA THREAT

TUMON: Across Guam - where nearly everyone is Roman Catholic - priests prayed for peace as residents of the US Pacific island territory faced a missile threat from North Korea. Archbishop Michael Byrnes instructed priests in Guam's 26 churches to offer prayers for peace between the two nations and courage for military forces on the island. He asked for prayers for "just resolution of differences, and prudence in both speech and action."

Guam's Catholic faithful attended Sunday Mass after several days of dramatic rhetoric between the two nuclear-armed nations. President Donald Trump threatened swift and forceful retaliation against North Korea, declaring the US military "locked and loaded." There hasn't been any widespread anxiety among Guam residents, even after Pyongyang vowed to complete a plan to attack waters near the island by mid-August.

Monte Mesa, who is vice-chairman of the Guam Visitors Bureau, said the Mass at Blessed Diego de San Vitores Catholic Church in Tumon was comforting. He said after the crowded Mass the message from the readings and the gospel "tell our people that God is in control of what is happening and if we have faith and believe in God all this rhetoric and war possibility here on Guam will be taken care of by God."

Prayers of peace

The Rev Jose Antonio "Lito" P Abad said during the Mass that he woke up Wednesday morning reading the breaking news on his phone that Guam was a missile target from North Korea. He felt anxious, he told the congregation during his homily, but that saying prayers gave him peace. He asked his parishioners to pray that God will

give them strength. The church is a major influence on the devout island where 85 percent of the population is Catholic. The church is grappling with numerous lawsuits alleging sex abuse in a growing scandal that has rocked the tiny island where Catholicism is deeply woven into the Spanish-influenced culture of about 160,000 people.

The Archdiocese of Agaña invited people to a noon rosary prayer rally, where hundreds gathered under an overcast sky at the ruins of the old Spanish government palace in the heart of Hagatna, Guam's capital. Rallies are being held across the world in commemoration of Our Lady of Fatima's appearance to three shepherd children, 100 years ago in Fatima, Portugal. "Praying for peace in our world and conversion of sinners is very much a part of the messages Our Lady imparted to the children in her appearances at Fatima," the archdiocese said in a statement.

Nikky Flores, a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, said the prayers offered during the rally were "totally significant especially because of this threat. We all come together and pray. We really are very hopeful that it will not come," she said of the missile threat. The Rev Francis X Hezel, assistant pastor at Santa Barbara Catholic Church in Dededo, said he hasn't heard of parishioners seeking comfort from the church amid the North Korea threat. "It's business as usual with this dark cloud hovering over us for sure," he said. "I don't think they'll be trembling with fear." Hezel noted that Guam is familiar with the threats. "The people of Guam are used to standing in a perilous position," he said. "That's the peril and the promise of the place." — AP



GORAKHPUR: Children receive treatment at the state-run Baba Raghav Das Medical College Hospital where 35 children died in three days. — AP

OUTRAGE MOUNTS OVER DOZENS OF INFANT DEATHS AT INDIA HOSPITAL UP CHIEF MINISTER FACING RESIGNATION CALLS

LUCKNOW: A key ally of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was facing calls yesterday for his resignation after dozens of children died at a government hospital in northern India that suffered oxygen shortages. Yogi Adityanath, the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh state where the deaths occurred, visited the hospital yesterday as angry relatives rushed to the scene demanding answers.

At least 64 children died over six days at the hospital in Gorakhpur, with Indian media reporting that 30 deaths Thursday and Friday were from a lack of oxygen in the children's wards. Suppliers' bills had allegedly not been paid, leading to a shortage that saw panicked families using artificial manual breathing bags to help their stricken loved ones. Local officials have conceded there was a disruption to the oxygen supply at the hospital, but insist the deaths were caused by encephalitis and other illnesses, not a lack of available oxygen. Adityanath, a firebrand Hindu priest from Modi's conservative nationalist party, vowed to leave no stone unturned as he toured the hospital in his signature saffron robes.

'He will not be spared'

"If the investigation finds any authority guilty of negligence, he will not be spared at any cost," Adityanath told reporters in Gorakhpur, the city he represented for nearly two decades. He repeated that the deaths were caused by encephalitis — a mosquito-borne

virus that every year ravages poorer, eastern parts of Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state with more than 200 million people. But parents have recounted panic and horror as their children suddenly began gasping for air amid an apparent drop in oxygen, and nurses handed out manual pumps to aid their breathing.

"I am a poor man who doesn't understand what happens here, but it was clear that day the oxygen wasn't going up. The doctors and other staff here were very worried," Ram Prasad, sitting by his two-year-old daughter's bedside, told AFP. "They rushed to my kid too and gave us a manual pumping machine. It was the longest one-and-a-half to two hours of our lives. We spent the night pressing that machine so that nothing happened to our daughter."

Others described the hospital in total chaos, with helpless parents carrying the lifeless bodies of their children, crying out for help. "It was very sudden. We didn't know what was happening," Bechna Devi told AFP beside her three-and-a-half year old daughter Saroj. "Every hospital staffer around us was in a rush and they simply told us to use that pump machine for our child."

'Tragedy of epic proportions'

Gorakhpur's police commissioner Anil Kumar told AFP on Sunday that 11 more children had died at the hospital on Saturday. "But I reiterate, they were not due to lack of oxygen supply," he said. As anger grew, opposition parties and government critics led the charge for Adityanath's resignation. "The death of innocent children in Gorakhpur is a tragedy of epic proportions," Sanjay Jha, a spokesman for India's main opposition Congress party, told AFP.

"The fact that it happened in a state-run hospital is a manifestation of pathetic governance. The buck stops with CM Adityanath, as his government has clearly misplaced priorities... He should resign forthwith owning full moral responsibility." The hospital's day-by-day breakdown of the death toll showed a jump Thursday when 23 infants died, including 14 babies at its neo-natal unit.

Doctors admitted that the oxygen supply had been disrupted for a couple of hours late Thursday, but said no deaths had occurred at that time. The head of the hospital was stood down pending an inquiry into the oxygen shortage, which allegedly stemmed from nearly \$100,000 in overdue bills, some dating back to November. "If there is any pending payment which is yet to be made to any gas supplier, then it should be done immediately," senior state health official Anita Bhatnagar Jain told the Press Trust of India on Sunday. "There should be no shortage of oxygen... and adequate stock of oxygen must be maintained." Adityanath, who won Uttar Pradesh in a landslide in March for Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party, ordered a review of oxygen supplies in the state's hospitals and medical colleges. — AFP



HAGATNA: People gather at Plaza de Espana, to pray for peace yesterday. — AP

ALMOST 70 DEAD IN MONSOON DISASTERS ACROSS NEPAL, INDIA

KATHMANDU: Monsoon floods and landslides have killed at least 66 people across Nepal and India but officials fear that figure could almost double as rescuers search for dozens believed lost under mud and in submerged villages. Authorities yesterday upgraded the death toll from flash flooding across landlocked Nepal to 49 as the water kept rising, forcing thousands to flee for higher ground. "Another 17 are missing. Search and rescue works are underway but the water levels have not declined yet," said Shankar Hari Acharya, the chief of Nepal's national emergency center.

The Red Cross estimated a higher death toll of 53, with dozens more missing and injured and thousands of homes destroyed. In neighboring India, rescuers were desperately trying to reach two packed buses swept into a gorge by a landslide so powerful it destroyed an entire stretch of

highway. The coaches had stopped for a tea break around midnight Saturday in Himachal Pradesh when tons of rock and mud cascaded down a mountainside.

Seventeen bodies have been recovered from the accident site in the Himalayan state, said Sandeep Kadam, a senior official at the scene. But dozens were still missing somewhere at the bottom of the ravine, with soldiers and rescuers clawing through the mud and rock to reach them. "Around 200 meters of national highway washed away with two buses and more than 50 feared buried," said Indian army spokesman Colonel Aman Anand, who was helping coordinate rescue efforts.

Heavy toll

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his condolences and prayers for those affect-

ed by the accident. "Pained by the loss of lives due to landslide-related accidents in HP's Mandi district," he posted on Twitter, using the acronym for Himachal Pradesh state. The disaster followed days of heavy rain, which loosens the soil on steep hillsides and threatens villages at the foot of mountains every monsoon season.

Hundreds have died across India in torrential rain, floods and landslides since the onset of the wet season in April. In Nepal the toll from this year's monsoon — which typically lasts from late June until the end of August — has already eclipsed last year, with more than 100 people confirmed dead. Last weekend in the central lowlands, four girls from the same family drowned when they fell into a flooded roadside ditch.

Nepal's weather department warned that heavy rain was expected to continue for another day, following days of torrential downpours. "There isn't a house without water," said Raghuram Mehta, a resident of the southern district of Sunsari which has suffered nine deaths, the highest of any district. "Hundreds of families are taking shelter in local schools."

Footage aired on Nepali TV showed villagers wading through waist-high water with their belongings and using boats to reach higher ground. Families perched on trees with young children overnight as flood waters swept away homes in a village in the southern district of Chitwan, local media reported. In the popular jungle safari resort of Sauraha in Chitwan, hotels were forced to shift their guests to higher floors as water rushed in. A hotel owner said they used elephants to transport tourist highway and airport to help them return to the capital Kathmandu. Biratnagar airport in the eastern district of Morang was closed after being submerged in a metre of water, authorities at the international terminal said. — AFP



SHAH ALAM: Flares hurled by protesters rise during a forum of former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad. — AP

TOWN HALL BY EX-MALAYSIAN LEADER MAHATHIR MARRIED BY VIOLENCE

KUALA LUMPUR: A town hall meeting with former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who now heads an opposition coalition, was marred by violence yesterday, with several people hurling flares, chairs and shoes at the stage. The 92-year-old Mahathir, who has set up a new political party to try to oust Prime Minister Najib Razak in elections due by mid-2018, was answering questions at the forum, hosted by his party, when chaos erupted. Shoes, water bottles and chairs were flung at the stage before two flares were ignited, filling the hall with smoke and turning it bright pink.

Mahathir was safely escorted out of the hall. Forum organizer Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman said several people were injured but couldn't give details on the exact number or their condition. Police said three people, ranging in age from 17 to 19, were detained. Syed Saddiq slammed the

disruption as "sabotage," saying officials from Mahathir's Bersatu party had earlier noticed a group of youths wearing T-shirts with fake logos of Bersatu's youth wing.

Opposition lawmaker Azmin Ali said: "Najib is using gangsterism to shut Mahathir's mouth. It's a cowardly act." There was no immediate comment from the government. While it was unclear who was behind the fracas, it highlights that Mahathir - Malaysia's prime minister for 22 years before stepping down in 2003 - is seen as a political threat. Mahathir has been spearheading calls for Najib to resign over a multibillion-dollar financial scandal in indebted state fund 1MDB, which is being investigated in several countries for money laundering. Najib has denied any wrongdoing. Mahathir came out of retirement to set up Bersatu last year and was recently appointed chairman of a fractured opposition coalition. — AP



JANAKPUR: Passengers walk through the flooded Janakpur airport yesterday. — AFP



A pedestrian walks past a reflection of the US Capitol in a rain puddle at daybreak in Washington yesterday. — AP

ARAB BLOC WON'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST US FIRMS

DUBAI: Four Arab countries that imposed sanctions on Qatar have told the United States that US companies doing business with them would not be punished for also working with Doha, four sources with knowledge of the matter said. Foreign firms have become increasingly cautious on their cross border dealings over concerns they could fall foul of the region's biggest diplomatic crisis in years.

Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Egypt and Bahrain sent a letter to US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson in July reassuring him that US companies would not be dis-

criminated against as part of the boycott, according to sources with knowledge of the letter. The European Union has been given similar "official ... verbal assurances" by the UAE, the EU Delegation to the UAE told Reuters.

In the letter to Tillerson, the four countries said that they valued and intended to maintain their relationships with U.S. companies and that those ties would not be affected by the boycott, according to a source who has seen the letter. The US Embassy in Abu Dhabi declined to comment on the letter. The four Arab states did not immediately respond to Reuters ques-

tions on the letter. Tillerson made a four-day visit to the region in July where he met both sides of the dispute and made proposals to help end the crisis. The four Arab countries cut diplomatic and trade links with Qatar on June 5, suspending air and shipping routes with the world's biggest exporter of liquefied natural gas and the home to the region's biggest US military base.

Big Contracts to be Won

UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash said on July 17 that the UAE would not ask foreign companies to choose

between doing business with it or Qatar. That followed comments from UAE Ambassador to Russia Omar Ghobash to Britain's Guardian newspaper on June 28 that companies could be made to choose as part of a new round of sanctions on Qatar.

Top US companies have large investments in countries on both sides of the dispute and there are big contracts to be won in wealthy Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Qatar. Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, signed business deals worth tens of billions of dollars with US companies during US President Donald Trump's visit to Riyadh in May.

State-owned airlines in the UAE and Qatar are leading customers of US plane-maker Boeing, and Doha, which will host the 2022 World Cup, is seeking partners to take part in a huge expansion of its gas production. Some companies have taken steps to restructure their Middle East operations so that Qatar no longer reports to their regional headquarters, often located in Dubai, in a bid to avoid any conflict. One of the sources said that there have been no known incidents of a US company being discriminated against by the four Arab countries because of the dispute with Qatar. — Reuters

EMERGENCY TEAMS BATTLE OIL SPILL IN RAS AL-ZOUR

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Khaled Al-Hajeri, the president of Kuwait's Green Line Society, said the environmental non-profit organization holds the government responsible for any damage or health effects of the spill. "The government failed to issue a statement communicating the severity of this disaster. There was no warning to people against fishing or entering the polluted area, even though it is close to some of the most popular summer destinations in Kuwait," he said. "This is what happens when under-qualified individuals handle the government's most sensitive environment entity."

Hajeri said the spill began days ago and that activists from his group informed authorities about it on Aug 10. "This media blackout is intentional, and wrong. People have the right to know. This will have an impact on the fish, the food people consume, and it directly affects their health and safety," he added. "I blame the Environment Public Authority for neglecting its role in discovering the spill before it reached our coasts, and for not knowing its source," he told Kuwait Times.

Hajeri said there are three possible sources for the oil spill. "It can only be from a Kuwaiti oil company, Saudi oil company or from an oil tanker in deep waters. We are now waiting for the results by the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) which has an emergency center in Bahrain to find out the source," he said.

"I warn people to stay away from this spill, and they should not swim in the affected areas. It's very dangerous if the skin comes in contact with the oil. Also, the spill has given rise to toxic gases that evaporate from it due to the heat. It's also very dangerous for fish and other creatures living in the sea," he stated. "I don't expect that the spill will spread towards Kuwait City due to the currents' direction. Most probably, it may reach Saudi Arabia," Hajeri added.

"Emergency oil teams are still struggling to put an oil spill near Kuwait's southern Ras Al-Zour area under control," said KPC spokesman Sheikh Talal said in an earlier statement carried by the official KUNA news agency. Emergency teams from Kuwait Oil Company (KOC), Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC), several other oil companies, the Ministry of Electricity and Water and

Environment Public Authority have harnessed all efforts and capabilities to deal with the oil spill in south Kuwait, he said in a press release. They are now focusing their efforts on protecting water outlets near the country's northern and southern Al-Zour power and water stations, the spokesman added.

Boats and crews have been putting booms into the water to try and contain the spill. Officials want to protect waterways, power plants and water facilities first, then clean surrounding beaches. There were no official reports on the source or size of the spill in the waters off Kuwait's southern coast, near the joint Kuwaiti-Saudi offshore Al-Khafji oilfield. Kuwaiti media however yesterday quoted local oil experts as saying the spill originated from an old 50-km pipeline from Al-Khafji. The experts estimated that as many as 35,000 barrels of crude oil may have leaked into the waters off Al-Zour, where Kuwait is building a massive \$30 billion oil complex that includes a 615,000-barrel-per-day refinery.

Emergency teams have sealed off two power and water desalination plants in the area to prevent the contamina-

tion of drinking water. Kuwait depends largely on desalination for its fresh water supplies. Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, located south of Kuwait along the Gulf coast, said the spill had not reached their waters. Saudi Arabia said that it had put into action a "crisis management plan" and was conducting an aerial survey of its oil plants along the coast in a statement published by the official SPA news agency. The Kuwait Petroleum Corporation said teams from Saudi Arabian Chevron and the Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) had joined the teams cleaning the coastal waters.

The joint operations center in Khafji said facilities there have not been affected by the spill. In a press statement, Khafji Joint Operations (KJO) Public and Government Relations Officer Riyadh Al-Hassan pointed out that KJO emergency plan was enforced immediately following the reports about oil leakage from an oil tanker in northeastern Arabian Gulf waters. This included an aerial surveillance of the area to check the safety of the facilities and coasts, he said. He emphasized that the surveillance showed that all KJO facilities are okay and spotted no oil spill in its operations zone.

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DOVIZIOSO BEATS MARQUEZ TO WIN AUSTRIAN GP

SPIELBERG: Ducati rider Andrea Dovizioso held off a late challenge by defending MotoGP champion Marc Marquez to win the Austrian GP yesterday. It was the Italian's third win of the season after his back-to-back victories in Italy and Catalonia in June. Dovizioso briefly lost the lead on the final lap but accelerated to overtake Marquez again before the final stretch and win the race by 0.176 seconds. Marquez' Honda teammate Dani Pedrosa finished 2.661 seconds back in third. Chasing his fourth career championship, Marquez leads the standings and is 16 points clear of Dovizioso with seven races left. Yamaha's Maverick Vinales, who won the first two events of the season and came sixth in yesterday's race, is eight points further back in third. The next race is the British GP at Silverstone on Aug. 27. Marquez started from pole position for the fifth time this season but was overtaken by Ducati's Jorge Lorenzo in the first lap. —AP

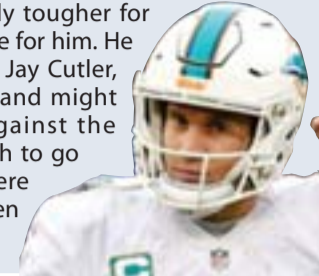


MARLINS SIGN AGREEMENT TO SELL TO JETER GROUP

MIAMI: The Miami Marlins signed an agreement to sell the team to a group featuring former New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter, a person familiar with the deal said Saturday. The person confirmed the Friday night signing to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the Marlins have not confirmed the agreement. Another person familiar with the agreement said Friday that Jeter would be a limited partner in the group led by venture capitalist Bruce Sherman. That person said Major League Baseball was told that Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria will receive about \$1.2 billion from the Jeter-Sherman group, which includes more than 10 entities. Sherman, who will be the controlling owner, spent much of his financial career in New York and has a home in Naples, Florida. Jeter, a 14-time All-Star who retired after the 2014 season, will be in charge of baseball operations. MLB owners will discuss the deal at their meeting next week in Chicago. —AP

DOLPHINS' TANNEHILL OUT FOR SEASON, ON INJURED RESERVE

DAVIE: Miami Dolphins coach Adam Gase says he's confident quarterback Ryan Tannehill will be ready for the 2018 season, but 2017 is out. The Dolphins placed Tannehill on injured reserve Saturday because of his left knee injury, sidelining him for the entire season. Tannehill and the Dolphins decided surgery will be the best option for his torn anterior cruciate ligament. When asked about his conversation with Tannehill, Gase said: "It was probably tougher for me. It's more and more real. It's unfortunate for him. He worked so hard." Tannehill's replacement, Jay Cutler, practiced for the second time Saturday and might play in Thursday's exhibition game against the Baltimore Ravens. "If he feels good enough to go on Thursday, where the pocket feel is there and he feels like he's in a good place, then he'll go," Gase said. —AP



MARIOTA RETURNS, JETS TOP TITANS IN PRESEASON OPENER

EAST RUTHERFORD: Marcus Mariota got out on the field, ran a handful of plays and then watched the rest of the game from the sideline. It was a nice, simple night for the franchise quarterback. Mariota played in his first game since breaking his right leg late last season, easily the most important development for the Tennessee Titans in their 7-3 loss to the New York Jets on Saturday in the exhibition opener for each team.

"I enjoyed the moment," he said. "You kind of create those moments when you're going through the rehab process. You keep telling yourself 'This is what you're working for' and that's the way I approached it."

Mariota, who had 3,426 yards and 26 touchdowns in 2016 before his injury on Dec. 24, played two series in the first quarter. "The recovery process was a long one," Mariota said. "To be able to be out there today with the guys, I enjoyed it." On his first attempt, he scrambled to his right and completed a 15-yard pass to Rishard Matthews. He finished 2 of 3 for 15 yards. "Instincts kind of took over," he said. "It felt good to get out of the pocket and make a play."

Unlike the Titans, the Jets' quarterback situation is more muddled. Well-traveled veteran Josh McCown got the start for New York. He was 3 of 4 for 72 yards and a touchdown in his one series, which was enough for the win because the Jets defense had eight sacks and was dominant throughout.

Christian Hackenberg, a second-round pick in 2016, took over for McCown and played until late in the third quarter.

Hackenberg was 18 of 25 for 127 yards. "He has some things to build off," Jets coach Todd Bowles said of Hackenberg. "He has some positives that we can look at and he can build from. He's got some negatives that we've got to correct. That's to be expected in the first game."

Bryce Petty, a fourth-round pick in 2015, finished up and was 2 of 6 for 16 yards. Robby Anderson, an undrafted free agent who was trying to make the team a year ago, is the Jets' No. 1 receiver after Quincy Enunwa was lost for the season to a neck injury. He had three receptions for 71 yards.

Anderson made a nice 53-yard catch on the opening drive, which ended with McCown's 4-yard TD pass Charone Peake. "It felt great to get in there with the guys," McCown said. "The O-line was excellent. Robby made a heckuva play. And we finished it off. Peake made a great catch." Titans rookie receiver Taywan Taylor made a leaping 42-yard catch in the third quarter. The drive ended with Ryan Succop's 36-yard field goal. Titans running back Derrick Henry, the 2015 Heisman Trophy winner, had eight carries for 29 yards.

Alex Tanney replaced Mariota and was sacked by linebacker Julian Stanford on his first play and briefly left the game. He returned for the next series. Tanney was 10 of 26 for 128 yards with an interception and lost a fumble on a sack. Former Jets wide receiver Eric Decker had no catches in his return to the Meadowlands. Decker was signed by the Titans in June after he was cut by the Jets in their salary purge. —AP



GLENDAL: Oakland Raiders running back DeAndre Washington (33) is tackled by Arizona Cardinals cornerback Justin Bethel during the first half of an NFL preseason football game, Saturday, in Glendale, Ariz. —AP

NFL

LYNCH SITS DURING ANTHEM IN RAIDERS LOSS IN ARIZONA

GLENDAL: Marshawn Lynch made the biggest news of what otherwise was a routine preseason NFL game by sitting during the national anthem prior to the Oakland Raiders' 20-10 loss to the Arizona Cardinals on Saturday night.

The ex-Seattle running back, who came out of retirement to sign with his hometown Raiders, sat on an orange cooler with his arms resting on his knees, while others around him stood. Although he rarely talks to the media, Lynch has voiced support for quarterback Colin Kaepernick's decision to kneel during the anthem last season to protest what he saw as a pattern of police mistreatment of people of color. Lynch did not play in the game.

Carson Palmer threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Brittan Golden to cap his brief preseason debut while Oakland quarterback Derek Carr watched the game from the sideline. Palmer, at age 37 beginning his 15th NFL season, directed Arizona on a 12-play, 70-yard touchdown drive to start the game. It looked as if the Cardinals were headed for a short field goal, but the Raiders were called for covering the snapper on the kick, giving Arizona a first down and setting up its opening TD.

David Johnson had a 10-yard run in the opening drive. The standout running back carried three times for 16 yards before calling it a night. Two of the Raiders' top defensive players, All-Pro defensive end Khalil Mack and linebacker Bruce Irvin, joined Carr and Lynch as spectators.

While it was the preseason opener for Oakland, it was Arizona's second outing. The Cardinals starters did not play in the team's 20-18 loss to Dallas in the Hall of Fame Game.

NO CARR

Carr had been expected to see his first action since breaking his right leg in a game last Christmas Eve, but coach Jack Del Rio chose to have his starter sit the opener out.

BACKUP BATTLE

E.J. Manuel got the start at quarterback for Oakland and had a strong showing in his battle with Connor Cook for the backup job. Manuel completed 10 of 12 passes for 107 yards.

Cook played the entire second half, completing 10 of 21 for 81 yards. NO RUST: Palmer showed little sign of rust after a very light week of workouts. He hadn't thrown a pass in practice since Tuesday, taking Wednesday and Thursday's workouts off.

CARDINALS QBs

Drew Stanton, who appears to have a firm hold on the backup quarterback job despite the addition of Blaine Gabbert, had a strong first half in relief of Palmer. Stanton, Palmer's backup for the past four seasons, completed 11 of 15 passes for 112 yards, including a 7-yard TD pass to tight end Troy Niklas. Gabbert played most of the second half, completing 5 of 9 passes for 53 yards. Neither of Oakland's two

top draft picks played. Cornerback Gareon Conley, the first-round pick, and the second rounder, safety Obi Melifonwu, are nursing injuries. Arizona wide receiver John Brown,

slowed by a quadriceps issue, did not play.

The only members of Oakland's first team offense to play were tackles Marshall Newhouse and Vadal Alexander. —AP

KUWAIT AND KAZAKHSTAN SHOOTING CLUBS JOIN FORCES



Duaij Al-Otaibi

KUWAIT: Kuwait Shooting Club signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) yesterday with its Kazakh counterpart in an effort to further the precision sport in both nations.

The deal was sealed on the sidelines of the seventh Asian Shotgun Championship held in Kazakhstan. Duaij Al-Otaibi, the president of the Arab and Kuwaiti shooting clubs, told KUNA. He added that he signed the MoU along with the Kazakh Minister of Sports and Culture, applauding the world's largest landlocked country for organizing a spectacle that featured 350 competitors representing more than 29 nations. He went on to thank the Kuwaiti leadership for its overwhelming support of the sport of shooting. — KUNA

GOLF

KISNER SURVIVES WILD FINISH, TAKE PGA LEAD

CHARLOTTE: Kevin Kisner survived a calamitous finish at the PGA Championship thanks to a good bounce off a bridge that allowed him to escape with a bogey and take a one-shot lead into the final round at Quail Hollow.

Kisner already gave up a two-shot lead with a 6-iron into the water on the 16th hole for double bogey. Then, he nearly did it again at the end of Quail Hollow's fabled "Green Mile." His 7-iron went left toward the creek until it landed on the concrete bridge, sailed high in the air and disappeared in the thick grass on the hill above the water. Kisner did well to chop that onto the green and two-putt from 45 feet for a 1-over 72.

Jason Day wasn't so fortunate, most of that his own doing. Day took a big risk and paid a big price, going from behind a tree to flower bushes, into the rough and short of the green. The final result was a quadruple-bogey 8, leaving him seven shots behind.

Kisner had the lead going into the final round, a great spot to pursue his first major championship. He just doesn't like what he sees in his rearview mirror, where the players are a lot closer than they once appeared. Hideki Matsuyama made only one birdie and wasted two good scoring chances on the back nine. Then again, he had a rather dull finish that allowed him to salvage a 73 and leaves him only one shot behind as he tries to bring Japan its first major championship.

Chris Stroud, the last player to qualify for the PGA Championship, was briefly tied for the lead until he three-putted his last two holes for a 71. He was one shot behind and will be playing in the final group with Kisner.

"I'm happy I'm in the position I'm in," said Kisner, who was at 7-under 206. "I had a chance to run away from guys and take people out of the tournament that were four or five, six back. And I didn't do it. Now I'm in a dogfight tomorrow, and I have to be prepared for that."

After the final hour of the third round Saturday, he should be prepared for anything. Justin Thomas, the son of a PGA professional, had the right formula. He didn't drop a shot over the last 12 shots and shot a 69 to finish just two shots behind along with Louis Oosthuizen, who saved par on the 18th with a bold shot for a 71.

It was everyone else in the hunt that fell apart. Rickie Fowler, quietly lurking with four birdies in an eight-hole stretch, failed to birdie the par-5 15th - the easiest hole at Quail Hollow - and followed with a three-putt bogey on the 16th, an 8-iron into the water for double bogey on the 17th, and a three-putt bogey from just over 20 feet on the 18th. That gave him a 73, and after getting within three shots, he trailed by six.

Paul Casey also was in position until his shot on 18 missed by a fraction and settled in the rough above the hole. His chip ran off the green, and he made double bogey. Casey played the final three holes in 4 over and shot 74. He was seven behind. The shocker was Day, the former No. 1 player in the world and a PGA champion two years ago. He looked more like Jean Van de Velde, only he was standing amid bushes of flowers instead of knee deep in the burn at Carnoustie. —AP

YOKOHAMA RUBBER NOW ALSO CHELSEA FC SLEEVE SPONSOR

KUWAIT: Mohamed Naser Al Sayer, one of the Al Sayer Group Holding Companies has announced that The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd., recently agreed with England's Chelsea Football Club to be a jersey shirt sleeve sponsor for the 2017-2018 season. The agreement expands on Yokohama Rubber's ongoing official partnership with the current Premier League champion. In addition to the YOKOHAMA TYRES logo that has been prominently featured across the chest of the Chelsea FC jersey these past two seasons, the new jerseys to be worn by players during Premier League, FA Cup and Carabao Cup matches will feature the logo of the Company's new ALLIANCE TYRES brand on the jersey's left sleeve. The new jersey made its debut at Chelsea's pre-season match with Arsenal at Beijing's National Stadium (aka the Bird's Nest) on July 22.

ALLIANCE is a new passenger vehicle tire brand to be launched by Yokohama Rubber in Europe as a start in 2017. By adding the ALLIANCE brand to its YOKOHAMA brand, Yokohama Rubber expects to better meet the needs of a broader and more diverse customer base for passenger vehicle tires. The Alliance Tire Group (ATG), an off-highway tire specialist that was acquired by Yokohama Rubber in July 2016, continues to expand its business in the markets for agricultural and construction machinery under the ALLIANCE brand.

Seeking to expand its global tire sales and brand recognition, Yokohama Rubber in July 2015 entered into a five-year partnership agreement with Chelsea FC, which has an extensive worldwide fan base. Yokohama Rubber expects the partnership with Chelsea FC, which last season recaptured the Premier League title, to increase the brand recognition for its YOKOHAMA and ALLIANCE brands by appealing to images associated with the Champions.

Founded in 1905, Chelsea FC is one of the Premier League's most prestigious clubs. The Blues have captured the league title six times and won seven FA Cups. Chelsea also has won two UEFA Cup Winners' Cups, the UEFA Champions League in 2012, and the UEFA Europa League in 2013, making it the first UK club to win all three of the UEFA's major club competitions.

Yokohama Rubber is a comprehensive global tire and rubber manufacturer headquartered in Tokyo. Founded in Japan in 1917, the Company is commemorating its 100th anniversary this year. In addition to being a comprehensive maker of tires, including tires for passenger cars, trucks and buses, and construction machinery, Yokohama Rubber produces and markets a wide range of rubber products, such as automotive hoses and conveyor belts as well as marine hoses (MB products).



LONGTIME NHL COACH, GM BRYAN MURRAY DIES AT 74 OF CANCER

WASHINGTON: Bryan Murray, a long-time NHL coach and general manager who helped turn around the Washington Capitals and took the Ottawa Senators to the Stanley Cup Final, has died at 74. He was diagnosed in 2014 with colon cancer that he was told was incurable and became an advocate for awareness and early detection. Murray worked that season and another as general manager of the Senators, who confirmed his death Saturday.

"Bryan was one of the greatest men that the game of hockey has ever known and also a great father, mentor and teacher," Senators owner Eugene Melnyk said. Murray served as general manager in Anaheim, Florida, Detroit and Ottawa and coached in Washington, Detroit, Florida, Anaheim and Ottawa. He won the Jack Adams Award as coach of the year with the Capitals in 1983-84 and reached the

Cup Final with the Senators in 2007.

"Bryan Murray's strength and character were reflected in the teams he coached and the teams he built over decades of front-office excellence," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said. The Capitals had not been to the playoffs in their first eight years of existence before making seven consecutive post-season trips under Murray. Former player Craig Laughlin described Murray as a players' coach with an old-school approach and a knack for managing personalities.

"He was an absolute players' coach that in my career you would go through the wall for because of your respect for him as a person and as a hockey coach," Laughlin said. "He was just an unbelievable guy where as a player you could sit down and have a beer with your coach and talk hockey, talk family, talk sports, talk anything and he was a guy that was there for you."

GYM TEACHER

David Poile, now Nashville's GM, inherited Murray as coach when he was GM of the Capitals and said he learned more from him than he taught. Murray began his adult life as a gym teacher, and that translated well to coaching.

"He really saw basketball in terms of a lot of the plays that they used that could be integrated into hockey," Poile said. "He really loved just the daily interaction with the players, being on the ice, being behind the bench, setting the strategy for the game and how the team would play. I really think that if there's such a thing as what you're born for, I think Bryan was born for coaching."

Murray coached 1,239 regular-season and 112 playoff games over parts of 18 seasons. Murray made the playoffs in 12 of his 13 full seasons as head coach. He last coached in 2007-08 and was Ottawa's GM until stepping down to an advisory capacity last season

because of his health. Murray worked in the NHL in some capacity for 35 consecutive seasons, making far more friends than enemies along the way. Trading barbs with referees was a particular habit of Murray's, though it had a purpose.

"He sort of tried to take the pressure off the team by doing stuff and yelling and screaming at the referees and having fun with them to alleviate some of the pressure that we had," Laughlin said.

Minnesota Wild GM Chuck Fletcher and assistant GM Brent Flahr, who worked with Murray in Florida, called him "a great friend and a mentor to many of us in this business." Hall of Famer Larry Robinson said Murray's death made for a "sad day for hockey."

"My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Murray family," Senators captain Erik Karlsson tweeted. "Thank you for everything Bryan. You gave me the chance to be who I am today." Murray

said he wanted his legacy to be cancer awareness. When his fellow GMs honored him at their annual March meeting in 2015, nephew Tim Murray and others said they went to get a colonoscopy after learning about Bryan's diagnosis.

"He made that his passion for everybody to get on board and just to realize that this is so important and this is a situation if you did something like this on a regular basis that this could be a preventable cancer," Poile said. "From that standpoint, he was tremendous. I think he's probably saved lots of lives because of what he's done in the past couple of years."

Laughlin said Murray was one of the first player-friendly coaches at a time when others were "flexing their muscles" as strict tacticians. Even opponents and rivals respected Murray, who said in 2014 he felt bad that he couldn't respond to colleagues' messages about his cancer diagnosis fast enough.—AP



LOS ANGELES: Los Angeles Dodgers' Yasiel Puig, left, reacts after scoring the third run on a single by Corey Seager, as San Diego Padres catcher Austin Hedges, right, turns to look if there is another play, during the sixth inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles, Saturday. —AP

BASEBALL

HARPER INJURED AS NATIONALS BEAT GIANTS

WASHINGTON: Bryce Harper sustained what appeared to be a serious left knee injury when he slipped on a wet first base and his left leg buckled while running out a grounder early in the Washington Nationals' 3-1 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Saturday. Harper clutched at his knee while on the wet field and put no weight on his left leg as he was helped off. The 2015 NL MVP left the game immediately, and manager Dusty Baker said Harper hyper-extended his knee and would have an MRI. The result of the game meant little for Washington, which leads the NL East by 14 1/2 games, or San Francisco, which is out of contention.

RED SOX 10, YANKEES 5

Rookie Andrew Benintendi rocketed a pair of three-run homers off All-Star Luis Severino as Boston bounced back from a tough loss to rough up New York. A day after blowing a late lead, the AL East leaders battered Severino for a career-worst 10 runs. Drew Pomeranz pitched the Red Sox to their ninth win in 10 games and restored their 41 1/2-game lead over New York.

INDIANS 3, RAYS 0

Jay Bruce drove in his first two runs for Cleveland and Mike Clevinger struck out nine. Bruce, acquired in a trade from the New York

Mets on Wednesday, drove in the first run with a two-out fly ball that dropped for a double between left fielder Corey Dickerson and third baseman Trevor Plouffe in the first inning. After leading off the third with a double, Francisco Lindor scored on Chris Archer's two-out wild pitch to make it 2-0. Bruce drove in another run with a single in the fifth after Jose Ramirez's leadoff double.

DOGERS 6, PADRES 3

Corey Seager's bases-loaded single led to three runs while Cody Bellinger and Chris Taylor added solo homers as Los Angeles rallied from a sixth-inning deficit to beat San Diego. With their 27th win in 32 games, the Dodgers improved the best record in the major leagues to 82-34, on pace for 115 wins. Trailing 3-1 in the sixth, the Dodgers loaded the bases when Chase Utley doubled between walks to Yamani Grandal and Yasiel Puig from Craig Stammen (0-2). Seager followed with a tying single to right as Yasiel Puig took third, and when Seager overran first and got caught in a rundown, Puig broke for home and with a headfirst slide beat the throw from first baseman Wil Myers.

CARDINALS 6, BRAVES 5

Randal Grichuk and Paul DeJong homered

and St. Louis stretched its winning streak to eight games. Carlos Martinez (9-9) tossed six solid innings and also drove in a run for the Cardinals, who moved within 1/2 game of the first-place Chicago Cubs in the NL Central. Brandon Phillips homered for Atlanta, which lost its fifth in a row. The eight-game run is the longest for St. Louis since the Cardinals won eight in a row April 28, May 5, 2015. Grichuk hit his 15th homer of the season in the second to tie the game 2-2. He also added a double in a three-run outburst in the fifth. DeJong led off the seventh with his team-high 17th home run.

BLUE JAYS 7, PIRATES 2

Chris Rowley pitched 5 1/3 innings to win his major league debut while Jose Bautista scored two runs as Toronto beat Pittsburgh. A former first lieutenant in the United States Army, Rowley (1-0) missed all of the 2014 and 2015 minor league seasons while on active service, including a stint in Bulgaria. The right-hander, who began the season at Double-A, allowed one run five hits. He walked one and struck out three. The only run off Rowley came in the second when Josh Bell hit a leadoff triple and scored on a two-out hit by Jordy Mercer. Mercer added a solo homer off Leonel Campos in the ninth.

RANGERS 8, ASTROS 3

Adrian Beltre had three hits with three RBIs after new Hall of Fame catcher Ivan Rodriguez acknowledged his 3,000-hit milestone as Texas handed AL-leading Houston a season-high fifth straight loss. An RBI double and two-run single from Beltre came after Rodriguez paid tribute to the 38-year-old third baseman during a pre-game ceremony to retire Rodriguez's No. 7. Beltre's 3,000th hit came on the same day Rodriguez was inducted into the Hall of Fame two weeks ago. Brett Nicholas hit a three-run homer, his first of the season, for a 3-0 lead in the second inning after a 21-minute rain delay in the first. Mike Napoli had a solo shot off Mike Fiers (7-7), who has allowed six home runs in his past two starts against the Rangers.

ANGELS 6, MARINERS 3

Luis Valbuena's two-run homer in the seventh inning pulled Los Angeles even before Albert Pujols added a two-run double in the eighth and the Angels rallied to beat Seattle. For the third straight game, the Mariners saw their bullpen problems fester while trying to hold a lead. Valbuena's homer came off relief-

er Casey Lawrence and after the Mariners got six surprisingly strong innings out of starter Erasmo Ramirez. Tony Zych (5-3) ran into even more trouble in the eighth. Zych walked the first two batters before giving up Pujols' double to tie the game. Kole Calhoun singled and Andrelton Simmons' sacrifice fly scored Pujols for a three-run lead. Seattle's bullpen has allowed 13 runs in the first three games of the series.

TIGERS 12, TWINS 11

Justin Upton hit a two-run homer off Matt Belisle in the ninth inning to give Detroit a win after the Tigers wasted a five-run lead and then overcame a five-run deficit. After James McCann hit a grand slam in a five-run first inning against Jose Berrios, the Twins tied the score 5-5 in the third, then scored twice in the fourth, once in the fifth and three times in the sixth for an 11-6 lead. Upton hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh, and McCann hit into a run-scoring forceout in the eighth and scored on Jose Iglesias' home run against Trevor Hildenberger that cut Detroit's gap to 11-10. Shane Greene (3-2) escaped a bases-loaded jam when he struck out Miguel Sano on a slider. Mikie Mahtook singled against Belisle (0-2) starting the bottom half and Upton drove a high fastball into the left-field seats.

MARLINS 4, ROCKIES 3

Giancarlo Stanton continued his power surge with his 41st homer and drove in three runs in Miami's victory over Colorado. Stanton went 3 for 4 with two runs scored and needs one more home run to tie Gary Sheffield for the Marlins' single-season mark set in 1996. Stanton has hit 20 home runs in his last 32 games. The last player to accomplish the feat in the same season was the Los Angeles Dodgers' Shawn Green in 2002, according to STATS LLC.

ROYALS 5, WHITE SOX 4

Melky Cabrera hit a go-ahead, two-run homer against his former team in the eighth inning as Kansas City beat Chicago to stop a five-game losing streak. Cabrera, acquired from Kansas City on July 30, homered with one out off Aaron Bummer (1-3) and drove in Lorenzo Cain, who led off the inning with a walk and Chris Beck. Cabrera has an eight-game hitting streak. Scott Alexander (3-3) won after allowing a two-run, two-out single in the seventh to Leury Garcia that put Chicago ahead 4-3.

ORIOLES 12, ATHLETICS 5

Tim Beckham hit a two-run double in his second plate appearance of the first inning as Baltimore matched its biggest frame of the season with a seven-run first inning. Dylan Bundy (12-8) matched his career high with 10 strikeouts, equaling the number from his previous outing, to win his third straight start and fourth consecutive decision. The right-hander allowed three runs and seven hits with three walks as the Orioles won for only the second time in five games. Adam Jones drove in three runs for Baltimore.

DIAMONDBACKS 6, CUBS 2

Patrick Corbin pitched 6 2/3 scoreless innings and David Peralta hit an inside-the-park home run as Arizona cut Chicago's NL Central lead over St. Louis to a percentage point. Jon Lester (8-7) allowed four runs - three earned - and seven hits in six innings as the Cubs lost for the seventh time in 10 games. Chicago led the division by 5 1/2 games before play on Aug. 2, but the Cardinals have closed with eight straight victories, their longest winning streak in two years.

PHILLIES 3, METS 1

Aaron Nola held an opponent to two runs or fewer for his 10th straight start and Freddy Galvis had a go-ahead single during a fifth-inning rally as Philadelphia beat veteran-shedding New York. Nola (9-7) gave up one run and two hits in seven innings with eight strikeouts and two walks. He is 6-2 with a 1.71 ERA in his last 10 starts and is the only Phillies pitcher since 1900 to have 10 straight starts of at least six innings while allowing two runs or fewer, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Cesar Hernandez and Tommy Joseph also had RBIs for the Phillies, who won despite just five hits. Odubel Herrera extended his career-best hitting streak to 15 games with an eighth-inning single.

BREWERS 6, REDS 5, 10 INNINGS

Eric Sogard scampered home with the winning run on a wild pitch in the bottom of the 10th inning as Milwaukee snapped a six-game losing streak. Sogard started the rally with a one-out double off Reds reliever Tim Adleman (5-10). After Manny Pina flew out to center field, Jesus Aguilar and Eric Thames drew walks to load the bases. An 0-2 curveball then bounced away from Reds catcher Tucker Barnhart, allowing Sogard to slide in just ahead of Adleman's tag attempt.—AP

MLB Results/Standings

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

American League Eastern Division				National League Eastern Division			
W	L	PCT	GB	Washington	Miami	NY Mets	Atlanta
Boston	66	50	.569	69	45	.605	-
NY Yankees	61	54	.530	55	60	.478	14.5
Tampa Bay	59	59	.500	52	62	.456	17
Baltimore	58	59	.496	51	63	.447	18
Toronto	55	61	.474	43	71	.377	26
Central Division				Central Division			
Cleveland	62	52	.544	Chicago Cubs	60	55	.522
Minnesota	58	57	.504	St. Louis	61	56	.521
Kansas City	58	58	.500	Milwaukee	60	59	.504
Detroit	53	63	.457	Pittsburgh	58	59	.496
Chicago White Sox	45	69	.395	Cincinnati	49	68	.419
Western Division				Western Division			
Houston	71	45	.612	LA Dodgers	82	34	.707
LA Angels	60	58	.508	Colorado	65	51	.560
Seattle	59	59	.500	Arizona	65	51	.560
Texas	56	59	.487	San Diego	51	65	.440
Oakland	51	66	.436	San Francisco	46	71	.393

DORTMUND, BAYERN START WITH EASY GERMAN CUP WINS

BERLIN: Borussia Dortmund began its German Cup defense by beating FC Rielasingen-Arlen 4-0 on Saturday, when Bayern Munich also progressed easily. Dortmund's game began with more attention off the field than on it after the club banned Ousmane Dembele from playing and training with the side on Thursday. The France forward failed to show for training as Barcelona made a bid reported to be worth 105 million euros (\$124 million) including add-ons.

Dembele, who has a contract to

2021 with Dortmund, has since refused any contact with the club and new coach Peter Bosz was forced to field questions on the 20-year-old Dembele's future before the first-round game. "We don't know what's happening," Bosz said, adding that "the club should say early tomorrow what we'll do."

Bosz preferred to speak of the players at his disposal against the sixth-tier side. Marc Bartra opened the scoring early, and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang added another from the penalty spot.

Aubameyang claimed his second in typical fashion after the break, accelerating away from two defenders before finishing with a chip over the goalkeeper. He took advantage of poor defending to complete his hat trick late on.

BIBIANA'S BAYERN DEBUT

It's not often that the referee is the center of attention before a Bayern Munich game. But Bibiana Steinhaus, who will be the Bundesliga's first female referee, got a taste of things to come when she took charge of Bayern's

5-0 victory at third-division Chemnitz FC. Last season, Steinhaus refereed eight second-division games. Robert Lewandowski scored twice, Franck Ribery scored once and set up Kingsley Coman, and Mats Hummels wrapped it up late.

SON SCORES VS DAD'S TEAM

Nils Petersen opened the scoring for Freiburg in a 2-1 win at his father's team, fourth-tier Germania Halberstadt. Hoffenheim, which hosts Liverpool for the first leg of its

Champions League qualification play-off on Tuesday, edged third-division Rot-Weiss Erfurt 1-0 thanks to Nadiem Amiri's second-half strike.

Also, 10-man Eintracht Frankfurt defeated fourth-tier TuS Erndtebrueck 3-0, Mainz won at fourth-tier Lueneburger SK Hansa 3-1, Cologne beat fifth-tier Leher TS 5-0, Werder Bremen won 3-0 against third-division Wuerzburger Kickers, and there were wins for second-division sides Fortuna Duesseeldorf, Heidenheim, Jahn Regensburg and Kaiserslautern.— AP

CRICKET

INDIA TAKE CHARGE OF THE THIRD TEST

PALLEKELE: India is in a winning position in the third and final cricket Test as Sri Lanka, following on, reached 19 for one at stumps on the second day yesterday. The hosts still need 333 runs with nine wickets in hand to avoid an innings defeat. Seam bowler Umesh Yadav bowled Upul Tharanga (7) off the inside edge. Dimuth Karunaratne is batting on 12 with night watchman Malinda Puhapakumara yet to score.

Earlier Indian spinner Kuldeep Yadav took four wickets to help India end Sri Lanka's first innings on 135. India was dismissed for 487 in its first innings backed by centuries from Shikhar Dhawan and Hardik Pandya. India is eyeing a series whitewash having won both the previous tests convincingly.

When Sri Lanka came out to bat in the first innings seam bowler Mohammed Shami had Tharanga (4) and Karunaratne (5) caught by wicketkeeper Wriddhiman Saha while Kusal Mendis was run out for 18.

Pandya, who smashed a maiden Test century earlier, returned with the ball to trap Angelo Mathews lbw without scoring leaving Sri Lanka on 38 for four. Captain Dinesh Chandimal and Niroshan Dickwella put together the best partnership of the innings, sharing 63 runs for the fifth wicket.

The slide started again when Dickwella stepped out to hit Kuldeep Yadav and was stumped by Saha. Chandimal was out for 48 caught at leg slip by Lokesh Rahul off Ravichandran Ashwin. Kuldeep Yadav finished with four for 40. Earlier Pandya, playing in just his third Test, smacked seven sixes and eight fours in making 108 which came off 96 balls. Dhawan was out for 119 on the opening day.

Pandya told reporters that his team's standing in the match suited his aggressive

style of batting. "Could there have been a bigger opportunity than that? Nine wickets were already down and I knew, if I stay in the crease and connect the ball well, it would go for six. Even if I were to mishit, I had to. I had no choice," he said.

"It was an ideal opportunity and obviously there was a team's goal and which was to them a 400-run target and we scored close to 490. I was taking a calculative risk." Sri Lanka's batting coach Hashan Tillakaratne said his team was low on confidence. "It's a disappointing day. We batted so poorly today. I am sure the boys have realized where we went wrong, I am sure they will come up with a better performance tomorrow," he said. "There are so many things you can say when the team is not doing too well, we have to back the guys and give them confidence."

India, already 2-0 ahead in the series, made 487 in the first innings, which ended three balls after lunch on day two.

The tourists lost overnight batsman Saha for 16 with the total on 339 when he was caught at gully by Dilruwan Perera off seamer Vishwa Fernando. Kuldeep Yadav and Pandya added 62 runs for the seventh wicket before left-arm wrist spinner Lakshan Sandakan broke the partnership when he had Yadav caught behind by Dickwella.

India fell to 421-9 when Shami was caught and bowled by Sandakan, prompting Pandya to go on the attack and shield last man Umesh Yadav from the strike.

Pandya belted 26 runs from one over bowled by left-arm spinner Pushpakumara and raced to his hundred off just 86 deliveries. Sandakan was the pick of the Sri Lanka bowlers, capturing five for 132, his first test five-wicket haul. — AP



LONDON: Jamaica's Usain Bolt reacts as he pulls up injured in the Men's 4x100 meters relay final at the World Athletics Championships in London. Bolt failed to make it to the finishing line in his last race. The Jamaican great crumpled on the track with a left leg injury as he was chasing gold in the 4x100-meter relay at the world championships in London. — AP

ATHLETICS

BOLT ENDS STELLAR CAREER WITH INJURY, FARAH LOSES IN FINAL

LONDON: Usain Bolt ended his stellar career in excruciating pain. The Jamaican great crumpled to the track with a left-leg injury as he was chasing a final gold medal for the Jamaican 4x100-meter relay team on Saturday at the world championships. Having to make up lots of ground on the anchor leg, Bolt suddenly screamed, stumbled and somersaulted as he came down, his golden farewell shattered by the first injury he has experienced at a major competition.

That wasn't the only surprise. Britain went on to beat the United States in a tight finish. The 60,000-capacity stadium was primed for one last Bolt show, one last "To the World" pose after a victory, but the injury made it blatantly clear why Bolt is ready to retire. His body can no longer hold up. "He is still the best in the world," said Justin Gatlin, Bolt's American rival who ended up with 100-meter gold and relay silver.

Bolt's teammates on the once-fabled Jamaican sprint squad were far from unmatchable, too. Bolt just had too much to make up in the final 100 meters as both Britain and the United States were ahead and even Japan was even. As Bolt fell to the ground, the leg with the golden shoe giving way, the crowd still went wild because the home team went on to win gold in 37.47 seconds, .05 seconds ahead of the United States.

"It's a cramp in his left hamstring, but a lot of the pain is from disappointment from losing the race," Jamaican team doctor Kevin Jones said. "The last three weeks have been hard for him, you know. We hope for the best for him." The race will certainly be remembered for the gut-wrenching way in which the sport's greatest athlete was forced to end his career.

'I GAVE IT ALL'

"It just happened," Jamaican leadoff runner Omar McLeod said. "Usain Bolt's name will always live on." It was yet another amazing upset in a championship of so many. Before Bolt came onto the track, he was consoling Mo Farah, his long-distance equivalent who had just lost his first major race since 2011 when he failed to get gold in the 5,000 meters. Farah also was bidding farewell to the track, coming up short of his fifth straight 5,000-10,000 double at major championships in a sprint against Muktar Edris Ethiopia. "I gave it all," Farah said. "I didn't have a single bit left at the end." Instead, Tori Bowie was the unlikely first double gold medalist at the championships, anchoring the US team to the 4x100-meter relay title ahead of Britain and Jamaica. At the same time, Allyson Felix, running the second leg on the winning team, earned a record 15th medal at the world championships in a career going back to 2005. Bowie, who won the 100 meters this week, ran a strong anchor leg, leaving behind the opposition to finish in 41.82 seconds.

"Two gold medals is amazing for me," Bowie said. "We are on top of the world." Britain took silver in 42.12 and two-time defending champion Jamaica earned bronze in 42.19.

If Bolt and Farah were about farewells, the decathlon was about renewal in the wake of the retirement of two-time Olympic and world champion Ashton Eaton. And Kevin Mayer is the new "world's greatest athlete." The Frenchman produced a dominant performance over two days and 10 events, ending with a celebratory 1,500 meters. Mayer won with 8,768 points. Rico Freimuth took silver with 8,564 points, while German teammate Kai Kazmirek was third with 8,488.

Mayer is the first Frenchman to win the title. He had only one scare during the two days of competition - when he scaled his opening mark of 5.10 meters in the pole vault on his third and last attempt. Johannes Vetter of Germany won the javelin title with an opening throw of 89.89 meters. The German beat Jakub Vadlejch of the

Czech Republic by 16 centimeters. Another Czech, Petr Frydrych, took bronze with a last throw of 88.32 meters.

In the high jump, Mariya Lasitskensk of Russia cleared 2.03 meters to win ahead of Yulia Levchenko of Ukraine and Kamila Licwinko of Poland. There was at least one veteran who did produce Saturday as Sally Pearson got another

gold medal at the Olympic Stadium in London after missing much of the past two seasons because of injury. Five years after winning the 100-meter hurdles at the London Games, Pearson won the world title in 12.59 seconds. Dawn Harper-Nelson of the United States was second, .04 seconds behind, and Pamela Dutiewicz of Germany took bronze in 12.72. — AP

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day in the third and final Test between Sri Lanka and India yesterday in Pallekele, Sri Lanka.

India 1st innings (Overtime: 329-6)		Angelo Mathews lbw b H. Pandya	
S. Dhawan c Chandimal b Pushpakumara	119	Niroshan Dickwella st Saha b K. Yadav	29
L. Rahul c Karunaratne b Pushpakumara	85	Dilruwan Perera c H. Pandya b K. Yadav	0
C. Pujara c Mathews b Sandakan	8	Malinda Pushpakumara b K. Yadav	10
V. Kohli c Karunaratne b Sandakan	42	Lakshan Sandakan c S. Dhawan b R. Ashwin	10
A. Rahane b Pushpakumara	17	Vishwa Fernando b K. Yadav	0
R. Ashwin c Dickwella b V. Fernando	31	Lahiru Kumara not out	0
W. Saha c D. Perera b V. Fernando	16	Extras (b-4 lb-1 w-6)	11
H. Pandya c D. Perera b Sandakan	108	Total (all out, 37.4 overs)	135
K. Yadav c Dickwella b Sandakan	26	Fall of wickets: 1-14 U. Tharanga, 2-23 D. Karunaratne, 3-38 K. Mendis, 4-38 A. Mathews, 5-101 N. Dickwella, 6-107 D. Perera, 7-125 D. Chandimal, 8-125 M. Pushpakumara, 9-135 V. Fernando, 10-135 L. Sandakan.	
M. Shami c&pb Sandakan	8	Bowling: M. Shami 6.5-1-17-2(w-1); U. Yadav 3.1-0-23-0(w-5); H. Pandya 6.1-28-1; K. Yadav 13-2-40-4; R. Ashwin 8.4-2-22-2.	
U. Yadav not out	3		
Extras (b-10 lb-6 nb-2 w-6)	24		
Total (all out, 122.3 overs)	487		

Fall of wickets: 1-188 L. Rahul, 2-219 S. Dhawan, 3-229 C. Pujara, 4-264 A. Rahane, 5-296 V. Kohli, 6-322 R. Ashwin, 7-339 W. Saha, 8-401 K. Yadav, 9-421 M. Shami, 10-487 H. Pandya

Bowling: Vishwa Fernando 26-3-87-2(nb-1 w-1); Lahiru Kumara 23-1-104-0(w-1); Dimuth Karunaratne 7-0-30-0; Dilruwan Perera 8-1-36-0(nb-1); Lakshan Sandakan 35.3-4-132-5(w-4); Malinda Pushpakumara 23-2-82-3.

Sri Lanka 1st innings		Sri Lanka 2nd innings	
Dimuth Karunaratne c Saha b Shami	4	Dimuth Karunaratne not out	12
Upul Tharanga c Saha b Shami	5	Upul Tharanga b U. Yadav	7
Kusal Mendis run out (R. Ashwin, K. Yadav)	18	Malinda Pushpakumara not out	0
Dinesh Chandimal c Rahul b R. Ashwin	48	Extras	0
		Total (for 1 wickets, 13 overs)	19

WOZNIACKI ADVANCES TO ROGERS CUP FINAL

TORONTO: Caroline Wozniacki cruised into the Rogers Cup final with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Sloane Stephens on Saturday. Wozniacki eliminated Stephens in a tidy 83 minutes at Aviva Centre. "I think I was moving very well and retrieving and just trying to stay aggressive when I could," Wozniacki said. "But it was a difficult match. And I think it was closer than what the scoreline showed." Wozniacki, the No. 6 seed from Denmark, will play either defending champion and second seed Simona Halep of Romania or fifth-seeded Elina Svitolina of Ukraine in the final.

Halep and Svitolina were scheduled to play Saturday night after winning rain-delayed quarterfinal matches in the morning. Wet weather hampered the proceedings at the WTA Tour Premier 5 event for a second straight day. The afternoon semifinal was briefly delayed in the second set.

Wozniacki knocked off top-ranked Karolina Pliskova on Friday just over five hours after they started warmups. They had to wait out four rain delays and spent nearly three hours on court. Stephens, who is trying to regain her form after missing almost a year due to a foot injury, showed flashes of her impressive power game. But she had 41 unforced errors, compared to 11 for Wozniacki.

A former top-15 player, Stephens returned to action last month at Wimbledon. Her ranking has plummeted to No. 934 due to her extended absence. "I didn't win, but I think this whole week was a very big personal victory," Stephens said. "So I didn't win the tournament, but in my eyes I did."

Wozniacki, a former world No. 1, is 0-5 in finals this season. The 27-year-old won the Rogers Cup in 2010 at Montreal, one of 25 career titles. "I don't really think too much about others when I'm out there on court, I just think about myself and what I need to do," Wozniacki said. "And every time I step out on the court, I believe I can win. "That's really the way I think."

Stephens did not have high expectations for this summer and was quite pleased to reach the final four. "For this to be my third tournament back and playing like this, I mean I really couldn't ask for anything more," she said. "So I'm super happy with that." Earlier in the day, Halep beat Caroline Garcia of France 6-4, 6-2, and Svitolina topped fourth-seeded Garbine Muguruza of Spain 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The tournament's singles champion will earn \$501,975 of the \$2.74-million purse. The finalist will take home \$243,920.— AP

SOCCER

CITY AVOIDS EARLY STRAIN OF TITLE RIVALS, BEAT BRIGHTON

Brighton	0
Man City	2

BRIGHTON: Avoiding the strains and struggles endured by its title rivals, Manchester City is off to a winning start. City took 70 minutes to break through Brighton's resistance and was aided by the English Premier League newcomer's carelessness to ensure it left the southern seaside resort with a 2-0 victory on Saturday.

But compared to the plight of Arsenal, Chelsea, and Liverpool on the opening weekend, this was an assignment smoothly negotiated by Pep Guardiola's team. Arsenal raised the curtain on the season by only just overcoming Leicester 4-3 on Friday night before Liverpool conceded a stoppage-time goal to draw at Watford 3-3 on Saturday lunchtime. Then in the most volatile result so far, Chelsea opened its title defense by imploding with a 3-2 loss to Burnley and ending the game with nine men.

"We spoke about that," Guardiola said after Saturday's last game, "what happened with Liverpool and what happened at Chelsea." No wonder Guardiola was so relieved at the start of his second season in charge.

"The first game is always complicated," said Guardiola, a title-winner with Barcelona and Bayern Munich. "We saw this weekend what happened in many games. So it is so complicated. From my experience, even in Barcelona, too. The first game, especially with the newly promoted,

when they have the passion, the fans, no pressure, it is always difficult, and we did it."

Brighton, though, was successfully repelling City's potent strike force until a costly lapse. Brighton midfielder Dale Stephens dithered around the halfway before being dispossessed by Kevin de Bruyne. David Silva then slotted the ball through for Sergio Agüero to apply the finish past goalkeeper Maty Ryan with 20 minutes to go. The south-coast side fell further behind in the 75th minute when Lewis Dunk, under pressure from Gabriel Jesus, headed Ferdinandinho's cross into his own net in Brighton's first game in the top-flight in 34 years. "We were stable," Guardiola said. "We conceded just one opening after one corner and after that, nothing happened. We tried to improve, to attack more fluently, a little bit quicker, a little more precise, a little more accuracy in our passes."

It helps when you have the luxury of resources to bring a trio of attacking players worth a combined \$175 million off the bench, with Leroy Sané, Raheem Sterling, and Bernardo Silva helping to wear down Brighton.

"It is not easy to attack 10 players there," Guardiola said. City, which finished trophyless last season, starts again as title favorite with bookmakers after spending than more than 200 million pounds (\$260 million) on strengthening the squad. Guardiola, though, is cautious. Especially after seeing City reel off 10 successive victories to open the last league campaign only to finish third. "Last season I was sitting here after the Sunderland game and you said you are the favorites, most beautiful handsome and nice guys in the league," Guardiola said. "And after, you know what happened last season? Chelsea kill us. OK, we accept what the people say and all we have to try is improve and improve." — AP



BRIGHTON: Manchester City's Sergio Agüero, right, and Brighton & Hove Albion's Tomer Hemed, second right, vie for the ball during the Premier League soccer match Brighton and Hove Albion's versus Manchester City at the AMEX Stadium, Brighton, England, Saturday. — AP

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OLD TRAFFORD: Manchester United's Romelu Lukaku, centre, scores his side's second goal of the game during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester United and West Ham United at Old Trafford in Manchester, England, yesterday. — AP

LUKAKU SCORES 2, MAN UNITED OUTCLASS WEST HAM

	Man United	4
	West Ham	0

MANCHESTER: Two summer signings costing \$150 million inspired Manchester United to an easy victory in its opening Premier League

match of the season. Tottenham hasn't spent a penny in the transfer market this summer but still got off to a winning start yesterday.

Romelu Lukaku scored twice and Nemanja Matic ran the game from central midfield as United beat West Ham 4-0 in an ominous performance at Old Trafford. United jumped ahead of Chelsea to sign Lukaku for 75 million pounds (\$97 million) in July and the Belgium striker has already scored on his competitive debut - a consolation against Real Madrid in

the UEFA Super Cup - and now on his Premier League debut.

The nature of his goals highlighted the impact Lukaku could have. The first came when he ran onto a through-ball following a quick break and slotted a finish in off the post in the 33rd, and the second was a header from a free kick in the 52nd.

Matic, meanwhile, was authoritative on his league debut for United following his recent departure from Chelsea, which looks increas-

ingly like an ill-judged decision from the champions. He created the first goal by dispossessing West Ham's Pedro Obiang and sparking the break, and proved to be an impenetrable shield in front of United's back four. He could be one of the signings of the summer at 40 million pounds (\$53 million). Anthony Martial and Paul Pogba scored in the final three minutes of normal time to leave United top of the early standings.

Earlier, Tottenham beat 10-man Newcastle

2-0 away thanks to goals by Dele Alli and Ben Davies, with last season's runner-up only pulling clear at St. James' Park after Jonjo Shelvey's 48th-minute red card.

Shelvey was sent off for treading on the foot of Alli, an act that was even more foolish as it took place right in front of the referee. Spurs are the only team in the Premier League not to make a signing this summer but they are still looking likely title contenders, alongside United. — AP



LONDON: Portugal's gold medal winner Ines Henriques, center, celebrates with China's silver medal winner Yin Hang, left, and bronze medal winner China's Yang Shuqing after the women's 50-kilometer race walk during World Athletics Championships in London yesterday. — AP

HENRIQUES SETS WORLD RECORD IN WOMEN'S 50-KILOMETER WALK

LONDON: The first women's 50-kilometer walk at the world championships produced a world record. Ines Henriques of Portugal bettered her own mark on Sunday by finishing in 4 hours, 5 minutes, 56 seconds on the two-kilometer loop in central London.

"The last 5 (kilometers) were really tough," said Henriques, whose previous world record was 4:08:26. "My goal was to go under 4 hours and 6 minutes." Yin Hang was second in 4:08:58, followed by Chinese teammate Yang Shuqing in 4:20:49.

Only seven women started the race, which was being run at the worlds for the first time, and only four finished. In the men's 50K, Yohann Diniz of France won in 3:33:12. At 39, Diniz is the oldest man to win a gold medal at the world championships.

The Frenchman's time was the second fastest in history. Diniz set the world record of 3:32:33 in 2014. "A lot of training has gone into this - cycling, swimming - everything for this 50 (kilometer) walk," Diniz said. "Last night I kept away from watching the TV because I did not want to get too excited. I went to bed at 9 because I knew it was going to be my day today." Hirooki Arai was second in 3:41:17,

two seconds ahead of Japanese teammate Kai Kobayashi in third. The 20-kilometer walks were also held Sunday. Yang Jiayu of China won the women's event in a personal best time of 1:26:18. She beat Maria Guadalupe Gonzalez of Mexico by only 1 second.

Antonella Palmisano of Italy was third in 1:26:36. Lyu Xiuzhi had been in line for bronze, but the Chinese walker was disqualified with about 50 meters to go. "In the last 100 (meters) I was in a hurry," Lyu said. "I forgot that I already had a medal."

The men's 20K was also close. Eider Arevalo beat 18-year-old Sergei Shirobokov of Russia by two seconds to win gold. The Colombian finished in 1:18:53. Caio Bonfim of Brazil was third in 1:19:04. Action will return to the Olympic Stadium later in the evening on the final day of the championships, and the United States is expected to add more to its medal haul in the 4x400-meter relays.

American great Allyson Felix is favored to win a 16th world championship medal. Other finals are in the women's 800, 5,000 and discus, and the men's high jump and 1,500. — AP

FEDERER IN ROGERS CUP FINALS

MONTREAL: Roger Federer continued his longest winning streak in five years by reaching the Rogers Cup final. The second-seeded Federer used a 6-3, 7-6 (5) victory over unseeded Robin Haase of the Netherlands on Saturday to reach his sixth final of the year and win his 16th consecutive match.

He had considering skipping the event, which would have been disastrous for the promoters with world No. 1 Andy Murray as well as Novak Djokovic and Stan Wawrinka already out with injuries. But Federer decided to play and now has a chance to add to a tally that includes Australian Open and Wimbledon titles this year.

"I'm very happy that I've made it here," he said. "It was a good decision for me. If I would have known I would have gone to the finals, I would have said 'yes' right away. Sometimes you've just got to wait and see how you feel. I'm most happy that I'm actually really healthy going into the finals. I haven't wasted too much energy. I've been able to keep points short. I've been really clean at net. I think my concentration and just my playing has gone up a notch. I'm just playing better."

Federer is looking for a third Rogers Cup title but his first in Montreal, having won in 2004 and 2006 in Toronto. A victory would give Federer, currently ranked third in the world, one of the top two seeds at the U.S. Open that begins Aug. 28 in New York.

The 36-year-old has his longest winning streak since 2012. In Sunday's final, he will face the winner of the second semifinal between 18-year-old Denis Shapovalov of Richmond Hill, Ont., and 20-year-old Alexander Zverev of Germany.

"I think those young players don't quite know what to expect, and (neither) do I, because nobody quite knows," said Federer. "Even though, Zverev is a more experienced player than Shapovalov at this stage."

"It's a huge opportunity for them. It's exciting. To have a player at 18 or 20 years old in the finals of a Masters 1000 is not

something we've seen very often. Very rarely, except maybe when Andy, Novak and Rafa (Nadal) were coming up. They were such great teenagers that we maybe saw it more often. Not even I probably achieved finals of a Masters 1000 at that age. It's very exciting for tennis."

Haase, who upset seventh-seeded Grigor Dimitrov in the third round, was in

his first career semifinal of a Masters Series tournament. "I hope it gives me a lot of confidence," Haase said of his performance for the week. "Next week (in Cincinnati), different conditions, different courts, so it's tournament by tournament. But, in general, to make an achievement like this is good because it shows you can do it." — AP



MONTREAL: Roger Federer, of Switzerland, serves the ball to Robin Haase, of the Netherlands, during Rogers Cup tennis action, in Montreal on Saturday. — AP



Ithmaar Bank announces continued profits for 2017

AFTER A LONG DROUGHT, BEAR MARKET FUNDS ATTRACT BUYERS



MOSCOW: A building of apartments in a predominantly tourist area in downtown Moscow yesterday. —AFP

CHANGE OR DIE: US MALLS CONFRONT AMAZON ERA

RETAILERS ARE TAKING SPACE FROM EXITING DEPARTMENT CHAINS

NEW YORK: As the retail industry churns in the Amazon era, American shopping malls are turning to a new generation of stores, food and entertainment offerings to make up for an exodus of department stores.

Prime mall real estate is increasingly going to players who began online and are graduating to brick-and-mortar, such as plus-size clothing label Eloqui, or stores selling niche items like candy and conflict-free diamonds.

In some cases, these retailers are taking space, literally, from exiting chains like Macy's. Other additions include the trendy burger restaurant Shake Shack, and Dave & Buster's, whose video game and pro-sports viewing restaurants are emblematic of the "experiences, not stuff" mantra now resonant among consumers. The changes to malls-climate-controlled beacons to American consumerism that grew rapidly in the latter part of the 20th century-are part of a fundamental industry rethink as e-commerce, led by gargantuan purveyors like Amazon, takes market share and alters consumer expectations.

"This isn't the same culture as 30 years ago," said retail industry analyst Dana Telsey, who sees

today's moves as the "early innings" of a multi-year evolution. Malls will endure because they offer "the excitement of being able to see what's new," she told AFP. "It's a meeting place. It's an entertainment center."

"You're always going to have shopping centers that engage," said Telsey, chief executive of Telsey Advisory Group. The changing times are a period of reckoning for hundreds of second-tier shopping centers in a country that experts say has long been "overmalled."

A January review of 1,070 malls in the US by Green Street Advisors, a real estate research and advisory firm, classified more than 330 malls as "at risk to close" due to declining occupancy, low sales, weak socioeconomic demographics and anchor store vacancies.

"These malls only account for roughly five percent of mall value in the US," the report said. "Most won't be missed."

Survival of the fittest

Many of the most vulnerable malls were built in the 1960s and 1970s with department stores as anchors that attracted enough customers to also support secondary stores. But stores in

malls were often pricier than free-standing shops because of the heavy rents for common costs such as heating, maintenance and security, said Fred Hurvitz, professor in retail studies at Penn State University's Smeal College of Business. The arrival of e-commerce and greater price transparency means malls must compete not only with Amazon for more cost-conscious customers, but with discount chains.

"You're seeing a whole movement towards any way you can save the customer money, that's going to make you more viable with the customer," Hurvitz said. "Without high traffic levels, the malls die."

The exodus of retailers means shopping centers that were once hives of activity are hollowed-out shells with a few well-stocked shops surrounded by empty storefronts. Parking lots that were jammed with cars a few decades ago are now mostly empty seas of asphalt.

"It's a very depressing place," Nakul Kumar, an economics professor at Bloomsburg University, said of the Columbia Mall in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, which just lost its J C Penney store.

Kumar joined a Planet Fitness gym that

opened earlier this year at Columbia Mall in a space formerly occupied by Sears, and he says he hopes that increased traffic from gym members will spur more activity. But it was not, perhaps, a good sign when Columbia Mall was profiled earlier this year by filmmaker Dan Bell as part of his YouTube "Dead Mall Series." The Baltimore documentarian has also featured visits to seen-better-days malls in North Carolina, Tennessee and Maryland. Bell's portfolio was spotlighted in a July New York Times Style story that raved the passing of an era.

New investments

Yet mall developers dismiss talk of their demise despite today's retail industry travails. "I will tell you, it's not a very fun environment," David Simon, chief executive of the real estate investment trust Simon Property Group, said recently about finding new takers for vacated real estate.

"We're pounding the pavement more than ever," he said in a conference call. Simon said he has been encouraged, however, by a trend of e-commerce chains like apparel maker Eloqui or eyeglasses seller Warby Parker raising capital to

open brick-and-mortar stores. Some of these newer brands could ultimately have as many as 400 stores, he said.

"In this cluttered world of trying to get people focused, we are seeing more and more brands that want to gravitate to where the traffic is," Simon said. "By and large, in communities throughout the country, that's the mall. And that has not changed." GGP, another real estate investment trust, plans \$1.5 billion in mall investment, including a greenfield mall in Norwalk, Connecticut and a major expansion to the Staten Island Mall in New York City that it bills as a "shopping center of the future."

Staten Island will add the German supermarket chain Lidl, as well as Dave & Buster's, a new AMC movie theater and a few new apparel stores. GGP has also budgeted "refresh capital" for existing malls-sometimes stretching into the millions of dollars. The company recently removed an old fountain and spiffed up the dining area at its Wayne, New Jersey mall. "You've turned your old, very tired looking food area into something very modern," Kevin Berry, a vice president at GGP, said of the Wayne upgrade. —AFP

TRUMP TO RAMP UP TRADE PRESSURE ON CHINA

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump today will order his top trade adviser to determine whether to investigate Chinese trade practices that force US firms operating in China to turn over intellectual property, senior administration officials said on Saturday.

The move, which could eventually lead to steep tariffs on Chinese goods, comes at a time when Trump has asked China to do more to crack down on North Korea's nuclear missile program as he threatens possible military action against Pyongyang. Trump has said he would be more amenable to going easy on Beijing if it were more aggressive in reining in North Korea.

An administration official, however, insisted diplomacy over North Korea and the potential trade probe were "totally unrelated," saying the trade action was not a pressure tactic.

"These are two different things," the official said, speaking to reporters on a conference call. Trump will direct US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to determine if an investigation is warranted of "any of China's laws, policies, practices or actions that may be unreasonable or discriminatory, and that may be harming American intellectual property, innovation and technology," the official said.

"China's unfair trade practices and industrial policies, including forced technology transfer and intellectual property theft, harm the US economy and workers," a second

official said. "The action being taken today is a reflection of the president's firm commitment to addressing this problem in a firm way." Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer took issue with that assessment.

"President Trump's pattern continues: Tough talk on China, but weaker action than anyone could ever imagine," he said in a statement. "To make an announcement that they're going to decide whether to have an investigation on China's well-documented theft of our intellectual property is another signal to China that it is O.K. to keep stealing."

Any investigation that may be launched could take as long as a year to conclude, a third official said. He said it would be premature to speculate on actions that could eventually be taken against China, and added that the issue could be resolved through "negotiated agreement."

Trump, who will interrupt a 17-day working vacation to make a day trip to Washington for the trade announcement, had been expected to seek a so-called Section 301 investigation earlier this month, but an announcement was postponed as the White House pressed for China's cooperation on North Korea.

While China joined in a unanimous UN Security Council decision to tighten economic sanctions on Pyongyang, Trump has kept up pressure on Beijing to do more. "We lose hundreds of billions of dollars a year on

trade with China. They know how I feel," he told reporters on Thursday. "If China helps us, I feel a lot different toward trade."

Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping spoke by telephone on Friday and reiterated their mutual commitment to denuclearize the Korean peninsula, the White House said in a statement. It was unclear whether the issue of trade came up.

Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, a popular trade tool in the 1980s that has been rarely used in the past decade, allows the president to unilaterally impose tariffs or other trade restrictions to protect US industries from "unfair trade practices" of foreign countries.

The process can bypass World Trade Organization procedures for adjudicating grievances. Though widely used worldwide, the WTO process is viewed unfavorably by the Trump administration.

"We're at the beginning of this process and no firm decisions have been made as to how that is going to work in terms of whether we would pursue WTO action or action outside the WTO," the first administration official said. In addition to the United States, the European Union, Japan, Germany and Canada have all expressed concern about Chinese theft of intellectual property. The technology sector has been especially hard-hit in intellectual property disputes. —Reuters

SAUDI BUDGET DEFICIT HALVED IN H1 2017

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia's budget deficit halved in the first six months of this year, the finance ministry said yesterday, following sweeping spending cuts and a stabilization in oil prices.

The ultra-conservative kingdom has moved to diversify its traditionally oil-dependent economy following a sharp fall in crude prices. The budget deficit dropped by 51 percent to 72 billion riyals (\$19.2 billion, 16.2 billion euros) in the first half of 2017, the finance ministry announced.

"This result reflects an improvement in the management of public finances as a result of economic reform introduced through Vision 2030," said Saad Al-Shahrani, a high-ranking ministry official.

The Vision 2030 plan, announced by the kingdom last year, aims to develop Saudi Arabia's industrial and investment base and boost small- and medium-sized businesses to create local jobs and reduce reliance on oil revenue. It is the second budget report released by Riyadh since the authorities announced in May they would begin issuing the figures on a quarterly basis to boost transparency. —AFP

OIL PRICES FIRM ON EASING CONCERNS OVER GLUT

KAMCO Oil Market Monthly Report

KUWAIT: After declining to the lowest in seven months during June-17, oil prices in early August-17 rose to the highest level since the last week of May-17 on declining crude inventories in the US that supported a march towards rebalancing of the oil market. A number of positive developments and data points supported oil prices during the last few weeks, including a pledge to curb OPEC oil exports, a softer US dollar that reached multi-month lows as well as improving fundamentals in the US that support higher oil demand. Brent spot prices topped \$53/b during the first week of August-17 while OPEC crude prices reclaimed \$50/b after almost three months of subdued performance.

In a meeting held in St Petersburg in late July-17 between OPEC and non-OPEC members to discuss production cuts, the discussion focused on oil exports in addition to compliance to production cuts. In the meeting, Saudi Arabia pledged to curb its oil exports to 6.6 mb/d starting from August-17, a reduction of almost 0.3 mb/d according to the latest figures available from JODI for May-17 and 0.7 mb/d less than exports in August-16. The meeting also saw Nigeria voluntarily agreeing to limit its oil production at 1.8 mb/d while there was a consensus on pressing for higher compliance by other members. Russia's energy minister said that production can be further curbed by almost 0.2 mb/d if compliance was 100 percent.

OPEC and non-OPEC producers also discussed extending the production cut agreement beyond March-18 if it is necessary to rebalance the oil market.

In a follow-up meeting in Abu Dhabi in August-17 to specifically discuss compliance to production cuts, Iraq, UAE and Kazakhstan, in addition to Malaysia, reiterated their commitment to the deal. Nevertheless, difference over estimates of production by UAE and Iraq continues to be reflected in the compliance levels since the start of the deal. It was reported that, the upcoming technical committee's meeting on 21-August-17 would see final decision on the future course of compliance.

Meanwhile, the latest inventory data released by the EIA showed record US refinery utilization during the last week that resulted in a decline in crude inventory in the US. Total inventories declined by 6.45 million barrels, also due to a drop in US oil imports. EIA data also showed that US oil production declined for the second time in three weeks, replicating the trend seen in US rig count, according to Baker Hughes. In addition, a number of oil producers in the US have announced plans to curb future spending that could affect output from the US.

In terms of oil production, OPEC output continued to increase for the third consecutive month during July-17 to reach 32.9 mb/d. According to Bloomberg data, oil production by the group has increased by almost 1 mb/d over the past three months, which we believe is basically targeted to meet the seasonal summer demand.

World Oil Demand - 2016/2017, mb/d	2016	Q1-17	Q2-17	Q3-17	Q4-17	2017	Y-o-Y Growth	% Chg.
Americas	24.74	24.53	25.03	25.31	24.94	24.96	0.21	0.86
of which US	20.01	19.84	20.32	20.47	20.19	20.21	0.20	1.01
Europe	14.01	13.79	14.01	14.46	14.22	14.12	0.11	0.79
Asia Pacific	8.12	8.59	7.69	7.81	8.34	8.11	(0.01)	(0.11)
Total OECD	46.87	46.91	46.73	47.59	47.51	47.18	0.31	0.67
Other Asia	12.85	12.97	13.30	13.00	13.47	13.18	0.33	2.57
of which India	4.39	4.53	4.42	4.32	4.81	4.52	0.13	3.05
Latin America	6.47	6.27	6.54	6.82	6.46	6.52	0.05	0.84
Middle East	7.97	8.11	7.91	8.45	7.85	8.08	0.11	1.36
Africa	4.10	4.23	4.19	4.14	4.26	4.20	0.11	2.64
Total Developing Countries (DCs)	31.39	31.57	31.93	32.41	32.04	31.99	0.60	1.91
Former Soviet Union (FSU)	4.66	4.57	4.43	4.80	5.12	4.73	0.07	1.51
Other Europe	0.70	0.71	0.67	0.70	0.79	0.72	0.02	3.15
China	11.51	11.63	11.90	11.78	12.17	11.87	0.36	3.14
Total "Other Regions"	16.86	16.90	17.00	17.28	18.08	17.32	0.45	2.69
Total World	95.12	95.39	95.65	97.28	97.63	96.49	1.37	1.44

Source: OPEC Monthly Oil Market Report - August 2017

the key factors for the surge in oil prices over the past few weeks. According to the EIA, inventories dropped by 6.45 million barrels during the last week, which is more than three times the expectations from analysts, showing tightening of the oil market. Nevertheless, the current inventory level continues to exceed 5-year average by almost 250 million barrels.

On the other hand, US rig count declined for the second consecutive week to reach 765 oil rigs and has remained almost flat over the past four weeks. In another indication of slowing crude production in the US, the EIA said that US shale producers are drilling multiple wells too close to each other, thereby affecting the average productivity of the oil well. According to the agency, the output from oil wells are falling by 0.35 mb per month which is the fastest decline since 2012. Oil investment also seems to be declining as indicated by several oil drillers. Producers like ConocoPhillips, Hess, Anadarko and Whiting have in the recent weeks guided for a decline in capital expenditure in 2017, while Continental Resources has announced, as part of its strategic plan, that it would not raise any new debt and would fund future wells from internally generated cash flow. Given the situation, we believe that the US government's energy investment plans could be the key factor in determining the future output from the region.

World oil demand

World oil demand growth projections for 2017 was upgraded by 0.1 mb/d in the latest OPEC monthly report and demand is now expected to reach 96.49 mb/d. The increase primarily reflected better-than-expected demand data in all the OECD countries for Q2-17. OECD America recorded the biggest demand increase in two years at more than 0.8 mb/d year-on-year in May-17 that resulted in an upward revision of 0.2 mb/d for Q2-17. This increase was

primarily due to better demand for transportation fuels as both gasoline and jet fuel saw considerable increase in requirements coupled with gains in oil usage in the industrial sector. Moreover, this demand growth momentum is expected to continue in Q3-17 (revised upward by 50 tb/d) as the summer season is expected to drive further increase in transportation fuels. According to the latest available data, US oil demand grew by 0.5 mb/d during the first seven months of the year and the expectations for the remainder of the year and for 2018 is also positive driven by faster economic growth coupled with higher oil usage in the transportation and industrial sectors. Elsewhere in the OECD, demand in Europe was also revised upwards by 40 tb/d for Q2-17 led by improving economic conditions and increasing vehicle sales that has gone up by around 5 percent in the region during 1H-17 leading to higher oil demand. However, for the remainder of the year and for 2018, demand growth expectations are relatively conservative due to the high baseline effect, fuel taxation and substitution effect. Demand figures for OECD Asia Pacific was also revised upwards by 20 tb/d for Q2-17 mainly due to higher demand in South Korea. The overall impact of the aforementioned revisions was an increase in demand for the overall OECD region for 2017 by 77 mb/d.

Global oil demand growth expectations for 2018 was also marginally upgraded to 1.28 mb/d to reach 97.77 mb/d. Higher demand in 2018 is expected to be driven by non-OECD demand growth at 1.07 mb/d, while OECD countries are expected to add approximately 0.21 mb/d as growth in OECD US and Europe is expected to be partly offset by a contraction of demand in OECD Asia Pacific. In the non-OECD camp, the biggest demand growth is expected in China (+0.32 mb/d) followed by India (0.16 mb/d).

World oil supply

Global oil supply during July-17 witnessed a month-on-month increase of 0.17 mb/d and averaged at 97.3 mb/d, according to preliminary data, with non-OPEC supply increasing by 0.52 mb/d to average at 64.49 mb/d during the month. For the full year 2017, non-OPEC oil supply growth expectation was revised down by 28 tb/d and is now expected to grow by 0.78 mb/d to average at 57.77 mb/d. The downward revision mainly reflects a decline in oil supply from the US, particularly in Q2-17 that was partially offset by upward revision in supply from Russia (+38 tb/d) and China (+31 tb/d) during the said quarter. For the overall OECD region, supply expectations were lowered by 0.09 mb/d that reflected changes solely in OECD Americas. Within this region, the US recorded the bulk of the downgrades during Q2-17 to Q4-17. OECD Europe projections were unchanged in the latest OPEC report, with expectations of higher production in Norway (+0.02 mb/d to average at 2.01 mb/d in 2017) and other European producers partially offset by an expected decline of 30 tb/d in the UK to average at 0.99 mb/d.

Non-OPEC supply growth projections for 2018 was also lowered by 42 tb/d to 1.10 mb/d and is expected to average at 58.87 mb/d. The downgrade primarily reflected downward revision in supply expectations for US and Canada (new oil sand projects). Nevertheless, key drivers for the higher supply in 2018 are US, Brazil, Canada, Russia, Kazakhstan, Congo and the UK partly offset by declines in Mexico, China, Columbia and Azerbaijan.

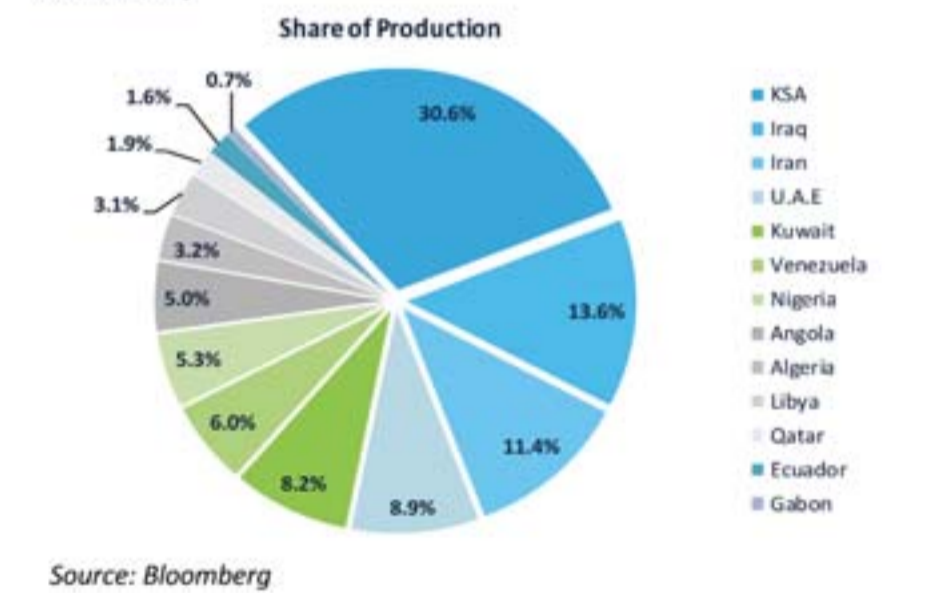
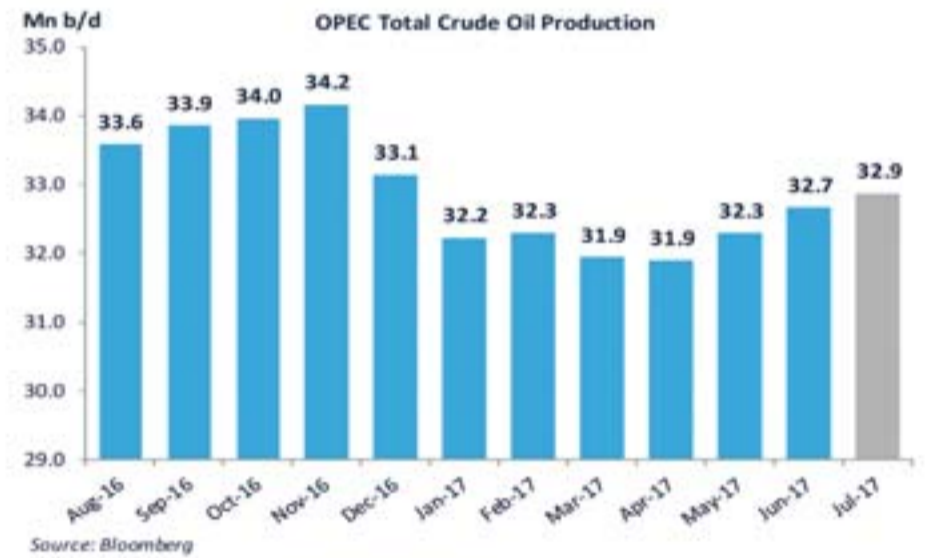
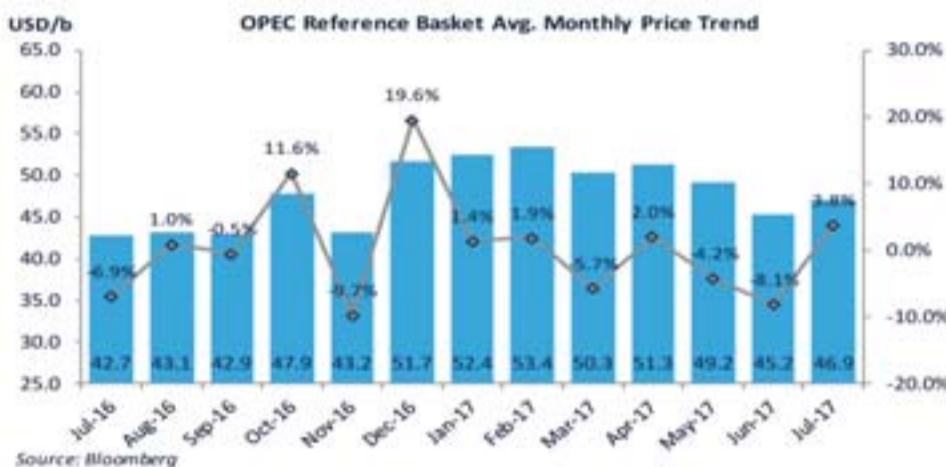
OPEC oil production & spare capacity

OPEC oil production continued to rise for the third consecutive month in July-17 reaching 32.9 mb/d, according to Bloomberg data and OPEC secondary sources. This was the highest monthly production rate during this year led primarily by increase in production in Libya during July-17. Nevertheless, the year-on-year decline in OPEC production continues to be in line with previous months at around 2 percent for July-17. According to Bloomberg data, oil production by OPEC has increased by almost 1 mb/d over the past three months, which we believe is basically targeted to meet the seasonal summer demand. During July-17, Saudi Arabia and UAE also increased production marginally by 30 tb/d each, while Gabon added 20 tb/d during the month. These hikes during the month were partially offset by smaller reduction in production in Angola (-30 tb/d) and Iran, Kuwait and Qatar, each declining by 10 tb/d.

Saudi Arabia, in its efforts to cap exports to 6.6 mb/d as pledged in the latest meeting, is expected to lower allocations to its customers globally by at least 0.52 mb/d, according to a report from Reuters. Allocations to Asia is expected to be lowered by 10 percent while Europe it would be lowered by 0.22 mb/d. Nevertheless, along with reducing exports, the Kingdom continues to curb its production in line with the deal.

Production in Libya increased by 180 tb/d during July-17, one of the biggest monthly increase, and surpassed the 1 mb/d mark to achieve a production rate of 1.02 mb/d. Production is expected to increase further as the country targets a production rate of 1.32 mb/d by year end. However, with the ongoing production cut agreement, it is reportedly said that Libya will have to cap its production at 1.25 mb/d, as decided in the recent meeting between oil producers.

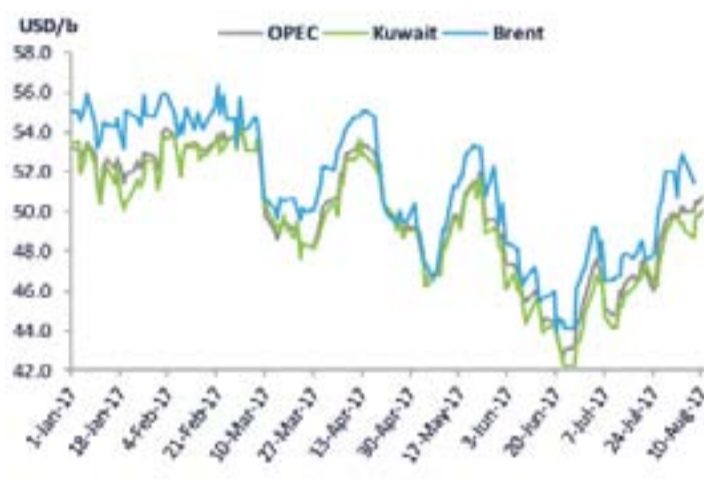
Furthermore, Nigeria has voluntarily pledged to curb the output at 1.8 mb/d with its current production at 1.75 mb/d, according to Bloomberg. On the other hand, the political situation in Venezuela could disrupt oil production in the country that has been declining over the past few years, according to some reports, while the increasing possibility of US sanctions on the country could further affect its ability to repay its debt. This coupled with reassurance of compliance from Iraq, UAE and Kazakhstan could help curb oil supply in the near term.



Oil prices

Oil price trend during July-17 was mostly positive continuing from the last week of June-17 led by expectations of a positive outcome from the OPEC meetings. This trend continued in August-17 with Brent reaching the highest level in ten weeks to \$52.88/b. OPEC crude also surged and regained the critical \$50/b level to reach \$50.5/b in August-17. Average monthly oil prices also surged after two consecutive months of decline. Average OPEC crude prices reached \$46.93/b after increasing by 3.8 percent over the previous month, while Brent and Kuwait crude increased by a slightly higher 4.1 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively.

The declining oil stocks in the US was one of



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Pakistani Rupees	2.870
Sri Lankan Rupees	1.971
Nepali Rupees	2.981
Singapore Dollar	223.020
Hongkong Dollar	38.695
Bangladesh Taka	3.737
Philippine Peso	5.988
Thai Baht	9.127

GCC COUNTRIES	
Saudi Riyal	80.787
Qatari Riyal	83.207
Omani Riyal	786.772
Bahraini Dinar	804.440
UAE Dirham	82.482

ARAB COUNTRIES	
Egyptian Pound - Cash	21.200
Egyptian Pound - Transfer	16.972
Yemen Riyal/for 1000	1.216
Tunisian Dinar	127.210
Jordanian Dinar	427.490
Lebanese Lira/for 1000	2.018
Syrian Lira	2.159
Morocco Dirham	32.414

EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COUNTRIES	
US Dollar Transfer	302.750
Euro	356.940
Sterling Pound	395.540
Canadian dollar	239.710
Turkish lira	85.890

Swiss Franc	316.020
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Philippines Peso	5.923
Cyprus pound	166.725
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Syrian Pound	1.590
Nepalese Rupees	2.948
Malaysian Ringgit	71.165

Chinese Yuan Renminbi	45.800
Thai Bhat	10.090
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Danish Krone	0.043659	0.048659
Euro	0.349637	0.358637
Norwegian Krone	0.033856	0.039056
Romanian Leu	0.077712	0.077712
Slovakia	0.009023	0.019023
Swedish Krona	0.032899	0.037899
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Australian Dollar	0.230046	0.242046
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Malaysian Ringgit	0.067407	0.073407
Nepalese Rupee	0.002991	0.003161
Pakistan Rupee	0.002624	0.002914
Philippine Peso	0.005894	0.006194
Singapore Dollar	0.216485	0.226485
Sri Lankan Rupee	0.001598	0.002178
Taiwan	0.009886	0.010066
Thai Baht	0.008737	0.009287
Bahraini Dinar	0.796057	0.804557
Egyptian Pound	0.015566	0.021474
Iranian Riyal	0.000084	0.000085
Iraqi Dinar	0.000190	0.000250
Jordanian Dinar	0.422401	0.431401
Kuwaiti Dinar	1.000000	1.000000
Lebanese Pound	0.000150	0.000250
Moroccan Dirhams	0.020832	0.044832
Omani Riyal	0.779944	0.785624
Qatar Riyal	0.078868	0.083808
Saudi Riyal	0.079647	0.080947
Syrian Pound	0.001283	0.001503
Tunisian Dinar	0.121912	0.129912
Turkish Lira	0.080747	0.091047
UAE Dirhams	0.080958	0.082658
Yemeni Riyal	0.000984	0.001064

ELECTRIC CAR REVOLUTION

By Hayder Tawfik

The fossil fuel auto industry like any other commodity that is too old, uncreative, cause pollution and damage the environment is coming to an end. Well, it has truly become commoditized, i.e. it can only survive on supply and demand. Over the past decades, clean and environmentally cheap energy killed the coal industry. In recent years, the smart phone finished off the old and boring mobile phone and now is also killing the cameras industry.

At present, we are witnessing a new revolution in the auto industry. The emergence of the smart electric car. The high-tech smart electric cars will outsell fossil-fuel powered vehicles within two decades as the cost and the price of battery plunge, turning the global auto industry upside down and signaling economic turmoil for the traditional car producers, its supply chain and possibly oil-exporting countries.

The latest and most reliable forecast says adoption of emission-free vehicles will happen more quickly than previously estimated because the cost of building electric cars is falling so fast. This dramatic shift will see cars with an electric plug account for a third of the global auto fleet by 2040. This translates to over 58 percent of all the cars on the planet. Also it will displace about 13 million barrels a day of oil production.

This is just pure economics. As the prices of Lithium-ion battery prices are going to come down sooner and faster, the cost of producing efficient electric cars will come down too and demand picks up accordingly. There has been a surge of investment in lithium-ion batteries, higher manufacturing capacity at companies including Tesla Inc. and Nissan Motor Co., as well as emerging consumer demand from China to Europe supports the expectations and forecast that by 2025 electric cars will be as cheap as gasoline vehicles, pushing the global fleet to 530 million vehicles by 2040, this is equivalent to around 58 percent of the cars in the world. There's around 90 gigawatt hours of Electric Vehicles lithium-ion battery manufacturing capacity online now, and this is set to rise to 270 gigawatt hours by 2021. Charging infrastructure will continue to be an issue with bottlenecks capping growth in key Chinese, US and Europe.

One of the reasons why there has been a sudden surge in the production and demand for electric cars is the steep fall in the cost of the Lithium-ion cell. The cost has fallen by 70 percent since the peak in 2010. Severe competition and innovation by battery manufacturers will accelerate and lead to further steep declines in average prices over the next two decades. There is a clear element of competitive dynamics that will ultimately lead to oversupply in the lithium ion battery market that will drag down prices.

Transformation

There will be winners and losers once the global transformation toward electric vehicles gets into full swing. It will lead to a real and fundamental shake up in the auto industry. Most car parts manufacturers such as traditional batteries, spark plugs, gears, fuel injection, tires manufacturers and oil majors will face upheaval. While traditional car suppliers may be hurt by the growth in the electric car industry, some industrial commodity producers such as Graphite, Nickel, Aluminum, Cobalt, Manganese and obviously Lithium will be great winners.

It will be the world's biggest economies, USA, Europe and China that will drive the demand for the electric car in the next decades. Companies and governments which have already been the most advanced in providing subsidies and installing charging points, will reap the benefits sooner than other economies.

Electric cars are basically much cheaper than gas or oil fueled cars because they're simple, lighter and servicing them are much easier, quicker and cheaper. The future electric car may not look much different from the existing traditional cars but the new materials and the high technology that goes into them are completely new and different. These new components will simply revolutionize the market for metals and technology used in the industry, opening a new field for commodities and high technology suppliers and investors. This could be an inflection point for demand that could make great fortune for suppliers and investors. Just imagine that you had invested in General Motors and Ford about hundred years ago.

The number of electric and hybrid vehicles on the road worldwide surpassed 1.3 million last year per the International Energy Agency. This number compares with 14,000 back in 2010 and 4m cars by 2019. It is quite clear that the demand for electric car is growing exponentially.

For investors to make the most out of this extreme and promising growth, they first need to identify what sits below the bonnet of the electric car. The most obvious one is the Lithium battery. Lithium being a natural commodity will ultimately become commoditized and over time its price will continue to fall in line with supply increase. The electric car is all about technology. It filled with high tech soft wares, from Sensors, GPS's, Connectives, Antennas and High-Tech Chips. High technology companies that supplies these components are mostly based in Europe, US and Japan. Some of them are listed and others are privately owned. It is a fragmented industry and most likely there will be a future consolidation in the industry.

It is a hard and complicated task for investors but the starting point is that, investors in the electric industry should study the industry very carefully, understand the future electric car fully, find out what is the electric car about, how it works, what is under the bonnet and then identify those companies that are geared up to supply the electric car manufacturers. It is a hard task ahead but it worth it in the long run.



US INFLATION STILL SUBDUED

NBK MONEY MARKETS REPORT

Rates – 13th August, 2017

Currencies	Previous Week Levels				This Week's Expected Range		3-Month
	Open	Low	High	Close	Minimum	Maximum	Forward
EUR	1.1766	1.1687	1.1846	1.1820	1.1720	1.2010	1.1879
GBP	1.3025	1.2937	1.3060	1.3011	1.2840	1.3110	1.3055
JPY	110.60	108.73	110.91	109.15	107.00	110.00	108.70
CHF	0.9726	0.9582	0.9772	0.9617	0.9400	0.9785	0.9562

KUWAIT: Markets were generally quite this week as they awaited US inflation figures due Friday. After last week's robust US employment numbers, the inflation report would give a better indication to the next policy move by the Federal Reserve. While employment has been consistently strong, inflation has been relatively stagnant this year supported by falling oil prices. Nevertheless, the US Fed deemed it adequate to hike rates twice already this year with a third planned for the end of the year. However, with employment near full capacity for over a year now, inflation and growth remain the key indicators. The Fed has already addressed the recent moderation in inflation calling it a "transitory" phase that should pick up in the medium term. Indeed, NY Fed president reinforced these views in a speech Thursday. The next GDP report is due August 30 and will better indicate whether labor market strength is spilling over into inflation.

The US Fed last hiked interest rates in their June meeting despite inflation lagging behind their 2 percent target. Markets are now unconvinced the Fed can do it again after months of disappointing figures. Consumer prices increased just 0.1 percent in July below expectations for the fourth month in a row. Year-on-year inflation is now marked at 1.7 percent. Although, the benchmark US 10 year bond yield jumped 1.35 percent to 2.2185 percent after the release of the CPI, it is still around 8 percent lower than short month ago. It is no surprise then, when looking at interest rate hike expectations which are based on the 10 year US benchmark, markets poll a 30 percent chance for another US rate hike in 2017.

In the currency markets, the US dollar index began the week on a recent high of 93.400 after being boosted by the non-farm payrolls of last week but remained in a tight range as markets awaited the CPI report Friday. After reaching a short lived high of 93.800 Wednesday following another positive employment report the JOLTS job openings, the index found its way back down to a close of 93.401.

Mirroring the US dollar index inversely, the Euro had a quite week with no major economic indicators mainly reacting to US policy developments. The EUR/USD opened the week at 1.1766 fell slightly after the US JOLTS review but rebounded to close the week at 1.1820.

In the UK, the British Pound has remained subdued after its fall last week following the dovish Bank of England policy meeting and the positive US employment report. Adding to its recent weakness was the flat growth in the manufacturing sector which coincided with the BoE's reduction in growth forecasts last week. Although remaining relatively flat throughout the week, the GBP/USD found its way down to 1.3011 after opening the week at 1.3025.

In Asia, the Japanese Yen saw some of the largest movements against its major counterparts in a spring of safe-haven buying as US and North Korean tensions escalate. The yen appreciated around 1.60 percent as the USD/JPY fell from 110.60 at the open of the week to 109.15 at the close.

In commodities, crude oil prices dropped erasing their gains Friday after The International Energy Agency reduced demand estimates for OPEC crude this year and in 2018. Furthermore, the Agency also cast doubts on OPEC's supply curb commitment. Brent Crude reached a high of \$53.64 before dropping to close the week at \$52.10. West

Texas Intermediate fell similarly from \$50.22 to a close of \$48.82. Gold prices on the other hand, had its strongest week in months in safe-haven buying due to the political tensions between the US and North Korea. The precious metal opened the week at \$1,258.64 and climbed to a close of \$1,288.81.

Jolts

Monthly US jobs openings increased to a record high in June from May according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The increase came mainly from openings in the professional and business services by 179,000, with health care and construction industries increasing the second and third most at 125,000 and 62,000, respectively. However, the hiring rate was little changed at 3.7 percent. The JOLTS Job Openings came in at 6.163 million, exceeding both the expected 5.6 million and July's 5.702 million.

Inflation still subdued

US producer prices unexpectedly fell in July weighed down by declining costs for services and energy products. The PPI dropped -0.1 percent in July while the annual rate slowed to 1.9 percent from 2.0 percent, both missing expectations. The core figure, which excludes volatile components such as food and energy also declined by 0.1 percent on a month to month and annual basis. US consumer prices also remained soft for the fifth straight month in July, raising even more questions about whether inflation will eventually rise to hit the Federal Reserve's 2 percent annual rate target. The consumer price index and its core figure both rose a seasonally adjusted 0.1 percent in July below expectations. Annualized, consumer prices have risen an unadjusted 1.7 percent over the past 12 months.

Europe & UK

German Prices Steady

Consumer prices in Germany rose by 1.7 percent in July 2017 compared with July 2016. Month-over-month, the consumer price index rose by 0.4 percent in July 2017. The main driver were holiday related sectors and food. The inflation figures were fully aligned with the flash estimate and showed that the EU's largest economy was gaining steadily.

UK manufacturing flat

Manufacturing growth in June 2017 was flat com-

pared with May 2017. While, 6 of the 13 sub-sectors increased, transport equipment provided the largest downward contribution, falling by 3.6 percent due mainly to a 6.7 percent fall in the manufacture of motor vehicles. However, total production was estimated to have increased by 0.5 percent in June compared with the previous month due mainly to a rise of 4.1 percent in mining and quarrying as a result of higher oil and gas production.

UK trade deficit widens

A fall in export volumes and climbing imports widened Britain's trade deficit with the rest of the world in June. While a weaker pound makes British exports attractive, it also makes imports to the country more expensive. Between the first and second quarters of 2017, the total trade deficit widened by £0.1 billion to £8.9 billion as increases in imports were closely matched by increases in exports.

China inflation mixed

Chinese consumer inflation weakened slightly in July, while producer prices expanded at a steady pace. Consumer prices advanced 1.4 percent from a year earlier, slightly below the previous month's gain of 1.5 percent. Beijing's key inflation reading has stumbled this year after climbing above 2 percent annually at the end of 2016. Producer prices on the other hand, rose from a year earlier for the 11th straight month. The producer price index rose 5.5 percent in July, unchanged from the previous month. The recovering PPI has largely been driven by fiscal policies and other measures aimed at resolving the nation's overcapacity constraints.

Japan business investment lags

Japan's core machinery orders unexpectedly fell for a third consecutive month in June as companies seem reluctant to boost spending. The figures conflict recent positive sentiment surveys as a result of higher global demand. However, the core orders, regarded as an indicator of capital spending in the coming six to nine months, decreased 1.9 percent in June from the previous month.

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An old lady picks tobacco leaves in a field near Sofia.

BULGARIA'S TOBACCO INDUSTRY GOING UP IN SMOKE

SOFIA: When seven-year-old Fatmagul Ali picked her first tobacco leaves in 1967, growing the crop seemed like a licence to print money. At the time, communist Bulgaria was one of the world's largest cigarette exporters and key supplier to the entire Soviet bloc.

Five decades later, Fatmagul and her husband Fahim are still hard at work in their small field in the southern Rhodope mountains, close to the Greek border.

The couple are already bent low over the plants well before dawn, their hands tarred from plucking the sticky leaves in the glow of their head torches. Row after row, they will spend hours repeating the same gesture before returning to their nearby village of Karchovsko, in the Muslim-majority Kirkovo region, to hang the leaves to dry.

And yet these efforts will barely yield enough for survival. "When you take into account the expenses, we'll make only a couple of euros today," Fahim, 57, shrugged.

The fall of communism led to the disbanding of cooperative farms and a decline in tobacco production, slowly smoking out what was once Bulgaria's most valuable asset. With a kilo of dried tobacco leaves costing around 2.50 euros (\$2.95), the Alis will make only about 2,300 euros gross this year. They've taken up second jobs to make ends meet. "We're thinking about abandoning tobacco, there's no point to it anymore," Fahim said. Although the Kirkovo region still boasts the European Union's largest number of tobacco growers per capita, the output is a far cry from the days when Bulgaria's so-called "golden leaf" was an international mark of quality.

Days of glory

Tobacco was first introduced in Bulgaria under Ottoman rule, with production surging by the 19th century. "It was a real currency, allowing Bulgaria to take out international bank loans," Sofia-based economist Nikolay Valkanov told AFP. Of the four grown varieties, the oriental type was by far the most valued

thanks to its highly aromatic flavor. Demand exploded during and after both World Wars as an increasing number of soldiers and female factory workers took up smoking.

Under Soviet rule, Bulgaria became Europe's leading tobacco producer and, at its peak, exported some 100,000 tons in the 1970s and 1980s. Today this has shrivelled to 16,250 tons, according to official data. And while Bulgaria is still in the EU's top five growers, it cannot compete with the number one producer Italy, which churns out close to 55,000 tonnes of dried tobacco leaves per year.

"The drop has been drastic," said Tsvetan Filev, chairman of Bulgaria's National Tobacco Growers' Association. "We haven't been able to rebuild a competitive system after the dismantling of the planned economy," he told AFP.

Dying trade

With the collapse of communism, large-scale irrigation systems stopped working while skilled labor dropped in rural areas as people migrated to cities and abroad. The restitution of expropriated lands saw the huge tobacco fields broken up into numerous small parcels and handed back to the original owners.

EU data from 2014 showed that Italy only had tenth of Bulgaria's 23,700 tobacco growers, but produced five times as much. "The way that the Bulgarian sector is organized now with numerous tiny farms, low yields, insufficient know-how, low education-leaves it without a future," said Valkanov. There's added pressure from neighboring Turkey, Greece and Macedonia which have boosted their production and are threatening to push Bulgaria out of the market. Many Bulgarians now head across the border to pick leaves in Greece to earn a decent wage. "Once upon a time there were tobacco fields everywhere and look at what's left now," lamented Hasansabri Mehmed, the regional chief of the national growers' association, pointing to the vast bushy planes around him. —AFP

BAGS OF CASH: HOW MONEY LAUNDERERS USED CBA

SYDNEY: In a run-down mall in one of Sydney's biggest Chinese neighborhoods in 2015, 29-year-old Jizhang Lu showed up at the top-floor offices of a meat export company carrying a carrier bag stuffed with hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash.

According to police documents filed in court and reviewed by Reuters, Lu said he made the trip to the shopfront of CC&B International Pty Ltd eight times over three weeks. Each time a CC&B employee would hand him a receipt showing a different company had bought tens of thousands of kilograms of meat.

The cash - as much as A\$530,200 (\$416,840) at a time - was then deposited at a Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) branch, according to the police statement of facts agreed by Lu.

But the apparent purchases were fake, and last year Lu was jailed for two years after pleading guilty to helping launder A\$3.2 million of what police allege were proceeds from an unidentified international drug syndicate. The court records reviewed by Reuters did not name Lu's lawyer. Lu could not immediately be contacted directly because he was in custody.

The police case against Lu is now one of several being cited by financial intelligence agency AUSTRAC in its statement of claim against CBA, the largest civil court action of its kind in Australian corporate history. AUSTRAC has accused CBA of "serious and systemic" breaches of money-laundering and counter-terrorism financing rules, alleging the country's second biggest mortgage lender failed to detect suspicious transactions nearly 54,000 times. It faces fines potentially amounting to billions of dollars.

CBA has said it will fight the AUSTRAC lawsuit, saying it would never deliberately undertake action that enables any form of crime. CBA said a coding error with new automated teller machines was behind most of the breaches but that it recognized there were "other serious allegations" in AUSTRAC's claim were unrelated to that software problem. It declined to comment specifically about the police case against Lu.

Proceeds of crime

AUSTRAC's lawsuit against CBA asserts that, in total, A\$17.7 million was deposited at the bank from February to August 2015 on behalf of a company identified in the earlier criminal case as CC&B.

"These funds were the proceeds of a drug importation syndicate and were proceeds of crime, within the

meaning of the Criminal Code Act," AUSTRAC's statement of claim says, referring to CC&B only as Company 1. Lu was identified in AUSTRAC's statement of claim against CBA, which also specified the time and length of Lu's sentence. A subsequent Reuters search of the criminal case against Lu produced the police "facts sheet" which provided further detail of his operation, including the name of CC&B.

The records of Lu's criminal case, provided to Reuters by a communications officer for the court which convicted Lu, showed that he pleaded guilty. A call to the phone number listed on CC&B's website went unanswered. A Reuters visit to the address where Lu said he dropped off bags of money, at Lemon Grove shopping centre, showed no sign of CC&B - other than a mention in an old store guide for shoppers.

Calls over two days to Lemon Grove also went unanswered. Australian company filings showed CC&B's corporate address as "Sunnyside Accountants". A woman who answered the phone at that firm said CC&B was a former client but that she could give no further information because the organizations had parted ways. Sunnyside hasn't been named in AUSTRAC's suit.

"Can you help?"

Lu, a Chinese national on a business visa, described himself as a "net engineer", according to the police document filed in court. He had no involvement in the meat export industry and earned 60,000 yuan (\$9,000) a year in his home country, he told police. Lu said he met another Chinese man while grocery shopping in the Sydney suburb of Chatswood, where CC&B was based.

"After some chatting, he say, 'can you help me do this please?'" Lu told police, according to the document.

Lu agreed to help "because the man asked him", the police statement said, without elaborating.

He told police he didn't understand the receipts because they were written in English. Australia's Joint Organized Crime Group charged two CC&B employees with dealing in criminal proceeds about the same time as Lu, in August 2015.

The Australian Federal Police could not immediately provide an update on the two CC&B employees identified as being charged.

The police statement said a third CC&B person, company director Ka Chun Leung, was a "potential co-accused" but has left the country. Efforts by Reuters to contact Ka were unsuccessful. —Reuters

AFTER A LONG DROUGHT, BEAR MARKET FUNDS ATTRACT BUYERS

WALL STREET WEEKAHEAD

NEW YORK: Bearish stock investors are slowly coming out of hibernation, as money has begun to move into funds that aim to profit when markets dive.

US mutual funds that attempt to profit in falling markets attracted \$413 million in new investments during the second quarter, the funds' largest inflows since the height of 2013's "Taper Tantrum" selloff, according to Thomson Reuters' Lipper research unit. On Thursday, the S&P 500 experienced its first 1 percent-plus drop in 58 trading days, as the CBOE Volatility

Index surged over 44 percent, noted Bespoke Investment Group.

The selling pressure in stocks follows a frustrating year-to-date for bearish stock investors, given that the S&P was up 10.5 percent since Dec. 31 as of Wednesday's close. As of Thursday's close, it is up 8.9 percent. Markets this week were set in negative motion after the United States and North Korea exchanged threats. President Donald Trump said Thursday that his previous promise of "fire and fury" in response to any threats from North Korea may

have not gone far enough, vowing "trouble" for the country if its actions do not change.

Brad Lamensdorf, portfolio manager for AdvisorShares Ranger Equity Bear ETF, said he has seen demand for his fund partly driven by "people that feel like it's time to hedge."

"They're pretty negative from a forward-looking view," he said. The fund targets stocks with low earnings quality or potential accounting problems; it has attracted \$20 million this year.

The demand for these funds comes after a

long drought, and remains a mere drop in the bucket within the fund world. The funds posted outflows in nine of the last 15 quarters, according to Lipper. By contrast, domestic stock mutual funds and exchange-traded funds have attracted \$32 billion this year, including reinvested dividends, according to the Investment Company Institute, a trade group.

Demand for international stocks and bonds has been even stronger as investors tried to dial back exposure to US stocks without the expensive costs attached to hedging strategies. The bear funds keep a "net short" exposure to stocks, aiming to rise when markets fall. The cost of making that bet and the rising markets have helped the category deliver a negative 13.5 percent return this year, according to Lipper data through early August.

"It's sort of become almost a cliché that this has been the most hated bull market of all time, and I have a hard time buying into that," said Doug Ramsey, chief investment officer of the Leuthold Group LLC, whose firm offers a bear fund, the Grizzly Short Fund.

The company's tactical funds recently reduced their net equity exposure, but he said he could see another fresh top before entering a true bear market.

"We're only looking for a short-term setback here," he said. Several major asset

managers have expressed caution in recent days. Bridgewater Associates LP's Ray Dalio wrote on Thursday that "prospective risks are now rising and do not appear appropriately priced."

Russ Koesterich at BlackRock Inc said in a note this week that tightening monetary policy in Europe and the United States could cause political uncertainty to morph "from farce into tragedy" by shaking investor confidence. Pacific Investment Management Company LLC portfolio managers Mihir Worah and Geraldine Sundstrom said US equities are "popular and crowded."

But some investors see the moderate US equity flows and strengthening demand for bearish funds as a contrarian sign that the markets may have more room to run. The nonprofit American Association of Individual Investors found that 36.1 percent of investors it surveyed expect the market to rise in the next six months, 2 percentage points below that gauge's historical average. An above-average 32.1 percent of investors were bearish.

"You don't see the kind of euphoria that normally presents at the end of the cycle," said Leon Cooperman, chief executive of hedge fund Omega Advisors Inc. "I don't see sentiment characteristic of a top." —Reuters

Daily Kuwait Stock Exchange Report							
Sunday 13 August 2017							
Index	Change	Closing	Last Closing				
Price Index	▲ 8,426.16	8,845.11	419.95				
Weighted Index	▲ 2.56	422.53	419.95				
KSX 15	▲ 5.99	960.56	960.57				

Volume	74,117,108
Value (KWD)	16,485,940
Number of Trades	3,538

Trades							
Security	High	Low	Volume	Value (KD)	Trades	Last	Change
IPG	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	390	▲ 0.0
NAPESCO	900	899	20,138	18,122	7	900	▲ 0.0
ENERGYH	35.5	35.5	100	4	1	35.5	▲ 0.0
GPI	38.2	37.9	1,796,239	68,208	49	37.9	▲ 0.0
ABAR	75	75	100	8	1	75	▲ 0.0
Oil & Gas			1,816,577	86,491	58	1059.81	▼ -3.80
KFOUC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	287	▲ 0.0
BPCC	5.70	5.70	121,500	69,255	2	5.70	▲ -1.0
ALKOUT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	600	▲ 0.0
ALQURAIN	350	343	53,810	18,603	16	346	▼ -2.0
Basic Materials			176,310	87,858	18	1262.81	▼ -3.20
KCEM	425	425	56,000	23,800	2	425	▲ 5.0
CABLE	491	485	360,500	171,218	31	487	▼ -1.0
SHIP	211	211	500	106	1	211	▲ 2.0
PCEM	970	965	4,050	3,918	4	965	▼ -5.0
PAPER	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	280	▲ 0.0
MRC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	94	▲ 0.0
ADCO	260	260	115,000	29,900	9	260	▲ 0.0
HCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	208	▲ 0.0
NCSM	188	185	31,032	5,558	9	179	▲ 0.0
EQUIPMENT	48.0	45.0	440,200	20,000	24	46.1	▼ -1.4
NCCI	90	90	20,011	1,801	1	90	▲ 18.0
GYPSEM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	95	▲ 0.0
SALBOOKH	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	62	▲ 0.0
AGLY	847	843	412,168	348,456	89	847	▲ 2.0
EDU	359	350	90,000	31,500	23	359	▼ -1.0
CLEANING	45.5	45.5	73,030	3,329	3	45.5	▲ 1.8
KSL	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	60	▲ 0.0
KDCP	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	145	▲ 0.0
HUMANSOFT	4,300	4,288	171,316	736,082	24	4,300	▲ 12.0
NAFAS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	195	▲ 0.0
GFC	75	61	8,628	527	4	75	▲ 8.9
SHOOTING	27.4	27.4	250	7	1	27.4	▲ 0.0
CGC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	568	▲ 0.0
MTCC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	56	▲ 0.0
UPAG	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	770	▲ 0.0
ALAFCO	384	367	733,338	272,332	73	374	▲ 7.0
MUBARRAD	72	72	680,200	48,974	9	72	▲ 0.1
LOGISTICS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	51	▲ 0.0
SCEM	77	76	26,000	1,990	4	77	▲ 0.5
GCEM	80	77	2,054	159	4	80	▲ 2.6
QIC	86	76	3,017	245	5	81	▲ 2.0
FCEM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	77	▲ 0.0
RKWC	90	71	201,824	15,510	20	80	▼ -9.0
SPEC	96	92	284,562	26,622	24	93	▲ 0.1
Industrials			3,703,781	1,742,044	364	1966.27	▲ 1.60
PAPCO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	90	▲ 0.0
CATTL	238	228	1,000	233	2	238	▲ 0.0
DANAH	72	70	841,300	59,358	62	70	▼ -1.0
FOOD	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	2,835	▲ 0.0
Consumer Goods			842,300	59,591	64	1017.67	▼ -5.80
MHC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	480	▲ 0
ATC	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,190	▲ 0.0
YIACO	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	175	▲ 0
Health Care			0	0	0	1683.91	▲ 0.00
KCN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	1,399	▲ 0
KHOT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	250	▲ 0
SULTAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	67	▲ 0
CABLETV	28.4	27.9	3,380	94	4	28.4	▲ 2
EYAS	850	850	100	85	1	850	▲ 5
IFAHR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	275	▲ 0
OULAFUEL	122	119	180,120	21,707	26	121	▲ 1
MUNTAAHAT	77	67	71,200	5,206	7	76	▲ 1
JAZERA	584	580	293,817	170,454	44	580	▼ -7
BOOR	122	121	45,369	5,481	14	121	▼ -1
FUTUREKID	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	106	▲ 0
ALRAI	120	120	111,000	13,320	5	120	▲ 0
Mjad	54	49.0	1,010	51	8	54	▼ 0
Mazcan	890	885	149,980	133,052	13	885	▼ -5
Consumer Services			855,946	349,460	122	1050.31	▲ 1.50
ZAIN	494	473	10,146,473	4,941,916	756	488	▲ 15
OOREDOO	1,180	1,160	3,023	3,507	4	1,160	▲ 0
AAN	40.3	39.6	404,750	17,019	23	40.1	▲ 0
VIVA	809	802	37,419	30,063	55	809	▲ 4
Telecommunications			10,611,665	4,992,504	838	611.19	▲ 6.20
NBK	730	719	3,556,997	2,565,962	165	730	▲ 11
GBK	247	246	1,133,470	279,287	31	246	▲ 0
CBK	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	354	▲ 0
ABK	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	318	▲ 0
ALMUTAHED	415	409	95,302	27,340	7	412	▲ 0
KIB	246	242	1,073,749	262,066	41	244	▲ 0
BURG	367	358	79,892	29,256	25	368	▲ 0
KFIN	559	551	2,837,465	1,835,478	205	558	▲ 5
BOUBYAN	418	415	304,561	126,956	39	418	▲ 0
AUB	218	215	2,918,967	630,522	92	217	▲ 0
ITHMR	40.0	39.0	1,340,945	52,857	73	39.6	▼ -2
WARBANK	268	266	596,479	156,775	121	267	▼ -1
Banks			13,998,827	5,786,517	799	943.43	▼ -5.20
KINS	260	239	150,560	37,179	15	260	▲ 21
GINS	710	700	10,571	7,455	3	710	▲ 60.0
AINS	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	451	▲ 0.0
WINS	90	81	2,780	225	3	90	▼ -0.1
KUWAITRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	187	▲ 0.0
FTI	81	56	10,562	804	8	58	▼ -2.4
WETHAQ	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	51	▲ 0.0
BKIOWT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	355	▲ 0.0
Insurance			174,473	45,463	29	1051.64	▲ 22.10
SOKOUC	45.4	45.0	133,220	6,023	8	45.9	▼ -1.0
KRE	65	63	842,000	53,555	23	64	▲ 0.1
URC	86	82	36,101	3,059	6	88	▲ 0.0
NRE	123	121	156,210	19,026	13	123	▲ 0.0
SRE	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	360	▲ 0.0
TAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	400	▲ 0.0
AREEC	153	146	1,000	147	2	153	▲ 0.0
MASSALEH	44.1	44.1	2,456	108	1	44.1	▲ 0.2
ARABREC	34.2	33.6	389,900	13,251	15	34.2	▲ 0.2
ERESCO	40.2	39.9	141,100	5,965	8	39.9	▲ 0.0
MABANEE	800	795	208,866	166,001	40	795	▼ -5.0
INUZZAT	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	98	▲ 0.0
INVESTORS	23.8	23.7	436,158	10,451	9	23.8	▼ -0.1
IRC	31.9	29.5	103,400	3,296	8	31.9	▲ 0.8
ALTUARIA	89	85	3,777,140	327,864	112	88	▲ 3.6
SANAM	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	43.0	▲ 0.0
AAAYANRE	8.2	8.1	229,005	19,469	5	8.2	▲ 0.3
AGAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	71	▲ 0.0
ALADARIA	40.0	38.5	160,000	6,352	6	39.7	▼ -2.3
MAZAYA	115	114	376,079	43,009	9	114	▼ -0.0
THEMAR	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	70	▲ 0.0
TUJARA	54	53	580,819	31,083	7	54	▼ -4.0
TAAMEER	35.5	34.1	161,571	5,694	11	35.2	▼ -0.2
ARKAN	84	84	55,202	4,637	2	84	▼ -2.0
ARGAN	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	185	▲ 0.0
ABYAR	25.8	25.2	2,665,300	68,416	52	25.4	▼ -2.1
MUNSHAAT	53</						

SIEMENS TO STRENGTHEN EGYPT'S NATIONAL GRID

COMPANY TO BUILD TWO NEW SUBSTATIONS IN DELTA REGION FOR EETC

CAIRO: In a new move aimed at improving the resilience of Egypt's power grid, the Egyptian Electricity Transmission Company (EETC) has awarded Siemens a contract for the construction of two substations. These will be used to transmit electricity from the Burullus power plant, set to become the world's largest combined cycle station, to the population. When completed the Burullus plant, located at Kaft El Sheikh Governorate, will supply up to 15 million Egyptians with reliable electricity.

The two new substations are Samanoud and Aboul Matameer will enable power delivery to Egyptian homes as well as different industries located in the Delta region. They will also help increase the capacity of the national grid, which is a key requirement to foster economic growth as defined by the goals of Egypt's vision 2030.

Gamal Abdel Rahim, Chairman of the Egyptian Electricity Transmission Company (EETC), said: "To enable more resilient, efficient and reliable power systems, Egypt needs to enhance the country's transmission lines to accommodate the increase in power generation capacity. This is why the EETC has been redefining the conventional approaches to upgrade the grid infrastructure across the country."

As part of the agreement, Siemens will be responsible for the design, engineering, construction, supply, installation and commissioning of the two new 500/220-kilovolt (kV) substations that will be delivered on a turnkey basis. This includes gas-insulated



switchgear (GIS); power transformers; control systems as well as protection and telecommunication equipment.

Emad Ghaly, CEO of Siemens Egypt, said:

"An efficient and robust electricity network is an essential part of Egypt's vision to drive long-term economic growth. We are pleased to build on a trusting relationship with EETC

to boost grid infrastructure."

The fast-track project is being executed in a consortium with El Sewedy Electric for the construction work of the substations.

Completion is scheduled within 15 months from signing the contracts. Once constructed, the substations are set to become one of the largest turnkey substations ever supplied to the national grid.

Ghaly added: "The two new substations will not only deliver more electricity to more homes, located near Alexandria and Kafr El Sheikh Governorates, but also support the focus on industrialization by providing reliable power supply to energy-intensive industries. They will feed power to cement, oil and gas and petrochemical facilities as well as ongoing infrastructure development projects in the Delta region."

Egypt outlined an ambitious target of developing 54 gigawatts (GW) of additional generating capacity by 2022 to accommodate its rapidly-growing population and economic expansion. To help the country meet this growing demand, Siemens has been analyzing Egypt's energy system, carrying out a "Transmission Network Study". In partnership with the Egyptian Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy, the study will include the existing, as well as the expected increases in Egypt's power generation capacity until the year 2025. Siemens has been a development partner to Egypt for over 115 years. The company is set to boost Egypt's power generation capacity by 45 per cent come 2018 through its mega projects. To date, 50 per cent of the substations in the country are built by Siemens technology, improving national grid stability and responsiveness.



120 فائز في 120 يوم

KFH ANNOUNCES CARDS SUMMER CAMPAIGN 9TH DRAW WINNERS

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) announced seven winners of the ninth draw of the new banking cards summer campaign themed "Get Back Double the Value of your Purchases". The campaign was launched in an attempt to encourage clients to use KFH credit, prepaid and debit cards while making purchases in Kuwait and overseas.

The winners are: Maha Almusailam, Mai Bu Shaiba, Sharon Filomban, Tahani Alotaibi, Talal Aldeihani, Mariam Almutairi and Raed Alshati.

The campaign that lasts for 120 days gives KFH customers chances to enter draw to win double cashback up to KD 2000 daily. KFH Credit and Prepaid cards used for domestic and international purchases and KFH Debit cards used for international purchases are eligible for the draw. For every KD 1 spent locally earns 1 chance and every KD 1 spent internationally earn 3 chances to enter the daily draw.

This campaign is part of KFH efforts to reward its clients and grant

them additional value; thus achieving customer satisfaction and boosting their confidence. The campaign also aims at enhancing the bank's presence especially that it dominates the largest market share in the field of banking cards.

KFH strives to continuously offer its clients new promotions and discounts in order to distinguish them among peers, not to mention to further bolster bank's leading position in the field of banking cards.

KFH marketing campaigns play a significant role in underlining KFH's principles that include boosting sales, and benefitting clients and merchants. It is worth noting that KFH has won several awards in the field of banking cards which reiterates its success and efficiency in banking cards market. KFH enjoys high confidence and leadership in the market in addition to high quality products which have enabled it to achieve growth in cards market and increase the number of customers.

ITHMAAR BANK ANNOUNCES CONTINUED PROFITS FOR 2017

BHD4.38 MILLION NET PROFIT FOR FIRST HALF OF 2017

KUWAIT: Ithmaar Bank B.S.C., a Bahrain-based Islamic retail bank and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ithmaar Holding, reported yesterday a net profit of BHD4.38 million for the first half of 2017. The net profit attributable to equity holders of the Bank for the six-month period ended 30 June 2017 was BHD1.54 million.

The announcement, by Ithmaar Bank Chairman His Royal Highness Prince Amr Al-Faisal, follows the review and approval, by the Board of Directors, of the Bank's consolidated financial results for the six-month period ended 30 June 2017. These are the Bank's first half-year results since the successful completion in January this year of a planned reorganization and the formal commencement of the new group structure and hence there are no comparatives.

"On behalf of the Ithmaar Bank Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce that the Bank continues to report profits in 2017," said HRH Prince Amr. "In the three-month period ended 30 June 2017, Ithmaar Bank reported a net profit of BHD1.3 million, with the net profit attributable to equity holders of the Bank for the period being BHD0.4 million," he said.

"Ithmaar Bank's half-year financial results show that the Bank is reporting continued profits and stable income for the year," said HRH Prince Amr. "In the first half of 2017, the Bank recorded a net income, before provisions for impairment and overseas taxation, of BHD12.71 million, including BHD6.22 million for the three-month period ended 30 June 2017. The Bank recorded a total income for the first half of the year of BHD76.44 million, including BHD39.23 million for the three-month period ended 30 June 2017," he said.



Prince Amr Al-Faisal



Ahmed Abdul Rahim, Ithmaar Bank CEO

Ithmaar Bank Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Abdul Rahim, said that efforts to continuously develop the Bank's products and services, while also improving its customer service offerings and growing closer to its customers, were clearly paying off.

"Ithmaar Bank's half-year financial results show that we are, indeed, on the right track as we work towards our shared vision of becoming one of the region's premier Islamic retail banks," said Abdul Rahim. "The results show that the Bank's total assets grew by 5 per cent over the past three months and stand at BHD3.26 billion as at 30 June 2017, up from BHD3.11 billion as at 31 March 2017. Accordingly, the equity of unrestricted investment account holders grew by 4.8 per cent during the same period to stand at BHD1.05 billion as at 30 June 2017, up from BHD0.99 billion as at 31 March 2017," he said.

"This growth is, in a large part, a result of the unwavering focus on

developing our core retail banking business," said Abdul Rahim. "Ithmaar Bank operates one of the largest retail banking networks in Bahrain, and is widely recognized as one of the pioneer, most innovative Islamic banks in the region. We are confident that we will continue to build on this legacy by listening closely, and responding quickly, to our customers," he said. "The Bank's subsidiary, Faysal Bank Limited in Pakistan, opened 75 Islamic branches during 2016 as part of its branch expansion plan and has 50 Islamic branches planned for 2017, out of which 10 have been opened till 30 June 2017, making the number of total Islamic branches as 156 out of total of 364 branches," he said.

In May, for example, Ithmaar Bank introduced a new Sharia-compliant corporate credit card with Mastercard. The Card, which was tailored to meet the specific requirements of corporate customers, as well as business owners and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) customers, was developed as a result of the

Bank's commitment to listening to, and delivering on, customer expectations. The corporate card allows for a one-stop payment solution which, ultimately, creates what could be the most convenient business payment solution for businesses.

In April, Ithmaar Bank became one of the first banks in Bahrain to be certified to the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS) v3.2, a prestigious, internationally-celebrated payment security certification that puts the Bank on par with some of the best in the world. The PCI-DSS is a data security standard for organizations that handle branded payment cards from the major card schemes. The PCI Standard is mandated by the card brands and administered by the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council. Ithmaar Bank earned the certification after successfully completing a comprehensive audit and demonstrating compliance to one of the most stringent and most coveted security standards in the world.

Earlier this month, Ithmaar Bank announced that it was honored at a regional conference for its continuous support of the community and presented with the Best Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Award for an Islamic Bank 2017 award in recognition of its various initiatives. The award was presented at the CSR Conference and Award for Islamic Banks which was held in Bahrain and attended by senior bankers, CSR experts and representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) as well as government and banking and finance officials both from Bahrain, as well from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan, and the Republic of Djibouti.

AHLI UNITED BANK APPOINTS TAREQ MUHMOOD AS SENIOR DEPUTY CEO

KUWAIT: Ahli United Bank (AUB) has announced the appointment of Tareq Muhmood in the position of Senior Deputy CEO - Banking Group. The role covers Corporate Banking, Treasury, Retail Banking, and Private Banking and Wealth Management. Muhmood will report direct to the Chief Executive Officer.

With a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Science from The



Tareq Muhmood

University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, Muhmood possesses an extensive experience in bank-

ing and related financial services gained through a 23 year career working in a different countries across North America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

The appointment of Muhmood reflects AUB's established policy of strengthening its professional team with highly experienced bankers in order to maintain a strong management structure and the solid institutional organization that the Bank has always enjoyed. Speaking on this occasion, Richard Groves, the Bank's chief Executive Officer said: "I am delighted to welcome Tareq to our senior management team. I am sure he will contribute to the Bank's future success through his richly diversified management experience and banking knowledge. The Bank continually recruits staff of the highest caliber, and Tareq is no exception."

Speaking of his vision concerning his role at AUB, Muhmood said: "I am proud to join Ahli United Bank, which has a rich and long history in Kuwait. I look forward to being a member of the Bank's team and contributing to its success and supporting the continued economic progress in Kuwait."



CBK ANNOUNCES WINNERS IN DAILY DRAW OF AL-NAJMA ACCOUNT

KUWAIT: Commercial Bank of Kuwait held the daily draw on "Al-Najma Account" yesterday at the Bank's Head Office to select 5 winners to win a cash prize of KD 7000 for each. The draw was held in the presence of Abdulaziz Ashkanani, representative of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The following names were announced as winners of the prizes:

1. Abbas Ali Mohammed Ahmed, 2. Mariam Ali Mehajer, 3. Saifaldeen Hasan Rashed Ismaeil, 4. Shaikhah AbdulRahman Al Henda, 5. Ali Asgar Abdultayeb Rambor Wala.

Al-Najma Account allows its customers to win a daily prize of KD 7000 which is the highest daily prize in Kuwait. In addition, the Account offers quarterly draws that provide customers with opportunity to get their dreams turned to reality by winning great prizes starting from KD 100,000 for the first quarter escalating thereafter by KD 50 thousand for each quarter to reach KD 250,000 in the last quarter. Customers can enjoy additional benefits including obtaining ATM card and a credit card against the customer's account along with enjoying all other banking services.

The Bank congratulates all the lucky winners and draws their attention that the cash prizes will be credited into their accounts with the Bank. Further, the Bank appreciates the Ministry of Commerce & Industry's significant role and its continuous cooperation and effective supervision on the draw that was smoothly and transparently organized.

VIVA REVEALS WINNERS OF 'ALLO' PREPAID CAMPAIGN

KUWAIT: VIVA, Kuwait's fastest-growing and most developed telecom operator, revealed the second week winners of the all new "allo" draw for its prepaid customers.

The names of the \$1,500 daily prize were as follows: Hawraa Hussain Ali Aljaji, Shafqatulla Khan Azizullah Khan, Tariq Mohammed Al Ali, Laksman Lal Dolaji, Mohammed Jameel Abu Zaid, Mishal Abdulmir Abdurasaol Alkhayat, Nawal Salem Mudhhi Almutairi.

Winners will be announced throughout the campaign with a grand total of almost \$ 150,000 to give away! VIVA customers can enjoy this wonderful opportunity to win amazing cash prizes of \$ 1,500 daily and \$ 30,000 monthly, throughout the campaign by simply buying a new "allo" line or recharging their current line through Direct Debit, VIVA website, VIVA's Kiosks, VIVA App or by calling 102. Every KD 1 spent, earns VIVA customers 10 chances to win, increasing their winning chances the more they spend.

VIVA is the fastest-growing telecom operator in Kuwait. Launched in December 2008, VIVA makes things possible for its customers by transforming communication, information and

entertainment experiences. The company has rapidly established an unrivalled position in the market through its customer centric approach. VIVA's quest is to be the mobile brand of choice in Kuwait by being transparent, engaging, energetic and fulfilling. VIVA continues to take a considerable share of the mar-



ket by offering an innovative range of best value products, services and content propositions; a state of the art, nationwide network and world-class service. VIVA offers internet speeds of more than 100 Mbps, due to the implementation of the most advanced fourth generation (4G LTE) network in Kuwait resulting in superior coverage, performance and reliability.

HUAWEI ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF COVETED ICT SKILL COMPETITION

PROGRAM TO UNEARTH AND NURTURE MIDEAST TALENT

DUBAI: Huawei has announced the launch of its Middle East ICT Skill Competition 2017. Aimed at universities and students, the program seeks to unearth and nurture the region's finest ICT talent. In line with Huawei's mandate to support governments' digitization strategies, national visions and plans for growth of critical industries, the competition will foster development for the next generation responsible for driving the digital transformation. Ten countries in the region are expected to participate, with registration open till October 10.

In the Middle East, the competition is a critical initiative for enhancing the quality of future ICT professionals, a key pillar in national agendas of building knowledge-based economies. The competition increases national ICT competitiveness, supporting local communities across the Middle East. The generation of students involved is expected to lead the Middle East's ICT industry into the future by embracing the digital transforma-



Charles Yang

tion. The ICT Skill Competition is specifically designed to prepare this generation for such a responsibility.

Skilled teams

Close to 80 of the region's best universities have registered for the competition. The top 13 most skilled teams will be selected to travel to Huawei's home in Shenzhen, China, where the final stage of the competition will take place between 11 and 15 December. This will be the last step in an arduous journey-competitors registered at the event starting from June, and those who make it to the final stage will already have passed through two rounds of highly selective examinations at the local and national level. In the past, the competition has attracted top talent globally, with competitors hailing from countries ranging from the Netherlands to Malaysia to Pakistan.

Not only will the winners of the competition receive certificates, trophies, and prizes, they will also have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel to China and gain insider access to a top global ICT company. Huawei will grant the winners an exclusive fully paid trip to the company's international headquarters in Shenzhen and the chance to meet with the brand's leadership. They will gain unrivaled exposure to Huawei's expertise in telecommunications, enterprise, and consumer busi-

ness, not to mention a priceless cultural experience and knowledge exchange. The competition is part of Huawei's longstanding effort to have a positive impact on the community in the Middle East. Huawei has already implemented a Seeds for the Future program to offer training and internships to promising students across the region. The ITC Skill Competition offers students additional opportunities to gain valuable experience in the industry. Participants will work in a real laboratory, and tackle some of the industry's most complex challenges. The competition material is based on advanced IP and IT material, and tests competitors on their knowledge of cloud computing, switching, routing, and network security. It is a unique opportunity for students to test their abilities in ICT's most cutting edge fields.

Partnerships

The ICT Skill Competition works in partnership with local government authorities to ensure Huawei is doing all it can, together with leading universities, to nurture local ICT talent, in order to support and grow the future leaders of the industry. As one of the world's leading innovators, the promotion of innovation and creativity among ICT students is essential to Huawei.

"Knowledge transfer and nurturing future ICT talent has always been a core pillar of the Huawei way, and we are thrilled to be able to launch the ICT Skill Competition for that exact reason. The future of ICT progress lays in the hands of our students, and by developing platforms and programs that allow them to grow and mature into experts, we can better equip the next generation of technology leaders," said Charles Yang, Huawei ME president.

"We are committed to supporting governments in the region as they work towards achieving their national targets. We do this by fostering lasting relationships with all levels of society, from business leaders to students. The ICT Skill Competition allows us to work closely with the future champions of industry, using the Huawei way to grow a generation that will drive the digital transformation forward," Charles added. In addition to awarding the top \$30,000 cash prize to the most outstanding team, the next two teams will claim second place and three teams will be awarded third place. The next seven teams will receive Excellence Prizes, while 6 tutors and 5 academies will also be recognized with the Excellent Tutor and Best Academy Prizes.



THE LIMITED IMPACT OF ALPHABAY AND HANSA'S DEMISE

By Rick Holland

The law enforcement operations that took down the AlphaBay and Hansa marketplaces were meant to strike a sizeable blow to the online trade of illegal goods and services. Frequenters of these services might now think twice before placing their trust in these unregulated platforms, and there may well be further arrests to follow as investigations and analysis into the materials seized in these raids run their course.

However, when a drug enforcement operation completes a major bust or arrests a large number of individuals, there is often always another group, or new recruits, ready to fill the void. Similarly, our analysis of the broader cybercriminal ecosystem suggests that the impact of the AlphaBay and Hansa closures will be somewhat short-lived, for at least three reasons:

1. THE GAME OF WHACK-A-MOLE CONTINUES, CYBER-CRIME WILL FIND A WAY

With AlphaBay and Hansa out of the picture, sellers and users will flock to other marketplaces to continue trading as before. This has been evident already, with former AlphaBay and Hansa users advertising on established forums such as Dream Market, TradeRoute, House of Lions and Wall Street Market, which we focused on in our previous blog.

Marketplace takedowns are not a new phenomenon. When Silk Road, once the largest and most popular dark web marketplace, was disrupted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 2013, this only precipitated the growth of other, alternative platforms. AlphaBay grew from Silk Road's closure and eventually took on the mantle of the most popular dark web market. Subsequent reincarnations of Silk Road in the form of Silk Road 2.0 and Silk Road 3.0 exemplify how the cycle will likely continue for the foreseeable future. We have seen alternatives emerge as a result of marketplace exit scams as well. In 2015, administrators from the Evolution Marketplace stole an estimated 40,000 BTC. Dream Market was once of the beneficiaries of that exit scam. Just as Jeff Goldblum's Jurassic Park character, Doctor Ian Malcolm says, "Life uh, finds a way," cyber-crime finds a way as well. Commerce must flow; buyers and sellers need to be connected.

2. ALPHABAY AND HANSA WERE ONLY A PART OF A BROADER CYBERCRIME ECOSYSTEM

Yes, AlphaBay and Hansa were two of the most popular English-language dark web marketplaces. And yes, they had dedicated sections for fraud-related goods (stolen payment card information, counterfeit documents, and compromised bank accounts), as well as malware and hacking tools (the RIG and Bleeding life exploit kits were previously advertised on AlphaBay). However, from an information security perspective, we should remember that most of the products advertised on these platforms were for drugs, weapons, and digital goods such as media accounts and service subscriptions.

Our research shows that there are other forums specifically dedicated to hacking and security, which often act as a platform for trade. Sites like CrimeNet, HPC, and Exploit[.]in contain many examples of threat actors offering products such as ransomware variants, exploit kits, compromised accounts and payment card data. These sites work on a direct transfer system where vendors and customers will communicate directly to arrange payment, often through messaging services such as Jabber. Often sellers will advertise their products on these forums, and then direct users to dark web sites to then arrange payment. Where stolen databases have appeared on sites like Hansa, we assessed it to be highly likely that these datasets were previously traded widely through other criminal networks and then listed on these marketplaces only once their value had been exhausted.

Payment card fraud is a good example of why we should not focus too heavily on marketplaces. There are countless carding and Automated Tending Cart (ATC) sites dedicated to payment card fraud. These types of sites often provide tutorials and courses for novice fraudsters, as we highlight in our recent whitepaper. With new carding and ATC sites emerging every day, this type of activity will continue unabated despite the AlphaBay and Hansa takedowns.

3. NOT ALL CYBERCRIME OCCURS ON THE DARK WEB

Many carding, AVC and hacking sites are not actually found on the dark web, including HPC, CrimeNet and Exploit, which we mentioned above. Moreover, certain types of cybercrime do not need the "anonymity" provided by services such as Tor, or the advertising and transactional functions fulfilled by the marketplace model. Plenty of cybercrime occurs on the open and deep web.

Extortion activity by the darkoverlord, a threat actor we have cited previously, illustrates this point. When the darkoverlord first came to our attention in June 2016, the actor relied heavily on dark web sites such as the Real Deal to advertise stolen datasets. Yet, since the closure of the Real Deal in November 2016, the darkoverlord has remained active and has made use of clear web sites such as Pastebin and Twitter to conduct extortion based activity. In June 2017, the darkoverlord released eight episodes of an un-aired American Broadcast company (ABC) show, posting a message to Pastebin that included a link to the torrent website The Pirate Bay. Three days later, the darkoverlord published over 6,000 medical records that allegedly belonged to a clinic in California. The documents were uploaded to the sharing site mega[.]lnz after the clinic purportedly failed to respond to the ransom demands.

While the AlphaBay and Hansa takedowns will likely provide significant intelligence gains, there will always be supply and demand for illicit goods and services. Digital Shadows will continue monitoring the development of the cybercriminal ecosystem, particularly in these turbulent times. Marketplaces were never seen as the go-to shop for rare exploits or sensitive datasets, and we expect the more sophisticated sellers to continue using more niche forums or private communication channels to flog their wares. Moreover, with other forms of cybercrime occurring outside of the dark web, organizations and individuals would be wrong to assume that the risk of a cyber-attack has now been significantly reduced. *Rick Holland is VP Strategy at Digital Shadows



SNAPCHAT'S NOT-GROWING PAINS ARE A BOOM FOR INSTAGRAM

NEW YORK: Facebook once failed to buy Snapchat; ever since, it's tried to copy it, mostly without success. Until now. Facebook's Instagram Stories, a clear Snapchat clone, has more daily users than Snapchat itself - and parent company Snap Inc. should be very worried.

Snap's latest earnings report isn't helping either. On Thursday, the company said user growth for the April-June period was a paltry 4 percent from the previous quarter. Snap's stock, already down 44 percent since its initial public offering in May, declined 14 percent, to \$11.90, in extended trading after the results came out. That's less than half of the \$24.48 closing price on its first trading day.

While the doom doesn't spell imminent death, it's a sign that Snapchat could be relegated to the sidelines as a niche app for young people - or worse, a passing fad - rather than a major competitor for digital ad dollars like Facebook and yes, even the struggling Twitter.

An analyst for Morgan Stanley, the lead underwriter for Snap's IPO, recently cut his rating of the company's stock, citing competition from Instagram and worries that Snap's advertising offerings aren't evolving or improving. The analyst, Brian Nowak, said the company needs to do more so that advertisers don't see it as a mere experiment, but a serious player.

By the numbers

Instagram recently disclosed that Stories, which lets people share videos and snapshots in a continuous 24-hour loop, has amassed 250 million daily users in the year since it launched.

Snapchat, in comparison, had 173 million in the second quarter - and that's all of Snapchat, not just its version of Stories. Instagram in its entirety, meanwhile, had more than 400 million daily users as of February, the last official count. Snap said Thursday that it lost \$443 million, or 36 cents per share, in the second quarter. That compares with a loss of \$116 million, or 14 cents per share, a year earlier. Revenue grew to \$182 million, more than double the \$72 million a year earlier but below analysts' expectations.

To grow or not to grow

"Facebook has proven themselves to be a fierce competitor," Gartner analyst Brian Blau said. Facebook, he added, understands how to get more and more people to sign up and keep using its services. Snap CEO Evan Spiegel has long defended the company's decision not to make user growth its primary mission. He doesn't even like calling Snapchat a social network; he insists it's a camera company.

"There's a lot of this thing in our industry called growth hacking, where you send a lot of push notifications to users or you try to get them to do things that might be unnatural or something like that," Spiegel told investors in May.

Although that's an easy way to grow daily users quickly, Spiegel said, Snap doesn't believe "those sorts of techniques are very sustainable over the long-term."

Facebook sends notifications for all sorts of things, such as a friend doing a live video or another friend posting something after an extended absence. Another might be on a new item for sale in the service's "marketplace" section. These notifications - which primarily appear in the Facebook app but can also be pushed to the phone's home screen - can conceivably keep people returning day after day. While Snapchat sends fewer notifications, it encourages daily use through Snapstreak, which calls out streaks in which two friends send each other snaps at least once for more than three consecutive days. But it isn't working too well, as daily use hasn't grown much.

Rivals upos rivals

Rivals don't always succeed. Facebook recently shut down Lifestage, which lets those 21 and under share photos, selfies and videos with classmates. Lifestage was aimed at high schoolers - a big chunk of Snapchat's audience. Before that, Facebook killed Slingshot, another Snapchat clone for sending disappearing messages. In turn, that followed the demise of Poke, which also let people send photos and videos. All that followed Snapchat's decision to rebuff Facebook's \$3 billion offer for the service in 2013. —AP



WITH DIDI'S EMOJIS, CLOWN FACE, SQUID JOIN BABE & BOSS

NEW YORK: A franchise known for the Babe, the Boss and the Iron Horse has a new set of nicknames. Clown face is in left, Bow and arrow competes for time in center and Male judge is stationed in right.

These monikers are all bestowed by the New York Yankees' Didi Gregorius. After wins, the short-stop tweets highlights and praise using emojis for teammates in his own digital hieroglyphs.

"Just spur of the moment," he said. "Whatever comes into mind, what I think will fit in best, and that's what I do." Snarky sobriquets have given a cool edge to a usually staid-looking group known for puritanical pinstripes.

Man in tuxedo starts at third - Todd Frazier, a.k.a. The Toddfather. Glowing star (Starlin Castro) mans second and Squid (Gary Sanchez) is behind the plate. There's a compound emoticon - Flexed biceps and Pouting face for first baseman Chase Headley. "I think that's just maybe the impression that I give off sometimes just in my facial expressions," Headley said. "Certainly not how I feel, but I think maybe when I'm playing I'm focused or whatever and I look like that."

Stopwatch (Masahiro Tanaka) is on a rotation that also includes Baby - Luis Severino. Fire (Aroldis Chapman) finishes close wins. "Some of them laugh about it," Gregorius said. "I don't think everybody knows that I'm doing it." His emoticons keep gaining in prominence. The Yankees' tweeted their batting order with emoticons on June 22 and a TweetLikeDidi hashtag has gained traction. The team's YES Network analyzes Gregorius' tweets in the manner of Jean-Francois Champollion deciphering Egyptian artifacts in the 19th century.

Todd Frazier, acquired by the Yankees from the Chicago White Sox, feels honored by Gregorius' pick for him. "I'm looking sharp, man, because that's probably the opposite of what I dress like," he said. "It's got like the Mafiosa kind of scene in there." Rookie Clint Frazier quickly earned a triple emoji: Boxing glove, Carrot and Top with upwards arrow above. "I wanted the lion emoji, because it had the big red mane," explained Frazier, who was forced to trim his long locks by the Yankees during spring training. "I like the boxing hands, too. He uses that as a reference for my quick hands, is what he says."

Gardner, called the "heart and soul" of the Yankees by pitcher CC Sabathia, wasn't sure

whether his emoji meant he was a clown or a joker. "Maybe a little bit of both. Maybe more the class clown," he said. "I'm not sure exactly what the meaning is behind it, but I know he has a lot of fun with it. People enjoy it. It's great."

Tanaka is Stopwatch followed by "time" because Gregorius considers it Tanaka Time when the Japanese star takes the mound. Castro sometimes gets a "lin" after his Star. Aaron Hicks is Older man.

"Didi, he's a trip," Hicks said with a wide smile.

Ellsbury got his Bow and Arrow because his mother is a Navajo. Sanchez became a Squid because general manager Brian Cashman referred to him two years ago as the Kraken, a legendary sea monster. First baseman Chris Carter was Rhinoceros. Backup catcher Austin Romine is Rowboat, and Miguel Andujar was dubbed Japanese ogre after getting three hits in his major league debut. When he got his first big league hit in June, Tyler Wade was referred to as Sleuth or spy. "I got no idea," Wade said. Rookie pitcher Jordan Montgomery is Turkey, he thinks maybe because he played college ball for the South Carolina Gamecocks. "That's the only thing I can go with," he said.

Designated hitter Matt Holliday has perhaps the most boring emoticon combo: Flexed biceps and Neutral face. When rookie Garrett Cooper had a four-hit game this week, he earned "mini" followed by Automobile, a MINI Cooper.

"That's what he's called me the whole time I've been up here," Cooper said. "I kind of knew he was going to go with that." Acquired from Arizona after the 2014 season, Gregorius arrived in New York with a title: The Dutch-born infielder was knighted a member of Order of Orange-Nassau after helping the Netherlands win the 2011 Baseball World Cup. His noble rank is even on his Twitter account, and the Yankees referred to him with a crossed swords emoji.

Gregorius initiated game recap tweets the following April, began inserting emojis the following month and started his Spreadthenews hashtag in August. Individual teammate emoticons were added starting in April 2016, and two months later he tweeted: "An emoji is worth 1000 words!"

Gregorius, an artist who also draws and edits video, doesn't readily reveal the thought process of his emoticon decisions, even to teammates. "They have to guess," he said. —AP

TRUMP TO DECLARE OPIOID CRISIS A NATIONAL EMERGENCY

BEDMINSTER: President Donald Trump said Thursday that he will officially declare the opioid crisis a "national emergency" and pledged to ramp up government efforts to combat the epidemic. "The opioid crisis is an emergency. And I am saying officially right now: It is an emergency, it's a national emergency. We're going to spend a lot of time, a lot of effort and a lot of money on the opioid crisis," Trump told reporters during a brief question-and-answer session ahead of a security briefing Thursday at his golf course in Bedminster, New

Jersey. He said he'd be drawing up documents to formalize the declaration soon. A drug commission convened by Trump and led by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie recently called on Trump to declare a national emergency to help deal with the growing crisis. An initial report from the commission noted that the approximately 142 deaths each day from drug overdoses mean the death toll is "equal to September 11th every three weeks." Trump received a briefing on the report earlier this week during his 17-day working vacation in New Jersey.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price seemed to suggest after that briefing that the president was leaning against the recommendation, arguing that the administration could deploy the necessary resources and attention to deal with the crisis without declaring a national emergency. Still, Price stressed that "all things" were "on the table for the president." Attorney General Jeff Sessions commended Trump for "taking this drastic and necessary measure to confront an opioid crisis that is dev-

astating communities around the country and ripping families apart." Christie applauded Trump's decision in a statement, saying the president "deserves great credit." "As I have said before, I am completely confident that the President will address this problem aggressively and do all he can to alleviate the suffering and loss of scores of families in every corner of our country," he said. Trump said Thursday that the nation's addiction to opioids is "a serious problem, the likes of which we have never had."—AP

LIONS, TIGERS, BEARS FROM WAR TORN SYRIA EVACUATED TO JORDAN

SOUF, Jordan: Thirteen animals that had been trapped in harsh conditions in a zoo in the war-torn Syrian city of Aleppo were evacuated on Friday to a wildlife reserve in Jordan. Five lions, two tigers, two bears, two hyenas and two dogs were being released into the Al-Ma'wa reserve near the town of Souf in northern Jordan. The Austrian-based animal charity Four Paws had rescued the animals from the Magic World zoo in Aleppo with help from Turkey. The group said the zoo's owner, who fled Syria after the 2011 outbreak of civil war there, granted permission to take the animals. Some of the animals are fine, while others suffer from blindness as well as heart, liver and kidney disease, said Dr. Amir Khalil, a vet for the charity. One of the lions is due to give birth within two weeks, he said. "It was a very difficult mission," said Khalil. "The team calls it 'mission impossi-

ble' because it's one of the most dangerous and volatile places on earth, military conflict, a lot of rebels, and it's not easy to take wild animals from such places." Khalil said the animals spent the last three weeks in cages, during their transport from Syria to Turkey and then Jordan. "We are very happy today to release these animals so they can touch the ground, touch the grass and I think this is a very fine feeling which we like," he said. "It's a message of hope for the people in Syria and around the world. It's peace." Syria's conflict erupted in 2011, quickly transforming from a popular uprising against President Bashar Assad into a brutal civil war. An estimated 400,000 Syrians have been killed in the fighting. More than 5 million Syrians have fled their homeland and millions more were uprooted inside Syria.—AP



DHAKA: This picture shows gharials in Dhaka, Bangladesh. —AFP



A lion rescued from a zoo in the war-torn Syrian city of Aleppo bares its teeth from inside a cage before being released into the Al-Ma'awa wildlife reserve near the town of Souf in northern Jordan. —AP photos



A tiger rescued from a zoo in the war-torn Syrian city of Aleppo drinking from a small pond. —AP photos

BANGLADESH HOPES TO REKINDLE PASSION TO SAVE RARE CROCODILES

DHAKA: Bangladeshi conservationists introduced two rare river-dwelling crocodiles to potential mates yesterday in a last-ditch attempt to save the critically-endangered species from extinction. A 36-year-old female gharial—a fish-eating crocodile once native to rivers across the Indian subcontinent—was brought from a zoo in northeast Bangladesh to the capital Dhaka, where it is hoped she will mate with an older male to repopulate the species. A separate 40-year-old male was returned to the zoo in Rajshahi where there are only females. Gharials can only breed until the age of 50 and as the small captive population in Bangladesh ages, conservationists decided intervention was needed if the species was to have any chance of survival. "This is our last

hope to rescue the critically-endangered gharial from total extinction," Sarowar Alam, who heads the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Bangladesh gharial project, said. "We're hopeful we'll get some results, even though there are fears these adults gharials may have lost the urge to mate." Bangladesh, with its vast network of rivers, was once a key habitat for the gharial, a crocodile distinctive for its large body and long thin snout. But today they are virtually extinct in Bangladesh and the few which are seen likely made their way downstream from India. There has been no sighting of gharials in Bangladesh's two Himalayan rivers—the Ganges and Brahmaputra—in more than a decade. The species has also all but vanished from its erstwhile habi-

tats in Pakistan and Bhutan, with fewer than 200 existing in rivers mainly in India but also Nepal. There are 11 captive gharials in Bangladesh, officials say, and if the breeding programme is a success it is hoped the infants can be released back into the wild. "This is the first time we've decided to exchange the gharials among zoos so that they can mate and breed," Jahidul Kabir, the government's conservator of forests said. The Padma and Jamuna rivers, the main tributaries of the two Himalayan rivers, have been identified as potential sanctuaries for the species should it repopulate. Conservationists have built artificial sandbanks in the zoos for the breeding exercise. Though gharials spend most of their time in water, sandy banks are essential for building nests and basking.—AFP

GLOBAL WARMING ALTERS TIMING OF FLOODS IN EUROPE: STUDY

WASHINGTON: Global warming is altering the timing of floods in Europe, making some rivers swell early and others later than usual, a phenomenon that impacts farming and daily life across the region, researchers said Thursday. The report in the US journal Science is the largest European study of its kind, and spans 50 years and a vast trove of data from over 4,000 hydrometric stations from 38 countries. "In the north-east of Europe,

Sweden, Finland and the Baltic States, floods now tend to occur one month earlier than in the 1960s and 1970s," said lead author Guenter Bloesch, a professor at the Institute of Hydraulic Engineering and Water Resources Management at the Vienna University of Technology (TU Wien). "At that time, they typically occurred in April, today in March. This is because the snow melts earlier in the year than before, as a result of a warming climate." Winter floods along the Atlantic

coast of western Europe tend to occur earlier, almost in the autumn, because maximum soil moisture levels are now reached earlier in the year. Meanwhile, floods in parts of northern Britain, western Ireland, coastal Scandinavia and northern Germany now tend to occur about two weeks later than they did two decades ago. Storms hit later in the winter than before, a trend that is likely "associated with a modified air pressure gradient between the

equator and the pole, which may also reflect climate warming," said the report. And as the Mediterranean coast warms, coastal flood events in some regions occur later in the season. "The timing of the floods throughout Europe over many years gives us a very sensitive tool for deciphering the causes of floods," said Bloesch. "We are thus able to identify connections that previously were purely speculative."—AFP

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The Indonesian Ambassador to Kuwait Tatang Budie Utama Razak recently inaugurated the opening series of sporting events such as Futsal, Badminton, Volley Ball and Table Tennis on the commemoration of the 72nd Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia in Nasser Sport, Ishbiliya. Futsal Tournament between Indonesian communities in Kuwait was held as the first event.



LOYAC'S SUMMER KID PROGRAM

The LOYAC's kids concluded their summer program at a ceremony held in Al-Shaheed Park in the presence of LOYAC's board member Fotouh Al-Dalali, Director of Voluntary Department Neinar Al-Qamis and the kids' parents. More than 120 children participated in this year's program where they joined at different workshops such as cooking, arts, first aid, and other courses in order to raise their awareness of social responsibility towards others. During the closing ceremony, Deputy Director of Volunter Programs Yusra Al-Issa welcomed the parents who were keen to support their children during the program, and challenged the summer heat to enjoy seeing their children talking about their experience and benefiting from the courses. Al-Issa thanked all those who have contributed to bring success to these programs and added happiness and joy to the hearts of children.

01:15 Beverly Hills Cop 3
03:10 Attila
04:40 Mission To Mars
06:45 Insurgent
08:45 X-Men: First Class
10:55 Beverly Hills Cop 3
12:40 The Tower
14:45 Insurgent
16:45 Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
18:45 Fantastic Four
20:25 Tekken: Kazuya's Revenge
22:00 Knight And Day



00:45 Treehouse Masters
01:40 Treehouse Masters
02:35 Treehouse Masters
03:25 Treehouse Masters
04:15 Treehouse Masters
05:02 Bad Dog
05:49 Bad Dog
06:36 Swamp Brothers
07:00 Swamp Brothers
07:25 Gator Boys
08:15 Treehouse Masters
09:10 Bad Dog
10:05 Mutant Planet
11:00 Gator Boys
11:55 Life On Earth: A New Prehistory
12:50 The Vet Life
13:45 Bad Dog
14:40 Mutant Planet
15:35 Untamed & Uncut
16:30 Treehouse Masters
17:25 Catching Monsters
18:20 Monster Island
19:15 Bad Dog
20:10 Gator Boys
21:05 Catching Monsters
22:00 Monster Island
22:55 Mutant Planet
23:50 Untamed & Uncut



00:30 EastEnders
01:00 Billington Place
02:00 Ashes To Ashes
02:55 The Fear
03:45 Unforgotten
04:35 EastEnders
05:05 Death In Paradise
06:00 Casually
06:50 The Coroner
07:40 EastEnders
08:05 Death In Paradise
09:00 Doctor Who
09:50 Father Brown
10:35 The Coroner
11:25 EastEnders
12:45 Doctor Who
13:35 Father Brown
14:20 The Coroner
15:10 EastEnders
15:40 Death In Paradise
16:35 Doctor Who
17:20 Father Brown
18:05 The Coroner
19:05 Death In Paradise
20:00 Orphan Black
21:00 Orphan Black
21:50 DCI Banks
22:35 DCI Banks
23:30 Death In Paradise



00:00 The Haunting Of...
01:00 Cursed: The Bell Witch
02:00 Measuring Evil: Britain's Worst Killers
03:00 Diabolical Women
04:00 The Haunting Of...
05:00 Cursed: The Bell Witch
06:00 The First 48
07:00 It Takes A Killer
07:30 It Takes A Killer
08:00 The First 48
09:00 Homicide Hunter
10:00 My Crazy Ex
11:00 My Crazy Ex
12:00 My Crazy Ex
13:00 My Crazy Ex
14:00 The First 48
15:00 Cold Case Files
16:00 Crimes That Shook Britain
17:00 Crimes That Shook Australia
18:00 It Takes A Killer
18:30 It Takes A Killer
19:00 The First 48
20:00 Homicide Hunter
21:00 Cold Case Files
22:00 Homicide Hunter
23:00 Britain's Darkest Taboos



00:05 Lee Evans: Ai Big: Live At The O2 Experience
01:20 Tosh.0
01:45 Tosh.0
02:10 Another Period
02:35 IdiotSitter
03:00 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah
03:25 Disorderly Conduct: Video On Patrol
04:15 Lip Sync Battle
04:40 Ridiculousness
05:05 Disaster Date
05:30 Hungry Investors
06:20 Life Or Debt
07:15 Disorderly Conduct: Video On Patrol
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08:30 Impractical Jokers
08:55 Ridiculousness
09:20 Nathan For You
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20:30 Workaholics
21:00 The Daily Show With Trevor Noah
21:30 John Oliver's New York Stand Up Show
22:00 John Oliver's New York Stand Up Show
22:25 The Alternative Comedy Experience
22:50 Lee Evans: Ai Big: Live At The O2
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00:30 Guinness World Records Smashed UK
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02:10 Lost & Found With Mike & Jesse
03:00 Lost & Found With Mike & Jesse
03:50 Finding Bigfoot
04:40 Finding Bigfoot
05:30 What Could Possibly Go Wrong?
06:20 How It's Made
06:40 How It's Made
07:00 Kenny The Shark
07:25 Adventure 8: Zoo Games
07:50 Dogs/Cats/Pets 101
08:40 How It's Made
09:05 How It's Made
09:30 What Could Possibly Go Wrong?
10:20 Mythbusters
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22:50 Finding Bigfoot
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00:30 Paranormal Lockdown With Nick Groff
01:20 Ghosts Of Shepherdstown
02:10 Evil Lives Here
03:00 Is O.J. Innocent? The Missing Evidence
03:48 Your Worst Nightmare
04:36 Murder Comes To Town
05:24 The Detectives Club: New Orleans
06:12 Blood Relatives
07:00 I'd Kill For You
07:50 I'd Kill For You
08:40 I'd Kill For You
09:30 I'd Kill For You
10:20 The Locator
10:45 The Locator
11:10 Suspicion
12:00 Evil-In-Law
12:50 Evil-In-Law
13:40 Evil-In-Law
14:30 Blood Relatives
15:20 The Locator
15:45 The Locator
16:10 Blood Relatives
17:00 Nowhere To Hide
17:50 Nowhere To Hide
18:40 Nowhere To Hide
19:30 Nowhere To Hide
20:20 Deadline: Crime With Tamron Hall
21:10 Missing In Maui: A Disappeared Special
22:00 Scene Of The Crime With Tony Harris
22:50 Is O.J. Innocent? The Missing Evidence
23:40 Murder Comes To Town



00:00 Hank Zipzer
00:25 Alex & Co.
00:45 The Hive
00:50 Evermore Chronicles
01:15 Sabrina Secrets Of A Teenage Witch
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05:45 The Hive
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06:00 Jessie
06:25 Jessie
06:50 Tsum Tsum Shorts
06:55 LoloRock
07:20 Elena Of Avalor
07:45 Bunk'd
08:10 Stuck In The Middle
08:35 Bizaardvark
09:00 Austin & Ally
09:25 Austin & Ally
09:50 Good Luck Charlie
10:15 Good Luck Charlie
10:40 Alex & Co.
11:05 LoloRock
11:30 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
11:55 Disney Mickey Mouse
12:00 Welcome To The Ronks
12:15 Hank Zipzer
12:40 Dog With A Blog
13:05 Star Darlings
13:10 Good Luck Charlie
13:35 Austin & Ally
14:00 Jessie
14:25 LoloRock
14:50 The Zhuzhus
15:15 Whisker Haven Tales With The Palace Pets
15:20 Miraculous Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
15:45 Elena Of Avalor
16:10 Liv And Maddie
16:35 Descendants Wicked World
16:40 Girl Meets World
17:05 Stuck In The Middle
17:30 Bunk'd
17:55 Bizaardvark
18:20 Disney Mickey Mouse
18:25 Alex & Co.
18:50 Best Friends Whenever
19:15 Sunny Bunnies
19:20 Liv And Maddie
19:45 Mako Mermaids

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00:15 Calimero
00:30 Art Attack
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06:15 Calimero
06:30 Loopydoo
06:45 Henry Hugglemonster
07:00 Sofia The First
07:25 Goldie & Bear
07:50 The Lion Guard
08:15 Mickey And The Roadster Racers
08:40 Doc McStuffins
09:05 Jake And The Never Land Pirates
09:30 PJ Masks
09:45 Miles From Tomorrow
10:10 Little Mermaid
10:35 Mickey And The Roadster Racers
11:00 PJ Masks
11:25 My Friends Tigger & Pooh
11:50 Goldie & Bear
12:15 Sofia The First
12:40 Miles From Tomorrow
13:10 Jake And The Never Land Pirates
13:35 PJ Masks
14:00 My Friends Tigger & Pooh
14:30 The Lion Guard
14:55 Harry And Hip
15:00 Sheriff Callie's Wild West
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20:05 The Lion Guard
20:35 Winnie The Pooh: Springtime With Roo
21:40 PJ Masks
21:50 Minnie's Bow-Toons
22:00 Little Mermaid
22:30 Mickey Mouse Clubhouse
22:55 PJ Masks
23:20 Henry Hugglemonster
23:35 The Hive
23:45 Loopydoo



00:20 Wheeler Dealers
01:05 Mega Trains
01:50 Gold Rush
02:35 Ocean Warriors
03:20 Fast N' Loud
04:05 Running Wild With Bear Grylls
04:50 Gold Rush
05:35 How Do They Do It?
06:00 Deadliest Catch
06:45 Wheeler Dealers
07:30 Fast N' Loud
08:15 Running Wild With Bear Grylls
09:00 Storage Hunters
09:25 How Do They Do It?
09:47 How Do They Do It?
10:10 Fast N' Loud
10:55 Sacred Steel Bikes
11:40 Street Outlaws: New Orleans
12:25 How Do They Do It?
12:47 Storage Hunters
13:10 Gold Rush
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18:20 Storage Hunters
18:50 Running Wild With Bear Grylls
19:40 How Do They Do It?
20:10 How Do They Do It?
20:35 How Do They Do It?
21:00 Cooper's Treasure: The Hunt For A Secret Fortune
21:50 Deadliest Catch
22:40 Devil's Canyon
23:30 Fast N' Loud



06:00 Milo Murphy's Law
06:25 Supa Strikas
06:50 Mech-X4
07:15 Right Now Kapow
07:40 Gravity Falls
08:05 Marvel's Ant-Man
08:10 K.C. Undercover
08:35 Milo Murphy's Law
08:50 Star vs The Forces Of Evil
09:25 Supa Strikas
09:50 Supa Strikas
10:20 Kickin' It
10:40 Kickin' It
11:10 Mighty Med
11:35 Mighty Med
12:00 Lab Rats: Bionic Island
12:30 Lab Rats: Bionic Island
12:55 K.C. Undercover
13:20 K.C. Undercover
13:45 Gamer's Guide To Pretty Much Everything
14:10 Disney Mickey Mouse
14:15 Future-Worm!
14:40 Kirby Buckets
15:05 Lab Rats
15:30 Walk The Prank
15:55 Right Now Kapow
16:25 K.C. Undercover
16:50 Kirby Buckets Warped
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21:45 Lab Rats: Bionic Island
22:10 Lab Rats: Bionic Island
22:50 Phineas And Ferb
23:00 Programmes Start At 6:00am KSA



00:00 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry
00:55 Famosly Single
01:50 El News
02:50 Celebrity Style Story
03:20 Celebrity Style Story
03:50 Mariah's World
04:40 Mariah's World
05:30 Celebrity Style Story
06:00 So Cosmo
07:00 So Cosmo
08:00 So Cosmo
09:00 So Cosmo
10:00 Celebrity Style Story
10:30 Celebrity Style Story
11:00 WAGS Miami
11:55 WAGS Miami
12:50 WAGS Miami
13:45 Life Of Kylie
14:10 Life Of Kylie
14:40 Bolched
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16:30 Bolched
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19:00 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry
20:00 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry
21:00 Hollywood Medium With Tyler Henry
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23:00 Revenge Body With Khloe Kardashian



00:00 The Great Food Truck Race
01:00 Rev Run's Sunday Suppers
01:30 Rev Run's Sunday Suppers
02:30 Smollett Eats
03:00 Chopped
04:00 The Great Food Truck Race
05:00 Guy's Grocery Games
06:00 Barefoot Contessa
06:30 Barefoot Contessa
07:00 The Kitchen
08:00 The Pioneer Woman
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09:00 Siba's Table: Fast Feasts
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14:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
14:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
15:00 Chopped
16:00 The Kitchen
17:00 The Pioneer Woman
17:30 The Pioneer Woman
18:00 Chopped
19:00 Iron Chef America
20:00 Restaurant: Impossible
21:00 Mystery Diners
21:30 Mystery Diners
22:30 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
23:00 Diners, Drive-Ins And Dives
23:00 Chopped



00:10 Tonight At The London Palladium
01:00 Emmerdale
01:30 Emmerdale
02:00 Coronation Street
02:30 Masterpiece With Alan Titchmarsh
03:25 I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!
04:20 Tonight At The London Palladium
05:15 Autopsy: The Last Hours Of...
06:05 Don't Tell The Bride
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14:10 Don't Tell The Bride
15:10 Masterpiece With Alan Titchmarsh
16:00 Broadchurch
16:55 Victoria
17:50 Couples Come Dine With Me
18:45 Emmerdale
19:15 Coronation Street
19:45 Coronation Street
20:10 Masterpiece With Alan Titchmarsh
21:00 Broadchurch
21:55 Victoria
22:50 Emmerdale
23:50 Coronation Street



00:00 Decoding The Past
01:00 The Lost Evidence
02:00 Serial Killer Earth
02:50 Hangar 1: The UFO Files
03:40 Ancient Top 10
04:30 Heroes Of War
05:20 Decoding The Past
06:10 The Universe
07:00 Decoding The Past
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09:00 Hangar 1: The UFO Files
10:00 Brad Meltzer's Decoded
11:00 The Lost Evidence
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14:00 Smartest Guy In The Room
15:00 Smartest Guy In The Room
16:00 Hangar 1: The UFO Files
17:00 Brad Meltzer's Decoded
18:00 The Lost Evidence
19:00 Decoding The Past
20:00 Engineering An Empire
21:00 Missing In Alaska
22:00 Ancient Aliens
23:00 Cities Of The Underworld
23:00 Million Dollar Genius



00:20 Ice Road Truckers
01:10 Pawn Stars
01:35 Pawn Stars

02:00 Mystery Pickers
02:50 Storage Wars Miami
03:15 American Pickers
04:05 Pawn Stars
04:30 Pawn Stars
05:00 Mountain Men
06:00 Lost In Transmission
06:50 Duck Dynasty
07:15 Duck Dynasty
07:40 Counting Cars
08:05 Counting Cars
08:30 Pawn Stars
08:55 Pawn Stars
09:20 Storage Wars Miami
09:45 Storage Wars Miami
10:10 American Pickers
11:00 Billion Dollar Wreck
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18:05 Pawn Stars
18:30 Mystery Pickers
19:20 Mountain Men
20:10 American Pickers
21:00 Ultimate Soldier Challenge
21:50 The Warfighters
22:40 Officers And Gentlemen
23:30 American Pickers



00:45 Lee Chan's World Food Tour
01:10 Raw Travel
01:40 Island Hunter
02:35 David Rocco's Dolce India
03:00 Delinquent Gourmet
03:30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
04:25 Places We Go
05:20 Testing The Menu With Nic Watt
05:20 Raw Travel
05:45 Raw Travel
06:15 Cesar Millan's Dog Nation
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00:10 Wicked Tuna
01:00 Continent 7: Antarctica
02:00 Diana: In Her Own Words
04:00 Wicked Tuna
05:00 Strippers: Cars For Cash
06:00 The Known Universe
07:00 Prison Women Texas Hold Em'
08:00 The Truth Behind
09:00 Strippers: Cars For Cash
10:00 Airport Security: Colombia
11:00 Highway Thru Hell
12:00 Big Fix Alaska
13:00 The Known Universe
14:00 Human Inferno
15:00 World's Deadliest Gangs
16:00 Airport Security: Colombia
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00:20 Spine Chillers: Vampire Bats
01:10 Squid vs. Whale
02:00 Crocodile King
02:50 Snakes In The City
03:45 Shark Swarm
04:40 Giant Panda: The Last Refuge
05:35 Crocodile King
06:30 Snakes In The City
07:25 Shark Swarm
08:20 Giant Panda: The Last Refuge
09:15 World's Weirdest: Animal Taboo
10:10 Dr. K's Exotic Animal 2.5
11:05 Shark Swarm
12:00 Mega Hammerhead
12:55 Asia's Deadliest Snakes
13:50 Snakes In The City
14:45 Jobs That Bite!
15:40 Last Devils
16:35 World's Weirdest: Animal Taboo
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00:12 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
00:36 Rabbids Invasion
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01:24 Sanjay And Craig
01:48 Sanjay And Craig
02:12 Winx Club
02:36 Winx Club
03:00 Harvey Beaks
03:24 Harvey Beaks
03:48 The Loud House
04:12 The Loud House
04:36 Breadwinners
05:00 Breadwinners
05:24 Get Blake
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06:12 SpongeBob SquarePants
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07:00 The Loud House
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08:36 Sanjay And Craig
09:00 Rank The Prank
09:24 Henry Danger

09:48 100 Things To Do Before High School
10:12 Game Shakers
10:36 Regal Academy
11:00 Winx Club
11:24 SpongeBob SquarePants
11:48 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
12:12 The Loud House
12:36 Breadwinners
13:00 School Of Rock
13:24 Hunter Street
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14:12 Henry Danger
14:36 The Thundermans
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00:25 Ben & Holly's Little Kingdom
00:36 Ben & Holly's Little Kingdom
00:47 The Day Henry Met
00:52 The Day Henry Met
00:57 Blaze And The Monster Machines
01:19 Blaze And The Monster Machines
01:41 Zack & Quack
02:03 Team Umizoomi
02:25 Olive The Ostrich
02:30 Olive The Ostrich
02:35 Paw Patrol
02:58 Little Charmers
03:10 Ben & Holly's Little Kingdom
03:22 Dora The Explorer
03:44 Max & Ruby
04:07 Nella The Princess Knight
04:31 Shimmer And Shine
04:54 Dora And Friends: Into The City!
05:17 Zack & Quack
05:29 The Day Henry Met
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01:15 Alice In Wonderland
03:10 Tuck Everlasting
04:50 A Little Game
06:25 Snow Day
08:05 Alice In Wonderland
09:55 The Untables
11:40 A Little Game
13:20 The Santa Clause 3
15:00 Ice Princess
16:40 Ratatouille
18:35 The Muppets
20:20 Confessions Of A Teenage Drama Queen
22:00 Ice Princess
23:45 The Santa Clause 3



01:25 Death At A Funeral
03:00 7 Chinese Brothers
04:15 Can't Buy Me Love
05:50 A Thousand Words
07:25 Turner & Hooch
09:05 7 Chinese Brothers
10:25 Can't Buy Me Love
12:00 A Thousand Words
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18:25 Parenthood
20:30 Burying The Ex
22:00 People Places Things
23:30 Someone Marry Barry

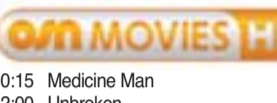


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18:35 A Little Chaos
20:35 The Last Tycoon
22:40 The Danish Girl



01:15 Legend Of The Sea
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00:15 Medicine Man
02:00 Unbroken
04:20 The Bad News Bears
06:15 October Sky
08:05 From Rocky To Creed The Legacy Continues
09:05 Forces Of Nature
11:00 Unbroken
13:20 Eight Men Out
15:20 The Legend Of Zorro
17:00 Inception
20:30 Blue Streak
21:35 National Security
23:05 Harley Davidson And The Marlboro Man



00:30 Sci-Trek
01:20 Sci-Trek
02:10 NASA's Unexplained Files
03:00 Mythbusters
03:48 Mythbusters
04:36 Mythbusters
05:24 Mythbusters
06:12 Mythbusters
07:00 How Do They Do It?
07:26 How We Invented The World
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01:15 The Crossing Over
03:00 Employee Of The Month
04:30 The Battle Of Shaker Heights
05:45 What Women Want
08:00 Impostor
09:40 The Gambit
11:15 The Moment
12:45 The Congress
14:45 Brighton Rock
16:45 Union Square
18:15 The Crossing Over
20:00 The Maiden Heist
21:30 About Adam
23:00 Tadpole

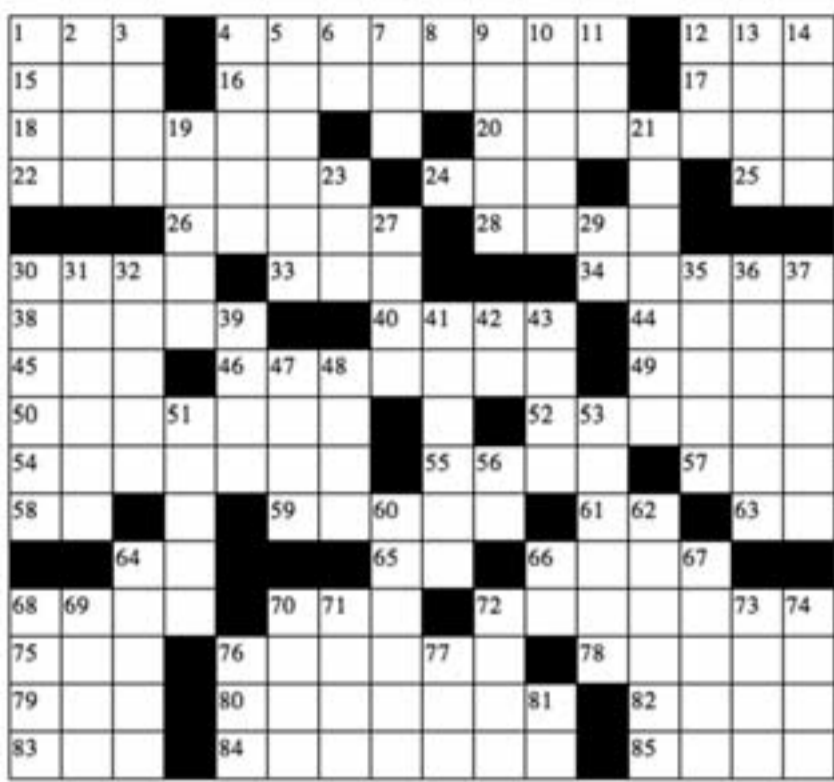


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00:20 The Undateables
01:05 My Big Fat Fabulous Life
01:50 Katie Price's Pony Club
02:35 Outdaughtered: Busby Quints
03:20 Our Little Family
04:05 Toddlers & Taras
04:50 Your Style In His Hands
05:35 Say Yes To The Dress
06:00 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
06:45 The Undateables
07:30 Katie Price's Pony Club
08:15 Our Little Family
09:00 Cake Boss
09:25 Toddlers & Taras
10:10 Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
10:55 Married By Mum And Dad
11:40 The Undateables
12:25 Say Yes To The Dress UK
12:47 Say Yes To The Dress UK
13:10 Sister Wives
13:55 Toddlers & Taras
14:40 Our Little Family
15:25 Married By Mum And Dad
16:10 Love, Lust Or Run
16:35 Cake Boss
17:00 Say Yes To The Dress: Canada
17:2

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ACROSS

1. A widely distributed system consisting of all the cells able to ingest bacteria or colloidal particles etc, except for certain white blood cells.
4. Transactions having the objective of supplying commodities.
12. A guided missile fired from shipboard against an airborne target.
15. Select as an alternative.
16. Genus of tropical American timber trees.
17. The cry made by sheep.
18. (Greek mythology) The Muse of comedy and pastoral poetry.
20. An uneasy state.
22. Alternatively, a member of the family Nymphaeaceae.
24. A compartment in front of a motor vehicle where driver sits.
25. An informal term for a father.
26. A tie in tennis or table tennis that requires winning two successive points to win the game.
28. Any of numerous local fertility and nature deities worshipped by ancient Semitic peoples.
30. (informal) Exceptionally good.
33. A long projecting or anterior elongation of an animal's head.
34. Common Business Oriented Language.
38. Worn or shabby from overuse or (of pages) from having corners turned down.
40. Toward the mouth or oral region.
44. (obstetrics) The number of live-born children a woman has delivered.
45. Hormone secreted by the posterior pituitary gland (trade name Pitressin) and also by nerve endings in the hypothalamus.
46. Any customary and rightful perquisite appropriate to your station in life.
49. Electronic warfare undertaken to insure effective friendly use of the electromagnetic spectrum in spite of the enemy's use of electronic warfare.
50. A drawing intended to explain how something works.
52. Any member of Athapaskan tribes that migrated to the southwestern desert from Arizona to Texas and south into Mexico).
54. A public toilet in a military area.
55. An informal term for a father.
57. A resource.
58. Angular distance above the horizon (especially of a celestial object).
59. A brief stanza concluding certain forms of poetry.
61. An uproarious party.
63. A gonadotropic hormone that is secreted by the anterior pituitary.
65. Before noon.
68. (Babylonian) God of storms and wind.
75. The month following February and preceding April.
78. Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.
79. A dark-skinned member of a race of people living in Australia when Europeans arrived.
80. A defeat of the Persian army by the Greeks in 479 BC.
82. Taken or to be taken at random.
83. Imperial dynasty that ruled China (most of the time) from 206 BC to 221 and expanded its boundaries and developed its bureaucracy.
84. A republic in northwestern Africa on the coast of the Atlantic.
85. A river in north central Switzerland that runs northeast into the Rhine.

DOWN

1. A training program to prepare college students to be commissioned officers.
2. An ancient Hebrew unit of dry measure equal to about a bushel.
3. A thrusting blow with a knife.
4. A percussion instrument consisting of vertical metal tubes of different lengths that are struck with a hammer.
5. A Japanese supervisor.
6. A metric unit of length equal to one thousandth of a meter.
7. A master's degree in education.
8. Half the width of an em.
9. The seventh month of the Moslem calendar.
10. Tropical American trees with palmately compound leaves and showy bell-shaped flowers.
11. Take in solid food.
12. The compass point that is one point east of due south.
13. An association of people to promote the welfare of senior citizens.
14. An independent group of closely related Chadic languages spoken in the area between the Biu-Mandara and East Chadic languages.
19. English physicist who studied electromagnetic radiation and was a pioneer of radiotelegraphy (1851-1940).
21. Australian evergreen shrubs.
23. (informal) Of the highest quality.
27. Very dark black.
29. A radioactive element of the actinide series.
31. Relating to or near the radius.
32. A Buddhist who has attained nirvana.
35. An indehiscent fruit derived from a single ovary having one or many seeds within a fleshy wall or pericarp.
36. A purplish dye obtained from orchil lichens.
37. The 12th letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
39. An Iranian language spoken in Afghanistan.
41. Lacking any definite plan or order or purpose.
42. A soft white precious univalent metallic element having the highest electrical and thermal conductivity of any metal.
43. No longer having or seeming to have or expecting to have life.
47. Sheet glass cut in shapes for windows or doors.
48. A primeval personification of air and breath.
51. A student who studies excessively.
53. Tree native to southeastern Asia having reddish wood with a mottled or striped black grain.
56. The branch of computer science that deal with writing computer programs that can solve problems creatively.
60. Leave voluntarily.
62. Nicaraguan statesman (born in 1945).
64. American professional baseball player who hit more home runs than Babe Ruth (born in 1934).
66. A soft silvery metallic element of the alkali earth group.
67. A native-born Israeli.
69. A Chadic language spoken south of Lake Chad.
70. (British) An open river valley (in a hilly area).
71. A feeling of strong eagerness (usually in favor of a person or cause).
72. (Greek mythology) Goddess of the earth and mother of Cronus and the Titans in ancient mythology.
73. A flat-bottomed volcanic crater that was formed by an explosion.
74. A French abbot.
76. The unit of frequency.
77. A flexible container with a single opening.
81. A silvery ductile metallic element found primarily in bauxite.

STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

Your inner resources and emotions are accented now. Expect a sense of support and goodwill from those around you. Perhaps you feel this is really you. You are at your mental best with sharp ideas and clear thoughts. A conservative streak sets you against anything that is not realistic. This is a good time to practice any new techniques of problem-solving rather than reverting to the past. Also, it is an excellent time to learn how to take better care of your own development. You tend to be radical when it comes to self-analysis and this is good. Serving and caring for yourself and others are primary sources of inner growth. Careful-you may be ultrasensitive to criticism today. Forget your worries and whistle a happy tune this evening.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Your enthusiasm for the mind, the intellect and the world of ideas makes it easy for you to communicate to others as you educate yourself. You have no trouble in expressing yourself with meaning and understanding. You would make a fine entertainer or speaker. You are driven to manage and control projects. You have an urge to be practical. Your career motivation is constant and relentless. This evening, group or community work seems to hold your attention. Anything that is altruistic or serves the common good is where you can be found. You would be a perfect group leader, where your love for humanity could blossom. You strive to make your dreams real. A fun pastime activity is available this evening.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are born to love and care for others and may tend to worry overmuch. Your fear of not making a difference in this lifetime can be alleviated by your hard work and by jumping in with both feet and putting your thoughts into action. You must have done some real thinking and planning over the last few days because today is one of emotional beginnings, a fresh start or perhaps the establishment of new habit patterns. A new attitude! Everything conspires to value and bring out your unique and unusual qualities. This is a very lucky day for finding your way through just about any problem you may discover. You feel that you are able to solve problems easily. Teachers come in all sorts of shapes and forms-today a teacher will impart good advice.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You tend to be creative and original in your work and career-managing to bring new ideas and spontaneity to bear. You have high ideals and an ability to enchant others with your words and images. Your presence has a way of easing things, helping those around you let go of any differences and stand behind what unites us all. You may be drawn to spiritual authorities, teachers and older persons at this time. All that is mystical and transcendental is your appointed territory. You will probably relate this to others in the work field through your attitude more than through your words. Your attitude of acceptance from the past has changed to a more positive one and it is catching to all that are around you.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

You find that you can really use your mind to make clear choices and think things through. You eagerly work through problems that come to your attention. Career decisions are straightforward and easy to make. You make your way through ideas and concepts with the ability to communicate and express them to others. This is a time of sudden insights into some of the most sensitive and vulnerable areas of your inner self and psychology. There are possibilities of emotional beginnings, a fresh start, perhaps the establishment of new habit patterns. You might like to ignore responsibilities and do some socializing, but realities demand that you tend to business and forget your friends for the moment. Later there will be time for play.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You may appear to be very easygoing today. Everything seems to be working together for you. Your organizational abilities and sense of responsibility will be what guides you and proves successful. Your career could assume a much more determined and solid form-a firm foundation. Everyone wants a piece of you and this can result in your needing more space, a chance to be alone. You can be the immovable object that others find irresistible and sometimes selfish. You radiate energy and information and have to just accept the fact that people like to feel your warmth. Your ability to bring people together could result in a community effort that brings about good communication as well as pleasant opportunities to have an open forum.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

You are at your mental best and should find yourself making decisions and taking care of business with a great deal of ease. Your sense of responsibility is so well developed that you may end up managing whatever situation you become involved with today. This is not because you are controlling, but because you are good at your job. You are good at getting others to work with and for you. There could be a bit more serious air to this day. You may want to make a conscious effort to see the lighter side of the projects you are working on now in order to relieve any stressful situations. You can really psych up a group in order to sway the attitude from negative to positive or to motivate. An older member of your family could use your help tonight.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

This is a time when you can expect a little boost, some sort of extra support or recognition from those around you. You may feel that you are in touch and in harmony with others-the support and cooperation you need is available. When it comes down to taking care of business, you can really shine. Others may think you are older than you are, for you tend to assume an authoritarian stance. You may even enjoy the thought of being older and probably treat authority, the elderly and your teachers with great respect, if not reverence. You may be asked to help a newcomer or take a young person under your guidance this afternoon. There is time this evening to look at cars-if you are in the market for one. Now may be the time to test run a hybrid car.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Who controls what and how to make sure you get what you want are foremost concerns at this time. A need to prove your abilities can lead to all kinds of challenges. Learning, communicating and the exchange of ideas are the experiences you crave as a new life phase begins. You are a person with something to say and you realize that others have information essential to your goals. This is a time of much mental energy and initiative-perhaps with an element of conflict tossed in for good measure. Being more in touch with other people gives you a sense of belonging. You will pass along some of your good financial tips to a friend this evening. Inspiration comes through some great purpose, some extraordinary project at this time.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

You enjoy working with your mind and enjoy looking for solutions to the worst problems. You like to solve puzzles and dilemmas, yours or others'. Your skills in this regard make you an expert at counseling and guiding others. You could be guiding others in finding solutions to business problems today-the energies are available. Your fine verbal skills and a natural sense of justice make legal work a distinct possibility. Speaking and writing are naturals. You have a need for lots of variety, a change of pace. Perhaps this evening is a time to think and study-you have a real appreciation for ideas and thoughts. Be prepared for company-you could soon be spending time with a friend from long ago. Good memories, pictures and laughter fill the air.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

You are a stimulating influence. Others learn from your insights. With regard to politics, some may even change their voting opinions after conversing with you. Your high degree of mental concentration makes you an excellent student, able to excel in speaking, writing and all types of communication skills. You may be involved with some form of continued education, teaching or studying economic reports today. Your ambitions go in perfect sync with the way your plans are unfolding. You seem to shine when it comes to practical matters or those involving career. Ideas, words, books, etc., are pursued with great gusto. You are very motivated, with a strong drive to do and accomplish. Tonight you can retire early to the sounds of music.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

This is a great time to make any plans that will require decisive action to accomplish. Joint planning sessions move along at a good pace and any differences of opinion can be worked out. Business and recreational travel is favored at this time, as are outdoor sports. A yearning for the stimulation of new ideas and ideals is emphasized now. New friends and an involvement in idealistic groups take on greater importance; the old is suspect and the new seems to hold all the answers. Sexual needs are among the life issues emphasized for you at this time. There is an instinctive imperative to be powerful and in control. This could lead to a greater interest or experience in healing and investing and in the great mysteries of life and death.

WORD SEARCH

Old TV Shows 2

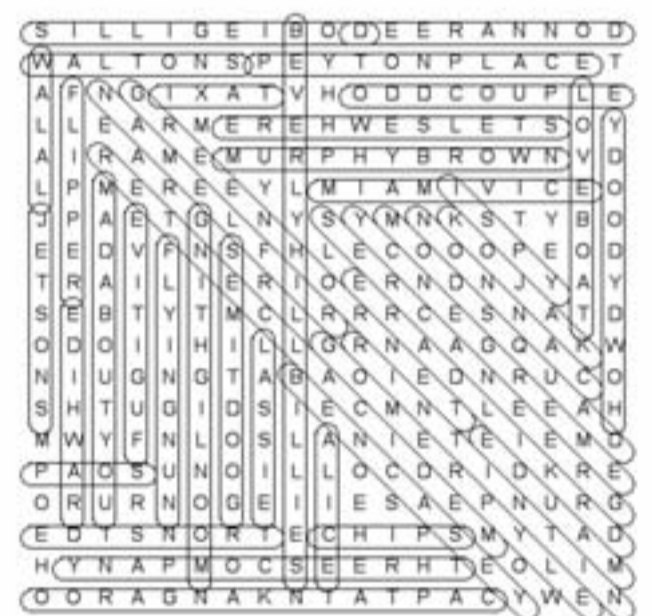
Find and circle all of the old TV shows that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the name of an additional old TV show.



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| ALF | DYNASTY | HUNTER | NIGHT COURT |
| AIRWOLF | EQUALIZER | JEFFERSONS | OUTER LIMITS |
| CHIPS | FALCON CREST | KNIGHT RIDER | PRISONER |
| CANNON | FAME | MAGGYVER | S.W.A.T. |
| CAPTAIN KANGAROO | FANTASY ISLAND | MAYBECK | SILVER SPOONS |
| DOBIE GILLES | FISH | MAYBERRY R.F.D. | T.J. HOOKER |
| DONNA REED | FLINTSTONES | MISTER ED | TWILIGHT ZONE |
| DR. KILDARE | FULL HOUSE | MUNSTERS | VIRGINIAN |
| EMERGENCY | GROWING PAINS | NANNY | WEBSTER |
| FLIPPER | HAWAII FIVE-O | | |

Yesterday's Solution

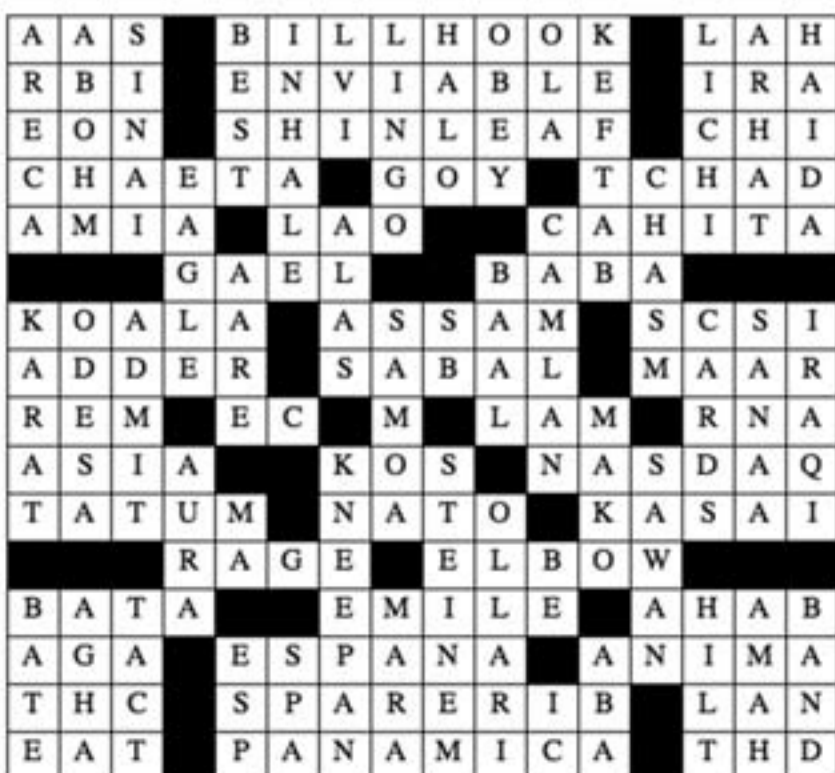
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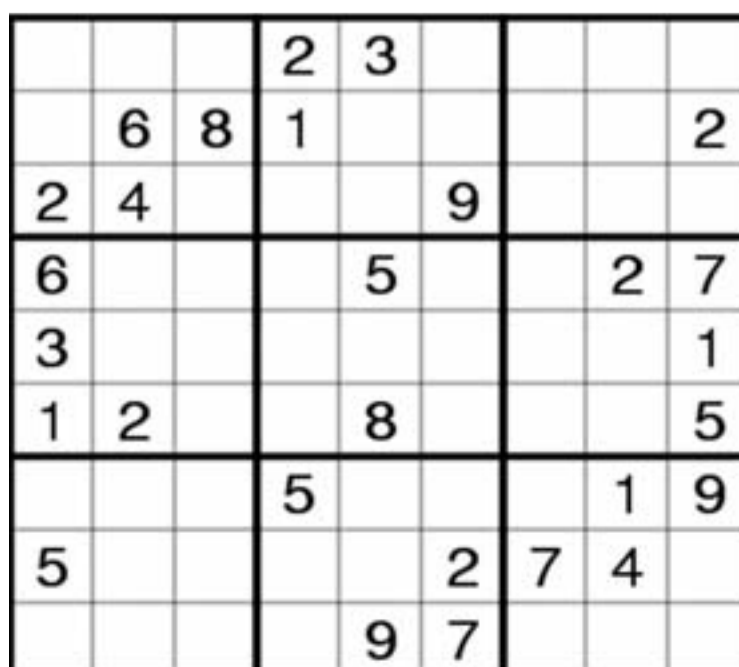
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| BEVERLY HILLSBILLIES | GOMER PYLE | LOVE BOAT | RAWHIDE |
| CHIPS | GOOD TIMES | MAD ABOUT YOU | REFLEMAN |
| CANNON | GREEN ACRES | MAUDE | RIN TIN TIN |
| CAPTAIN KANGAROO | GREEN HORNET | MEDICAL CENTER | SOAP |
| DOBIE GILLES | HOWDY DOODY | MIAMI VICE | ST. ELSEWHERE |
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| DR. KILDARE | IRONSIDE | MOONLIGHTING | THREE'S COMPANY |
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| FLIPPER | KOJAK | | |

The hidden TV show is: THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW

Yesterday's Solution



Daily SuDoku



Yesterday's Solution



CLASSIFIEDS



KNCC PROGRAMME FROM THURSDAY TO WEDNESDAY (10/08/2017 TO 16/08/2017)

SHARQIA-1

KIDNAP	12:15 PM
DUNKIRK	2:15 PM
THE DARK TOWER	4:30 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE	6:30 PM
DUNKIRK	8:30 PM
THE DARK TOWER	10:45 PM
KIDNAP	12:45 AM

FANAR-2

THE EMOJI MOVIE	12:15 PM
KIDNAP	2:15 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE	4:15 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE	6:15 PM
KIDNAP	8:15 PM
KIDNAP	10:15 PM
KIDNAP	12:15 AM

AVENUES-1

THE HATTON GARDEN JOB	11:50 AM
JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	1:45 PM
THE HATTON GARDEN JOB	4:55 PM
THE HATTON GARDEN JOB	7:00 PM
THE HATTON GARDEN JOB	9:00 PM
FIRST KILL	11:00 PM
FIRST KILL	1:10 AM

47 METERS DOWN

RESIDENT EVIL: VENDETTA -Arabic	9:15 PM
47 METERS DOWN	11:15 PM
47 METERS DOWN	1:15 AM

SHARQIA-2

ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	12:00 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	2:45 PM
DUNKIRK	5:15 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	7:30 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	10:00 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	12:30 AM

FANAR-3

RESIDENT EVIL: VENDETTA -Arabic	11:30 AM
JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	1:45 PM
TOILET - EK PREM KATHA - Hindi	4:30 PM
JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	7:30 PM
RESIDENT EVIL: VENDETTA -Arabic	10:30 PM
RESIDENT EVIL: VENDETTA -Arabic	12:45 AM

AVENUES-2

DUNKIRK -2D-4DX	12:30 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE-3D-4DX	2:45 PM
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES -3D-4DX	4:45 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE-3D-4DX	7:30 PM
DUNKIRK -2D-4DX	9:30 PM
THE DARK TOWER-2D-4DX	11:45 PM

AVENUES-8

THE DARK TOWER	1:00 PM
TISBAH ALA KHAIR	3:00 PM
JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	5:15 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE	8:00 PM
THE DARK TOWER	10:00 PM
THE DARK TOWER	12:10 AM

SHARQIA-3

THE EMOJI MOVIE	11:45 AM
THE EMOJI MOVIE	1:45 PM
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES	3:45 PM
JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	6:30 PM
KIDNAP	9:30 PM
KIDNAP	11:30 PM

FANAR-4

ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	12:00 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE -Arabic	2:40 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	5:00 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	7:40 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	10:00 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	12:30 AM

AVENUES-3

DUNKIRK	1:30 PM
DUNKIRK	3:45 PM
DUNKIRK	6:00 PM
DUNKIRK	8:30 PM
KIDNAP	10:45 PM
KIDNAP	12:45 AM

AVENUES-9

THE EMOJI MOVIE -Arabic	12:15 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE -3D	2:30 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE -Arabic	4:30 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE	6:30 PM
JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	8:45 PM
JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	11:45 PM

MUHALAB-1

JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	12:30 PM
THE DARK TOWER	1:30 PM
FRI	3:30 PM
DUNKIRK	5:45 PM
JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	8:00 PM
THE HATTON GARDEN JOB	10:45 PM
THE DARK TOWER	12:45 AM

FANAR-5

WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES	11:45 AM
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES	2:30 PM
THE HATTON GARDEN JOB	5:15 PM
47 METERS DOWN	7:15 PM
THE HATTON GARDEN JOB	9:15 PM
47 METERS DOWN	11:15 PM
THE HATTON GARDEN JOB	1:15 AM

AVENUES-4

THE EMOJI MOVIE	11:35 AM
JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	1:35 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE	4:35 PM
JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	6:35 PM
NO SUN	8:35 PM
Special Show "KIDNAP"	6:35 PM
SUN	9:30 PM
DUNKIRK	11:45 PM
JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	11:45 PM

AVENUES-10

WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES	11:30 AM
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES	2:15 PM
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES	5:00 PM
TISBAH ALA KHAIR	7:45 PM
BABY DRIVER	9:45 PM
ATOMIC BLONDE	12:05 AM

MUHALAB-2

THE EMOJI MOVIE	12:00 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE	2:00 PM
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES	4:00 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE	6:45 PM
KIDNAP	9:00 PM
KIDNAP	11:00 PM
KIDNAP	1:00 AM

MARINA-1

THE EMOJI MOVIE	12:30 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE	3:00 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE	5:30 PM
DUNKIRK	7:30 PM
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES	9:45 PM
DUNKIRK	12:30 AM

AVENUES-5

KIDNAP	12:45 PM
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES	2:45 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	5:30 PM
KIDNAP	7:50 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	10:05 PM
KIDNAP	12:30 AM

360 --1

KIDNAP	11:40 AM
KIDNAP	1:40 PM
KIDNAP	3:40 PM
KIDNAP	6:15 PM
KIDNAP	8:30 PM
KIDNAP	11:00 PM
KIDNAP	1:00 AM

MUHALAB-3

THE DARK TOWER	11:45 AM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	2:30 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE -Arabic	5:00 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	7:00 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	9:30 PM
KIDNAP	12:05 AM

MARINA-2

ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	11:30 AM
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES	2:00 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	4:45 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	7:05 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	9:30 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	12:05 AM

AVENUES-6

KIDNAP	12:00 PM
KIDNAP	2:00 PM
KIDNAP	4:15 PM
KIDNAP	6:15 PM
KIDNAP	8:30 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	10:35 PM
ANTAR IBN IBN IBN SHADAD -Arabic	12:55 AM

360 --2

JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	12:15 PM
THE HATTON GARDEN JOB	1:30 PM
FRI	3:25 PM
JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	6:30 PM
NO FRI-SAT+MON	8:30 PM
VELAILILLA PATTADHARI 2-Tamil	6:30 PM
FRI-SAT+MON	9:15 PM

FANAR-1

DUNKIRK	12:30 PM
THE DARK TOWER	2:45 PM
WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES	4:45 PM
DUNKIRK	7:30 PM
BABY DRIVER	9:45 PM
THE DARK TOWER	12:05 AM

MARINA-3

KIDNAP	12:45 PM
KIDNAP	2:45 PM
THE EMOJI MOVIE -Arabic	4:45 PM
KIDNAP	6:45 PM
KIDNAP	8:45 PM
THE DARK TOWER	10:45 PM
KIDNAP	12:45 AM

SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING

SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING	12:35 PM
RESIDENT EVIL: VENDETTA -Arabic	3:15 PM
47 METERS DOWN	5:20 PM
RESIDENT EVIL: VENDETTA -Arabic	7:15 PM

360 --3

JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	12:15 PM
THE HATTON GARDEN JOB	1:30 PM
FRI	3:25 PM
JAB HARRY MET SEJAL -Hindi	6:30 PM
NO FRI-SAT+MON	8:30 PM
VELAILILLA PATTADHARI 2-Tamil	6:30 PM
FRI-SAT+MON	9:15 PM

SITUATION WANTED

Indian, male, MBA (finance), pursuing CFA (USA) having 12 years experience in Kuwait, presently working as finance manager, is looking for similar post for immediate placement. Please call 90073251 / 55584351. (C 5339) 14-8-2017

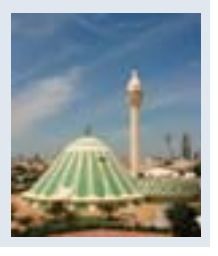
CHANGE OF NAME

I, Vempadapu Sarada (old name) D/o Suryanarayana, holder of Indian Passport G7938292 & Civil ID No. 274031602387, do hereby inform to the public about the change of my name as Sayera Banu Syed (new name). This is for the public information and all purposes concerned. (C 5337)



PRAYER TIMINGS

Fajr:	03:50
Shorook:	05:15
Duhr:	11:53
Asr:	15:28
Maghrib:	18:30
Isha:	19:54



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DIAL 161 FOR AIRPORT INFORMATION

Arrival Flights on Monday 14/8/2017				Departure Flights on Monday 14/8/2017			
Airlines	Fit	Route	Time	Airlines	Fit	Route	Time
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THY	772	Istanbul	00:10	MSC	402	Alexandria	13:30
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JZR	267	Beirut	00:35	THY	767	Istanbul	13:45
KAC	504	Beirut	00:45	FEJ	938	Sohag	13:55
KAC	102	London	00:55	MSR	611	Cairo	14:00
DLH	635	Doha	01:00	UAE	872	Dubai	14:15
PGT	858	Istanbul	01:15	KNE	382	Taif	15:00
JZR	539	Cairo	01:20	GFA	222	Bahrain	15:00
UAE	853	Dubai	01:40	KAC	673	Dubai	15:00
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GFA	211	Bahrain	02:15	KAC	743	Dammam	16:00
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FDB	055	Dubai	09:40	DHX	171	Bahrain	21:50
GFA	213	Bahrain	10:40	KAC	205	Islamabad	21:55
MEA	404	Beirut	10:55	ETD	308	Abu Dhabi	22:00
QTR	1074	Doha	11:00	ETD	919	Bahrain/Abu Dhabi	22:10
SYR	341	Damascus	11:00	ALK	230	Colombo	22:20
AXB	889	Mangalore/Bahrain	11:05	KLM	445	Bahrain	22:25
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KAC	614	Bahrain	11:15	KAC	383	Delhi	22:35
JZR	165	Dubai	11:50	UAE	860	Dubai	22:35
JZR	239	Amman	12:25	GFA	220	Bahrain	22:50
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KAC							

GOSSIP



Deadmau5 marries Kelly Fedoni

The 36-year-old DJ - whose real name is Joel Zimmerman - tied the knot with long-term girlfriend Kelly 'Grill' Fedoni on Saturday, just a day after announcing they were planning to tie the knot. He tweeted on Friday "k brb getting married I'm actually serious, going offline for 2 days. Tomorrows our big day, and I have to entertain guests and shit, so seeya monday. (sic)" However, despite saying he'd be staying offline, the 'Alone With You' hitmaker still turned to social media to share some pictures from his wedding; where he showed an image of himself - without his trademark mouse mask - and his new wife in a stunning lace dress and wrote: "Mr

and Mrs grill.(sic)" The couple had clearly shunned the tradition of not seeing one another before they exchanged vows as he also posted a picture of her in the make-up day preparing for the wedding. He captioned the photo: "So before I go... here's the last shot of non married grill. Here we go.(sic)" Deadmau5 had the support of a number of close friends, including DJ and record producer Steve Duda and TV host Bryan Baeumler, as he shared a picture of his four groomsmen, wearing silver suits, on Instagram. He wrote: "All the best men. Calm before the storm."

Coleen Rooney can't rely on her husband Wayne at home

The 31-year-old star - who has sons Kai, seven, Klay, four, and Kit, 18 months, with her soccer ace spouse - admits she has to take charge of their household because the sportsman rarely lifts a finger and often forgets when she does give him a task. She told the Mail on Sunday newspaper: "I don't think that he uses his mind that much. Wayne doesn't put the rubbish out. He will put things away after himself. He's not messy, he's just... I can't rely on him to do anything." And "He forgets to do things I ask him. I'll say, 'Will you post that letter on the way to training?' A week later, the letter will still be in the car or his bag", also "He doesn't help with the housework." However, Coleen - who has been with Wayne for 15 years and married him in 2008 - conceded her spouse does help out with the children and is happy to read bedtime stories while she "sorts the baby out". But the footballer has been "banned" from attending the kids' sports matches by his wife because his presence is too distracting and their sons end up upset. Coleen explained: "Tournaments can be a bit of a headache. One day, Wayne came to a match and he spent the whole time taking photos with kids, and at the end Kai said, 'You never even saw me play!'; furthermore, "So I ban Wayne now from matches because Kai gets upset." The fashion designer believes the public don't see Wayne in the same way she does because he is so private, where she said: "Wayne makes me laugh, but some things that he thinks are funny I don't. I keep him in line, I tell him if I don't think something is right."



Kourtney Kardashian returns to law school



The 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians' star - who has children Mason, seven, Penelope, five, and Reign, two, with ex-partner Scott Disick - has been keen to return to education for a while and finally thinks she has the time to give a tough legal course the attention it needs. A source said: "Kourtney probably doesn't have to work for the rest of her life, but that's not how she rolls. "She already has a degree [in Theatre Arts and Spanish] but she's always wanted to go back to school and thinks now is the perfect time. And "She nearly signed up last year, but things were falling apart with Scott, so she put it off but really regrets it. It is also mentioned that "She is in a better place to get her head in the books now." The 38-year-old beauty has opted to study law in honor of her father, late lawyer Robert Kardashian. The insider said: "Kourt is proud of her dad and knows he always wanted her to be a lawyer. "She's already looking into doing an online course, so she can still be around the kids." Kourtney's decision to go back to school is part of her resolve to move on from Scott for good and start putting herself first; however, The insider told heat magazine: "For so many years, she let Scott suck her energy." And "Between raising her kids and trying to save him, she never had much time left for herself. "This past year has been all about changing that dynamic - she wants to have passion and direction again. She doesn't want to end up wondering, 'What if?' in 20 years time."



Khloe Kardashian wants to get married again

The 'Keeping Up With the Kardashians' star - who was previously wed to Lamar Odom - admits her current relationship with Tristan Thompson, who she has been dating for almost a year, is the "best" she's "ever been in" and though she'd love to tie the knot again one day, she insists she isn't in a hurry to walk down the aisle. She said: "I'm in the best relationship I've ever been in and it doesn't take a ring for me to feel that way. I believe in marriage and I want to be married again one day but I don't have a time frame. "Why do people think that marriage equates to happiness? There are a lot of people in unhealthy marriages." The 33-year-old beauty "definitely" wants to have children one day and thinks Tristan - who has eight-month-old son Prince with former girlfriend Jordan Craig - is a "great dad", but right now she wants to focus on having quality time with the 26-year-old basketball player. She told You magazine: "I definitely want a family, but I don't feel any pressure. "Tristan is a great dad and he definitely wants more children, but we both feel that it will happen when the time is right. We're still in a new relationship and I love us having time together. Once you have kids you can't get back your non-kid years. "My sisters and I bother my mum all the time, so I know it's not, like, 'When they're 18, you don't worry about them again.' And "You worry about your children for the rest of your life. The concern I have is raising little human beings in a world that's filled with such hate and terror. That seems very scary." Khloe believes the Christian faith she shares with Tristan has kept their relationship strong and will serve them well in the future. She said: "It's good to find someone who has the same belief system and morals as you because it makes things easy."



CARA DELEVINGNE CELEBRATES HER 25TH BIRTHDAY IN MEXICO

The 'Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets' actress reached the milestone birthday on Saturday and partied in style with pals including Suki Waterhouse, Georgia May Jagger, Jaime Winstone, Lady Mary Charteris, Adwoa Aboah, Alice Dellal, and Lady Clara Paget, and her older sisters Poppy and Chloe Delevingne. Cara shared a picture of the group on board a yacht on Instagram and wrote: "I am so lucky to have such incredible friends, thank you for inspiring and supporting me ladies #Sexico!" And she later shared a Boomerang clip of herself posing in a green and yellow robe and added: "What else do you need? Sun, fun, good vibes, friends and @Havaianas! @havaianaseurope #havaianas #MadeofBrazilianSummer #GoodVibes #PureSpontaneity #DeliciousHappiness #spon (sic)" The group enjoyed a sky dive, and even donned T-shirts bearing pictures of Cara for a trip to the beach, where Model Alice shared a topless photo with her pal after the leap from a plane, with the 'Paper Towns' star having "best come-down ever" written on her arms, and Alice having "so high" on hers. The supermodel's friends used their social media pages to share images from the trip, with their pal a happy birthday and thank her for funding the lavish break and their adventures in Mexico. Georgia May wrote: "HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE THIS AMAZING BEAUTIFUL SPECIAL WOMAN XXXX love you so much. "THANKYOU for continuously blowing my mind and sharing this trip of a life time with me, treasured memories I shall cherish forever xxxxx"

Travis Scott bought Kylie Jenner a \$60,000 necklace

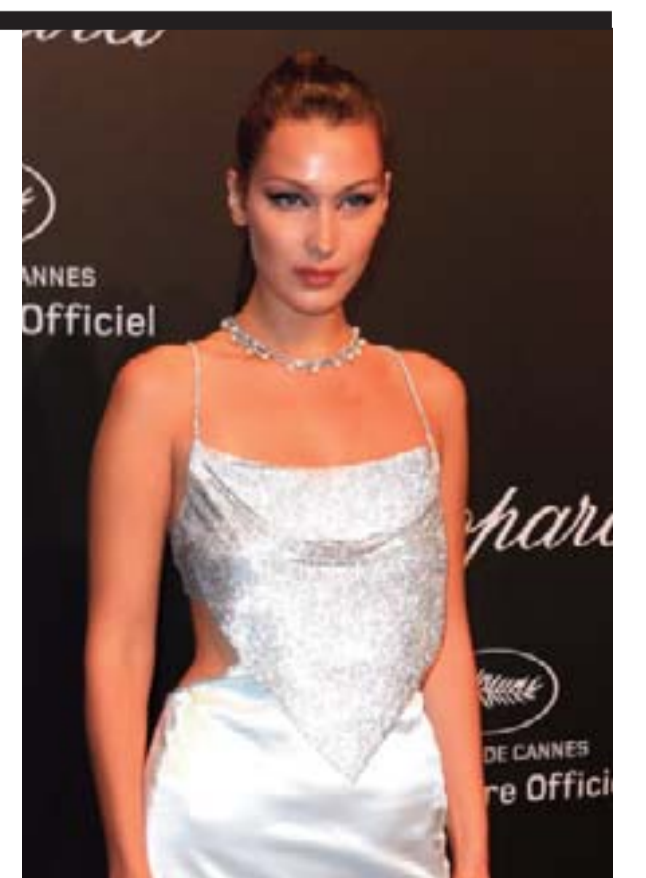
The 'Butterfly Effect' rapper purchased a luxurious piece of jewelry from jeweler Elliot Avianne a couple of weeks ago for him to present to the brunette beauty to mark her big day. The necklace features a large blue butterfly and is made from 28 carats of diamonds, TMZ reports. It comes after Kylie insisted she didn't want any lavish gifts to mark her birthday, sharing: "Usually I go on a trip every year and I like to do something special and big. This year I'm just feeling family vibes. I just want to be around my family and my friends and just do something cute. "A jewelry holder. I needed a new something to carry

my jewelry in. That's literally something random. That's the only thing I can think of." "Other than that I really don't want anything. I don't care. I'm doing special charity things on my birthday and I like sentimental things, because the materialistic things, if I want something, I'll usually get it myself. I don't really like when people buy things for me." And Kylie's family reportedly approves of her romance with Travis, where an insider shared: "Kylie and Travis are doing great. Things are so different from Tyga. There is no drama with Travis. He is a cool guy. He treats Kylie with a lot of respect and love. Kylie is very happy."



Bella Hadid feels like she has been 'rushing into becoming a woman'

The 20-year-old model says she went from "just speaking to her horses and her mother" to being an international star, where she told the Daily Telegraph newspaper: "I feel like I've rushed into becoming a woman, so now I just want to be a teenager again." Meanwhile, the Victoria's Secret model previously revealed she is incredibly happy being single following her split from 'Can't Feel My Face' singer The Weeknd. She wrote on Twitter recently: "Just to be clear ... I'm STILL not dating any of my best friends, y'all! In a committed relationship with myself & my happiness for now (sic)" Bella has been single since last year and she feels she has put her heartbreak behind her and is in a good place right now. She added: "When you're happy, you want to eat and experience and enjoy life. I'm there! And I'm eating, and I'm living! And I've gained a couple pounds, but I'm good!" However, Bella confessed she will "always love" The Weeknd.



MUSIC & MOVIES

Judge tosses radio DJ's claim that Taylor Swift got him fired

A US judge on Friday dismissed claims that pop superstar Taylor Swift got a radio DJ fired, but court proceedings will continue to consider the singer's allegations that he sexually assaulted her. David Mueller has accused Swift of slandering him to his radio station, alleging her complaint led to his unfair dismissal. Swift is counter-suing Mueller in the civil case, alleging he groped her during a 2013 "meet and greet" session with fans and invited guests before a concert.

US District Judge William Martinez agreed with Swift's attorney, who had filed a motion asking for the pop star to be dropped from Mueller's lawsuit, saying his case should have been against his radio station. "I agree his real problem is with the radio station," Martinez said. Swift was very happy to hear the judge's ruling, hugging members of her legal team.

Martinez said the eight-person jury will make a decision on Swift's claim that she was groped. The panel will also consider allegations from Mueller that Swift's mother and her radio manager contributed to him losing his job. Swift's attorney Doug Baldrige had argued there was no evidence the singer herself

took any action that harmed Mueller. "A man grabbed her rear end. She told her mother, and that's it," Baldrige said.

The singer's mother, Andrea Swift, and Frank Bell, her radio manager who contacted the station about the incident, work for Swift's management company, 13 Management LLC. The management company was not named in Mueller's lawsuit. Earlier Friday, Swift's former bodyguard testified that he witnessed the pop star's skirt being flipped up as she posed for a photo with Mueller and his girlfriend.

"When he went to put his arm behind her, I saw her skirt go up and his hand went under there," Greg Dent said. "I knew she was uncomfortable. I saw her push her skirt down and move away," towards Mueller's girlfriend, who was standing on Swift's other side. Mueller's lawyer Gabriel McFarland repeatedly pressed Dent on why he didn't step in.

But Dent, who worked as Swift's bodyguard for five years, explained that he followed the singer's direction as she continued with the photo session. Swift, who took the stand on Thursday, testified that Mueller "stayed latched on to my bare ass cheek as I

lurched away from him." Swift's assistants testified in depositions that as soon as the photo session ended, the singer told everyone in the room about the incident.

Dent, who stopped working with Swift after the 2013 tour, said the singer often allowed appropriate contact with fans in such meet-and-greet sessions, adding that he felt "she was far too friendly." Mueller was fired by radio station KXGO two days after the 2013 incident and has been unable to find a job since. He was seeking \$3 million in lost wages and future income from Swift. Swift has said she will donate any damages awarded in her suit to charities that fight sexual assault on women. Closing arguments are expected Monday. — AFP



This file photo shows singer-songwriter Taylor Swift performing her only full concert of 2016 during the Formula 1 United States Grand Prix at Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas. — AFP



Chinese documentary Mrs. Fang wins top prize at Locarno

"Mrs. Fang", Chinese director Wang Bing's documentary about a family waiting to say goodbye to their elderly Alzheimer's-stricken mother, scooped the top prize at the Locarno film festival in Switzerland Saturday. The film tells the moving end-of-life story of Fang Xiuying, a farmer who has been struggling with the dementia-type disease for eight years. After a stay at a nursing home, her family brings her home, and the film focuses on their final days together before her death in 2016.

Wang Bing counts among China's foremost documentary film makers, and has previously served on the Locarno jury. Now in its 70th year, the Locarno festival takes place every summer in the picturesque Swiss town on the shores of Lake Maggiore. The runner-up

Special Jury Prize went to Brazilian horror film "As Boas Maneiras" (Good Manners) by directors Marco Dutra and Juliana Rojas, which starts off with a woman hiring a maid to help with the housework before taking an unexpected, blood-drenched turn.

France's F. J. Ossang meanwhile won Best Director for film noir "9 Fingers", the organizers said. French star Isabelle Huppert was named Best Actress for her role as Mrs. Hyde in French director Serge Bozon's film of the same name. And Danish actor Elliott Crosset Hove took home the Best Actor award for his role in Icelandic director Hlynur Palmason's debut film "Winter Brothers". — AFP



This handout picture released by the Locarno International Film Festival shows Chinese director Wang Bing posing with the Golden Leopard (Pardo d'oro) trophy. — AFP

Film Review

Love, somehow, shines through 'The Glass Castle'

Any parents of young children - or anyone thinking of hearing the pitter-patter of little feet - are urged to go to their local movie theater and see "The Glass Castle." Not as a how-to guide, mind you. No, that might actually get you thrown in jail. They should go see it instead as a much-needed reminder that you can mess up spectacularly with your kids and still manage to have them adore you. "The Glass Castle" is steeped in crazy love, but love nonetheless.

Based on Jeannette Walls' 2005 best-selling memoir, the film is both a tribute to parenting and a confessional of its absence. Like the book, it looks back without pity or sentiment. Unlike the book, it's got Woody Harrelson and Brie Larson, acting spectacularly. Walls created a sensation when she wrote about her destitute and nomadic youth, a childhood of hunger and privation at the hands of a pair of idiosyncratic parents who shunned schools, authority, capitalism and regular bill payments.

Hers was a childhood where she suddenly moved in the middle of the night, badly burned herself while unsupervised at the stove, had to eat butter and sugar as a meal, endured rages from her alcoholic dad and lived in homes without plumbing or electricity. She was left in the house of an abuser to fend for herself and "learned" to swim when her father repeatedly tossed her underwater so she'd no longer cling to the side of the pool. Struggle, she was taught, gives life beauty. Adventure was more important than comfort.

"You learn from living," her father says after steering the family's broken-down station wagon into the unforgiving desert for a night under the stars. "Everything else is a damn lie." The film is directed by Destin Daniel Cretton, who co-wrote the screenplay with Andrew Lanham and reunites with Larson, who starred in his indie "Short Term 12." It's a mature, empathetic work of filmmaking from a young artist even if such a quirky story has a few too many grand Hollywood flourishes, as when our heroine - high heels in hand - abruptly leaves a fancy dinner to sprint to her father's bedside amid a soaring soundtrack.

Larson plays the adult Jeannette Walls who seems to have blocked out much of her hardscrabble youth as a rising maga-

zine writer in New York City. The movie opens like the book, with the author in a taxi in 1989 happening to spy her parents Dumpster-diving on a street in the East Village. A series of flashbacks reveal the unique way the Walls' four children were raised. They have an artistic, bohemian mother (an understated Naomi Watts as Rose Mary Walls) and a fiery, charismatic dad (Harrelson as Rex Walls) who promises to build a fantastic glass castle for the family to live in one day.

Their father is brilliant and dashing but undependable. He offers them their own stars in the heavens for Christmas, but takes their last few dollars to get drunk. Warts and all are shown - yet very little blame. The exact moment when dad goes from offbeat quirky to dangerous is never clear but Harrelson's descent into a moody, angry, lying Walls - but one always loving - is riveting. A man who once promised thrilling freedom for his kids becomes their warden, refusing to let them leave for better lives. (The younger Jeannettes are played with real skill by Ella Anderson and Chandler Head).

Jeannette Walls' story is clearly lovingly protected by the filmmakers, from the stiff shoulder pads of the 1980s to the developing darkness of the film. There's astonishing detail rendered, down to the use of real Rose Mary Walls' paintings on the walls and the long-gone "Please Do Not Slam the Door" stickers on yellow cab windows. In the face of a horrific childhood, the Walls kids are fiercely protective of each other, as expected. What's not as expected is that they still love their parents, too.

Frustratingly, it's not clear if they became happy adults because of their upbringing or despite of it, but that almost seems beside the point. The messages here are that kids are more resilient than we think, that your parents aren't as crazy as you think, and that love always, always, wins. "The Glass Castle," a Lionsgate release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "mature thematic content involving family dysfunction, and for some language and smoking." Running time: 127 minutes. Three stars out of four. — AP



Stan Lee, left, signs autographs at Boston Comic Con, in Boston. — AP photos



Artist Jerry Pesce poses in front of a wall of his art in his booth at Boston Comic Con.



Cody Nickerson, left, and Baxter Mattes, both of Marshfield, Massachusetts, take a break dressed as Star Wars Jedi at Boston Comic Con.



A person in costume walks in front of an art display at Boston Comic Con.

Stan Lee to be at Boston Comic Con

Comic creator Stan Lee will make the rounds at this weekend's Boston Comic Con. Lee's Super Heroes propelled Marvel Comics to a leading position in the comic industry. More than 60 comic artists are expected to attend the show at

the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. They include John Romita Jr. of "Suicide Squad," David Finch of "Batman," and Mike Zeck of "The Punisher." Artist Drew Struzan also will be at the show. Struzan created more than 150 movie posters, including

"Indiana Jones," "Back to the Future" and the "Star Wars" series. The three-day show ends Sunday.



Fans crowd the display floor at Boston Comic Con.



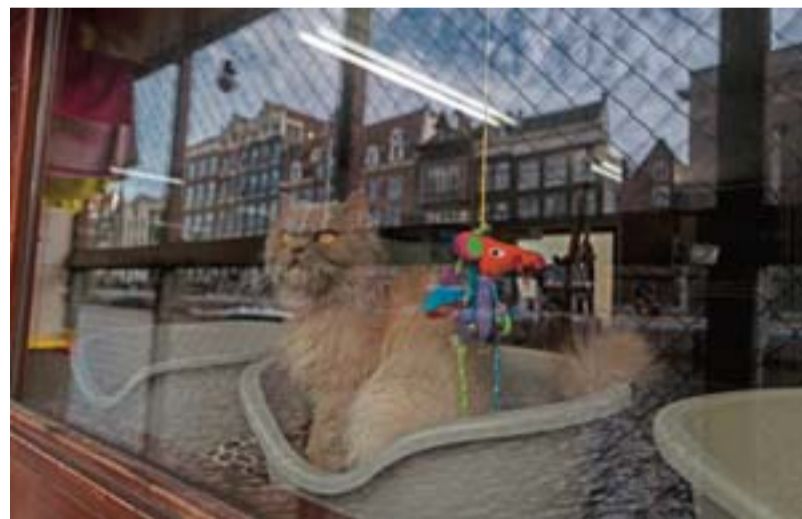
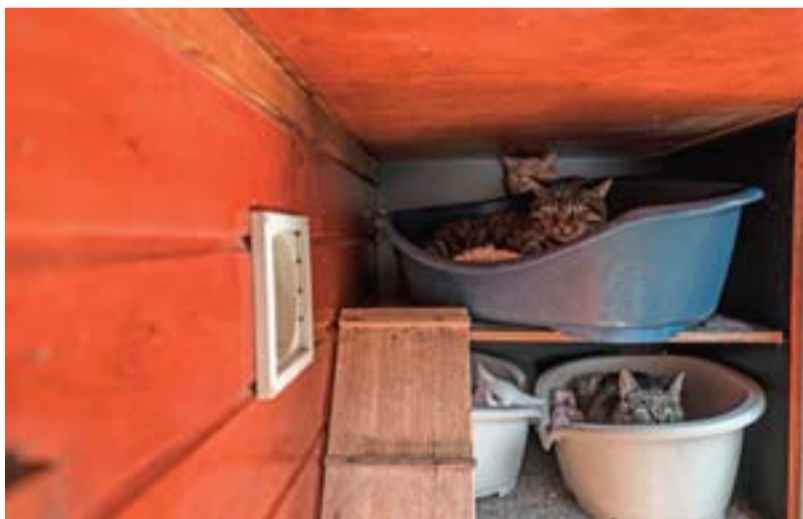
Stray cats find a home on an Amsterdam houseboat

In the heart of the Dutch capital, on a canal near one of the busiest shopping streets, a floating animal sanctuary called The Catboat provides refuge for about 50 stray and abandoned felines. Known in Dutch as De Poezenboot, the houseboat in Amsterdam's picturesque canal belt has become a major tourist attraction, drawing cat lovers from all over the world. The shelter has been operating since 1968, when Henriette van Weelde acquired an old Dutch sailing barge and converted it into a feline-friendly accommodation.

Today the boat is run by around 20 volunteers and a few part-time workers and draws about 100 visitors a day. "What I love the most is meeting all kind of people from all over the world," said Judith Gobets, who manages the boat. Cat lover Judy Myton, 79, of Palm Springs, California, was in town for a week with family and said visiting The Catboat was one of the

top items on her to-do list. Monica and Tom Buijtenorp lives in nearby Zaandam and find themselves at The Catboat every time they're in Amsterdam. Their cat was hit by a car and died a year ago.

"For several years we have been visiting The Catboat when we are in town, and this time we felt it's the right time to adopt a cat," Monica Buijtenorp said. Visitors can make a donation to "adopt" a cat; the cat keeps living on the boat and the adopter gets regular updates. In some cases, visitors also take cats home with them. "We are, however, very picky about adoptions, as we want to find the right match for the cat and the new owner," Gobets said. — AP





Men take part in a rehearsal of a mass traditional Saman dance performance in the Gayo Lues highland district in Aceh on Indonesia's Sumatra island on Saturday. — AFP photos



Participants take part in a mass traditional Saman dance performance yesterday.



Residents (top) watch participants take part in the mass traditional Saman dance performance.

Record-breaking Aceh dance promotes unity

More than 10,000 people turned out in Indonesia's Aceh yesterday to stage a record-breaking song and dance performance stressing the need to conserve a threatened national park in the westernmost province. The men, clad in elaborate black and yellow traditional costumes, sat in neat rows, clapping their hands on their shoulders and laps and moving in an increasingly fast-paced rhythm to a traditional song.

The saman, or "the dance of a thousand hands", is one of the

country's most popular. In 2011 it was included in the UNESCO list of items of intangible cultural heritage. The event was aimed at attracting more visitors to the province, the head of the local tourism agency, Syafruddin, told AFP. The men, mostly from the ethnic Gayo community, made occasional wave-like movements without breaking formation.

Their song focused on the importance of protecting the province's Mount Leuser National Park, home to rare Sumatran tigers and elephants, which is threatened by ram-

nant poaching and rainforest destruction due to the expansion of palm oil plantations. Thousands of spectators flocked to an open field tucked amid lush green hills in Gayo Lues district to watch the performance.

The Indonesian Museum of Record certified it as breaking a national record with 10,001 participants - beating last year's record of 6,600. The dance is usually accompanied by a song performed in unison. It emphasizes teamwork, a symbol of unity. "In the old days the lyrics were usually about spreading

Islamic teachings. These days we can adjust the lyrics to deliver any message we wish to convey to the audience," Syafruddin said.

Aceh's international image has been tarnished by its public punishments under Sharia law, such as caning for homosexuality. "I am very impressed with the performance, the dancers synchronized very well and it makes me proud as an Indonesian. It was incredible," said Sarah, a visitor from Jakarta. — AFP

Wandering Walden Pond: A Thoreau-ly worthwhile day trip

Henry David Thoreau went to the woods because, as he famously put it, "I wished to live deliberately." Two centuries after the "Walden" author's birth, people are still deliberately following in Thoreau's footsteps to discover Walden Pond, the little lake he immortalized. Whether you're visiting Boston or the Berkshires, the pond and the bucolic Massachusetts town of Concord are Thoreau-ly worth a side trip. Here's why:



Walden Pond

A retreating glacier formed it 10,000 or so years ago, but it was Thoreau - born in Concord 200 years ago this summer on July 12, 1817 - who really put Walden Pond on the map. He spent two years and two months in solitude and reflection on its shores, writing "Walden" (the book's full title is "Walden; or, Life in the Woods"), about grasping at the meaning of life by living simply and coexisting with the natural environment.

Today, Walden Pond is a popular fishing hole stocked with trout and frequented by walkers, boaters, swimmers, sunbathers

and birdwatchers in warm weather. In winter, there's snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. You can wander the shaded dirt path hugging the oblong pond; at 1.7 miles, it's perfect for walkers and runners of all abilities, and its serenity provides a spectacular backdrop for foliage in autumn.

A can't-miss attraction on Walden Pond State Reservation is the reconstruction of the tiny wooden cabin where Thoreau lived and worked. There's also a gleaming new solar-powered visitor center that opened last October, featuring interactive exhibits about the man considered a founder of the modern environmental movement. Officials say the pond and center draw about a half-million visitors from around the globe each year.

Thoreau at Walden

Thoreau made a big splash at Walden Pond. Working at a simple green desk in the cabin he built himself, the former school-teacher completed "Walden" in 1854. One hundred and 63 years later, it's a classic known for lines such as, "The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation," and, "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived." But Thoreau was many things - philosopher, naturalist, transcendentalist, abolitionist, early climate change advocate - and he wrote other acclaimed works, including "Civil Disobedience," an 1849 essay in which he agitated against slavery and government overreach.

Concord and environs

Nestled about 20 miles northwest of Boston, Concord is famous for Revolutionary War landmarks enshrined in Minute Man National Historical Park, a leafy spot to picnic and learn more about the first battles that led to American independence from England. Thoreau isn't the only renowned writer who created here; Ralph Waldo Emerson sketched out his celebrated essay "Nature" in town, and it's the hometown of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin. The Concord Museum houses some truly iconic Americana, including the lantern that hung in a church steeple during Paul Revere's fateful 1775 ride warning that the British were coming. — AP



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In this photo, a graffiti artist paints the wall of an old supermarket in the former US army base in Wuerzburg, southern Germany. — AFP

Elvis: 40 years since the death of 'the King'

Elvis Presley, American icon and King of rock 'n' roll, transformed popular culture, sold over a billion records and is idolized as ever on the 40th anniversary of his tragic death. His Graceland mansion in Memphis, Tennessee—the second most famous home in the United States after the White House—expects more than 50,000 people to descend for the biggest ever annual celebration of his life 40 years after his death aged 42 on August 16, 1977.

Presley is considered the best selling artist of all time, shifting an estimated billion records. In 2016, Forbes ranked him fourth highest earning dead celebrity at \$27 million, still moving a million albums. "He is the only person of modern times who is instantly recognizable throughout the world by his first name," said British author and artist Ted Harrison, who has written two books about Presley. "Say 'Elvis' in Beijing, Nicaragua, Estonia or Fiji and you get an immediate recognition across language and culture," he said.

His unique voice and style blended R&B, blues, country, gospel and black music, challenging social and racial barriers at the time, and earning him the nickname "Elvis the Pelvis" for his gyrating moves. Oozing style, charisma and naked sex appeal, he was the fantasy of millions of women and inspired everyone who came after him, from The Beatles to The Rolling Stones to today's chart-topper Bruno Mars. "Hearing him for the first time was like busting out of jail," Bob Dylan has said. In the late 1960s, the composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein called him "the greatest cultural force in the 20th century."

Celebrity of all celebrities

Hits such as "Heartbreak Hotel," "Hound Dog," "Jailhouse Rock" and "Are You Lonesome Tonight" are instantly recognizable. His music has been reissued and repackaged countless times since his death. More than 20 million people have visited Graceland, his home for 20 years, after Priscilla, his ex-wife and mother of

his only child Lisa Marie, opened it to the public in 1982. The estate says it pulls in 600,000 visitors a year and contributes around \$150 million a year to the Memphis economy. Neither is it showing any sign of slowing down.

In March, it opened a brand-new \$45 million entertainment complex and hotel spread across 40 acres. Die-hard fans are often moved to tears at his gravesite at Graceland, where he is interred next to his beloved parents, Gladys and Vernon, and grandmother Minnie Mae, covered in flowers, tributes and mementos. "It gives you that fire," said Stephanie Harris, 42, from Michigan who sells life insurance. "His music is transcendent to our generation because there's nothing like the 'Hound Dog' baby." In downtown Memphis, home of the blues, you can buy everything Elvis—from Christmas tree decorations to luggage. Cardboard Elvis cutouts greet you outside bars and his music blares out of loudspeakers.

"He's the celebrity of all celebrities," said Lisa Bseiso, 36, who set up The Official Elvis Presley Fan Club of Qatar, the Middle Eastern kingdom where she was born and raised. "Forty years after his death, that's why he's a phenomenon. He's still as powerful, as loving."

Black music

Born to a truck driver father and sewing-machine operator in a two-room house in Tupelo, Mississippi, on January 8, 1935, Presley grew up an only child after his brother was still-born. In 1948, he and his parents moved to Memphis, he graduated high school, cut his first record aged 19 and became an almost instant star. As an early rebel whose hip-swiveling, pulsating leg-tapping had conservatives up in arms, his music also crossed the racial divide in a South where the specter of segregation still loomed large. "Far more worrying to



'Elvis tribute artists' Luiz Romagna of Brazil, left, and Jim Cardwell, right, of Jefferson, Indiana are seen backstage before taking part in the "Images of the King" contest at the New Daisy Theatre in Memphis, Tennessee. — AFP photos

many white Americans was the way he took African-American music and presented it mainstream," says Harrison. Then came a two-year stint in the US Army during the Cold War, he was shipped off to West Germany, promoted to sergeant and after leaving the military turned into a respectable family entertainer. But if he embodied the American dream—the poor boy made good who doted on his parents and liked to buy Cadillacs for strangers off the street on a whim—he also personified American excess.

He became a total recluse, abusing a dizzying array of prescription pills, overate, becoming a bloated shadow of his once lithe self in declining health and plagued by poor management. His last live performance was on June 25, 1977, in Indianapolis and on August 16, 1977, the day before his next scheduled concert, he was found dead in his bathroom. — AFP



The maker is pictured in the Meditation Garden.



Tributes and mementos from fans are seen near the Meditation Garden where Elvis Presley is buried alongside his grandmother and parents at his Graceland mansion in Memphis, Tennessee.